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- December 1, 1992 Election to Fill Cabinet Vacancies Scheduled for Friday, December 4, 1992
- December 4, 1992 Rebecca Mike and John Todd elected to Cabinet
- December 7, 1992 Swearing-In Ceremony for Cabinet Members-Elect Scheduled for December 7 at 6:00 pm
- December 8, 1992 Election to Fill Cabinet Vacancy Scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 1992
- December 9, 1992 Mackenzie Delta MLA Richard Nerysoo elected to Cabinet
- December 14, 1992 Deh Cho MLA Sam Gargan formally requests conflict of interest inquiry
- December 23, 1992 Standing Committee on Public Accounts to begin review of Health Audit
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Nunavut Leaders' Summit in Iqaluit January 28-31

IQALUIT (January 22, 1992) - A Nunavut Leaders' Summit meeting will be held January 28 to 31 in Iqaluit, Northwest Territories, announced the Honourable Titus Allooloo, Chairman of the Nunavut Caucus of the Legislative Assembly.

Allooloo noted that the meeting was organized in order that Nunavut leaders could discuss the important decisions that need to be made by the Inuit people in the coming months. Allooloo also noted that the last time the Inuit leaders held a similar leadership meeting was in Coppermine in 1985.

Major topics to be discussed include the Nunavut land claim, the creation of Nunavut, the Boundary Plebiscite, and the responsibilities of the leaders. A copy of the detailed meeting agenda has been attached.

Participants expected to attend include representatives from the Baffin Regional Inuit Association, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Keewatin Inuit Association, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, Baffin Regional Council, Kitikmeot Regional Council, Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association, Inuit Circumpolar Conference, Makavik Corporation, Commission for Constitutional Development, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, and Jack Anawak, MP Eastern Arctic, Senator Willie Adams, and Nunavut Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Invited observers include Ethel Blondin, MP Western Arctic and the Honourable Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

The meeting is sponsored by the Nunavut Caucus, a group of MLAs from Inuit constituencies in the NWT.

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INUIT LEADERS SUMMIT

January 28-31, 1992
Navigator Inn Board Room
Iqaluit, Northwest Territories

Topics for Discussion

Nunavut Land Claims
Creation of Nunavut Government
Boundary Plebiscite
Responsibility of Leaders
Leadership Ad Hoc Committee

Tuesday, January 28th - Nunavut Land Claims

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Official Welcome by Chair (Hon. Titus Allooloo)
1:45 - 2:00 p.m.	Introduction of Delegates
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Briefing on Land Claims (T.F.N.)
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Discussion of Land Claims

Wednesday, January 29th - Creation of Nunavut Government

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Chair's Comments
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Briefing on Article 4 of the Agreement-in-Principle (T.F.N. and G.N.WT.)
10:30 - 12:00 a.m.	Discussion of Agreement-in-Principle (Article 4)
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Further Discussion of Agreement-in-Principle

Thursday, January 30th - Boundary Plebiscite

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Chair's Comments
9:15 - 12:00 a.m.	Discussion of Boundary Plebiscite
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Discussion of Land Claim Ratification Process

Friday, January 31st - Leadership

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Chair's Comments (Responsibility of Leaders)
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Discussion of Responsibility of Leaders
10:30 - 12:00 a.m.	Discussion on a Leadership Ad Hoc Committee
12:00 -	Closing Remarks and Adjournment of Summit



Commissioner Issues Plebiscite Direction

YELLOWKNIFE (February 24, 1992) - Commissioner Daniel Norris issued formal instructions February 17 for a plebiscite to be held on the proposed boundary for division of the Northwest Territories.

The N.W.T.-wide plebiscite will be held Monday, May 4, with advanced polls scheduled for Thursday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 28, says Chief Plebiscite Officer David Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton will issue the proclamation on Friday, March 20, 1992 which officially starts the 45-day plebiscite period.

The question will read as follows:

"On April 14, 1982, a majority of voters in an N.W.T.-wide plebiscite voted to support the division of the Northwest Territories so as to allow the creation of a new Nunavut Territory with its own Nunavut government. The N.W.T. Legislative Assembly and the Government of Canada accepted this result.

In the Iqaluit Agreement of January 15, 1987, the Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) and the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) agreed that the boundary for division for the N.W.T. would be the boundary separating the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut (TFN) land claim settlement area from the Inuvialuit and Dene-Metis land claim settlement areas. On April 19, 1991, the Government of Canada endorsed the compromise boundary shown on the map below.

Division will occur in such a way as:

- to maintain adequate levels of public services;
- to respect the opportunity of residents in the Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort areas to develop new constitutional arrangements in the future for the western part of the N.W.T.;
- to respect the employment status and location preferences of GNWT employees.



On these understandings, do you support the boundary for division shown on the map above?"

Voters will be asked to indicate "Yes" or "No" on the ballot. A copy of the map will be printed on each ballot.

The plebiscite is being held for the purpose of collecting information, says Mr. Hamilton. The results will not be binding on the Legislative Assembly, MLAs, the Executive Council, Commissioner, the Government of the N.W.T. or its employees.

The 1982 plebiscite asked territorial residents their opinion on dividing the Northwest Territories. Of the 18,957 people on the voters list, 10,046 actually voted. Of those who voted, 5,586 (56 per cent) said "Yes" and 4,304 (43 per cent) said "No".

An N.W.T. Plebiscite Office has been set up in Yellowknife, and an office is also being established in Iqaluit. The toll-free number for the N.W.T. Plebiscite Office in Yellowknife is 1-800-661-0796. The fax number is (403) 873-0366.

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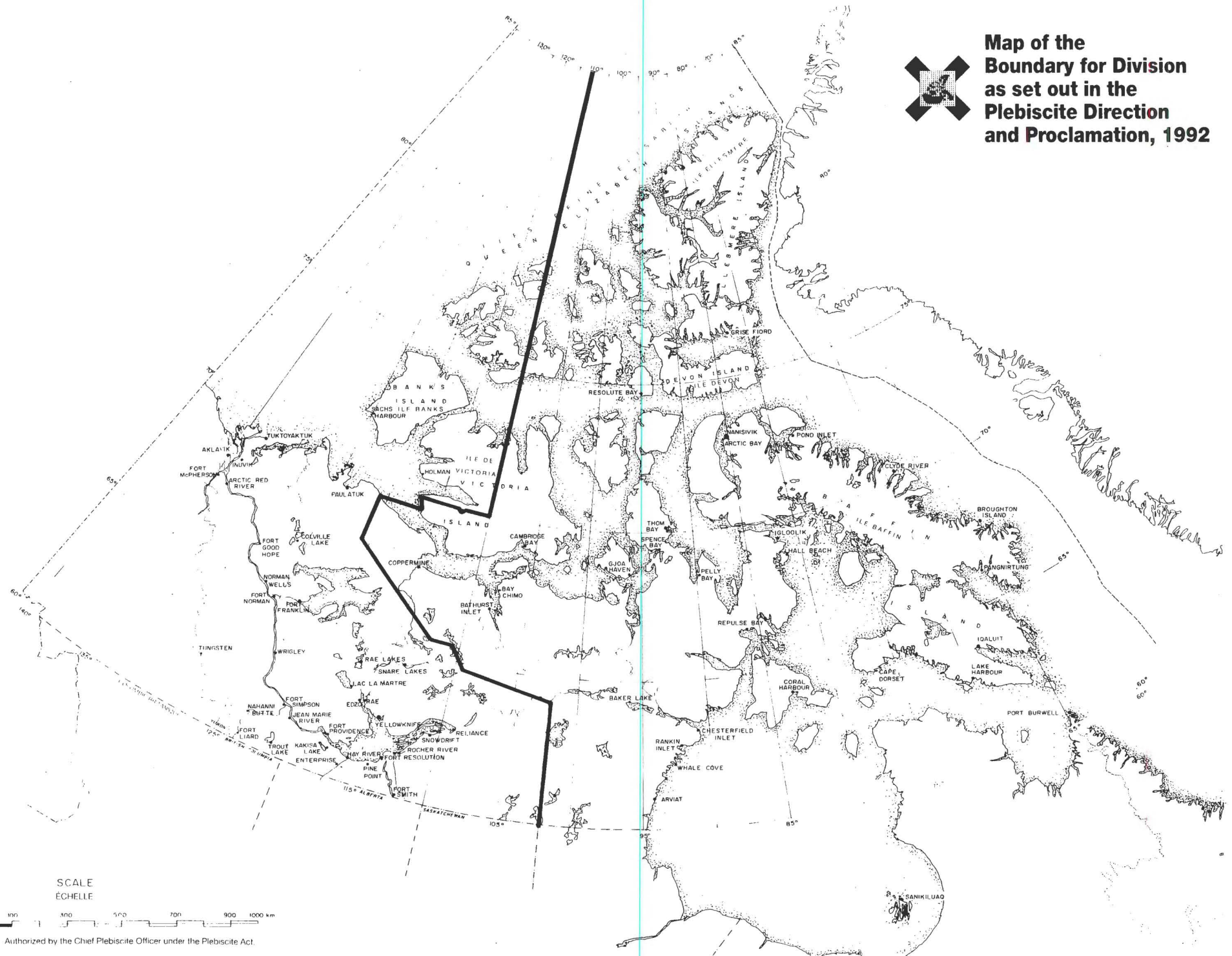
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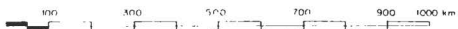
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**Map of the
Boundary for Division
as set out in the
Plebiscite Direction
and Proclamation, 1992**



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Authorized by the Chief Plebiscite Officer under the Plebiscite Act.

Returning Officers Appointed For Plebiscite

YELLOWKNIFE (February 28, 1992) - The task of preparing for the May 4, 1992 plebiscite on the boundary for dividing the N.W.T. is being undertaken by staff in the Eastern and Western Arctic.

An N.W.T. Plebiscite Office has been set up in Yellowknife, and an office has been established in Iqaluit.

David M. Hamilton, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T., has been named Chief Plebiscite Officer, while Rosemary Cairns has been appointed Deputy Chief Plebiscite Officer.

The toll-free number for the N.W.T. Plebiscite Office in Yellowknife is 1-800-661-0796. To contact the office from within Yellowknife, phone 920-6999. The fax number is (403) 873-0366.

The Iqaluit office, located on the third floor of the Brown Building, will be staffed by Judy McGrath of Cambridge Bay with the assistance of Isa Boaz of Iqaluit. The phone number is (819) 979-1888; the facsimile number is (819) 979-1869. Service is available in Inuktitut through the Iqaluit office.

Returning officers have been appointed for each of the 24 plebiscite districts. The returning officers are responsible for overseeing the enumeration of voters from April 1 to 7, for overseeing advance polls on Thursday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 28, and for conducting the plebiscite on Monday, May 4, 1992.

The following is a list of returning officers, their plebiscite district and the communities contained in each district.

Aivilik (Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet and Coral Harbour): Steven Kopak of Repulse Bay.

Amittuq (Hall Beach, Igloolik and Pond Inlet): Solomon Awa of Pond Inlet.



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Baffin Central (Broughton Island, Clyde River and Pangnirtung): Olassie Evic of Pangnirtung.

Baffin South (Lake Harbour, Cape Dorset and Sanikiluaq): Elisapee Ikkidluak of Lake Harbour.

Deh Cho (Fort Providence, Kakisa and Hay River Reserve): Rosemary Minoza of Fort Providence.

Hay River, Hazel Haight.

High Arctic (Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Resolute and Nanisivik): Paul Amagoalik of Resolute Bay.

Inuvik, Barbara J. Foley.

Iqaluit, Frank Pearce.

Keewatin Central (Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove): Margaret Kusugak of Rankin Inlet.

Kitikmeot (Bathurst Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Coppermine and Umingmaktok): Helen Tologanak of Cambridge Bay.

Kivallivik (Arviat and Baker Lake): Shirley Tagalik of Arviat.

Mackenzie Delta (Aklavik, Arctic Red River and Fort McPherson): Joyce Edwards of Aklavik.

Nahendeh (Wrigley, Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Tungsten): Rita Cazon of Fort Simpson.

Natilikmiot (Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay): Nee Porter of Spence Bay.

North Slave (Edzo, Rae, Lac La Martre, Rae Lakes and Snare Lakes): Harriet Koyina of Rae.

Nunakput (Holman, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour and Tuktoyaktuk): Lucy Dillon of Tuktoyaktuk.

Sahtu (Colville Lake, Fort Franklin, Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman and Norman Wells): Sharon Miller of Norman Wells.

Thebacha, Margo Harney of Fort Smith.

Tu Nedhe (Reliance, Fort Resolution, Snowdrift and Rocher River): Violet Beaulieu of Fort Resolution.

Yellowknife Centre, Christine Williams.

Yellowknife Frame Lake, Penelope A. Kocik.

Yellowknife North (Yellowknife, Dettah and Ndilo): Katharine Southworth.

Yellowknife South, Deborah Nider.

As many as 500 N.W.T. residents may be involved in running the plebiscite. In addition to the 24 Returning Officers, about 150 people will serve as enumerators and another 300 will work at the advance and ordinary polls as deputy returning officers and poll clerks. These officials are hired by, and report to, the Returning Officer of their plebiscite district.

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Legislative Assembly Reconvenes March 24

YELLOWKNIFE (March 13, 1992) - The Second Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly reconvenes Tuesday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber in Yellowknife.

Sitting Hours are 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. All sittings are open to the public.

If you wish to speak with your MLA during the session, phone 873-7999 in Yellowknife, or call 1-800-661-0784 toll free outside Yellowknife to leave a message.

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27,390 Eligible To Vote in Boundary Plebiscite

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28, 1992) - A total of 27,390 N.W.T. residents are on the official voters' lists for the Monday, May 4 plebiscite on a boundary to divide the Northwest Territories.

The number of voters on the list in each plebiscite district is as follows: Atvilik, 650; Amittuq, 1,165; Baffin Central, 1,101; Baffin South, 935; Deh Cho, 628; Hay River, 1,729; High Arctic, 525; Inuvik, 1,215; Iqaluit, 1,350; Keewatin Central, 932; Kitikmeot, 1,040; Kivallivik, 1,297; Mackenzie Delta, 1,021; Nahendeh, 1,210; Natilikmiot, 914; North Slave, 1,293; Nunakput, 985; Sahtu, 1,202; Thebacha, 1,123; Tu Nedhe, 496; Yellowknife Centre, 1,326; Yellowknife Frame Lake, 1,113; Yellowknife North, 1,849, and Yellowknife South, 2,291.

Any N.W.T. resident who was not enumerated or added during revision and whose name does not appear on the official list of voters can still vote in the plebiscite provided that he or she takes an oath at the polling station and is vouched for by a voter already on the list in the same plebiscite district. A person who is not on the voters' list cannot, however, vote by proxy.

A 1982 plebiscite asked territorial residents their opinion on dividing the Northwest Territories. Of the 18,957 people on the voters list, 10,046 actually voted. Of those who voted, 5,586 (56 per cent) said "Yes" and 4,304 (43 per cent) said "No".

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Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions To Conduct Public Review of Workers' Compensation Board

YELLOWKNIFE (April 29, 1992) - A comprehensive, public review of the N.W.T. Workers' Compensation Board is being undertaken by the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

Committee chairperson Fred Koe says the public review will consider the WCB's structure, accountability and statutory authority, along with general operational and policy issues.

Mr. Koe described the public review of the WCB as the first of its kind by the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions of the 12th Legislative Assembly.

"This process is a reflection of the commitment by MLAs to involving the public and seeking public input on the important issues facing our government relative to boards and agencies," Mr. Koe said.

The public hearings will be held in the Caucus Room of the Legislative Assembly, beginning Monday, May 11 with sessions from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sessions continue on Tuesday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Wednesday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Members of the general public are being invited to participate in the public review through presentations which may be given in writing, in person or by teleconference.

"In one way or another, everyone in the Northwest Territories has a stake in the Workers' Compensation Board system," Mr. Koe says.

The Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions has set aside the Tuesday evening session specifically for presentations from the general public.

Representatives of stakeholder groups will be invited to appear before the public hearings during the morning and afternoon sessions on Tuesday, May 12, and again on the morning of Wednesday, May 13. Time has also been set aside on Wednesday morning for members of the public who were not able to give their presentation on Tuesday evening. All meetings are open to the public.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Tuesday night session should contact the Committee Clerk prior to Friday, May 8 by phoning toll free to 1-800-661-0784 or by sending a fax to (403) 920-4735. In Yellowknife, phone (403)873-7999.



Written submissions can be mailed to: Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions, Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T., P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife NT X1A 2L9.

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Public Meetings Scheduled to Review Eight Bills

YELLOWKNIFE (May 8, 1992) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Legislation will hold public meetings from Monday, May 25 through Friday, May 29 to review eight bills, says Committee Chairperson Silas Arngna'naaq

Bills to be reviewed are: Bill 2, An Act to Amend the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act; Bill 3, An Act to Amend the Medical Care Act; Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Mining Safety Act; Bill 6, Purchasing Management Act; Bill 18, An Act to Amend the Young Offenders Act; Bill 19, An Act to Amend the Real Estate Licensing Act; Bill 20, An Act to Amend the Nursing Profession Act, and Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act.

The public meetings will be held in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly Building in Yellowknife. Meetings are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 25, and for 10 a.m. thorough 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26 to Friday, May 29. Bills 3 and 20 are scheduled for public review on May 25, Bills 6 and 21 on May 26, Bills 18, 2 and 19 on May 27, and Bill 4 on May 28 and May 29.

The public meetings are being organized as part of a new process for enacting legislation in the Northwest Territories. In February of this year, the Legislative Assembly revised its procedures for considering bills. The new process allows greater public input and places more emphasis on the role of the Standing Committee. Previously, bills were usually reviewed in confidential draft format before being made public.

In February of this year, the Legislative Assembly adopted a recommendation from the Standing Committee on Legislation that all bills receiving Second Reading be should be reviewed by one of the Assembly's five standing committees. Previously, bills receiving Second Reading were ordered to the Assembly's Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Mr. Arngna'naaq says he is enthusiastic about the new legislative procedures. "With the wide diversity of people across the Northwest Territories, it is essential for the Legislative Assembly to know what individuals and organizations think about proposed legislation."

"This is a good opportunity to see the committee process in action. Members of the Standing Committee on Legislation have worked hard to develop a new and more public process for reviewing legislation so I hope members of the public will take advantage of this opportunity to have a say in the formation of the laws of the Northwest Territories," said the MLA for Kivallivik.

Copies of the Bills are available from Committee Clerk Rhoda Perkison by writing to the Standing Committee on Legislation, P.O. Box 1320, YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2L9.



Written comments on the above Bills must be received at the above address by 5 p.m., Monday, May 18, 1992. Written comments can also be sent by fax to (403) 920-4735.

The intent of each Bill is as follows:

- Bill 2, to remove the requirement that bylaws of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists be approved by the Minister;
- Bill 3, to amend the Medical Care Act to allow the Director of Medical Insurance to enter into agreements for the provision of services on an other than fee-for-service basis;
- Bill 4, to amend the Mining Safety Act to provide that a worker at a mine must be trained in a worker training program and instructed in the hazards associated with his or her employment, to ensure that a worker is trained in mine emergency survival, to require the owner of a mine to maintain prescribed equipment and provisions at a mine refuge station, to provide for the appointment of training coordinators, to provide for offences, and to increase penalties for contravention of the Mining Safety Act and the regulations;
- Bill 6, recognizes the designation "Certified Professional Purchaser" and creates an offence for misuse of the designation;
- Bill 18, to amend the Young Offenders Act to allow the Director of Corrections to designate a place or facility of open custody after the place is in use, and to allow the Commissioner to retroactively designate a place or facility of open custody;
- Bill 19, to amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act to provide that a security other than a bond may be provided by an agent to the superintendent when the agent applies for or wishes to maintain an agent's licence, and to add powers to make regulations respecting those other securities;
- Bill 20, to amend the Nursing Profession Act to repeal subsection 4(2) to authorize the Board of Directors to grant temporary certificates of exemption from registration to a newly-recruited nurse for up to 24 months, and to authorize the Board of Directors to attach terms and conditions to a temporary certificate of exemption;
- Bill 26 is a Private Member's Bill sponsored by Yellowknife Centre MLA Brian Lewis. This bill would amend the Liquor Act to allow for the establishment of facilities for manufacturing beer in the Northwest Territories;

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Increase to WCB payments recommended by Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions

YELLOWKNIFE (May 14, 1992) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions is calling for an increase in the Workers' Compensation Board's YMIR, the maximum annual payment to injured workers

"We are calling upon Dennis Patterson, the Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, to bring forward legislation in June to increase the Year's Maximum Insurable Remuneration (YMIR) so as to ensure that it reflects today's realities," said Committee Chairperson Fred Koe following three days of public hearings on the WCB.

Mr. Koe said that although Committee members will make a number of recommendations regarding the WCB when the Second Session of the Legislative Assembly reconvenes June 16, they want Minister Patterson to begin work immediately on drafting legislation to increase the YMIR.

"Committee members felt that an increase in the YMIR, the Year's Maximum Insurable Remuneration, was so long overdue that it could not wait until the reconvening of the Second Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly on June 16 of this year to request the increase," Mr. Koe said.

The YMIR determines the maximum benefits payable to an injured worker in a given year. It also determines the amount of the assessable payroll of an employer in a given year. The present amount is set at \$40,000 and has not been increased since 1988.

The Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions held a public review on May 11-13 to consider the WCB's structure, accountability and statutory authority, along with general operational and policy issues.

The Committee heard from employers, employees, labour unions, workers who have been injured, small business operators, the chairman of the WCB, the Hon. Dennis Patterson, Minister Responsible for the WCB, union advisors, representatives of hunters and trappers, and private citizens from across Canada and the Northwest Territories.

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News Release
For Immediate Release
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May 22, 1992 - Inuvik MLA Fred Koe and Ed Lavoie, on behalf of the Inuvik Medical Clinic, today presented a cheque for \$3,000 to Rev. Irvin Holm, Chairman of the Inuvik Regional Health Board.

The Inuvik Medical Clinic was created with the moral and financial assistance of the people of the Inuvik region. The Clinic acknowledges this support with an annual bursary in the amount of \$3,000.

"The Medical Clinic, owned by Dr. Terry Fellows, would like to develop a bursary in honour of the the late Rev. Caesar Hines," said Mr. Koe in making the presentation. "It is the clinic's desire that the bursary emphasize continued education for native community health representatives. It is believed that this bursary is in line with the philosophy of the Inuvik Regional Health Board whereby the Board continually seeks to bring health services closer to the people of the North."

The first bursary will be allocated specifically for an individual from the community of Fort McPherson in honour of their new William Firth Health Centre.

The Inuvik Regional Health Board and the Inuvik Medical Clinic will develop criteria for the review and approval of applications. The primary purpose is to facilitate continued education for Native Community Health Representatives to bring health services closer to the people of the North, Mr. Koe said.

"It is our hope that other groups will assist in the goal of this bursary by contributing funds".

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Public Hearing on Mining Safety Act postponed

YELLOWKNIFE (May 27, 1992) - Public hearings on proposed amendments to the Mining Safety Act (Bill 4) have been postponed until later this summer.

The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Legislation had scheduled hearings on Bill 4 for May 28-29 in order to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in amending the current Mining Safety Act.

Committee members are concerned, however, that the current situation at Royal Oak Mines in Yellowknife may overshadow discussions of the proposed amendments, says Chairman Silas Arngna'naaq. "We want everyone who is concerned with mine safety to have a chance to provide positive and constructive input into the shaping of amendments to the Mining Safety Act."

The Minister responsible for the Bill, the Hon. Dennis Patterson, agreed with the Committee's decision so as to ensure that discussions of the amendments will produce constructive results.

The proposed bill would amend the Mining Safety Act to provide that mine workers must be trained in a worker training program, and instructed in the hazards associated with his or her employment. It would also ensure that workers are trained in mine emergency survival. Mine owners would be required to maintain prescribed equipment and provisions at a mine refuge station, and provide for the appointment of training coordinators. The Bill 4 would also provide for offences, and increase penalties for contraventions of the Mining Safety Act and its regulations.

The Standing Committee on Legislation is still committed to holding the public review of the proposed amendments, says Mr. Arngna'naaq.

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Standing Committee on Public Accounts to complete review of Auditor General's Report

YELLOWKNIFE (May 28, 1992) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts will complete its review of the Auditor General's Report next week with a public review of three territorial government departments.

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts will hold public meetings on Monday, June 1 and Tuesday, June 2 in the Assembly Caucus Room to review the Auditor General's comments on the Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs, Social Services, and Government Services, says Committee Chairperson James Arvaluk.

The public meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, and at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2. These meetings are open to the public.

Copies of the Auditor General's report are available by contacting Committee Clerk Rhoda Perkison.

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Inuvik MLA Fred Koe introduces new constituency team

INUVIK (May 29, 1992) - Inuvik MLA Fred Koe today announced the appointment of four part-time staff members who will form his new constituency office team.

The members of Mr. Koe's constituency office staff are Ethel Blake, Bob Simpson, Dolly Carmichael and Cathy Cockney.

"These four people will utilize a team approach to keep me apprised of the concerns of Inuvik residents. They will attend as many community meetings as possible, relay your concerns to me, and answer any questions you might have," says Mr. Koe.

Dolly Carmichael will be the key liaison between Mr. Koe and Inuvik residents. Bob Simpson will serve as Mr. Koe's political and economic development liaison. Cathy Cockney is the cultural and social contact, while Ethel Blake is the education/training contact.

To contact Mr. Koe's constituency team, phone 979-2528 during the day and leave a message. Messages will be checked twice daily and a constituency assistant will respond immediately. Mr. Koe's office can also be reached by sending a fax to 979-2215, or writing to P.O. Box 2358, Inuvik, N.W.T., XOE 0T0.

Mr. Koe's constituency assistants can also be contacted by calling the following home phone numbers: Dolly Carmichael, 979-3071; Bob Simpson, 979-3369; Cathy Cockney, 979-3073, and Ethel Blake, 979-3369.

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Old and New Assembly Buildings on Display

YELLOWKNIFE (June 22, 1992) - Territorial residents have a unique opportunity this summer to view the Northwest Territories' old and new Legislative Assembly buildings, says Speaker Michael Ballantyne.

A model of the Northwest Territories' new Legislative Assembly building, currently under construction near the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, is now on display for public viewing in the lobby of the present Assembly building.

The model will be on display in the lobby throughout the summer. The present Legislative Assembly is open to the public on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Since the Legislative Assembly is scheduled to move into its new home next July, this summer marks the last time tours of the present Assembly Chamber will be available. The present facilities have been in use since 1984. Tours are offered weekdays at 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. To arrange a tour, contact Chantal Richard at 920-8096. The Assembly is located behind the Yellowknife Inn at 5010 - 49th Street.

Tours of the new Legislative Assembly will not be available until the building is further advanced in the construction schedule. The new Assembly building is still considered a construction site and is therefore off limits, for reasons of safety, to the general public.

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO ELECT NEW MINISTER

YELLOWKNIFE (June 23, 1992) - The Chairman of the Caucus, Mr. Fred Koe, announced today that the Caucus of the 12th Legislative Assembly has agreed to hold a public meeting to elect a new minister on Wednesday, June 24, 1992 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The election became necessary due to the resignation of Mr. John Ningark, the Member for Natilikmiot, who resigned his Cabinet seat on June 22, 1992.

The Caucus agreed to follow the same public forum and procedures used during the Territorial Leadership Committee last November. The Territorial Leadership Committee, held after the Fall '91 Election, was a first for the Northwest Territories when the Speaker, Government Leader and Cabinet were elected in a public forum.

The election will take place in the Legislative Assembly chamber.

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Returning Officer honoured for service in five elections and two plebiscites

YELLOWKNIFE (August 10, 1992) - Hazel Haight of Hay River has been honoured for serving as a Returning Officer in five territorial elections and two plebiscites.

Haight received a plaque commemorating her service during the 1975, 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1991 Territorial elections, and the 1982 and 1992 boundary plebiscites.

The plaque was presented by David M. Hamilton, Chief Plebiscite Officer and Elections Officer for the N.W.T., during a post-plebiscite meeting of returning officers in Yellowknife.

The one-day session gave returning officers from across the Northwest Territories an opportunity to outline their experiences, recommend administrative changes and suggest possible changes to the legislation governing plebiscites.

N.W.T. residents have been serving as Returning Officers and running territorial elections for the past 41 years. Returning Officers are responsible for overseeing the enumeration of voters, and conducting advance polls and elections.

Other long-serving Northerners who have worked four terms as a Returning Officer and are still active include Shirley Tagalik of Arviat, Frank Pearce of Iqaluit, Lucy Dillon of Tuktoyaktuk, and Anne Jones of Fort Smith.

Current Returning Officers who have served three terms are Elisapee Ikkidluak of Lake Harbour, Violet Beaulieu of Fort Resolution and Solomon Awa of Pond Inlet.

Serving in the 1991 election and the 1992 plebiscite were Steven Kopak of Repulse Bay, Olassie Evic of Pangnirtung, Rosemary Minoza of Fort Providence, Margaret Kusugak of Rankin Inlet, Joyce Edwards of Aklavik, Rita Cazon of Fort Simpson, Penelope Kocik of Yellowknife, and Debbie Nider of Yellowknife.

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Second Session of 12th Legislative Assembly Reconvenes Wednesday, September 9

YELLOWKNIFE (August 28, 1992) - The Second Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly reconvenes Wednesday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber in Yellowknife.

When the Session reconvenes, the main business will be the budget address from the Minister of Finance, the Hon. John Pollard, for the 1992-93 Operation and Maintenance expenditures of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Members of the Legislative Assembly are then expected to review the Operations and Maintenance expenditures.

There are also four outstanding pieces of legislation to be dealt with: Bill 4, An Act to Amend the Mining Safety Act; Bill 9, an Act to Amend the Insurance Act; Bill 26, An Act to Amend the Liquor Act, and Bill 27, Wildlife Conservation Act. All four bills have received Second Reading to date.

The Second Session has lasted 41 sitting days to date and is expected to last at least three weeks. It opened Wednesday, February 12, 1992 and first adjourned March 12. The Session reconvened on Tuesday, March 24 and sat until Friday, April 3 before adjourning to Tuesday, June 16. The summer sitting lasted until adjournment on Monday, June 29.

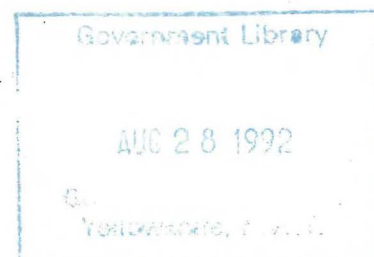
Sitting hours are 1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. All sittings are open to the public.

If you wish to speak with your MLA during the session, phone 873-7999 in Yellowknife, or call 1-800-661-0784 toll free outside Yellowknife to leave a message.

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MLAs extend sympathies to families of miners killed in Royal Oak Mines explosion

YELLOWKNIFE (September 18, 1992) - Speaker Michael A. Ballantyne expressed sympathy on behalf of all Members of the Legislative Assembly — especially the four Yellowknife MLAs — to the families and friends of the miners killed in the underground explosion at Royal Oak Mines.

Mr. Ballantyne adjourned today's sitting of the Legislative Assembly when news of the disaster was brought to the House.

"A tragedy of this magnitude touches the lives of everyone in Yellowknife and indeed everyone in the Northwest Territories. All Members of the Legislative Assembly are saddened by this tragic loss of life and extend their deepest sympathies to the families of the miners who died this morning," said Mr. Ballantyne.

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Community Leaders meet to discuss healing process for City of Yellowknife

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22, 1992) - Community leaders from Yellowknife's business, political, church, educational and social services communities met yesterday to discuss a strategy for healing the community in the wake of the September 18 tragedy at Royal Oak Mines.

Participating in the meeting were Theresa Handley of the Metis Nation, Local 66, Captain Alan Hoeft and Canon Terry Buckle of the Yellowknife Ministerial Association Marsha Argue of the Status of Women Council, Yellowknife Frame Lake MLA Charles Dent, Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford, Yellowknife Centre MLA Brian Lewis, Yellowknife North MLA Michael Ballantyne, Yellowknife Mayor Pat McMahon, Dr. Ross Wheeler of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital's Mental Health Clinic, Dana Heide of Social Services, Loretta Foley and Debora Simpson of the Yellowknife Catholic Schools, Terry Keefe and Wendy Bisaro of Yellowknife School District No. 1, Gary Black of the Board of Secondary Education, Joe Auge of the Chamber of Commerce and Western Arctic MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew.

The community leaders agreed that one of the key steps to helping the city heal is a community memorial service for the nine miners who died last Friday. The Ministerial Association and City are planning a memorial service, however, a date will not be set until the families of the nine miners are ready. The service is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Yellowknife Community Arena.

The leaders also agreed that there must be an early resolution to the four-month-old strike at Royal Oak Mines if the community is to put the tragedy behind it.

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During Monday's meeting, the leaders also reviewed the services that have been established to help residents cope with the disaster. The City of Yellowknife has established a Victims Support Group which is coordinating the efforts of various agencies in providing assistance to those most in need of support and counselling. The Victims Support Group can be contacted by phoning Brian Chambers at 920-5685. A 24-hour crisis phone line (920-0896) has been set up at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital and can refer appropriate cases to the Mental Health Clinic, Social Services has bolstered its personnel, both the Public and Catholic Schools have crisis teams to assist students, and the Chamber of Commerce is soliciting donations from Yellowknife businesses

The leaders are scheduled to meet next at noon on Wednesday, September 23 in the Legislative Assembly's Caucus Room.

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Yellowknife MLAs want federal Labour Minister to settle Royal Oak strike immediately

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22, 1992) - Three Yellowknife MLAs have called upon the federal Minister of Labour, the Hon. Marcel Danis, to immediately come to Yellowknife to settle the strike at Royal Oak Mines.

Yellowknife Frame Lake MLA Charles Dent, Yellowknife Centre MLA Brian Lewis, and Michael Ballantyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA for Yellowknife North, sent their request by facsimile earlier today.

"We believe that you should come to the Northwest Territories and immediately deal with this situation and that you should reconsider the list of options presented to you on June 10, 1992," the Yellowknife MLAs state in their facsimile.

The facsimile details how a number of viable methods for bringing an end to the strike were presented to Minister Danis on June 10, 1992, by Mr. Ballantyne and NWT Minister of Justice Dennis Patterson.

The options placed before Mr. Danis on June 10 included anti-replacement worker legislation, voluntary binding arbitration, legislated binding arbitration, and a commission of inquiry.

Mr. Ballantyne and Mr. Patterson were informed at that time that Mr. Danis was not prepared to consider changes to the Canada Labour Code to ban replacement workers, but would seriously consider the remaining options.

"Unfortunately, you later decided not to act on any of the options".

MLAs Dent, Lewis and Ballantyne also state that numerous requests for action have been placed before the Federal Government — including a unanimous motion from the Legislative Assembly on June 17, 1992, calling for binding arbitration.

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"Union leaders, Yellowknife MLAs, GNWT Ministers and officials and our Member of Parliament have emphasized the dangers of this strike and the need for Federal Government intervention. The Federal Government has consistently refused to become directly involved in this dispute. In the aftermath of the terrible tragedy there still remains a volatile situation and an unresolved strike."

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Civic Leaders Continue Appeal for Calm

YELLOWKNIFE (September 23, 1992) - Civic leaders continue to encourage all city residents to remain calm and take whatever steps possible to help reduce tensions.

Community leaders met for a second time at noon today at the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories to provide updates of initiatives underway and to discuss areas of concern.

"The situation remains volatile and I would encourage everyone to do whatever possible to help dampen down raw emotions," said Michael Ballantyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the MLA for Yellowknife North. "As we've said before, this is a time for mourning and healing — not accusations".

Yellowknife Mayor Pat McMahon informed the civic leaders of the Victims Support Group the City has established, with the assistance of Government of the N.W.T. and Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, to assist the families and friends of the miners who died in the September 18 explosion at Royal Oak Mines.

"It is going to take a long time to resolve this situation, but I encourage everyone in the community to pull together and to reach out to those individuals who have been hurt or isolated by these deaths," said Mayor McMahon.

Any individuals or groups willing to offer support services are asked to contact City Hall at (403) 920-5685 or (403) 920-5624. Anyone who requires counselling is encouraged to contact the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Crisis Line at (403) 920-0896.

Participating in today's meeting were Western Arctic MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Yellowknife North MLA Michael Ballantyne, Yellowknife Frame Lake MLA Charles Dent, Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford, Mayor Pat McMahon and representatives of the Yellowknife Catholic Schools, Yellowknife School District No. 1, the Board of Secondary Education, the N.W.T. Status of Women Council, Stanton Yellowknife Hospital's Mental Health Clinic and the Department of Social Services.

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The civic leaders group will meet as necessary.

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Public Accounts Committee to publicly review comprehensive audit of Department of Health

YELLOWKNIFE (October 16, 1992) - A comprehensive audit of the territorial Department of Health conducted by the Auditor General of Canada has been delivered to the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T.

Mr. Ballantyne has transmitted the audit to the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts, which will examine the document and hold a public review probably early in the new year, says Committee Chairman Henry Zoe, the MLA for North Slave.

The audit, conducted in late 1991 and early 1992, was requested by the Legislative Assembly and delves into the present state of health care in the Northwest Territories and the direction it should take in the future.

The audit makes a number of recommendations regarding organizational structure, planning for the future, employees, managing information, capital assets, finances, and management reporting and accountability.

Copies of "Comprehensive Audit of the Department of Health: A Report to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories" are available by contacting Committee Clerk Rhoda Perkison at (403) 873-7255. Outside of Yellowknife call toll free to 1-800-661-0784.

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Legislative Assembly tests fibre optic television system

YELLOWKNIFE (October 19, 1992) - The N.W.T.'s first fibre optic television system was tested today at the new Legislative Assembly building.

Participating in the test were the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T., and Ron Williams, President of Mackenzie Media.

The project was made possible by the combined efforts of the Legislative Assembly Building Society, the GNWT Department Responsible for Government Services and Public Works, Mackenzie Media Ltd., Optical Networks International and Satellite North Limited.

"Given the vast size of the Northwest Territories, it is vital that the Legislative Assembly take full advantage of this state-of-the-art technology and develop the ability to reach as many Northerners as possible when important events are to be televised," said Mr. Ballantyne.

Mr. Williams said "With this system in place, the new Legislative Assembly building will now be in a position to transmit broadcast quality television signals to the N.W.T. Communications Centre for furtherance via the TVNC Network. As well, it will be able to receive all television and radio signals that are available on Mackenzie Media's Cable-TV system".

Jerry Giberson, TVNC Director of Operations, added that "We welcome this first step in having the Legislative Assembly proceedings join the Television Northern Canada programming service. We expect that Northerners are looking forward to seeing their MLAs in action".

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Legislative Assembly Committee Opposes WCB Plan To Raise Employer Assessment Rates

YELLOWKNIFE (October 28, 1992) - Members of the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions are calling for reductions in the Workers' Compensation Board's proposed hike in assessment rates for employers.

"Committee members were shocked by the WCB's proposal to increase assessment rates by an average of 12 per cent as of January 1, 1993," says Committee Chairperson Fred Koe, the MLA for Inuvik.

Hardest hit by the WCB's proposed increases will be: mineral mines, 22 per cent; business, professional, education and other services, 22 per cent; fishing, game outfitters, trapping and canning, 23 per cent; building construction and allied trades, 24 per cent; painting, decorating, flooring, tiling, etc, 24 per cent; local ground transportation, 25 per cent, and forest fire fighters, 25 per cent.

Committee members were briefed on the proposed assessment increases by the Minister Responsible for the WCB, the Hon. Dennis Patterson, on Tuesday, October 27, 1992.

Following the briefing, Committee members requested and received confirmation that a second actuarial opinion would be sought and that a wide range of alternatives would be considered. Committee members also expressed concern that the WCB did not advise the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Finance, and Members of the Legislative Assembly prior to the public release of the proposed increases.

Other members of the Standing Committee on Agencies Boards and Commissions are Yellowknife Centre MLA Brian Lewis, Nahendeh MLA Jim Antoine, Natilikmiot MLA John Ningark, Yellowknife Frame Lake MLA Charles Dent, Thebacha MLA Jeannie Marie-Jewell, and Keewatin Central MLA John Todd.



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Special Committee Conducting Extensive Public Review of Health and Social Services

YELLOWKNIFE (October 28, 1992)- The Legislative Assembly has begun the most extensive public review of health and social policies ever undertaken in the Northwest Territories.

The Special Committee on Health and Social Services is examining the effectiveness of current programs, identifying possible improvements or alternatives and will recommend how these services should be organized and provided. The Committee will report its findings to the Legislative Assembly in the fall of 1993.

Under the theme "Talking and Working Together", the Committee has planned an unprecedented degree of consultation with the people who provide and receive these services. Committee members will conduct workshops and public hearings in every region, meet with local organizations and professionals, visit at least one community in each of the 24 electoral districts, survey front-line workers and conduct a public information program.

The first series of public events will be held in the Keewatin Region. The Committee will visit the people of Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake and Repulse Bay between November 9 and 13.

In order to focus these discussions, the Committee has chosen to devote particular attention to the organization and delivery of health and social services to four groups who rely most upon these programs: children; young people; elders and those suffering from addiction to alcohol and drugs. The Committee is committed to a system of health and social services which is accessible to those in need of care, affordable, sensitive to our community's traditions and open to public input.

"The theme 'Talking and Working Together' captures the essence of how we are going to proceed in the months ahead," stated Charles Dent, Co-chair of the Committee and MLA for Yellowknife Frame Lake. "We want to learn from people in every one of our communities. I urge all concerned citizens to meet with us or to make written submissions to the Committee."

Committee Co-chair Richard Nerysoo, MLA for Mackenzie Delta, added that "the information we receive from the public will be turned into practical recommendations. Our goal is a modern system of services which reflects the traditional and other forms of care practised throughout our community."



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Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions begins review of N.W.T. Power Corporation

YELLOWKNIFE (November 27, 1992) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions began its comprehensive review of the N.W.T. Power Corporation with a two-hour information session Wednesday.

"This review is a part of the regular system which the Legislative Assembly has in place to ensure the accountability of government agencies and corporations," says Committee Chair Fred Koe. "It is very timely for a number of reasons, including recommendations that have been made in the 'Strength At Two Levels' report, recent studies of the privatization potential and new hydro initiatives."

Committee Member John Todd agrees, "We have to take a close look at this Corporation. It exerts a major economic influence on the North and operational and development aspects have to be better understood."

The purpose of Wednesday's meeting was to provide the Standing Committee and interested members of the public with a range of background information on the history and current status of the Power Corporation.

Providing Committee members with background information on the Power Corporation were the Honourable Nellie Cournoyea, the Minister Responsible for the Power Corporation, Mr. John Hill, the Chairman of the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories, and Mr. J.H. Robertson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the N.W.T. Power Corporation.

Committee members were also given an overview of the planning process within the Power Corporation, including comments on the decision-making process used for research, evaluation and development, and an outline of current initiatives undertaken by the Power Corporation to expand and improve the existing framework for the delivery of power and other utilities to Northwest Territories communities.



The Standing Committee has been established by the Twelfth Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T. to review and comment on operational and organizational aspects of agencies, boards, public committees, councils and commissions to which the Legislative Assembly, the Executive Council, Ministers or the Commissioner make some or all of the appointments.

Members of the Committee are: Chairperson Fred Koe, MLA for Inuvik; Deputy Chairperson Brian Lewis, MLA for Yellowknife Centre; Jim Antoine, MLA for Nahendeh; Charles Dent, MLA for Yellowknife Frame Lake; Jeannie Marie-Jewell, MLA for Thebacha; John Ningark, MLA for Natilikmiot, and John Todd, MLA for Keewatin Central.

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Election To Fill Cabinet Vacancies Scheduled For Friday, December 4, 1992

YELLOWKNIFE (December 1, 1992) - MLAs will hold an election on Friday, December 4 to fill the Eastern Arctic Cabinet positions left vacant by the resignation of Iqaluit MLA Dennis Patterson and Aivilik MLA James Arvaluk.

The election will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the public is welcome to attend, says Inuvik MLA Fred Koe, Chairman of Caucus.

The election will begin with nominations from all MLAs. Those Eastern Arctic MLAs who are nominated and accept the nomination will then be given an opportunity to make a 10-minute speech. Following the speeches, all MLAs will vote in a secret ballot.

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Election Procedures

Cabinet Selection

- This election will take place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.
- This election will be to elect two Nunavut/Eastern nominees to the Cabinet.
- It will be a secret ballot election.
- All Members present will be entitled to vote.
- Members not present will be entitled to vote by giving their proxy to another Member who will be present at the election and indicating their proxy to the Clerk, who holds the proxies.
- The Speaker will preside over this election process.
- The Speaker will be granted all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum during the course of this process. Points of Order and Privilege will not be allowed.
- The Speaker will ask for nominations from the floor and the nominee will either immediately accept or decline the nomination.
- Members will not be permitted to nominate themselves.
- If only two Members are nominated, then those Members shall be acclaimed as the Cabinet Ministers-elect.
- Once nominations close, the Speaker will distribute a listing of all nominees in alphabetical order.
- In alphabetical order, each candidate will be permitted to make a ten minute speech.
- There will not be a question and answer period.
- Once all candidates have made their speeches, the Speaker will call on Members to commence voting.
- A ballot box and two voting booths will be positioned on the Clerk's Table. Members will receive ballots from the two tables set up on either side of the Speaker's Chair.
- Members will proceed to vote. The Speaker is permitted to vote.

- **Once all Members have voted, the ballot box will be taken to the Clerk's Office where the Table Officers will count the ballots. The Speaker will not be involved in the counting of the ballots.**
- **Vote totals will not be announced.**
- **A nominee must receive at least thirteen (13) votes to be elected.**
- **If none of the nominees receive at least thirteen (13) votes on a ballot, then the name of the nominee with the smallest number of votes is dropped from the ballot.**
- **If two or more nominees receive the smallest number of votes, all candidates receiving less than thirteen (13) votes will remain on the ballot.**
- **If there is a tie vote, then this will be announced and another vote will take place. This will continue until two nominees each receive thirteen (13) votes.**
- **The bells will ring for five minutes to bring Members back in once the results are determined.**
- **Nominees may withdraw their names after the first ballot but must do so before the commencement of the second or subsequent ballot.**
- **The Speaker will announce who the Members have elected as the new Cabinet Ministers-elect.**
- **The result of this election will be ratified by a motion in the Legislative Assembly at a later date.**

Adopted December 1, 1992

Rebecca Mike and John Todd elected to Cabinet

YELLOWKNIFE (December 4, 1992) - Baffin Central MLA Rebecca Mike and Keewatin Central MLA John Todd were elected as Cabinet Members-elect this afternoon.

The election results will be formally ratified by a motion in the Legislative Assembly on Monday, December 7, 1992.

Today's election was held in public in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and MLAs voted by secret ballot. Also nominated in the election was Kivallivik MLA Silas Arngna'naaq. Ms. Mike and Mr. Todd were elected to replace Iqaluit MLA Dennis Patterson and Aivilik MLA James Arvaluk who both resigned from Cabinet within the past week.

Another election will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 1992, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chamber to elect a Western replacement for Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford who resigned from the Cabinet this morning.

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**Swearing-In Ceremony for Cabinet Members-Elect
Scheduled for December 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

YELLOWKNIFE (December 7, 1992) - Baffin Central MLA Rebecca Mike and Keewatin Central MLA John Todd will be sworn in as members of the Cabinet this evening at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Daniel Norris will swear in the Cabinet Members-Elect in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at 6:00 p.m. or immediately following the end of today's sitting of the Third Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly.

Ms. Mike and Mr. Todd were elected to replace Iqaluit MLA Dennis Patterson and Aivilik MLA James Arvaluk who both resigned from Cabinet within the past week.

Another election will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 1992, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chamber to elect a Western replacement for Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford who resigned from the Cabinet last Friday.

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Election To Fill Cabinet Vacancy Scheduled For Wednesday, December 9, 1992

YELLOWKNIFE (December 8, 1992) - MLAs will hold an election on Wednesday, December 9 to fill the Western Cabinet position left vacant by the resignation of Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford.

The election will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the public is welcome to attend, says Inuvik MLA Fred Koe, Chairman of Caucus.

The election will begin with nominations from all MLAs. Those Western MLAs who are nominated and accept the nomination will then be given an opportunity to make a 10-minute speech. Following the speeches, all MLAs will vote in a secret ballot.

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Election Procedures

Cabinet Selection

- This election will take place in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.
- This election will be to elect one Western nominee to the Cabinet.
- It will be a secret ballot election.
- All Members present will be entitled to vote.
- Members not present will be entitled to vote by giving their proxy to another Member who will be present at the election and indicating their proxy to the Clerk, who holds the proxies.
- The Speaker will preside over this election process.
- The Speaker will be granted all authority necessary to maintain order and decorum during the course of this process. Points of Order and Privilege will not be allowed.
- The Speaker will ask for nominations from the floor and the nominee will either immediately accept or decline the nomination.
- Members will not be permitted to nominate themselves.
- If only one Member is nominated, then that Member shall be acclaimed as the Cabinet Minister-elect.
- Once nominations close, the Speaker will distribute a listing of all nominees in alphabetical order.
- In alphabetical order, each candidate will be permitted to make a ten minute speech.
- There will not be a question and answer period.
- Once all candidates have made their speeches, the Speaker will call on Members to commence voting.
- A ballot box and two voting booths will be positioned on the Clerk's Table. Members will receive ballots from the two tables set up on either side of the Speaker's Chair.
- Members will proceed to vote. The Speaker is permitted to vote.

- Once all Members have voted, the ballot box will be taken to the Clerk's Office where the Table Officers will count the ballots. The Speaker will not be involved in the counting of the ballots.
- Vote totals will not be announced.
- A nominee must receive at least thirteen (13) votes to be elected.
- If none of the nominees receive at least thirteen (13) votes on a ballot, then the name of the nominee with the smallest number of votes is dropped from the ballot.
- If two or more nominees receive the smallest number of votes, all candidates receiving less than thirteen (13) votes will remain on the ballot.
- If there is a tie vote, then this will be announced and another vote will take place. This will continue until two nominees each receive thirteen (13) votes.
- The bells will ring for five minutes to bring Members back in once the results are determined.
- Nominees may withdraw their names after the first ballot but must do so before the commencement of the second or subsequent ballot.
- The Speaker will announce the Member who has been elected as the new Cabinet Minister-elect.
- The result of this election will be ratified by a motion in the Legislative Assembly at a later date.

Mackenzie Delta MLA Richard Nerysoo elected to Cabinet

YELLOWKNIFE (December 9, 1992) - After four ballots and two hours, Mackenzie Delta MLA Richard Nerysoo was elected as a Cabinet Member-elect early this afternoon.

The election results will be formally ratified by a motion in the Legislative Assembly during this afternoon's sitting and Mr. Nerysoo will be sworn in as a member of Cabinet this evening.

Today's election was held in public in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and MLAs voted by secret ballot. Also nominated in the election were Deh Cho MLA Samuel Gargan, Inuvik MLA Fred Koe, Yellowknife Centre MLA Brian Lewis and North Slave MLA Henry Zoe. Mr. Nerysoo was elected to replace Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford who resigned from Cabinet on Friday, December 4, 1992.

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RICHARD NERYSOO
 MLA, Mackenzie Delta

Richard Nerysoo was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in 1979, and was re-elected in 1983, 1987 and most recently in October of 1991.

Mr. Nerysoo is a member of the 12th Legislative Assembly's Management and Services Board, and deputy chair of both the Standing Committee on Legislation, and the Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges. Mr. Nerysoo is also an alternate Member of the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions. He is also co-chair of the Special Committee on Health and Social Services.

Mr. Nerysoo was elected Speaker of the 11th Legislative Assembly in October, 1989. He is the first Aboriginal person to serve in this capacity and also has the distinction of being the first Aboriginal person and the youngest Member to serve as Government Leader.

He was chosen as Government Leader and Minister of Justice and Public Services at the start of his second term in 1983. In his first term, Mr. Nerysoo gained experience as Minister of Renewable Resources and of the Energy and Resource Development Secretariat, as well as Chairman of the House Planning and Legislation Committee.

From 1985 to 1987, he chaired the Standing Committee on Finance and was also a vice-president for the Mackenzie Delta Regional and Tribal Council. During the following two years, he was a negotiator for the Dene Metis land claim on the issue of self-government. From 1988-1989, he served as chairman of Ajautit, the ordinary Members' Committee. At the time of his election to the Speakership, he was also a member of the Standing Committee on Finance, the Management and Services Board, and an alternate member of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy.

From 1975-1976, prior to his election as an MLA, Mr. Nerysoo was vice-president of the N.W.T. Indian Brotherhood (now the Dene Nation), and then worked for

the territorial government for a year. He was later a vice-president of the Dene Nation representing the Mackenzie Delta region.

Born at a camp on the Peel River near Fort McPherson in 1953, Mr. Nerysoo was educated in Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Whitehorse.

Mr. Nerysoo was inducted into the Aboriginal Order of Canada by the Native Council of Canada in 1984. In the same year, he received the President's Award from the Metis Association of the N.W.T.

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Deh Cho MLA Sam Gargan formally requests conflict of interest inquiry

YELLOWKNIFE (December 14, 1992) - Deh Cho MLA Sam Gargan has formally requested that the Chief Commissioner of the Conflict of Interest Commission investigate Cabinet Minister Titus Allooloo, the MLA for Amittuq.

In a letter to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. David M. Hamilton, Mr. Gargan formally requested that his complaint be referred to the Chief Commissioner of the Conflict of Interest Commission. Mr. Gargan alleges that Mr. Allooloo has contravened Part III of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, the conflict of interest provisions.

Mr. Gargan states that Mr. Allooloo's relationship with Betty Harnum, the Northwest Territories' Languages Commissioner, effectively compromises his objectivity and impartiality in regards to the Languages Commissioner.

Mr. Allooloo is the current Minister of Renewable Resources and Municipal and Community Affairs. Ms. Harnum is directly accountable to the Legislative Assembly both in terms of reporting to the Assembly on an annual basis and by the fact that she can only be removed from office by the Legislative Assembly.

"Specifically, I am concerned that Mr. Allooloo has contravened section 67(a) and (c) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act by allowing himself to be in a position where the public could question his objectivity and impartiality and suggest that he has failed to act generally to prevent any conflict of interest from arising," Mr. Gargan states in his letter.



"I am not suggesting that Mr. Allooloo has participated in any discussions on the floor of the House which involve the Languages Commissioner. I am, however, concerned, that any actions that I might take as an ordinary Member of this House to criticize the Languages Commissioner or her office may well result in my falling into disfavour with Mr. Allooloo and could possibly have a consequential impact upon Mr. Allooloo's ability to objectively decide on issues affecting my constituency."

Mr. Gargan also states that he believes Mr. Allooloo has contravened section 73(2) which prohibits a Minister's spouse (including common-law spouses) from holding a contract with any government department for which the Minister is responsible.

"I believe that Mr. Allooloo's relationship with Ms. Harnum currently contravenes the spirit and intention of this section."

"Mr. Allooloo is responsible for the Languages Commissioner as are all Members of this House. The fact that she does not report directly to Mr. Allooloo is irrelevant. She reports to all the Members and Mr. Allooloo is as responsible for her conduct in the performance of her duties as I am."

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Standing Committee on Public Accounts to begin review of Health audit

YELLOWKNIFE (December 23, 1992) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Public Accounts will begin its review of the Auditor General's comprehensive audit of the Department of Health with public hearings on January 6-8, 1993.

"The Auditor General's report has identified a number of key issues that must be addressed," says Committee Chairperson Henry Zoe. "These public hearings will provide an excellent opportunity to receive input from individuals and organizations involved in the health care system, with respect to improving the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of territorial health services."

John Ningark, the Committee's Deputy Chairperson, adds: "To make the health system work, people management should be just as much a priority as financial management. We need to ensure that the right human resources are in place to deliver health care programs and services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate format."

The Auditor General, officials from the Department of Health and representatives of professional associations and other public interest groups will be invited to appear at the public hearings and comment on the Auditor General's Comprehensive Audit of the Department of Health, says Mr. Zoe, the MLA for North Slave.

He adds that any members of the general public who wish to present the Standing Committee on Public Accounts with a written submission must do so by 5 p.m., Monday, January 4, 1993. Written submissions can be mailed to Committee Clerk Rhoda Perkison at this address: Legislative Assembly, P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9. Written submissions may also be sent by facsimile to (403) 920-4735.

Copies of the Auditor General's Comprehensive Audit of the GNWT Department of Health are available from the Committee Clerk. Phone (403) 873-7255. Outside of Yellowknife, phone toll free to 1-800-661-0784 and leave a message.



The public hearings will be held in the Legislative Assembly Caucus Room from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8.

The Auditor General of Canada forwarded the Comprehensive Audit of the Department Health to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in October 1992. The Speaker, the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, subsequently referred the audit to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and released it for general distribution. The report was formally tabled in the Assembly on November 17, 1992.

The report was completed by the Auditor General's Office at the request of the previous (Eleventh) Legislative Assembly. It deals with eight general areas: organizational structure; planning for the future; managing people; managing information; capital assets; financial issues, and management reporting and accountability.

In his opening comments in the report, the Auditor General observes: "The topic of health in the N.W.T. is contentious, as demands for more services run into the realities of fiscal restraint. At present, health is the single most expensive program in the N.W.T., and at an annual cost of close to \$200 million, it consumes some 16 per cent of the entire government budget."

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