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Association Regional Seminar

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN YELLOWKNIFE AND DETAH

YELLOWKNIFE (February 13, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold community meetings in Yellowknife and Detah over the next three weeks.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The schedule of public meetings is:

Yellowknife
Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 15
7:30 p.m.
Northern United Place Auditorium

Public Meeting
Wednesday, February 22
7:30 p.m.
Annex A, Yellowknife Inn Conference Rooms

Detah
Public Meeting
Wednesday, March 1
7:30 p.m.
Ito Memorial Complex

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The Committee invites submissions from individuals and organizations outlining their concerns about the economy, their analysis of economic problems in their community and recommendations for improving the economy.

People wishing to appear at these community meetings may contact Doug Schauerte, Committee Clerk, at 920-8098.

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SUICIDE EXPERT TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY

YELLOWKNIFE (March 2, 1989) - In response to concerns about the increasing rate of suicide among young people, Members of the Legislative Assembly today passed a motion inviting an expert on suicide prevention to address the Assembly.

Dr. Ronald Dyck, provincial suicidologist with Alberta Mental Health Services, will appear as a witness during Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, March 8 to assist in the Committee's discussions of suicide prevention and to answer Members' questions.

Dr. Dyck is also on the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Alberta and is considered to be one of Canada's foremost experts on suicide prevention and intervention.

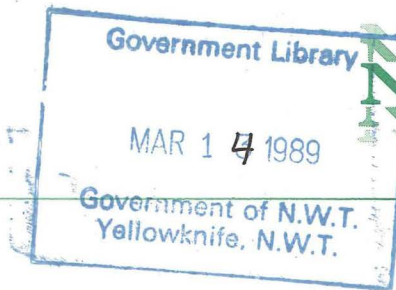
Dr. Dyck's appearance before the Legislative Assembly will be recorded in all the aboriginal languages of the Northwest Territories. The Department of Social Services will then make these tapes available to individuals and community groups.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, in passing the motion, noted their concerns about the high incidence of suicide in the Northwest Territories and its effect on family and community life.

On Wednesday, the Legislative Assembly will suspend its normal order of business and immediately resolve into Committee of the Whole in order to discuss this issue in detail.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN RAE

YELLOWKNIFE (March 10, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold a community meeting in Rae.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The next public meeting is:

RAE

Public Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 1989

7:30 p.m.

Courtroom, Nishi Knon Centre.

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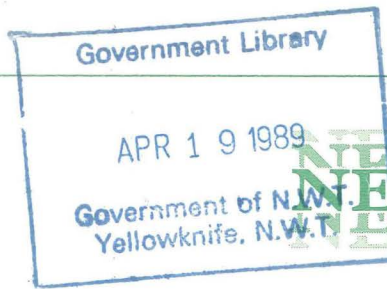
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN CAMBRIDGE BAY AND GJOA HAVEN

YELLOWKNIFE (April 17, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold community meetings and workshops in Cambridge Bay and Gjoa Haven.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The next public meetings and workshops are:

CAMBRIDGE BAY

Public Meeting
Monday, April 24, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Hall

Workshop
Tuesday, April 25, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Community Hall

GJOA HAVEN

Public Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Complex

Workshop
Thursday, April 27, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Community Complex

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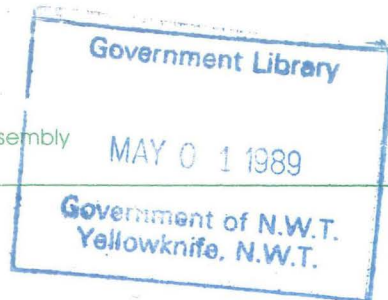
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN REPULSE BAY AND ARVIAT

YELLOWKNIFE (April 24, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold community meetings and workshops in Repulse Bay and Arviat (Eskimo Point).

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The next public meetings and workshops are:

REPULSE BAY

Public Meeting
Monday, May 8, 1989
7:00 p.m.
Community Hall

Workshop
Tuesday, May 9, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Community Hall

ARVIAT

Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Hall

Workshop
Wednesday, May 10, 1989
1:30 p.m.
Community Hall

The Committee invites submissions from individuals and organizations outlining their concerns about the economy, their analysis of economic problems in their community and recommendations for improving the economy.

People wishing to make presentations at these community meetings may contact Rhoda Perkison, Committee Clerk, at 873-7255 or 1-800-661-0784 (toll free) in Yellowknife or contact the Committee Clerk prior to the start of the meetings.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN CAPE DORSET, POND INLET, CLYDE RIVER AND IQALUIT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 8, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold community meetings and workshops in Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet, Clyde River and Iqaluit.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The next public meetings and workshops are:

Cape Dorset

**Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Centre**

**Workshop
Wednesday, May 24, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Community Centre**

Pond Inlet

**Public Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Centre**

Workshop
Friday, May 26, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Community Centre

Clyde River

Public Meeting
Friday, May 26, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Ikajukvik Building

Workshop
Saturday, May 27, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Ikajukvik Building

Iqaluit

Public Meeting
Monday, May 29, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Navigator Inn Meeting Room

Workshop
Tuesday, May 30, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Navigator Inn Meeting Room

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People wishing to make presentations at these community meetings may contact Goo Arlooktoo, Committee Clerk, at 920-8709 or 1-800-661-0784 (toll free) in Yellowknife or contact the Committee Clerk prior to the start of the meetings.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS RE-SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 15, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy public meetings and workshops in Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet, Clyde River and Iqaluit have been re-scheduled.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

New Schedule For Meetings:

Cape Dorset

Public Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 1989

7:30 p.m.

Community Centre

Workshop

Wednesday, May 24, 1989

9:30 a.m.

Community Centre

Clyde River

Public Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 1989

8:00 p.m.

Ikajukvik Building

Workshop

Thursday, May 25, 1989

9:30 a.m.

Ikajukvik Building

Pond Inlet

Public Meeting
Friday, May 26, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Community Centre

Workshop
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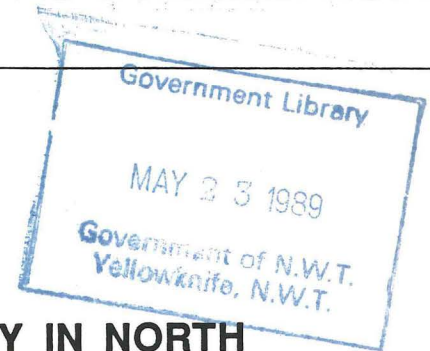
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MLA UPSET WITH MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18, 1989) - Don Morin, MLA for Tu Nede, is outraged that significant military activity is occurring without the consent of the people of the north.

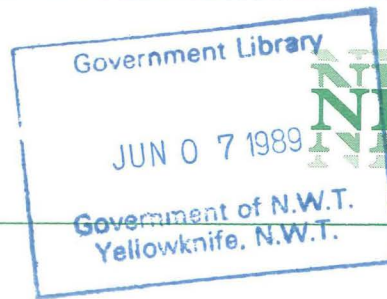
"I learned through the media that this activity is going on, after it has already started," said Mr. Morin. Morin is very concerned that the federal government is prepared to authorize such testing without warnings to, or the consent of, people of the north.

"We have the right to decide if we want our land and our air space to be used for war games, even if they are mock defences against theoretical attacks," said Morin. He is also concerned about the implications of Federal involvement in identifying the North for these war game purposes. He believes that they expect such a war to take place in the North and away from the heavily populated Canadian south and the United States. "Is our own Federal Government saying, in effect, that they are prepared to sacrifice northern Canada in exchange for an American military alliance?" "Was the GNWT involved in this decision? If they were, why aren't they raising objections?" asked Mr. Morin.

Mr. Morin explained that the Legislative Assembly has passed resolutions opposing military build up in the north and in fact has called for the north to be zoned 'Nuclear Free'. "I will be asking the Government Leader to explain his inaction and lack of public comment on this critical next step in the militarization of the North."

" Furthermore I will remind Mr. Patterson that he has voted in favor of a global referendum on disarmament and against cruise missile testing in the north. Lastly, Mr. Patterson voted in opposition to the testing and/or establishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon-related technology in the north," stated Morin.

Mr. Morin can be reached at 920-8099 or 1-394-3172.



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SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN ARCTIC BAY AND SANIKILUAQ

YELLOWKNIFE (June 5, 1989) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on the Northern Economy will hold community meetings and workshops in Arctic Bay and Sanikiluaq.

The community meetings are planned to give residents of the Northwest Territories an opportunity to voice their concerns about the northern economy and make suggestions for improving it. The Special Committee plans to visit every constituency in the Northwest Territories before it tables its final report to the Legislative Assembly at the Fall Session in 1989.

The next public meetings and workshops are:

ARCTIC BAY

Public Meeting
Monday, June 12, 1989
7:30 p.m.
Qaggivik Hall

Workshop
Tuesday, June 13, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Qaggivik Hall

SANIKILUAQ

**Public Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 1989
8:30 p.m.
Recreation Hall**

**Workshop
Thursday, June 15, 1989
9:30 a.m.
Recreation Hall**

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ECONOMIC STUDIES TO BE RELEASED BY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 6, 1989) - The Special Committee on the Northern Economy will release three studies on the northern economy at a press conference scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in the Committee Room of the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, June 7.

Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre and co-chairman of the Committee, believes these studies will not only provide an in-depth examination of critical sectors of the economy but also encourage public discussion on these important issues.

"We hope that these studies will be widely read and will stimulate a great deal of discussion among residents of the NWT," said Lewis. "We would like to get comments back from people about these studies and their recommendations."

Mr. Lewis also noted that these studies represent the opinions of the independent research consultants and not those of the Members of the Special Committee.

The first three background study reports are on natural resource development and environmental protection, economic development and tourism programs and a review and assessment of the Native Employment Policy.

The final three studies examine and make recommendations on the domestic economy, adult training programs in the NWT and the economic impact of northern land claims settlements.

They will be released to the public over the next several weeks as they become available.

The studies were commissioned in the fall of 1988 by the Special Committee as part of its mandate to make recommendations for improving the economy.

The Special Committee on the Northern Economy was established by the Eleventh Legislative Assembly to develop a long-term strategy to guide economic development in the Northwest Territories through the 1990s.

The Special Committee has been holding public meetings in different communities across the territories to listen to concerns and suggestions from residents and will table its final report at the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

The co-chairmen of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy are Brian Lewis, MLA Yellowknife Centre, Peter Ernerk, MLA Aivilik and Don Morin, MLA for Tu Nede.

To obtain copies of these reports, or for further information, contact:

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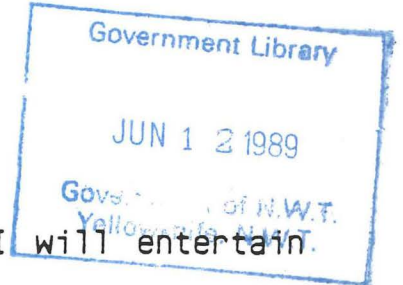
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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

(Press Conference, June 7, 1989:
Special Committee on the Northern Economy's
Release of Three Studies)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have a prepared statement after which I will entertain
questions.



Strategy

A year and a half ago the Legislative Assembly set up our Special Committee on the Northern Economy. They told us to go out, study the economy, develop a long-term economic development strategy, and report back by the Fall session of 1989.

To study the economy we adopted a two-fold strategy.

First, we SCHEDULED A SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS. The purpose of these meetings was to hear from community residents and special interest groups--to get their ideas and suggestions for improving the economy.

Over the past year we have held public meetings in each constituency except the High Arctic and Hudson Bay. We will be visiting these two constituencies next week when we travel to Arctic Bay and Sanakiluaq. We have also held meetings with special interest groups: industry, business organizations, native organizations and other groups concerned about the economy.

Second, we decided to CARRY OUT RESEARCH IN SPECIAL AREAS OF THE ECONOMY. We asked our research staff to review all relevant studies and reports completed over the past ten years. We also commissioned a series of six new studies.

Today I wish to announce the release of three of these studies. The remaining three will be released toward the end of this month.

The Studies

The first study, A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PROGRAMS. was prepared by R. T. And Associates of Yellowknife. It reviews the major programs of the Department of Economic Development And Tourism, points out their strengths and weaknesses, and recommends changes.

The second study, TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH: NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES. was done by Zella Osberg and Stephen Hazell, two Ottawa based consultants specializing in environmental issues. The study points out the limitations of the present approach to development (based almost exclusively upon environmental hearings) and recommends a permanent strategy based upon the principles of sustainable development.

The third study released today, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' NATIVE EMPLOYMENT POLICY: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT was done by Inukshuk Management Consultants of

Yellowknife. The study concludes that, though there have been some secondary benefits, the Native Employment Policy, introduced by the GNWT in 1985, has failed as a policy. It has not significantly increased the number of native staff within the GNWT public service. The study examines the reasons for the failure and recommends changes in government's approach to affirmative action.

Three additional studies will be released at the end of June.

The first of these shows the potential impact of land claim settlements on the NWT economy.

The second outlines a strategy to support the domestic economy (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc),

The third study provides a review of adult training in the NWT.

Responsibility for Content

You will notice on the first page of each one of the studies a statement indicating that the contents of the study represent the opinions of the authors and do not represent the opinions of the members of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy.

Obviously our Committee will be reviewing these studies and their recommendations very carefully. Some of the recommendations may well become part of our Committee's Final Report. But, at present, the opinions expressed are those of the authors of the studies.

Reason For Releasing These Reports.

The previous Special Committees on Education and Housing commissioned their own studies--but they did not make them public. Our Committee has decided upon a different approach.

We have decided to distribute these studies widely in the hope that they will stimulate discussion. We want people to read the studies and get back to us with their comments. The studies deal with some major issues facing our economy. We really want to know what the public thinks about these issues.

Also, since these studies were conducted with public moneys, we feel that the public should know what kind of advice we are receiving from consultants.

We are distributing copies to each municipal council. People can get additional copies, or send their comments to:

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Thankyou. Are there any questions?

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MLA MEETS WITH DEFENSE MINISTER OVER MILITARY ACTIVITY IN NORTH

YELLOWKNIFE (June 22, 1989) - At a meeting this week with Bill McKnight, Minister of National Defense, MLA Don Morin made the Minister aware of serious concerns northerners have about the recent decision to proceed with low level flight testing and training over the East Arm of Great Slave Lake.

At this meeting Mr. Morin, along with representatives of the Dene Nation, raised questions about the growing number of northern military training, testing and base establishment initiatives by the American military. They also expressed their strong opposition to the recent federal approval of low level flight routes.

"I asked the Minister if the low level flight program was part of a larger scheme to turn the north into a large scale military zone... he assured me that while there were no plans beyond what the public was aware of, he stated that the Americans anticipate they will intercept foreign attacks over the north," said Mr. Morin.

"Furthermore, he stated that the training had to be as true to life as possible."

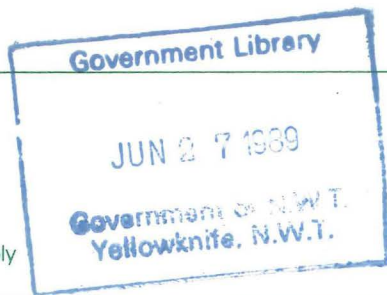
"How northerners, or any Canadian for that matter, could accept that a nuclear war will be fought over the north is beyond me... this however, is in fact what the federal government has accepted by negotiating these deals with the Americans," said Mr. Morin. "The new North Warning System that includes the establishment of bases and radar sites throughout the north, the cruise missile testing and the low level flight programs are all recent military activities that the Canadian government has negotiated with the Americans. I'm in a quandary as to how to fight the low level flight decisions," explained Mr. Morin. "There are certainly grave environmental dangers and impacts and yet it is clear to me that this is only one piece of a larger puzzle that will lead to the next war being fought over our heads."

The result will be total destruction of our environment and of our people," he added.

Mr. Morin is currently seeking the support of Dene and Metis leaders and the Executive Council of the GNWT to alter this situation. In addition, Mr. Morin will be contacting community leaders to inform them of the results of the meeting with Mr. McKnight and to ask for their response.

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Fort Resolution: 394-3172



SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN ECONOMY HOLDS OTTAWA MEETINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 23, 1989) - Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre and co-chairman of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy, announced today that the Special Committee has just concluded a series of meetings with federal government officials in Ottawa. The purpose of the meetings was to allow members of the committee to examine federal plans and to assess their impact upon the economy of the Northwest Territories.

From June 19-22 the Committee met with senior policy makers in eight key departments: DIAND; Employment and Immigration Canada (CEIC); External Affairs; Industry, Science and Technology; Environment; National Defence; Fisheries and Oceans; and the Canadian Oil and Gas Lands Administration (COGLA).

"Even though federal departments are devolving programs and services to the GNWT, the federal government still retains control of almost all our lands and natural resources," said Lewis. "We wanted to know what was in the works and how federal decisions were likely to affect our economy over the next decade."

Among the various issues discussed, Lewis listed: devolution of services from various federal departments to the GNWT; oil and gas developments; the international fur issue; business opportunities that will result from the upgrading of the DEW Line sites and other military capital construction projects; and the impact of land claim settlements on federal government services delivery in the Northwest Territories.

Lewis noted that committee members were particularly interested in exploring how federal dollars might be used more effectively, particularly to stimulate the development of small business.

In addition to meeting with federal officials, the Special Committee also held discussions with representatives of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and with the two NWT MPs, Ethel Blondin of the Western Arctic and Jack Anawak of Nunatsiaq.

Mr. Lewis also noted that just prior to these Ottawa meetings the Special Committee wrapped up its series of public meetings with visits to the communities of Arctic Bay and Sanikiluaq.

The committee has now held public meetings in communities in all regions of the Territories and will be tabling its final report in the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN ECONOMY RELEASES
THREE MORE STUDIES**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 4, 1989) - Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre and co-chairman of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy, announced today the release of three new studies on various aspects of the Northwest Territories' economy.

The first study, *TOWARDS A STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES*, was done by Peter Usher and Frederick Weihs of P.J. Usher Consulting Services in Ottawa. It describes how the domestic economy (hunting, trapping, fishing & craft production) works. It emphasizes the importance of this economy to the overall economy of the Northwest Territories and the cultural values of its residents. It suggests ways and means by which this economy can be supported and strengthened.

The second study, *ADULT TRAINING IN THE NWT: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT*, was prepared by Lynn Fogwill of Lynn Fogwill Consulting Services, Yellowknife. In addition to providing an assessment of public sector and private sector training programs, the study also makes a number of recommendations for improving adult training in the Northwest Territories.

The third study released today, *COPING WITH THE CASH*, describes the potential impacts of the Dene-Metis and Inuit land claim settlements on the economy of the Northwest Territories. It profiles the economic impacts of other settlements; with the native peoples in Alaska, with the Inuvialuit in the NWT, and with the Cree and the Inuit in Northern Quebec. It projects the potential impacts of NWT claims based upon various investment options open to the beneficiaries. The study was carried out by the Sustainable Development Research Group of the Arctic Institute, University of Calgary.

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Lewis stressed that the studies and their recommendations do not represent the opinions of the members of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy. They represent the opinions of the author of each report.

"We are releasing these reports to generate discussion within the general public," Lewis said. "We hope that people will read the reports and get back to us with their comments and recommendations."

Lewis noted that the release of these three reports brings to six the total number of studies released by the Committee. The first three studies examine natural resource development and environmental protection, economic development and tourism programs and the GNWT's Native Employment Policy. He also noted that all reports contain a summary in Inuktitut.

The Special Committee plans to release a final study on banking and financial services in the NWT later in the summer.

The Special Committee has now finished its series of public meetings in different communities across the territories and will table its final report at the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

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EAGLE APPOINTED SECRETARY TO ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

YELLOWKNIFE (July 21, 1989) The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, on the recommendation of the Electoral District Boundaries Commission, has appointed Margaret M. Eagle as Secretary to the Commission. Ms. Eagle will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the Commission.

Margaret Eagle has been a resident of Yellowknife since 1971 and has travelled extensively in the North for the Territorial and Federal Governments.

Margaret has worked for a number of Territorial departments, including Health, N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Legislative Assembly, and Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat. She has also worked for the Secretary of State in Yellowknife.

The Commission was established by the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories during its 1989 winter session. Members of the Commission are the Honorable Justice Calvin Tallis as chairperson, Mr. Richard Hardy of Yellowknife and Ms. Rosemary Kuptana of Ottawa.

The purpose of the Commission is to review the area, boundaries, name and representation of all existing electoral districts, or those existing electoral districts specified by the Legislative Assembly.

The Commission held its first meeting in Yellowknife on June 28th, 1989 and the work of the Commission is now underway. The Commission intends to hold public hearings throughout the Northwest Territories to discuss the possible re-alignment and number of existing electoral district boundaries. There are currently 24 electoral districts.

In addition to public hearings, the public will also be invited to make submissions to the Commission.

A report will be prepared by the Commission and submitted to the Legislative Assembly in February, 1990.

The Commission's offices are located on the 2nd floor of the Laing building in Yellowknife. Office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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BY-ELECTION WRIT ISSUED

YELLOWKNIFE (August 25, 1989) - The Chief Electoral Officer of Canada has issued a Writ of Election to elect a Member for the electoral district of Natilikmiot in a by-election to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 1989.

The by-election for Natilikmiot will elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly to replace Michael Angottitauruq, who resigned on July 30, 1989.

Nomination papers for candidates wishing to seek election in Natilikmiot are available from Chris Steckler, the Returning Officer, in Gjoa Haven at (403) 360-6115 or 360-6802. Nomination forms will also be available as of September 1 in the Hamlet Offices of Spence Bay and Pelly Bay. Nomination papers must be filed with the Returning Officer prior to 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 11, 1989.

The 45-day election period ends on Polling Day, Tuesday October 10, 1989.

It is expected that the newly-elected Member will be sworn in during the fall session of the Legislative Assembly, which opens in Norman Wells on October 18.

The electoral district of Natilikmiot includes the communities of Spence Bay, Pelly Bay and Gjoa Haven.

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4 CANDIDATES NOMINATED IN NATILIKMIOT BY-ELECTION

Yellowknife (September 12, 1989) Four candidates in the central Arctic riding of Natilikmiot will contest the by-election for a seat in the Legislative Assembly.

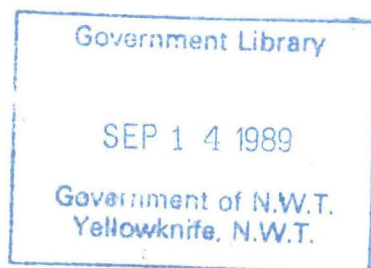
Nominations closed at 2:00 p.m. on September 11. The election will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 1989. The four candidates are Peter Akkikungnaq of Gjoa Haven, Bill Lyall of Cambridge Bay, John Ningark of Pelly Bay, and Martha Toka of Spence Bay.

The by-election became necessary following the resignation of Michael Angottitauruq. The Natilikmiot riding includes the communities of Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, Pelly Bay and four DEW-line sites.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Advance polls, for eligible voters unable to vote on Election Day, will be held on Thursday, September 28 and on Tuesday, October 3 in the communities of Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven.

To be eligible to vote in the by-election, voters must be Canadian citizens, at least 19 years of age, and resident in the Northwest Territories for at least 12 months prior to Election Day.

Voters' lists have been completed in the three Natilikmiot communities and posted in public places in each polling division. Voters' lists for the DEW-line sites are nearing completion and are expected to be posted very soon.



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Qualified voters whose names do not appear on the list have until September 20 to have their name added to the voters' list. Residents of Gjoa Haven should contact the Returning Officer. Residents of polling divisions outside of Gjoa Haven should contact the enumerator in their area. Voters may also apply on Election Day to have their names added, but they are not able to vote at the advance polls or by proxy.

Further information about voting is available from Christian Steckler, Returning Officer for Natilikmiot, at 360-7210 until September 17, and at 360-6115 from September 18.

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For further information, contact
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Sharon Bunes
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All seven studies have been written by independent consultants and do not represent the opinions of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy. Summaries of each report are available in Inuktitut. The reports are entitled:

1. **A REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PROGRAMS**
2. **TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE APPROACH: NATURAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES**
3. **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' NATIVE EMPLOYMENT POLICY: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT.**
4. **TOWARDS A STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING THE DOMESTIC ECONOMY OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.**
5. **ADULT TRAINING IN THE NWT: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT.**
6. **COPING WITH THE CASH: (A financial review of four northern land claims settlements)**
7. **BANKING SERVICES IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES: AN ASSESSMENT.**

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NINGARK ELECTED IN NATILIKMIOT

Yellowknife (October 10, 1989) John Ningark was elected as the new Member of the Legislative Assembly for Natilikmiot in a by-election held today.

The unofficial results show Mr. Ningark won the seat with 295 of the 619 ballots cast, or 44.5 per cent of the vote. Bill Lyall received 140 votes, followed by Peter Akkikungnaq with 132 and Martha Toka, with 51. Approximately 85% per cent of the 731 eligible voters went to the polls.

The official count will be completed by the Returning Officer, Christian Steckler, once ballot boxes from all polling stations are received. Mr. Ningark will be sworn into office following the completion of the official tally.

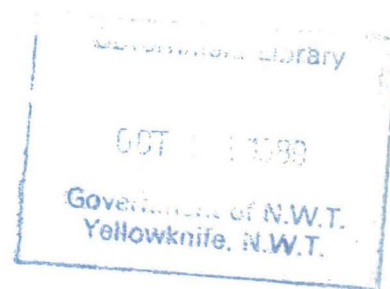
Mr. Ningark takes the seat formerly held by Michael Angottitauruq, who resigned in July.

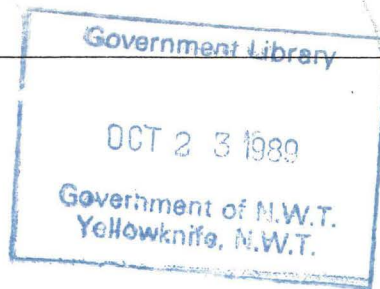
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NERYSOO ELECTED AS SPEAKER

Norman Wells (October 19, 1989) **Richard Nerysoo, MLA for Mackenzie Delta, was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly by formal resolution when the House opened today.**

He is the fifth person to serve in the position since 1975, when the Assembly elected its first Speaker. Mr. Nerysoo is also the first native northerner to serve as Speaker.

In his opening speech, Mr. Nerysoo paid tribute to the former Speaker, Red Pedersen, saying "My predecessor has felt it necessary to relinquish the Chair and his contribution to this Legislature and to our Legislature's standing in the Commonwealth will assist me in my term as your Speaker and I sincerely thank him for that."

He continued, "I feel that the words of one of Canada's greatest parliamentarians, Edward Blake, are appropriate, who said in 1873, 'The privileges of parliament are the privileges of the people, and the rights of parliament are the rights of the people.' These words are true today and we should reflect on them as we strive to improve our Legislature for the Northwest Territories so our children will take pride in our achievements done on their behalf for their future."

The Speaker represents the Legislative Assembly at official functions and in relations with authorities and people outside the Assembly. He is responsible for ensuring the work of the Assembly is carried out smoothly and for enforcing the rules for preserving order during the proceedings. The Speaker is also responsible for the administration of the House and employees of the Legislative Assembly report to him.

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Mr. Nerysoo was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1979. He was Government Leader and Minister of Justice and Public Services from 1983 to 1985. During the Ninth Assembly, from 1979 to 1983, he was Minister of Renewable Resources and of the Energy and Resource Development Secretariat. He has most recently been a member of the Standing Committee on Finance and an alternate member of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy.

Mr Nerysoo was educated at Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Whitehorse. He is a past vice-president of the NWT Indian Brotherhood (now the Dene Nation) and served a vice-president for the Dene Nation representing the Mackenzie Delta region.

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Legislative Assembly to Host Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Regional Seminar

Yellowknife (November 15, 1989) Close to 50 delegates from across Canada will attend the 14th Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar to be held in Yellowknife this week.

Hosted by the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, the seminar will take place on November 17th and 18th at the Explorer Hotel. MLA's from all ten provinces and the two territories, Members of Parliament representing the House of Commons, and a number of Senators will attend the two-day meeting.

Seminar topics include an update on parliamentary reform, discussion of eventual provincial status for the two territories, electoral laws and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the environment and the private Member, and the implications of an "Alberta-style" Senate.

The seminar is sponsored by the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, an organization of legislators from 110 parliaments and legislatures throughout the Commonwealth. It promotes parliamentary democracy and co-operation among its members, providing a forum for discussion of matters of common interest and concern through conferences, meetings, seminars and exchange of delegates.

The NWT branch of the Association is Chaired by the Hon. Richard Nerysoo, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

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Regional seminars are hosted by a one of the branches of the Canadian Association in a different province or territory each year. This year, the NWT branch is proud to take its turn to welcome delegates from other parts of Canada.

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After the Christmas lights have been turned on, the choir will lead visitors in carol singing in the Legislative Assembly Chamber followed by an informal reception in the Legislative Assembly lobby where hot chocolate, cider and Christmas cookies will be served.

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