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## **Special Committee Announces January Public Meetings**

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 15, 1993) - The Special Committee on Health and Social Services has announced its schedule for public hearings later this month.**

Established by the Legislative Assembly, the Special Committee is conducting the most extensive public review of health and social policies ever undertaken in the Northwest Territories. The public is invited to attend and participate in the upcoming meetings to be held in the following communities: Fort Simpson, Tuesday, January 26; Fort Providence, Wednesday, January 27, and Hay River, Thursday, January 28.

Charles Dent, MLA for Yellowknife Frame Lake and Chairperson of the Social Committee, states that "these public meetings and other consultations are vital to the Committee's ability to reflect the needs of our communities. Our previous visits to centres in the Keewatin demonstrated that people want to share their concerns and ideas with the Committee."

"This is because our focus is on issues of real concern to Northerners, and not just departments or agencies. As a result, the recommendations we make to the Legislative Assembly will be designed to produce solutions that will really address the needs of those who use, and those who deliver our system of health and social services. We look forward to hearing from the people of Fort Simpson, Fort Providence and Hay River when we visit their communities."

Under the theme "Talking & Working Together" the Special Committee is focusing its study on the organization and delivery of health and social services to four key groups within the community: children, young people, elders, and those suffering from addiction to alcohol and drugs. The Committee is also examining health care costs and service delivery models. The Committee will table its final report and recommendations to the Legislative Assembly in the fall of 1993.



Last month the Special Committee tabled its third Interim Report which summarizes the main issues raised by the people of the Keewatin during the Committee's November consultations.

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## **CORRECTION**

Please note the following correction to the press release headlined "Special Committee Announces January Public Meetings" which was distributed by fax on Friday, January 15, 1993.

The first sentence of the third paragraph should read: "Charles Dent, MLA for Yellowknife Frame Lake and Chairperson of the *Special Committee*, states..."







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## **Chief Conflict of Interest Commissioner Dismisses Complaint Against Titus Allooloo**

YELLOWKNIFE (February 1, 1993) - Chief Conflict of Interest Commissioner Joel Fournier has dismissed a complaint brought against Amittuq MLA Titus Allooloo by Deh Cho MLA Sam Gargan.

In his decision, forwarded to the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Fournier dismisses the complaint and states that Mr. Allooloo is not in conflict as defined by the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, nor have his private affairs contravened the spirit or letter of the legislation in question.

"After a thorough review of the information available to me and having regard to all of the circumstances of this matter I am unable to find any merit to the argument put forth by Mr. Gargan. Similarly, I am unable to find any conduct by the Member that would constitute an infringement of the statutes," he states.

Mr. Gargan formally requested on December 14, 1992, that the Chief Conflict of Interest Commissioner investigate Mr. Allooloo. He alleged that Mr. Allooloo had contravened Section 67(a) and (b) and Section 73(2) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act by virtue of his relationship with Betty Harnum, the Legislative Assembly's appointee as Languages Commissioner.

Mr. Allooloo is the Minister of the Departments of Renewable Resources and Municipal and Community Affairs.

Mr. Ballantyne will table the Chief Conflict of Interest Commissioner's report in its entirety when the Third Session of the 12th Legislative Assembly resumes sitting on Wednesday, February 17, 1993.



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The Constitutional Development Steering Committee will meet again today to try and finalize a work plan for the next stage of western constitutional development.

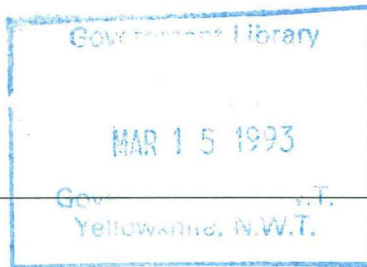
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## **Kitikmeot by-election for Legislative Assembly scheduled for Monday, May 10, 1993**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 12, 1993) - A by-election will be held Monday, May 10, 1993 to elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district of Kitikmeot.**

The process of calling a by-election began today with Commissioner Daniel Norris issuing an order advising the Chief Electoral Officer to issue a Writ of Election on Friday, March 26, 1993. The Writ calls for the Polling Day to be Monday, May 10, 1993, and for nominations to close at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 1993.

Enumeration will begin Wednesday, April 7 and end on Saturday, April 10, 1993. You are eligible to vote if you: are 18 years of age or older as of May 10, 1993; are a Canadian citizen; have lived in the Northwest Territories since May 10, 1992, and your ordinary residence — the place you call home — is in the Kitikmeot electoral district.

The Kitikmeot electoral district is comprised of the communities of Cambridge Bay, Coppermine, Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet, as well as the Lupin Mine at Contwoyto Lake and the DEW Line/North Warning Sites at Lady Franklin Point, Byron Bay, Cape Young and Cambridge Bay.

The Returning Officer for the by-election is Rhoda Maghagak of Cambridge Bay.

The seat became vacant when former MLA Ernie Bernhardt resigned on Friday, February 5, 1993. The 24 Members of the 12th Legislative Assembly were elected in a general election on October 15, 1991. In that election, ballots were cast by 95.15 per cent of the 1,176 voters on the voters list in the Kitikmeot electoral district.

Contact Elections N.W.T. for more information. Outside of Yellowknife, call toll free to 1-800-661-0796. In Yellowknife, call 920-6999. The Elections N.W.T. facsimile number is (403) 873-0366.



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## **Sharks Announce Final Roster for Media - MLA Grudge Schmockey Match**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 19, 1993) -** MLA Sharks Coach Jeannie Marie-Jewell has released the Legislative Assembly's final roster for tomorrow's Schmockey match with the Media Ravens.

"It's not too late for the Media Ravens to turn chicken," said coach and MLA Jeannie Marie-Jewell in announcing the Sharks' line-up. "Perhaps after reviewing our roster they'd prefer a rousing game of non-contact cribbage."

The Sharks held their final practice last night and are described by one high-placed government official as "a finely-tuned hockey machine" and "poetry in motion".

"It is my opinion that the Sharks will deliver a crushing defeat to the Ravens tomorrow night," said the official who fears media reprisal and wishes to remain anonymous.

MLAs donning the Sharks' blue-and-white uniform are Nellie "the Puck Stops Here" Cournoyea, Titus "Be Bop" Allooloo, Rebecca "You're lucky I'm the Minister of Health..." Mike, Richard "Mad Trapper" Nerysoo, Samuel "Grumpy" Gargan, Henry "Zorro" Zoe, James "Lee Van Cliff" Arvaluk, Don "Teflon" Morin and Jim "Lynx River Trapper" Antoine.

Representing the Legislative Assembly staff will be Joe "Mad Dog" Maduke, Craig "Smokie" Robinson, Vera "The Rocket" Raschke, Kuluk "The Clipper" Gamble, Sheila "the Enforcer" MacPherson, Tina "Mean Teen" Meharrie and Angela "Happy" Carriere.

Also taking to the ice for the Sharks will be deputy minister Conrad "The Python" Pilon and assistant deputy ministers Al "The Mover" Menard and Andy "Mr. Zero" Langford.

The Ravens have agreed to a special request to allow Archie "Say Your Prayers" Catholique to play for the Sharks, says MLA Sam Gargan. "This... was a serious tactical error on the part of the media. But I guess we've always known that they're not playing with a full duffel bag."



The second annual Schmockey match between the MLAs and Yellowknife Media All-Stars is scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow night at the Yellowknife Community Arena. All proceeds will be donated to the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Intensive Care Unit.

For more slanderous comments about the Media Ravens, contact Sharks General Manager David "Scotty" Hamilton.

## **Yellowknife artist's designs selected for banners to be flown in Ottawa and the N.W.T.'s Capital City**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 24, 1993) - Banners designed by local artist Kayhan Nadji have been chosen to fly in Yellowknife and Ottawa this summer as part of a project designed to link the Capital Cities.**

"The opening of our new Legislative Assembly building is an event unique in the history of the Northwest Territories and we believe Mr. Nadji's designs will help convey our message to those who see the banners in Ottawa and in Yellowknife," said the Hon. Michael Ballantyne, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T.

The banners were commissioned by the Legislative Assembly and the National Capital Commission (NCC) to commemorate the opening of the Assembly's new building this year. The actual banners, which will measure 36 inches by 72 inches, are currently in production and will be unveiled in ceremonies to be held simultaneously in Ottawa and Yellowknife on Monday, June 21 — the first day of summer!

After the official unveiling, the banners will hang outside of the new Legislative Assembly building in Yellowknife and outside Canada's Capital Visitor Information Centre, located in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa.

Mr. Nadji's banners depict the following themes: the new Legislative Assembly building and the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly; the Northwest Territories - past, present and future, and contributions of Aboriginal elders and their connections with youth in the territories.

The banner depicting the new Assembly building and the Legislative Assembly features the territorial flag, the Mace of the Northwest Territories, the N.W.T. coat of arms, drawings of the new Assembly from two different angles, and 24 small circles representing the 24 MLAs/constituencies of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Nadji portrayed the past, present and future of the N.W.T. with a collage featuring an Arctic exploration ship sailing among icebergs and fish, a dog sled and a gold mine.

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A tipi, igloo, drum, inukshuk, caribou, bow and arrow, Arctic landscape and a circle of orbs representing drum dancers combine to represent the contribution of elders in Mr. Nadji's third banner.

Mr. Nadji's designs were selected from an N.W.T.-wide banner design competition that was held in January of this year. Five semi-finalists were selected by a panel of local judges. The final selection was made by the Legislative Assembly in conjunction with the NCC.

Honourable mention goes to semi-finalists David John A. Tologanak of Cambridge Bay, Ruth Lehmann of Inuvik, Brian Brulé of Fort Providence and Lynda Church of Yellowknife.

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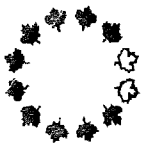
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Yellowknife artist Kayhan Nadji, right, receives round-trip airline tickets to Ottawa from John Hoyles, General Manager and Executive Vice-President of the National Capital Commission. Mr. Nadji is the winner of an N.W.T.-wide competition to design a series of three banners which will be flown in Yellowknife and Ottawa as part of the 1993 N.W.T./Ottawa Linkage Project. *Photo courtesy of the Legislative Assembly*





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## CAPITAL TO CAPITAL - BUILDING THE TIES THAT BIND

**Canada's Capital** - As part of its on-going commitment to create a symbolic Capital for all Canadians, the National Capital Commission (NCC), is pleased to announce that a new, significant link has been formed with the government of the Northwest Territories.

To honour the opening of the new legislative assembly building in Yellowknife, the NCC and the government of the Northwest Territories have commissioned a set of three special banners by northern artist Kayhan Nadji.

Nadji's banner designs were selected through a joint design competition held by the government of the Northwest Territories and the NCC. The banners will hang outside the "Canada's Capital Visitor Information Centre", located in front of the Parliament Buildings in Canada's Capital and the original set will hang outside the new legislative assembly building in Yellowknife.

This project is part of the NCC's plan to showcase each of the provinces and territories within the Capital and to bring the message of a symbolic capital to Canadians who aren't able to actually visit the Capital region.

The NCC is a Crown Corporation with a mandate to build pride and unity in Canada, through the Capital. By building strong links between the provincial, territorial and national capitals, the NCC hopes to create a meaningful place for Canadians to meet, exchange ideas and feel a sense of history and belonging.

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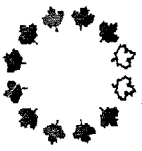
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### BIOGRAPHY

Kayhan Nadji was born in Iran in 1948. He received his Master's degree in Architecture from the National University of Iran and started his own architecture practice. He emigrated to Canada in 1978 to continue his education in architecture and he became a member of the Ordre des architectes du Québec in 1986 and a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada in 1989.

The natural beauty and spirituality which exists in the nature of the North has always held a deep rooted interest for Kayhan. Part of the reason he moved to the North (Yellowknife) was to capture this beauty and spirituality and make it apart of his art.

While in the North, Kayhan is also involved in scientific research to conduct study about "Architecture and Construction Techniques in Northern Climate".

Kayhan began painting when he was a child. He paints in oil and water colour and has participated in painting exhibitions in Canada and overseas. He has also received several awards for his logo designs in Canada.

In the design of his banner, great consideration was given to northern aboriginal culture.

Circular motifs have been placed in the centre of the three banners to illustrate the significance of culture and spirituality throughout the cultural, legislative and industrial development of northern Canada. The importance of the drum, drummers and drum dancers is portrayed through these circular elements as well.

Colours have been carefully chosen to represent official colours of the Northwest Territories and highlight Northern life and land symbols.

The banner pays tribute to all Northern people, elders, governing bodies and the business community of the past, present and future.

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## **Members of the Legislative Assembly to discuss priorities during three-day workshop**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 31, 1993) - Members of the Legislative Assembly will travel to Fort Providence Saturday for a three-day planning workshop.**

Caucus Chairperson Fred Koe, Inuvik MLA, said MLAs will discuss a number of items of common concern, including their priorities and the kinds of decisions that will have to be made to prepare for the division of the Territories in 1999. The MLAs will also consider recommendations dealing with a code of ethics for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

"There is a lot of work and a lot of strategic planning to be done. Members of the Assembly need to set aside this time from their hectic schedules and map out their approach on various issues," Mr. Koe said.

Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea and Mr. Koe, as Chair of Caucus, will issue a communiqué on the workshop and will be available for interviews when they return to Yellowknife.

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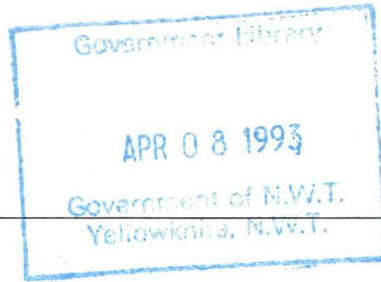












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## Workshop Identifies Decision Points

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 7) — A strategic planning workshop has resulted in a blueprint charting key operation and constitutional decisions that have to be made over the next seven years by the Territorial government and Legislative Assembly.**

The workshop organized by the joint Cabinet/MLA working group on reshaping northern government, ended its three days of discussions Tuesday evening. A second strategy session is planned for late summer.

"It's important for everyone to know what decisions have to be made and when they have to be made," Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea told a press conference today.

The blueprint lists, on a yearly basis, the various steps that have to be taken in order to achieve a Nunavut government and a new constitution for the Western Territories by 1999, including the establishment of an electoral boundaries commission to redefine constituencies in each Territory. It also charts the normal operations of government and the committee work of the Legislative Assembly.

Caucus Chair Fred Koe said the work required to respond to land claims and self-government initiatives as well as preparations for division is significant. At the same time, Cabinet and the Legislature can't lose sight of its ongoing economic, social, housing, and environmental challenges.

He said the blueprint will be refined and circulated widely throughout the Territories.

The workshop wasn't intended to produce conclusions and direction on all of the issues facing the Northwest Territories. Rather, it provided the opportunity for Members to develop an understanding of current obligations and to identify where further work is required and the matters which will have to be dealt with by the next Assembly and Government.

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## **Workshop Identifies Decision Points: Page 2**

Meanwhile, MLAs and Cabinet Members also considered the effectiveness of consensus government and how to improve the relationship and dialogue between the Legislative Assembly and Executive branches of Government. Mr. Koe said there is general agreement that the Territories' present system is working.

"It might not be as smooth as some people would like to see it, but that's politics. We do get the work done," he stated.

The workshop also discussed proposals for a code of ethics outlining the principles that should guide how Members of the Legislative Assembly conduct themselves. Further consideration has been referred to the Assembly's Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges.

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## **Social Housing Committee to monitor proposed federal funding cuts to housing**

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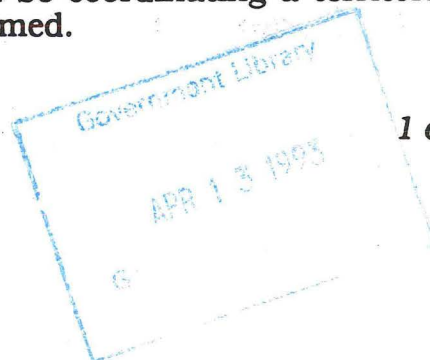
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Brochures on the Kitikmeot by-election, produced in English, French and Inuinnaqtun, were distributed to all postal boxes in Coppermine and Cambridge Bay.

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The Writ for today's by-election was issued March 26. Door-to-door enumeration took place in Cambridge Bay and Coppermine between April 7 and 10. The North Warning Line and DEW Line Sites were enumerated by fax at the same time. Voters in Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo were enumerated and voted during a mobile poll on Saturday, May 1. Advanced polls were held in Cambridge Bay and Coppermine on April 29 and May 4.

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# KIT KMEOT BY-ELECTION, MONDAY MAY 10, 1993

## Unofficial Results

Polling Stations		Ballots cast for					Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list	
Name	No.	Bill Adamache	Harry Maksagak	Kelvin Ng	Andy Palongayak	Keith Paterson					
Cambridge Bay .....	1	19	21	129	11	65		245	343	71.43	
Cambridge Bay .....	2	17	31	140	8	62		258	289	89.27	
Byron Bay .....	3	--	--	2	1	1		4	9	44.44	
Lady Franklin Point .....	4	Poll Cancelled									
Cape Young .....	5	--	1	1	1	2		5	11	45.45	
Coppermine .....	6	121	5	78	13	48		265	342	77.49	
Coppermine .....	7	72	1	59	9	31		172	227	75.77	
Bathurst Inlet .....	8	--	--	4	--	2		6	6	100	
Bay Chimo .....	9	--	--	5	2	12		19	19	100	
Advance Poll, Cambridge Bay .....	No. 1	1	--	10	--	1		12	---		
Advance Poll, Coppermine .....	No. 2	10	1	8	1	4		24	---		
<b>Totals .....</b>		240	60	436	46	228		1,010	1,246	81.06	
<b>Percentage of valid votes .....</b>		23.76	5.94	43.17	4.55	22.57	.....				



## RESULTS FROM 1991 GENERAL ELECTION -- KITIKMEOT ELECTORAL DISTRICT

## KITIKMEOT

Returning Officer: Rhoda Maghagak, Cambridge Bay, NWT, secretary

Writ dated August 30, 1991

Nomination: September 16, 1991

Election: October 15, 1991

Candidates { Ernie Bernhardt, Coppermine, NWT, self-employed  
 Edna Elias, Coppermine, NWT, principal  
 Allen Maghagak, Cambridge Bay, NWT, executive director  
 Kelvin Ng, Yellowknife, NWT, businessman  
 Joe Ohokannoak, Cambridge Bay, NWT, civil servant

Polling Stations		Ballots cast for					Rejected ballot papers	Total vote	Electors on list	Total vote as percentage of electors on list	
Name	No.	Ernie Bernhardt	Edna Elias	Allen Maghagak	Kelvin Ng	Joe Ohokannoak					
Cambridge Bay .....	1	44	21	0	65	112	3	245	269	91.08%	
Cambridge Bay .....	2	45	15	11	81	129	1	282	315	89.52%	
Byron Bay .....	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	9	9	100.00%	
Lady Franklin Point ...	4	NO POLL HELD									
Cape Young .....	5	4	8	0	1	0	0	13	13	100.00%	
Coppermine .....	6	142	55	3	85	10	4	299	325	92.00%	
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## Western Constitutional Process

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 13, 1993) - A work plan for the next stage of western constitutional development has been approved and is being implemented.**

The focus of the work plan is a constitutional conference tentatively scheduled for November, 1993. In preparation for the conference, the work plan provides for contributions to nine organizations to research means to accommodate community and/or regional, public and/or aboriginal self-government within a government framework for a western territory. The objective of the process continues to be the development of a constitution and a structure of government for the western territory to be established in 1999.

The work plan was recommended to the Government of the Northwest Territories by the Constitutional Development Steering Committee (CDSC). The CDSC is a committee comprised of the leaders of seven western aboriginal organizations, fourteen western MLAs, a representative chosen from women's organizations, and the mayors of three western tax-based municipalities chosen to represent non-aboriginal residents. The committee, which replaced the original Committee of Political Leaders in February, has a mandate to design, implement and guide the process of developing a constitution and structure of government for the western territory. Major decisions on the character and content of the proposed new constitution will not be taken by this Committee.

This second stage in the process will build on the work begun by the Bourque Commission which released its report in April 1992 and whose members appeared before the Legislative Assembly in March 1993. About \$715,000 in contributions is being divided among the following groups for research: Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Gwich'in Tribal Council, Sahtu Tribal Council, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, Deh Cho Tribal Council, Metis Nation - N.W.T., Dene Nation (on behalf of the N.W.T. Treaty 8 Tribal Council), Association of Western Tax Based Municipalities, Native Women's Association of the N.W.T./Status of Women Council of the N.W.T.

The anticipated constitutional conference in late 1993 would include western political leaders from the communities as well as territorial and federal levels. The agenda of the conference would include setting a contemporary context for development of a western constitution, (e.g. self-government, constitutional constraints, etc.), reports from participants on recent related activities, review of the recommendations from the Bourque Commission Report, presentations from groups who have completed research, highlighting and exchanges on major issues, and discussions on the role for federal government.

The conference objectives would be to make as much progress as reasonably possible towards the identification of principles and options for a new constitution and structure of government, and to generate recommendations on how the process should be completed including public consultation, a second constitutional conference, the possibility of a constitutional convention empowered to produce a final proposal, and a procedure for formal ratification. The conference would also recommend what materials should be distributed to the public in the wake of the conference.



"It is important for the public to realize that work on the development of a constitution for the west is just nicely under way," said Mr. Fred E. Koe, MLA for Inuvik and Chairperson of the CDSC. "The constitutional conference in the fall is one more step in a process of public consultation leading eventually to a proposal requiring full, public ratification. Interested groups and individuals will have plenty of opportunity to review options and to put forth their own proposals before any final package is drafted."

The Chairperson of the CDSC's sub-committee or Working Group, the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, noted that not all the intervenors funded by the Bourque Commission are receiving contributions to research community government. "The Bourque Commission funded groups to organize their points of view on a variety of issues related to constitutional development. Because this round is focused on a specific subject, it was agreed that only those groups with a very direct interest in the subject would be funded," he observed. "However, I encourage other groups and interested individuals to make their views on community government known to any of the groups listed above. I am sure all contributions will be well received."

It is anticipated that future rounds of consultation will include some funding for intervenors.

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## **Kelvin Ng sworn in as Kitikmeot MLA**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 25, 1993) - Kelvin Ng of Cambridge Bay was sworn in yesterday as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kitikmeot by Commissioner Daniel Norris.**

The ceremony took place in the lobby of the Legislative Assembly building at 12:00 p.m. and was attended by Premier Nellie Cournoyea, the MLA for Nunakput, Speaker Micheal Ballantyne, the MLA for Yellowknife North, and MLAs John Ningark of Natilikmeot, Tony Whitford of Yellowknife South and Charles Dent of Yellowknife Frame Lake.

Also present for the ceremony were the members of Mr. Ng's family: his wife, Susie, his son Gregory, 10, and daughters Andrea, 8, and Tanya, 7.

Mr. Ng was elected as MLA for the electoral district of Kitikmeot in a by-election held Monday, May 10. The by-election was made necessary by the resignation of Ernie Bernhardt, who was elected as the Kitikmeot MLA in the 1991 N.W.T. general election.

Mr. Ng, 34, was born in Vancouver, B.C. and moved to Cambridge Bay in May 1978 after receiving a diploma in accounting from the Vancouver Community College.

Mr. Ng worked as a management trainee for the Hudson's Bay Company upon his arrival in Cambridge Bay. In 1979 he went to work as the administration officer for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association.

Since 1980 Mr. Ng has held positions as settlement secretary for the Cambridge Bay Council, part owner and manager of Igloo Enterprises/Central Arctic Yamaha, executive officer of the Kitikmeot Regional Council, executive director of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and vice-president and subsequently president of the Enokhok Development Corporation Ltd.



Mr. Ng served numerous terms between 1979-87 as a councillor on the Cambridge Bay settlement and hamlet councils. In 1988 he was elected Mayor of Cambridge Bay. That same year he was elected president of the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities — the first to be elected from a hamlet council. Mr. Ng was elected Deputy Speaker of the Kitikmeot Regional Council in 1992.

Mr. Ng's community activities include five years as a volunteer firefighter (1979-84), five years as coroner (1980-85), the Kitikmeot Member of the N.W.T. Business Advisory Council to the Minister (1986-87), the Kitikmeot representative and director for Prospects North '89, vice-president and president of the Cambridge Bay Chamber of Commerce (1986-89), one term as vice-president of the N.W.T. Chamber of Commerce, and director and chairman of the Cambridge Bay Housing Association (1980-84).

He was elected president of the Arctic Coast Tourism Association in 1990, and to a two-year term on the Community Education Council in 1992.

Mr. Ng has also received his "PADI" scuba diving certificate in Arctic waters.

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## **Special Committee on Health and Social Services concludes community consultation schedule**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 14, 1993)** - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Health and Social Services concluded its community consultation schedule with trips to Resolute and Igloolik last week.

Since November of 1992 Committee Members have held public consultations in Baker Lake, Broughton Island, Cambridge Bay, Deline, Fort McPherson, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Igloolik, Inuvik, Iqaluit, Lake Harbour, Lutsel K'e, Rae, Rankin Inlet, Repulse Bay, Resolute, Taloyoak, Tuktoyaktuk and Yellowknife.

Committee Chair Charles Dent says Members of the Committee will prepare a report summarizing the major issues and themes emerging from their public and private meetings, workshops and research. The report, to be presented to the Legislative Assembly during the fall Session, will also contain recommendations to the government.

"The recommendations we make to the Legislative Assembly will be designed to produce solutions that will really address the needs of those who use, and those who deliver our system of health and social services," says Mr. Dent.

Mr. Dent says that since the report will be tabled this fall — approximately halfway through the four-year term of the 12th Legislative Assembly — the government will have ample opportunity to implement changes to health and social services in the Northwest Territories before its mandate expires. He adds that Committee Members are committed to ensuring their recommendations are acted upon.

The Special Committee has operated under the theme "Talking & Working Together" and focused its study on the organization and delivery of health and social services to four key groups within the community: children, young people, elders, and those suffering from addiction to alcohol and drugs. As well, the Special Committee is examining the current health care delivery model to see if it can be made more effective and efficient.

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Members of the Special Committee are: Chair Charles Dent, MLA for Yellowknife Frame Lake; Deputy Chair Fred Koe, MLA for Inuvik; Jeannie Marie-Jewell, MLA for Thebacha; John Ningark, MLA for Natilikmiot, and Dennis Patterson, MLA for Iqaluit. Alternate Members are Ludy Pudluk, MLA for High Arctic, and Tony Whitford, MLA for Yellowknife South.

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## **Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Committees focuses on environmental issues**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 18, 1993)** - Environmental issues were the main focus of a public review of the N.W.T. Power Corporation held this week by the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

The committee of seven Members of the Legislative Assembly held its two-day public review in Hay River on June 15 and 16.

Committee Members heard presentations from a number of N.W.T. Power Corporation officials and technical witnesses, says Committee Chair Fred Koe, the MLA for Inuvik. Much of the focus was on the corporation's involvement in energy conservation initiatives and in the development of alternative energy. The Power Corporation's record of environmental protection was also discussed.

Witnesses from the Power Corporation, the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories and the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources outlined projects ranging from the use of solar power to new hydro explorations.

"It makes good sense to reduce our dependence on diesel fuel, both in terms of the environment and our fiscal resources," says Mr. Koe. "We hope to ensure that momentum in this area is maintained."

Members of the Standing Committee also noted that there are several areas in which electricity and heat can better be conserved. Considerable attention was paid to potential strategies for making northern consumers more conscious of energy conservation.

The Standing Committee also heard evidence regarding the Power Corporation's board organization, workplace environment, and safety education program.



The Committee also asked the Minister Responsible for the N.W.T. Power Corporation, the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, to appear as a witness dealing with current government proposals regarding privatization of the Power Corporation.

Committee Members questioned the Minister about the implications of selling the government-owned utility, and emphasized the need for full public consultation before final decisions are made.

The Committee's review of the Power Corporation began in November 1992. More than 70 hours of evidence has been heard in public hearings held in Cape Dorset, Hay River, Inuvik, Iqaluit and Yellowknife.

Although the Hay River meetings were open to the public, the committee agenda focused on hearing technical evidence from government and corporation witnesses. For this reason, Committee members were not overly concerned with a low turn-out by members of the general public.

"Some of the technical content of these hearings was pretty dry, but I'm sure public interest will increase when the Committee's report is released in the fall," says Brian Lewis, the Committee's Deputy Chair and the MLA for Yellowknife Centre.

The Standing Committee will hold further meetings on the Power Corporation in Yellowknife the week of September 6, 1993. Members of the Committee plan to table a report during the fall Session of the Legislative Assembly.

Members of the Standing Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions are Committee Chair Fred Koe, Deputy Chair Brian Lewis, Nahendeh MLA Jim Antoine, Aivilik MLA James Arvaluk, Yellowknife Frame Lake MLA Charles Dent and Thebacha MLA Jeannie Marie-Jewell. Alternate Members are Iqaluit MLA Dennis Patterson and Yellowknife South MLA Tony Whitford.

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## WESTERN CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS

Yellowknife ( June 24 ) - A constitutional conference to determine how the development of a new constitution and structure of government for a western Territory has been re-scheduled for early spring of next year.

"Division is no longer an idea, it's a fact," Fred Koe, MLA for Inuvik and Chairperson of the Constitutional Development Steering Committee, said today.

"Parliament's approval of the Nunavut Act earlier this month clears the way for establishing a Nunavut Territory in 1999. That means we have a little over five years to complete a constitution for the western Territories."

In preparation for the conference, funding has been made available to nine organizations to research a means to accommodate various interests within a government framework for a western territory.

Mr. Koe said rescheduling of the conference, originally set for November, will allow groups the time-frame needed to complete their research.

The constitutional conference will include western political leaders from the communities and from the territorial and federal levels. Its agenda will include a review of the recommendations from the Bourque Commission Report, presentations from groups who have completed research, discussions on a role for the federal government and how the process should be completed, including a second constitutional conference, the possibility of a constitutional convention to produce a final proposal and a procedure for formal ratification.

Mr. Koe said leaders will also want to discuss federal financing of the western constitutional process.

"The Government of Canada is committed to the creation of two new territories in 1999. It will be funding the work of the Nunavut Implementation Commission and we expect it will also fund the western process starting no later than the 1994-95 fiscal year."







The Constitutional Development Steering Committee membership includes the leaders of seven western aboriginal organizations, fourteen western MLAs, a representative chosen from women's organizations, and the mayors of three western tax-based municipalities chosen to represent non-aboriginal residents.

"It's up to us to give this matter some urgency and to take the initiative to prepare for the establishment of a government which will reflect the interests of all western residents," Mr. Koe stated.

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In Ottawa, Deputy Speaker Pudluk said first in Inuktitut and then in English: "We are pleased that the National Capital Commission has chosen to link our capital cities. I hope that these banners will help promote a greater understanding of the Northwest Territories in southern Canada.

"The Northwest Territories is a vast, beautiful land and its people are both friendly and interesting. On behalf of all people of the true North, I invite you to visit our land."

The banners were designed by Yellowknife artist Kayhan Nadji whose work was selected from an N.W.T.-wide competition held in January of this year. Honourable mention went to semi-finalists David John A. Tologanak of Cambridge Bay, Ruth Lehmann of Inuvik, Brian Brulé of Fort Providence and Lynda Church of Yellowknife.

Mr. Nadji's banners depict the following themes: the new Legislative Assembly building and the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly; the Northwest Territories - past, present and future, and contributions of Aboriginal elders and their connections with youth in the territories.

The banner depicting the new Assembly building and the Legislative Assembly features the territorial flag, the Mace of the Northwest Territories, the N.W.T. coat of arms, drawings of the new Assembly from two different angles, and 24 small circles representing the 24 MLAs/constituencies of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Nadji portrayed the past, present and future of the N.W.T. with a collage featuring an Arctic exploration ship sailing among icebergs and fish, a dog sled and a gold mine.

A tipi, igloo, drum, inukshuk, caribou, bow and arrow, Arctic landscape and a circle of orbs representing drum dancers combine to represent the contribution of elders in Mr. Nadji's third banner.

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## WESTERN CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (September 23, 1993) - Members of the Western Constitutional Development Steering Committee (CDSC) are meeting this weekend (September 24-26, 1993) in Norman Wells to continue planning the constitutional development process for the new western Northwest Territories. The NWT will be divided into the Nunavut Territory and a western territory in 1999.

The CDSC was formed in 1992 by western political leaders and includes representatives from all the aboriginal organizations, tax-based municipalities and women's organizations, as well as the 14 MLAs representing the western constituencies.

Fred Koe, MLA for Inuvik, and the CDSC chairperson, stated today that "all members of this committee are expected to be present in Norman Wells. The committee has an enormous job in order to be ready for division in 1999. One of the main objectives for the Norman Wells meeting will be to seek a commitment to the Western constitutional process from all members of the Committee. We also hope to reach agreement on some general principles to guide the process. The committee will discuss workplans for the next three years, strategies for dealing with the Federal Government and the process for dividing the assets and liabilities of the existing Government between the new western and eastern territories."





"This will probably be one of the most important meetings of the CDSC." Mr. Koe said. "There is so much work to do. With so many players and all the legal and political ramifications to be resolved, all committee members have to be involved to shape the new western territory. We have an obligation to the public to ensure they are informed and involved before the major constitutional conference that CDSC has scheduled for this coming April."

#### Constitutional Development Steering Committee members

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Willard Hagen, President, Gwich'in Tribal Council  
George Cleary, President, Sahtu Tribal Council  
Joe Rabesca, Grand Chief, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council  
Gerry Antoine, Vice-Chief, Deh Cho Tribal Council  
Francois Paulette, facilitator, NWT Treaty 8 Council  
Bill Erasmus, National Chief, Dene Nation  
Gary Bohnet, President, Metis Nation-NWT  
Pat McMahon, Mayor, City of Yellowknife  
Kevin Diebold, Mayor, Town of Norman Wells  
Norm Hill, Mayor, Town of Hay River  
Bertha Allen, President, Native Women's Association of the NWT  
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Richard Nerysoo, MLA, Mackenzie Delta  
Fred E. Koe, MLA, Inuvik  
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Jim Antoine, MLA, Nahendeh  
Sam Gargan, MLA, Deh Cho  
John Pollard, MLA, Hay River  
Jeannie Marie-Jewell, MLA, Thebacha  
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## COMMUNIQUE

### CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of the Constitutional Development Steering Committee (CDSC), met this past weekend in Norman Wells and agreed upon tasks to be completed between now and the major constitutional conference which is planned for 1994.

Fred E. Koe, MLA for Inuvik, and Chairperson of the CDSC said he was very pleased with the meeting, "The level of attendance at the meeting was very high and so was the interest. Members reaffirmed their commitment to develop a constitution and establish a structure of government for a western territory and they reaffirmed their recognition and support for Aboriginal peoples' inherent right of self government. They generally agreed there should be some form of community, regional and a central government within a single western territory. They also reaffirmed their support for the CDSC process and they are taking practical steps to prepare for next year's constitutional conference. The tone of all our discussions were very positive and members left the meeting with a sense of accomplishment."

Members identified three major tasks for the next few months; preparing for the 1994 conference; monitoring and counterbalancing the Nunavut Implementation Commission regarding recommendations with respect to the division of assets, liabilities and revenues between the two new territories; and obtaining federal support, financing and participation in the CDSC process.

CDSC has asked the CDSC Working Group (CDSCWG), chaired by Stephen Kakfwi, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, to establish several sub-committees of CDSC members to prepare recommendations for the CDSC on a number of issues; a constitutional committee whose first tasks are to draft principles to guide the CDSC process and themes for the 1994 constitutional conference; a committee to plan and host the constitutional conference; a committee to consider elections and constituency boundaries for a western territory; a committee to consider intergovernmental relations among territorial, regional and community levels of governments; a committee to prepare workplans and budgets for the CDSC process and to recommend approaches for involving the federal government; and a committee to review the division of assets and liabilities and the financing of two territories after 1999.

"There is an enormous amount of work ahead for us," noted Mr. Koe, "and we are looking for ways to get work done quickly and effectively while still ensuring that recommendations flow through the Working Group and the Steering Committee before they are acted upon. Members believe a sub-committee system will help accomplish this goal."

The CDSC will meet again in November at which time they will consider reports from the Working Group and its sub-committees.

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## STRATEGIC WORKSHOP PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (September 30, 1993) - A second strategic planning workshop involving all members of the Legislative Assembly is scheduled to begin October 4 in Cambridge Bay.

The workshop organized by the joint Cabinet/MLA working group on reshaping northern government follows an earlier session in Fort Providence last April.

"The meetings are intended to provide the opportunity for Members to develop a better understanding of or make decisions on a variety of issues," said Fred E. Koe, Caucus Chairperson. "Some of these key issues include an update on the Nunavut Implementation Commission and Western Constitutional Process, Legislative amendments for elections/boundaries, information on the current formula financing agreement, and education, training and human resources concerns."

Members are scheduled to continue discussion on constitutional matters as well as the status of claims and self-government negotiations.

MLAs and Cabinet Members will also be considering the effectiveness of consensus government and how to improve the relationship and dialogue between the Legislative Assembly and Executive branch of Government.

In addition, the workshop will deal with proposals for a code of ethics outlining the principles that should guide how Members of the Legislative Assembly conduct themselves as well as how the Assembly plans to deal with a mid-term review of the Premier, Speaker and Cabinet Ministers.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
RELEASES COMMUNITY CONTROL PAPER

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YELLOWKNIFE (October 13, 1993) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Health and Social Services is releasing a report prepared for the Committee on the issue of community control of health and social services.

The report, Community Control of Health and Social Services in Northern and Aboriginal Communities: A Literature Review and Analysis of Canadian Experiences, reviews the experiences of communities who have taken control of local social or health services. The review was based mainly on documentation although some informal interviews were also conducted in the NWT.

The report identifies the main reasons that aboriginal people and northern communities seek community control:

- the preservation of cultural identity,
- the provision of appropriate services, and
- the pursuit of self-government.

Various working models and approaches to implementing aboriginal/northern community controlled programming are described. The case studies also identify the factors which hinder the development of successful community controlled programs.

Charles Dent, Chair of the Committee, stated "There are clearly some factors which are significant to the success of community controlled programming:

- a wide-spread understanding of a community's needs;
- the development of homegrown strategies to address these needs;
- a strong sense of community ownership and responsibility; and
- the commitment of community residents to make their community a better, safer, happier and healthy place."



"The experiences reviewed in the report show that community controlled programs can work when people in communities have the opportunity to control the design and delivery of these programs for themselves."

Mr. Dent also stated "While it is unusual for a Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to release any report publicly before it is tabled in the Legislature, the Committee believes the information in this background paper will be very useful for the communities and groups currently interested in working toward local control of programs. Copies of the summary report will be sent to all hamlet and band councils, as well as aboriginal and women's groups."

In announcing the release of the report, the Special Committee on Health and Social Services confirmed that its work is almost complete. They expect to table a final report in the Legislative Assembly during the up-coming November session.

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## FRONT-LINE WORKER SURVEY

YELLOWKNIFE (October 21, 1993) - In keeping with its commitment to survey participants, the Special Committee on Health and Social Services has released the results of their Front-Line Worker Survey undertaken as part of their review of health and social services in the NWT.

There were two phases to the survey. The first phase involved telephone interviews with 280 social service workers, alcohol and drug counselors, community health representatives and family violence shelter staff. The interviews focused on these workers' background and training, job-related stresses and their opinions about pressing social issues in their communities.

The survey provided a snapshot of our NWT front-line workers. Four out of five front-line workers are women. These workers have strong ties to their communities with four out of five workers having lived in the north for at least ten years. They have an average of over five years of front-line northern experience. Forty-three percent of all workers had completed high school and one-half of the 74 social service workers had a degree or diploma in social work.

In the second phase, a mail survey with similar questions was distributed to members of the RCMP, registered nurses and church workers across the NWT.

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## FRONT-LINE WORKER SURVEY

YELLOWKNIFE (October 21, 1993) - In keeping with its commitment to survey participants, the Special Committee on Health and Social Services has released the results of their Front-Line Worker Survey undertaken as part of their review of health and social services in the NWT.

There were two phases to the survey. The first phase involved telephone interviews with 280 social service workers, alcohol and drug counselors, community health representatives and family violence shelter staff. The interviews focused on these workers' background and training, job-related stresses and their opinions about pressing social issues in their communities.

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## Michael Ballantyne Resigns as Speaker

**Yellowknife (December 7, 1993) - Michael A. Ballantyne, MLA -Yellowknife North, has announced he will resign as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories at the end of this session.**

"Time has flown by and now is the appropriate time for me to move on to new challenges," said Mr. Ballantyne today in announcing his decision to his fellow MLA's.

Mr. Ballantyne was elected Speaker of the 12th Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in November 1991.

"It has been a tremendous challenge to have served in this important role for over two years. The role of the Speaker is evolving as rapidly, as is the Legislative Assembly itself. During the difficult era of rapid change that we will experience in the next decade, it will become increasingly important to have a fair, impartial and steady hand at the tiller of the good ship Legislative Assembly as we navigate uncharted waters," he said.

Mr. Ballantyne said he is pleased ... " that the hectic task of building and opening the new Legislative Assembly is now complete" and an Education Program will be introduced in all northern schools by April, 1994. "It is the right time for a new person to move the office of the Speaker to its next stage," he added.

Mr. Ballantyne said he is looking forward to the remaining two years of his term as an ordinary MLA and the chance it represents to articulate his concerns and those of his constituents on the floor of the House.

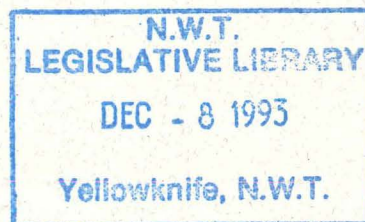
Mr. Ballantyne was first elected to the Legislative Assembly as the Member for Yellowknife North in 1983. He was subsequently acclaimed in 1987 and re-elected in 1991.

A new Speaker will be chosen following the mid-term review of Cabinet, early next week.

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As Speaker, Mrs. Marie-Jewell will chair the Management and Services Board which administers the Assembly support services and advises the Legislature.

She will formally take the chair and assume the duties of Speaker when the 5th Session convenes on Monday, December 13, 1993.

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## Members Conduct Guidelines Adopted

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 8, 1993) - The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has become the first jurisdiction in Canada to adopt conduct guidelines for its Members. MLA's unanimously approved the guidelines today.**

"As leaders, we are expected to set examples and to live up to standards of ethical behaviour which others are not required to," said Brian Lewis, MLA - Yellowknife Centre, who introduced the motion to adopt the guidelines.

The Assembly's Standing Committee on Rules, Procedures and Privileges was asked to review the topic of "The Conduct of Members" in April 1992. During its discussion, the Committee met with Mr. Bob Pringle, an MLA from Saskatchewan, who spoke about the experience of his jurisdiction with ethical issues. As well, the Committee found that no other Canadian jurisdiction has attempted to develop conduct guidelines applicable to all elected Members. Those issues are usually dealt with at the party level.

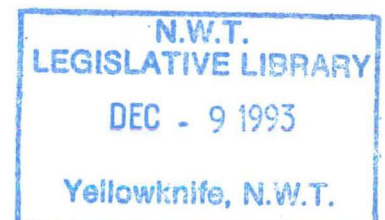
"Our Legislative Assembly, operating within a consensus government system, is in a unique position in Canada to deal with the question of guidelines for Members," said Mr. Lewis. "Without party discipline, each Member may act as his or her own conscience dictates."

Members of the Legislative Assembly are already subject to several detailed sets of enforceable rules, such as a Conflict of Interest Provision of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, the Elections Act and the Criminal Code.

Mr. Lewis added, "Despite the rules we are subject to, these conduct guidelines are used to express statements shared by a group which reflect a level of moral commitment to shared values, principles and aspirations."

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The conduct guidelines will become part of the Legislative Assembly's public and educational information packages.

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(guidelines attached)



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

### MEMBERS' CONDUCT GUIDELINES

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As a Member elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, I acknowledge that I have accepted a responsibility to serve the people of the Northwest Territories. I seek wisdom, strength, courage, honesty and caring from the people of the north, both from those who have built our past, and from those who are shaping our future.

As a legislator, elected to govern the Northwest Territories, I will serve to do my utmost

- to hear the voices of all our people,
- to preserve our traditions and bridge them with new ways to build our future,
- to provide legislation, policies and services for the good of the people, as individuals, families, and communities,
- to promote the equality of all our people,
- to distribute resources fairly and justly, and
- to respect and honour our land and all its inhabitants.

As a legislator, I will do my best to fulfill my duties to the Legislature, the public, my constituents and my colleagues with integrity and honour.

To my constituents, I owe my best efforts at effective representation, as well as accountability, honesty, fairness and courtesy.

To the Legislature, I owe respect, as well as dedication to my role in ensuring the integrity of our government and in earning, through my actions, the confidence of the people.

To the public, I owe a responsibility to work for the well being of all residents of the Northwest Territories.

To my colleagues, I owe fairness and respect for our differences, and the duty to work together with goodwill for the common good.

I acknowledge human vulnerabilities, and will strive to bring honour to my role as a representative of our people.

I will not act, nor condone others in acting, in ways which exploit, slander, or discriminate against others. I will not act, nor condone others in acting, in ways which are dishonest, or which exploit positions of privilege for personal gain.

As a legislator, I acknowledge a vision and a responsibility to improve the life of our people, and I will strive to act in creative ways to overcome the hardships which destroy life and hope, and the human frailties which fall upon us.

So long as I am a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I will be true to these obligations, and will work to preserve the greatness of our land and our people.

