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TERRITORIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 4) - Robert Michel Bourassa, a lawyer with several years of practice in Kingston, Ont., will be named Territorial court judge mid-January.

His appointment was announced today by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

Judge Bourassa, 37, graduated from Queens University in 1970 and was called to the bar of Ontario in 1972.

Born in Shawinigan, Que., Judge Bourassa is bilingual. He is married with two children.

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**1982 DRIVER'S LICENCES AND VEHICLE
REGISTRATION GO ON SALE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 4) - This year's drivers' licences and vehicle registrations go on sale Jan. 11 in local issuing offices across the N.W.T.

The announcement was made today by Angie Maksymowich, Territorial government's registrar of vehicles.

"The deadline for purchasing your driver's licence and vehicle registration is March 31, but people can save themselves waiting in a long line-up by buying them now," she said.

Maksymowich reminded vehicle owners that 1982 is not a year for new licence plates, just stickers to place on last year's plates.

Every owner of a motor vehicle in the N.W.T. must carry motor vehicle liability insurance, according to the vehicles ordinance. Proof of this insurance coverage must be shown at the time the vehicle is registered.

Renewal applications for drivers' licences and vehicle registrations must be completed. These applications are found inside last year's driver's licence.

No personal cheques will be accepted in payment.

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**N.W.T. HEALTH CARE GEARING UP FOR ALBERTA
STRIKE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 4) - An Alberta nurses' strike should not widely affect the provision of medical services for residents of the N.W.T.'s Inuvik, Central Arctic and Fort Smith regions.

Health minister Arnold McCallum was commenting today on the possibility of a January nurses' strike in Alberta and how it would affect the Territories.

"If the strike occurs, only extreme emergencies will be accepted by the University of Alberta hospital in Edmonton," the minister explained, "which means that some emergency cases that normally would go to Edmonton from the three regions will instead rely on the hospitals in Inuvik and Yellowknife until the strike is settled."

The strike, set for Jan. 1, has been postponed with the appointment of a special board of inquiry.

As well, said McCallum, although it's unlikely to occur, if the University hospital cannot accommodate an extreme emergency the patient will go from the N.W.T. to the nearest hospital in the provinces where the appropriate medical treatment is available.

"We expect few problems with this interim system if it has to be introduced," the minister said, "because of the quality and variety of services already available in Inuvik and Yellowknife." As well, said McCallum, the Inuvik and Yellowknife hospitals also are aware of the impending situation.

"But let me emphasize," the minister said, "that extreme emergencies that cannot be handled in the three regions will definitely continue to be sent out to a hospital in the south."

Under the Territorial government's medical travel policy, subsidized return transportation to the nearest available treatment centre is provided with a physician's referral.

"With the threat of a strike I'd like to remind physicians and nurses in the N.W.T. of the wide variety of specialist services available in Yellowknife," McCallum said, "and recommend to them that they rely on these services as much as possible."

Meanwhile, the health minister also recommends that all elective surgery which cannot be performed in Inuvik or Yellowknife should be postponed until the strike or the threat of it is over.

Patients in the Keewatin and Baffin regions are unaffected by Alberta because they go to Manitoba and Quebec when treatment cannot be provided in the Territories.

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PARK PROPOSED FOR YELLOWKNIFE AREA

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 4) - The Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism is considering an area near Yellowknife as a possible wilderness-style park.

The proposed park is in the Hidden Lake area on the Ingraham Trail about 25 miles east of Yellowknife.

The Territorial parks system presently has no wilderness parks, said Rod Morrison, deputy minister of economic development and tourism.

The area is a traditional recreation site for both tourists and residents. "Everyone needs an area for their chosen activities and this park would allow for canoeing, camping, fishing and boating," Morrison said.

The total area being considered is approximately 50 square miles and includes Hidden Lake, its watershed and two smaller lakes.

The proposed park would be considered a 'non-facility' park with no developed roads or constructed campsites. Most of the area is accessible only by boat.

A joint study completed by Dallard Runge consultants in 1977 and commissioned by the Federal, Territorial and Yellowknife municipal governments recommended that the Hidden Lake area be closed to future development and kept as part of a system of canoe and outdoor hiking routes.

The department of economic development and tourism is now holding consultations with organizations such as the City of Yellowknife, the Detah Dene band and the Northern Frontier Tourist Association.

Discussions are also underway with the federal lands section of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development concerning reservation of the land for park purposes.

The department of economic development and tourism will host a public open house on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Yellowknife City Hall from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Interested groups and individuals are invited to view maps of the area and discuss plans for the proposed park with department officials.

Comments may also be sent to the superintendent of parks, department of economic development and tourism, Government of the N.W.T., Yellowknife or by phoning (403) 873-7320.

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LOW-WATER SURCHARGE BEING LEVIED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - Low-water conditions on the Snare River have made it necessary for the Northern Canada Power Commission to levy a special surcharge on all power consumers on the Snare/Yellowknife hydro system.

The N.W.T. Public Utilities Board approved NCPC's application for the surcharge after public hearings were held in Yellowknife Oct. 26 and 27.

The Board's ruling was announced today by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

A surcharge of 2.73 cents per kwh is being added to customer's December power bills, covering electricity used in November. The surcharge will be removed March 31 for industrial and domestic customers and April 10 for the wholesale customer I.C.G. Utilities (Plains Western) Ltd.

"NCPC had been going to apply the surcharge without a hearing or consultation of any kind," said Braden. "We filed a court injunction against the commission to bring them back to the table."

During the hearing hydrologist Charles Froelich was called by NCPC as an expert witness to demonstrate that the water level in the Snare Reservoir is the lowest recorded since 1948, necessitating electrical generation from diesel sources at a cost of over \$1 million.

The intervenors at the hearing - Giant Yellowknife Mines, Cominco Ltd., and the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities - agreed that the extra cost had to be recovered but called on NCPC to review their planning capabilities to foresee such problems.

They also asked that the Public Utilities Board monitor the surcharge and order a rebate if the surcharge proved excessive.

The P.U.B. directed NCPC to show the low-water surcharge as a separate item on bills to all customers.

As well, in future rate proposals NCPC must show as a separate item the costs related to diesel generation above 10 million kWhs, which is the amount required for the area in question under normal water conditions. At the same time the Commission must show revenues expected from the corresponding low-water surcharge.

The Board also ruled that the NCPC must account by June of next year for the revenue obtained from the surcharge and the expenses incurred from the low water condition.

The P.U.B. ordered NCPC to note that any revenue generated from the low water surcharge in excess of related expenses may have to be refunded to customers.

As well, any inefficiencies in generating hydro-electrical energy, such as needless spilling of water, may result in the Board ordering NCPC to refund a portion of the low-water surcharge.

Copies of the Board's order are on file at the Public Utilities Board office in the Courthouse in Yellowknife.

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(Also see release "NCPC to Abide by P.U.B. Rulings")

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NCPC TO ABIDE BY P.U.B. RULINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - All Northern Canada Power Commission applications for rate increases will go to the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board in the future, says Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

An "informal agreement" was arrived at during the latest public hearing in Yellowknife Oct. 26 - 27.

NCPC's announcement that it would make application to the Board came as a result of its negotiations with I.C.G. Utilities (Plains Western) Ltd., on a clause in their contract stipulating a one-year notice of any rate increase.

Both NCPC and Plains Western found that one year was an impractical time requirement since situations can change rapidly and without warning. An example is the low-water situation on the Snare River which NCPC says it couldn't foresee. A special surcharge had to be levied to compensate for the extra cost of diesel generation.

In exchange for deletion of the one-year notification requirement, NCPC has agreed to charge only those rates and charges to ICG which have been approved by the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories.

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"This ties NCPC into applying to the Board and abiding by its decision," says Braden. "It's an important step and one we've been working toward for some time."

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(Also see release "Low-water Surcharge Being Levied.")

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**MUNICIPALITIES INVITED TO CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 6) - Representatives of municipalities in the western N.W.T. with populations over 500 have been invited to participate in the Western Arctic Constitutional Conference here Jan. 19-21.

Delegates from 14 communities have been invited to attend the conference, hosted by the Legislative Assembly's special committee on constitutional development.

The conference will discuss ways of reaching agreement on a form of government for the Western Arctic.

"The decision to invite the municipalities was made when the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities decided not to come to the conference as a group because of its diverse membership," committee chairman Nick Sibbeston (MLA Mackenzie-Liard) explained.

The Association instead is encouraging individual municipalities to attend and state their own views on constitutional changes for the western N.W.T., Sibbeston said.

"It was decided that a certain number of representative municipalities would be chosen and invited to participate in the conference. The committee feels that it would not be realistic to invite all municipalities as this would make the conference too large", Sibbeston said.

"However, we decided that if a number of municipalities were invited they would make a meaningful contribution to the deliberations of the conference."

The Dene Nation, Metis Association and COPE have been invited to send three delegates each to the conference. Also participating will be MLAs of the special constitutional committee and other members of the Legislative Assembly from the Western Arctic.

The N.W.T. Teachers Association and the Public Service Association have asked to be included as delegates. Other Territorial-wide organizations wishing to attend the conference should apply to:

Nick Sibbeston, chairman
Special committee on constitutional
development
Legislative Assembly offices
Yellowknife
(403) 873-7255

Federal government officials will attend the conference as observers, Sibbeston said.

All sessions will be open to the public and translation services will be available. The conference opens at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife.

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**WCB - ST. JOHN AMBULANCE SIGN TRAINING
AGREEMENT**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 8) - The N.W.T. Workers Compensation Board (WCB) has found that only 3.2 per cent of workers who received first-aid training last year were subsequently involved in accidents.

First-aid instruction is offered free of charge by the Board in co-operation with the N.W.T. Council of St. John. The WCB and St. John recently renewed their co-operative agreement to provide first-aid and accident prevention courses for 1982.

The Board has set aside \$40,000 for training this year. Last year similar funding financed first-aid instruction for almost 670 workers across the N.W.T.

Of these workers, only 22 were involved in accidents following their training.

"We are very pleased with the results to date and look forward to even better results as more workers receive qualified training in the treatment and prevention of injuries," said Al Collinson, director of prevention services for the WCB.

Courses this year will concentrate on providing training to workers in occupations identified as "high-risk". WCB accident statistics are used to identify these occupations and the injuries most commonly associated with them.

Priority this year is again being given to workers in the construction and resource industries.

The Board and St. John will also start training programs in first-aid for students in vocational and high schools about to enter the work force this year.

The WCB administers course applications from client employers while the Council of St. John provides instructors, audio-visual aids and books, dressings and medical equipment.

Information on courses and applications are available from Al Collinson, director of accident prevention services, Workers Compensation Board, Yellowknife at (403) 873-7987.

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NEW REGION GETS INUIT NAME

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - The Territorial government's new region in the Central Arctic now has a name - Kitikmeot.

The choice was announced today on behalf of the government's Executive Committee by Kane Tologanak, minister of government services and MLA for the Central Arctic constituency.

The name was suggested by eight-year old Jennifer Palvik of Cambridge Bay, daughter of Mrs. Jesse Palvik, in a contest recently conducted among the people by the Executive Committee. The committee selected the winner Friday.

Kitikmeot is the Inuit name for the Central Arctic. It literally means Those in the Middle.

Later this month, Jennifer will be presented a cash prize of \$200 and an engraved plaque by Tologanak at her school in Cambridge Bay. Tologanak co-ordinated the name-the-region contest which attracted 186 entries from across the Kitikmeot region.

Jennifer's entry was selected for two reasons.

"Kitikmeot also is the name of the Inuit regional association in the Central Arctic," Tologanak explained, "and giving the region the same name as KIA (Kitikmeot Inuit Association) is consistent with what has happened in our other two government regions where Inuit are the majority."

In the Baffin and Keewatin regions the Inuit regional associations have the same name as the government regions.

But what clinched the prize for Jennifer was the fact the name she suggested also is Inuktitut.

"It's appropriate, since most of the people in the Kitikmeot region are Inuit, that the region have an Inuit name," said Tologanak. "Such a choice is reflective of their interests, their language and their culture."

The Kitikmeot region was created last April as the Territorial government's fifth region. Until then it was part of the Fort Smith region.

"The people sent in a lot of good suggestions for a name," said Tologanak. "They really participated in the contest."

Among the other names suggested were:

The Great Arctic region; Akulliq (In the middle); Northern Light Central region; Polar region; Oblogiak (Stars); Central Arctic, and Whale Central region.

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TRAINING PROPOSAL DOES NOT APPEAR TO MEET NORTHERN
NEEDS - PATTERSON

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - The Territorial government's minister of education has asked the federal department of manpower and immigration for assurances it will provide training to meet the needs of northerners.

Education Minister Dennis Patterson was speaking today at a conference of federal and provincial ministers with responsibilities for manpower. The conference, in Vancouver, is discussing a new federal proposal for occupational skills development in the 80's.

Lloyd Axworthy, federal manpower minister, has proposed that the federal government phase out funds for training in occupations not in great demand at the national level and re-channel funds into training for occupations that the government sets as priorities.

Patterson, in his speech, told the conference that he shares the view of other provincial ministers that the proposal shows "an apparent lack of consideration for provincial needs and problems."

"In the N.W.T., about two-thirds of the population are native people," Patterson said. "Most of the people are not interested in seeking employment away from their homeland."

"In no sense could the training required by the

majority of northerners be considered a national concern according to the federal definition," Patterson told the conference.

Patterson also said that academic upgrading is a high priority in the N.W.T. "Many adults have pursued an aboriginal way of life and lack the basic education for further skilled training or even employment at the very lowest level."

"I acknowledge that from a national point of view there are critical shortages in several higher level industrial occupations such as micro-chip technology and tool-and-die making but in my jurisdiction, people want training for jobs that they can see."

The proposed national priority occupations are remote from the experience of northern people, Patterson said.

"I am concerned that the proposal could result in withdrawal of funds from programs which would meet the aspirations of northern people," he said.

There are two major issues which the federal proposal ignores, the minister said. People want jobs which are locally available, he said, and the proposal fails to recognize that in many areas of Canada there is a high rate of unemployment.

"The new program does not appear to solve these major problems in the way I hoped it would," the minister said.

Patterson also pointed out that the passage of Bill C-48, which gives the federal government control and administration of non-renewable resources in Canada Lands, will ensure the Territorial contribution of natural resources to meet national goals.

"Therefore, I seek some assurances from the federal government that the department of manpower will also provide resources for the training needs of residents of the N.W.T.," Patterson said.

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**GRANT TO INUIT FOR ARCTIC PILOT PROJECT
INTERVENTION**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 15) - The Territorial government has made a grant of \$30,000 to Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) and the Baffin Regional Inuit Association (BRIA) to assist them in intervening at the National Energy Board's hearings in February on the Arctic Pilot Project.

Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo announced the grant.

The Inuit groups had requested \$100,000 but the government's Executive Committee decided on the smaller sum because of financial restraints under which the government is working.

Meanwhile, in a letter to ITC, Nerysoo has suggested that the Territorial government's intervening experts and the Inuit groups' experts share the data each will be presenting to the National Energy Board.

Nerysoo noted that the government of the Northwest Territories supports the Arctic Pilot Project, but with conditions.

The project is a joint proposal by Arctic Pilot Project Inc. and TransCanada Pipelines Limited to carry liquified natural gas from the high Arctic to the south by tanker through the Northwest Passage and down the east coast.

The minister told John Amagoalik, ITC president, that a list of the conditions under which the government supports the project will be sent to him after they're approved by the Executive Committee.

"Our support is dependent on these conditions being met," says Nerysoo. "If they're not, the Executive Committee will reassess its position."

The NEB hearings will begin in Ottawa Feb. 2.

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NON-SMOKING WEEK ACTIVITIES PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 18) - Give your lungs a break for at least one week this month by observing Non-Smoking Week Jan. 24-30.

The Northwest Territories is joining the rest of Canada in promoting Non-Smoking Week and Minister of Health Arnold McCallum urges residents to throw away their cigarettes that week. He plans to.

"It's a good week to start you on your way to cutting down on cigarettes or quitting altogether," says McCallum.

"Most people know about the many harmful physical effects of smoking, but that does not change the fact that it is a difficult habit to break," he said.

Advice on how to stop smoking is contained in pamphlets available through the department of health in Yellowknife and through nursing stations and health centres in the communities.

In Yellowknife, the department encouraged the Seventh Day Adventist Church to hold its five-day plan to stop smoking in conjunction with Non-Smoking Week. It is being held Jan. 25-29 in the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Cafeteria. There is a \$5 fee.

Displays on the effects of smoking will be set up in the YK Mall throughout the week.

Certificates of congratulations for not smoking during the week are available from the department of health by phoning 873-7371.

"If a person doesn't feel they can quit smoking the whole week, they should at least give it a try on Weedless Wednesday," says the health minister. "They might find the one day isn't so bad, and keep it up."

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CHIEF PLEBISCITE OFFICER APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 18) - David Hamilton, clerk assistant of the Legislative Assembly, has been appointed chief plebiscite officer, responsible for organizing and running the mid-April vote on division of the Northwest Territories.

His appointment was announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

The plebiscite will ask the question, "Do you think the Northwest Territories should be divided?" Yes or no.

Hamilton's job in carrying out all aspects of the plebiscite ordinance will include supplying the returning officers with all the information they require and informing the public about the purpose of the plebiscite, where the voting will be held and how to get on the enumeration list.

Returning officers will be appointed by Commissioner Parker within the next two weeks. There will be 22 voting districts - the same as used in the last Territorial election.

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The officers are responsible for hiring enumerators to begin the process of enumerating all northern residents who have lived in the Northwest Territories for three years as of the plebiscite date.

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SCOUTS COMMISSIONER APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 18) - A man with extensive experience in Scouting has been named commissioner of the movement in the Northwest Territories.

Ron Tuckley of Yellowknife has 14 years' experience in Scouting, eight of these years in the North.

He replaces mine manager Bill Moore, also of Yellowknife, who has retired and moved to Ontario.

The two highest posts in Scouting in the N.W.T. are those of the commissioner and the president of the Territorial Scout council. The latter post is held by Chief Territorial Judge Jim Slaven.

Tuckley's appointment was confirmed recently by Gov.-Gen. Ed Schreyer, Chief Scout of Canada.

In his years with Scouts - which has over 1,000 youths in the movement in the Territories - Tuckley has been a troop Scouter, leadership trainer, a regional commissioner and vice-president of the Territorial Scout council.

He is also chairman of the planning committee for the upcoming '82 N.W.T. jamboree in July at Cameron Falls outside Yellowknife, will be camp chief at the site, and was camp chief at Coppermine when in 1978 the 2nd N.W.T. jamboree was held there and in Pine Point.

Professionally, Tuckley is with the Territorial government's department of public works. He is head of accommodation services.

He was five years in Inuvik as a troop Scouter and has served two years as a vice-president of the council in Yellowknife.

He holds a Wood Badge for completing a senior leadership training course and a Medal of Merit for especially good service to Scouting.

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ENERGY RESEARCH ASSISTANT APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 18) - Stuart Wood, 27, has been appointed research assistant with the Territorial government's energy and resource development secretariat.

His appointment, effective Jan. 25, was announced today by Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo.

Wood has worked for the N.W.T. Housing Corporation the last four years - two years in Hay River and two years in Inuvik.

He has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Guelph and is on the fourth level of the registered industrial accountants program.

His job will involve research in the formation of policy in energy and resource development.

The secretariat, formed in October of last year, is almost at full staff now, with a resource economist and a minerals advisor yet to be hired.

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**DETAH SCHOOL CHILDREN THANK NORTHERN HERITAGE
CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 19) - The Detah school children weren't able to come here to tour the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, so the Centre went to them recently, taking samples of traditional Dene and Inuit clothing.

After the visit, the children wrote letters of thanks to Centre employees, and sent drawings of the things they had seen.

Some of their letters read:

"I like the best the wolverine. It is soft and warm and the fringed jacket. Jonas and Dad and Grandpa shot caribou, one fox. They came back yesterday. Your friend, Ernie Sangris."

"The fringed jacket looked good. I like the mukluks. I go trapping lots of muskrat. Your friend, Leon Crapeau."

"It was very nice of you to come to our school. The best thing was the slippers from Detah. Your friend, Laurie Tobie."

"My Dad and William went to the bush. William got three muskrat. Your friend, Norman Sangris."

"I was happy to the moccasin's and happy to try it on. I went to the bush with my Dad and my Dad shot live caribou. Your friend, Peter."

"Thank you for bringing the boxes of terrific things. The one I liked the best was the fringed jacket. How are you at the museum? Your friend, Bobby Drygeese."

"I liked the parka with the fringes that looked like grass. Please come again. I will tell you about the bush. Your friend, Alphonse."

"Thank you for bringing the interesting stuff. Can you bring some baskets and some interesting Dene stuff and movie about Dene people all over the world. By your friend, Tina Crookedhand. Please come soon."

"I like the slippers and fringed jacket. I am doing fine at school. I think of things. Your friend, Eileen Liske."

"I liked the beaver skin the best of all. I like to sew when school is over. Do you tell people about Dene family? Your friend, Eileen R. Crapeau."

"My Dad went hunting for rabbits. He put rabbit snares. He got two rabbits. We skinned it and we ate it. Your friend, David Drygeese."

"Thank you for coming to our school. Come again. Do you like our school? Your friend, Jonas."

(Seven photos of children's drawings are attached.)

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MUSKOX EXHIBIT FIRST IN NEW FEATURE GALLERY

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 19) - The new feature gallery of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre opened this week with an exhibit called Omingmak (which means muskox in Inuktitut).

The opening of the new gallery was announced by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

The Omingmak exhibit follows the history of the muskox - its near extinction at the hands of explorers, fur traders and whalers until a hunting ban in 1917 allowed the small herds to recover, and its life cycle as observed by Dr. David Gray, assistant curator at the National Museum of Natural Sciences.

The exhibit features three mounted muskox - two bulls and one six-week old calf, and several display panels.

Special programmes for school children are available by phoning the centre at 873-7551. An instructor will be on hand to show films and slides and to help with games and puzzles.

The exhibit will be in the centre until
March 17.

Construction of the new gallery, which is
located just off the public lounge, was completed
last week. After inspection and approval, it was
ready for the Omingmak exhibit.

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**MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS CHANCE TO SAVE CARIBOU
- NERYSOO**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 27) - The recently-created caribou management board for the Beverly and Kaminuriak herds has the best chance in history of preserving the northern caribou.

So says the Territorial government's minister of renewable resources Richard Nerysoo.

"We now have a management agreement-in-principle involving both governments and native peoples that has an excellent chance of eventually resolving the problem of declining caribou herds in the North," Nerysoo said. "It's a major breakthrough."

The draft agreement was reached recently among representatives of the federal, Territorial, Manitoba and Saskatchewan governments, with the support of traditional caribou users from the N.W.T. and the two provinces.

"Both governments and native users agree we've got to work together for a solution. This management agreement is the best opportunity we've ever had to halt the decline of the caribou," the minister said.

The draft agreement will become part of a formal agreement among the governments. The agreement is expected to be signed in March following technical and community reviews.

A management board will be responsible for developing and making recommendations to governments and users for the conservation and management of the barren ground caribou herds and their habitat.

"Solutions to the problem of the caribou's declining numbers will be found but it will be up to the board to work them out. The management board was created for this purpose," the minister said.

"In the past, a lot of emphasis has been put on who is to blame for the declining herds. That doesn't get anybody anywhere.

"Not everybody has been willing to recognize there is a problem. Now everybody agrees there is and are all willing to work together - governments and native users - to find solutions. That's why the board has an excellent chance of succeeding," Nerysoo said.

According to the agreement, the board will be made up of eight representatives from areas of traditional use and five representatives of federal, provincial and Territorial governments.

The representatives of N.W.T. user groups include two from the Keewatin Wildlife Federation and two from south Great Slave Lake communities.

"Through this board, we have everyone represented for the first time," he said. "And with the majority on the board being native users, I'm confident we can resolve the problem with the co-operation of all hunters."

The agreement was reached on the understanding that it will not jeopardize or compromise aboriginal claims already in place or being negotiated, Nerysoo said.

A meeting to discuss formation of the management board is scheduled for March 9 and 10 in Snowdrift. Felix Lockhart of Snowdrift has been named interim chairman.

The department of renewable resources is presently preparing a film of user groups, including Dene and Inuit hunters, out on the land, showing the importance of the caribou as a cultural resource. A videotape production has been completed for use in Keewatin communities and a booklet is in production describing the caribou herds and their management.

These productions, which will be available to the public through schools, libraries and government offices, are part of the on-going effort to increase the level of understanding of the importance of the caribou and continue the dialogue with the communities, Nerysoo said.

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82-018

WAH-SHEE ADDRESSES CONSTITUTIONAL MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - Delegates to the Western Arctic constitutional conference have been urged to reach a consensus on ways to bring about political change in the north.

James Wah-Shee, minister for aboriginal rights and constitutional development, advocated a meeting of minds during opening sessions of the conference in Yellowknife Wednesday.

"This conference is an important and necessary beginning of a process to reach agreement on the type, form and style of government that is appropriate for the western Northwest Territories," Wah-Shee told delegates.

"The assumption is that division of the N.W.T. will happen. The government's Executive Committee is in support of such a development subject to a positive outcome of a plebiscite on division to be held this April," the minister said.

Wah-Shee told the conference it is imperative that the basic groundwork get underway now to ensure that any new territories that might be created are prepared to deal with the changes that will be required in establishing them.

The Territorial government hopes that its recently released discussion paper on constitutional development (Our Land, Our Future) will serve as a catalyst for reaching consensus for a recommendation to the Legislative Assembly on the future of the north, Wah-Shee said.

"The original view as expressed in the paper was to have one process for change for the whole N.W.T.," Wah-Shee said, "but it became clear during the last session of the Legislative Assembly that there is a need for two separate processes.

"There is no reason why the western N.W.T. could not have a process to reach agreement on its future while the eastern N.W.T. would have another process. If division of the N.W.T. is to become a reality, then this approach makes sense."

Wah-Shee outlined the steps in the process of bringing about this change.

Native associations should participate fully in the process and rights and freedoms granted in aboriginal claims settlements should be protected by law, he said.

"The transfer of greater responsibility from the Federal to the existing Territorial government should continue only if the native claimant groups are fully involved in the process and a consensus is reached."

Wah-Shee also suggested that the length of residency required for voting on political or constitutional change should be discussed in order to reach consensus.

The conference is being attended by representatives of COPE, the Dene Nation, Metis Association, Public Service Alliance, Teachers' Association, Federation of Labour, Chamber of Mines, New Democratic Party, 11 municipalities and Western Arctic MLAs.

The opening of the conference, scheduled for Tuesday, was delayed one day so that delegates could attend the funeral of elder Ted Trindell in Fort Simpson. The conference is expected to continue until Thursday evening.

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INUIT SCULPTURE AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - "Contemporary Inuit Sculpture", a travelling exhibit of 17 works by northern artists, opens Jan. 25 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

The exhibition is prepared and circulated by the Inuit art section of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

It includes works by such artists as Karoo Ashevak, David Ruben Piqtoukun, Qaqaq Ashoona, Latcholassie Aksesuk and Pierre Karlik.

Highlighting major recent works by these sculptors, this exhibition has been seen in several galleries and museums in eastern Canada.

Helga Goetz, head of the Inuit art section, will give an evening talk - Three Decades of Inuit Art - at the winter lecture series of the Northern Heritage Centre Feb. 25 in conjunction with this show.

The exhibit will be in Yellowknife until March 31.

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N.W.T. TEACHER CERTIFICATES TO APPLY IN ALL PROVINCES

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 22) - Provincial and territorial ministers of education are going to implement a universal certification system in which teachers' certificates issued by provinces are recognized throughout Canada.

Territorial minister of education Dennis Patterson brought news of the agreement from a Canadian Ministers of Education conference he attended in Regina this week.

"We already have legislation making it possible for us to award our own N.W.T. Teachers' Certificates," says Patterson.

"Under the new system we're developing those N.W.T. certificates will now be recognized across the country," he said.

"It's significant that the provinces have recognized our jurisdiction in education and the competence of our new teacher certification board," says Patterson.

To qualify for a teachers' certificate, a candidate would have to possess:

- valid certification to teach issued by a provincial or territorial government,

- a three or four-year degree awarded by a university accredited by a provincial government, and

- successful completion of one year of teacher training, or equivalent, as attested by a teacher training institution accredited by a provincial or territorial government.

"Graduates of our Thebacha College teacher education program and the teacher education program in Frobisher Bay will be certified right here in the Territories," said Patterson.

"When they go on to obtain a degree they will be recognized as qualified teachers anywhere in Canada," he said.

The conference will also work toward portability of teachers' pensions within Canada - a step toward easing barriers for teachers who might wish to work in any part of Canada.

The ministers of education also decided to hold a conference on post-secondary education issues later this year.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY COMING

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 25) - Eighteen months from now the Scouting movement in Canada and in the N.W.T. should own the most-travelled collection of books in the country.

It's all to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of Scouting in the world, beginning in February. There are over 12 million youths in the world movement.

A Book of Lists will be circulated in the N.W.T. to collect the signatures of the 1,200 youths and adults in the Scouting movement here.

This list will then be added to similar volumes in every province - 24 volumes in total.

The collection will then be placed for posterity in the Scouting museum in Ottawa. By then it should contain close to 500,000 signatures.

The idea behind all this is to have on record a lasting remembrance of all the people in Scouting during the anniversary year.

The well-travelled volume in the Territories will get around to all communities over the next 1½ years as volunteer leaders routinely travel the north on business and pleasure.

Meanwhile, N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker, patron of Scouting in the Territories, will on February 22 proclaim the official start in the N.W.T. of the anniversary celebrations.

Besides the volume of signatures, other anniversary events in the N.W.T. include a July jamboree at Cameron Falls outside Yellowknife, and the visit next October of author, artist and Scouting authority John Sweet and his wife from England for the Scout Council annual meeting in Yellowknife.

At the individual community level, Beaver and Cub packs, Scout troops and Venturer companies will be marking the anniversary with special events of their own.

Meanwhile, throughout the world other events are being planned, including:

- 50 countries producing anniversary stamps;
- in Toronto, 17,000 Scouts parading downtown;
- Omega producing Scout watches;
- and 24 countries issuing new coins to mark the anniversary.

The theme of the anniversary is The Spirit Lives On.

Scouting was founded in 1907 in England by the late Lord Baden-Powell. This year also is the 125th anniversary of his birth.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS TO CONTINUE

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 25) - The first Western Arctic Constitutional Conference ended here Friday with delegates agreeing to establish a committee to continue the work started on self-government for the western N.W.T.

As well as setting up an 11-member committee, the delegates also decided to meet again in conference before the end of May.

The conference was hosted by the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Constitutional Development. Its purpose was to start reaching agreement on the political future of the Western Arctic.

In a resolution passed on the final afternoon of the conference, delegates set up the committee with a mandate to develop a process of constitutional change that will guarantee public involvement and community consultation. The committee will report back to the delegates at the next meeting of the constitutional conference to be held "no later than May 30, 1982."

The committee will be made up of representatives from the major native organizations - the Dene Nation, Metis Association, Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE) and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada

(ITC) - as well as community representatives: one from Yellowknife, three representing larger towns and two the smaller settlements. The Legislative Assembly will place one member on the committee.

The resolution also endorsed a united front of all the major groups representing northerners to deal with political and constitutional change.

The resolution that set up the committee was an altered version of a five-point proposal by Dene Nation president Georges Erasmus. The Dene/Metis joint proposal advanced by Erasmus called on delegates to endorse in principle the process for achieving responsible government outlined in the Dene/Metis discussion paper "Public government for the People of the North." The process described in the paper would have constitutional development settled with the federal government as part of aboriginal claims negotiations.

Many delegates, particularly from larger communities, said they did not believe they had a mandate from their constituents to agree to the proposal. Delegates Cynthia Hill of Inuvik, Red McBryan of Hay River, Margarite Robinson of Fort Smith and George Edwards of Aklavik all said they would have to confer with the people of their communities before they could give approval.

Metis Association president Jim Bourque chided the reluctant delegates for their unwillingness to commit themselves to the proposal. Bourque said thousands of dollars of government money was being spent on the conference and the delegates had an obligation as leaders to come up with a method of dealing with constitutional change.

James Wah-Shee, minister for aboriginal rights and constitutional development, said the process for attaining self-government was already in place in the eastern Arctic but the western Arctic had yet to come up with a process of its own.

"The only thing we're talking about is process. It's not giving a stamp of approval to any change, whether it's residency or boundaries or whatever," said Wah-Shee.

Erasmus assured the delegates his proposal gave the opportunity for public discussion and input and allowed for final ratification by the members of all groups involved.

Cynthia Hill, mayor of Inuvik, moved a compromise resolution that set up the committee but deleted reference to the Dene/Metis process. Her motion was passed by the delegates with no opposing votes and only one abstention.

Erasmus then moved a separate motion endorsing the Dene/Metis process and directing the newly-formed committee to make the necessary changes to the process to guarantee public involvement. With a little improvement, he said, the proposal could work.

In speaking against the Erasmus motion, Mayor Mike Ballantyne of Yellowknife said it was not only a lack of a mandate that made some delegates reluctant to support the Dene/Metis process but also a lack of understanding of just what the process is.

George Braden, MLA for Yellowknife North, said he could see a lot of merit to the process and could give his support in principle but added "my constituents have not ratified this process."

The motion was narrowly defeated with 10 votes in favour, 11 against and two abstentions.

Much of the discussion throughout the conference focussed on the Dene/Metis joint proposal for Denendeh. A particularly contentious issue was the 10-year residency requirement for voters proposed in the Denendeh paper.

Cynthia Hill of Inuvik said a short residency requirement of "one year or even six months" was a basic Canadian principle that ensured responsible government. Otto Romeike of Pine Point said 10 years was "unreasonable and unacceptable."

Erasmus said a long residency requirement was necessary because of the small population of the western Arctic. A single mega-project, he said, could bring in enough people from the south to change the population balance in the north "virtually overnight" with the result that northerners could be ruled by transients. But Erasmus did indicate some flexibility in the Dene/Metis position.

"We are proposing 10 years. Perhaps it is too long but two to six months or a year is not long enough," he said.

Inuvik MLA Tom Butters said the whole question of residency was academic since the matter would be determined by the courts. All it would take, he said, was a single citizen to challenge the residency requirement.

Another item in the Denendeh proposal that concerned some delegates was the question of land ownership. Councillor Red McBryan of Hay River wanted to know if the Denendeh plan allowed for the honouring of the conditions of present day leases.

Erasmus replied that any kind of "alienation" of land that had already occurred would be honoured. It was not in the interests of the Dene and Metis to seek control over the small amount of land owned or leased by non-native people, he said.

Two themes often repeated in delegates' remarks were the need for unity among all the people of the north and the short amount of time northerners had to accomplish the task of attaining responsible government.

The alternative to a co-operative approach to political change in the north, said Metis Association president Jim Bourque, is a deterioration of the present situation in which the north is controlled from outside.

"We're in this boat together," said Bourque. "Either we make it float or we sink. And right now it's leaking pretty badly."

Bob MacQuarrie, MLA for Yellowknife Centre, said he agreed with Bourque.

"Let's get together and strategize against someone else," said MacQuarrie. "Large-scale economic development will go on with us or without us. If it's without us, we'll be left sucking on the hind teat."

Nick Sibbeston, MLA for Mackenzie-Liard, chaired the conference and ended it on an optimistic note. Calling it an "historical meeting", Sibbeston said he believed the conference had been successful.

"A good start has been made," he said. "We've agreed to form a united front, we've agreed to meet again and we've agreed to form a committee. Delegates can feel happy and good about the last three days."

Delegates to the conference came from throughout the western Arctic, from Fort Smith to Tuktoyaktuk. Besides members of the Legislative Assembly and community leaders, there were representatives from labour groups, native organizations and other special interest groups.

Senator Jack Austin and David Osborn, the Federal government's claims negotiator for the Mackenzie Valley, also attended as observers.

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**BRADEN APPOINTED MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR
STATUS OF WOMEN**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 25) - George Braden, minister of justice and public services, has been appointed minister responsible for the status of women in the N.W.T.

His appointment was announced by Commissioner John Parker.

"This is an important step for the government to take because it's the first time a minister has been named responsible for this vital area," says Parker.

A federal/provincial meeting will be held on the status of women in the spring, and Braden will attend the meeting of behalf of the Northwest Territories.

Officials of the various governments, including a representative of the Territorial government, attended a preparatory meeting last week.

The department of justice and public services will provide the necessary administrative support to the minister in carrying out his responsibilities.

"We'll be reviewing all existing territorial legislation to ensure there are no legislative provisions which are discriminatory to women," says Braden.

"I intend to keep in close touch with developments in other jurisdictions on the enhancement of the status of women," he said.

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Jim Bourque

Bob Stevenson











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BOWYER TO HEAD PERSONNEL

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28)-A senior management change within the Territorial government will see Ted Bowyer become director of personnel effective February 15.

Bowyer, 49, is presently deputy minister of renewable resources. He will replace Jim Blewett who is scheduled to leave the government Feb. 12 to accept a position in Halifax with the management consulting firm of Hay and Associates Ltd.

The announcement was made today by Commissioner John Parker.

"The task of heading up the personnel function has become particularly sensitive and challenging," he said. "Mr. Bowyer's wide ranging experience with this government places him in an excellent position to tackle the job that lies ahead."

Issues to be faced by Bowyer include taxation of northern benefits, input into the government's new accommodation policy and continuing research into the possibility of establishing a public service commission.

Bowyer was appointed deputy minister of renewable resources in August of 1980 after spending a little over a year as regional director for the government in Inuvik.

He began his career with the government in 1966 as superintendent of the Yellowknife Correction Institute and Camp. In 1971 he became the area service officer, Fort Smith.

Between 1975 to 1979 he served as an executive assistant to two assistant commissioners and, finally, to Mr. Parker who was deputy commissioner at the time.

Blewett has been with the department of personnel since 1978, first as assistant director and then as director in 1979.

His northern employment experience dates back to 1965 when he accepted a teaching position at the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik.

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FORMER N.W.T. COMMISSIONER DIES IN OTTAWA

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - Major-General Hugh A. Young, a former commissioner of the Northwest Territories, died in Ottawa Jan. 22.

Young, 83, was commissioner from 1950 to 1953.

He was named to the position when he was appointed deputy minister of the Federal government's Department of Resources and Development.

During his term as commissioner, the N.W.T. Act was amended to allow elected representatives on the Territorial Council. Membership on council was increased from six to eight with three councillors elected from constituencies in the Mackenzie District. Up to this time, all members had been appointed.

The 1951 amendment also called for two sessions of council each year - one to be held in the N.W.T. in the summer and one in Ottawa in winter. Young presided over the first session of council with elected representatives to sit north of 60.

During his time with Resources and Development, Young was responsible for reorganizing the department and renaming it the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. He originated the plan to move the settlement of Aklavik to a site on the east side of the Mackenzie Delta, later named Inuvik.

Following his term as commissioner, Young became deputy minister of public works, a position he held until his retirement in 1963.

The major-general had a distinguished military career and saw active combat service in both World Wars. He was a Companion of the Bath, Commander, Order of the British Empire, and Companion of the Distinguished Service Order. He was also awarded le Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre by the French government.

Young's connection with the north began when he was a lieutenant with the Royal Canadian Signal Corps from 1924 to 1933. He travelled in the Arctic working on the construction of radio stations. On one trip he was to establish a signal station on Herschel Island but his ship sank in the Mackenzie River so the station was set up at Aklavik instead.

In 1944 Young was made Quartermaster-General in Europe and was

responsible for the return of all Canadian troops from overseas following World War II.

After his return from Europe, Young became vice-president of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in 1946.

Following his retirement, Young lived in Ottawa. The funeral was held there on Monday.

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82-025

PLEBISCITE OFFICE TO OPEN IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - Chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton is bringing together a staff to organize and publicize the April 14 plebiscite on the division of the Northwest Territories.

Hamilton's plebiscite office will be set up on the fifth floor of the Bowling Green Apartments in Yellowknife, and phone lines will be open by Feb. 5.

The general phone number for the plebiscite office will be (403) 920-8080, and eastern Arctic residents may phone that number collect for information. People in the western Arctic may phone Zenith 2560 (a toll-free number).

"We are lining up returning officers in each plebiscite district, ordering the many forms and plebiscite materials necessary and preparing a public information program," says Hamilton.

"When we move into the new office we expect it to be a clearing house for any questions the public has about the plebiscite," he said.

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82-026

ECONOMY FACES MAJOR PROBLEMS - BRADEN

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 1)- The economy of the Northwest Territories faces major problems that will require long-term and expensive solutions.

George Braden, leader of the elected executive, made the remarks in a presentation to be distributed at the first ministers' conference on the economy this week in Ottawa.

Braden, attending the conference as an observer, states the Territorial government has a number of major issues that must be dealt with.

The issues include the need to balance regional disparities within the NWT, a strengthening of the renewable resource sector and diversifying the service and manufacturing sector.

In addition, there has to be increasing native participation in the non-renewable resource sector of the economy.

"Although the Territorial economy is gradually developing and expanding, high interest rates, changes in taxation and the high cost of living are slowing down further growth and greater participation of northerners in the economy," Braden states.

These factors are discouraging to residents and to those who come north as developers or to join the workforce. They discourage investment and residency.

On the brighter side, Braden notes that in the next 20 years oil companies will probably spend about \$50 billion on major oil and gas projects in the NWT - close to an eighth of all major projects planned for Canada.

In addition, since 1979 four new mine openings have been announced and it is estimated that these projects could increase lead production by 50 per cent and double the Territories' production of gold.

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GRANTS TO STIMULATE HOME OWNERSHIP

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 1) - The Territorial government will make \$1 million available to the N.W.T. Housing Corporation to stimulate home ownership in the Great Slave Lake and Mackenzie Valley areas.

Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, today announced the grants for the experimental home ownership assistance program.

"The grant is an initiative to stimulate private home ownership among native people in these areas," McCallum said.

Native people in the Mackenzie Valley have traditionally owned their own homes and are reluctant to participate in the rental program of the Housing Corporation, the minister explained.

The costs of construction and economic conditions in the communities have made home ownership difficult. The new program will use local materials and employ residents in the communities, McCallum said.

"The rental programs now being operated are expensive methods of providing housing in the North because building costs are rising and operation and maintenance costs are high", he said.

The N.W.T. Housing Corporation will administer the funding and people receiving grants will be expected to take part in the construction of their own homes.

Communities participating in the program will begin work as soon as possible, McCallum said.

Information about the program is available from the N.W.T. Housing Corporation in Yellowknife at 873-7853.

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**FAMILY BENEFITS WON'T BE INCLUDED IN RENT
CALCULATION**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 1) - Family allowances will no longer be included as income in establishing rents for Northern rental units.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the N.W.T. Housing Corporation, announced the change today.

In making the announcement on behalf of the Housing Corporation's board of directors, McCallum noted that "in the north, where prices are high, these family allowance payments are an important part of the family's resources".

Rents for units administered by the Housing Corporation are now set at 30 per cent of the total income of all wage-earners in a family.

The change is effective immediately.

This new policy is based on recommendations from local housing associations and housing authorities, McCallum said.

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JAMBOREE IN JULY

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 1) - About 200 youths, half of them from southern Canada, will be camping and canoeing outside Yellowknife this coming summer at the 3rd N.W.T. Scout jamboree.

The Scouts will come from across the Territories and provinces for this jamboree in the 75th anniversary year of Scouting in the world.

The 10-day jamboree is July 5-14 at Cameron Falls, 40 miles northeast of the city.

Interest in the event is keen. Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan, for example, already want to send more participants than they've been told they can.

The youngsters will camp with lightweight equipment and participate in a variety of outdoor activities including one to four-day canoe trips (depending on their individual ability), sports, compass work, hiking and back-packing.

The jamboree is being planned by a committee of Scouters headed by Territorial Scout commissioner Ron Tuckley of Yellowknife.

The last jamboree in the N.W.T. was held in 1978 in Coppermine and Pine Point.

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N.W.T. RESIDENTS TO VOTE ON DIVISION QUESTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 2) - The big question N.W.T. residents will face on April 14 is: "Do you think that the Northwest Territories should be divided?" Yes or No.

Also on the ballot form will be an explanation of how the question came about.

The text of that explanation is:

"In response to a proposal to create a new territory in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories, the Legislative Assembly agreed to hold a plebiscite.

"If a majority of the voters agree that the Northwest Territories should be divided, the Legislative Assembly will request the Government of Canada to divide the Northwest Territories and create a new territory in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories.

"If the Government of Canada agrees to divide the Northwest Territories, the Legislative Assembly will also request that a federal boundaries commission be appointed to consult with the people of the Northwest Territories and to recommend the exact boundaries of the new territory."

The wording of the question was approved by the Assembly in December.

N.W.T. residents who have lived in the Territories three years as of April 14, who are Canadian citizens and who are 19 years of age or older are eligible to vote in the plebiscite.

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G.N.W.T. EXPERTS TO ADDRESS ENERGY BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 2) - The Territorial government has set energy supply to communities and a share in revenues as major conditions of its support for the Arctic Pilot Project.

Peter Hart, energy advisor to the energy and resource development secretariat, will explain the government's position during National Energy Board hearings into the project that begin today.

"It appears that hydro-carbon developments such as the Arctic Pilot Project offer the most promising supply options for communities above the treeline", Hart says in his statement to be presented to the NEB at the end of February. Details of his presentation were released today.

The Arctic Pilot Project (APP) is a proposal to carry liquified natural gas from the high Arctic to the south by tanker.

Petroleum products and electricity are extremely expensive in the N.W.T., Hart will tell the Board. "This creates an excessive burden on all consumers in the North. Aggravating the problem is a heavy dependence on more expensive forms of energy due to climate. Fuel costs in several Arctic communities are already in excess of \$1 a litre."

If diesel fuel and light fuel oil demand were combined, the N.W.T. demand would be five times the Canadian average per capita due to climate, the predominance of diesel-generated electricity and large transportation fuel requirements, Hart says.

Methanol produced from natural gas is the most promising alternative fuel available. Consideration of its production should become part of the planning for APP, Hart suggests in his brief.

The precedent for local supply from large projects was established with the Northern Pipeline Act which requires Foothills Pipelines to construct lines to eight Yukon communities and to provide a subsidy to other settlements wanting gas supplies, Hart says.

"The Territorial government views the steps taken in the Yukon as an extremely rational approach to the nation's energy supply system. There appears to be no reason why the same approach in the N.W.T. would not yield the same benefits", Hart will tell the board.

Don Weisbeck, chief of planning and resource development for the department of economic development and tourism, will examine resource revenue from the project and the distribution of benefits generated by APP.

At present, there are no arrangements for the Territorial government to receive a share of royalties from development of non-renewable resources in the N.W.T., Weisbeck says. Financial benefits received from APP are limited to property taxes and a portion of corporate income taxes.

"As a result, the Territorial government will receive none of the estimated \$7,555 million accumulated royalty payments."

Over the life of the project, Weisbeck says, it is expected that the Federal government will receive \$6,264 million in revenues or \$313 million per year while the N.W.T. government will receive \$472 million or \$23.6 million yearly in taxes. The Federal government will receive 13 1/4 times the amount the Territorial government will get.

Because the N.W.T. does not have the same jurisdiction over its resources as the provinces, it is unable to share in royalties from such projects, Weisbeck explains.

"Using the Alberta/Canada energy price sharing agreement as a model, we have estimated that under the same royalty terms and conditions as the provinces, the G.N.W.T. could receive approximately \$3,032 million in revenue over the life of the project or nearly \$152 million a year."

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GOVERNMENT BUDGET ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 3) - The Territorial government proposes to spend over \$443 million in the fiscal year beginning April 1.

The government's proposed 1982-83 budget - up 19 per cent over last year - was announced Tuesday by Commissioner John Parker in his opening address to the ninth Legislative Assembly's budget session. The six-week session began yesterday in the Explorer hotel.

The increase in the budget is due largely to inflation, a factor beyond the government's control, Parker explained. Some \$350 million will be spent on operations and maintenance and \$73 million on capital expenditures.

The budget the Assembly will be asked to approve, Commissioner Parker noted, comes from an improved executive planning system developed by the ministers to see that government spending better reflects the priorities determined by the Assembly. The executive planning system will be further refined by the Executive Committee in the coming year, the Commissioner added.

"With the new system in place, we anticipate an improved ability to shift financial resources to accommodate Legislative Assembly priorities," he said.

Economic development is being encouraged, said Parker, with a "privatization program" designed to change some government projects into private businesses. Also, new tourism zones are being established to promote more tourism business opportunities, he said.

Speaking on the development of non-renewable resources, the commissioner told the Assembly four socio-economic agreements have been concluded. These involve the Polaris and Lupin mining projects and oil and gas development in the Beaufort Sea and the High Arctic.

"We are confident that these agreements will ensure that northern residents and businesses will receive meaningful and increased benefits from resource projects in their own communities and regions," said the commissioner.

Parker announced that Dr. W. Winston Mair of Victoria, B.C. will be reviewing the structure of the department of Economic Development and Tourism to determine if it can handle the work facing it now and in the future.

"High levels of resource and economic development activities now underway and proposed for the Delta and Beaufort Sea areas demand a strong and effective governmental response capability, and for this reason Dr. Mair's study will be concentrated in these areas and in the headquarters unit of the department," the commissioner explained.

Parker also noted the steady development of community government with the beginning of devolution of Health and Social Services to communities, the establishment of four new hamlets last year in Norman Wells, Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Coppermine, and hamlet status due in Cape Dorset and Lake Harbour in April. He reminded the Assembly of the homeowner's property tax rebate instituted in 1981 and said tax relief for homeowners in municipalities will increase in 1982.

Commenting on the national scene, the commissioner observed that Bill C-48 - the Oil and Gas Act - has been passed by the Canadian Parliament.

"It now becomes important for us to take a positive stance towards the legislation and seek to ensure that it is administered to the greatest possible advantage of northern people," he said.

An international concern, the commissioner said, was a motion before the Parliament of the European Economic Community to prohibit Canadian sealskins from being imported by member nations of the trading bloc. The commissioner said there were indications that sealskin from the N.W.T. might not be prohibited but bad publicity resulting from the move could mean financial losses for many residents.

"Your Executive Committee will monitor this situation closely and support the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans in its efforts to combat this ban," the commissioner said.

In the area of constitutional development, the commissioner paid tribute to the significant role played by members of the Assembly in securing the reinstatement of aboriginal rights in the proposed Canadian Constitution in November. Members of Parliament, and the Canadian public, the commissioner said, were most impressed with the dedication and thoughtful positions put forth by the Assembly's Special Committee on the Constitution.

"As the Hon. John Munro, minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, stated in the House of Commons on November 24, when referring to Committee Members: 'I think they should take some real credit for this unique achievement'", the commissioner recalled.

Meanwhile, Parker announced that the Commissioner's Award for public service at the highest level will be given to Sarah Simon of Fort McPherson for her life-long service to the Loucheux people.

"Her contribution has been particularly important in strengthening the role of the church in the community, in helping families and individuals, and in furthering the use of the Loucheux language by her teaching of the language and through her work in preparation of the latest version of the Bible in Loucheux. Since one of the most important priorities of this Legislature is the advancement of native language use, it seems particularly fitting that public service in this field should be recognized."

Commissioner Parker reminded the Assembly members of the coming plebiscite on the division of the Territories to be held April 14 and said the vote will mark an important step in the political evolution of the N.W.T.

During the course of the seventh session, 12 bills will be presented, the commissioner said. As well as amendments to the Plebiscite Ordinance, the Municipal Ordinance, and the Vital Statistics Ordinance, nine financial bills will be introduced.

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PCBs INVESTIGATED IN FROBISHER BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 4) - A reported spill of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in an abandoned building in Frobisher Bay is being investigated by the Department of Renewable Resources' environmental services.

Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo says efforts are being made to find the owner of the discarded material.

Meanwhile, a joint federal/Territorial team has arranged for pick-up and safe storage of the PCBs.

"Our department works very closely with the Environmental Protection Service of the federal Department of the Environment when something like this happens," says Nerysoo. "We have had a working agreement for some time."

PCBs are very stable and long-lasting man-made chemicals, useful for several industrial purposes. This long-life now poses a problem as harmful effects of PCBs have been discovered," says Nerysoo.

The chemicals were found in a transformer, a large piece of electrical switching equipment.

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EDUCATION ANNOUNCES NEW HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - N.W.T. high schools will begin offering five new or expanded courses next September, says Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

A comprehensive three-year course in business education will begin in all three regional high schools, while in Inuvik three-year programs in health and social services and in automotives will be introduced.

Programs in building construction and general mechanics will be expanded in the high school at Frobisher Bay and automotives and building construction at Sir John Franklin in Yellowknife.

New buildings to accommodate the courses in Inuvik will be built on the present campus over a four-year period beginning in 1982. The equipment and facilities are expected to cost approximately \$3.4 million.

As well, money will be available for additional equipment and staff at the Gordon Robertson Education Centre in Frobisher Bay and Sir John Franklin in Yellowknife.

The Minister also announced a new numbering and credit system for the high-school certification has been adopted.

"The new system will allow for flexibility so that students may move from the academic to the job-oriented or trades program if they and their parents want, or take a mixture of academic and job-related courses," says Patterson.

All high schools and junior high schools in the N.W.T. will be kept informed of all curriculum changes, and revisions are now being made to the booklets, "Approved Programs and Courses 1981-82" and "The Senior High School Manual".

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G.N.W.T. SETS CONDITIONS FOR PROJECT SUPPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 8) - The Territorial government supports the proposed Arctic Pilot Project as long as the government's conditions are met.

Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources, outlined the government's conditions in a presentation he will make about the end of February at the National Energy Board's hearings into the project. Details of his presentation were released today.

Nerysoo, speaking on behalf of the government's Elected Executive, will ask for "increasing benefits from resource development, adequate protection of traditions and lifestyles, and meaningful and northern-based control of development."

The Arctic Pilot Project (APP) is a proposal to carry liquified natural gas from the high Arctic to the United States by ocean-going tanker. NEB hearings into the project began Feb. 2 in Ottawa.

It seems, Nerysoo says, that industry is prepared to invest billions of dollars to develop resources in the N.W.T. A socio-economic action plan, drawn up with industry, is one way of responding to the Territorial government's

concerns about the impact of such development, he says.

The government intends to negotiate the socio-economic plan with APP directly to include conditions that:

- APP work with local residents to plan for possible negative social effects of the project;
- APP develop employment strategies which ensure northern residents have right of first refusal on all jobs;
- northern businesses be used whenever possible in construction and operation of the project, and
- APP, the Territorial government, settlement and municipal councils set up a committee to determine employment skills and training needs.

APP and the Territorial government will develop training programs to ensure that northern residents are qualified to compete for jobs, Nerysoo says.

Conditions for support of the project include assurances that at no time will APP become more than an experiment. It is the small-scale pilot project only that is supported by the government, Nerysoo explains in his presentation.

"We believe that the project can be an opportunity to study and assess the impacts of gas production and transportation in the Arctic. The government does not support the transportation of oil in ice-breaking tankers through the Northwest Passage", Nerysoo says.

This government supports concerns expressed by native organizations that aboriginal claims may be prejudiced if large scale resource developments are allowed to proceed before progress has been made towards a settlement, Nerysoo will tell the Board.

In his evidence, Nerysoo also will ask that construction take place with minimal environmental damage, that contingency plans be developed to protect renewable resources and disruptions of wildlife harvesting be minimized.

As well, the government will ask that the shipping activities of the project not affect the annual sealift to communities.

The APP should provide energy to communities accessible to the project, the presentation states. "We need guarantees of reasonably priced energy supplies."

The N.W.T. should receive an equitable share of the revenues and royalties from such projects that now go to the federal government, Nerysoo says. Costs of additional programs and community services needed as a result of the project could be offset by these increased revenues.

A project management board including representatives from APP, federal and Territorial governments, settlement and municipal councils and native groups should be set up to monitor the management of the program, Nerysoo says.

"The position of the G.N.W.T. on the project reflects our commitment to residents of the N.W.T., Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and Baffin Regional Inuit Association to seriously review the proposal and determine conditions that will provide benefits to northerners.

"The government looks forward to well-balanced and orderly development of resources in the N.W.T.", Nerysoo will tell the Board.

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON PARKS EXPANSION

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 8) - The Territorial government and Parks Canada have reached agreement on the process Parks Canada will use to select, establish and develop new national parks across the N.W.T.

"The Territorial government will now have a direct and meaningful voice in the decision-making associated with the proposed national parks expansion program", said Tom Butters, the Territorial government's minister of economic development and tourism.

Parks Canada has identified a number of potential national parks including the East Arm of Great Slave Lake, Wager Bay, the northern tip of Ellesmere Island, northern Banks Island, an area of Baffin Island, and Bathurst Inlet.

The agreement sets out only the Territorial government's role in the decision-making process, Butters explained. "There are other groups involved in the process of establishing parks including the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, native organizations and resource development interests."

The establishment of new national parks will be subject to the settlement of native claims, Butters said.

The Territorial government has also provided Parks Canada with a 'principles paper'. This paper sets out the Territorial government's conditions for Parks Canada's expansion program.

The paper explains the government's position on wildlife management and harvesting, non-renewable resources, relations between Parks Canada and local communities, and sharing of costs for developing facilities near new parks.

The principles call for Parks Canada to ensure that any new national parks in the N.W.T. have positive social, economic and physical benefits, Butters said.

Copies of the process paper and the principles paper are available from the superintendent of parks, department of economic development and tourism, Yellowknife, (403) 873-7902.

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TAX HIKES POSSIBLE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 08)-The price of both cigarettes and motive fuel may soon be going up in the North.

Finance Minister Tom Butters announced during his budget speech to the NWT Legislative Assembly Wednesday that the government's executive committee would be seeking amendments to the Fuel and Tobacco Tax Ordinance during the assembly's winter budget session.

Butters explained that some tax increases were necessary to offset a \$1.4 million deficit in the government's proposed operating expenditures for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

He didn't say how much of a tax hike would be requested.

Despite a 19 per cent increase in the budget over last year, Butters cautioned the assembly against thinking there is a "lot of fat" in the government's spending plan. He said much of the increase was due to forced growth requirements of the government and the fact that some programs had fixed costs that could not be lowered.

"I am convinced that you will agree with me that the 82-83 operating and maintenance capital budget are not expansionary and that they provide an adequate level of funding for most government programs," Butters stated.

The O and M budget for the new fiscal is estimated at \$352 million, while the capital budget is estimated at \$73 million.

Butters told the assembly that while there was evidence of some modest growth in the NWT, the territorial government was concerned that growth is not providing enough benefit to northerners.

"Although some communities have benefited through increased employment and spending power, it is also evident that many of the resource-based expenditures in the NWT provide earning to non-residents who do not pay NWT income tax and who spend their earnings in southern Canada."

Many NWT communities get little or no benefits from northern resource development, Butters explained, adding that the Executive Committee would be working to change the situation.

The impact of resource development on the north was an issue the government was addressing although the budget didn't include funding for communities to deal with the effects of major development. The executive was searching for funds for the communities of Norman Wells and Tuktoyaktuk.

"Unfortunately, I must advise you that a general development agreement has not yet been signed for 1982-83 and I am not sure of the degree of priority at which the federal government currently holds these agreements," the minister stated.

He added that he thought the delay in reaching the new accord was due to the recent restructuring of the federal department of regional and economic expansion (DREE).

Butters noted the spending priorities of the Territorial budget reflected legislative assembly recommendations. In future budgets, government programs would be classified into priority levels to make funding changes easier.

The minister said he also placed high priority on resolving the question of taxation of northern allowances and the Territorial government was trying to work with the Yukon government, with northern industry and labour and with the federal government to come up with a solution.

"Obviously, a resolution must be found that will recognize differences in the cost of living for the north, which will compliment and ensure compliance with the federal taxation system and which will be equitable in its treatment of all northerners."

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) suggested that the finance minister re-table a position paper presented by the territorial government earlier. The paper recommended northerners receive an extra deduction from their income tax.

"That may be a focal point or rallying point for attempting to get a favourable tax break, not only for certain favoured employees in the North, but for all people who are taxpayers in the North," MacQuarrie said.

Butter's budget did run into some criticism from the assembly's finance committee. Chairperson Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South) said the committee was not satisfied that the budget reflected the assembly's concern about the effect of resource development projects on local governments and people in small communities.

Sorensen pointed to the Inuvik region as a place which has already experienced high impact and which will face immense pressure from development in the future.

"Your committee thought that this budget would single out the Inuvik region as a priority area. It doesn't," she said.

Sorensen said the committee recommended the territorial government meet immediately with community councils and native organizations to "discuss a team approach to manage the affairs in the Inuvik region."

The committee also suggested the budget should place greater emphasis on the evaluation of current programs and services and that a base review of each government department for effectiveness and efficiency be done.

"In this age of inflation and scarce financial resources, a responsible government and its legislature cannot continue to ask for new and additional money from a taxpayer if it cannot be guaranteed that the programs already funded are meeting their objectives," she stated.

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NERYSOO AWAITS BETTER DEAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 08)- The Territorial government's department of renewable resources is not yet ready to take over responsibility for fighting forest fires.

Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo said he is still worried about the financial implications of a transfer of the responsibilities from the federal government in Ottawa.

The matter arose during discussion of the 1982-83 budgetary estimates for his department at the legislative assembly's winter session in this northern capital.

Nerysoo told members he did want to assume responsibility for forest fire operations, but thought that protection of the Territorial government's financial resources had to be ensured first.

He indicated that the cost of fighting fires varied from season to season and could fluctuate greatly.

"There is really no protection if they (Ottawa) tell us to take \$6 or \$9 million and leave it at that. If you have a bad season you could have the responsibility of finding an additional \$9-\$10 million," Nerysoo said.

Any arrangement to transfer the responsibility would have to provide the possibility of getting extra monies if it became necessary, he added.

Later, Nerysoo was urged to defend his department's system of establishing quotas for wildlife harvesting.

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) asked the minister what studies had been done to determine if the population of gyrfalcons in the NWT could sustain a harvest and if the department had decided to put off any harvest until information was available.

Deputy Minister Ted Bowyer replied that some preliminary work had already been done in some regions and more studies of the gyrfalcon population were planned in the coming year.

Nerysoo added that last year's gyrfalcon project, which allowed up to 50 birds to be captured and sold, was experimental and a serious review of the project was taking place.

There was certainly a surplus of gyrfalcons in the North, he said, but the question was how many.

MacQuarrie also asked the minister what the conditions were under which he had increased the polar bear quota in Eskimo Point.

The minister replied that the conditions had been unusual in that he had decided himself to increase the quota on an experimental basis for two years based on reports from the Eskimo Point community that there had been an increase in the polar bear population.

MacQuarrie said he realized the minister was under a lot of pressure to increase quotas when he visited communities but he did not think it was wise to raise the numbers until studies had been done to warrant the hikes.

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NURSING HOMES A PRIORITY

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 08)-Establishment of nursing homes is a priority of the Territorial government's department of health.

Members of the NWT Legislative Assembly approved a motion Friday directing the department to set up nursing homes for the aged in "those areas that can prove the need."

The motion passed unanimously. It came during discussion of the department's budget estimates for the 82-83 fiscal year.

Health Minister Arnold McCallum stated the need is becoming more apparent each year as the Territories becomes more settled.

"It's time to get things happening in a positive manner," he stated.

McCallum stated his department was actively pursuing the idea of nursing homes and he hoped something could be done in a year or two. It would not be possible to establish anything in 82-83 because he didn't have the necessary funding.

82-039

EVALIK NAMED ASSISTANT TO TOLOGANAK

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - Charlie Evalik, formerly of Cambridge Bay, has been named executive assistant to Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of government services.

Evalik's appointment is effective immediately.

Until now, Evalik was senior Inuit claims negotiator with the Territorial government's aboriginal rights and constitutional development secretariat. He held this position since October, 1980.

Before moving to Yellowknife, Evalik was executive director of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association in Cambridge Bay for 1 1/2 years. He also was with the Territorial government's departments of local government and social services for seven years in the community.

Evalik is married with four children. He speaks Inuktitut.

In announcing the appointment, the minister noted that he was pleased to have Evalik joining his staff, bringing with him many years' experience in government and in working with the public.

"He has a great knowledge of the North and of the people of the Kitikmeot region. During his time with KIA and the aboriginal rights secretariat, Mr. Evalik developed a good working relationship with the native organizations.

"This will be an asset to us, with the Executive involved not only in day-to-day operations of the government but also in political and constitutional development," Tologanak explained.

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THEBACHA COLLEGE GOVERNORS NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - The members of the board of governors of Thebacha College in Fort Smith were announced today by Dennis Patterson, the Territorial government's minister of education.

The board includes representatives from the five regions of the N.W.T. and Yellowknife.

"This is in keeping with our goal of working towards a system of colleges across the N.W.T.", Patterson noted.

The new board members are Hugh Lloyd of Igloolik; Solomon Voisey of Whale Cove; Colin Adjun, Coppermine; Larry Gordon of Inuvik; James Heron, Fort Smith, and Cy Lambert and Fernand Denault of Yellowknife.

A student member and a faculty member will be named to the board to represent the college following the board's first meeting.

Chairman of the board is the deputy minister of education, Brian Lewis. The director of Thebacha College will also sit as an ex officio member.

The board will hold its first meeting March 2, when the new governors will tour the college facilities and meet with the town council and other residents of Fort Smith.

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LIQUOR PLEBISCITE?

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 10) - An Eastern Arctic MLA is concerned that alcohol abuse is getting out of hand and suggested to the Legislative Assembly that perhaps it is time to take the question of total prohibition to the people of the N.W.T.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) said now that the Assembly had approved a plebiscite ordinance it could be used to poll people on the question of alcohol use.

"I am deeply concerned with the price of alcohol abuse in the N.W.T.," he told the Assembly this week.

"Maybe we should ask the people of the N.W.T. - do you want alcohol in the N.W.T. or not?"

The minister said it might be more useful if people were asked this question on a territorial-wide basis rather than community-by-community.

His reasoning against a community-by-community question was that if one community decided to allow the sale of liquor, it could directly contribute to the liquor problems in a nearby community which might have voted against liquor sales.

Patterson also suggested that people might be willing to prohibit direct liquor sales and instead just allow it to be sold in licensed premises where it can be more easily controlled.

Two years ago, he said, he tried to ban liquor advertising. However, because of pressure from Yellowknife he said he was "persuaded to keep my mouth shut".

He said arguments against him pointed out that it would cost too many jobs and that too much revenue would be lost.

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WE NEED ALTERNATIVES TO JAIL - MCCALLUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 10) - Jails in the N.W.T. are severely overcrowded and the situation will get worse unless alternatives are found to locking people up, says Arnold McCallum, the territorial government's minister of social services.

Speaking in the Legislative Assembly during discussion on his department's budget estimates this week, McCallum said because of the increase in the number of people appearing before the courts there has to be an increased emphasis on finding alternatives to incarceration.

"Our resources are taxed beyond capacity," said McCallum.

The number of people being jailed has been rising steadily in the last few years from an average prison population of 120 in 1979-80 to a population of 150 in 1982-83, with peaks as high as 180, McCallum said.

The worst overcrowding occurs at the Yellowknife Correctional Institute where this month the population reached 123 in a facility designed to hold 75, he said.

As well as greater numbers being sentenced, there are more people being remanded in custody while awaiting trial and there is also a trend to sentencing people to longer periods of incarceration, said McCallum.

The corrections service has been dealing with the crowding by placing extra beds in some cells and using other areas to house prisoners, said McCallum. Some were transferred to other institutions in the Territories and some were sent to southern institutions, he added.

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) said the crowded conditions could lead to incidents among the prisoners. He noted there was no money in the capital budget for expansion of prison facilities and asked the minister why that was so.

McCallum said he hoped the courts would make better use of alternatives to locking people up, such as community service orders. In the case of younger people, he said, he hoped there would be a greater acceptance by communities of some responsibility for young offenders.

McCallum said he was also speaking with the federal government to get a remand centre for the RCMP instead of keeping people in custody in YCI. His department was working on upgrading the Baffin region correctional institute for women and preliminary talks were going on about the establishment of a correctional centre in Inuvik, he said.

MacQuarrie suggested that recidivism was contributing to the problem of overcrowding. The number of repeat offenders might be lowered if at least part of a prison sentence was made a "distinctly unpleasant" experience, although without resorting to inhumanity or brutality, he

said.

The corrections program did make imprisonment an unpleasant situation, said McCallum, but the overcrowding made the term "correction" something of a misnomer.

While the corrections service tries to do some kind of rehabilitation work with prisoners, most sentences were too short for education programs to have much effect, he said. Sentences tend to be short because 90 per cent of the offences resulting in incarceration are liquor-related, he added.

"Alcohol is the most prevalent factor in crime in the N.W.T.," said McCallum.

His department has brought about community work programs and community service orders and in some areas these are working, McCallum said. Restitution programs, juvenile court committee attendance centres and work employment programs were also being set up, said the minister.

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**WAH-SHEE TELLS COMMUNITIES THE CHOICE IS
THEIRS**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 10) - The department of local government is planning to hold a series of regional meetings in western communities to help them decide what form of local government they want.

James Wah-Shee, the department's minister, told the Legislative Assembly this week that the Territorial government still hasn't been able to come up with a standard form of community government acceptable to both band and settlement councils in the N.W.T.

He explained to the Assembly however, that it was important for communities to decide themselves what kind of government they felt would be appropriate.

"I don't support the concept of existing municipal governments absorbing the band councils or the other way around," the minister said. "It's completely the choice of the community concerned."

Three communities in the Territories - Ft. Resolution, Ft. Good Hope and Ft. Providence - have submitted proposals to dissolve the present band and settlement councils and replace them with one body. Ft. Good Hope has done this already and

wants to continue with the new system.

Wah-Shee said his department could offer these communities an interim contractual agreement, but that it should still be taken to regional meetings so that there is guaranteed community input.

The interim agreement, however, would have to be some sort of general approach, the minister said, because of the talks about establishing Dene government.

In some communities there is no settlement council and in that case there isn't a problem with the band council taking over sole responsibility for providing local services, he explained.

But, said Wah-Shee, "we're trying to get the chiefs and band councils to come together and hold a community meeting and then have the community come forward with a proposal for my department."

Ft. Resolution, he said, has been talking for months about replacing the two councils there with one body, and they are only now presenting a proposal to the Territorial government.

"So, it's not an easy task to try and come up with the appropriate community structure. It has to be done through meetings," Wah-Shee pointed out.

MLA Robert Sayine (Great Slave East) explained that there was a split in Ft. Resolution over the band and settlement councils, which was why they wanted to replace them with one body.

Both are elected bodies, he said, but "we're trying to get away from that and create one council system which will govern the affairs of everyone in the community and that way we won't have a split."

Nick Sibbeston (MLA Mackenzie Liard) pointed out that Ft. Good Hope abolished the band and settlement councils two or three years ago and has been working successfully with just one body since then.

Sibbeston also pointed out that there were serious problems between band and settlement councils in Ft. Franklin and Ft. Norman. These problems, he said, surfaced at a regional meeting last fall in Wrigley.

The MLA explained that in those two communities the councils are seen as two separate forms of government which is why people are arguing among themselves.

He suggested that the minister travel to the Delta and talk to people in the communities to try and resolve the problem.

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PLEBISCITE RETURNING OFFICERS APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 12) - Returning officers have been appointed in 22 districts of the N.W.T. to organize the April 14 plebiscite on the question of division of the Territories.

Commissioner John Parker announced their appointments today.

Chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton says two training workshops will be held - one in Yellowknife Feb. 17 and 18 and one in Frobisher Bay Feb. 20 and 21 - to teach the new returning officers how to prepare for voting day.

"Their first task will be to hire enumerators - people to draw up the voters' list and make sure it includes everyone who is eligible to vote," says Hamilton.

Enumeration begins March 5 and ends March 10.

After that, the voters' list will be posted, and anyone whose name was left off the list has the opportunity to see that it is added.

Returning officers will have to be able to answer questions about the plebiscite from people in their districts, says Hamilton.

"They will have to be familiar with the new plebiscite ordinance, passed in amended form by the Legislative Assembly this week," he said.

The plebiscite returning officers and districts for which they are responsible are:

Jim Currie - Baffin Central

Nowdla Oshweetok - Baffin South

Ada Todd - Central Arctic

Lucy Quasa - Foxe Basin

Mary Hunt - Frobisher Bay

Nathanael Wolfe - Great Slave East

Hazel Haight - Hay River

Frank Pearce - High Arctic

Shoapik Emikotailuk - Hudson Bay

Agnes Semmler - Inuvik

Melinda Tatty - Keewatin South

Winnie Tarraq - Keewatin North

Knute Hansen - Mackenzie Delta

Helen Couvrette - Mackenzie Great Bear

Violet Cli - Mackenzie Liard

Sharon Bergerman - Pine Point

Henry Zoe - Rae-Lac La Martre

Ann Jones - Slave River

Lucy Dillon - Western Arctic

Cheryl Fennell - Yellowknife Centre

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82-045

FREEZE ON POWER COSTS WANTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - A Yellowknife MLA wants a freeze on the price of electricity in the N.W.T.

Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South) asked the Territorial government's George Braden, minister of justice and public services, if the government would be prepared to support a freeze on the power rates charged by Northern Canada Power Commission.

Sorensen suggested in the Legislative Assembly last week that the freeze be imposed until the conclusion of the Penner inquiry, a parliamentary committee studying NCPC.

Sorensen also asked if the government would be willing to bear the costs of any further rate increases until the Penner inquiry could come up with solutions to the problem.

The MLA said her constituents were paying about 11 1/2 cents per kilowatt/hour for electricity. This amounted to a monthly mid-winter bill for a "modest home" of \$170. She noted that there was another increase due in April and said her constituents could not bear another hike.

Power rates have nearly doubled in the past year since she tabled a petition with 1,500 signatures demanding a rate moratorium, Sorensen said, adding that all that had resulted was the Penner inquiry.

The Yellowknife South MLA said it was obvious the federal government and NCPC either did not intend to or could not address the problem of "skyrocketing" northern power rates.

Braden replied that the government could support a proposal to freeze power rates but such a move would go against the NCPC Act, which states that the corporation is not allowed to lose money. The government, he said, would have to look to some other measures to reduce or stop rate increases.

As for the government covering the costs of any increases until the Penner inquiry makes its recommendations, Braden said he couldn't make any commitment but would take the matter up with the Executive Committee.

One step the government was taking to reduce the cost of power, Braden said, was to reduce the Territorial tax on the fuel NCPC uses to produce diesel-generated power. Braden admitted that while this would produce some savings for northern consumers, the net effect was simply not enough.

Braden said he believed the rates were so high they were harmful to both the consumer and the business community in the Territories. The rate increases have a "tremendous inflationary effect" said Braden, on the small economy of the N.W.T. Rate increases are returned many times over to the consumer because not only do people have to pay more on their power bills, but they

also have to pay the extra costs passed on by northern businesses.

Braden pointed out to the Assembly that external factors such as the Alberta-Ottawa energy agreement which raised the price of oil, and natural factors such as the low water levels on the Snare River were a part of the rate increases.

The Territorial government was attempting to ensure that the low-water surcharge applied to Yellowknife-area consumers would not have any effect on the subsidy program provided to consumers outside the capital region, said Braden. He said he could not report a positive decision on the part of the federal government but added that the minister of Indian affairs and northern development is "very sympathetic" to the implications of the surcharge on consumers outside the Yellowknife area.

Braden said the government hopes to have the report of the Penner inquiry in March. He hopes it will recommend moving the headquarters of the power commission to the N.W.T.

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82-046

INCREASE FOR SENIORS?

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 15) - Senior citizens may be getting an increase in their monthly old-age allowances paid under the provisions of the Territorial government's Senior Citizens Benefit Ordinance.

The Legislative Assembly voted last week to recommend to the administration that benefits to the elderly be raised "at the earliest possible opportunity". The Assembly said this was to make up for the effects of rising prices and inflation.

The resolution, moved in the Assembly by Mark Evaluarjuk (Foxe Basin), notes that the present monthly allowance authorized by the Senior Citizens Benefit Ordinance was set in 1978. Since that time inflation has reduced the purchasing power of the allowance and has created real hardship for recipients, Evaluarjuk's resolution stated.

MLA William Noah (Keewatin North), in seconding the motion, said many Inuit grandparents take care of their grandchildren and have to face the extra expense involved in raising children.

MLA Tagak Curley (Keewatin South) said he would like to see the territorial government's Department of Social Services review the pension system for senior citizens. He suggested the department should consider lowering the age of eligibility for old-age benefits.

Curley said the present age limit of 65 was set by the federal government based on the lifestyle in southern Canada. The harsher climate in the north and the difficult lifestyle means people age faster here, he said.

Curley pointed out that Quebec has an extra supplement to benefits for its senior citizens living in the northern part of the province.

The resolution passed by the Assembly did not specify by how much the old-age benefits should increase.

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82-047

PUSH FISHING - CURLEY

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 15) - The commercial fishing industry in the N.W.T. fills less than one-quarter of its yearly quota.

As a result, MLA Tagak Curley (Keewatin South) told the Legislative Assembly here last week, the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism should be looking at ways to better promote the industry.

"It's easy to say it's expensive... but if we're serious in improving the economy of the Territories, we should begin to get up a task force to look into fishing opportunities," he said.

He explained that in the Eastern Arctic it's difficult for young people to get jobs because there just isn't anything there. It's time, he said, for the department of economic development to begin looking into new avenues of employment such as fishing, the fur industry, and transportation.

The people in the N.W.T., he said, have put their economic hopes on the department to succeed locally, regionally and territorially.

"In the N.W.T. we have to start addressing the kind of opportunities we have," the MLA said. "So far, we've been bogged down with trying to patch up the problem areas. Today, we can realign some of the economic development programs in the Territories."

The fur industry could be improved and arts and crafts should be turned over to the people, he said. As well, Economic Development could take over the management of northern transportation. For instance, he said, the shipping industry has not been fully developed.

"You can improve and realign some of the transportation, particularly where the sealift is concerned," Curley suggested.

Tom Butters, minister of economic development, told the MLA that it wasn't a case of the department not having new ideas. The problem, he said, hinges on funding. "The federal government has just put the brakes on renegotiating any agreements," Butters said.

Butters agreed with Curley about the importance of promoting the fishing industry. "You've put your finger on an important renewable resource which at the present time, for a number of reasons, isn't harvested as it could be," Butters agreed.

The minister said commercial fishermen in the Territories fill less than 23 per cent of their yearly quota.

He named a number of commercial fishing ventures operating in the Territories such as the Cambridge Bay Char Fishery, Arctic Coast Fisheries and Rankin Inlet Fishing and Canning Plant, which aren't harvesting as much as they could.

With regard to transportation, Butters said that the department was currently working with the department of government services to look at the possibility of privatization of the Eastern Arctic Sealift.

Butters also said that there has been an increasing demand on the department to turn Arts and Crafts over to the people and he agreed with this.

"But, we want to ensure the crafts people will receive a reasonable and adequate return for their product," the minister said.

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82-048

CARTER RESIGNS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - Gordon Carter, chairman of both the Highway Transport Board and the Public Utilities Board, has resigned.

His resignation, effective Feb. 2, was announced by George Braden, the Territorial government's minister of justice and public services.

Carter has been chairman of the Public Utilities Board since 1977 and of the Highway Transport Board since 1972.

"During his terms as chairman, Mr. Carter has assisted in developing both boards into dynamic and well-respected regulatory bodies across Canada", Braden said.

Carter has been a northern resident since 1970. Before going into private business as a management consultant, he was administrator for the Yellowknife School district #1. He was also registrar of companies, societies, insurance and motor vehicles, and chief of municipal affairs for the Territorial government.

He will continue his private practice as a management consultant in Yellowknife.

His successor on both boards will be appointed shortly by the minister of justice and public services.

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82-049

ARCHAEOLOGIST APPOINTED FOR HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - Dr. Charles D. Arnold of Toronto has been appointed senior archaeologist at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

His appointment was announced today by George Braden, the Territorial government's minister of justice and public services.

Arnold has been assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Toronto since 1978. He has conducted field research in several Arctic locations.

He will be responsible for establishing an archaeological program for the N.W.T. Arnold will be seeking co-operation from other government departments, developers and the public in documenting and preserving heritage resources, Braden said.

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TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR CRAFT MANAGERS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 17) - Craft shop managers from Fort Simpson and Fort Liard have received travel assistance grants from the Territorial government to market and promote N.W.T. arts and crafts.

The grants of \$1,000 each were approved by the Fort Smith region of the department of economic development and tourism.

The funds enabled Ron Hardisty, manager of the Fort Simpson Craft Shop, and Eva Hope, manager of the Acho Dene Native Crafts in Fort Liard, to travel to a recent arts and crafts show in Edmonton.

The applications were supported by the Native Women's Association of the N.W.T., whose national organization co-ordinated and arranged the Edmonton show.

The show was very successful and customers were satisfied with the prices and quality of N.W.T. crafts, Hardisty noted. "The show also gave the managers an opportunity to exchange ideas on how to improve the operation of a shop," he said.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER NAMED FOR FORT SMITH

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 17) - Carl Vetter has been appointed area economic development officer for the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism in Fort Smith.

Vetter's appointment was effective Feb. 1.

Vetter joined the Territorial government in 1974 as arts and crafts development officer working mainly in the Central Arctic and Lower Mackenzie and Great Slave lake areas.

In 1977 he moved to Fort Smith as arts and crafts development officer for that region. Vetter was then appointed commercial enterprise officer, responsible for the operation and management of eight G.N.W.T. projects in the Fort Smith region.

In his new position he will be responsible for assisting and encouraging economic and tourism development in Fort Smith and Snowdrift.

Vetter's office is located in the Jack Taylor Building in Fort Smith. His phone number is 872-2023, extension 337.

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82-052

POWER RATE FREEZE URGED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - The Legislative Assembly has sent a request to DIAND Minister John Munro to freeze any further power rate increases.

The Assembly has also decided to look into the possibility of having the Alberta Power Corporation supply power to some parts of the north.

The Assembly yesterday recommended to Munro that he immediately impose a freeze on territorial power rates. The freeze would last until the report of the Penner inquiry has been released and acted upon to "solve the serious problem of out-of-control power rate increases", the Assembly's resolution states.

The Penner inquiry is a House of Commons subcommittee study into the Northern Canada Power Commission.

Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South), suggested the resolution, saying the people of the N.W.T. are "mad as hell" about their power costs.

"It is not cheap power they are asking for. They are not asking for something for nothing. All they want is a fair deal," she said.

A fair deal, said Sorensen, was power at affordable rates, but in Yellowknife it was no longer affordable. She added that if it was not affordable in Yellowknife, where power rates are among the lowest in the N.W.T., it wasn't affordable elsewhere in the territories either.

Sorensen said she realized the Executive Committee had no jurisdiction over NCPC and that was why the recommendation was being directed to the DIAND minister.

"Freeze our rates before you freeze us out" was the message she wanted sent to Munro.

Sorensen said the freeze was necessary because any action by the Penner inquiry on the problem could be months or years away.

Dennis Patterson (Frobisher Bay), the motion's seconder, said the people who have the courage to own homes and businesses in the Arctic may soon be forced to declare bankruptcy.

"This government encourages home ownership, yet at every turn we are being defeated by the policies of the federal government," said Patterson.

Patterson said since the federal government was not hesitating to exploit the natural resources of the N.W.T., northerners should ask for something in return.

Following up on the request for a rate freeze, the Assembly today recommended that the Executive Committee discuss with the Alberta Power Corporation the feasibility of that company supplying power to the South Mackenzie area including the Fort Rae-Yellowknife district.

This recommendation was also moved by Sorensen who told the Assembly the time had come to seriously look at alternatives to NCPC.

"I'm not suggesting we throw all our business at the Alberta Power Corporation but we need to know if any other company can give us a better deal in the north," said Sorensen.

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) said he had recently seen some people's power bills and described them as "exhorbitant".

"I really believe we must explore all the alternatives available. We'd be negligent if we didn't," he said.

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82-053

WORK GROUP TO TACKLE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 17) - The Legislative Assembly has agreed to a working relationship with native organizations and municipal representatives on constitutional change in the N.W.T.

The Assembly Tuesday passed a resolution calling for the formation of a "working group" made up of representatives from the major native organizations, the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities and the Legislative Assembly that would pursue the goal of responsible government for the north.

The objectives of the group, according to the resolution, are to "initiate political and administrative reform within the N.W.T. where the jurisdiction rests with the N.W.T. Act" and "initiate the development of common positions and negotiate constitutional reform with the federal government."

The working group would also invite full public participation in the constitutional reform process and members would assist one another in areas of common interest.

Sorensen said the federal government was watching constitutional developments in the north very closely and, unless non-native groups were included in the alliance, reform could go nowhere. She suggested the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities be included in the alliance.

Tagak Curley (Keewatin South), acting on Sorensen's suggestion, moved an amendment to the motion that called for the inclusion of municipal representatives in the alliance. He also suggested the term alliance in the original motion be changed to "working group."

"The perception that there is a conspiracy against non-natives in the west(ern Arctic) is wrong," said Curley, adding that to exclude representatives from non-native groups would create an atmosphere of suspicion.

The Assembly adopted both changes.

Before the final vote that passed the motion, Wah-Shee assured members that he believed public participation was "essential."

"Also, I cannot do something without the support of the Legislative Assembly. Whatever comes out (of the working group) will have to come back to this House for consideration," he said.

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82-054

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES GET RAISES

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 18) - Approximately 2,000 employees of the Territorial government will be receiving pay raises of 14 1/2 and 12 1/2 per cent for the period April of last year to April of next year.

The raises come as a result of an arbitrator's binding award announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

The arbitrator - appointed after the Public Service Association's membership rejected a tentative agreement reached between the parties last July - has awarded employees in the bargaining unit a hike of 14 1/2 per cent for the fiscal year April of '81 to March 31 of '82, and 12 1/2 per cent for the fiscal year April of '82 to March 31 of '83.

These increases also will go to 200 additional employees excluded from the bargaining unit.

The arbitrator also has awarded the following additional benefits to employees:

- the same percentage increases in both years will apply to settlement allowances, and

- those employees with seven years' continuous service, living off the highway system, will get two government-assisted vacation trips a year, beginning in the second year of the contract.

The government originally offered the Association 14 1/4 per cent the first year and 12 per cent the second, plus two vacation travel trips a year for employees with 10 years' service living off the highway system.

The Association had been seeking increases of 30 per cent the first year and 20 per cent the second, and two trips per year for all employees with two years or more service.

Commissioner Parker said that retroactive pay cheques should be in employees' hands by March 12.

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Telex ONLY to Slave River Journal, Fort Smith

82-055

MCCALLUM ANNOUNCES AID BY AIR

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19) - Arnold McCallum, Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation, is pleased to announce the awarding of a contract in the amount of \$33,000 to Buffalo Airways to transport Emergency Repair materials to the community of Trout Lake.

The contract is one of two being awarded in connection with the supply of emergency repair materials to Trout Lake. The other contract, in the amount of \$51,780 is being awarded to Igloo Building Supplies of Hay River to supply rehab materials to the community.

The Housing Corporation has been instrumental in securing bids from suppliers to effect the delivery of this program. Mr. ~~Jack~~ Jack Conroy, NWT HC, District Manager, Hay River, is co-ordinating the actual delivery of materials to the community, including clearing of an ice strip at Trout Lake.

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SIBBESTON ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY REPAIRS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19) - Mr. Nick Sibbeston, MLA for Mackenzie Liard, is pleased to announce on behalf of the Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation Arnold McCallum, that Emergency Repair money in the amount of \$51,780 will be made available to residents of Trout Lake in the next few weeks.

In response to the urgent situation in Trout Lake, the Housing Corporation has taken the initiative to secure bids from suppliers for building materials and transportation supply. Mr. McCallum has announced the awarding of two contracts in connection with the program - one, in the amount of \$51,780 to Igloo Building Supplies of Hay River to supply rehab materials to Trout Lake, and the second, in the amount of \$33,000 to Buffalo Airways to transport the materials to the community.

Actual delivery of the materials to the community will be co-ordinated by Jack Conroy, NWTHC District Manager, Hay River. This includes clearing an ice strip at Trout Lake.

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Telex ONLY to The Hub, Hay River

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MCCALLUM ANNOUNCES REHAB CONTRACT

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19) - The Honourable Arnold McCallum, Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation, is pleased to announce the awarding of a contract to supply rehab materials to Trout Lake, to Igloo Building Supplies of Hay River. The contract is in the amount of \$51,780.

The contract is one of two being awarded to assist in delivering an emergency repair program to Trout Lake. The other contract in the amount of \$33,000 went to Buffalo Airways to transport emergency repair materials to the community.

The Housing Corporation has been responsible for securing bids from suppliers for both materials and transportation.

Actual delivery of the materials is being co-ordinated by Jack Conroy, NWTHC, District Manager, Hay River, including clearing an ice strip at Trout Lake to land the materials.

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HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife will celebrate Heritage Day Friday, Feb. 26.

The Heritage Centre is marking the day with a showing of slides on wildlife and trapping in the North by Father Rene Fumoleau of Yellowknife.

As well, there will be a display of raw furs, tanned hides and clothing made from furs and hides, the finished product of trapping.

The slide show begins at 12:30 and will be repeated throughout the afternoon.

A new natural history exhibit in the Centre's permanent galleries will also be open at this time.

For more information, phone the Heritage Centre at 873-7551.

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82-059

GOVERNMENT CHANGES HOUSING POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19) - The Territorial government today decided to increase to \$450 a month the housing allowance it gives all employees not living in government accommodation in a move to further home ownership among its staff.

The increased allowance, unchanged from \$300 a month since 1976, will become effective April 1.

The government's Executive Committee, in a review of its staff accommodation policy, also decided today on several other changes effecting employee housing. The government employs approximately 3,200 people.

Chief among these changes are:

- The charging of market rents on government accommodation in Frobisher Bay, Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Fort McPherson, Arctic Red River and Norman Wells will be deferred until Aug. 1 of next year. Market rents were to have been introduced in those six communities - Level II communities off the Mackenzie Highway system - in November of this year. These market rents, meanwhile, will be introduced as planned in all Level I communities - Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point, Fort Simpson and Inuvik - in November of this year.

- The government's buy-back plan is being extended now to all communities in the Territories, so that all employees will be able to sell to the government housing they cannot sell on the open market at a fair price when they are transferred or leave government service. This provision applies to all employee-owned housing.

- In addition to the increased housing allowance of \$450 a month per employee, a second household allowance - but only one to a household - will be offered in all communities where employee accommodation costs significantly exceed those costs in Yellowknife. This allowance is based on the cost of fuel, power, water, sanitation, land, taxes and maintenance, and will vary from a low of \$20 a month to \$300 a month. It becomes effective retroactively to June 1, 1981.

"This government is continuing to get out of employee housing where it equitably can," Commissioner John Parker said today, "and in other communities is substantially encouraging home ownership by employees. These steps announced today are in line with these objectives and will further help us to institute them."

Six other staff housing decisions were made today by the Executive Committee.

Earlier, in December, the committee decided to continue to provide staff accommodation in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River until Nov. 1, 1983 (at market rents from November of this year). This extended the provision of staff accommodation in those three communities one year longer than planned, to allow employees more time to find their own accommodation in tight housing markets.

In today's decision, this provision also has been extended one year to Nov. 1, 1984, in Pine Point, Fort Simpson and Inuvik for the same reason.

For the purpose of the sale of staff housing by tender to employees, employees whose positions have been absorbed by the government of the N.W.T. will be considered as having continuous service with the Territorial government, provided that service is within the N.W.T.

As well, the Executive Committee agreed in principle that its Housing Implementation Group and the Department of Finance will develop a proposal to purchase single-family detached housing the government now leases for employees and resell to employees, in Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Pine Point.

Lastly, the Executive Committee has decided that it will retain present staff housing in Level II and Level III communities. These are all communities in the N.W.T. except Level I - Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point, Fort Simpson and Inuvik.

"The accommodation allowance had to be increased to reflect high interest rates and the increasing cost of living since 1976," Parker said. "As well, we need more time in some communities to determine what individual market rents should be, and in other cases we have to give our personnel more time to find their own housing."

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82-060

ENLARGE P.U.B. - MCLAUGHLIN

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - The Legislative Assembly wants to increase the size of the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board.

Assembly members Friday passed a motion urging the Executive Committee to introduce amendments to the Public Utilities Ordinance at the next session of the Assembly to increase the P.U.B.'s membership.

In introducing the motion, Bruce McLaughlin (Pine Point) noted that the three-member board has been largely ignored in the past by the Northern Canada Power Commission. NCPC's high rates are a hardship to all the residents of the N.W.T., he said, and the present membership couldn't possibly give comprehensive representation at future meetings.

McLaughlin also said he would like to make sure there were representatives on the board from the smaller communities.

Arnold McCallum (Slave River) said he hoped a larger board would be able to take on greater responsibility as well. The extra members would allow the board to do this, he said.

"We have to give this board some authority, greater responsibility to determine what is or what is not a fair shake for the people of the Territories," McCallum said.

McCallum told Assembly members his constituents were facing a 30 to 35 per cent increase in power rates. He said such an increase was "atrocious" and people were having a difficult time meeting the demands the increase imposed.

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82-061

MOVE FOR NATIVE EMPLOYMENT?

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - The Territorial government's Office of Native Employment could become a separate secretariat under the Executive Committee.

The Legislative Assembly voted Friday to move the office from the Department of Personnel and make it report directly to the Executive Committee. The office is now the responsibility of Commissioner John Parker.

The Assembly also voted to increase the staff.

The MLA who moved the resolution, Nick Sibbeston (Mackenzie Liard) said the Office of Native Employment was an important part of the Territorial government and if it was to be effective, it shouldn't be left "down the ladder" as part of the Department of Personnel.

Sibbeston said he would like to see the office become a separate secretariat. The increase in status would enable the office to deal better with some heads of government departments who are not sympathetic to the idea of more native employment, he said.

Prior to the vote, Parker told the Assembly such a move had already been carefully considered and rejected. He said he was afraid that separating the office from the department would mean the office would not receive the emphasis it deserves.

Parker assured the Assembly the employment of native people was a major thrust of the government and the Executive Committee.

"It could be done either way but we feel it could be given more attention if it is part of Personnel," said Parker.

After the motion passed, the commissioner said he would be pleased to review the situation with an open mind. He noted that over the last three or four years the number of native people employed by the government has increased at the rate of two per cent a year to the point where 34 per cent of all government employees are now native northerners.

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82-062

ASSEMBLY STYLE UNDER REVIEW

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - British Parliamentary-style rules, dress and decor in the Legislative Assembly could be replaced by something more "northern".

Assembly members Thursday passed a motion calling for a review of the rules, dress, decor and practises of the Assembly with a view to making them "more appropriate to the custom and tradition of the people of the north instead of continuing the British practises and styles thus far adopted."

The Assembly also voted to review the symbolism of the mace and to ask people throughout the north what they might like to see as an appropriate symbol of authority in the Legislative Chambers.

In proposing the review, MLA Nick Sibbeston said the Assembly should be more reflective of the native people of the north and their culture.

"Where is the Dene, Inuit and Metis element in this House?" he asked the members.

Sibbeston said there was nothing in the Assembly that the Dene and Metis people could feel proud of and identify with. He suggested some native artwork be commissioned by the Assembly and singled out the Speaker's chair as something foreign to the north. The Speaker's chair, said Sibbeston, should be made in the north out of northern materials.

The MLA from Mackenzie Liard also said he would like to see the Speaker and Assembly staff dress less formally and the House procedures made more casual and less military.

George Braden (Yellowknife North) said the Assembly should make a concerted effort to gather some native artifacts for the new Assembly building planned for the capital.

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) said the issue was an important one and he was open to changes.

But Mark Evaluarjuk (Foxe Basin) was not too enthusiastic about Sibbeston's suggestion that native members wear traditional dress. He explained that traditional Inuit clothing of caribou hides would make Assembly sessions uncomfortably hot.

The findings and recommendations of the review will be reported at the fall session of the Assembly.

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82-063

NATIVE WOMEN WANT FUNDS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - The Territorial government's George Braden, minister responsible for the status of women, is going to look for ways to provide steady funding to the Native Women's Association of the N.W.T.

A motion passed at Thursday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly recommends that the minister "develop a means by which the Association could receive stable and on-going core funding from the Territorial government."

The resolution came after the Association President, Bertha Allen, and Vice-President Margaret Cook appeared before the Assembly to request additional funding.

Allen told the Assembly the NWA did not have problems getting money for special projects but needed core funding for administration costs. The organization has been getting by on a yearly budget of \$50,000 by relying on a lot of volunteer work and by doing a lot of catering, she said.

Allen explained that the NWA exists on several sources of funding which results in a haphazard organization that does more to please funding agencies than to achieve the association's goals.

All other native groups in the N.W.T. have a paid president, Allen noted, with the exception of the NWA. The group would like to be able to pay its president \$40,000 a year plus a travel allowance, she said.

The NWA is trying to fill the vacuum created by the Territorial government moving out of the arts and crafts business but the money provided by the federal government could not compete with the millions of dollars the Territorial government was using to develop the industry, she said.

Allen said it was well and good for the government to get out of arts and crafts but asked Assembly members if the government planned on providing the NWA with the same resources it had to spend on the industry.

Allen told the Assembly the NWA was also involved in home management programs, pre-employment training courses, sewing courses, work on territorial committees, cross-cultural courses for newcomers and health-care counselling.

But, she said, there was a limit to the personal resources of the NWA.

"We can only stretch so far. Many staff come close to burn-out. We need more staff and desperately need money for travel and training," Allen said.

Allen said the NWA would like to be recognized by the government as a legitimate agency providing necessary services and would like to be compensated for it.

Vice-president Margaret Cook said the association needed another \$93,000 more than the Executive Committee had already committed to it for the coming fiscal year. She explained that the profits from the association's Yellowknife arts and crafts store were used for community arts and crafts development.

MLA Peter Fraser (Mackenzie Great Bear) said the NWA was not asking for that much when it was considered how much was going into some departments with no results. He said most of the association's staff were working without pay.

"Maybe we should put them on the payroll and see what they can do," said Fraser.

MLA Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South) said the government was providing \$298,000 for home management in the Baffin and Central Arctic regions and was asking the NWA to do that kind of work in the west for a minimum of money. It was only fitting, she said, that the government look for a way to increase the amount of money available to the group.

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82-064

PLEBISCITE MATERIALS TRANSLATED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - Most of the information material on the April 14 plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories will be available in seven native languages.

Chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton says the proclamation, posters, newspaper ad and information booklet will be translated into North and South Slavey, Loucheux, Dogrib, Chipewyan, Inuvialuktun and Inuktitut.

As well, radio and television advertising will be aired in all native languages.

"Our major job is to organize and run the plebiscite, but distributing information to N.W.T. residents on when and where to vote is also part of our mandate," says Hamilton.

"We're a neutral body though, and will not be supplying arguments for either a 'yes' or 'no' vote," he said. "Our returning officers, enumerators and other plebiscite officials are in the same position and can answer only factual questions."

The plebiscite office in Yellowknife has a 24-hour answering service at 920-8088. During the day Western Arctic residents may call toll-free - Zenith 2560; while Eastern Arctic residents phone 920-8088, collect.

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82-065

YCC SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - The appointment of Joe Melanson as superintendent of the Yellowknife Correctional Centre was announced today by Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister of social services.

Melanson's appointment is effective immediately.

Melanson has been a member of the Territorial correctional system since joining the government in 1974 as a correctional officer. In 1978 he was appointed chief supervisor with responsibility for custody and administration. Since early 1981, he has been acting superintendent of YCC.

The new superintendent will be responsible for YCC's staff of 52 and a budget of \$2.1 million.

Melanson is a Yellowknife resident and is active in community organizations. He is a karate instructor and holds a black belt.

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Scouting Photo Release.

PHOTO RELEASE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - Commissioner John Parker of the Government of the Northwest Territories this week was presented a special leather-bound commemorative issue of an historic book being produced by Scouts Canada to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Scouting in Canada. The presentation was made by Ron Tuckley, right, commissioner of Scouting in the N.W.T. The official kick-off of the anniversary in Canada was Monday. This special commemorative issue of the anniversary book is being presented to all heads of government in Canada.

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82-066

PLEBISCITE PROCLAMATION ISSUED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - Official notice that the plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories will be held April 14 was issued today by chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton.

The proclamation, translated into two dialects of Inuktitut and five Dene languages, will be posted in all N.W.T. communities.

It will be accompanied by an information booklet and a poster, both translated in the native languages.

As well, newspaper, television and radio advertising will be run explaining the question and how to get on the voters' list.

The proclamation includes the complete question which will appear on the ballot, and notes that advance polls will be held April 3 and April 8.

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82-067

N.W.T. WANTS CHURCHILL

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - The Legislative Assembly of the N.W.T. wants to annex the town of Churchill, Man.

Assembly members unanimously passed a motion Monday recommending that the Executive Committee begin serious negotiations with federal and Manitoban authorities to transfer the Hudson Bay port town from Manitoba to the N.W.T. The motion calls for the transfer of all lands lying north of Churchill to the Territories as well.

Tagak Curley (Keewatin South) said in introducing the resolution that Churchill has excellent medical, transportation and communications facilities which primarily serve the residents of the N.W.T.'s Keewatin region.

Curley admitted his proposal might sound "far out" to some of the western MLAs, but the port of Churchill was very important to the economy of the Keewatin. And Churchill, he said, also benefits from its association with the N.W.T.

"I'm not saying that we're better off than the province of Manitoba, but the people of Churchill are complaining that their economy is dying," he said.

Annexing Churchill would help to develop in the eastern Arctic a transportation system as good as exists in the west, Curley explained.

Dennis Patterson (Frobisher Bay), who seconded the motion, told the Assembly that geography and history dictate that Churchill has a logical connection with the N.W.T.

Patterson said it was appropriate that the federal and provincial governments that so recently decided provincial borders could be extended into the N.W.T. should be told of the logic of extending the N.W.T. into one of the provinces.

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82-068

SAFETY FRAGMENTED - REPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - A Workers' Compensation Board task force report tabled in the Legislative Assembly Tuesday recommends that all aspects of accident prevention and occupational health and safety come under control of the WCB.

Kane Tologanak, minister of Government Services, introduced the report in the Assembly Tuesday, so that members could discuss its recommendations before drafting legislation to change the Workers' Compensation Ordinance.

The report says the different pieces of legislation administered by different levels of government don't provide a cohesive policy on workers' health and safety. The "fragmented" approach that now exists hinders the development of a co-ordinated health and safety program, according to the report.

The task force chairman, Bill Berezowski, told Assembly members that the present system makes for a duplication of costs. This duplication could be eliminated, he said, by having the WCB control all safety and health measures.

Berezowski said he thought there was some urgency to the issue of industrial safety, adding that he was influenced by the recent sinking of an off-shore oil rig off the coast of Newfoundland.

Board members, he said, were "perturbed" by the fact that there are 30 ships operating in the Beaufort Sea. Berezowski told the Assembly he was not saying there was going to be an accident but the possibility of "massive accidents" exists.

Berezowski pointed out that all of the basic industries in the north such as mining, construction and oil and gas exploration were hazardous.

Industrial accident rates are going up in the north, he said. Because the WCB staff knows what is going on in industry on a day-to-day basis, the WCB is the best organization to take control of health and safety and reverse the trend, Berezowski said.

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82-069

JIM BOURQUE APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTER

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - Jim Bourque, a native northerner with over 20 years experience in game and wildlife management, has been appointed deputy minister of renewable resources.

The appointment, made by Commissioner John Parker, was announced today by Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources. Mr. Bourque will assume his position on April 5.

Mr. Bourque has been on leave from the Territorial Government for the past two years to serve as president of the Metis Association of the N.W.T.

"His practical experience as a wildlife officer, combined with his knowledge of community concerns and political issues associated with renewable resources, will be extremely valuable to our department and this government," said Mr. Nerysoo.

Mr. Bourque worked for the federal northern affairs branch from 1958 until joining the Government of the N.W.T. in 1966. He served as an area game management or wildlife officer for the Territorial Government in Fort Resolution, Fort Norman, Fort Franklin, Inuvik and Yellowknife.

Born in Wandering River, Alberta, in 1935, Mr. Bourque's experience includes trapping and logging, as well as his government and native association service. He was also a patrolman in Wood Buffalo National Park for several years.

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82-070

TOUGHER LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - MLAs have reacted enthusiastically to a preliminary report that takes a tough approach to the control of alcohol abuse in the N.W.T.

Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden has presented a package of recommendations and proposals on the sale and use of alcohol that he wants the legislature to discuss prior to the drafting of a new liquor ordinance.

The report deals with such areas as bootlegging, community input, the liquor licensing board, inspections, enforcement of liquor laws and liquor stores.

At the moment, the minister said, communities have a choice of four options on how to deal with liquor.

They can prohibit the sale and consumption of liquor entirely, ration its use, have a "wide-open system" or control use through local committees.

While the four choices are the ones most commonly used, Braden said communities are still free to come up with their own models as long as they are within the liquor laws.

Braden stressed the importance of having community involvement at both the local and territorial levels.

The communities should be involved in choosing which model they should follow as well as being more involved in the liquor licensing board.

The report recommended that representation on the liquor board be increased and that more people from the eastern Arctic should be involved.

In addition, it was suggested that the inspection service be improved by increasing the size of the service and having more community inspectors.

The minister also pointed out that one of the major deterrants to controlling alcohol abuse is bootlegging.

The report recommends that the Territories revert to the concept of reverse onus. To do this, it was suggested that any vehicle whether cars or planes be confiscated.

"If there is a clear duty, for instance, placed on pilots to see that there is no liquor on their aircraft, then bootlegging might decrease," the minister said.

It was also recommended that liquor stores be limited in the amount of alcohol they can sell to individuals.

"Bootleggers very often buy quantities that are so great that there could be no other logical explanation for the purchase other than bootlegging," the report states.

"As an alternative, any sizeable order should be reported to the RCMP for investigation."

The minister also recommended, in the report, that there be no "over the counter" sales. He pointed out that these kind of purchases were usually based on impulse buying.

In terms of liquor licences, it was recommended that a "mechanism" be put in place allowing communities to close liquor stores during important community meetings such as band council meetings.

The report also suggested that the executive committee member be allowed to close licenced premises and liquor stores if it is indicated by a community through a petition that this is what it wants.

The report also moved into the area of enforcement of liquor violations by the RCMP.

"It has been suggested that the RCMP are not putting enough emphasis on enforcing liquor laws," the report states. "It is recommended that the RCMP be advised that there is some real or perceived dissatisfaction with their performance in this area."

The report also considers the idea of depending on local committees to deal with alcohol use in a community.

Using the Inuit community of Igloolik as an example, the minister pointed out that education committees can be very effective.

The eight-member committee in Igloolik decides who, in the community, is allowed to order alcohol. No one can have any alcohol unless it has been approved by the committee.

People abusing this system are given a warning or "cut-off" for a specific amount of time. In many cases, the committee rather than the RCMP, is called in to settle problems associated with alcohol.

The committee also provides counselling and guidance services.

The minister pointed out that the committee feels it could be even more effective if its powers were expanded.

"This model is a northern creation," the report states. "Communities which have adopted this model seem to have fewer problems with liquor than communities that adopt other models."

The report recommended increasing the legal powers of the committee, developing a closer relationship with the RCMP and providing the guidance programs with some government help.

The recommendations and others in the report will be discussed in the next legislative assembly session and a bill will be drafted.

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82-071

SUPPORT NATIVE GROUPS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - Arctic Pilot Project (APP) officials were told by MLAs in the Legislative Assembly to stop avoiding the issue of aboriginal rights negotiations and throw their support behind native groups in their bid for ownership of natural resources in the north.

An angry Western Arctic MLA, Nellie Cournoyea, accused the four major resource companies involved in the project of not going far enough in supporting the native groups position with aboriginal rights negotiations.

"Any industry in the north shouldn't be satisfied with a piecemeal way of dealing with land claims settlement," Cournoyea said.

"It's not enough to tell us you really don't want to get involved," she said. "We believe companies like you would be a fantastic thrust."

Sponsors of the APP project (Petro-Canada, Melville Shipping, Nova and Dome Petroleum) were recently the target of similar accusations at National Energy Board hearings held in Ottawa last month.

The 220 million dollar project has, so far, managed to pass successfully through a series of regulatory changes and is now in the middle of the NEB hearings.

The four companies involved in the project intend to transport liquid natural gas by pipeline and ship from Drake Point on Melville Island to a southern processing plant in eastern Canada.

MLAs, however, were skeptical of the project for environmental and social reasons and push for a commitment by APP to support native groups in land settlement negotiations.

Cournoyea explained to APP officials that it was very difficult for native groups in the N.W.T. to help their people socially and economically because they didn't have a secure financial base from which to draw.

Unlike major development companies such as those involved in the APP project, native groups are forced to rely on the federal government for a majority of their funding.

"They (resource companies) have all the money and pizzazz needed to control the bureaucracy," she said. "As native people we don't have that."

Cournoyea said that northerners were all too aware that southern Canadians were primarily concerned with securing the resources rather than preserving the interests of 17,000 Inuit people.

Despite these arguments, the senior vice-president of Nova, Robin Abercrombie, said APP was not in a position to comfortably support either side in aboriginal rights negotiations.

"To support either side would put us in an impossible position, so we have not gone to the federal government and given them a presentation on claims," he said. "We just want them settled."

Abercrombie said the companies were dedicated to providing preference to native people in the way of contract and training. "But I don't think we can do much more than we've done in terms of settling the claims."

Cournoyea, however, accused project officials of "prejudicing" native claims simply by being in the Arctic.

"You have your own claims," she said, "and you are producing your claims where there are claims by native people."

Abercrombie, however, denied this and said that "mineral rights were sold long before we ever got there."

The Arctic Pilot Project is intended to be carried out over a period of twenty years, eventually delivering 270 million cubic feet of liquid natural gas per day - enough gas to heat approximately 750,000 homes, APP officials said.

It is expected to be at least four more years before the project becomes operational, if finally approved. APP feels this is more than enough time to finish developing a transportation system needed to provide the gas to eastern Canada.

82-072

ALLIANCE WANTS MORE INFO

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - Information about the division of the N.W.T. is not getting out to the communities and could result in a low turnout for the plebiscite scheduled for mid-April, MLAs were told last week.

During a special presentation to the Legislative Assembly, representatives of the Constitutional Alliance pointed out that the information available to the public on division was inadequate.

"We've looked into the information available to the general public and we find it leaves a lot to be desired," Dene nation president, George Erasmus said.

At the moment, Erasmus said, it's up to the public to find out any information they might need.

"The historical event should be put in its proper context and the general public should be encouraged to participate," the Dene nation president told the Assembly.

Other members of the alliance which includes representatives from the N.W.T. Metis Association, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada (ITC) and the Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement (COPE), echoed Erasmus' concern.

Thomas Suluk of ITC said the alliance would need more than 100,000 dollars to do a proper job in disseminating the information.

Despite this lack of funding, ITC representatives said they have already begun to do some campaigning and that other groups should do the same.

"The plebiscite is an extremely important event in the history of the north and it should be seen as such," ITC president John Amagoalik said.

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CANADA/N.W.T. AGREE ON PARK PLAN FOR ELLESMERE ISLAND

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - Parks Canada and the Territorial government have taken a major step towards the establishment of a national park reserve in the High Arctic.

A memorandum of understanding was signed last week by Tom Butters, the Territorial government's minister of economic development and tourism, and John Roberts, federal minister responsible for Parks Canada.

The memorandum outlines the steps to be taken before the area is designated as a national park reserve.

The proposed park reserve on northern Ellesmere Island covers 14,500 square miles, including the most northerly lands in Canada. The area includes mountain ranges, glaciers, ice shelves, fiords and Lake Hazen, the largest lake north of the Arctic Circle.

"Mr. Roberts and I will now be requesting that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs temporarily withdraw the proposed park lands for a period of two years," Butters said. This two-year withdrawal will permit time for the two governments to work towards a final agreement on creation of the park reserve.

At the end of the two-year period, if a final agreement is reached between the governments and public consultations are completed, a national park reserve will be established. The reserve status will be maintained until native claims are settled.

The memorandum also ensures that communities close to the reserved land have a significant voice in its development and operation, Butters said, and that the establishment of a park reserve not interfere with native claims or the harvest of renewable resources.

Grise Fiord, closest permanent settlement to the proposed park, and groups such as Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Baffin Regional Inuit Association and Baffin Regional Council will continue to have the opportunity to contribute to park development plans. Two years have been allowed for the consultations to be completed, Butters said.

Over the next 24 months Parks Canada will prepare a socio-economic action plan for the area which details their strategy for assisting residents and businesses to take advantage of development opportunities associated with a national park.

Together Parks Canada and the Territorial government will work out a plan for giving responsibility for park operations to local groups, a detailed schedule for the development of the park and identify the funds that will be made available to develop and operate the park reserve.

No significant mineral or petroleum resources are known within the proposed park reserve boundaries, Butters said. To confirm this, the agreement proposes that an inventory of non-renewable resources be carried out prior to the designation of the reserve.

The area was identified by Parks Canada in 1978 as one of the five Arctic areas which were being considered as potential national parks. It is considered to have internationally significant cultural resources and includes some of the most environmentally sensitive areas of Canada.

This is the first time there has been thorough intergovernmental consultation prior to the establishment of a national park reserve in the N.W.T. It will result in a new type of national park operation which responds to the needs and aspirations of northerners, Butters said.

For a copy of the memorandum of understanding, contact the Superintendent of Parks, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Government of the N.W.T. in Yellowknife.

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82-074

ENUMERATION FOR PLEBISCITE BEGINS

YELLOWKNIFE (March 4) - Enumeration for the April 14th plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories begins March 5 in each of the 22 polling districts.

Chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton says enumerators have been hired to draw up voters' lists in each community.

"By March 10 the preliminary voters' lists will be completed, and then posted in public places so people can check to see their names are included," says Hamilton.

"If a qualified voter has been excluded, he or she can contact the enumerator before March 24 to have their name added," he said.

Then if for some reason a name still does not appear on the revised list, the qualified voter can still be sworn in on the day of the plebiscite by another voter whose name is on the list.

To be eligible to vote in the plebiscite, a person must be 19 years of age or older and a Canadian citizen who has lived in the N.W.T. three years as of April 14.

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DENE LANGUAGE SERVICE PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 4) - The Executive Committee of the Territorial Government has approved the establishment of a Dene language interpreter and translation service.

Commissioner John Parker announced the proposed program during committee discussions of the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly. The service would be part of the Department of Information.

The objectives of the proposal are to increase the effectiveness of the Territorial government as a communicator in the Dene languages and to aid in the preservation of native languages and culture.

"The use of Dene languages is a vital method of informing and encouraging feedback from Dene people on the nature of government, medical, legal and social matters, economic development and resource development issues," the proposal states.

It predicts an improved communication flow between the territorial government and the majority of the residents of the western Arctic if as much attention is paid to the Dene languages as is paid to the Inuit language.

Total costs of the program for the 1982-83 fiscal year will be \$389,200. Of that amount, \$172,000 is available to the program from present allocations but the remainder (\$217,200) will have to be voted at the supplementary budget session.

Parker said the need for supplementary funding should not slow up the implementation of the program.

The program will employ 10 people - eight interpreters, one linguistic program coordinator and one office manager. The Dene languages to be translated will include Loucheux, Slavey, Dogrib and Chipewyan.

Parker said that as well as the language translation service, the Executive Committee would also be looking at setting up a language commission and consolidating the language efforts of the departments of Information and Education.

The Commissioner said he was aware of the proposal by the Native Communications Society of the Western N.W.T. to set up an interpreter corps to work for the government on a contract basis. He said it was a bit early to make a final decision on which proposal to support but it appeared necessary that the government set up its own translation service.

Parker said he suspected the government would be working closely with the Native Communications Society and he welcomed its efforts since there was a lot of work to be done in the area of Dene language translation.

MLA Nick Sibbeston (Mackenzie-Liard), who had asked earlier in the Assembly session that the government take steps to set up interpretation services, said he was happy and delighted that the executive had taken action. He thanked the government for "coming through."

Sibbeston suggested the government set up information centres in Dene communities for people who couldn't read the native languages.

Parker replied that the proposed program developed by the Department of Information took into account the need to have verbal and pictorial means of communication as well as written. He said that the time it would take to get the interpreter corps fully staffed could be used to resolve the question of how best to communicate verbal and pictorial information.

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82-076

"USER-PAY" FOR ELECTRICITY

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 4) - Energy conservation will be a top priority with the Northwest Territories' Housing Corporation in the coming fiscal year.

And what that means to the Corporation's tenants is a "user-pay" policy for electrical power and the possibility of small, more energy efficient houses in the future.

Arnold McCallum, Minister Responsible for the Housing Corporation, told the Legislative Assembly earlier this week that about two-thirds of the corporation's budget for next year will be spent on fuel and power.

The utilities portion of the 1982-83 budget, McCallum said, amounted to \$20 million and about \$18 million of that sum is set aside for fuel and power alone.

McCallum said this was an "extraordinary cost" and said as a result of this the Housing Corporation's board of directors had decided to implement a "user-pay" policy for electricity consumption.

The new policy, McCallum said, provides a total subsidy on the electricity used up to a certain number of kilowatt/hours. After that amount is reached, a "minimal amount" is charged to the tenant, McCallum explained.

The idea behind the policy is to provide an incentive for social housing tenants to conserve energy, he said, adding that the fewer kilowatt/hours used by the tenant, the smaller the charge would be.

So far, the policy has been implemented on a test basis in several communities, said the minister, naming Cambridge Bay, Fort Simpson and communities in the Inuvik and Hay River districts. In the Hay River area, he said, there had been a 30 to 50 percent reduction in energy consumption since the policy was instituted.

MLA Dennis Patterson (Frobisher Bay) said he thought going towards "user-pay" was an important way of encouraging energy conservation in public housing but he was concerned that in Frobisher Bay too much discretion has been given to the local housing association in the setting of power rates.

Patterson said the housing association in his community had come up with a one cent per kilowatt/hour rate for usage above the set amount. This, he said, was quite a low amount to conserve energy.

McCallum also said high utility costs were forcing the Housing Corporation to re-evaluate designs for the housing units to be built in the future. Because energy costs are likely to continue to rise the corporation would be looking at more energy-efficient, super-insulated compact houses that require less energy to heat.

The total budget for the Housing Corporation was almost \$36 million for the 1982-83 fiscal year, up from last year's budget of approximately \$30 million. McCallum blamed the increase on inflation and "more burdensome utility costs."

McCallum reported to the Assembly that 114 new houses were under construction by the corporation last year and approximately 60 percent of them were completed. There was also rehabilitation work started on 131 units last year and most of the jobs were finished, he said.

In the home ownership area, there were 39 Small Settlement Home Assistance Grants approved and the grant amounts were increased from \$15,000 to \$18,000 to allow for increased costs of freight and logs.

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82-077

ARCTIC COLLEGE RECOMMENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (March 8)- Greater local control over education and the establishment of an Arctic College are two of the main recommendations of the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Education.

The committee, which began hearings in January of 1981, presented its final report "Learning: Tradition and Change" to the assembly last Thursday. The report contains 49 separate recommendations.

The other main recommendations are for the creation of a secretariat for learning and the establishment of two centres for learning and teaching that would be responsible for curriculum development and teacher training.

"We are convinced that decisions relating to the direction of learning activities in a school must be made at the community level," Tagak Curley, co-chairman of the committee told members.

Curley said the community that a school serves should make as many decisions as possible about the nature and scope of the information presented, how it is presented and who should present it.

The report recommends that 10 divisional boards of education be set up to administer education from kindergarten to Grade 10. The divisional boards, with representation from each community in the region, would hire staff and decide the length of the school year.

The boards would also be able to lower the entrance age to kindergarten from five to four years.

The report recommends setting up an Arctic College responsible for all education programs past the tenth grade. There would be several campuses of the college in the east and the west. Each would specialize in a major program.

Curley said the Arctic College would combine the attractive features of universities, technical institutes, community colleges and manpower planning agencies.

The Arctic College would incorporate programs now under the higher education division of the department of education, the training division of the department of economic development and programs created in co-operation with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission.

A secretariat of education would plan and co-ordinate the various training programs found in different government departments. It would be separate from the department of education and would answer to the government's executive committee.

The two centres for learning and teaching would prepare programs and train teaching staff. One centre would serve the eastern Arctic and the other, the western Arctic.

On the issue of language, the committee's report recommends that the local education authority should determine the language to be used in the classrooms and that funds should be made available to the divisional boards to develop native language programs in all subjects.

The report also states that individual programs should be developed for all students who have special needs and that the programs be provided in the students' own community. Students with special needs should be integrated into regular classrooms - not segregated, the report states.

Other recommendations include:

- A teacher orientation program should be established immediately and participation in it should be a condition of the teacher's employment.

- Classroom assistants should be encouraged to become certified teachers.

- Funds should be sought by the government to assist adult academic upgrading and pre-vocational training.

Curley told the assembly the report had been completed earlier than scheduled so that assembly members and the people of the NWT could review its recommendations before the spring session of the legislature, scheduled to open May 12 in Inuvik.

The five-member committee held 43 hearings in 34 communities and heard about 1,500 witnesses.

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SHORTER YEAR

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - The Legislative Assembly has agreed to allow local education authorities the ability to shorten the school year to 170 days.

The Assembly recommended Thursday that the Executive Committee amend the Education Ordinance to permit the Minister of Education to shorten the school year to 170 days where local school authorities request such action.

The school year in the N.W.T. is now 190 days long.

Bruce McLaughlin (Pine Point), co-chairman of the Assembly's Special Committee of Education, said the committee wanted to increase the number of days available to teachers for in-service training for their professional development.

McLaughlin said the committee had learned that in many communities attendance during the first and last weeks of the school year was very poor. In those communities, he said, it would be more advantageous to use those days for staff training which would make the remaining days more worthwhile for the students.

Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre) said that while he was not against the principle of a shorter school year in certain communities, he thought the matter should be discussed in the context of the whole report of the special committee on education.

Arnold McCallum (Slave River) said he was in favour of rearranging the school year where it was necessary but was against shortening it.

"I am concerned that we will have children out of school longer than we will have them in school," said McCallum.

Tagak Curley (Keewatin South) said the government was wasting money by paying teachers when school children were out on the land with their parents. He said it was important that teachers new to the eastern and high Arctic spend extra days becoming familiar with the communities' and people's attitudes.

Nellie Cournoyea (Western Arctic) said shortening the school year would adapt the teaching system to the needs of the people receiving the education rather than the system's employees.

McLaughlin said the object of the recommendation was not to lower the school year to 170 days for every school but only where a local education authority wanted it done. He said it was important for the Executive Committee to prepare legislation on the matter for the May session of the Assembly so that it could be passed in time for education committees to plan the next school year.

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Wood Gasification

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TAXES

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - People in the N.W.T. with oil and propane furnaces are going to be paying less to heat their homes.

But, at the same time, the price of cigarettes and gasoline for automobiles will be going up.

The Legislative Assembly voted Friday to remove the tax on home heating oil and propane. But to make up for the revenue lost by dropping the .7 cents per litre tax on oil and .5 cents per litre tax on propane, the government has raised taxes on gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel and tobacco products.

In introducing the amendments to the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance, Minister of Finance Tom Butters said the removal of the oil tax was in recognition of the high cost of heating homes in the north. The tax would also be removed from oil used to heat buildings used for business, he said.

The tax on gasoline, Butters said, will increase 2.3 cents a litre, up to 5.8 cents from the current 3.5 cents. The tax on diesel fuel used in motor vehicles will rise from four cents to 4.9 cents per litre and the tax on aviation fuel will increase from .7 cents per litre to .9 cents. The tax on non-motive diesel fuel will be increased from .7 cents to 2.3 cents a litre.

Butters told the Assembly the extra tax on gasoline would only apply to fuel purchased on the highway system in the N.W.T. He added that fuel taxes would be indexed to the price of gasoline so they would rise automatically with price increases.

Lynda Sorensen, chairman of the Assembly's Finance Committee, said that indexing the level of taxation was a more efficient method of taxation in this time of high inflation. She said indexing would allow the government's tax revenues to keep pace with inflation.

Sorensen said only gasoline bought on the highway system was going to be taxed more because the government did not want to impose a greater burden on isolated communities where gasoline was used mainly for skidoos in hunting and trapping.

Cars are something of a luxury in the north, Sorensen said, because in most communities people could walk from one place to another.

The removal of the tax on home heating oil would mean a "significant" loss of revenue of approximately \$1.1 million, she added. It was this revenue loss which caused the Finance Committee to agree to increases in taxes on other fuels even though increases in freight rates would result.

Sorensen said that if a "vicious circle" of inflation was to be avoided, additional and alternate sources of revenue had to be found. She said the Finance Committee had discussed the possibility of taxing luxury items such as candy and soft drinks.

A ten cent tax on soft drinks could raise over \$1 million a year, Sorensen said, a "fairly large amount of revenue."

Sorensen said the tax on propane was removed to encourage people to look to propane as an alternative source of energy. She said there was a problem with propane in that it froze at a certain temperature but the government would like to see the problem overcome since propane is in abundant supply.

Sorensen admitted the tax increases were difficult to swallow but said they were necessary. She said the Minister of Finance would present alternate sources of revenue in May which might allow the removal of the tax on diesel fuel used to generate electricity. This step would be a further help to the consumers of the N.W.T., she said.

One alternate source of revenue the Assembly decided to introduce this session was an additional tax on cigarettes. In an amendment to the Tobacco Tax Ordinance, the tax on cigarettes was increased one half cent each, from 1.2 cents to 1.7 cents.

The extra half cent per cigarette will mean \$719,000 more revenue for the government, said Sorensen.

In addition, she said, the tax on cigars will be doubled but no new tax would be added to loose tobacco. Sorensen said the Finance Committee believed loose tobacco was used mainly by senior citizens and was one of the few enjoyments many of them had. Since many old people are on fixed incomes, she said, the committee did not want to burden them with a tax on loose tobacco.

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RAE-EDZO SIGNS SCHOOL AGREEMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - The Rae-Edzo School Society and the Territorial government have signed an agreement giving the society increased control over the operations of the community's school.

Dennis Patterson, the Territorial government's minister of education, signed the agreement with the Rae-Edzo society March 4.

The new agreement gives the society the power to make recommendations to the department of education for the recruitment and selection of teachers.

"The agreement ensures the community greater involvement in the operations of its school. It is the only school in the N.W.T. to be operated under such an agreement," the minister said.

The school society will also be responsible for the types of programs taught in the school, for operations of the building, advising on new facilities, preparing the school's budget and hiring non-teaching staff.

Society board member Gary Jaeb noted that the agreement signed last week is a new beginning, giving the society an increased role in the recruitment of the community's teachers.

"The society would not have the same powers under the N.W.T. Education Ordinance as it does with this special agreement," Patterson said. "This agreement recognizes the unique situation in Rae-Edzo."

In 1971, the community asked for a greater role in the operation of the Chief Jimmy Bruneau School, then under construction.

An agreement signed then gave the society special powers to operate the school with emphasis on the Dogrib culture of the area, Patterson explained.

Several years later the Education Ordinance was revised to allow local education authorities, but Rae-Edzo wished to retain its unique position, including the right to hire and fire teachers.

A court decision in 1979 ruled that the school society was an agent of the Commissioner of the N.W.T. As such, Rae-Edzo teachers were included in the collective agreement signed between the N.W.T. Teachers' Association and the Territorial government. The society's right to employ teachers was removed as a result, Patterson said.

The new agreement now involves the community in the process of recruiting and selecting teachers again, Patterson said.

Elder Alex Charlo, a lifelong honorary member of the board, was present for the signing of the agreement. He was a band councillor in 1971 when the original agreement was signed.

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MINISTER TO DISCUSS RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 10) - The Territorial government's minister of renewable resources, Richard Nerysoo, will meet with Federal government ministers next week to discuss resource development in the N.W.T.

Nerysoo has arranged meetings with Marc Lalonde, federal minister of energy, mines and resources, and John Munro, Indian and Northern Affairs minister, in Ottawa March 18 and 19.

Nerysoo requested the talks to discuss the need for Territorial government involvement in the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration (COGLA), the agency responsible for regulatory control of all oil and gas activities in Canada Lands.

Resource revenue-sharing and supply of energy to Arctic communities from major resource developments are other pressing matters to be discussed with the Federal government, Nerysoo said.

During his meeting with Munro, Nerysoo will also be talking about funding for the Norman Wells project and the status of the Federal government's residential oil heating and small business power subsidies.

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The meetings have been arranged for the same time as Nerysoo will be in Ottawa to address the National Energy Board hearings into the proposed Arctic Pilot Project.

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WOOD GASIFICATION PLANT IN OPERATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 10) - Electricity is now being generated in Fort Providence by a wood gasifier producing gas that powers an engine driving a 120 KW generator.

The system was developed by Sieg Philipp, owner of the Snowshoe Inn, and is the most automated system of its kind in North America. It was opened officially in Fort Providence Saturday.

Marc Lalonde, Federal Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the Territorial government's minister of government services, Kane Tologanak, announced that the plant has been put into operation satisfactorily.

Over half a million dollars have been invested in this demonstration project with \$275,000 coming from the Canada/Northwest Territories agreement on the development and demonstration of renewable energy and conservation programs.

The wood gasifier will burn local wood and will create employment for community residents harvesting and stockpiling the wood.

"Wide-scale adoption of wood gasification in Southern Mackenzie communities could become part of the Territorial energy strategy, accelerating the move towards national energy self-sufficiency through the use of renewable resources," Tologanak said.

"The Federal government is very impressed with this technology. It promises to produce energy from what is now a waste from previous forest fires. It is a bonus that it will contribute to local economic development and job creation," Lalonde stated.

Besides producing electricity for the community, the waste heat from the jacket of the engine and the exhaust is being used for heating buildings in the Snowshoe Inn complex. Savings of fuel oil have been calculated at 37,000 gallons from electrical generation and 17,000 from heating. Wood in the Fort Providence area can be harvested including cutting, hauling and chipping for \$50 per cord.

The entire facility will now advance to the second stage, the monitoring of its operation over a continuous season.

The wood gasifier was built by Imbert Energietechnik in Germany with modifications designed by owner-operator Philipp. The automated feed system is the first of its kind, as are many of the features.

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ARENA HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 10) - Marc Lalonde, federal Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of government services, today announced funding for a heat recovery project in the Pine Point arena.

The project is an opportunity to demonstrate the practical recovery of waste heat from the ice plant which was otherwise exhausted to the outside. The heat recovered from the condenser units is transferred by a fan and duct work to warm the spectator area.

The funding required to replace the old-style condenser units, some piping, an air distribution fan and duct work was provided jointly by the Town of Pine Point and a grant from the Canada/N.W.T. conservation and renewable energy demonstration program. The town contributed \$22,000, the federal government provided \$36,000 and the Territorial government \$12,000.

"A major portion of the Territorial government's budget is allocated to the production of electrical energy and the purchase of heating fuels. Saving through new energy conservation technologies is a very effective way of reducing our requirements in this area," Tologanak said.

"Energy conservation is important across Canada, but even more so in the northern areas where fuel costs are high and supplies limited," said Lalonde. "It is hoped that the projects funded through the conservation and renewable energy program across Canada will demonstrate ways of effectively conserving energy."

The energy conservation system installed in the Pine Point Arena will save the community \$7,000 annually at today's prices for fuel oil.

Much of the building renovation work was performed by recreation committee members. The mechanical changes were carried out by Cimco Limited, 5909 - 83 Street, Edmonton, Alta. Engineering design and project management were provided by Ferguson, Naylor, Simek, Clark of Yellowknife.

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ADVANCE POLLS TO BE HELD

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 12) - People who know they are going to be away from their home community on plebiscite day - April 14 - should start thinking about voting at an advance poll, says chief plebiscite officer David Hamilton.

Advance polls will be held in communities with populations over 500 on April 3 and April 8, between 4 and 8 p.m., says Hamilton.

These communities are: Cape Dorset, Igloolik, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Baker Lake, Eskimo Point, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Coppermine, Gjoa Haven, Frobisher Bay, Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Franklin, Fort McPherson, Inuvik, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Hay River, Pine Point, Rae-Edzo, Tungsten and Yellowknife.

In districts where no community over 500 exists, a community is chosen for an advance poll. In the High Arctic, that community is Arctic Bay while in the Hudson Bay district, Sanikiluaq is the advance poll site.

Another way to vote if a person plans to be out of town on plebiscite day is by proxy - getting someone else to vote for them.

"People may vote this way if their work takes them away from home, if they're students at school, if they're in hospital or if they're being held for trial," says Hamilton.

Their name and the name of the person chosen to vote for them must both be on the voters' list. Either of them may apply to the returning officer in their district for a certificate which, signed, allows a proxy vote.

"If you live too far away from the returning officer in your district, ask the enumerator in your polling division for an appointment form," says Hamilton. "Name your proxy voter on the form and swear and sign the oath on the back of the form in front of a commissioner for oaths."

The person casting a proxy vote can only do so for one person.

The necessary forms for proxy voting must be completed by Monday, April 12.

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G.N.W.T. TO DEVELOP RESOURCE POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 15) - The Territorial government's Executive Committee has approved a recommendation that a policy be prepared to guide resource development in the N.W.T.

The proposed policy provides an assessment and review process for large-scale resource development and encourages community participation in planning for development.

There are many pressing reasons for developing an overall policy on resource development, according to Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources.

"The Territorial government is increasingly called upon by industry to develop specific positions on resource development projects and, as yet, we have no overall development policy," the minister said.

"As well, individual departments in the Territorial government are developing policies related to resource development without reference to an overall policy."

The policy will ensure that balanced resource development occurs by having an assessment and review of projects, by monitoring industry's performance and by identifying and supporting planning initiatives from the communities, Nerysoo said.

Energy access and supply will be a major concern in the guidelines for developers and in the terms and conditions of the government's support for large projects, Nerysoo said.

The proposed guidelines state that the Territorial government will support a project when its overall social, economic and environmental impacts are beneficial to the North.

The Territorial government, with public participation, will review any project and the accompanying socio-economic impact statement prepared by the developer.

The activities of major resource development projects will be monitored to check industry's actual achievements against the commitments described in the action plan.

The G.N.W.T. will encourage local participation in identifying and meeting the impacts of resource development in this proposed policy. In areas where communities are expected to experience large impacts as a result of development, the policy supports the formation of a group representing local interests.

This group would analyse issues and activities, identify local impacts and recommend ways to reduce negative effects of development, Nerysoo explained.

It is expected that the policy will be finalized by the end of this month, Nerysoo said.

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HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS FORM ASSOCIATION

YELLOWKNIFE (March 22)-The presidents of six local associations representing hunters and trappers met last week in Cambridge Bay to form a regional association.

Known as the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association, the group is modelled after the Keewatin Wildlife Federation and will look after its members' interests in all aspects of wildlife management and related natural resource issues.

Steven Anavilok of Cambridge Bay was elected chairman of the new association.

Cambridge Bay will be the home base for the association although future meetings will be held in other communities in the region.

David Tucktoo of Spence Bay was elected vice-president and Donald Inuktalik of Holman Island was named treasurer.

Two major points of discussion during the meeting were the implications of the recent change in the Territorial wildlife ordinance that appoints presidents of hunter and trapper groups as ex-officio wildlife officers and, also, the need to assign a priority to future surveys of muskox on Victoria Island.

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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE [March 30] - Social Services Minister Arnold McCallum announced today that financial assistance payments to senior citizens and to people receiving food allowances will be increased May 1.

Residents of the N.W.T. over the age of 65, who qualify for the Federal government's guaranteed income supplement, currently receive an additional benefit from the Territorial government of \$50 a month. This will increase to \$75 monthly.

An incidental living allowance paid to the handicapped and to senior citizens who qualify will be increased to a maximum of \$125 per month. The present maximum benefit is \$90 monthly. The minimum age for qualifying for this allowance will be lowered to 60 from 65.

McCallum also announced increases in food allowances paid to social assistance recipients. The food allowance will be raised by 10 per cent to meet increasing food prices and cost of living, the minister said.

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The allowance is based on the cost of buying food in N.W.T. communities compared to prices in Yellowknife. Outlying communities are grouped according to similarities in food costs.

As well, some communities have been reclassified and the allowance paid in these settlements will increase by another 10-15 per cent. An additional category has also been created to more accurately reflect variations in food costs, McCallum said.

These increases will raise financial assistance payments to N.W.T. residents by approximately \$1.5 million, the minister noted.

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NWT SCIENCE COURSE APPROVED BY ALBERTA

YELLOWKNIFE (March 30)- A science course developed by the Territorial government's department of education has been approved for high school credit by the province of Alberta.

The science program will be introduced at the Grade 10 and 11 levels in September. Students taking the course will receive five credits towards a high school diploma.

The third level of the course is still being developed and will probably be ready for use in the schools by September of 1983.

Education Minister Dennis Patterson said the courses will provide a "more satisfactory" option for many of the NWT's students than previous courses that were developed outside the North.

The science program was approved as a "locally developed" course by Alberta Education. NWT schools follow the Alberta program of studies.

In a letter to the Territorial department of education, G.H. Bevan, director of curriculum for Alberta, noted that his department was interested in the success of the new northern program. Approval, by the province, is for three years and may end June 30, 1985, if an equivalent course is developed in Alberta.

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EXHIBIT OPENS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (March 23)- An exhibit of paintings by French-Canadian artists opens April 1 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Visages de mon pays (Faces of my country) is a travelling exhibit sponsored by the Heritage Centre in co-operation with l'Association culturelle franco-TENOise.

The 60 works, by artists from across Canada, present the painters' view of their part of the country.

The exhibit will be at the Heritage Centre from April 1-13.

The show opens officially at 7:30, April 1. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

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DPW APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (MARCH 29) - Joe Auge has been appointed chief of contracts for the Territorial government's department of public works.

His appointment is effective April 1.

In his new position, Auge will be responsible for the quality and efficiency of the administration of all DPW contracts. The department designs, constructs and operates all buildings required by the Territorial government.

Since December, 1980, Auge has been project officer with the engineering division of DPW. Before joining the Territorial government, he worked as a construction engineer in British Columbia.

Auge holds a degree in civil engineering from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

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On the day of the plebiscite, April 14, we will be setting up in the Gold Room of the Yellowknife Inn and making the results available to you as they come in.

Yellowknife media are welcome to come to the Gold Room after 8 p.m., when the polls close, to pick up the results there. Out-of-town media can phone us - we are having two extra phone lines put in and will give you the numbers as soon as we get them from Northwestel.

We have to respect poll closing time. The results will be known in the East two hours before the rest of the Territories, but it is an offence under the plebiscite ordinance to publish or broadcast results from one district into another district where the polls are not yet closed.

The information we will supply from each plebiscite district is: total number of eligible voters, number of yes and no votes from each community, percentage of eligible voters who voted and totals.

Contact Judy Wilson at 920-8088 in Yellowknife for further information.

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**LIQUOR OUTLETS TO BE CLOSED DURING PLEBISCITE
VOTE**

YELLOWKNIFE (March 29) - No liquor will be sold in the Territories while the polls are open on plebiscite day April 14.

As in a federal or territorial election, liquor stores will be closed, while dining rooms which serve liquor can remain open, but without their bar service.

Polling hours are between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The plebiscite ordinance deals with the sale of alcohol in Section 34, paragraph "p": "Every person is guilty of an offence who at any time during the hours that the polls are open on the ordinary polling day sells, gives, offers or provides any fermented or spiritous liquor at any hotel, tavern, shop or other public place within a plebiscite district where the poll is being held."

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**SURVEY SHOWS YELLOWKNIFE PRICES 25% HIGHER
THAN EDMONTON**

YELLOWKNIFE (March 29) - A recent survey shows that prices of goods and services in Yellowknife are 25 per cent higher than prices in Edmonton.

The survey, conducted by the Territorial government's Bureau of Statistics, compares average consumer price levels in Edmonton with those in Yellowknife during June, 1981.

More than 5,500 prices were compared for over 1,100 goods and services. Products were divided into seven areas including food, housing, clothing, transportation, health and personal care, recreation, reading and education, and tobacco and alcohol.

The study shows that in June, 1981 the purchasing power of a dollar in Edmonton was 80 cents in Yellowknife. This difference resulted primarily from higher prices for housing, food and transportation.

Prices of food eaten both at home and in restaurants were 20 per cent higher than Edmonton at that time of the survey. Prices for groceries were 20 per cent higher in Yellowknife. The largest factor in the difference was the cost of perishable items.

Fruit and vegetable prices were 27 per cent higher, while prices for dairy products and eggs were 34 per cent above Edmonton prices. Differences in the cost of meat, poultry and fish were not so great - 16 per cent.

Housing prices - including the cost of shelter, household operation, and furnishing and equipment - were an average of 40 percent higher in Yellowknife. A major factor in higher costs for privately-owned accommodation in Yellowknife was the municipal tax rate.

Prices for household operation were the highest in the housing category. This price difference was accounted for mainly by the costs of water, fuel and electricity which were almost 2.5 times Edmonton costs.

Transportation costs in Yellowknife were 19 per cent higher than Edmonton. The cost of operating a private car or truck was 13 per cent higher, due mostly to the cost of gasoline and maintenance. Public transportation costs were 70 per cent higher than in the south.

Tobacco and alcohol cost consumers 36 per cent more in Yellowknife. Retail prices for alcohol were an average of 39 per cent higher in Yellowknife. The price differences were greater for beer and liquor purchased through the liquor control system while lower price differences were recorded for alcohol consumed away from home.

This is the second price survey completed by the bureau of statistics. The first study, conducted in June, 1980 showed that the same variation in prices existed at that time. It is difficult, however, to compare the results of the two studies because more goods and services were included in the 1981 survey.

The survey results are being distributed to libraries, schools and the media. They will also be available from the Department of Information and the Bureau of Statistics at \$4.00 a copy.

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SPECIAL ARDA FUNDS DEMPSTER STATION

YELLOWKNIFE (March 29) - Travellers along the Dempster Highway will have another chance to fill their tanks and obtain repairs as a result of special ARDA funding of \$143,900 towards a Fort McPherson Indian Band project.

The band has accepted the special ARDA offer for construction of a service station which will provide two full-time and one seasonal job at start-up and five jobs by its third year of operation. The service station will be the first between Eagle Plains and Inuvik.

Announcement of the offer's acceptance was made by John Munro, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on behalf of the federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and by Tom Butters,

territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Total investment in the service station, which will offer a full range of services including parts sales and a small confectionary, is expected to be approximately \$300,000.

The special ARDA funds will be provided by DREE.

The ministers also announced acceptance of two other offers totalling \$80,000.

Y and C Enterprises Ltd. of Rankin Inlet has accepted \$64,000 for the purchase of four pieces of heavy equipment to establish a site development contracting business. The firm is expected to employ two persons initially and four by the third year of operations.

James Ruben of Paulatuk has accepted \$16,000 to establish a grocery store in the community, to be operated by his wife and daughter. The Government of the Northwest Territories will contribute \$2,000 towards this offer.

The joint Canada-Northwest Territories special ARDA program is designed to provide financial help to enable Northwest Territories residents, particularly those of native ancestry, to improve their social and economic conditions.

Further information on the special ARDA program can be obtained from the DREE office in Yellowknife, or any of the Northwest Territorial Government's Economic Development and Tourism and Wildlife Services offices.

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FOSTER CARE RATES INCREASED

YELLOWKNIFE (March 30) - Social Services Minister Arnold McCallum announced today that rates paid to foster parents will increase April 1.

The foster care rates have been increased to allow for differences in the cost of living in various communities across the N.W.T., the minister said.

The rates will also be varied according to the age of the foster child. The present foster care rate is \$7.50 a day.

Under the new rates, foster parents caring for children from birth to five years of age will receive between \$9 and \$14 daily, according to the community they live in. Parents of children from six to 11 will receive \$10-16 daily and people looking after children from 12-18 years of age will receive from \$12 to \$19 a day.

The clothing allowance paid to foster parents has also been increased to allow a maximum yearly allowance of \$440 for children from birth to five years of age, \$550 for children between six and 11 and \$660 for older children.

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As well, McCallum announced an additional monthly amount available to people caring for foster children with special needs, such as physical or emotional handicaps.

These rate increases, totalling almost \$220,000, are necessary to meet the increasing costs of caring for foster children, especially older children, the minister said.

Foster care rates have not increased since May, 1980.

Last year, the department provided 44,000 days of care for approximately 150 children.

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TIME OFF TO VOTE IN THE PLEBISCITE

YELLOWKNIFE (March 30) - Every employee who is qualified to vote in the April 14th plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories is allowed three consecutive hours to vote on polling day.

Polls open at 9 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. so the employee whose work day ends at 5 p.m. does not require time off to vote.

The time-off provision will apply mainly to shift workers and people whose work day ends at 6 or 6:30 p.m.

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RETURN OF BEER SALES DELAYED IN CAMBRIDGE BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (April 01) - The Territorial government's minister of justice and public services has delayed the return of beer sales in Cambridge Bay until Sept. 1.

George Braden was responding to a plebiscite held in Cambridge Bay on Oct. 15, 1981 in which residents voted 144-65 in favour of the re-introduction of beer sales in the community as of April 1, 1982.

The sale of beer was first restricted in 1980 when residents, in a plebiscite, requested a halt to sales in an attempt to reduce problems related to alcohol abuse.

"Since beer sales were stopped in October, 1980 there has been a significant reduction in these problems", the minister said.

"I have decided on a postponement because I feel that starting to sell beer again without the proper controls in place might undermine this progress."

The five-month delay will provide the settlement with time to examine the options for the control of liquor available to them, Braden said. "We hope that the community will hold serious discussions to develop liquor control

measures that really suit their needs."

The 1981 plebiscite was requested by the Katimavik Society (the local alcohol and drug committee) and the settlement council and conducted by the Territorial government.

Under the terms of the NWT liquor ordinance, the government may act to delay the return of liquor sales in communities where restrictions are in place as the result of a plebiscite.

Cambridge Bay residents are able to purchase liquor by mail through the Liquor Control System in Yellowknife.

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HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 5) - Three regional Hunters' and Trappers' organizations will receive special operating grants, the Territorial government's minister of renewable resources Richard Nerysoo, announced today.

A grant of \$30,000 will go to the Baffin Regional Association while Kitikmeot Region hunters and trappers will receive \$25,000.

The grants will be used to fund meetings in each region and for community consultations on wildlife studies and proposed changes to wildlife regulations.

These grants will be considered as start-up money for the regional associations and continued funding will be examined at a later date, the minister said.

Of the three regional associations in the N.W.T., only the Keewatin Wildlife Federation has received funding in the past from the Territorial government. The newly-formed Kitikmeot Association and Baffin Association will be able to use these grants as initial operating funds, Nerysoo said.

As well, the Fort Smith Hunters' and Trappers' Association will receive \$5,000 to assist the group to develop a proposal to devolve certain wildlife programs to the local hunters and trappers.

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"The Fort Smith Association is very active and has good co-operation with the Band Council and local Metis Association so we consider this a good location for a pilot project," Nerysoo explained.

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INUIT SCULPTURE AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - An exhibition of masterworks of Inuit sculpture opens at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Thursday.

The exhibit will feature 17 stone and ivory carvings from the Heritage Centre's permanent collection.

The works in the exhibition were collected through a competition organized by the Canadian Eskimo Arts Council. The sculpture collection was presented to the Centre as a contribution to the N.W.T. Centennial in 1970.

The pieces from the collection to be seen in this show have not been exhibited before.

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PLEBISCITE RESULTS FAVOUR DIVISION

YELLOWKNIFE (April 15) - The Territorial Government's Executive Committee interprets the results of Wednesday's plebiscite to mean the majority of the people of the N.W.T. - particularly in the eastern Arctic - favor division of the Territories.

While the overall result of the vote clearly shows northerners want division, the Territorial Government's immediate concern is to address the problem of why so many in the western N.W.T. voted against it or abstained.

"It is imperative that before we start thinking about how we move toward actual division we cautiously examine first what factors made significant numbers of people in the west vote 'no' or abstain," says James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development.

Wah-Shee was giving the Executive Committee's reaction to the vote.

According to unofficial returns, about 56 per cent voted Wednesday in favor of division on the basis of an overall 50 per cent turnout at the polls. The turnout in the west was only about 40 per cent, while in the east it averaged about 65

per cent.

Wah-Shee speculated that while some people in the west simply don't favor division, it also could be that some of them voted against it for other reasons - because they lacked information on the question or their doubts about potential borders influenced their vote.

"While the overall results lend support to the Legislative Assembly's earlier decision in principle that the Territories should divide, it is expected that the Legislative Assembly will adopt a formal position following discussion at its mid-May session in Inuvik," the minister said. "The Government will await this direction before finalizing its position.

"To date, the Federal Government has not indicated whether it will agree to division," the minister said. "In light of Wednesday's vote we are looking forward to the federal response."

If the Federal Government agrees to divide, the Legislative Assembly has indicated that it will request the appointment of a federal boundaries commission. This commission should consult with residents of the N.W.T. and recommend exact boundaries, Wah-Shee said.

"However, the Executive Committee feels it may be possible to reach agreement in the north on territorial boundaries."

The minister added that while no vote can please everyone, the Committee feels the plebiscite has been a valuable exercise in democracy.

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"It is now important for all northerners to continue to work together for beneficial political change," Wah-Shee concluded.

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PLEBISCITE RESULTS POSTED IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 7) - Results of the April 14 plebiscite on division of the Northwest Territories will be made public after polls close in the Western Arctic at 8:00 p.m.

"We will be posting plebiscite results in the Gold Room of the Yellowknife Inn, and operating a media centre there," says David Hamilton, chief plebiscite officer.

The first results to come in will be those from the eastern Arctic, where polls will have closed two hours earlier, says Hamilton.

"We can't accurately predict when all the results will be in, but with only "yes" and "no" votes to count, things should move along more quickly than in an election with several candidates," he said.

The public is welcome to come to the Yellowknife Inn's Gold Room to see incoming results.

Both CJCD and CBC radio will be broadcasting live from the Gold Room that evening.

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SOCIAL SERVICES ENCOURAGES FOSTERING AND ADOPTION

YELLOWKNIFE (April 14) - The Territorial government's department of social services is encouraging residents of the N.W.T. to adopt or provide foster homes for children with special needs.

Custom adoption - the traditional practice of a family informally taking someone else's child into their home - is common in many Dene and Inuit communities.

"But custom adoption now does not provide enough homes for all native children," according to Arnold McCallum, minister of social services. "Older children, children with mental or physical handicaps or family groups may not find homes so easily."

"We prefer to find homes for children in their own communities. The department attempts to place children where the origin, culture and language of the adoptive or foster parents are similar to the child's own," the minister said.

A series of brochures and posters, available in English, Dene languages and Inuktitut, has been produced by the department of social services. The brochures and posters are designed to make people aware of the children who need homes.

The brochures explain the requirements to become foster and adoptive parents and describe the procedures. Social workers are available in most communities to help people interested in becoming foster parents or adopting a child.

The material will be distributed to all communities where there is a need for homes. For more information on providing a home for a child, contact your community social services office.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

YELLOWKNIFE (April 20) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Education is asking for comments from the public on its report on education in the N.W.T.

The Committee's report, "Learning: Tradition and Change", was tabled at the last session of the Legislative Assembly in March.

The Committee is now asking northern residents and groups interested in the educational system to review the report and send comments to their MLAs. Comments may also be sent to members of the Special Committee or the Legislative Assembly offices in Yellowknife.

Copies of the report have been distributed to local education authorities, Territorial government regional offices and interested people across the Territories.

Additional copies of the report are also available from regional government offices.

Co-chairmen of the Committee are Tagak Curley (MLA Keewatin South) and Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point). Members are Nellie Cournoyea (MLA Western Arctic), Dennis Patterson (MLA Frobisher Bay) and Robert Sayine (MLA Great Slave East).

The report will be debated at the May session of the Assembly in Inuvik and responses from the public will be important to the discussion of the report.

The Special Committee on Education was established by the Legislative Assembly in 1980 to inquire into current problems and public concerns about education. Over the past two years, the Committee has held public hearings in many N.W.T. communities.

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MAY 12 CANADA HEALTH DAY

YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - Wednesday, May 12 is
Canada Health Day across the Northwest Territories.

Canada Health Day is an opportunity for health
institutions and local health organizations to discuss
their programs and help the public learn more about
health and the health care services available in their
communities.

This year's theme is "Health and Safety:
Everywhere for Everyone", emphasizing the importance of
safety and good health. These are everyone's concerns
and extend far beyond the institutions' services only.

Canada Health Day is co-sponsored by the Canadian
Public Health Association and the Canadian Hospital
Association.

Several Health Day events have been organized
for Yellowknife including a display on Saturday, May 8
at the YK Mall. On May 12, the Health Day committee is
sponsoring a program of films and speakers on noise
pollution, poisoning, accidental hypothermia and child
safety at Northern United Place from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

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**FEDERAL ENERGY PROGRAM GOOD, BUT NOT ENOUGH -
NERYSOO**

YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) - The Territorial government's energy minister says the Federal government's new northern energy program is a step in the right direction but doesn't go far enough.

As well, said Richard Nerysoo, while the Federal government has included in its new program many good ideas first suggested by the Territorial government, he is concerned that his government have a say in delivering them.

Nerysoo was responding to the package of energy programs for the north announced this week by Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development John Munro and Marc Lalonde, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

"We are encouraged by the announcement of the new initiatives but concerned that the Federal government recognize our ability to administer these programs," Nerysoo said. "We would like involvement in program delivery and in recommending priorities.

"After all, if they think our ideas are worth adopting, then surely we're capable of administering them", the minister said.

The energy package includes a new program to encourage the development of local energy supply options for remote communities. Under the Remote Community Demonstration Program, \$10 million will be allocated to the Yukon and N.W.T. to extend conservation and conversion programs to make them more applicable to special northern needs.

"The funding for this three-year program may not be enough considering the major capital expenditures involved", Nerysoo said.

The Territorial government has already completed a study of wind-generated energy and a study of hydro power is presently underway, the minister noted.

"Our involvement in the new program is a major concern," Nerysoo explained. "The Territorial government should play a major role in administering this program to avoid overlapping and duplication of studies and services".

The Federal government has also set aside \$150,000 for researching the potential for propane and locally-available natural gas.

"This will mean a lot to Inuvik and the Hay River area", said Nerysoo, "but will there be capital money to develop projects once they're identified?"

The northern energy package also extends energy price subsidies in the north for one year and makes an additional \$1 million available for the Canada Oil Substitution Program to help homeowners cover the costs of converting to alternative energy sources.

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Nerysoo said he hopes to meet with John Munro soon to make him aware of the Territorial government's concerns about the energy program.

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EXCOM TO MEET IN CAMBRIDGE BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (April 26) - The territorial government's Executive Committee leaves for Cambridge Bay Tuesday to hold its regular weekly meeting there the next day.

Cambridge Bay is the headquarters of the government's Kitikmeot region.

The Executive Committee meets in communities outside Yellowknife from time to time to acquaint itself first-hand with regional concerns and to learn more about local issues.

Committee members and staff will fly to Cambridge Bay Tuesday, stay overnight, and hold their regular meeting in the community Wednesday.

Meetings are also scheduled with members of the Cambridge Bay Community Council and the local Hunters' and Trappers' Association.

Executive committee members return to Yellowknife the following day, except Commissioner John Parker and Kane Tologanak, minister of government services. They will continue on to Pelly Bay to tour that community. Tologanak is MLA for the Kitikmeot region.

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MORRISON ACCEPTS B.C. POST

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28)-Rod Morrison, deputy minister of economic development and tourism has accepted a senior management position with the British Columbia Ferry Corporation.

Morrison, 35, will join the corporation in early July as assistant general manager of human resources. His responsibilities will include personnel matters, labour relations, public communication, research and administration.

He joined the Territorial government in 1971 as chief of finance and administration with the department of legal services and filled a number of management positions before becoming the deputy minister of economic development and tourism in May of 1980.

From late 1971 to 1975 he was executive assistant to former Commissioner Stuart Hodgson. He accepted a position as assistant regional director for the government in Inuvik in 1975, a post he held until moving to Rankin Inlet a year later as regional director for the Keewatin.

In 1978 he became director of the department of personnel and, in 1979, director of the government's regional operations.

Commissioner John Parker said today that Morrison's "... excellent record of service, both in headquarters and at the regional level speaks for itself. He will be missed from the senior management team."

Morrison's resignation from the government is effective June 4.

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GNWT ORGANIZES WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28) - Women from across the Territories have been invited to attend a conference here this coming weekend on the status of women in the north.

The conference, Saturday and Sunday in the Yellowknife Inn, is being organized by George Braden, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the status of women.

Three women from each region of the NWT have been invited to attend the conference.

Among items to be discussed by the delegates are employment strategies and affirmative action programs, violence against women, day care and education.

Braden will be attending a federal-provincial-territorial meeting of ministers responsible for the status of women in Ottawa later in May.

"The discussions at this conference will be of great benefit to me in understanding and appreciating the issues and problems currently facing women in the north", the minister said.

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NATIVE WOMEN RECEIVE ADDITIONAL FUNDS

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28) - The Territorial government's Executive Committee is doubling the size of its grant to the Native Women's Association of the N.W.T. - from \$110,000 to \$220,000 over the next two years.

The increased funding was announced today by George Braden, minister responsible for the status of women.

The Native Women's Association was originally to receive \$55,000 a year during the current fiscal year and in 1983-84. This was substantially less than what the organization had requested.

As a result of last week's Executive Committee approval, the Association will now receive core funding of \$110,000 a year for the next two years.

The organization provides social, educational and cultural programs for native women of the Western Arctic.

The additional grants will be used to assist with the president's salary and office services.

The Territorial government previously supported the Association with grants of \$30,000 in 1979-80 and \$50,000 yearly in the two following years.

At the last session of the Legislative Assembly, members recommended that the minister for the status of women work with the Association to develop ways of providing stable core funding.

"We hope this additional funding will enable the Association to carry on its valuable work of providing opportunities for native women of the N.W.T. to improve the quality of their lives," Braden said.

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE RECEIVES FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28) - St. John Ambulance of the N.W.T. is receiving an operating grant of \$15,000 from the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

The funding was announced today by George Braden, minister of justice and public services.

The grant will assist St. John Ambulance with administration and office staff costs during 1982-83.

St. John Ambulance has been active as a non-profit organization promoting first aid across the N.W.T. since 1972. The organization is involved in teaching first aid, basic nursing skills and safety training in schools, industry and to the general public.

As well, St. John also has a group of volunteers trained in first aid and patient care in the home who provide emergency services in the community.

The Territorial government makes a grant to St. John Ambulance each year to assist with operating expenses.

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"St. John Ambulance performs a valuable service in many communities across the Territories and we are pleased to be able to support them in their work," Braden said.

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SPECIAL ARDA EXTENDED TWO YEARS

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28) - A two-year extension of the federal-territorial special agricultural rural development agreement (ARDA) was announced today by Tom Butters, minister of economic development and tourism.

"We are pleased with the extension of this program, which has over the last five years given \$9.2 million to 271 projects in the Territories", says Butters.

The Special ARDA program is designed to help native people harvest natural resources and start businesses.

"I have instructed officials in my department to meet with local Special ARDA personnel to finalize details of the extended agreement", says Butters.

The money available through Special ARDA is provided on application as an encouragement to native business people, hunters and trappers.

Special ARDA is a joint effort with Herb Gray, federal minister of regional economic expansion and industry, trade and commerce.

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G.N.W.T. SUPPORTS PENNER

YELLOWKNIFE (May 3) - The Territorial government will push Ottawa to implement as soon as possible most of the recommendations in the Penner report on NCPC because, among other things, it could reduce power rates in the north.

Minister of Energy Richard Nerysoo said Penner is predicting an average NCPC rate increase this year of 40 per cent.

"However," said the minister, "if the federal government forgives NCPC's huge debt - one of Penner's main recommendations - we anticipate that power rates could actually come down considerably."

It is for this reason, said Nerysoo, that the government wants Penner's main recommendations introduced quickly, and why it will be lobbying the federal government to see that they are.

Mr. Nerysoo was commenting on behalf of the Territorial government's Executive Committee. The Penner report was released late last week.

"We think the report is excellent," Nerysoo said. "In fact, the acceptance by Penner of the recommendations this government made to him have gone beyond even our expectations."

Penner's main recommendations are that all power utilities in the Territories should be regulated by the N.W.T.'s Public Utilities board, that the federal government should when necessary cushion the N.W.T. from unreasonable rates through operating grants, and that separate Territorial crown corporations should be created to take over NCPC's job in the N.W.T. and Yukon.

If these corporations can't be created, the report says, then at least the corporation, now based in Alberta, should be relocated in the north.

"The Penner report recognizes that the control of northern utilities should be in the north," Nerysoo said. "This is something we have been telling the federal government for years."

One Territorial government recommendation not included in the report, Nerysoo noted, was the G.N.W.T. proposal that energy planning come under an N.W.T. Power Corporation, making policy the responsibility of the Territorial government.

Instead, the Penner report recommends a planning council involving government and private utilities, along with other consumers and producers. The council would operate under federal-Territorial jurisdiction.

"This recommendation will require further examination," Nerysoo said.

The Penner Commission took a year to complete its report.

"It is unfortunate that it could not have been completed sooner," Nerysoo said. "In the interim, power rates in the N.W.T. have gone up dramatically.

"But, at least," he concluded, "if Penner's recommendations were now introduced, we could not only avoid predicted increases, we could probably bring the rates down."

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WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 6) - A workshop in Yellowknife will bring together northern residents, oil companies and governments to work toward increased employment and business opportunities for the north.

The workshop on northern oil and gas development opportunities and responsibilities, May 25-28, is sponsored by petroleum industry associations and the N.W.T., Yukon and Federal governments.

About 250 businessmen, consultants, government and industry representatives are expected to attend the conference at the Explorer Hotel.

Among activities planned for delegates are presentations by major northern petroleum operators, government agencies and northern business representatives, including Jim Robertson of Inuvik and Bob O'Connor of Yellowknife.

Six working groups will discuss business opportunities, training and career development for northerners. Chairmen for these sessions are Ernie Pallister of Pallister Resource Management in Calgary and Alex Gordon of Syncrude Canada.

Guest speakers include Ione Christensen, former Yukon commissioner; Tom King, president of the White Pass and Yukon Railway from Whitehorse; and Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial government's minister of energy.

Business consultant Roy Goodman and Willie Hensley of the NANA Native Regional Development Corporation will discuss oil and gas development in Alaska while representatives from Norway and Newfoundland will discuss the situation in their area.

For more information on the conference, contact Terry Foster of the department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife at 873-7389.

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OFFICER HELPS TO MAINTAIN WORKERS' HEALTH

YELLOWKNIFE (May 10) - Susan Tanner has been appointed health and safety officer with the occupational health and safety section of the department of justice and public services.

She will be responsible for health education in the workplace, worksite safety inspections and for programs promoting prevention of accidents and illness.

Tanner will travel frequently to communities outside Yellowknife to give educational sessions for workers, management, unions and government.

She will be involved in conducting programs on alcoholism in the workplace, measuring noise levels and giving hearing tests, monitoring air quality, identifying hazardous substances in the workplace and distributing chemical safety information.

Her activities include inspection, education and prevention. Tanner will be responsible for enforcing the regulations of the industrial safety ordinance and will make recommendations to employers when health or safety problems are found among workers.

Tanner graduated as a registered nurse from Foothills Hospital in Calgary in 1977. She then nursed at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton for three years.

In 1980, she returned to school for post-graduate studies in occupational health nursing at Grant MacEwan College.

Since her graduation, Tanner has worked as an occupational health nurse in the construction industry and with Employee Health Services of the Alberta government in Edmonton.

In addition to the new health and safety officer, the occupational health and safety section has safety officers who do worksite inspections and will make referrals to Tanner when health problems are found.

Earlier this year, the industrial safety and occupational health sections were combined into one section, managed by Laurie Nowakowski.

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HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 11) - New information packages will help to inform workers about hazardous products they may handle in their work.

The occupational health and safety section of the department of justice and public services recently conducted an inventory to determine the chemicals and hazardous products used across the N.W.T.

After reviewing the inventory, information packages were compiled to make workers aware of the substances they handle.

The product information sheets include the name of the product, its use, possible health hazards, first aid treatment in case of accident and fire hazards. They also inform workers of the precautions to be taken when handling the product and the department to contact about disposal of the material.

Packages have been put together for different groups of workers including stationary engineers, plumbers, painters, warehouse workers, caretakers and carpenters.

The information sheets are available from the occupational health and safety section, department of justice and public services in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7471.

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK BEGINS MAY 30

YELLOWKNIFE (May 12) - "The action begins with you" is the theme of National Environment Week (NEW) May 30-June 5 across the N.W.T.

This year, NEW coincides with World Environment Day, June 5, an opportunity to focus on both local and global environmental concerns.

Events have been planned across the Territories to mark National Environment Week.

In Yellowknife, activities include a series of guest lectures at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. On June 1, Ron Hawkins of the Territorial government's energy conservation division and Jim Cumming from the federal department of energy, mines and resources will discuss energy conservation in the home.

June 2, Peter Blackall of the Baffin Island Oil Spill (BIOS) program will describe this international experimental project.

The following evening Dr. David Brooks, executive director of the Beaufort Sea Research Coalition and member of Friends of the Earth and Energy Probe, will discuss Beaufort Sea development issues. His lecture is sponsored by Ecology North.

The lectures begin at 8:00 each evening.

Communities across the N.W.T. are being encouraged to schedule their spring clean-up during National Environment Week. In many settlements, community members and local organizations are involved in the clean-up.

Information kits on National Environment Week and environmental issues are being distributed to schools and local government offices in every community.

NEW was established by Parliament in 1971 as an opportunity for Canadians to learn more about their natural environment and its importance.

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PARKS OPEN MAY 21

YELLOWKNIFE (May 12) - Territorial parks open for the season May 21.

This year there will be a new fee schedule for use of the parks. Visitors to major Territorial campgrounds, picnic and day-use facilities will be required to purchase a vehicle entrance permit at \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

These permits are valid for the year in which they were purchased. Bicycle riders and pedestrians will not be required to purchase these permits.

There is no additional charge for the use of most overnight campsites which offer basic facilities and firewood. Campsites where drinking water is available are identified by signs.

In four larger campsites on the Mackenzie Highway system - 60th Parallel park at the Alberta-N.W.T. border, Yellowknife campsite, Prelude Lake and Reid Lake - campers will also pay an overnight camping fee of \$5 per night in addition to the vehicle entrance permit.

No daily fees will be charged for camping at parks on the Dempster Highway as these are still under construction. Work is expected to be completed during the summer.

Most other campgrounds require the vehicle entry permit only - no overnight fee will be charged.

The camping areas in Fort Smith, Fort Providence, Hay River and Fort Simpson are being operated by the municipalities this year. Campers will need vehicle entry permits at these four sites but each municipality will decide whether to charge a daily camping fee.

Some campsites near Yellowknife are available for the season at a flat rate of \$150 yearly for the first time this year. Of the 25 sites available in Yellowknife, Prelude and Reid Lake campgrounds, 12 have already been taken.

The visitor information centre at the 60th parallel also opens May 21. Closing date for Territorial parks this year is Sept. 24.

Entrance and campsite permits are being sold by vendors in each community and by park staff. Overnight camping fees will be collected at park entrances or by park officers.

A recent survey of national, provincial and territorial campgrounds fees show that N.W.T. rates are the third-lowest in the country.

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MUSKOX MANAGEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY ON BANKS ISLAND

YELLOWKNIFE (May 13) - As a way of developing an overall management plan for muskoxen on Banks Island, the N.W.T. Wildlife Service and the Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Association are undertaking two projects designed to provide on-going information on the animals.

In the first of these projects, 13 muskox calves were captured live to be transported to the University of Saskatchewan for biological research.

A herd of approximately 20 animals will be kept at the University as part of a long-term research project.

The second project involves the harvest of about 100 animals between one and four years of age. This harvesting project will examine the economic feasibility of marketing muskox products from animals culled from the herd. Culling helps to maintain a healthy muskox population.

These projects will help to bring about effective management of the wildlife on Banks Island and to reinforce the hunting and trapping economy there.

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HOUSING FEDERATIONS MEET WITH N.W.T. HOUSING CORP.

YELLOWKNIFE (May 14) - The board of directors of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation (NWT HC) met recently with the chairmen of three regional housing federations.

The meeting, the first time the corporation and the groups had met, provided an opportunity for Jack Kammuka, chairman of the Baffin Housing Federation, Peter Alareak of the Keewatin Federation and Alan Kadlun of Kitikmeot Federation, to discuss a number of issues with the Housing Corporation board.

"This was a significant meeting and we were extremely pleased with the ideas that came out of it," said Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

The housing federations represent the community Housing Associations in the three regions.

The directors and chairmen discussed the comprehensive rent review of NWTHC public housing units now taking place and dealt with suggestions to make home ownership in Arctic communities easier.

The possibility was discussed of forming a committee, made up of the federation chairmen, to advise the Housing Corporation's board. It received a favourable reaction, and will be discussed at the next meeting of the NWTHC board.

The board and chairmen also discussed setting up regional federations for Western Arctic housing associations. At present, there are no similar groups in the west.

If Western Arctic federations are formed, these also would become part of the advisory committee, said McCallum.

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**ACTION REQUIRED ON DEVELOPMENT IMPACTS -
PARKER**

INUVIK (May 13) - With Canadian eyes shifting north to the energy riches of the Beaufort Sea and Norman Wells, the Legislative Assembly and the Government of the N.W.T. must take concerted action to make sure northern people and communities are prepared for the impact of such development, says Commissioner John Parker.

In his opening address Wednesday to the eighth session of the ninth Legislative Assembly - the first session to be held here since 1973 - Parker outlined a number of initiatives being taken by the government to help communities deal with non-renewable resource development.

The community of Norman Wells will receive \$554,000 in impact funding for 1982-83 to open up residential and industrial lots. As well, it will receive funding for a new community plan.

Almost \$2.5 million has been spent this year on water and sanitation projects for Tuktoyaktuk, with a further \$1 million budgeted next year to complete the projects.

Proposals for impact funding for \$2.6 million worth of capital projects in Tuktoyaktuk in 1982-83 are being considered by the Executive Committee, Parker said. These projects involve completing the community arena, construction of a new community hall and major upgrading of roads.

"It is also imperative that the north receive meaningful and equitable benefits from resource developments which occur in the Territories," the Commissioner said. "In order to meet this goal, and also to promote greater northern control over the initiatives and actions of resource developers, the Executive Committee has approved a new resource development policy."

Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo will be presenting that policy during this session, Parker said.

The Commissioner announced that the Executive Committee had approved in principle an expanded program in the Department of Education for Dene language development amounting to \$1 million a year for three years. As well, he said that progress had been made on the creation of a Dene interpreter-communicator unit and a Dene language information program in the Department of Information.

Meanwhile, the Executive Committee will provide one government-funded Hercules aircraft charter a year into Pelly Bay, where food costs are the highest in the N.W.T., to assist that community's residents with their high cost of living, Parker said.

The Commissioner also announced that a legislative program of six bills would be introduced for the Assembly's consideration. They include the financial administration ordinance, the student financial assistance ordinance, and amendments to the education ordinance, forest protection ordinance and labour standards ordinance.

"As you commence your deliberations," Parker told the members of the Legislative Assembly, "it may be well to reflect on the progress that has been made over the term of this Assembly." While facing budgetary restraints, the Assembly has still been able to chart innovative and comprehensive policy and spending priorities.

"Overall, through the directions of this Assembly, northerners and their government are taking increased control of their own affairs," Parker said.

Tom Butters, the member for Inuvik, moved the motion of appreciation for the Commissioner's address.

The opening day of the eighth session also saw the tabling of the final report of the special committee on education by Keewatin South MLA Tagak Curley.

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT POLICY ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 14) - A policy to ensure that northerners receive maximum benefits from resource development was tabled at Thursday's session of the Legislative Assembly in Inuvik.

Richard Nerysoo, the Territorial Government's minister for energy and resource development, told the Assembly the policy is designed to ensure northerners have an influence on resource development and future growth in the N.W.T.

The policy provides for extensive public involvement in decisions made on resource development and sets out procedures for assessment and review of proposed development projects.

As well, the policy calls for monitoring of industry's activities by government once a project is in operation.

"This policy ensures that all those affected by resource development play a role in the decision-making process," the minister said.

This policy is needed so that the government's decisions about resource development will be made in a co-ordinated way. Industry, other governments and the public will have a clear understanding of the G.N.W.T. position on resource development as a result, he said.

The policy states that the Territorial government will support a project when its social, economic and

environmental implications result in net benefit to the north.

In areas where communities could experience major impacts as a result of development, the policy supports the formation of 'development impact zone groups' to represent local interests. These groups would include representation from existing organizations such as local and regional councils.

Development Impact Zone groups will analyze resource development issues and activities, identify local impacts and make recommendations to the Territorial government to reduce the negative effects and maximize the benefits of resource development.

The policy will result in resource development which is more responsive to northern concerns because of public involvement in Territorial government's assessment and review of proposed projects.

A development certificate will be issued by the minister for energy and resource development to a developer once the project is approved by the Territorial government.

"This policy provides a role for the public, industry and government in development of the north. It also ensures that northerners bear fewer costs and receive greater benefits from development," Nerysoo said.

Meanwhile, Nerysoo, pointed out that the Beaufort Sea and Mackenzie Delta have reserves of oil and gas "which have the potential to lead to mega-projects unparalleled in the history of Canada and of unprecedented consequences to the Northwest Territories."

"The stakes are immense and good decisions must be made to ensure long-term economic and energy benefits as well as the protection of northern cultures and the environment," the minister said.

Dome Petroleum, Gulf Canada and Esso Resources estimate the cost to be between \$40 and \$60 billion for developing those reserves by the early 1990s. The Arctic Pilot Project has an estimated cost of \$2.5 billion and

could be operational by 1986. The Norman Wells project has an estimated cost of \$1.3 billion and could be completed as early as 1985. The B.C. Hydro proposal for a Liard River dam which affects the Liard and Mackenzie rivers would cost \$4.7 billion.

The minister said these projects offer jobs, training, experience, economic prosperity, increased government revenues, and perhaps a reasonably priced energy supply for the N.W.T., although they also could change the way of life, damage renewable resources and cause pollution.

As far as revenue which will be generated by the various developments, Nerysoo said the Territorial government can expect to receive about \$470 million from the Arctic Pilot project, while the federal government will receive more than \$5 billion. The federal government will receive \$6.4 billion from the Norman Wells project, while the Territorial government will receive only \$10 million.

The minister has prepared a resource-revenue strategy which involves royalty-sharing negotiations with the federal government and meetings with federal ministers. The minister has made presentations on the Territorial position to the Senate, the National Energy Board and the Special Committee of the Senate on Northern pipelines.

As a result of an Executive Committee recommendation to Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro, a tripartite agreement has been signed by the Dene Nation, Metis Association and the Government of the N.W.T. which provides for joint management of funds for identifying training requirements for native northerners.

Nerysoo said that 25 cents of every dollar spent in the N.W.T. goes for energy, adding up to \$5,000 per capita. The minister said power costs have become a serious problem and that the Executive Committee will explore the advantages of an N.W.T. power corporation to replace Northern Canada Power Commission.

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PATTERSON QUILTS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INUVIK (May 18) - Education Minister Dennis Patterson has resigned from the Special Committee on Education.

Patterson told the Legislative Assembly last week his resignation was "not because of any dissatisfaction with the report" but rather because it will be his responsibility as education minister to carry out the report's recommendations.

In opening discussion on the Special Committee's report "Learning: Tradition and Change", committee co-chairman, Tagak Curley (Keewatin South), said the report had taken 2 1/2 years to complete and urged members to deal with it this session.

Curley said the message of the report is that there must be an improvement in the education system and that the people of the communities and the regions of the N.W.T. must have much more control of education in their own areas.

During general remarks on the report congratulations were extended to the committee on the completion of the report. But some MLAs objected to adopting the report's 49 recommendations during this session, feeling that their constituents want time to discuss the

document.

Committee member and MLA Nellie Cournoyea (Western Arctic) felt that debate on the report's recommendations should take place this session, but assured communities who felt they needed more time that this debate would not be the end of the matter.

MLAs who felt their constituents needed more time to discuss the report before the recommendations were adopted included Inuvik's Tom Butters; Central Arctic's Kane Tologanak; Yellowknife South's Lynda Sorensen; Hay River's Don Stewart; Slave River's Arnold McCallum, Mackenzie Delta's Richard Nerysoo, and Rae-Lac La Martre's James Wah-Shee.

Sorensen suggested holding a special session in August to discuss the report's recommendations after the MLAs and communities had had time to digest them. This would still allow the committee to meet its winter deadline for legislation to establish the new system.

Other MLAs said they intended to support the recommendations and wanted to debate them at this session. They included Baffin Central's Ipeelee Kilabuk; Foxe Basin's Mark Evaluarjuk and Mackenzie Liard's Nick Sibbeston.

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ASSEMBLY GOES SLOW ON EDUCATION REPORT

INUVIK (May 19) - Heated discussion revolved around the report of the Special Committee on Education, "Learning: Tradition and Change", in Monday's session of the Legislative Assembly here.

The main contention was whether the report's 49 recommendations should be debated and voted on in this session, or delayed until the fall session.

Earlier, a number of the MLAs said they wanted more time to consult with their constituents and allow local education bodies to study the report thoroughly before voting on it.

During the discussion in committee-of-the-whole, a motion was passed by Keewatin South MLA Tagak Curley, the Special Committee's co-chairman, to move on to debate on the details of the report. But by the end of the day the Assembly members were still discussing the introduction to the report.

Hay River MLA Don Stewart pointed out that "over 50 per cent of the population of the Northwest Territories" represented by local education authorities had asked the Assembly not to debate the report at this time.

Curley said that the committee had been sent out to look at the educational problems in the Territories, to present a final report and recommendations in 1982. The report was a positive one, and not an attempt to take away credit from the people who first introduced education to the north. He suggested that not debating the report now would mean a lot of money had been used with little result.

Committee member Nellie Cournoyea (Western Arctic) begged other MLAs, when studying the question of how much the new system would cost, to look beyond the Department of Education. She said that large amounts of money now are spent on coping with the results of an inadequate educational system.

Inuvik MLA Tom Butters wanted assurances from the committee that the report had been circulated all across the Northwest Territories. Curley said the committee had done more to communicate its report than any other special committee of the legislature had ever done, and he noted that the report's recommendations were fully supported by the N.W.T. Teachers' Association.

Butters and Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie, a former teacher, emphasized that because the report proposed major changes to the current system, it was important to make sure the recommendations were widely supported throughout the north.

Detailed discussion on the report concentrated on the principles underlying the 49 recommendations, as set out in the introduction, but had not moved on to any specific recommendation by the time the Assembly adjourned for the day.

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EXERCISE NANOOK LARK

YELLOWKNIFE (May 21) - Sixty-five people in three northern locations this month will fake a massive power outage and communications breakdown to ensure they're prepared for the real thing.

Exercise Nanook Lark it's called, and its primary purpose is to see if the Canadian Armed Forces and the Government of the Northwest Territories are ready for a real civil emergency in the N.W.T. in the event one ever occurs.

The joint emergency exercise will be held May 28 - 31 in Yellowknife, Cambridge Bay and Spence Bay.

The principals involved are the Territorial Government's Emergency Control Committee - responsible for all civil emergency measures in the N.W.T. - the hamlet of Spence Bay, and two components of the armed forces: Northern Region headquarters and personnel of the Canadian Armed Forces Communication Command from across Canada.

"The power outage and communications blackout won't be real," says chairman Don Johnston of the Territorial Government's emergency control committee. "However, the exercise put together to test us will be so much like the real thing some people involved in it are probably

going to forget it's fake."

The scenario calls for NCPC's power generation system in Spence Bay to break down completely. Then NCPC's back-up system will also break down.

In addition, all communications between the Central Arctic and Yellowknife - headquarters for both the Territorial Government and the Canadian forces northern region - will be completely blacked out when, in the scenario, one of Northwestel's transmission towers malfunctions.

If that isn't enough, there just might be other emergencies - maybe fires, accidents, the uncovering of hazardous goods - and these could be anywhere in the Territories.

The weekend exercise will test first the ability of the community of Spence Bay to respond to a local emergency. Then, when it alone can't handle it, the exercise will test the ability of the Territorial Government's Kitikmeot region to help out the community - and to handle an enlarging emergency as the communications blackout also will affect the regional headquarters at Cambridge Bay.

Finally, when the emergency has become too large for the region, the Territorial Emergency Control Committee in Yellowknife will be activated, and it will call in the Canadian Forces for assistance.

About 50 members of the Forces - and their communications equipment - will fly into Cambridge Bay and Spence Bay to set up an emergency communications network with Yellowknife.

"The Department of National Defence annually holds its own communications exercise in the north," Johnston explained. "They felt, and we agreed, that this would be an excellent opportunity for us to combine with them and test the readiness of community, regional and headquarters levels of government to respond to a civil disaster."

Members of the RCMP, Armed Forces cadets, and Health and Welfare Canada also will be involved.

"These people are going to be put through a tough weekend," said Maj. Bill Skinner of Northern Region headquarters, "probably tougher than the real thing itself."

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LOWER RENTS DEFEATED

INUVIK (May 21) - A motion which would have directed the N.W.T. Housing Corporation to lower rents and set a maximum rental ceiling for public and low-rental housing in the Eastern Arctic and above the Treeline was defeated in the Assembly here this week.

Keewatin South MLA Tagak Curley, who moved the motion, told the Legislature Wednesday that a ceiling on rents was necessary so northern families would not end up like one family in Rankin Inlet assessed a monthly rental of \$1,500 or a family in Whale Cove which was going to be assessed more than \$1,000 a month for a three-bedroom house.

Some rents went up in April when the corporation decided to increase the ceiling on rents.

The motion also suggested that the housing corporation should not be allowed to include all household income in calculating rents. Rental costs are set at 25 per cent of total household income after deducting a basic living allowance.

Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea amended the original motion, which would have applied only to the Eastern Arctic, to include the areas above the Treeline because of the lack of alternative energy supplies in those areas.

Some MLAs said they could not vote for the motion because the housing corporation is an independent body and should be allowed to set its own policies; others felt a rental ceiling was a good idea but couldn't accept parts of the motion.

Cournoyea, a former member of the housing corporation's board of directors, said she would have welcomed such direction when she was on the board. She said the current rental system discourages people from working or from saving to buy a home of their own.

Arnold McCallum, the minister responsible for the housing corporation, told the House the rental system is currently under review. He pointed out that the motion, if passed, would have added to the government's current bill for housing, because the government would have to provide more subsidies to make up for the decreased rents.

After the vote was taken, Deputy Speaker Pete Fraser said the motion had been defeated. A recount showed that the vote was tied. Fraser, as chairman of committee-of-the-whole, cast his deciding vote against the motion, and the motion was lost.

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NORTH SHOULD DIVIDE - ASSEMBLY

INUVIK (May 21) - The Legislative Assembly has decided to ask the Federal Government to divide the Northwest Territories and to establish a commission to recommend boundaries for the new eastern territory.

The historic motion in the Assembly here Wednesday was supported by all but one MLA in a recorded vote. Yellowknife South MLA Lynda Sorensen abstained.

The motion, made by Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea and seconded by Central Arctic MLA Kane Tologanak, also contained guidelines for the creation of the boundaries commission by the federal government. The three-person commission should hold public hearings and report to the Assembly at a special session to be held in the spring of 1983, the motion says.

An original motion, which only called on the Federal Government to create a boundaries commission, was amended to include the request for division by MLA Dennis Patterson (Frobisher Bay). In making the amendment, he said the majority of Territorial residents had told the Assembly in the April 14 vote that they favoured dividing the Territories.

During the April 14 plebiscite, 5,586 N.W.T. residents voted "yes" to the question on division and 4,304 voted "no", for a total of 56 per cent in favour of creating a new eastern territory.

Sorensen said she was abstaining from the vote because her constituents had voted against division but she believed in the democratic process and the right of the Eastern Arctic residents to decide they want a new territory. She said she wasn't voting "no" to the motion because of the wish expressed by the east, but felt a moral responsibility to reflect in the Legislature the views of her constituents.

Other MLAs whose constituents also had voted "no" in the plebiscite cast their votes in favour of the motion, including George Braden (Yellowknife North), who said he had come to the conclusion that the motion was a productive and necessary follow-up to the plebiscite.

A second motion passed unanimously calls for the official acceptance of the plebiscite results and instructs the Executive Committee to send a delegation to present the report to the prime minister and key cabinet ministers.

This motion was made by Foxe Basin MLA Mark Evaluarjuk. In seconding Evaluarjuk's motion, Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie took a few moments to outline the dilemma he faced in voting in the April 14 plebiscite. He did not want to obstruct the desires of the Eastern Arctic people, but he did not favour division, so he abstained from voting at all. But his position on the vote was not clearly understood, he noted.

The report of the chief plebiscite officer will be personally presented to the prime minister, Federal justice minister and minister of Indian and Northern Affairs by a three-member Assembly delegation. Copies of the report will be sent to the provincial premiers, provincial attorneys-general, the Yukon Government leader and minister of justice.

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EXCOM ASKED TO PREPARE NEW LEGISLATION

YELLOWKNIFE (May 25) - The Legislative Assembly has recommended that before its next session the Territorial Government's Executive Committee should prepare new education legislation based on the principles set out in the Special Committee on Education's report.

In a motion passed last week in the Inuvik session, the Assembly also recommended that Education Minister Dennis Patterson name a task force to monitor research projects begun by the committee, to consult with territorial residents about the report, and to advise the Executive Committee on proposed education legislation.

In introducing the motion, MLA Bruce McLaughlin said it was intended to assure MLAs that progress will continue on education in the north. The committee has completed its mandate by making its recommendations, he said, and the ball is in the Executive Committee's court.

In seconding the motion, MLA Tagak Curley noted that the committee's role was to make recommendations, not to implement them. Curley and McLaughlin were co-chairmen of the education committee.

Patterson said any task force which he might appoint to consult with N.W.T. residents about the report would not absolve MLAs of their responsibility to consult with their constituents and give detailed advice to the government and Assembly on the report's recommendations.

Health and Social Services Minister Arnold McCallum expressed gratitude to the committee (which had wanted to vote on the report's recommendations at the Inuvik session) for allowing other MLAs proper time to consult with their constituents.

Various bodies and education authorities have sent telexes to members urging that final consideration of the report be put off until the fall session to allow them to study the recommendations thoroughly.

The Assembly concluded its Inuvik session Saturday.

Meanwhile, in other business last week, members of the Assembly decided Thursday that the hunting season on arctic wolves should be open year round.

They passed a motion urging the Executive Committee to change the Wildlife Ordinance as soon as possible so wolf hunting would be allowed year long. Currently, the season runs from October to May 31.

High Arctic MLA Ludy Pudluk, who moved the motion, explained that the wolf population is constantly increasing despite constant hunting. He said wolves kill many caribou and that large wolf packs are more dangerous to people than polar bears - an important consideration as more and more people head out to outpost camps remote from

communities.

Mackenzie Great Bear MLA Pete Fraser supported the motion, saying the wolves are a menace and should be thinned out.

Also on Thursday, a motion was passed by the Legislative Assembly giving the Assembly's standing committee on legislation clearer and more expanded terms of reference.

The committee traditionally reviews legislation before the government introduces it in the House, explained Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie in speaking to the motion.

The new terms of reference will let the committee be more active and effective in its traditional role, as well as the added roles of keeping track of assembly motions which call for legislation, monitoring and analyzing orders and regulations as they come into effect, and possibly travelling as a committee.

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BEER PRICES UP

YELLOWKNIFE (May 26) - Increased transportation costs, higher federal taxes and added costs to the breweries have caused an increase in beer prices in all N.W.T. retail liquor outlets.

The increase, effective today, was announced by the minister responsible for the N.W.T. liquor control system, George Braden.

The price of Labatt's canned beer will rise from \$7.80 to \$9.50 and their bottled beer from \$7.80 to \$8.80.

Budweiser's bottled beer will increase from \$7.80 to \$9.00 while Molson's canned beer will increase from \$7.80 to \$10.80. The price of Molson's bottled beer increases by 10 cents to \$9 a dozen.

Carling's products will remain at \$8.30 until September. Light beer prices also will remain unchanged until September.

The price of canned beer in the Territories has been the same since Nov. 1979, while Labatt's and Molson's both increased the price of their bottled beer last summer.

"Beer prices have been relatively stable in the Northwest Territories compared to the rest of Canada," says Braden. "Even now the new retail prices are not as high as some other places in Canada."

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N.W.T. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 28) - One central location from which to work in the event of an emergency is the purpose behind construction of an emergency operations centre in the Laing Building.

Plans to share the cost of the centre with the federal government were announced today by leader of the territorial government's elected executive, George Braden.

The total cost of the centre is \$103,000, with the Territorial government paying for 60 per cent. The remaining 40 per cent will be picked up by the federal government through the minister responsible for emergency planning, Yvonne Pinard.

"The centre will be a multiple-use facility with an operations room, communications room and briefing room," said Braden.

"One example of when a facility such as this could have been used was during the forest fire season last summer," he said. "And of course for every-day use it will be ideal for conference and training purposes."

The centre should be complete by late summer.

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DISASTER EXERCISE A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - A three-day exercise to test the ability of northerners in three locations to respond to civil emergencies has been a qualified success, particularly in Spence Bay.

Operation Nanook Lark '82 - held from Friday to Sunday in Spence, Cambridge Bay and Yellowknife - challenged numerous community, government and Armed Forces personnel to handle a variety of fake emergencies one after the other.

There were fictitious power and communication breakdowns, three large fires, an air crash, and a community flood, along with amateur actors adding to the drama by demanding information or simply making a nuisance of themselves.

"The people of Spence Bay showed in this exercise that they have a real ability to handle emergencies in their community," said Gary Black of Cambridge Bay, the Territorial government's regional director in the Kitikmeot region. "They are to be congratulated on their performance."

Besides community officials and personnel in Spence, participants in Nanook Lark included Territorial government personnel in Spence, Cambridge and Yellowknife, Canadian Forces personnel, the RCMP, Health and Welfare Canada, NCPC and Ministry of Transport.

"We've all learned from this exercise, which is the primary purpose for holding one," said Don Johnston of Yellowknife, chairman of the Territorial government's Territorial Emergency Control Committee. "On balance, I'm confident that we're well on the way to being prepared throughout the north to handle just about any major emergency."

In the exercise scenario, all normal communication to the Central Arctic broke down Friday. The Territorial Emergency Control Committee then called on the Canadian Armed Forces Northern Region headquarters in Yellowknife - and the Forces' Communication Command from across Canada - to establish emergency communication by radio teleprinter between Spence, Cambridge and Yellowknife. Forces communication personnel were actually flown to all three centres and set up their emergency network.

In the meantime, the NCPC powerhouse in Spence Bay burned down, and the community had to rely on a small emergency generator in the school for power by taking it around and powering 20 houses at a time for eight-10 hours. Then that broke down, and the fake exercise had them relying on tiny portable generators and heaters to light and heat two public buildings where people had to gather to stay warm.

If that wasn't enough, there was a fake air crash on the runway at Spence Saturday, along with a flood in Hay River in which people had to be evacuated from the Old Town.

Then, on Sunday they found dangerous chemicals in the wreckage of the plane that crashed Saturday in Spence. And The Bay and the Co-op burned down.

Meanwhile, as Spence Bay struggled with all its fictitious problems as if they were real, the Territorial government's Regional Emergency Response Committee in Cambridge Bay and the government's Territorial Emergency Control Committee in Yellowknife were assisting Spence with back-up equipment and personnel and trying to keep one step ahead of Spence by anticipating their needs should the situation deteriorate. And often it did.

The primary responsibility for handling civil emergencies in the N.W.T. rests with the Territorial government. In turn, it works on the philosophy that the primary response to an emergency rests with the community in which it occurs. If that community needs help, then the region it is in provides the assistance, or gets it with the help of the Territorial Emergency Control Committee at the government's headquarters in Yellowknife.

"Our initial assessment of the exercise is that the people in Cambridge Bay provided excellent back-up to Spence," said Chairman Johnston of the TECC.

The Spence Bay emergency control committee is made up of community personnel and government and public utility people. It is headed by Mayor Steve Alookey. The Cambridge Bay committee is headed by regional director Black and senior government personnel.

Johnston pointed out that while a final assessment of the exercise won't be available until after a de-briefing in Yellowknife Wednesday, some flaws and minor mistakes have already come to light.

"We had some confusing messages passed between here and Cam Bay, there were messages for which no answer came in, the Armed forces emergency communication network went out several times due to atmospheric conditions, and sometimes at this end we had trouble locating key personnel and getting them into our command centre in Yellowknife."

Maj. Bill Skinner of Northern Region headquarters in Yellowknife said that in general the forces' communication system worked well and alternate communication routes were developed when the primary emergency network went out.

"It was a good exercise, and the Forces learned from it," he said.

TECC's Johnston said that it is important for every community in the N.W.T., just as Spence Bay did, to develop a community emergency plan.

"As Spence Bay proved, it is a valuable tool and they used it well," he said.

It is expected that the Territorial government again next year will hold such an exercise in another community.

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PLAINS WESTERN TO PAY SPECIAL LEVY

YELLOWKNIFE (June 2) - Yellowknife power consumers will soon pay a special levy as part of their current power bills, due to a decision of the Public Utilities Board.

The special levy - .681 cents per kilowatt hour between April 10, 1982 and April 11, 1983 - will provide a means for ICG Utilities (Plains Western) Ltd. to "pay back" NCPC.

The debt dates from Aug. 11, 1980, when Plains Western withheld part of its monthly payment to NCPC because NCPC had not given one year's notice of a rate change, as required in the two parties' contractual agreement.

NCPC had begun proceedings to take ICG to court to recover the money but before the case went to Supreme Court, discussions were held between NCPC and ICG to come up with an alternative.

They decided on an amendment to their agreement which would remove the necessity for one year's notice of a rate change and took the suggested special levy before the Public Utilities Board.

NCPC called for a five per cent penalty and an interest charge as well as the disputed utility amount, totalling \$673,380.

After a public hearing held in Yellowknife April 15, the board ruled that the interest charges of \$127,852 and penalty charges of \$25,977 were not warranted and ordered ICG to pay \$519,550 to the commission over a one-year period.

ICG (Plains Western) has now made application to the Public Utilities Board for approval to increase rates to its customers to cover the special levy.

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FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ORDERED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 2) - ICG Utilities (Plains Western) Ltd.'s recent application to the Public Utilities Board for a 10-year franchise agreement in Yellowknife called for an agreement with the city for a franchise tax of three per cent of gross revenues from the sale of electricity in each year.

The board, following a public hearing April 13th, ruled that the rate of tax was inflationary as it would continue to escalate as utility costs increased over the life of the franchise.

The board ordered the tax to be calculated as follows: four per cent on the first \$2 million revenue, three per cent on the next \$2 million and two per cent on the remaining revenue each year.

The franchise tax will mean a minimal increase in consumer utility bills in the coming months.

The P.U.B. also ordered the utility company to indicate on each Yellowknife customer's bill the amount of franchise tax included in the bill. This practice will begin the end of August.

"The board considers that the customers of the city of Yellowknife should have the benefit of knowing what portion of the utility bill is being collected for franchise tax purposes," says board chairman Jack Heath.

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TOURISM SURVEY STARTS SOON

YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) - Visitors to the Northwest Territories will once again be asked to participate in a tourism survey, says Tom Butters, minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

A scaled-down version of last summer's tourism survey will begin this month to determine how many people visit the N.W.T. and how much money they spend here.

The survey assists tourism officials to plan their marketing strategy for next year, based on the activities and interests of most visitors.

Underwood-McLellan Ltd., a consulting firm with an office in Yellowknife, will conduct the survey and tabulate the results when it is completed in August.

The company is hiring three people locally to travel around key transportation points - airports in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River and Norman Wells, and on the Mackenzie Highway at Enterprise and the Dempster Highway at the Peel River ferry.

The survey is in two parts - a personal interview, and a written questionnaire which the visitor is asked to take, complete and mail back to the department.

The questions cover basic questions about how long the visitor was in the N.W.T., the activities enjoyed while on vacation and the type of accommodation the visitor used.

It also asks how much money the traveller spent, and how that money was spent.

"This material can be completely confidential," says Butters. "We ask for names and addresses only so we can send the respondents a small souvenir in thanks for their co-operation."

As well, names of those people who mail their questionnaires back are collected, and a draw made for a northern gift.

"Last year a man from Regina won a wall hanging from Baker Lake for taking the time to complete the travel questionnaire," says the minister.

Results of the survey should be tabulated by the end of October, and an accompanying analysis the next month.

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CONSUMERS WARNED OF APPLIANCE DEFECTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) - Users of Solaray heating pads manufactured before 1976 and Eagle lampholders with built-in receptacles should stop using these products immediately.

In a warning from the Safety Division of the Department of Justice and Public Services, these products have been identified as fire and shock hazards.

I.H. Grabke, head of the division's mechanical/electrical section, says that Canadian Standards Association (CSA) tests have shown these products to be extremely hazardous.

In the Solaray heating pad, studies have revealed that the insulating material used prior to 1976 can break down through regular use, resulting in a fire hazard. Models of the unit produced after 1976 used improved insulation and no problems have been reported with the later models.

If you have one of the older type heating pads, discard it. Older models were ink-stamped in English only, while the improved units are stamped in English and French.

The Eagle lampholders, containing a built-in receptacle, have been recalled due to a shock hazard. The CSA warns that 30,000 units are on recall across Canada due to a defective contact which causes the pull chain to become electrically "live." Three incidents of people receiving shocks have been reported to the CSA but no injuries have resulted.

The lampholders can be identified by the marking EAGLE, 660, 125V around each receptacle face. They are designed to be screwed into existing ceiling lampholders and are either brown or ivory in color.

The manufacturer is co-operating in the recall and defective units will be replaced free of charge. The defective units are believed to have been manufactured before August 1981. Units manufactured after that date can be identified by a dash (-) mark between 660W and 125V marked on the device.

Owners of these lampholders should return them immediately to: Eagle Electric of Canada, Limited, 44 Atomic Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. M8Z 5L1.

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**SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN
YELLOWKNIFE**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - A second conference which will bring together people from the western Northwest Territories to talk about proposals for constitutional development and change will be held here mid-September.

Invitations will be sent to delegates who attended the First Western Arctic Constitutional Conference held here January 20-22. Any territorial-wide organizations except political parties which did not take part in that meeting but may wish to participate now also may attend.

The decisions were made recently by the Legislative Assembly's Constitutional Development Committee. The committee met during the spring session held in Inuvik May 12-22 to discuss recommendations made by a working group which was set up after the January conference.

Committee Chairman Nick Sibbeston (MLA Mackenzie-Liard) made the decisions public in a report to the Assembly May 21.

"Now that the plebiscite of April 14 is history and most of the people in the N.W.T. favour division, the matter of constitutional development - particularly for the western part of the N.W.T. - becomes much more important,"

Sibbeston said. "The Committee feels that Constitutional Conferences can serve as one of the ways in which residents of the Western N.W.T. can meet and work towards consensus on a Constitution for the western part of the N.W.T."

In preparation for the conference, a paper which compares the Denendeh government proposal advanced by the Dene Nation with the current structure of the Government of the Northwest Territories will be distributed to the public. The paper, entitled "A Comparison of Denendeh Government Proposal and the Present Government of the N.W.T.", focusses on similarities and differences so issues can be dealt with in an organized way.

Sibbeston added in his report to the Assembly that a more detailed document will be prepared for conference delegates "as more precise and detailed information will be necessary to make decisions at the Conference."

The working group, which met in Yellowknife April 28-29, had recommended that the second conference should be held in Inuvik in mid-August, but the Committee felt that September was a better time for a meeting and that holding the session in Yellowknife would keep transportation costs down.

During its meeting in Inuvik, the Constitutional Development Committee also approved a recommendation made by the working group that the Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities should be added to the N.W.T. Constitutional Alliance, which includes four members of the Legislative Assembly and representatives of Northern native organizations.

The working group, which includes native organizations, MLAs and municipalities in its membership, was created after the January conference "to co-ordinate and develop a process to guarantee public involvement, community consultation and to provide information."

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of the documents, "A Comparison of Denendeh Government Proposal and the Present Government of the N.W.T.", will be distributed to you as soon as they are ready.)



PHOTO RELEASE

A three-day exercise was held this month in Spence Bay, Cambridge Bay and Yellowknife to test the ability of northerners to respond to civil emergencies. Operation Nanook Lark '82 challenged numerous community, government and Armed Forces personnel in the three communities to handle a variety of fake emergencies one after the other. Here members of the Territorial government's Territorial Emergency Control Committee participate in the exercise at the Armed Forces' Northern Region headquarters in Yellowknife.

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CAMBRIDGE HOTEL GETS CONSERVATION FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - The Cambridge Bay Co-op Hotel will reduce its energy consumption by 68 per cent this year as the result of a \$22,000 energy retrofit program.

Announcement of the Federal/Territorial demonstration project was made today by Marc Lalonde, Federal minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of Government Services.

Seventy-five per cent of the \$22,000 contribution comes from the Federal government and 25 per cent from the Territorial government.

"We believe that the hotel retrofit will demonstrate the benefits of energy conservation, and this will provide incentive to other co-operatives to do the same," said Tologanak.

The retrofit project includes the use of double-wall construction, R-40 insulation, and installation of triple-sealed windows on the newly-constructed second-floor facilities. In addition, the energy efficiency of the first floor of the building has been improved by replacing old windows with triple-sealed units, and the addition of insulated building siding.

The retrofit is expected to conserve 41,597 litres of fuel oil this year for an estimated saving of \$23,711 based on present fuel costs.

"In reviewing these savings," said Lalonde, "the impact this program could have across the north is tremendous. The project should prove that impact beyond a doubt."

The Cambridge Bay hotel will utilize \$10,000 of its funding to collect data on the retrofit project. Records will be kept of varying climactic conditions, inside temperatures, hotel occupancy and fuel consumption.

The data collected will be compiled into a printed booklet with complete specifications for use by planners and engineers in designing other energy-efficient buildings.

Copies of the publication will also be available to other interested parties after the one-year monitoring period is complete.

The remaining \$12,000 of the funding will be used to offset the capital expense of the retrofit.

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LEGISLATORS TO VISIT N.W.T.
FOR CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7, 1982) -- Legislators and Parliamentary officials from all around the world will visit the Northwest Territories this summer for the 22nd Canadian Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The 200 visitors will take part in four regional tours before meeting in Yellowknife for three days of formal conference sessions which begin August 4. As well as Association business, the delegates will discuss constitutional and political development, energy mega-projects and the impacts of resource development.

Delegates from all provincial and territorial legislatures and the Parliament of Canada will attend the conference July 31-August 7. Legislators from six Caribbean countries, Australia, the United Kingdom and Alaska will attend as observers.

Participants will arrive July 31 at four points -- Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet, Inuvik and Hay River -- for three-day regional visits. The delegations will be divided up among the four points to make sure they get a broad view of the diversity of the Northwest Territories.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association provides a forum for discussion and exchange of information among legislators within the Commonwealth through annual conferences, magazines and newsletters, seminars, exchanges of delegations and the Parliamentary Information and Reference Centre.

Canada is one of seven regions within the association. Each province and territory constitutes a separate branch within the Canadian Region, and take turns hosting the regional conferences. This conference is the first to be held in the North.

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Delegates from the Northwest Territories branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association who will attend the conference include: Hon. Donald M. Stewart, Speaker of the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly; Deputy Speaker Peter C. Fraser; Hon. George Braden, leader of the elected members of the Executive Committee of the Government of the N.W.T. and Minister of Justice and Public Services; Hon. Arnold McCallum, Minister of Health and Social Services; Hon. Kane Tologanak, Minister of Government Services; and Hon. James Wah-Shee, Minister of Local Government and of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

Costs of the conference are being shared largely by the Ottawa and Northwest Territories branches of the Association, and by individual branches which are sending delegates.

Further details of the conference will be available once final arrangements are in place.

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TRAVEL AGENTS TOUR N.W.T.

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - Ontario travel agents visiting the N.W.T. this week on a Horizon Holidays familiarization tour raved about the rustic beauty, the friendly people and the Gold Range bar in Yellowknife.

The tour, which will take the group of 26 travel agents to Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk before continuing to Yukon, stopped for a day and overnight stay in Yellowknife after flying in from Edmonton.

Part of the evening's activities included a reception and dinner held by the tourism and parks division of the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

The department had also lobbied the Canadian Government Office of Tourism to contribute financially to the familiarization tour.

The federal office contributed \$2,000 to the tour, which was designed to help travel agents sell the "Across the Arctic Circle" tour offered by Horizon Holidays, a Toronto-based tour company.

The only agent from outside Ontario - Linda Vanderburgh, from Dauphin, Man. - said she was amazed at the daylight hours.

"I'm more accustomed to the terrain, having visited the northern port city of Churchill, but I was still surprised when I walked back to the hotel at 11:30 p.m. and it was still quite light," she said.

Bill Reid, of London, Ontario, commented that the museum (Northern Heritage Centre) is an excellent one.

"It would be a credit to a much larger city," he said.

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PHOTOS EXHIBITED AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - The photographic exhibit, "Spirit in the Landscape" will open June 11 in the Northern Heritage Centre, accompanied by slide shows, refreshments and the photographer, Arthur Boutilier.

The evening begins at 8:30 p.m.

Boutilier, who works in the Territorial government's department of local government, photographed the remote Torngat Mountains in Northern Labrador while employed by Parks Canada in 1976.

The exhibit of 77 photographs was first shown in 1978 at the Harvard Graduate School of Design in Boston, from which Boutilier has a Master's degree in landscape architecture. Later it was exhibited in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The photographs are grouped in four general categories: physiographic features, climate and flora, flora and fauna, and man and synergy.

The exhibit will hand in the Heritage Centre three months, but the slide shows will be shown only opening night.

Admission is free.

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GILBERG NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER

YELLOWKNIFE (June 09)-Two senior management changes within the Territorial government were announced today by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tom Butters and Commissioner John Parker.

Larry Gilberg has been appointed deputy minister of economic development and tourism and Mike Stilwell will take his place as regional director for the government's Fort Smith region.

The appointments are effective August 1.

"Gilberg's appointment comes at a crucial time in the development of the North's economy and he has the necessary strength and experience to get on with the job," Butters stated.

Gilberg has been an employee of the Territorial government since 1970 and has held a number of senior positions throughout the north.

He was appointed regional director of the Fort Smith region in 1980, after spending a number of years in Cambridge Bay as assistant regional director for the region and as regional superintendent of education. Before that he was district superintendent of education in Rankin Inlet and the assistant superintendent of education at the former Keewatin regional

headquarters in Churchill, Man.

Gilberg came to the NWT in 1970 as principal of the Spence Bay school, a position he held for two years. He was also principal of the Aklavik school in 1972.

Meanwhile, Stilwell will leave his position as regional director for the government's Keewatin region to take up the new posting in Fort Smith. A replacement for him in Rankin Inlet has not yet been decided.

Stilwell began his career with the government as a teacher in Arctic Bay. Since then he has had considerable experience as an administrator in the eastern arctic and the Keewatin and as a staff officer in Yellowknife.

During his career, he has been settlement manager at Grise Fiord and Hall Beach and executive assistant to the Baffin regional director in Frobisher Bay. In 1978 he was appointed executive assistant to former Commissioner Stuart Hodgson, an assignment he held until his appointment as regional director for the Keewatin in the summer of 1980.

In making the announcement, the commissioner noted that Stilwell "has demonstrated his management abilities" and that the move to Fort Smith will give him the opportunity "to broaden his experience in the western Territories."

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COMMISSIONER TO WELCOME DIPLOMATS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 10) - Commissioner John Parker will welcome a contingent of diplomatic mission heads on the final leg of their N.W.T. tour June 15.

The 18 ambassadors and high commissioners from various countries will be accompanied by their staff and by members of the two federal departments which are co-sponsoring the tour - External Affairs and Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

They will arrive in Yellowknife after visiting Frobisher Bay, Pangnirtung, Resolute Bay, Little Cornwallis Island, Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik and, in Yukon, Old Crow, Dawson City and Whitehorse.

The northern tour is an annual event designed to show foreign diplomats a part of Canada they might not otherwise see during their tenure.

While in Yellowknife the diplomats will tour the town and Northern Heritage Centre, and attend a banquet in the Explorer Hotel along with members of the Territorial government's Executive Committee, including Commissioner Parker, representatives of the city and other groups.

The contingent leaves the following morning for Ottawa.

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NCPC ORDERED TO REDUCE RATES, COSTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 10) - The N.W.T. Public Utilities Board has knocked close to \$1.5 million off Northern Canada Power Commission's proposed revenue for 1983, and ordered the Commission to reduce its proposed rate increases by paring its costs.

The P.U.B. called for a reduction in NCPC costs in additional staff, travelling and accommodation, capital expenditures, planning and investigation studies, appraisal of fixed assets, unscheduled maintenance and a claim against Cominco.

At the same time, NCPC will have to reduce its planned rates to ICG (Plains Western) and Cominco by a total of \$822,500 and trim an additional \$669,000 from other customers.

NCPC must go back to the drawing board to make those adjustments, says Board chairman Jack Heath.

"We're asking them to adjust other rates by such amounts as they (NCPC) considers appropriate to result in just and reasonable rates," he says.

By "just and reasonable rates" the Board means rates which, added to the decreased rates to ICG and Cominco, will total an expected revenue for NCPC of \$56,084,300 for 1983.

NCPC has been asked to submit its new rates for Board approval.

In its 31-page decision, the P.U.B. also orders that NCPC "redesign its rate schedule so as to clearly identify the portion of rates to customers on the Snare/Yellowknife system attributable to low water conditions and show such low water surcharge as a separate item on bills to all customers on the Snare/Yellowknife system." This will be effective with the June billing cycle.

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MUSICAL REVIEW NEW SUMMER ATTRACTION

YELLOWKNIFE (June 9) - Ravin' Review '82, a musical look at Yellowknife, is a new weekly summer attraction for tourists and Yellowknife residents.

Northern Frontier Country, the Yellowknife Zone tourism group, along with the city of Yellowknife, has developed the idea as part of the community-based tourism program being encouraged by the Territorial government's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"The Review is designed to provide an event and place where tourists and residents can meet with their families to enjoy a northern meal and entertainment during the summer months," said Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce President Albert Eggenberger, who has been working closely with the tourism group.

"We thought Yellowknife needed additional attractions to encourage tourists to stay a day longer and allow them to meet the people of the community," Eggenberger said.

From mid-June to mid-July the production will take place weekly in the basement of the Anglican Church, with a northern dinner included in the evening's entertainment. From mid-July to mid-August the event moves into the open air

setting of Pettitot Park next to the old arena.

A new open-air stage is to be built in the park to accommodate the review.

Producer Sheila Squires says the review will include a humorous look at Yellowknife - past and present.

"We're quite excited about the production," she said. "We have original music and words written by Robin Beaumont and Graham Hall, while the original script for the show was co-written by the team of George Tuccaro and Erik Watt."

The Ravin' Review '82 will run every Wednesday night at 6:30, beginning June 16 in the basement of the Anglican Church just around the corner from the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce Tourist Information Cabin.

Admission for the dinner and show will be \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce Information Cabin, Sutherland Drugs, and J.J. Hobbies.

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ASSEMBLY SESSION DATE CHANGES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 10) - The next session of the Legislative Assembly will begin November 2.

Commissioner John Parker announced the change of date for the Yellowknife session after consultation with Speaker Don Stewart and Leader of the Caucus, Bruce McLaughlin. It had earlier been set for Oct. 28.

The date was changed to eliminate conflict with the northern development conference being held in Edmonton late in October.

Parker, along with several members of the Executive Committee and staff members of the department of economic development and tourism, will be attending the conference.

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PHOTO RELEASE (June 14)



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YELLOWKNIFE (June 14) - The Mooseskin Boat completed its one-year journey to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre this month.

Built at the headwaters of the Keel River by seven Fort Norman residents, the Mooseskin Boat project was organized by the Native Communications Society of the N.W.T. and filmed by Raymond Yakaleya. Funding for the project came from the Government of the N.W.T., the Department of Indian Affairs, National Film Board and the Territorial Department of Justice and Public Services' Northern Heritage Centre.

After completing several months in a humidity-controlled curing process, the boat was transported to the Heritage Centre and hoisted by crane through a second storey window. The boat will be on permanent display at the Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
TO VISIT GRISE FIORD, RESOLUTE BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (June 14, 1982) -- Formation of a Public Accounts Committee of the Legislative Assembly and the financial and economic implications of pipelines and tankers will be on the agenda of the Standing Committee on Finance when it visits Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay later this month.

The region's residents invited the seven-member committee to hold its regular meeting in the High Arctic settlements through committee member Ludy Pudluk, Member of the Legislative Assembly for the High Arctic.

During the June 23-26 visit, the committee will visit the Polaris mine and mill site on Little Cornwallis Island and will hold public meetings in both Resolute Bay and Grise Fiord to hear any concerns residents may wish to raise, says committee chairman Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South).

Holding regular meetings in communities outside Yellowknife is part of the committee's mandate. Previous meetings have been held in Tuktoyaktuk, where the impact of resource development was discussed, and Holman Island and Inuvik, for discussions on the cost of living. Committee reports on those topics gave the Assembly the background which it needed to take action.

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The question of the implications of pipelines vs. tankers, referred to the committee by the Assembly, is of increasing importance in the Northwest Territories as exploration increases in the Beaufort Sea and the proposed Arctic Pilot Project (APP) is before the National Energy Board. The APP would transport liquefied natural gas by tanker from the Arctic to southern ports.

Attending the committee meetings will be Raymond Dubois, Deputy Attorney-General for Canada. He will assist the committee in drawing up recommendations for the Assembly on the creation of a Public Accounts Committee.

Public Accounts Committees, which exist in all other legislatures in Canada, review government spending after it is done to make sure the money has been spent wisely and well and for the purposes intended by the legislature, explains Mrs. Sorensen.

Later in the summer, Mrs. Sorensen will attend the 4th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Chairmen to be held July 5-7 in Victoria, B.C. That conference, which will be attended by representatives of Public Accounts Committees from across Canada, also will feature a joint session with Auditors-General from across the country who will be holding their own conference at the same time.

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CHARTER OF RIGHTS TOPIC OF SEMINAR

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - The first day of summer weather here didn't stop more than 40 Yellowknife lawyers from spending Saturday listening to eminent constitutional lawyers Walter Tarnopolsky and Douglas Schmeiser discuss the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the new Constitution Act.

The Territorial department of justice and public services sponsored the seminar to give Northern lawyers the opportunity to learn about the Charter and its effects on the practise of criminal law.

"In the absence of a law faculty in the Territories, this department felt it should provide members of the N.W.T. Bar with the chance to hear outstanding lawyers in the field of human rights," says Stien Lal, deputy minister of justice and public services.

Walter Tarnopolsky is a professor of law and the director of the Human Rights Institute at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. As well, he is a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and a commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. He has served also as president of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Tarnopolsky is the author of The Canadian Bill of Rights, and Discrimination and The Law in Canada, as well as articles on civil and human rights for various law reviews.

Douglas Schmeiser is dean and professor at the University of Saskatchewan Law School.

He is the constitutional advisor to the Canadian Human Rights Foundation and has been an advisor to various provincial governments since 1961. Between 1971 and 1974 he was a consultant to the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

Schmeiser has written three books: Civil Liberties in Canada, Cases and Comments on Criminal Law, and Native Offender in Canada.

The full-day seminar was video-taped for later use by the department in seminars for justices of the peace and the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies.

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HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - The highways division of the Department of Public Works will spend \$3.5 million on highways projects this summer under its capital reconstruction program.

The announcement was made today by Executive Committee Member Arnold McCallum, on behalf of the Department of Public Works.

"This year's program includes 11 projects, with major work to be done in the Rae-Edzo and Fort Smith areas," he said.

"In the Rae-Edzo area, \$678,000 will be used to crush gravel for upgrading the surface of the Yellowknife highway and the 11 kilometre access road to Rae.

"The second major project," said McCallum, "will include the paving of a portion of the Fort Smith highway. Approximately 12 kilometres of Highway Five from the Alberta border, west toward Bell Rock, will be improved with the addition of asphalt surfacing.

"Several projects will have a major impact on other areas," he added. "At Hay River, general upgrading and the laying of a gravel base will allow for future extension of the highway on Vale Island.

"Spot improvements will be made to the Bear River winter road with work to be concentrated at stream crossings. These improvements will allow better access by heavier equipment to allow future up-grading to an all-weather road."

McCallum also announced that the Mackenzie River ferry crossing at Fort Providence will be improved this summer. "Low water in recent years has reduced the depth at the crossing, making late-season operation of the ferry difficult."

"Dredging operations will be carried out this summer at a cost of \$372,000 to minimize the effects of low-water levels," he said.

Also included in the funds approved is \$775,000 to be used for the preliminary engineering and design of future highways construction projects in the N.W.T.

"Use of these funds," McCallum added, "will enable more effective planning and implementation of next year's capital reconstruction program."

The Department of Public Works is expected to call for tenders soon for much of this year's work.

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PUSH IN ENERGY AND RESOURCE PLANNING UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (June 17) - The Territorial government is now fully prepared to take a lead role in the orderly development of energy and non-renewable resources in the Territories, says Minister Richard Nerysoo.

The minister announced today that the government's energy and resource development secretariat is now fully staffed, giving the Territorial government "the manpower to begin making its presence emphatically felt in these two critically-important areas." Nerysoo is minister of energy and resource development.

In the coming months, said Nerysoo, the chief job of the seven-person secretariat will be to put into action the Territorial government's recently-approved resource development policy.

This policy, announced at the May Legislative Assembly session in Inuvik, provides for extensive public involvement in decisions made on resource development and sets out procedures for assessment and review of proposed development projects.

It also calls for monitoring of industry's activities once a project is in operation, and recommends formation of advisory groups in areas where communities could experience major impact as a result of development.

In its formative months, the secretariat has been busy researching and preparing for its minister a resource-revenue strategy which involves royalty-sharing negotiations with the federal government and an energy policy which is directed at meeting energy-sufficiency goals.

As well, it has been preparing energy and resource development presentations for Nerysoo on the Territories' position to the Senate, the National Energy Board and the Senate's Special Committee on Northern pipelines.

The secretariat, formed nine months ago, is now up to strength with the appointment of two new people and the promotion of another who has been working with the secretariat since January.

The appointments of John French as minerals advisor and Heather Myers as research assistant will be effective in July, while Stuart Wood's promotion to resource economist went through late in May.

French, as minerals advisor, will analyse mineral developments and federal/provincial mineral policies, develop mineral development strategy and policy, and provide advice on mineral developments in the N.W.T.

He will move to Yellowknife from Saskatoon, where he has worked with the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan since March, 1981. His appointment is effective July 7.

French, 36, has a law degree from York University and is a geological engineer graduate from the University of Toronto.

Stuart Wood has been promoted from research assistant to resource economist. In this position he will be evaluating the economics of resource development, advising on the impact of policy on the territorial resource industry, and providing input to energy and non-renewable resource policy development.

Wood has worked with the secretariat since January. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Guelph, where he majored in economics. He is now working on a registered industrial accountant designation.

Before joining the secretariat he had worked with the N.W.T. Housing Corporation for four years.

Taking his position as research assistant is Heather Myers, who is coming to Yellowknife from Oakville, Ont., July 26.

Myers has a master of philosophy from the Scott Polar Research Institute of Cambridge University.

She has worked in the Northwest Territories as a research consultant for the town of Inuvik, resource person for the Committee for Original People's Entitlement (C.O.P.E.) and consultant to the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada on the Arctic Pilot Project Intervention.

Her research background also includes work for the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, the Native Women's Association and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

All positions report to Al Zariwny, head of the secretariat since it was established in Sept., 1981.

"We have an excellent group of people," said Zariwny, "and a big job to do."

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WILDLIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS CHOSEN

YELLOWKNIFE (June 17) - Ten posters drawn by young, aspiring Northern artists are on their way to Ottawa for the national wildlife poster contest, after having won the N.W.T. competition.

Each of the 10 N.W.T. students received a \$100 prize from the Wildlife Service of the Territorial department of renewable resources, which sponsored the competition.

The N.W.T. poster contest was held during National Wildlife Week, April 4-11, and the theme of both the week and the contest was "How People Live with Wildlife".

The winners of the contest were: Suzanne Colpitts and Chris Cote of Frobisher Bay; Sandy Keadjuk and Bob Aklok of Coppermine; Peepee Hainu and Terry Kalluk of Clyde River; Teresa Dyck and Maggie Dook of Fort Smith; Reoma Pewatoaluk of Pond Inlet and Gilbert Nayally of Wrigley.

Besides the 10 winners, there were 28 honorable mentions awarded by judges Nick Tuele of the Northern Heritage Centre, Roger Deranger of the Native Communications Society and Pat Larocque of the N.W.T. Wildlife Service.

Each student who received the honorable mention was given a set of Dene or Inuit traditional lifestyle posters.

Special awards were also given to several schools for their level of excellence and participation. These schools were: Takijualuk school in Pond Inlet, Jean Marie Territorial school, Snowdrift Territorial school, Chief Jimmy Soldat school in Ft. Franklin, and the Nanook and Nakasuk schools in Frobisher Bay.

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NEW PUBLIC WORKS APPOINTMENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) - Executive Committee Member Arnold McCallum has announced the appointment of two assistant deputy ministers to the Department of Public Works.

Gordon Barber has been appointed assistant deputy minister responsible for the highways, contracts and capital planning divisions, while Bob Doherty will assume the position of assistant deputy minister responsible for the engineering, architecture and operations divisions.

"Due to the wide scope of responsibilities carried out by the department," McCallum said, "we feel that a new approach to management is needed to fulfill them.

"The qualifications of these two individuals ensure that the necessary management skills will be available in the department to guarantee the success of future programs."

Barber has been with the Territorial government since 1974, when he became assistant regional engineer, and later, regional engineer in the Inuvik region. Since October 1977 he has been head of highway maintenance operations for the N.W.T., based in Hay River.

Barber holds a bachelor of civil engineering degree from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ont.

His new responsibilities will include the further transfer of highway responsibilities from the federal to the Territorial government.

Doherty joined the Territorial government in 1976 as Baffin regional engineer and has held a similar position in the Fort Smith region since 1980. He holds a bachelor of civil engineering degree from the University of New Brunswick.

McCallum also announced the appointment of Louise Vertes to the position of chief of the policy, planning and training division of the Department of Public Works.

Vertes has been with the Department of Local Government for three years and has held the position of chief of policy and planning there for the past year.

Prior to her work with local government, she worked in planning capacities in the former Department of Policy and Program Evaluation as well as with the financial management secretariat.

Her appointment was effective June 14.

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PRESS RELEASE

COURT OF APPEAL FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

JUNE 28, 1982 SITTINGS AT YELLOWKNIFE

The Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories will sit at Yellowknife beginning on June 28th next, to hear appeals from decisions of the Supreme Court and of the Territorial Court. Three Justices of Appeal are expected to hear the appeals.

The Court of Appeal was created in 1960. It has heard appeals at Yellowknife annually since then. Members of the Court are drawn from the Court of Appeal for Alberta and the Supreme Courts of the Northwest Territories and Yukon, sitting in panels of three or more either at Yellowknife or at a judicial centre in Alberta.

Of the sixteen criminal appeals to be heard, all but three are appeals against sentence. There are several civil appeals also on the list.

Except for matters that are restricted to the Federal Court of Canada or the Court Martial Appeal Court, the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories is the highest level in the judicial system within the Northwest Territories. Appeals from its decisions go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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PUBLIC MEETING ON "OBSTACLES"

Yellowknife (June 21) - Walter Dinsdale, MP for Brandon-Souris and Vice-chairman of the Special Parliamentary Committee on the Disabled and Handicapped, will be in Yellowknife Thursday to present the follow-up report of the committee and discuss its recommendations.

"Obstacles," a report of the committee released in February, 1981, made 130 recommendations in 30 areas relevant to services in Canada for the disabled.

"This report, said Dinsdale, "has been hailed by the Coalition of Provincial Organizations of the Handicapped (COPOH) as the 'Magna Carta' for the disabled."

In the follow-up report, special attention is given to the plight of Canada's native population.

"While our committee found great gaps in services to disabled people in the larger Canadian community, we were shocked to find these services totally lacking in many native settlements where often social disorganization and alcoholism prevailed.

"In northern communities there was tragic evidence of fetally damaged children," Dinsdale stated. "These circumstances cried out for a special report."

The follow-up report includes input from the local Council for the Disabled and profiles of three Yellowknife residents with handicaps.

Dinsdale will present the committee reports at a public meeting to be held Thursday at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Northern Heritage Centre with a press conference to follow.

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MINISTERIAL CHANGES ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 25)-A number of changes in ministerial responsibilities were announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

The changes, effective July 1, will see three portfolio changes, the creation of a small Ministry of Culture and a realignment of reporting relationships between various boards and agencies and executive committee members.

Parker described the action as an attempt to "fine tune" the organization.

"We're not dealing with a major shuffle. We have simply examined the total workloads and strengths of each executive member and have adjusted things accordingly."

Changes to portfolios affect three ministers.

Arnold McCallum, presently minister of health and social services, will become responsible for the department of economic development and tourism.

Tom Butters, presently minister of finance and minister of economic development and tourism, will remain in his finance portfolio but will assume the leadership of the department of government services.

Kane Tologanak, presently minister of government services, will become minister of health and social services.

The Ministry of Culture, Parker explained, is required to provide better co-ordination in the area of languages and various ethnic cultural projects and activities. The ministry has been assigned to Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee, who also has responsibilities as the minister responsible for aboriginal rights and constitutional development

The executive has also defined the elected executive members who will be responsible for reporting to the Legislative Assembly for departments currently reporting to the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson will report to the house for the department of information. Arnold McCallum will report for the department of public works and Tom Butters for the department of personnel.

These reporting relationships to the assembly are in addition to the minister's main responsibilities.

Internally, the motor vehicles branch of the department of justice and public services will be transferred to the department of government services along with responsibility for the liquor system. Responsibility for the liquor licencing board will remain with justice and public services.

The following is a listing of ministerial responsibilities for departments, secretariats and ministries and boards and agencies:

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Effective July 1, 1982

DEPARTMENTS	MEMBER	REPORTS TO HOUSE
Justice and Public Services	Braden	Braden
Finance	Butters	Butters
Government Services	Butters	Butters
Economic Development and Tourism	McCallum	McCallum
Health and Social Services	Tologanak	Tologanak
Renewable Resources	Nerysoo	Nerysoo
Local Government	Wah-Shee	Wah-Shee
Education	Patterson	Patterson
Public Works	Pilot	McCallum
Information	Parker	Patterson
Personnel	Parker	Butters

SECRETARIATS/MINISTRIES	MEMBER	REPORTS TO HOUSE
Planning and Priorities	Braden	Braden
Financial Management	Parker	Butters
Energy and Resource Dev't	Nerysoo	Nerysoo
Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Dev't	Wah-Shee and Patterson	
Intergovernmental Affairs	Braden	Braden
Status of Women (Ministry)	Braden	Braden
Culture (Ministry)	Wah-Shee	Wah-Shee
Regional Operations	Pilot	
Executive Committee	Parker	

BOARDS AND AGENCIES	MEMBER	REPORTS TO HOUSE
NWT Housing Corporation	McCallum	McCallum
Audit Bureau	Pilot	Butters
Workers' Compensation Brd	Braden	Braden
Liquor Licencing Brd	Braden	Braden
Public Utilities Brd	Nerysoo	Nerysoo
Highway Transport Brd	McCallum	McCallum

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BROADER ROLE SUGGESTED FOR P.U.B.

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - A consultant recommends that the N.W.T. Public Utilities Board be given greater control of utilities in the Territories.

The consultant, hired by the Territorial government to study the board's role, says that in the public interest the P.U.B. should have more control over public utilities, especially their rates and quality of service.

As well, says the consultant, the P.U.B.'s jurisdiction should be extended beyond electrical power to include other utilities such as central heating and natural gas.

As it is, the consultant concludes, the P.U.B.'s power over Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) is limited, and will remain so as long as NCPC is not compelled to follow P.U.B. orders.

Only federal legislation can place NCPC under the complete jurisdiction of the board, says the consultant, W.G. Stephen of Deloitte, Haskins & Sells of Calgary.

He does not underestimate the usefulness of the board in imposing some regulation on NCPC, noting that since 1976 NCPC has with one exception followed the P.U.B.'s direction.

"At least under the existing process NCPC attends at public hearings and through this process becomes accountable to the public by implication," says the report.

The report was released today by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden and by Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo.

The consultant was hired in February to study the board by comparing it to public utilities tribunals in British Columbia and Alberta. He was directed to identify areas in which N.W.T. legislation could be expanded to make the board more effective.

Changes were suggested to the Territorial Public Utilities Ordinances to ensure that:

- . no rate change could be made without the filing of a formal application, the holding of a public hearing and subsequent approval of the P.U.B.

- . the P.U.B. could order an extension of services in a municipality and specify the conditions under which an extension could be done.

- . the P.U.B. would have the right to determine the terms and conditions under which public utilities could use municipal land and public ways.

- . the P.U.B. could require periodic reviews of the affairs of a public utility.

In the area of relations with the Territorial government, the report stressed that the P.U.B. should act as an independent quasi-judicial body and avoid any appearance of being an arm of government. In this way the board can maintain credibility with the public.

The report adds that since the Government of the Northwest Territories is one of the largest consumers of energy in the N.W.T. it should be represented at NCPC rate hearings to make its position known to the Public Utilities Board.

Other recommendations made were that the P.U.B. should provide a base from which public complaints could be answered and formal enquiries made. This they could do by requiring regular and detailed reports of all electrical system failures in order to monitor the effectiveness of the utilities management.

In releasing the report, Braden and Nerysoo noted that any changes in the structure, function and mandate of the Public Utilities Board would have to be in keeping with the Territorial government's overall energy and resource development strategy.

Board Chairman Jack Heath agreed with the findings of the report, saying with the N.W.T.'s size and limited financial resources a joint board covering the complete range of utilities was the most logical form to adopt.

Heath said the board will hold further meetings with Braden and Nerysoo to discuss future expansion of the board.

Copies of the 28-page report are available from the energy and resource development secretariat office in the Laing Building.

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CERTIFICATION PROVES OWNERSHIP OF WILDLIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 25) - People who have obtained wildlife legally without a licence or permit will now be able to keep it.

The N.W.T. Wildlife Service has made this provision through a new regulation covering animals found dead, or animals killed in defence of life or property.

A person in this situation must advise a wildlife officer where the animal is or turn it over to the officer for certification.

Certification is a simple method of attaching a small metal disc to the animal to prove legal ownership.

After the wildlife has been certified, the wildlife officer may dispose of it in several ways, including returning it to the person who found it.

People who obtained wildlife legally without a licence or permit before July 1, 1979 do not need to have it certified.

However, if these people would like a legal document to prove ownership, they may apply for certification up to June 30 of 1983.

More information about certification is available from your local wildlife officer.

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ESSAY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - The safety division of the Department of Justice and Public Services has announced the winners of its annual school essay contest, "What Safety Means To Me."

Greg Colthorp, a grade 10 student in Pine Point, is the grand-prize winner with his entry, "Safety in the Working Place." As a result, Greg's school has received the safety division's Safety Cup, which it will display for a year, while Greg received a permanent trophy.

Greg's winning essay was chosen from 54 entries in this year's contest, all from Matonabee school. No entries were received from other communities in the N.W.T.

Ray Gagnon, safety officer with the division, said that Pine Point's response to the contest was overwhelming.

"We promoted this year's contest in schools across the Territories, in conjunction with school safety presentations," said Gagnon. "We don't know why only one school responded. However, we'll try again next year."

"I think the reason that Pine Point students responded is that safety is a real concern to them," he explained. "Many of them drew on experiences that friends or relatives have had with accidents in the past.

A number of entries dealt with safety in the working environment, but Colthorp's essay wrapped it up best with the reminder "the prevention of accidents is, by far, the best treatment!" Gagnon said.

In addition to the grand-prize award, several other Matonabee students received medallions for their essays and original safety slogans. They are: Steve McQueen, Linda Duetsch, Aleks Mitrasinovic, Dennis Boyer, Barney Carman, Brenda Scaward, Brian Armstrong and Dean Van Cleemput.

The safety division will run the essay contest again next spring and again invite entries from schools across the N.W.T.

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DOCTORS' FEES INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - The Territorial government will be paying 15 per cent more for doctors' services this year under the NWT Health Care Plan and an additional 14 per cent next year.

Minister of Health Arnold McCallum announced the new fee schedule following annual negotiations with the NWT Medical Association.

The increase this year means that all fees will go up 11 1/2 per cent, some will increase more and, in addition, the government will provide funds for doctors' professional development. The net result is that the government will pay 15 per cent more for doctors' services this year.

The 15 per cent increase will cover the year beginning July 1, while the 14 per cent hike will be applied July 1, 1983.

"We're very pleased that these negotiations were so co-operatively and expediently resolved", McCallum says. "Our working relationship with the association continues to be friendly and effective."

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SAMUEL HEARNE SCHOOL TO EXPAND

YELLOWKNIFE (June 29) - The Inuvik high school will receive \$600,000 for the construction of a new automotive shop as well as equipment to introduce another new program and expand a third.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced today that construction of the new facility at the Samuel Hearne Secondary School will begin this summer at an estimated cost of \$450,000. Completion of the building is expected by late October.

In addition, \$150,000 worth of equipment will be purchased for the shop and to operate programs in community services and business education.

"With the addition of these facilities to the school," said Patterson, "we feel we can broaden the scope of education to better prepare students for employment opportunities in the north.

"Under the new shop program, to begin this fall, students will be part of a three-year program that will enable them to qualify as first-year automotive apprentices," Patterson said.

"A new community service work program will also be introduced this fall," he added. "This program will be taught in modules to give students an introduction to community service work in the areas of health care, social work, or teaching skills."

As well, the business education program will be expanded this year, says Patterson.

"With new technology in the business field," he said, "it is essential this program be improved to teach the necessary skills."

Patterson also said that this year's addition will be the first part of a three-year expansion program for the school.

"Plans for the 1983-84 fiscal year include the construction of a \$550,000 facility to be used for building construction courses. As well, \$150,000 will be used to equip the facility," he said.

"In 1984-85, it is expected that construction of a machine shop will be completed to house a millwright-machinist program.

By meeting the needs of industry through proper education," Patterson concluded, "more students will be prepared to join the work force and contribute to the northern economy."

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YK FIRM AWARDED CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 29) - A contract for the installation of water, sewer and gas services in the second phase of the Norman Wells land assembly has been awarded to a Yellowknife company.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the department of public works, today announced that J.S.L. Mechanical Limited of Yellowknife will receive the contract for installation of services in the new part of Norman Wells under development.

J.S.L.'s bid of \$198,554 was the second lowest tender received. However, the northern contractor receives preference under the Territorial government's Northern Preference Policy which assists northern businessmen in obtaining government contracts.

Work on the project is scheduled to begin shortly.

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POINTS NORTH TO OPERATE FERRY

YELLOWKNIFE, (June 29) - Points North Services Limited of Inuvik has been awarded the contract for the operation of the Peel River ferry near Fort McPherson.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the department of public works, announced today that the company will operate the Dempster Highway ferry during the 1982 season.

Points North's bid was \$125,000 for regular operation of the ferry service during the season.

The company operates in the NWT, employing mainly Territorial residents and using northern suppliers.

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NEW FEE FOR PHARMACISTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - The standard fee for filling prescriptions in the N.W.T. will increase to \$6.25 from \$5.40, beginning July 1.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister of health, today announced the new agreement with the N.W.T. Pharmacists' Association.

"This was the only negotiating point with the association and we are very pleased that an agreement was reached so smoothly," McCallum said.

The new fee schedule will be in effect until June 30, 1983. The Pharmacists' Association annually negotiates its fees with the Territorial government.

The N.W.T. Health Care Plan's Pharmacare program covers the cost of most prescription drugs for residents over 65, for Dene and Inuit, and for people under 65 with certain diseases specified by the Health Care Plan, such as cancer, tuberculosis and diabetes mellitus.

N.W.T. residents not covered under the Pharmacare program are responsible for their own drug costs.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND LAUNCHED AT CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - A conference held in Yellowknife recently has resulted in the formation of a scholarship fund for students in the public health field.

Delegates to the Canadian Public Health Association conference in the N.W.T. June 21-24 donated money to establish the scholarship.

Meanwhile, Minister of Health Arnold McCallum agreed to match the \$368 collected at the conference's final dinner.

Because the N.W.T. was the hosting Territory, conference delegates agreed that the first scholarship recipient should be an N.W.T. resident.

The student will be selected within the year by the CPHA national executive in association with the organization's N.W.T. branch.

It is hoped that the scholarship will be awarded annually with funds collected at the association's yearly meeting.

The minister of health challenged other host provinces to provide matching funds in the future as the N.W.T. has done.

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CRIME RATE LEVELS OFF - RCMP REPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 6) - The overall crime rate in the N.W.T. was up somewhat last year but it's still below its peak year of 1978, according to the 1981 annual report of the RCMP in the Northwest Territories.

While crime increased two per cent last year over 1980, it was down about 10 per cent over the peak year of 1978 - continuing a trend in which crime rates have levelled off in the past five years, the report says.

The annual report was submitted to George Braden, minister of justice and public services, by Chief Superintendent Hugh Feagan, commanding officer of RCMP "G" Division and was released today by the minister.

Under the recently-signed police services agreement, the officer commanding "G" Division is responsible to the minister of justice and public services for the provision of police services in the N.W.T.

"Generally, the overall crime picture is relatively stable. I attribute this to the proficiency and dedication of our staff," Feagan said.

Violent crimes and accidental deaths, however, are increasing. Liquor continues to be the major factor in such crimes across the N.W.T., according to the report.

The report also found that, since legislation was passed permitting police to use agents to purchase liquor from illegal outlets, more bootleggers have been detected and convicted.

There was a decrease of four per cent in the number of liquor offences from 1980 to 1981. The report suggests that preventive programs being tried in some communities may account for this slight reduction.

Illegal drugs are still a concern even though some of the major traffickers have been apprehended, says the report. Drug prosecutions increased by 13 per cent in 1981.

Copies of the RCMP annual report are available from the office of the minister of justice and public services in the Laing Building, Yellowknife or from RCMP headquarters, also in Yellowknife.

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NELSON NAMED COMPTROLLER-GENERAL

YELLOWKNIFE (July 2) - Jim Nelson has been named the Territorial government's first comptroller-general.

This newly-created position in the department of finance was approved by the Executive Committee late in May, following a recommendation of the Deputy Auditor-General of Canada. Nelson's appointment is effective immediately.

The Territorial treasurer's position, which Nelson has held for two years, is eliminated as a result of the organizational change which divides the government's financial management system into two areas - planning and operations.

The comptroller-general will be responsible for the financial administration of the department of finance while the deputy minister of finance will continue to be responsible for overall financial policy direction and planning. Both report to Minister of Finance Tom Butters.

Nelson has been with the Territorial government since 1969. He has held the combined positions of assistant deputy minister and Territorial treasurer since April, 1980.

He was finance officer in the Baffin region for three years, chief of the budgets division in Yellowknife for four years and assistant secretary to the Financial Management board before taking over the treasurer's position.

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NEW OUTFITTERS LICENCES ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo today announced an experimental program that will license up to 18 new big-game outfitters in the area northeast of Great Slave Lake.

Nerysoo said the new Class B outfitting system is being introduced to provide greater economic benefits to the communities in the region.

In conjunction with the experimental program, non-resident hunting of barren-ground caribou this season will be limited primarily to the Bathurst herd, northeast of Great Slave Lake.

"Previously," Nerysoo said, "non-resident hunters wanting to hunt the Bathurst herd were required to use the services of Class B guides. Guides, however, are unable to provide gear or supplies and all essential items have to be provided by the hunters.

"Under the new system, Class B outfitters will be able to provide and charge for equipment for non-resident hunters. In addition, outfitters will be able to improve and maintain the quality of services available to hunters," he said.

Eight of the licences will be offered to Dene bands and hunters and trappers associations serving communities in the area because of their historic use of the Bathurst herd.

"An additional 10 licences will be offered to other interested N.W.T. residents," he said.

Nerysoo also announced that the hunting of moose and woodland caribou by non-residents will now be restricted to the outfitting areas in the Mackenzie Mountains.

"The experimental outfitting operations this fall, for the Bathurst herd, will be closely monitored and assessed this coming winter, with full public involvement to determine the long-term direction which will be taken with the outfitting of caribou hunts," Nerysoo said.

"We feel that it is important to go ahead with this program now, to gather reaction to this plan and determine the effect on herd management," he said.

Nerysoo also said that further non-resident hunting of the Beverly-Kaminuriak herds is dependent upon the management plan to be recommended by the recently-formed Beverly-Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board.

Outfitting opportunities for the Bluenose herd northeast of Great Bear Lake will be discussed with the Inuvialuit Game Council and several of the lower Mackenzie River communities.

"Similarly," Nerysoo said, "the possibility of outfitting non-resident hunters in the northern Keewatin will be discussed with the Keewatin Wildlife Federation."

Those who want to apply for the new Class B outfitters licences should submit their applications to the chief of the Wildlife Service in Yellowknife, with evidence of their ability to properly finance and manage an outfitting operation.

The deadline for applications is July 31.

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EDUCATION TASK FORCE NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - A task force has been established to carry on the work of the Legislative Assembly's special committee on education.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson today announced formation of the task force.

The special committee recently completed its report on the education system in the N.W.T. and called for major changes in it.

The task force will monitor research projects begun by the special committee, consult with N.W.T. residents and provide information on the report's recommendations, analyze what the recommendations would cost to introduce, and advise the Territorial government's Executive Committee on what changes in legislation and regulations would be required.

The Legislative Assembly, during its last session in Inuvik in May, recommended the task force be set up.

Because the special committee has now completed its work, a task force is important to ensure that progress continues on education in the north, MLA Bruce McLaughlin, co-chairman of the special committee, said in the May motion calling

for its creation.

Members of the task force represent as broad a cross-section of N.W.T. residents as possible, Patterson said, and will well represent the special interests of northerners.

Chairman of the task force is Brian Lewis, deputy minister of education. Members include:

- William Stapleton, superintendent of education for the Fort Smith region;

- Ethel Townsend, a teacher in Fort Providence;

- Nauja Napatok, member of the Coral Harbour Local Education Authority;

- Mark Cleveland, adult educator in Frobisher Bay, and

- Joseph Handley of Winnipeg, a member of the staff of the special committee on education.

Four members of the task force are employees of the department of education so the major cost of its operation will be met by seconding department staff, Patterson said.

The task force, which has a one-year mandate, will meet for the first time in August. Its work is expected to be completed by the summer of 1983, although it is hoped that, before this fall's session of the Assembly, the task force will be able to set out its workplan for the year and advise on what recommendations could be put in place immediately.

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HERITAGE CENTRE TO SHOW RARE FILM

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - The Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife will be showing rare footage this week of the building of the Canol pipeline from Norman Wells to Whitehorse.

Filmed during the construction of the pipeline from 1942 to 1944, the film was originally intended for promotional use by the pipeline contractors and the U.S. Army. The line was built to carry oil from Norman Wells to a refinery in Whitehorse, where it was readied for shipment to Alaska as aviation fuel for use in defending the Alaskan coast-line against a possible Japanese invasion.

Because the project was considered strategically important, the film had restricted viewing until its release in 1976 by producer Richard Finnie. Entitled "Canol," the film runs 58 minutes and documents the construction techniques that many environmentalists have described as "a good way not to build a pipeline."

Part of the \$300 million project included the construction of a roadway parallel to the pipeline. While most of that road has been washed away by spring floods, the section between Whitehorse and Ross River is still in use. The remainder of the roadway has become a popular hikers' trail.

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The film will be shown on Friday, July 9
in the auditorium of the Northern Heritage Centre,
beginning at 12:15 p.m.

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EX-COM APPROVES \$30,000 FOR ITC

YELLOWKNIFE (July 7) - The Territorial government's executive committee has approved a grant of \$30,000 to Inuit Tapirisat of Canada to help that organization prepare its intervention on the social and economic impact of the Arctic Pilot Project.

"It is essential that the proposed project's impact on the Inuit way of life be fully documented," said Executive Committee member Richard Nerysoo today in announcing the grant.

The Arctic Pilot Project, a proposal to ship liquified natural gas by tanker along the eastern Arctic coast, has been the subject of much controversy over the past two years.

"The issues that surround the Arctic Pilot Project are complicated and there are many major concerns that must be addressed should the project eventually be approved," he said.

Both ITC and the Territorial government presented evidence to the National Energy Board during Phase I of its hearings on the project.

"Many of the concerns the government has are similar to those of ITC," said Nerysoo. "If all of the conditions we have attached to the project can not be met, then the Executive Committee will have to re-assess its position in respect to the project."

The National Energy Board is currently conducting Phase II of the hearings dealing with the socio-economic impact, marine transportation and research and development aspects of the Arctic Pilot Project.

Nerysoo stated that the G.N.W.T. is presently cross-examining the various panels representing Arctic Pilot Project Incorporated. The government is expected to present witnesses outlining its concerns to Phase II of the hearings in the early fall.

"We will be expressing our concerns as strongly as we can," he said, "but we are not the only group that must speak to the issues.

"In December 1981, we approved \$30,000 for ITC's intervention on Phase I of the hearings. By again aiding ITC to present its concerns, the Territorial government continues to express support for the interventions by ITC and its regional organizations.

"Only by hearing the opinions of all concerned," Nerysoo concluded, "can the National Energy Board come to a proper decision on this complicated issue."

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SURVEY TO DETERMINE HEALTH CARE NEEDS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 8) - A survey, now underway across the N.W.T., will determine whether the Territories has a higher or lower incidence of genetic diseases and congenital birth defects than the rest of the country.

The survey is being conducted in 14 communities. These settlements include approximately half the total births each year in the N.W.T., as well as a representative cross-section of the major cultural groups in the north.

The study should be completed by mid-August and results will be available when the data is compiled. The information collected will be used to determine health care needs in the areas of genetics and prevention of birth handicaps.

The need for the survey was identified by the department of health's family life education advisory committee. The committee is made up of representatives of the Native Women's Association of the N.W.T., Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Keewatin Inuit Association, Eaffin Regional Inuit Association and Planned Parenthood N.W.T.

The survey is being co-ordinated by Moira Cameron, family life education, department of health, in co-operation with Drs. Pierre Lessard and Clare Moisey of Stanton Yellowknife Hospital and Dr. E.S.O. Smith of Medical Services, N.W.T. Region.

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MINIMUM WAGES INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 8) - Minimum wages for most employees in the Northwest Territories will increase Aug. 1.

George Braden, minister of justice and public services, today announced the increases.

The minimum wage for people 17 years-of-age and over will rise to \$4.25 an hour and to \$3.75 hourly for workers under 17.

These rates apply only to workers coming under N.W.T. jurisdiction. Employees of chartered banks, airlines, crown corporations and some other industries are covered by federal regulations which specify a different minimum wage rate.

The new Territorial wage rates were approved by the Legislative Assembly at its last session in Inuvik in May.

Wages for employees paid on weekly, monthly or yearly schedules must be equivalent to the new minimum hourly rates.

The minimum rates since May, 1980 have been \$3.50 for workers over 17 and \$2.95 for those under 17.

Further information is available from the labour standards officer, department of justice and public services, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7486.

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ARCHIVES GETS ARCTIC PHOTOS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 14) - Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden has announced the addition of a valuable collection of early Arctic exploration photographs to the Territorial Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre here.

The photographs were taken by an official photographer on the last expedition sent to the Canadian Arctic by the British Navy. The Nares expedition was sent in 1875 to explore the northern-most islands, get as close as possible to the North Pole and to establish that Greenland is an island.

"The purchase of this collection was assisted by a grant from Federal Communications Minister Frances Fox," Braden said. "With the \$5,300 grant, we were able to supplement the financial resources of the Archives to purchase the collection for \$8,500."

Although the expedition succeeded in achieving most of its objectives, the second winter's work was cancelled when scurvy struck the crew. The photographs taken during the expedition were on wet plates which had to be kept warm and developed immediately. But, in spite of the adverse conditions, the results were spectacular.

There are photographs of Inuit and of Europeans, of the ships and the landscape. Two of the photographs appear to be stereoscopic, but prints must be made to verify this observation.

It is hoped that a travelling exhibit will be made with copies of photographs from the collection.

The Heritage Centre is part of the Department of Justice and Public Services.

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TOURISM STUDY RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12) - Visitors to the N.W.T. spent \$57 million here in the year ending in April, according to a Territorial government survey of travel and tourism.

A quarter of the people were travelling on business but, because business travellers stay longer, they accounted for half of the \$57 million spent. The other half was spent by tourists.

The results of the survey were released today by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

"The information gathered will help to identify new business opportunities in tourism and review the effectiveness of existing programs," McCallum said. "These are very valuable statistics."

The survey, completed in a 12-month period between May 1981 and April 1982, was conducted by Canadian management consultants Deloitte, Haskins and Sells.

The study includes information about travel by both visitors to the N.W.T. and residents and estimates the volume of tourism and its value to the N.W.T. economy.

N.W.T. residents travelling south spent \$44 million, giving the Territories a positive balance of travel revenues of about \$13 million yearly, the study found.

Travellers were interviewed at airports, on the Mackenzie and Dempster Highway systems, at lodges with direct air services and at campgrounds and picnic sites. In addition, a telephone survey was conducted of a sample of N.W.T. households.

Albertans are the largest group of visitors. U.S. tourists make up 27 per cent of visitors while the largest group of foreign tourists comes from Germany. The average tourist is on an extended trip of 28 days away from home, of which 13 nights are spent in the N.W.T., according to the survey.

Three per cent of visitors were part of package tours which cost them an average of \$1,400 each. This potential area for the growth of tourism in the N.W.T. is still largely untapped, the consultants concluded.

A large number of visitors - 41 per cent - had visited the N.W.T. before and 10 per cent were former residents. The surveyors found the most frequently-mentioned activities were shopping for crafts, camping, fishing and visiting museums and historic sites.

Over 4,600 groups visited campgrounds on the Mackenzie Highway system in the summer of 1981, the study found. Visitors outnumbered residents two to one in parks except in the Yellowknife area where the ratio was reversed.

Copies of a summary of the report are available from tourism and parks, department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7320.

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MULDERS NAMED KEEWATIN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - Gerard Mulders becomes director of the Territorial government's Keewatin Region in September.

His appointment was announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

Mulders is presently assistant deputy minister for the support services branch, department of education. He has been assistant deputy minister since April, 1976.

An NWT resident since 1960, Mulders first came north as a teacher and principal in the Western Arctic. He was then named chief of school services in Yellowknife. From 1970-74 he was superintendent of education in the Keewatin Region.

After completing one year of education leave, Mulders returned to Yellowknife in 1975 to take up special duties in the Executive Secretariat before moving to his present position.

"Mr. Mulders is a highly-experienced manager with a background of service in the Arctic," said Commissioner Parker. "This background, coupled with his administrative skills, will make him a valuable addition to our administration in the Keewatin Region."

Mulders will be visiting the Keewatin Region soon to begin planning for his new position before moving permanently to Rankin Inlet Sept. 1.

He replaces Mike Stilwell as regional director. Stilwell moves to Fort Smith Aug. 1 as the government's regional director there.

Richard Ares, Keewatin assistant regional director, will be acting regional director until Mulders takes over in September.

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**CHAMBER OF MINES RECEIVES PUBLIC EDUCATION
FUNDING**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - The N.W.T. Chamber of Mines will receive a contribution of \$10,000 from the Territorial government to assist the group with a public education program.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum announced approval of the funding today. The grant will assist the Chamber with a program to improve public knowledge of the mining and minerals industry in the north.

The Chamber is planning to produce a new series of 30-second television advertisements in both English and Inuktitut and to update pamphlets for distribution to the public.

The grant is the third one the Chamber has received under the Assistance to Industry program operated by the department of economic development and tourism. In previous years, they used the funding to produce television announcements and to share the cost of mounting a mining display with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

The Chamber of Mines identified a need for more public education about the industry. The program will make people more aware of mining in the north, the minerals present here and where they are found.

The Assistance to Industry program is designed to encourage the creation of stable employment opportunities.

Funding may be provided for operating grants to resource developments, employment-generating projects and for businesses that show a potential for development of a community's economy.

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G.N.W.T. WANTS ANSWERS ON ARCTIC PILOT PROJECT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 14) - The Territorial government wants detailed wildlife studies done in the Melville Island area on the effects of the proposed Arctic Pilot Project.

At National Energy Board hearings Tuesday in Ottawa, legal counsel for the government called for thorough studies on how the project could effect musk ox, caribou and other wildlife in the area.

"While information has been presented to the NEB on summer activities of wildlife on the island, there have been no studies on the winter population and migration of the herds," said Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo. "This information is critical to the lifestyle of Inuit in the area because they depend on game as a major food source."

Nerysoo was commenting on Territorial government cross-examination in Ottawa of Arctic Pilot Project representatives at Phase II of the National Energy Board's hearings into the socio-economic impact of the proposed project.

Arctic Pilot Project Incorporated proposes to ship liquified natural gas by tanker from Melville Island along the eastern Arctic coastline to southern Canada. The gas fields are located in the Arctic Islands.

"Many communities have expressed concern about difficulties hunters or game may encounter in crossing the ice after the tankers have passed," he said. "We are asking the National Energy Board to have APP explain what ice monitoring measures it could utilize to protect the wildlife.

"We also want to know how the communities will be compensated in the event that their traditional lifestyle is disrupted," said Nerysoo.

Representatives of the Territorial government's legal services division will also be asking APP representatives to explain what training programs and business opportunities will be available to northerners if the project is approved.

"It is important that northerners be trained in management and administration positions," Nerysoo said, "not just be used as labor.

"Arctic Pilot Project Incorporated must satisfy our concerns in all areas of the socio-economic field. There are many questions to be answered," he said, "and those answers are vital to the people of the north."

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CYRFALCON QUOTAS REDUCED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 14) - The maximum number of gyrfalcons that can be harvested in the Northwest Territories this year has been reduced from 50 to 20 birds under a trial quota system now in effect.

The announcement of the new quota system was made today by Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources Jim Bourque.

"Because of the commercial demand for these birds, it is necessary to closely control the harvest to prevent depletion of the gyrfalcon population," he said.

Gyrfalcons are highly-prized for their hunting abilities and routinely sell to sportsmen for \$10,000 a bird. In response to this demand, and at the urging of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, the government set a quota of 50 birds for harvest in 1981.

While no birds were harvested last year, some concern was expressed that the quota permitted capture of too many birds.

"In addition," Bourque said, "the quota is distributed across the N.W.T. The Coppermine Hunters' and Trappers' Association has permits to harvest seven birds which will be marketed with the aid of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association.

"The remaining permits will be available to other HTA groups across the Territories," he said.

"Close monitoring procedures will be followed with a Wildlife Service Officer to accompany each group taking part in the harvest," Bourque said.

In addition, the export of the gyrfalcons is regulated by a \$5,000 export for each bird.

"With these measures now in effect," Bourque added, "we believe that indiscriminate harvesting can be prevented and that a balance in the gyrfalcon population can be maintained."

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CARIBOU SURVEYS COMPLETED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 15) - Surveys of the three major caribou herds in the N.W.T. indicate the population of two of the herds has risen dramatically in the past year while the size of the third remains stable.

The Northwest Territories Wildlife Service today announced that both the Beverly and Kaminuriak caribou herds have shown a dramatic increase in population. The Beverly herd is estimated to have 46,000 breeding females - an increase of approximately 40 per cent from the 1980 estimate.

The number of breeding females is used as a standard index to determine the size of herds and the population trends.

"The apparent increase may be the result of lower than usual wolf densities on the Beverly range and reduced hunter kill, due to the restricted winter movements of the herd," said Kevin Lloyd, supervisor of wildlife management.

"These two factors could have contributed to a larger number of yearlings and a higher survival rate for adult caribou in both 1981 and 1982," he said.

In the Kaminuriak herd, there are an estimated 40,000 breeding females - more than twice the number observed during any of the last five years.

"Although the high production and increased survival rate of Kaminuriak caribou in recent years could account for about a third of the increase," Lloyd said, "we believe the remainder of the increase in both herds is due to an influx of caribou from other areas."

Both wildlife biologists and Inuit hunters have been aware that various groups of caribou on the west coast of Hudson Bay have been mixing with each other. However, the frequency and extent of this mixing is unknown. Marking studies to determine the extent of mixing have been proposed, but because of the high cost and controversial nature of these studies, they have not been carried out.

Because these temporary increases in caribou population have been known to occur before, wildlife officials say that the present figures may have little impact on the number of animals available for harvest.

"It's possible the number of breeding females on the Kaminuriak calving ground next year will return to the 1980 levels," Lloyd said.

"This situation emphasizes the need to study movements between segments of the western Hudson Bay herd if effective management of the Kaminuriak herd is to occur," he added.

Survey results of the third herd - the Bathurst caribou herd - indicate that its population has remained stable with 34,000 to 36,000 breeding females estimated on the calving ground this year.

Further plans for the management of the caribou population will be discussed at a meeting of the recently-formed Caribou Management Board August 18 and 19 in Saskatoon. The board is expected to discuss the use of sophisticated, new survey techniques, including the use of high altitude photography.

The board is made up of representatives of groups that have traditionally used the Beverly-Kaminuriak herds, as well as representatives of government agencies.

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GOVERNMENTS AGREE RESTRAINT REQUIRED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 19) - The Government of the Northwest Territories agrees with the Canadian government that inflation has to be reduced and that both governments must show the leadership needed to bring the country out of recession.

This joint commitment to economic recovery was announced today by the two governments following weekend meetings in Yellowknife between federal Minister of State for Finance Pierre Bussieres and members of the Territorial government's Executive Committee.

The minister was here on behalf of the federal government to brief the Territorial government on the federal budget introduced three weeks ago calling for restraint among Canadians and a voluntary ceiling on public-sector wage hikes by the provinces and territories.

"We are committed to the objectives of the federal government to reduce inflation and fight the recessionary trend in the nation," Commissioner John Parker said.

Bussieres, meanwhile, outlined the difficult economic state Canada is in - high inflation, high unemployment, low productivity - and said he was encouraged the Territorial government will support the federal campaign to nurse the economy back to health and that the Territorial government will do all it can in its own jurisdiction to accomplish the same objectives.

"In the weeks ahead," said Territorial Government Leader George Braden, "we will as a government be looking at how we can help reduce inflation in the north by examining such issues as rents, taxes, and assessments on business and industry, and will be working closely with the Minister of State for Finance to equitably achieve this objective."

Also discussed between the governments were such key northern issues as taxation of northern benefits, NCPC, and the need for economic incentives to aid northern development. Bussieres indicated these important issues are under close scrutiny by a committee of federal ministers led by John Munro, minister of Indian affairs and northern development.

Bussieres, while emphasizing that all Canadians will have to make sacrifices, acknowledges that he is sensitive to these issues.

"The most important thing at the moment is that the Government of the Northwest Territories agrees with our philosophy that all Canadians must contribute to the economic recovery of our nation," Bussieres said. "I am especially pleased that the Government of the Northwest Territories will do all it can to help this recovery."

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"We are committed in the NWT to accepting our fair share of the responsibility for the economic well-being of Canada," said NWT Finance Minister Tom Butters.

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**GROUP TO STUDY WESTERN ARCTIC REGIONAL
GOVERNMENT**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 20) - The Territorial government and the Committee for Original People's Entitlement (COPE) have signed an agreement to develop plans for setting up the Western Arctic Regional Municipality (WARM) proposed by COPE.

The memorandum of agreement was signed by James Wah-Shee, minister of local government, and COPE President Peter Green. The agreement was originally proposed to the government by the Legislative Assembly.

The first step outlined in the agreement is to appoint four people to a working group to consult with communities affected by COPE's proposal for regional government.

The group will be under the direction of a task force made up of Peter Green, James Wah-Shee and Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea. COPE and the Territorial government will each appoint two members to sit on the working group.

"The wishes of the communities and the suggestions received from groups affected by this proposal will be of great importance when our task force assembles its final recommendations for action," the minister said.

An advisory committee made up of Inuvik, Mackenzie Delta and Central Arctic MLAs will also work with the task force as advisors.

At the first Western NWT Constitutional Conference in January, Wah-Shee said that the Territorial government is "supportive of initiatives from communities with common goals and objectives for developing regional government. The development of regional government should be pursued in accordance with the style, forms and traditions that the people of the north feel are appropriate".

Once the task force has completed its study, the group will submit a report with an action plan for developing the regional municipality to the government's Executive Committee and to COPE.

One of the first items for the working group will be to set up a schedule for community consultations and for the completion of the report, Wah-Shee said.

Community visits are expected to begin shortly after the members of the working group are named.

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APP NEEDS MORE STUDIES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 21) - Environmental studies performed by Arctic Pilot Project Incorporated have serious data gaps, according to Territorial government representatives who attended National Energy Board hearings in Ottawa last week.

"From the evidence presented by APP, it is obvious that a great number of factors have yet to be studied," said Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo.

"In determining what measures can be taken to protect wildlife and mitigate the effect of tanker traffic through Lancaster Sound, it is essential that information on the population of harp and ring seals in the area be considered," he said.

"Without these figures, it is impossible to evaluate the mitigation measures proposed by APP officials," said Nerysoo.

Nerysoo made his comments last week from Yellowknife at the conclusion of the northern component segment of the NEB's Phase II hearings into the socio-economic effect of the proposed Arctic Pilot Project.

The project proposes to ship liquified natural gas by tanker from Melville Island through Lancaster Sound and along the Arctic coast to southern Canada.

Territorial government representatives who cross-examined the APP's panel of experts also expressed concern about the bird population in the Lancaster Sound area.

Colonial nesters, including murrens and dovekies, take five years to reach maturity for breeding. As these birds nest between Lancaster Sound and the Barrow Strait, it is possible that construction of the tanker port at Bridport Inlet, as well as tanker traffic, could interrupt their breeding cycle.

"This is a biologically significant area," said Nerysoo, "with many of these birds protected under international agreements.

"In past, the hunting of these birds for food has also been an important economic factor in the lives of both Canadian and Greenlandic Inuit," he said.

Because of the effect the loss or disruption of wildlife could have on the environment and the traditional lifestyle, the Territorial and Federal governments will develop a plans and procedures manual to outline mitigating measures that should be taken in the event the Arctic Pilot Project is approved.

The policy will also detail how the APP should carry out compensation measures to communities in the area in the event of a disruption of wildlife patterns or lifestyle.

"It is important that we prepare this policy to ensure that communities can be adequately compensated for possible loss of harvestable resources," said Nerysoo.

The Territorial government will be presenting its panel on the socio-economic impact of the proposed Arctic Pilot Project at National Energy Board hearings to be held in Ottawa in early September.

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MLA's MEET TO DISCUSS
CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 20) -- Five of the seven MLA's who represent larger tax-based municipalities in the western Northwest Territories met here today to talk about constitutional development as it concerns their constituents.

They included George Braden (Yellowknife North), Tom Butters (Inuvik), Bob MacQuarrie (Yellowknife Centre), Bruce McLaughlin (Pine Point), and Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South). Arnold McCallum (Slave River) and Don Stewart (Hay River) were absent because of other commitments.

The five MLA's discussed the Western Constitutional Forum which was formed by the N.W.T. Constitutional Alliance during a July 6-7 meeting in Yellowknife. The Alliance, which includes representatives of the Legislative Assembly and the four major native organizations, established the Forum "for the general purpose of developing and promoting, through public consultation, the constitutional underpinnings" of a government for the western Northwest Territories. As well as developing constitutional positions, the Forum would negotiate those positions with the Government of Canada.

The five MLA's agreed to support the creation of the Forum and to support and contribute to its work on the understanding that Forum decisions would be made by consensus, involving agreement by each component of the Forum; that fundamental and major decisions would be ratified by each constituency represented in the Forum; and that the process would involve full and active public participation and consultation.

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As well as the Dene Nation, Metis Association of the N.W.T., Inuit Tapirisat of Canada and the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement, the N.W.T. Constitutional Alliance includes four Members of the Legislative Assembly. This Assembly representation includes non-native MLA's speaking for residents and groups not represented by native organizations, a constituency which makes up one of the components of the Forum.

The five MLA's attending today's meeting confirmed Mr. MacQuarrie as the spokesman for non-native interests on the Western Constitutional Forum.

Individuals or organizations wishing to express their views on the whole area of constitutional development or just on specific issues within that area are invited to send their comments to their MLA's or directly to Mr. MacQuarrie.

Letters or briefs to Mr. MacQuarrie can be sent in care of the Legislative Assembly offices, Box 1320, Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2L9. Mr. MacQuarrie also can be reached at (403) 873-7918.

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GROUP TO MONITOR GREAT BEAR LAKE ACTIVITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 22) - An intergovernmental group has been formed to monitor mine-site activities and the environment in the Great Bear Lake area of the western N.W.T.

Echo Bay Mines at Port Radium recently closed down and one of the group's responsibilities will be to ensure that there is no contamination of the waters of Great Bear Lake from mine tailings, George Braden, minister of justice and public services, said today in announcing the group's formation.

"There are several Federal and Territorial government agencies working independently in this area and we see a need to co-ordinate their activities," the minister said.

The co-ordinating group will exchange information on the program plans and field activities of various agencies to ensure that their work does not overlap, Braden said.

The group will also provide access to information about the Great Bear Lake area for others interested in monitoring activities in the region.

The co-ordinating group includes the federal government's departments of the environment, Indian affairs and northern development, fisheries and oceans and health and welfare Canada.

The Territorial government's departments of renewable resources and justice and public services, including mining inspection services, will also be represented on the committee.

The group plans to meet at the end of July to review work carried out by each government during the summer.

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TRANSIENT CENTRES TO BE SOLD

YELLOWKNIFE (July 26) - Government-owned transient centres in Arctic Bay and Hall Beach will be offered for sale by tender to the public in those communities.

The Territorial government's Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum today announced the proposal to develop these facilities as privately-owned small businesses.

The plan to sell the transient centres is in keeping with the government's recent move toward private ownership of previously government-owned or operated businesses, the minister said.

The sale of the transient centres will also enhance the department of economic development and tourism's move towards community-based tourism which encourages the development of tourism in small settlements.

People bidding on the centres must be residents of Arctic Bay or Hall Beach. The successful bidders must agree to convert the buildings to full-service hotels within a year.

"We are expecting the upgraded facilities to enhance tourism in the communities and provide two or three new jobs directly. As well, other jobs will be created as a result of increased tourist activity in the settlements," McCallum said.

If hotel occupancy rates are too low during the first three years of operation to make the businesses self-supporting, the Territorial government will re-purchase the buildings for the cost of upgrading them, less any government grants or contributions.

The purchaser for each centre will be selected on the basis of the price offered for the building, the likely success of the proposal and the bidder's record of management.

The staff of the regional department of economic development and tourism will be available to assist local businessmen who wish to submit proposals.

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COMMISSIONER TO ATTEND GREENLAND FESTIVITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 29) - Commissioner John Parker will travel to Greenland next week to take part in festivities marking the 1,000th anniversary of the arrival of Erik the Red in Greenland.

Commissioner Parker and Mrs. Parker have been invited to attend the celebrations Aug. 2-5 as guests of the Danish government and the mayors of the Greenlandic communities of Narssaq, Julianehaab and Nanortalik.

The commissioner will be accompanying Gov.-Gen. Edward Schreyer, who will also attend the ceremonies.

On their arrival in Greenland, the governor-general's party will be met by Queen Margrethe of Denmark and other members of the Danish Royal Family.

During the visit, the commissioner will attend many of the ceremonies planned to mark the anniversary, including the dedication of a monument at Qassiarsuk, a visit to Norse ruins at Qassiarsuk and Narssaq, and a tour of a fishing co-operative and tannery in Julianehaab.

The final festival evening takes place in Julianehaab Aug. 5. The commissioner returns to Ottawa the following day.

For two days before the Greenland visit, the commissioner will accompany Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro on a tour of several Baffin Island communities.

The two will visit Frobisher Bay, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Nanisivik and Igloolik to meet with residents. Commissioner Parker leaves for Ottawa and Goose Bay on Sunday to begin the Greenland visit.

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CONTRACTS FOR INUVIK PROJECTS AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 28) - Three contracts have been awarded under the department of local government's water and sanitation program for improvements to the utilidor system in Inuvik.

Minister of Local Government James Wan-Snee today announced that JSL Mechanical Installations of Yellowknife has received two contracts to install water temperature monitoring equipment and a heat exchanger and pumps for the Inuvik utilidor system. The system carries the town's water and sewage.

The monitoring equipment warns when temperatures in the utilidor fall close to freezing.

The two contracts have a combined value of \$144,300. Bidding on them, beside the Yellowknife firm, were three companies from Edmonton.

As well, a contract has been let for upgrading the chlorination facilities at the Hidden Lake pumpnouse. The lake is one of two water sources for the town of Inuvik. The work will improve the old system presently in operation.

BAT Construction of Inuvik's bid of \$41,000 was the lowest received. Also bidding on the contract were companies from Yellowknife and Edmonton.

Inuvik MLA Tom Butters said "we are very pleased that these contracts have been awarded to northern businesses. The work should see an improvement in facilities for Inuvik residents."

Work on the projects is scheduled to begin soon.

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FORUMS TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 30) - Two groups established by the Constitutional Alliance at its Yellowknife conference in July will hold open meetings in Yellowknife and Frobisher Bay Aug. 10-11.

The public is invited to both meetings.

The two groups, The Western Constitutional Forum and the Nunavut Constitutional Forum, were organized in response to the April 14 division plebiscite to allow northerners the opportunity to plan and resolve issues surrounding the creation of two separate territories in the north.

James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and chairman of the Alliance, said the forums will meet to allow alliance members and the public to formalize a process to conduct public discussion on constitutional change for the N.W.T.

The Western Constitutional Forum will meet in Yellowknife in the Caribou Room of the Yellowknife Inn starting at 10 a.m. Aug. 10. The Nunavut Forum will meet, beginning on the same day, with the time and location to be announced.

Delegates to the WCF will include representatives of the Dene Nation, the Metis Association and the Legislative Assembly - including the minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development. A non-native member of the Assembly has been specifically asked to attend to represent the interests of non-native people in the western N.W.T.

Representatives of I.T.C. and the Legislative Assembly - including Dennis Patterson, the associate minister of aboriginal rights - will attend the NCF meeting in Frobisher Bay.

The Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement will have the option of sending representatives to either or both the WCF or the NCF.

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FORUM MEETING POSTPONED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 4) - Public meetings of the Western Constitutional Forum, scheduled for August 10-11 in Yellowknife, have been postponed.

James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and chairman of the Constitutional Alliance - the group organizing the meetings - announced today that the WCF has been postponed because the Dene Nation and Metis Association are unable to attend next week's meetings.

Wah-Shee said the two groups are unable to attend because of preparations for the Dene Nation annual assembly as well as leadership meetings that must be held prior to the assembly.

The Western Constitutional Forum and Nunavut Constitutional Forum meetings were organized by the Alliance in response to the April 14 division plebiscite to allow northerners the opportunity to plan and resolve issues surrounding the creation of two separate territories in the north.

No firm date has been set to re-schedule the WCF, but dates in early September are being considered, said Wah-Shee.

The Nunavut Constitutional Forum meetings will go ahead as planned on August 10-11 in Frobisher Bay.

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CONSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 4) - Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development James Wah-Shee today announced the approval of \$35,000 to fund meetings on constitutional change in the N.W.T.

The Constitutional Alliance, made up of representatives of the Dene Nation, Metis Association, ITC, COPE and the Legislative Assembly, requested the funding to hold two constitutional forum meetings in the N.W.T. as well as a general Alliance meeting in Ottawa in late September.

The \$35,000 will be provided by the government's Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat.

The forum meetings, one in the Nunavut region and another in the western Arctic, will be held in August and September. The Nunavut Constitutional Forum meetings will be held in Frobisher Bay August 10-11.

The Western Constitutional Forum meetings were also scheduled for August 10-11 in Yellowknife, but have been postponed as the Dene Nation and Metis Association are unable to attend at that time.

The forum meetings are open to the public and are designed to allow northerners to have input on constitutional change for the N.W.T. that may occur as a result of the April 14 Division Plebiscite.

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GRANT TO ASSIST DENE NATION TRANSLATORS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 5) - The Territorial government will assist the Dene Nation in buying new sound equipment to provide simultaneous translations at its meetings.

James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development, today announced the government's Executive Committee has approved a grant of \$7,146 for purchase of the sound equipment.

The Dene Nation provides translations in Dene languages at all regional, national and leadership meetings for people who cannot speak or write English.

Consecutive translation has been provided in Dogrib, North and South Slavey, and Chipewyan. The new equipment will allow Dene Nation translators to provide simultaneous translation at meetings, a more efficient method.

The present equipment has been used at all the organization's meetings for the last 10 years and much of it can no longer be replaced when it breaks down.

A technical consultant hired by the Dene Nation determined which of their equipment is still useable. The additional funding from the Territorial government will assist in replacing some of the obsolete sound system.

The Dene Nation also makes its sound equipment available to other Dene regional or group meetings.

"We hope this contribution will enable the Dene to participate more fully in making the decisions that will affect them," Wah-Shee said.

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CERTIFICATES TO COST MORE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 11) - The Department of Justice and Public Services has announced increases in fees for birth, death and marriage certificates as well as for amendments to registrations.

The reason for the increases, says registrar-general Rita Matheson, is to bring the fees in line with the costs of providing the service.

The cost of obtaining birth, death or marriage certificates will now be \$5. The old fee was \$3.

For amending the registration of the birth of a child, or for the addition of names on a registration certificate, the cost will also rise from \$3 to \$5.

No charge is made for the addition of a name to a certificate if the change is made within one year of the birth of the child.

Fees for searches to issue certificates of registration for births, deaths or marriages remain the same - \$1 if requested within one year of the registration, \$3 if requested within 2 to 4 years of the registration and \$5 if requested 4 or more years after the date of registration.

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Disinterment and reburial fees remain unchanged at \$5 and \$3 respectively.

Registrars and sub-registrars in communities across the N.W.T. have been informed of the new fee schedule which became effective July 20.

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WHALE COVE RECEIVES RADIO AND TELEVISION

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 9) - The community of Whale Cove on the west coast of Hudson Bay is now receiving CBC television and CBC regional radio through facilities provided by the Territorial Government's Department of Information.

Whale Cove is the 17th community in the N.W.T. to receive the service through the government's northern communication program which began in 1978. Also scheduled to receive facilities this year are: Paulatuk, Rae Lakes and Wrigley.

The radio society in Whale Cove have also connected their local FM radio station to the transmitter provided by the Department of Information. This allows them to provide local programming as well as the CBC radio network from Rankin Inlet and Frobisher Bay.

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BIG FISH AWARDS TO BE GIVEN

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 11) - Fishermen will now be able to get a certificate from the Territorial government to prove that their fish really were that big.

The Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism recently introduced the master angler's award for sport fishermen and visitors to the N.W.T.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum explained that the awards are designed to encourage fishing for fun and the release of fish.

The master angler program awards a certificate to fishermen who catch fish matching or exceeding minimum weight requirements for the species. The federal department of fisheries and oceans has supplied lengths to match these weights.

A 37.5 inch lake trout, for example, is estimated to weigh approximately 20 lbs. These measurements are 'fork' lengths, from the fork of the tail to the tip of the snout.

The program encourages the release of fish by accepting hearsay evidence. Qualifying for the awards will be much easier than for most 'big-fish' contests.

Qualification can include a photograph of the fish, the weight determined by a pocket scale, testimony from a guide or fishing companion, or a measurement taken using a fishing rod, line or rope as a makeshift tape.

Anglers are eligible for only one award per species each season. The program applies to all waters where Territorial fishery regulations apply, including national parks within the N.W.T. Fish must be caught while sport fishing with a valid licence.

The awards program was designed by the department of economic development and tourism with assistance from the N.W.T. Travel Industry Association.

Certificates are now available from TravelArctic in Yellowknife, regional tourism officers, lodges, outfitters and travel industry associations.

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NUNAVUT FORUM PLANS DRAFT CONSTITUTION

FROBISHER BAY (Aug. 11) - The first meeting of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) concluded today in Frobisher Bay.

The two-day meeting focussed on establishing the process which the Forum will follow in drafting a constitution for Nunavut and resolving the boundary issue in co-operation with the Western Constitutional Forum.

It was decided that the process will lead to a Nunavut-wide constitutional convention in September, 1983. All communities and interested groups will be invited to participate in this convention.

The NCF identified the financial and staff resources necessary to submit a draft constitution to the 1983 convention. The forum approved a detailed proposal which will be submitted shortly to the Federal government. In identifying its financial and staff needs, the Forum emphasized the need for on-going public consultation and appropriate technical and legal assistance.

In addition, the forum underlined its determination to take a lead role in bringing about a politically-realistic, technically-sound draft constitution within a tight timetable for action.

"Considering the history of political evolution in Nunavut over the last 30 years and the wide-spread popular support for a Nunavut government, there is no turning back," said John Amagoalik, president of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

Dennis Patterson, associate minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and chairman of the Forum, expressed optimism at the amount of progress made at the meeting.

"We've gone beyond talking about Nunavut and are now building it," Patterson said.

The NCF is composed of MLAs from Nunavut and representatives of ITC. Members of the Forum agreed to meet again in mid-September with a view to initiating the public process in early October.

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COMMUNITIES TO GET NEW BUILDINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 19) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee today announced the approval of \$1.7 million for the construction of new municipal facilities in Chesterfield Inlet, Fort McPherson, Baker Lake and Spence Bay.

In making the announcement, Wah-Shee said the new buildings are needed to replace facilities which are either too old or too crowded to serve the needs of the communities.

Chesterfield Inlet will have the planning stages begun for the construction of a new community complex. The design and initial site investigation for a replacement hamlet office, community hall and fire hall will cost \$100,000.

The original hamlet office building was destroyed by fire in December, 1981, and the present community hall will require \$40,000 in repairs to meet minimum fire and safety standards for use until a new facility is completed.

Construction of the new complex is expected to begin during the 1983-84 fiscal year.

The community of Fort McPherson will get a new community office at a cost of \$614,000. Construction will now proceed on the office facility that will house both the settlement and band council administrative staff. The building will also include a council chamber to be used jointly by both administrations.

Baker Lake has also received approval for the construction of a new hamlet office building at a cost of \$700,000. This project has been under discussion for several years and is considered a community and regional priority.

In addition to providing adequate administration offices for the municipality, the building will also include office space for the Department of Social Services and the G.N.W.T. liaison officer. The existing municipal office is extremely crowded and council meetings must be conducted in a separate building some distance away.

The fourth project approved was a municipal garage for Spence Bay. The community has inadequate storage space for its mobile equipment and is expecting additional units which will put a further strain on the existing facilities.

Cost of the pre-engineered steel building is expected to be \$300,000.

Construction on all four projects is to begin by this fall.

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WESTERN FORUM MEETINGS RE-SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - Meetings of the Western Constitutional Forum have been re-scheduled for September 7 and 8 in Yellowknife.

James Wah-Shee, Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development and chairman of the Constitutional Alliance - the group organizing the forums - had earlier announced the postponement of the meetings, originally scheduled to coincide with meetings of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum held last week in Frobisher Bay.

The meetings were postponed as the Dene Nation and Metis Association were unable to attend due to preparations for their annual assemblies.

Other members of the WCF are the Legislative Assembly and COPE.

The forums were organized in response to the April 14 plebiscite on division to deal with issues on forming two separate territories in the north.

The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. in the Caribou room of the Yellowknife Inn on September 7.

The public is invited to attend.

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NEW COMMUNITY HALLS APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 23) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee today announced the approval of \$1.2 million for the construction of community halls in Cape Dorset and Fort Resolution.

"Both projects have been under consideration for some time," said Wah-Shee "and are needed to provide adequate facilities for social and cultural activities."

The Cape Dorset community hall will have its construction staged over two years with \$650,000 approved for the first stage. The hall will have an area of 4,727 square feet including storage, kitchen space and washrooms.

Construction of the second stage will take place during 1983-84, with \$315,000 budgeted for completion of the building. Contracts have been awarded for purchase and delivery of materials to the community.

Fort Resolution will receive \$530,000 to construct a community hall from logs. The community requested the hall be built with logs to allow for maximum local involvement.

A construction schedule has been drawn up and agreed to by all parties involved in the project. The community will be hiring a local resident to act as the supervisor of construction.

Construction of the facility is to begin late this summer with completion expected by the end of the year.

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FROBISHER BAY HOUSE MADE ENERGY-EFFICIENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - Marc Lalonde, federal minister of energy, mines and resources, and Tom Butters, the Territorial government's minister of government services, today announced that support of a northern experiment has resulted in a gain of more than 70 per cent in energy efficiency for a Frobisher Bay residence.

The project is funded through the Canada-Northwest Territories conservation and renewable energy demonstration program. Under this program, the federal government contributed \$19,875 and the Territorial government \$6,625 towards the project.

In February, once the improvements were completed, a family moved into the house, known locally as Unit 54-030.

The Territorial department of public works added a 2-kilowatt Dunlite wind generator and increased insulation in walls, floors and ceilings to at least R-47. Three solar panels, mounted on the roof, provide 62 per cent of the hot water needs for six months of the year.

Triple-glazing and insulated window curtains have also been installed, along with a furnace-efficiency kit. The total reduction in energy consumption is estimated to be 73 per cent.

Butters noted that the energy-efficient residence will offer an excellent example of the potential for substantial energy savings in the N.W.T.

"Air-tight vapour barriers combined with super-insulation and passive solar features have cut energy consumption in homes by as much as 80 per cent in some Canadian locations," said Lalonde.

"This project will test techniques under Arctic conditions and provide an opportunity to demonstrate off-oil alternatives to local residents. A major objective of the National Energy Program is to move away from oil."

The Dunlite wind generator will contribute a large portion of the home's electrical requirements. An information processor has been adapted to the electrical system so that all the power generated by wind is used. In Frobisher Bay, the average wind speed is greater than the 16 kilometres per hour the generator requires to be effective.

Further information regarding methods used on the project may be obtained by contacting Rick Moulton in Frobisher Bay at (819) 979-5251.

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**HEALTH CARE SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO G.N.W.T.,
REPORT SAYS**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - A study of health care in the Inuvik Region recommends an accelerated transfer of responsibility for health services from the Federal to the Territorial government.

The report, prepared by Resource Management Consultants of Yellowknife, was released today by the Territorial government's Minister of Health Kane Tologanak.

The consultants found that, while health services in the region are satisfactory considering the difficulties of operating in such a vast area, the system is not as responsive to the needs of residents as it should be.

The primary recommendation of the report - to speed up transfer of responsibility for health care - is seen as a way of streamlining delivery of health services.

The small size of the federal Northern Services branch in comparison with the total range of operations of Health and Welfare Canada does not make funding of northern health care programs a priority, particularly in times of fiscal restraint in Ottawa, the consultants say.

The Northern Health Service was intended to operate only until the G.N.W.T. was ready to accept responsibility for health care. It appears, the consultants say, that the time is appropriate to transfer health care to the Territorial government and to take action to improve the levels of performance.

The report recommends a systematic restructuring of the system with the aim of better meeting people's needs and returning 'a sense of caring' to health care.

One of the major problems identified is in staffing - high turnover, poor hiring practices, lack of qualified and native staff - along with problems of communications in such a large area and providing adequate facilities.

The results of this study should be considered along with the recommendations of earlier studies in other parts of the Arctic to produce a development plan for health care across the N.W.T., the report suggests.

The report will now be presented to the communities of the Inuvik region for review and comment. Tologanak will hold a public meeting in Inuvik in September, along with the consultants, to gather the community's reaction.

The study was commissioned by the department of health as a result of concerns about health care expressed by Inuvik region residents. Terms of reference for the study were developed with input from people and agencies in the region. Work on the study began in November, 1981.

A steering committee - made up of Elaine Berthelet of the G.N.W.T. department of health, regional community representative Susie Huskey, Western Arctic MLA Nellie Cournoyea and Dr. David Martin, director of Medical Services - monitored the study and drafted its terms of reference.

The consultants met with residents of every Inuvik region community and almost 200 present and former employees of the health care system.

Copies of the report are available from the Dr. Otto Schaefer Health Resource Centre, department of health, Yellowknife at (403) 873-7713.

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RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE FOR PAULATUK

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - Paulatuk is now receiving CBC television and CBC regional radio from Inuvik through satellite equipment provided by the Territorial government's Department of Information.

The community is the second to receive the service this summer. Whale Cove was connected last week.

Installations are also scheduled to be completed in Rae Lakes and Wrigley by the end of September.

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BEADWORK SLIDE SHOW AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 17) - The Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife will be holding a slide show and discussion Sunday, August 22 entitled "An Overview of Athapaskan Beadwork."

Kate Duncan, from the University of Washington in Seattle, along with resource assistant Eunice Carney from Old Crow, will be reviewing turn of the century Kutchin and Great Slave Lake, Mackenzie River beadwork. Following the show, a discussion concerning the beadwork will take place.

Duncan is travelling throughout the Yukon and Northwest Territories supplementing her studies on beadwork by soliciting input from various native communities.

The presentation will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon in the Northern Heritage Centre.

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TRANSPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 17) - Yellowknife businessman R.W.T. (Bob) O'Connor has been appointed to the NWT Highway Transport Board.

Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the Board, announced O'Connor fills the board vacancy, effective Aug. 16.

On July 1, McCallum took over responsibility for the Highway Transport Board when it was transferred from the department of justice and public services.

O'Connor is president of Aero Arctic Ltd., a helicopter charter company. He has been an NWT resident since 1959 and in business in Yellowknife since 1968.

The three-member Highway Transport Board regulates the commercial trucking industry in the NWT.

The Board is chaired by Inuvik businessman John Hill. Vice-chairman is Angie Maksymowich, registrar of motor vehicles in the department of government services. Dale Thomson is executive secretary to the Board.

The Board's offices are located on the first floor of the Courthouse building in Yellowknife, telephone (403) 873-7494.

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EMERGENCY PLANNERS TO MEET IN N.W.T.

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 23) - The Territorial government will host the annual meeting of the Interprovincial Council on Civil Emergency Planning in 1983.

George Braden, the Territorial government's minister responsible for emergency planning, announced today that the council has approved Yellowknife as the site of its meeting next summer.

Don Johnston, the Territorial government's secretary for regional operations, takes over as chairman of the interprovincial council this month for a one-year term.

Johnston also chairs the Territorial Emergency Control Committee, an intergovernmental body responsible for co-ordinating the government's response to all civil emergencies in the N.W.T..

The Council, made up of all provincial and territorial emergency planning directors, meets annually to discuss mutual problems and exchange ideas on emergency planning and response.

Every province has hosted the Council's annual meeting once. This is the first time the group will meet in the north.

"The N.W.T. is a full participant on the Council and we welcome this opportunity to host the meeting with our provincial and territorial colleagues," Braden said.

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BRADEN ATTENDING PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (August 23) - Minister of Justice George Braden is attending the Premiers' Conference being held this week in Halifax.

Braden will be attending the conference as an observer following receipt of an invitation last Friday. It is the first time that the Northwest Territories government has been invited to send a representative.

While he will not be able to take a formal part in discussions, Braden says he will make use of informal sessions with the premiers to discuss a number of matters, including Territorial government concerns with sections 42 (1) E and F of the new constitution.

Those sections contain provisions that allow provinces to extend their boundaries into the Northwest Territories, as well as provisions for the creation of new provinces.

Braden said he will be paying particular attention to that portion of the premiers' formal talks dealing with the upcoming Constitutional Conference on Native Rights.

Other agenda items that he will closely monitor have to do with the state of the economy and the federal government's national restraint program. The Territorial government is currently reviewing its own position in relation to the program and is interested in the actions that other jurisdictions are taking in this area.

The conference runs from Tuesday until Thursday and will be held in the Nova Scotia Legislature.

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TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE IN WHITEHORSE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 25) - "The Challenge of the Eighties" will be the theme of the Northern Transportation Conference to be held in Whitehorse October 5 - 7.

Sponsored jointly by the N.W.T., Yukon and federal governments, the conference is being held to promote dialogue between government, industry, the academic community and the general public.

Conference issues will include planning, economic, environmental and social considerations, as well as regulations, research and natural resources.

Commissioner John Parker will be attending to present the government view of transportation during the opening session of the conference.

Other delegates will include representatives of government, small business, the transportation industry and resource development groups concerned with transportation services in the north.

Four representatives from the N.W.T. will be presenting several papers for discussion.

Roger Rawlyk, representing the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, will be presenting a paper on the use of air cushion vehicles and their potential as a positive alternative for northern transportation.

Clem Bekar, of the Northern Air Transport Association, will be presenting a paper entitled an "Operator's View of the 1980's". In it, he will look at problems and prospects of the future for air transport operators in the north.

Dick Hill, from the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce, will present a paper on the role of the Dempster Highway in Western Arctic development. His presentation will be part of a seminar on surface transportation operations.

In the area of marine transportation, Jeff Gilmour from the Territorial Department of Justice and Public Services will be presenting a paper on the unresolved issues of jurisdiction in Canadian Arctic waters.

Registration for delegates to the conference will be received until September 15. Registration fees are \$200 and should be sent to:

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COMMITTEE ON DIVISION TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 24) - The Legislative Assembly's recently-formed special committee on division of the N.W.T. will hold its first meeting in September.

The committee is responsible for representing the interests of all the people of the N.W.T. in planning and preparing for division of the Territories. It was formed during the Assembly's May session in Inuvik.

Co-chairmen are MLAs George Braden (Yellowknife North) and Nellie Cournoyea (Western Arctic).

The committee, made up of all 22 MLAs, will recommend how existing and future legislation, policies and practices of the Territorial government can be amended or developed to reflect the interests of both eastern and western parts of the N.W.T.

The group has also been given a mandate to recommend ways in which budgeting and capital planning might be modified to suit both parts of the Territories and to prepare for the impact of division.

"Working with other organizations and agencies, we hope to develop a timetable for division," Braden said.

To facilitate the work of the committee, the members agreed to form a sub-committee of five MLAs - Dennis Patterson (Frobisher Bay), Peter Fraser (Mackenzie Great Bear), Lynda Sorensen (Yellowknife South), Tagak Curley (Keewatin South) and Bruce McLaughlin (Pine Point) - to deal with the Federal government to co-ordinate efforts towards division.

The full committee will meet in Yellowknife the weekend of Sept. 17.

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FROBISHER WATER RATE SUBSIDY EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 25) - The Territorial government's minister of local government James Wan-Shee today announced that the Executive Committee has approved a program allowing the Town of Frobisher Bay to gradually introduce economic rates for water and sewage services.

Water and sewage charges to the town's consumers have not changed for about ten years. Over the same period, however, the cost of providing these services has increased substantially. The difference in actual cost and revenue received from customers has been subsidized by the Territorial government.

Under the new plan, the subsidy to the town will decrease in phases, allowing the municipality to introduce increased rates gradually.

The department of local government provides a subsidy for trucked water and sewage services to all major tax-based communities in the NWT. In Frobisher Bay, this subsidy has been much higher than in other major municipalities.

It was originally intended that the Frobisher subsidy would be reduced to normal levels by June 1 of this year. But the town council and Territorial government recognized that this would result in a drastic increase in consumer charges and place a burden on local ratepayers, Wah-Shee said.

Normal subsidy rates will now be reached by April 1, 1983.

Frobisher Bay MLA Dennis Patterson, a member of the Executive Committee, said, "We are very pleased that the Town is to receive this financial assistance. The rates originally proposed increased so dramatically that they may have destroyed some local businesses. With this phased approach, people can now properly plan for the increases."

The proposed new rate scale also provides special incentives for private homeowners in Frobisher Bay, Patterson noted.

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HERITAGE CENTRE SHOWING "CANADA'S NORTHLAND"

YELLOWKNIFE (August 27) - The Northern Heritage Centre will be showing a new black and white photo exhibit called "Canada's Northland" beginning Thursday, September 2.

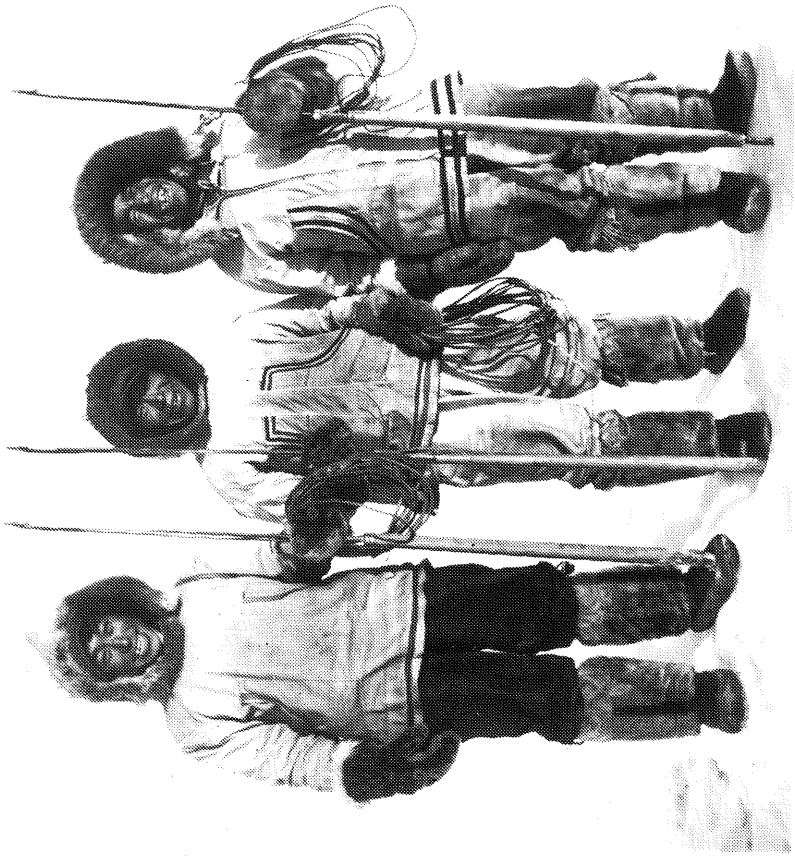
Of 102 prints in the collection, 56 will be on display in 10 exhibit sections dealing with the land and its changing form, modes of transportation, wildlife and the quest for food. Other sections include a look at human relationships, personal portraits and the rapid development of the north.

The exhibit is a collection by the National Film Board, including the works of photographers Bud Glunz, John Reeves, Ted Grant and W. Doucette.

The exhibit will be on display until September 30.

Photo left: Polar bears - Norwegian Bay, N.W.T. by Ted Grant. 1957

Photo right: Eskimo Hunters, 1946 by Bud Glunz.



DETAH TO HAVE GRADES FOUR TO NINE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 3) - Education Minister Dennis Patterson and Yellowknife North MLA George Braden announced today that grades four to nine will be taught in Detah beginning this year.

Previously, Detah students in these grades attended classes at St. Joseph's in Yellowknife. Because the average age of Detah students is higher, the Detah Education Committee felt many of them dropped out because they did not feel comfortable with the younger students at St. Joseph's.

Braden stated that in response to the concerns of the Committee, \$55,000 has been approved to create the extra teaching position needed to add grades four to nine to the Detah school.

"With the classes now available in Detah, there is a good chance that those students who have dropped out can be encouraged to return to school," Braden said.

"With previous bussing arrangements," he added, "it was a very long day for students and they found it difficult to cope with classroom work.

"The introduction of the new class will eliminate the inconvenience and provide better educational opportunities for Detah students," he concluded.

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BEER SALES RETURN TO CAMBRIDGE BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 8) - The sale of beer will be re-introduced in Cambridge Bay tomorrow.

The decision was announced jointly today by George Braden, minister responsible for the Liquor Licencing Board, and Tom Butters, minister responsible for the NWT Liquor System.

In October, 1981 residents of Cambridge Bay voted in favour of re-introducing beer sales in the community as of April 1 this year, but Braden delayed the return of beer sales until September so that proper controls over sales could be put in place.

The Hudson Bay store will be the vendor and beer purchases will be permitted during limited hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only.

Customers will be able to buy no more than 24 bottles of beer a week. The Bay store will maintain a weekly record of sales to each customer in a ration card assigned to customers when they make their first purchases.

People who are not residents of Cambridge Bay will be able to purchase beer in the same amounts while in the community.

The sales will be monitored from time to time by the Territorial government's Liquor System, along with the local RCMP, the Kitikmeot regional director and the department of justice and public services, Braden said.

The decision to allow the sale of beer was made after consultation with the Katimavik Society (the local alcohol committee) and the settlement council, Braden said, and both groups are in agreement with this plan.

The sale of beer in Cambridge Bay was first restricted in 1980 when residents requested, in a plebiscite, a halt to sales in an attempt to reduce problems related to alcohol abuse.

Liquor - other than beer - has never been available in the community.

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COURSES BY TELEPHONE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 8) - Yellowknife residents will have the opportunity to take correspondence courses with the aid of telephones this fall.

The Department of Education's Office of Continuing Education and Alberta's Athabasca University will be offering teleconference supported courses in psychology, history and economics.

Teleconferencing uses the telephone to allow interaction between an instructor and students in different locations.

Ron Klassen, co-ordinator of continuing education, says the department is introducing the program this year to see how it works and how the public accepts it.

Consideration of the possible expansion of the courses to other N.W.T. communities will depend on the success of the pilot project and the expense of expansion.

In Yellowknife, teleconferencing equipment will be installed in the portable classrooms at Sir John Franklin High School. Every second week students will meet with their instructor for group discussion on course assignments via telephone.

Teleconference-supported courses allows for smaller course enrollments in each location. Klassen says an enrollment of six people in one course would be a large enough class because the group is tied in with similar classes in other locations.

If the project is successful this year, he says it could grow to include correspondence courses from not only Athabasca University but other Canadian universities as well.

Registration for the courses is being taken at the Continuing Education Office in the Keewatin Building until Monday, September 13. Fees for the courses are \$200 for a six-credit course and \$100 for a three-credit course.

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ARCHIVES BUYS EARLY ARCTIC PHOTOGRAPHS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 9) - The Northwest Territories Archives of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has purchased, at an auction in Toronto, four albums of early Arctic photographs.

The photographs were taken during William Wakeham's expedition to the eastern Arctic in 1897. They will form a valuable addition to the Archives' collection of historic photographs.

Wakeham was sent by the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries in 1897 to explore the extent of navigation in Hudson's Bay and further north and to investigate the possibility of exploiting the natural resources of the area.

He left Halifax in a chartered vessel, the S.S. Diana, with a crew on June 3. During that summer he sailed as far north as Cumberland Sound and as far west as Churchill. The ship returned to Halifax on Nov. 11.

Many of the photographs are of scenery and ice conditions in the Hudson's Bay area. Others show the ship, its crew, other boats, the ruins of Fort Prince of Wales and Inuit of the area in traditional dress.

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WESTERN CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM SETS GOALS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 10) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum met in Yellowknife this week and established terms of reference and a time frame for constitutional development in the western N.W.T.

James Wah-Shee, chairman of the WCF, said the meetings were a success in spite of Tuesday's delay in getting underway. Several forum members felt the Metis Association should have had an elected representative present and the proceedings were delayed until afternoon while a suitable representative was contacted.

Representatives of COPE were also absent from the meetings and Wah-Shee said their participation in future forum activities will be encouraged. COPE has been invited to attend both the Nunavut and Western Forum meetings but has yet to send a delegate.

During this week's meetings, forum members established a development time frame and plan. The plan calls for public consultation, formation of constitutional principles and review of those principles by all members of the forum, including the Legislative Assembly.

Following that process, negotiations will begin with the federal government with a view to introducing legislation to Parliament to create a separate western territory.

The forum also agreed on a preliminary budget to carry out the development process. It is expected both the federal and Territorial governments will be approached for funding of the forum's activities.

Detailed discussions concerning the forum's founding principles will take place at the WCF's second meeting later this month.

Those meetings are tentatively scheduled for September 28-29 in Yellowknife.

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WCB BENEFITS TO REMAIN AT '82 LEVELS IN 1983

YELLOWKNIFE (SEPT. 15) - Uncertain economic conditions in the Northwest Territories have led to a decision to maintain benefits paid to disabled workers at the 1982 level in 1983.

George Braden, the Territorial government's minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), announced today there will be no increase in 1983 in the year's maximum assessable remuneration (YMAR) - the maximum salary on which WCB compensation payments are based.

"We think it would not be economically sound to increase the costs of doing business in the Northwest Territories next year, especially in the areas of non-renewable resources and construction which are having economic problems at this time," Braden explained.

The maximum assessable remuneration will remain at \$23,200 in 1983. Injured workers entitled to total disability benefits receive up to 75 per cent of the YMAR or their actual salary, whichever is less.

Employers covered by the Workers' Compensation Board pay into the accident fund according to the annual earnings of their employees.

The Board will study claimants' wages in 1982 and the Industrial Composite Wage Index for the NWT and Canada and make recommendations for a method of determining benefits in the future, the minister noted.

"If a substantial increase in the assessable remuneration level is shown to be necessary in the future, a policy will be established to increase it gradually until the amount has reached a reasonable level for everyone," Braden explained.

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AID REQUESTS AT RECORD LEVELS

FROBISHER BAY (Sept. 13) - Record numbers of students are enrolled in N.W.T. high schools this year.

At the same time, more students than ever want financial aid for post-secondary education.

For the 1982-83 school year, 408 students planned to enrol in technical or higher education programs, compared to 270 last year and 292 the previous year, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said here today.

Patterson said he was pleased with these signs of renewed interest in education in the Northwest Territories.

Enrollment has increased in all Territorial high schools except Sir John Franklin School in Yellowknife, where enrollment is down slightly from 470 to 445 students. Across the NWT, high school enrollment has increased by 65 students.

Total school enrollment - both elementary and high school - has gone from 12,580 last year to 13,000 this year.

The highest number of students on record have applied for post-secondary financial aid programs offered by the department of education.

Changes in the student financial assistance program this year have offered students more diverse financial aid programs including basic grants, supplementary grants for native students, mature student grants and student loans.

"These increased benefits appear to be encouraging more students to apply for assistance," Patterson explained.

He said he was pleased with the increased numbers of native northerners who have taken advantage of the program as these provisions had aroused some opposition.

Patterson also noted that 169 students have taken advantage of the new loan program.

While high school enrollment is down in Yellowknife, the demand for spaces for residential students is up. This is a result of renovations to the Akaitcho Hall residence, which has reduced the capacity of each room from four to two students. Eventually Akaitcho will accommodate 119 students, although 160 are now in residence.

The department of education is looking for private boarding homes for some of these students in Yellowknife. Boarding rates have recently been increased to encourage more families to board students. So far, 10 homes have been found.

In Inuvik and Frobisher Bay - other communities that accommodate boarding high school students - the residences are able to provide space for all the students needing boarding facilities. Renovations to Grollier Hall in Inuvik recently increased its capacity.

(Statistics attached)

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STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AID REQUESTS AT RECORD LEVELS

	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1981-82</u>
Total high school enrollment	3506	3441
P.W. Kaeser, Fort Smith	244	234
Matonabee, Pine Point	208	207
Diamond Jenness, Hay River	232	215
Sir John Franklin, Yellowknife	445	470
St. Patrick's, Yellowknife	211	189
Samuel Hearne, Inuvik	428	382
GREC, Frobisher Bay	325	316
NWT Post-secondary Grants and Loans		
Total recipients	408	270
University	165	159
Technical	243	111
Types of Sponsorship		
Basic grant only	50	
Basic & supplementary grants	75	
Students completing grants awarded in previous years	110	
Basic & NWT student loans	99	
Mature student grants	4	
Mature student grants and loans	11	
NWT Loans only	59	

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N.W.T. REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT PAPERS

YELLOWKNIFE (SEPT. 14) - N.W.T. representatives presenting papers at next month's Northern Transportation Conference in Whitehorse are Gordon Carter, Alan Hunt and Jeff Gilmour.

The conference is being held to promote dialogue between government, industry, the academic community and the public and will deal with such issues in transportation as planning and environmental, economic and social considerations. The conference is sponsored jointly by the Canadian Transportation Research Forum and the N.W.T., Yukon and federal governments.

Carter and Hunt are jointly presenting a paper dealing with the status of trucking regulations and regulatory requirements in the N.W.T., corridor authorities and government policy on the trucking industry.

Carter is a past chairman of the N.W.T. Highway Transport Board and operates his own consulting firm. Hunt is a past secretary of the Transport Board.

Jeff Gilmour, senior legal counsel for energy for the Territorial government, will present a paper on jurisdiction in Canadian Arctic waters. It will deal with potential international problems of jurisdiction which could arise between

Canada and the United States over waters such as the Beaufort Sea.

The paper will also consider possible problems of jurisdiction between the Territorial and federal governments over such issues as artificial islands. Gilmour will also define the limits of international waters.

The conference will be held October 5-7. The theme is "The Challenge of the Eighties".

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KEEWATIN TO HOLD HOUSING CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 17) - President Victor Irving of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation announced the Keewatin District is holding the second Housing Conference in Rankin Inlet September 27 to October 1, 1982.

The agenda for the conference was developed by the Housing Associations in consultation with the federation chairmen and Housing Corporation district staff last February. The consultation has resulted in an agenda that will include discussions on housing problems, home-ownership, user-pay program for electricity, house design and tenant responsibilities. Also to be reviewed are topics such as maintenance, rent, financial management and training.

The conference has been organized by the Housing Corporation and is jointly funded by the Corporation and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Attending the conference are 28 delegates from the Keewatin communities. In addition, resource people from the Housing Corporation, CMHC and the Territorial government will be coming from Yellowknife and Ottawa. Attending the conference as guests will be federation chairmen for the Kitikmeot and Baffin Districts, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Inuit Non-Profit Housing Corporation and ITC representatives.

Delegates attending the first Keewatin Housing Conference in 1979 expressed enthusiasm over the opportunity for the Housing Associations to exchange ideas, information and concerns with the Housing Corporation and other government agencies.

The next N.W.T. Housing Corporation conference will be held in Kitikmeot District in December, 1982.

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RADIO AND TELEVISION PROVIDED TO RAE LAKES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 14) - The community of Rae Lakes about 150 miles northwest of Yellowknife is receiving CBC television and CBC regional radio through facilities provided by the Territorial Government's Department of Information.

Rae Lakes is the nineteenth community to receive the service since the inception of the department's satellite communications program five years ago.

An installation at Wrigley is also scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

The Department of Information provides equipment to bring radio and television to communities in the N.W.T. between 150 and 500 population.

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RESTRAINT HITS NORTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 22)- The Government of the Northwest Territories is standing behind Ottawa's public sector wage and price restraint program.

Finance Minister Tom Butters said today parts of the program that place a six and five per cent restraint on government-controlled prices will begin October 1.

"The six and five comes at a tough time. Regardless, we are determined to support the federal lead in this area," he said.

About 75 per cent of the government's annual budget comes from Ottawa. The rest is revenue it generates on its own, and includes personal income tax and commodity taxes.

Legislation dealing with wage restraints, at all levels of the public sector, will be placed before the November session of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.

The assembly, ending a three-day caucus here at the weekend, meets in Yellowknife for its fall session beginning Nov.2.

Professional groups such as doctors and lawyers, through the medical care fee schedule and legal aid tariff,

will also be impacted by restraints. Judges of Territorial Courts will be affected through the excluded employees provisions.

Butters said discussions on the restraint program, approved by the executive committee, have taken place with union executives in the North. The largest group of employees, some 2,150, is represented by the NWT Public Service Association.

The second largest body of Territorial public servants is represented by the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association.

He said the executive committee doesn't expect an enthusiastic response from everyone ... but that government officials are meeting with business and labour and expect to continue meeting with them during this difficult period.

"Pay restraint in the northern public sector indicates our own good faith and, I believe, the leadership role we are prepared to take in helping to start the kind of massive fight required to beat back inflation. It's our hope business and industry in the North will follow the example."

Butters added that it wasn't the time to argue.

"Forget about who is in power down there -Liberals, Conservatives or the New Democrats. The stakes are high. It's important for everyone to realize that times are tight and that they are expected to contribute to this country's economic recovery."

To a large degree, legislation being developed by the Territorial government will parallel the Federal Public Sector Wage Constraint Act.

For most Territorial public servants, first year of the wage restraint program would begin April 1, 1983, and would apply to each employee's total compensation package.

Where an agreement enters into its second year or

expires and is subject to renegotiation during the life of the program, the same rules will apply and new contracts will be held to the six and five per cent formula.

The legislation, Butters said, will not retro-actively amend salary increases already in effect. In addition, similar to the federal plan, performance increases or increments will be allowed as a necessary incentive to encourage the public sector to continue its level of productivity during this period of restraint.

In addition to wages, the government's program will attempt to restrain all price increases under its control to the guideline levels of six and five per cent "to reduce wherever practical, and possible, any negative impact caused by wage restraints.

The minister explained that all internal revenue and expenditure decisions will be examined by the Financial Management Board (the northern equivalent to a provincial treasury board) in relation to their overall impact on the government's financial position.

The restraint program will impact, in various degrees, on the levels of funding provided by the government in the form of grants and contributions to municipalities and numerous organizations.

"Municipalities, and any other group receiving government grants and contributions, will be expected to demonstrate positive restraint actions," Butters said.

Salary increases of municipal employees, not certified as a bargaining unit under the Canadian Labour Code, will be legislated to the guidelines.

The funding pool for unconditional grants to tax-based municipalities will be held to an overall five per cent increase. Through negotiations, it will be attempted to restrain grants-in-lieu of taxes to the restraint guidelines.

Grants and contributions of a fixed amount or dollar

value will only be increased after specific approval of the Financial Management Board. However the homeowners property tax rebate will be escalated in accordance with previous Executive direction.

The rebate is set at a maximum of \$300 this year.

Grants and contributions with variable components will have their salary allotment, where identifiable, subject to the restraint guidelines.

Butters explained that in situations where it is not possible to identify salary components, total funding will be negotiated in light of the six and five program objectives.

In the area of controlled prices, the cost of fuel provided by the government under its petroleum products distribution system will be held to an increase of six per cent in 1982-83. Price increases in 1983-84 will be set following an evaluation of the previous years operating results and the cost to the government of the fuel.

In all areas, the added value tax rates on fuel will be held to increases of six per cent in 1982-83 (effective Oct. 1) and to five per cent in 1983-84.

Tax rates in taxation areas under direct government jurisdiction will be held at the current level. The government's ongoing assessment expansion program will continue.

On the down side, added value taxes on tobacco will not be subject to restraint and prime cost increases on liquor products will be passed through to the consumer.

Generally speaking, in cases where government-controlled prices are "considerably lower" than provincial averages for comparable services, rate adjustments will be considered by the Financial Management Board.

SUMMARY

1. Legislation to restrict public sector compensation increases to restraint guidelines will be presented at the November session of the NWT Legislative Assembly.
2. Restraint legislation will cover all public sector employees, i.e. NWTPSA, NWTTA, school boards, municipal employees, NWT Housing Corporation, Hospital employees etc.
3. Legislation will not retro-actively amend salary settlements that are already in effect. "In effect" means that wage scale increases have actually been implemented, not just negotiated.
4. For the NWTPSA, restraint guidelines will apply to the agreement for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1983 (6%) and ending March 31, 1984, and for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1984 (5%) and ending March 31, 1985.
5. For the NWTTA, restraint guidelines will apply to the contract beginning in September 1, 1983, to August 31, 1984, (6%) and the contract beginning September 1, 1984, to August 31, 1985 (5%)
6. Restraints apply to salary scales or wage rates only and do not affect incremental increases or merit/performance pay.
7. The staff housing policy will be implemented as planned. Rental increases after January 1, 1983, will be reviewed in light of restraints.
8. Excluded and Hay Plan (senior management) employees are subject to the restraint program in the same manner as all others.

9. Doctors, lawyers and judges will also be impacted by restraint, through the medical care fee schedule, legal aid tariff and the excluded employees provisions respectively.

10. Salary increases of municipal employees, not certified as a bargaining unit under the Canada Labour Code, will be legislated to restraint guidelines.

11. Non-salary components of municipal funding will be negotiable, but overall municipal expenditures should be held to 6% growth unless further growth can be specifically justified.

12. Municipalities will be expected to demonstrate positive restraint action.

13. Although not specifically restricted, grants in lieu of taxes should not be expected to "make up" operating contribution restraints.

14. The assessment expansion program will be continued.

15. There will be no taxation rate increase in taxation areas.

16. The funding pool for unconditional grants to tax-based municipalities will be held to an overall 5% increase, and any individual municipality salary expenditure increase, in excess of 6%, will not be included in the calculation of the distribution formula.

17. Fuel prices in areas service by the government's petroleum products distribution system will not be increased in excess of 6% for the year beginning October 1, 1982.

18. In other areas, the added value fuel tax rate will be restricted to restraint guidelines, beginning October 1, 1982.

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EMPLOYERS REQUIRED TO REPORT ACCIDENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 15) - Employers in the NWT are now required to report serious or fatal accidents to the safety division of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services.

This addition to the safety regulations was approved in August.

Under the new regulation, employers are required to report all serious accidents and accidents resulting in the death of an employee in the workplace to the chief of the safety division within 24 hours.

This allows the safety division to investigate immediately the cause of the accident and make recommendations to prevent similar accidents, Justice and Public Services Minister George Braden said today.

Employers reporting accidents should contact the chief, safety division, department of justice and public services, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7430 (collect).

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NATIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 24) - Groups in 10 communities across the NWT will receive the first grants to develop native language programs from a new fund to promote and preserve native language and culture.

The Territorial government's Executive Committee today approved \$448,000 in grants for projects ranging from research into Dene legends in Fort Providence to an Inuktitut program in the Eskimo Point school.

The Indigenous Language Development Committee was recently formed to make recommendations on native language programs to Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

The eight-member committee is responsible for reviewing applications from both communities and individuals for carrying out language research and developing community and school programs.

The committee also makes regional and community groups across the NWT aware of the funding available and invites proposals, the minister explained.

At its first meeting, held Sept. 14 and 15 in Yellowknife, the committee reviewed all the applications submitted to date.

"The level of interest and involvement shown by both communities and individuals augurs well for these projects," Patterson said.

The projects, approved today by the Executive Committee, include:

- \$61,250 to the Gwich'in Language and Culture project in Fort McPherson for teaching Loucheux as a second language;

- \$59,000 for a project in Fort Franklin to develop materials in Slavey for use in schools;

- funding of \$26,750 for native language and culture instructors in schools in Lac la Martre, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk;

- \$21,900 for developing learning materials in Inuktitut in Eskimo Point;

- a grant of \$25,600 to the Slavey Research Centre in Fort Providence for research into Dene legends and production of teaching materials;

- \$78,000 for language and historical research in Fort Good Hope;

- \$40,300 for research leading to a bilingual education program in Snowdrift, and

- \$134,800 to the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement (COPE) for developing a program of teaching Inuvialuktun as a second language in Western Arctic and Delta communities.

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Ethel Blondin-Townsend of Fort Providence was named chairperson of the review committee at the recent meeting. The next meeting will be held Oct. 12 and 13 to consider further proposals.

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NWT RESIDENTS PAY ADDITIONAL MEDICAL FEES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 22) - NWT residents receiving medical treatment outside the Territories are responsible for paying any additional charges above the approved government fee schedule.

Patients must pay fees charged as a result of "balance-billing" - the practise of some provincial physicians of charging a percentage over and above the approved government fees.

"We encourage patients, when receiving treatment outside the NWT, to find out whether they will be charged a fee above the provincial rate," said Kane Tologanak, minister of health.

"If the answer is 'yes' and the patient is not satisfied or prepared to pay, they are free to choose another doctor who charges only the approved fee", said the minister.

The NWT Health Care Plan provides coverage for eligible residents receiving medical services outside the NWT at 100 per cent of the approved fee schedule for that province or territory.

The Group Surgical-Medical Insurance Plan for the Public Service of Canada also requires patients to pay any additional billing above the amount approved under their plan.

All doctors in the NWT charge only the approved fees.

For more information about the NWT Health Care Plan, contact the department of health in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7740.

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NCF HOLDS TELE-CONFERENCE UP-DATE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 23) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum held a tele-conference up-date yesterday to review the progress of the forum since its founding meeting in Frobisher Bay last month.

Dennis Patterson, chairman of the forum, said the conference was necessary to review plans for the development of the proposed Nunavut government.

Also taking part in the conference were Peter Green of Inuvik - president of COPE, Kane Tologanak - MLA for the Kitikmeot Region and representatives of ITC in Ottawa.

"We are pleased with the progress that has been made so far," said Patterson. "While we have not received word from the federal government on the funding issue, we are optimistic that we will receive a favorable response."

Patterson also announced the retention of a consultant to review the major political events of the last 30 years, leading to the development of the Nunavut concept.

Peter Jull, once executive assistant to former Commissioner Stuart Hodgson, is well known for his work on constitutional issues. He served as constitutional advisor for the B.C. government and more recently, for the Inuit Committee on National Issues.

His work will be used to clarify the steps to be taken for the development of a Nunavut government.

The NCF is also considering names of individuals for the position of a community liaison worker. The individual chosen for this position will be based in a community in the Nunavut region and will be responsible for keeping the communities informed on the constitutional development process as well as relaying community concerns to the NCF.

The NCF representatives have agreed that the next meeting of the forum will take place in Inuvik in late October.

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WCF POSTPONES MEETINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 23) - Meetings of the Western Constitutional Forum, scheduled for Sept. 28 and 29 in Yellowknife, have been postponed.

Chairman of the Forum James Wah-Shee says the delay is necessary to allow members of the forum to review the progress and material of the meetings held last week in Yellowknife.

The role of the forum is to develop the concept of a government for a separate western territory. Its members include the Legislative Assembly, Metis Association and the Dene Nation. COPE has also been invited to send representatives to the forum meetings.

Wah-Shee said the meeting would be re-scheduled for October 19 and 20.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES MEETING FOR BAKER LAKE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 5) - A meeting in Baker Lake next month will examine the business opportunities available as a result of mineral exploration in the Keewatin Region.

The meeting, planned for Oct. 13-14, is sponsored by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

The objective of the meeting is to increase communication among the groups involved in development and to make the local business community aware of the opportunities from mineral exploration.

"We also hope to encourage increased northern participation in development," Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum said today.

Meeting participants include the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, the Inuit Development Corporation, small businesses and resource development companies active in the region.

Speakers scheduled for the workshop include Dr. Chris Findlay, Geological Survey Canada, who will describe the mineral potential of the area, and John Todd, president of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce.

Jack Stricharuk, Dome Petroleum Limited, will discuss the opportunities that are now available to northern businesses as a result of the Beaufort Sea development in the Western Arctic.

Meeting sessions will be held to identify business opportunities and describe the roles of northern businesses, exploration companies, the Territorial government and native development corporations in resource development in the North.

Sessions will take place each day at the Iglu Hotel in Baker Lake.

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**SURVEY OF CHILDREN'S SMOKING HABITS UNDERWAY
SOON**

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 27) - School children across the Northwest Territories will be surveyed this fall to determine their smoking habits.

This study is the first step in the N.W.T. department of health's participation in a national program designed to encourage children and young people to grow up without smoking.

The program takes an educational approach and encourages young people to resist the social pressures to start smoking, Minister of Health Kane Tologanak said today.

The "Generation of Non-Smokers" program is a 20-year plan designed to get people from birth to 20 years of age free of the smoking habit.

The Health Promotion Directorate of Health and Welfare Canada in Ottawa has provided the department of health with resource people to set up the survey and will also complete data processing and analysis of the results.

A statistician visited Yellowknife earlier this year to meet with the departments of health and education to assist with the design of the survey questionnaire.

"Analysis of the information collected will be done in Ottawa and we hope to receive the results by January", the minister said.

Once the department has this basic information on smoking habits, health educators will have a better idea of the direction to take in dealing with this problem, he explained.

Another survey will be done by the department of health in several years to measure the change in attitude of young people in the North toward smoking.

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WARNERS HONOURED FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN TOURISM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 27) - Long-time northern residents Glenn and Trish Warner will be recognized for their contribution to tourism in the N.W.T. at a presentation in Yellowknife Sept. 29.

Charles Lapointe, federal minister of state for small business and tourism, along with Arnold McCallum, the Territorial government's minister of economic development and tourism, will present a silver medallion and scroll to the Warners honouring them for their achievements in developing the travel industry in the N.W.T.

The Warners have been actively involved in tourism for over 10 years and have always been outstanding promoters of the Northwest Territories, McCallum said today in announcing the Territorial winners.

To mark World Tourism Day, Sept.27, World Tourism medals will be presented to nominees from each province and territory who have made contributions to tourism in their region. Lapointe will travel to each provincial and territorial capital to make the presentations.

Glenn and Trish Warner are owners and operators of two naturalists' lodges - the Bathurst Inlet Lodge at Bathurst Inlet and the White Fox Inn at Sachs Harbour. A third lodge outside Yellowknife is in the planning stages.

The couple have been active in the Travel Industry Association of the N.W.T for many years. Mr. Warner has been a member of the Association's board and Mrs. Warner was president from 1977 to 1980 and past president in 1980-81.

Mrs. Warner is currently treasurer of the Kitikmeot Tourist Association. She was also a member of the board of directors of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

The Warners have travelled extensively in Canada and the U.S. to promote their own lodge and travel in the N.W.T., McCallum said.

Tourism is a growing industry in the north in the 1980's and the Warners have done much to encourage this trend, the minister said.

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DUGGAN NEW ADM FOR EDUCATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 27) - Ed Duggan, superintendent of Education for the Inuvik region has been appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of Education responsible for the Programs and Evaluation Branch.

The appointment was announced by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson Friday.

Duggan has spent 19 years in Inuvik, having served as assistant principal and principal of the Sir Alexander Mackenzie School as well as assistant superintendent of education in the region. He has been regional superintendent for the past two years.

Duggan received his B.A. from Queens University and his teaching certificate from the Toronto Teachers' College. He has also undertaken studies in special education and psychology and is a member of the Teacher Certification Board of the N.W.T.

Duggan's appointment is effective Oct. 4.

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FORT SMITH MUSEUM RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 30) - The Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith will receive a contribution of \$72,000 from the Territorial government for operation and maintenance and installing special equipment.

Justice and Public Services Minister George Braden today announced the contribution to the Northern Anthropological and Cultural Association, the museum's governing body.

Funding of \$50,000 will go towards the regular operation and maintenance of the building and special programming. The other \$22,000 contribution will be used to provide fencing and security and environment monitoring equipment.

The contribution to the Northern Life Museum was made under the Contributions to Community Museums program, which provides funding for local museums, historical societies and heritage groups across the N.W.T.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife is responsible for administering the fund, receiving requests from community groups and making recommendations to the minister.

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SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA URGED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 08) There's urgent need for the Territorial government to designate the Inuvik Region a special development area.

And there must be a substantial role in the plan for the people and communities in the region, according to the Mair Report on the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

Dr. Winston Mair of Vancouver was contracted by the government to undertake a review of the department with emphasis on its activities in the Inuvik region of the Northwest Territories.

The 30-page document was released today by Commissioner John Parker and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

McCallum stated he will be discussing the report's findings with members of the Legislative Assembly, business leaders and departmental officials.

"We want to make sure that many of Mair's recommendations are carried out as rapidly as possible," he said. "As a matter of fact, some are all ready underway."

To help combat staff turnover problems, training and orientation programs have been implemented. Additional manyears have been assigned to the region.

In addition, departmental policy is being reviewed and initiatives are underway to clarify roles and responsibilities in the area of manpower development.

Other recommendations with greater financial implications will have to be addressed over a longer period of time, McCallum stated.

Establishment of the Inuvik Region as a special development area is one of a number of recommendations in the Mair Report.

It also suggests that the Territorial government move "immediately" on the matter of hammering out a joint development agreement for the region with the federal government and the energy industry.

"...the purpose of which would be an integrated planning and programming effort with special funding that would cover a period of five years, with the option of a further five."

In addition a comprehensive, broad-brush regional plan to guide the effort should be developed within the next six to twelve months, the report states.

"Unless positive initiatives are taken, the energy developments will simply take over and determine events in the region - leaving the majority of northern people in the backwash."

McCallum, who recently assumed the economic development portfolio, agrees.

He stated that both his headquarters and regional staff support the establishment of a special development area and that the government's new resource development policy will offer the base to respond to this recommendation.

The matter of a joint Territorial, Federal and energy industry development agreement is another thing.

"Such an agreement is actively being sought by this government, but unfortunately these matters don't come together overnight. Our recent initiatives in Norman Wells indicate our willingness to participate," McCallum noted.

The Mair Report stresses that the "posture" of the department should be one of leadership and action, rather than simply filling a role based on reaction to events or demands. It also calls for a bringing together of an outline of the department's major goals for economic development in the N.W.T. and the policy and strategy options to achieve them.

At the same time companion papers setting out goals, objectives and programs to meet the major objectives should be produced for the Inuvik Region. The report suggests that no major organizational changes within the department be undertaken during this review period.

In preparing his report, Mair met with officials of the department of economic development, MLAs, staff of federal and other Territorial government departments, industry and a limited cross section of northern residents and businessmen.

Addressing the matter of staff in the Inuvik region, he concludes that a "substantial increase" in manpower and funding is required.

Regardless, he found that staff morale was high and that Inuvik personnel of the department appear knowledgeable and alert.

"But they all agree that they cannot cope with the major energy-related thrusts" taking place in the region and the related business opportunities that are now occurring."

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister of Economic Development Larry Gilberg said he will obviously be discussing the report's findings with his officials in Yellowknife and, in particular, the Inuvik Region staff.

"It's important that the people in the field believe in the programs and have input into their development. The report has helped to pull the issues together."

He added that some of them had been working under some "pretty adverse" situations, not necessarily of their own making.

"It's to their own credit that they have been able to keep things on track. Our purpose now is to see that they receive the kind of support that is necessary to accomplish their many tasks."

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BEER AND LIQUOR PRICES UP OCT. 6

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 4) - Beer and liquor prices across the N.W.T. will increase Oct. 6.

These new prices, approved recently by the Territorial government's Executive Committee, were announced today by Minister of Government Services Tom Butters.

The changes include an additional 20 cents on each case of beer. Other increases are an average of 15.9 per cent on spirits and 13.8 per cent on imported liqueurs.

The cost of imported wines will rise, on average, by 5.6 per cent for still wines, 3.2 per cent on sparkling wines and 5.4 per cent for fortified wines.

These price increases are the result of an increase of 15 per cent in the federal excise tax on liquor which went into effect Sept. 1, the minister said.

The prices are also affected by the increases in the cost of the products, freight rates, and currency exchange on the cost of imported items, the minister explained.

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MEETING NORTHERN TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 1) - Challenges, changes and improvements to northern transportation systems will form the backbone of discussion at next week's Northern Transportation Conference in Whitehorse.

The conference will provide a forum for resource developers, technologists, businessmen, government and concerned citizens to exchange information and views about the impact of transportation on the North and to address the requirements of the 80's.

Defining the challenges facing northern transportation development and outlining the principal factors to be overcome in meeting these challenges is one aim of the conference. Delegates will also discuss the impact of transport system changes and improvements.

Commissioner John Parker will be among the delegates at the conference. He will present the government view of transportation at the opening session.

George Braden, leader of the elected executive, will also attend the three-day conference.

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Other Yellowknife delegates include: Bob O'Connor, a member of the N.W.T. Highway Transport Board; Gordon Barber, Assistant Deputy Minister for Public Works; Norm Phillipot, Policy Planning Advisor for Government Services and Doug Howard, Chief of Airports - Department of Local Government.

Jeff Gilmour, the Territorial government's senior legal counsel for energy, will present a paper on jurisdiction in Canadian Arctic waters.

The theme of the conference is "Challenge of the Eighties". Conference dates are October 5 - 7.

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ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 11-18

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 4) - Alcohol abuse is the leading cause of health problems, family breakdown and accidental deaths in the N.W.T.

To remind communities across the North about the problems created by alcohol, the Territorial government's department of social services in conjunction with the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council, is sponsoring the first annual Alcohol Awareness Week, October 11-18.

During the week, activities in communities across the North will examine issues involving alcohol and health, family life, employment, impaired driving, youth and women, Minister of Social Services Kane Tologanak explained.

These issues will be brought to the public's attention through public meetings, information booths, film nights, guest speakers and other community events.

Through the department of education, schools have been encouraged to promote activities during the week that deal with the problems of alcohol abuse. Students will be involved in poster contests, film shows, guest speakers and classroom discussions on drinking.

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In addition, the RCMP, department of health, Dene Nation and community-based alcohol programs will also be participating in alcohol awareness activities.

In Yellowknife, Northern Addiction Services is sponsoring a Community Awareness Night at Northern United Place, October 13 at 8:00. The program includes films and discussion moderated by resource people from the Alcohol and Drug Co-ordinating Council and Northern Addiction Services.

An information booth will be located on the lower floor of the YK Mall from 10:00 - 4:00, October 16.

The Federal government's department of public works is also scheduling a two-day program for its employees dealing with alcohol problems in the work place.

For more information about Alcohol Awareness Week, contact the alcohol and drug program, department of social services in Yellowknife at 873-7155 or your local alcohol committee.

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COMMISSIONER ADDRESSES CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 5) - The national need to develop northern non-renewable resources is the driving force behind development of transportation systems in the Northwest Territories, Commissioner John Parker told delegates at the Northern Transportation Conference in Whitehorse today.

"The transportation demands of resource development projects must be met", he said, "but they should not override the supply and service needs of communities in the N.W.T."

"The government has recently approved a new resource development policy to ensure that the Northwest Territories and its people receive significant benefits as well as costs from resource development and associated projects," Parker said.

"This government will approve proposed projects when their overall economic, social and environmental implications are judged to result in net benefit to the people of the Northwest Territories," he added.

In many aspects the environmental effects of transportation systems are the most critical and most sensitive, said Parker. "It will be most difficult to find transportation routes that are on the one hand economic, and on the other, do not affect many people and sensitive ecological systems."

Parker explained that transportation problems and systems in the North are unique. Sub-systems serve four distinct regions in the N.W.T. The Eastern Arctic is served by water and air from Montreal while the Keewatin region is served from Winnipeg and Churchill by air, rail and water. The Mackenzie District and the Arctic Coast are served by combinations of surface, air and water transportation.

However, the government continues to work with industry in indentifying transportation needs in the N.W.T., particularly in the area of air transportation. However, rail transport remains undeveloped.

Parker, speaking at the opening of the three-day conference, noted the work of the Arctic Transportation Agency of Transport Canada on such complex problems as the Mackenzie River dredging, the N.W.T./Yukon trucking industry and marine resupply in the Eastern Arctic has served the north well.

"Many of the agency's studies and proposals remain the major reference point for further policy development," he said.

The conference ends on Thursday.

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METRIC UPDATE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 5) - Consumer Affairs officer, Shirle Grey Wolf, advises that the Northwest Territories has been given an extension on metric conversion in retail food.

Only the N.W.T. and the Yukon, says Grey Wolf, have been given the extensions which will affect grocery stores and other retail food outlets. Metric conversion, when it goes into effect, will mean that foodstuffs will be priced according to metric weight (kilograms) rather than imperial weights (pounds).

December 31, 1983, is the North's target date for the metric changeover.

Tradesmen purchasing metric tools for use in their occupations have until March, 1984, to apply for a rebate from the federal government. Tradesmen could receive up to a 50 per cent rebate on new purchases of metric tools used for replacement of imperial standard tools.

Forms and information on the rebate program are available from Consumer Affairs, Department of Justice and Public Services, or by contacting Shirle Grey Wolf, Consumer Affairs officer at 873-7125.

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FILMS DEAL WITH ALCOHOL PROBLEMS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 11) - Northern Addiction Services in Yellowknife is marking Alcohol Awareness Week with a film and discussion night Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 11-18, has been organized to remind communities across the N.W.T. about the health, family and employment problems created by alcohol abuse.

The film program begins at 8:00 at Northern United Place.

Soft is the Heart of a Child, one of the films to be shown, deals with the effect on young children when both their parents are problem drinkers. The children are eventually helped by other family members and the community.

The second film, Bitter Winds, traces the steps in the rehabilitation of a native Indian family in Arizona.

The films will be followed by a discussion moderated by Thelma Tees, executive director of Northern Addiction Services, and Bob Martel, Alcohol Awareness Week co-ordinator.

For more information about activities during Alcohol Awareness Week, contact the alcohol and drug program, department of social services in Yellowknife at 873-7155.

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ALCOHOL CAUSE OF WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 12) - Alcohol abuse can lead to unsafe work conditions and increase the accident rate in the workplace, according to Robbie Robinson, chief of the department of justice and public services' safety division.

October 11 - 18 is Alcohol Awareness Week across the N.W.T. Activities in many communities will examine issues involving alcohol at home, in the family and at work.

"This is a good time to look at drinking and how it affects us in our work. In the workplace, all employers and employees are affected," Robinson said.

Alcoholism remains the prime cause of lost time from sickness and accidents in industry.

Reflexes and thought processes of a worker who has been drinking are much slower than normal and, as a result, the accident rate increases. Statistics show that alcohol accounts for 50 per cent of accident fatalities - both on the job and off - in Canada. In the N.W.T. alcohol is the leading cause of accidental deaths.

Alcohol in the workplace has high costs for both the company and the worker, Robinson said. Production will suffer and the quality of goods or services decreases as the worker's job performance becomes worse. Lost production through alcoholism costs Canadians over \$1 billion a year.

Drinking excessively on weekends or after work can affect job performance even if a worker does not drink alcohol while at work, Robinson noted.

"The Last Round", a film dealing with problems caused by alcohol in the workplace, is available free of charge from the department of justice and public services' safety division in Yellowknife. To borrow this film, contact the safety division at 873-7944.

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WCF MEETINGS DELAYED AGAIN

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 15) - A meeting of the Western Constitutional Forum that had been re-scheduled for October 19 and 20 has again been cancelled.

Chairman of the Forum James Wah-Shee says the further delay is necessary to allow Forum members time to deal with internal operations and management of the group's activities.

"Preparation of materials for public meetings takes considerable time," he said "and we feel more time is necessary to complete a number of activities undertaken as a result of our last meeting."

The Forum had originally scheduled its second public meeting for the last week of September.

The Forum is active in developing the concept of a government for a separate western territory. Its members include the Legislative Assembly, Metis Association and the Dene Nation. A representative of COPE has also taken part in recent talks on the Forum's activities.

No alternative date has yet been set for the next meeting of the WCF.

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TIMETABLE SUGGESTED FOR EDUCATION CHANGES

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 21) - The task force responsible for implementation of the Legislative Assembly's special committee report on education has finalized a plan of action to put in place the major recommendations of the report.

The task force identified administration of education, the balance between tradition and change, the quality of education and funding of programs as the major areas of change, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said today.

The group met recently to discuss public input into the report and further reaction since the report was tabled at the Legislative Assembly session in Inuvik last May.

The action plan may be changed again following debate on the special committee's report at the up-coming session of the Assembly in November.

The task force also recommended that the public be encouraged to comment on the special committee's report and become involved in the debate on the report, the minister said.

During its meeting the task force discussed information collected and recommendations made by the committee and local education authorities in the Baffin and Inuvik regions.

The task force has suggested to the minister a plan which provides for immediate implementation of the recommendations in the report that do not require changes in legislation. The task force also recommended completion of a final paper on reform of the education system so that the necessary legislation can be introduced during the Ninth Assembly.

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MINISTERS TO ATTEND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - Commissioner John Parker and several members of the executive committee will attend the Northern Development Conference to be held next week in Edmonton.

The Commissioner, along with Yukon government leader Chris Pearson, will lead the first session of the conference -- "The North Today."

Also participating in the conference will be Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden - who is also a member of the senior advisory board of the conference, Minister of Economic Development Arnold McCallum, Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo and his Deputy Minister Jim Bourque.

Other NWT residents taking part include Dick Hill of Inuvik and Georges Erasmus of the Dene Nation. MLA's Tagak Curley and Nellie Cournoyea will also be attending.

Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed will open the three day conference which will include guest speakers John Munro - Federal Minister of Indian Affairs, David Searle - former Yellowknife lawyer, and Harry Allen of the Council of Yukon Indians.

The opening day of the conference will deal with a wide range of topics including "Visions of the North's Future," "The Role of Indigenous People in Northern Development" and "Security and Sovereignty in the North."

Other topics to be covered include technology, resource development, development corporations and pitfalls that should be avoided in northern development.

The proposed Slave River hydro-electric project will also be the subject of a seminar session to be led by the Alberta Minister of Utilities.

The conference begins Wednesday, October 27 and runs until Friday at the Hotel MacDonald.

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CAREER SHOW OPENS NOVEMBER 3

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - The sixth annual Career Show, November 3-4, offers a chance to discuss career and training opportunities with representatives of industry, education and government.

This year the show stresses career information and counselling for the unemployed, the under-employed and workers looking for a career change.

Among the more than 40 organizations represented at the show at Sir John Franklin High School are the RCMP, Northern Canada Power Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Native Communications Society and Wood Buffalo National Park.

Educational institutions include the University of Saskatchewan, University of British Columbia, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Concordia College and Thebacha College.

Staff from industries such as Esso Resources, Giant Mines, Echo Bay Mines and Gulf Resources will also be present to describe career opportunities with their companies.

The show is open from 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 Tuesday, November 3.

For the first time this year, people interested in receiving more information will be able to meet with organizations in smaller groups. Discussion rooms have been arranged at the Yellowknife Inn Nov. 4 and a schedule of presentations will be available at the Career Show.

The Career Show is sponsored each year by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

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HEALTH BURSARIES AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - Six NWT residents have been awarded health training bursaries by the Territorial government's department of health.

The bursaries, granted annually, pay tuition fees and expenses for students training in an area of health care needed in the NWT.

Recipients of the 1982-83 bursaries include:

-Jim Collett, Bruce Doulton and Robert Williams of Yellowknife. Collett and Doulton are attending the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary while Williams is a medical student at the University of British Columbia.

-Doreen Medley of Inuvik who is taking a Bachelor of Nursing degree at the University of Alberta;

-Vernon Parkinson of Yellowknife who is a student in the University of Alberta's hospital diagnostic medical sonography course, and

-Nora Zilkie of Yellowknife who is studying psychology at Athabasca University.

Students receiving bursaries are required to work in the NWT on completion of their studies. Full-time students must work 1-1/2 months for every month of subsidized study.

Part-time students or those taking extension or correspondence courses must work three months in the Territories for each year of subsidized study.

Information on bursaries and applications are available from Joyce Balla, program officer, Department of Health in Yellowknife at 873-7371. Deadline for applications is March 31, 1983.

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ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 25) - An additional 15 native language projects in communities across the NWT will receive contributions from the Territorial Government's Indigenous Language Development Fund.

This brings to 25 the number of projects funded by the Language Development Committee to date.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced today that the Executive Committee has approved \$150,000 to support the efforts of community and other groups interested in maintaining the north's indigenous languages and developing bilingual education programs.

Among the projects approved today are:

- \$17,700 to the Iqaluit Education Society in Frobisher Bay for producing Inuktitut readers;
- \$5,000 for adult education in Igloolik and \$21,000 for Pond Inlet;

- \$38,050 for language instruction and learning materials development in the schools to be shared by the local education authorities in Fort Norman, Fort Resolution, Lac La Martre, Detah and Fort Good Hope;
- \$3,500 for an Inuvialuktun language program in the Sachs Harbour school;
- a contribution of \$23,500 for a training program for language instructors at Fort Providence, and
- \$42,600 to the Athabaskan Language Steering Committee. From this grant, community language programs in Hay River and Fort Smith will each receive \$8,550. Funding will also be provided for literacy workshops, Dogrib language classes and a meeting to develop a standardized written form for the Dogrib language.

The recently formed eight-member committee reviews applications from groups interested in carrying out language research and developing community and school programs. They then make recommendations to the Minister.

Ten projects were approved in September. Funding under this program is expected to be available for three years.

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NORTHERN PREFERENCE POLICY ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 25) - The Territorial government has approved its new northern preference policy that will give northern businesses increased opportunities in providing goods, services and construction contracts to the GNWT.

Minister of Economic Development Arnold McCallum and Minister of Government Services Tom Butters announced the policy today, marking the beginning of Small Business Week in the NWT.

Under the new policy, a northern contractor or business is one that meets legal requirements to carry on business in the NWT, employs a resident manager, maintains a bonafide office in the NWT and employs NWT residents.

In order to be eligible for northern preference, a business must apply to the government under these criteria. When approval is given, these contractors will be added to a list of northern businesses that will be made available to the public.

"The main difference with this policy," McCallum said, "is that it clearly defines a northern business and the process which the government will follow in awarding contracts. The aim of the policy," he added, "is to provide northern businesses with a preference, based on the amount of the contract, to offset higher costs of doing business in the north."

Butters also pointed out the policy applies to both general contractors and sub-contractors, a condition that did not exist previously.

"With these provisions, each individual contract will be reviewed to ensure that northern businesses receive the greater portion of benefits from all government contracts."

Butters added the new policy incorporates the government services purchasing policy of 1981 and retains some of its beneficial provisions.

"We will continue to tender all contracts under \$5,000 value, on a first-priority basis, to northern businesses. Tenders from outside the NWT will be invited only on contracts that exceed that value," he said.

As well, the policy has extended the northern preference to businesses on the Mackenzie highway system.

The new policy will apply to all government departments and agencies, including the Departments of Government Services, Public Works and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

Further information on the policy will be distributed in a handbook for contractors by the Department of Government Services.

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SMALL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - "Managing in Turbulent Times" is the theme for Small Business Week in the Northwest Territories.

In announcing October 25-31 as Small Business Week Arnold McCallum, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, said the department is highly aware of the significant contribution of small business to the Territorial economy.

"The department plans to intensify its efforts to support and assist northerners in the continued development of the small business sector," said McCallum.

Small Business Week is honoured throughout Canada with local Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, federal, provincial and territorial governments participating in the week's activities.

In Yellowknife an information forum for owners and managers of small business will be held October 26 and will consist of displays, material and information by various business support services, agencies and associations.

Jack Foster, Western Regional Officer of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, will be the guest speaker at a luncheon on October 27. Foster will address the many problems facing small business in today's uncertain economic climate.

For more information about small business development, contact the Federal Business Development Bank, the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce or the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

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RESOURCE POLICY EXPRESSES GNWT CONCERNS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - Last week Minister of Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo unveiled the NWT's new resource development policy, criteria and guidelines at a press briefing in Yellowknife.

Following the announcement, he discussed the rationale behind the criteria and guidelines that will now apply to major resource projects in the NWT.

"This policy expresses our interest in all types of resource development activity," he said. "While we intend to apply it, it is not a document intended to discourage development, but to aid it."

Nerysoo said that when the government of the NWT wants to express concerns on a proposed development, it must do so through a review panel or to the National Energy Board as an intervener.

"This puts us in the position of being a special interest group, when in fact, we are a responsible government tending to the concerns of the people in the NWT.

"This policy declares our interest as a government and allows us to review and assess resource projects independently as well as to work jointly through the federal review process," Nerysoo said.

The main thrust of the new policy is directed at socio-economic implications. It aims at assessing the impact of resource projects on communities and the increased demand for government services that will result.

"People in the communities are concerned about the number of jobs a project may generate. They want to know about training opportunities. They are concerned about whether roads or other municipal services will be improved to handle community expansion.

"Most importantly, they are concerned about the effect resource development could have on their lifestyle," said Nerysoo.

To assess this type of impact the resource development criteria and guidelines set our provisions for declaring "development impact zones." These zones are specific geographic areas impacted by development and may be represented by designated groups of people, referred to as development impact zone groups.

In announcing the criteria and guidelines, Nerysoo indicated his intentions to designate three such zones. The first zone would be in the Fort Smith area where the proposed Slave River hydro project is expected to have considerable impact. The second zone is the Mackenzie-Beaufort area where extensive oil and gas exploration is all ready taking place.

Nerysoo indicated a third zone is also being considered for the Norman Wells area, where a pipeline project is scheduled to get underway next spring.

Under the policy, the development impact zone groups would present information to assist the government in planning for impacts of development.

"Another important provision," Nerysoo added, "is the monitoring aspect of a DIZ."

"We intend to monitor development projects on an on-going basis as there are some impacts that can not be predicted in advance.

"With this commitment to monitoring, we can ensure that concerns raised by effected groups are met," he said.

On the question of whether or not the Territorial government could work with the resource industry under the provisions of the criteria and guidelines, Nerysoo pointed out that consultation with industry is all ready taking place.

"We have met with industry on questions surrounding developments in the Beaufort and at Norman Wells. We will continue to consult fully with industry in the future.

"While we expect some of these provisions will cause concerns for the resource industry," he added, "industry should be aware we are willing to learn by doing.

"We are not saying we do not want resource development. We are only saying that we want to be a part of the process, plan for the impact and share the benefits.

"For example, the mining industry has always had a special relationship to the NWT and we want this relationship to continue. Exploration is the issue the mining industry fears may be most affected by the policy.

"But, the criteria will be applied selectively so that mining exploration will not be curtailed or affected," he said. "We will not be placing any extra burden on industry."

Nerysoo will meet with John Munro, federal minister of northern development and Jean Chretien, federal energy, mines and resources minister, to discuss arrangements to interface the new policy with the Canadian Oil and Gas Lands Administration.

Nerysoo and other GNWT ministers will be attending the Northern Development Conference in Edmonton this week where they will be discussing the new policy with industry and federal government representatives.

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FILM SERIES BEGINS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct.27) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will soon begin showing films Sunday afternoons.

The northern film series starts Nov. 7 with a showing of *The Endless Journey*, about the Porcupine caribou herd.

We Remember, a film about the concerns and recollections of native elders of the Mackenzie Valley, will be featured Nov. 14.

The following week, on Nov. 21, two short films on Inuit art - *Kalvak: Arctic Visions* and *Art of the Arctic Whaleman* - will be seen.

The showing of these two films coincides with the opening of an exhibition from the Winnipeg Art Gallery called *Inuit Myths, Legends and Songs*. This exhibit runs from Nov. 19 - Jan. 19 and includes the work of Kalvak, along with drawings from Baker Lake, Povungnituk and Holman Island.

Spirit of the Hunt, Nov. 28, features Francois Paulette of Fort Smith talking about the history of the buffalo and its importance in the lives of native people.

The films begin each week at 1:00. Admission is free. Refreshments are served at the Heritage Centre on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00.

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SATELLITE RETURNS TO NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - A section of the Russian satellite that fell on the Northwest Territories in 1978 has been donated to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center.

The fragment, a steel tube known as the 'stovepipe', was recently presented to the Heritage Centre by the Atomic Energy Control Board in Ottawa. It has been on exhibit at the National Museum of Science and Technology in Ottawa.

The stovepipe is the largest piece of non-radioactive debris recovered from the satellite. Some smaller charred fragments accompany the larger piece.

The piece is cylindrical, about 360 mm in diameter, 500 mm long and weighs about 18 kilograms.

When the Russian nuclear-powered satellite Cosmos 954 re-entered the earth's atmosphere on Jan. 24, 1978 after four months in orbit, it broke up over the NWT.

The stovepipe shows clear signs of melting from the heat created during re-entry. It also has a Russian factory marking with a serial number and one Cyrillic letter.

The piece was sighted near Fort Reliance by a plane flying over the area. When Cosmos returned to earth, glowing fragments were reported in the Great Slave Lake area by eye-witnesses. The search for radio-active debris continued over an 800-kilometre area between Yellowknife and Baker Lake until October 1978.

Only about 65 kilograms of material were found although the satellite weighed several tons.

The fragments of Cosmos 954 will go on display at the Heritage Centre next February.

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COURSE TRAINS WIREMEN FOR ISOLATED COMMUNITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - A new program administered by the Territorial Government's Department of Justice and Public Services trains and certifies local residents to work as wiremen in isolated communities.

Students who complete the program receive a limited level of certification - as class B wiremen - to enable them to do house wiring in communities where there is no resident journeyman electrician.

Training is provided at Thebacha College in Fort Smith for up to four weeks, but the program is administered by the electrical inspection section of the department of justice and public service's safety division.

Applications will be accepted from one resident of each community. If more than one person from a community applies, the candidate with the most electrical experience will be selected.

If there is already a resident journeyman electrician in a settlement, applications will not be accepted. Only communities off the N.W.T. highway system are eligible to participate.

Only applicants who are not eligible for regular apprenticeship training because of insufficient education, unavailability of a resident journeyman electrician in their community or insufficient variety of work to provide training in all aspects of the electrical trade will be accepted into the program.

Applicants must be recommended for training and certification by the electrical inspection section and approved by the Electrical Trades Advisory Committee, a group made up of employers and employees in the electrical fields and a government representative.

Four electrical workers have already completed Class B training. For more information, contact:

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**LECTURE SERIES AT PRINCE OF WALES HERITAGE
CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 28) - The Prince of Wales Heritage Centre continues a series of noon-hour lectures and slide shows this week.

On Friday, Oct. 29, Ellen Bielawski, archaeologist at the Heritage Centre, will talk about Arctic archaeology and the Heritage Field School. Ellen will discuss Paleoeskimo life on Somerset Island 4,000-1,000 years ago and the summer archaeological field school for northern students.

Two weeks later, on Nov. 12, senior archaeologist Dr. Chuck Arnold will talk about his work and research on Banks Island.

Bush structures along the Mackenzie River are the subjects of the Nov. 29 lecture by archaeologist Chris Hanks.

Each of these illustrated talks begins at 12:15 and admission is free. People attending the lecture series are invited to bring along their lunch.

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SECRETARY-MANAGER'S WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - Fifteen secretary-managers from across the Territories participated in a four-day workshop to expand their supervisory skills.

Victor Irving, president of the NWT Housing Corporation presented certificates to the following successful candidates of the second secretary-managers' management workshop last Thursday, October 21:

Emiline Kowmuk, Eskimo Point; Mark Maki, Baker Lake; Lucy Adjuk, Whale Cove; Jim Hodge, Rankin Inlet; Marie Kringuk, Hall Beach; Joelee Arreak, Pond Inlet; Marius Tungiluk, Arctic Bay; Dolorosa Nartok, Pelly Bay; Karen Bohnet, Fort Smith; Lilly Kelly, Fort Good Hope; Lena Cleary, Fort Franklin; Valarie Tassie, Norman Wells; Darlene Firth, Sachs Harbour; Ray Ruben, Paulatuk; Stella Bayha, Fort Norman.

A cross-section of topics, including communications, supervisory skills and time management were presented by training co-ordinator Doreen Andruk and training officer Kathy Overvold of the NWT Housing Corporation. The enthusiasm and energy of the participants prevailed throughout the week.

Jim Cullen, chief of training for the housing corporation, told secretary-managers that, "management skills training is essential for today's housing association managers. You develop the specialized skills required to promote the corporation's goals and objectives. Managing the Corporation's resources in a professional manner is good for housing."

The next secretary-managers' workshop is planned for 1983.

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BEER SALES REDUCED IN CAMBRIDGE BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - Cambridge Bay residents' request for a drastic reduction in their beer rations has been approved by George Braden, leader of the elected executive.

Braden announced Tuesday that weekly rations will be reduced from two cases of beer to one case. Beer also will only be sold on Fridays from 4-5:30 and 6:30-8 p.m. rather than for two hours a day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Beer sales were reintroduced to this Central Arctic community on September 9.

The changes to the regulations for the sale of beer, which are effective immediately, are the result of a series of community meetings held in Cambridge Bay last week.

Reasons cited for the cut in beer sales were the increase in both the severity and violence of crimes in the community and the increase in student absenteeism since Sept. 9. At the same time, Social Services has reported increases in social assistance requests and cases of child abandonment and neglect.

"The feeling here at the moment is that the people want to set up a liquor control committee," said Kitikmeot Regional Director Gary Black.

On November 8 the department of Local Government and the settlement council will be conducting a survey of the political development and the quality of life in the community. Questions regarding alcohol and its effect on the quality of life in Cambridge Bay have been added to the survey.

A decision on the formation of a community liquor control committee will be made following the completion of the survey.

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**PATTERSON, SIBBESTON TOUR SOUTH MACKENZIE
COMMUNITIES**

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - Minister of Education Dennis Patterson toured southern Mackenzie communities this week to listen to people's concerns about education.

Patterson was accompanied on the trip to Fort Liard, Trout Lake and Fort Simpson by Mackenzie-Liard MLA Nick Sibbeston and Fort Smith regional director Mike Stilwell.

In each community, the minister heard concerns about physical facilities in the schools and problems with cultural and language programs.

In Trout Lake, Patterson was told that the school is short of funding for cultural inclusion programs. The grants for these programs are distributed on a per capita basis.

Community members were concerned that once funds were used for supplies for sewing classes and trapping instruction, there was little money left over for instructors.

Patterson agreed to provide an additional \$500 grant to enable the school to purchase supplies needed for these programs.

In Fort Liard, the minister, Sibbeston and Stilwell met with community residents at a public meeting where concerns were expressed about the poor condition of the school and its lack of facilities.

The school's principal pointed out that, due to the hard work of the Local Education Authority, school attendance had improved considerably this year and the school was now over-crowded.

Patterson noted that \$90,000 has been set aside in the 1983-84 budget to renovate an existing building as another classroom. The minister promised to look into upgrading the school's facilities and will ask the area's superintendent of education and the regional engineer to visit the school soon.

During his tour, the Minister of Education asked for input into the Legislative Assembly special committee's report on education in the North.

Patterson said that, after his visit to Fort Liard, he is impressed with the need to increase the grades taught in communities to the Grade 10 level, as suggested in the report. Children who complete Grade 6, the highest grade provided in Fort Liard, shouldn't be expected to leave home to go on in school, he said.

In Fort Simpson, the minister met with teachers and the Local Education Authority in a workshop. The meeting discussed problems of providing adult education and upgrading in the community for young people who have dropped out of school.

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REGIONAL MINING CENTRES URGED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 1) - Establishment of regional mining centres and the need for more flexible use of the Unemployment Insurance Act are part of the conclusions of a task force report on Canadian mining communities.

The report was made public today by Federal Minister of Mines Judy Erola and released in the Northwest Territories by Economic Development Minister Arnold McCallum.

"It has a great deal of merit, particularly for the North. There is no doubt about the importance of the mining industry to the NWT economy and that industry is being hit a sledge-hammer blow by the current recession," he stated.

Five mines in the NWT have been affected by a total of about 172 layoffs during the current economic downturn.

McCallum said he will be looking for comments on the task force findings over the next few months. The report will then be discussed at a conference of federal, provincial and territorial ministers with responsibilities for mines. The date for that meet has yet to be finalized.

The task force, established last January, also recommended that employee allowances in northern and isolated areas not be taxed. That matter has already been settled by Federal Finance Minister Marc LaLonde in his address on the economy earlier this week.

The minister announced the benefits would remain untaxed for at least another year.

The task force was set up to examine the special problems of communities solely dependent on the mining industry at a time when the world economy has, more or less, hit the bottom of the shaft.

"...problems faced by these communities are very real and have been particularly severe this year. It is bringing acute hardship to individuals and it is leading to virtual closure of some communities, possibly for good," the report states.

However, it also notes that significant improvements can occur in respect to cushioning such impact in the short and long terms if actions task force members recommend are taken by companies, individuals, communities and governments.

Simply stated, it advances the concept of "shared risk" and a process of "shared" readiness.

Task force members also make clear that none of the solutions proposed in the report will guarantee a mineworker's job in times of economic downturn or ore-body exhaustion. But, the recommendations if implemented may ease the strain on the communities and citizens that service the mine operations.

Conclusions of the task force point towards the need for the establishment of regional centres.

"Where possible, communities should be centrally located, serve a variety of resource projects and have diversified economic bases," it states.

In addition, the report notes there is a need for increasing exploration activity in the vicinity of mining operations threatened by ore exhaustion and recommends co-operative federal-provincial geoscientific programs be implemented. Governments should also review the adequacy of existing tax and other incentives for on-property exploration at existing mine sites.

Underground exploration might earn depletion credits, the report explains.

A more flexible use of Canada's Unemployment Insurance Act and its application is required immediately, the task force notes.

It recommends introduction of a program, under the Act or some similar mechanism, to permit mine workers who would otherwise be laid off to carry out job preservation projects at the mine site. Such jobs could include advanced waste removal, development work or to conduct geoscientific/mineral exploration activities in the vicinity of the mine site.

Included in its other recommendations is a suggestion that Canada Employment and Immigration should continue to strongly promote its programs and should strengthen the Territorial government involvement in them. In addition, the National Training Act should be better utilized for training programs during economic downturns.

The report is adamant that industry, individuals and governments share the risk and responsibility in the "event of community distress."

It recommends there be further evaluation of certain schemes to accumulate funds to ease the transition of employees and community residents such as reserve funds, sinking funds or commercial insurance schemes.

Industry, organized labour, federal, provincial and territorial governments were represented on the task force. It was created at a meeting of government ministers with responsibilities for mines that had been called to discuss the newly completed federal review of mineral policy.

Former economic development minister Tom Butters attended that meeting last January. Terry Foster, head of the department's mineral and petroleum resources section, represented the Territorial government on the task force.

Copies of the report are available from the office of the Deputy Minister, Economic Development and Tourism, Yellowknife.

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NINTH NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

EDMONTON, ALTA., OCT. 26 - 29, 1982

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NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT - PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

I. NORTH TODAY

EDMONTON (Oct. 29) - The opening session of the Northern Development Conference in Edmonton - "The North Today" - was presented by Yukon Government Leader **Chris Pearson** and NWT Commissioner **John Parker**.

While many points dealing with development from both perspectives presented were similar, there were marked contrasts in what has occurred in the two Territories.

Pearson's opening remarks emphasized the need for rapid settlement of land claims in the Yukon. This, he says, is a recognized priority of the Yukon government and its native groups.

"When Yukoners support a land claims settlement," he said, "they do so on the assumption that the quid pro quo for a settlement is that Ottawa will also release its near total grip on the land."

Pearson added that while settlement is necessary, the Yukon government could not support the COPE agreement reached in 1978, as it was reached without consultation with the Yukon government.

"A fair and just settlement of the Yukon claim is essential to Yukon's future...of course, settlement must include a consensus on the definition of the words "fair" and "just."

Pearson went on to describe the present state of the Yukon economy, emphasizing the out-migration of workers that has resulted from a failing economy.

"We estimate that mining accounts for 65 per cent of the gross Territorial products. Our economy is, therefore, highly dependent on outside forces, and that dependence has never been so starkly illustrated as by the recent run of shutdowns and layoffs leading to a sharp rise in unemployment and an out-migration of workers. In just two months," he said, "we lost a population equivalent to the total increase over the last six years."

Hope for the future is in recognizing the Yukon as an important transportation corridor. With the Alaska Highway and the Dempster now open, Pearson says this is one of the few bright spots on the horizon. He pointed out that while the White Pass Railway is now closed, a side effect of the closure of the Cyprus Anvil Mine, it is still an important link to the Pacific and must be maintained as it is essential to the Yukon's recovery.

High costs of power and transportation were cited as being the main problems that have plagued the resource development industry in the Yukon. Pearson called for the implementation of the Penner Report on the Northern Canada Power Commission to wipe out the corporation's massive debt and thus reduce the costs of delivering power to the north.

But, he said, the most important factor to revitalize the Yukon and develop the northern resources is the need for a uniform approach.

"Our present difficulties have dramatized what we should all ready realize - that none of the factors in northern development can be treated in isolation from the others. Yet, it is our view that we in the Yukon - and we believe all of Canada - have a global, really comprehensive, approach to the north," he concluded.

In contrast to the situation in the Yukon, Commissioner **John Parker** described the slow but positive development of the NWT over the past 20 years. Land claims settlements too, were a priority in his statement. Settlement of claims would clear the picture for government, industry and the people and enable co-ordinated development of the north's resources. Parker's speech also indicated promise for the future.

"I think our economy is in an under-developed stage, with strong reliance on primary production...in that regard, our potential for very major oil and gas production within the next 15 years is particularly strong," he said.

"One of the difficulties we faced in past was to attract people to take further education and training...currently this situation is much improved and our vocational training facilities are over-taxed."

Major current issues in the north are all inter-related, he added. Political development, land claims, aboriginal rights and resource development occupy all NWT interest groups. The question of division, pointing out concerns that the NWT is too large to be administered as one area, is also an issue.

"For its part," Parker added, "the federal government has yet to reveal its constitutional plan for the north. It holds the 'hammer' since division can only occur through amendments to the NWT Act."

While the lack of progress in the claims process has influenced the timing and nature of decisions of the Federal Cabinet in this area, it has...undoubtedly acted as a brake on corporate plans as well.

Parker went on to say that northern native people are recognizing the things they want from the south have a price but that only by having certain safeguards in place, will northerners take an increasing part in projects and recognize that their land and the oceans can be shared.

"Participation, involvement and patience are the key words. Not only the native people, but all northerners wish to participate in northern development in all its forms. And not only as workers, but wherever possible, as owners, managers, and business men."

"This involvement must extend to a high level of decision-making in government and reasonable control levels in industry," he said.

"More importantly," he concluded, "the northern people will move toward achievement of their personal and collective goals, while making a major contribution to our wonderful country."

II. NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT - THE NATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Four papers were presented to the conference on the views of native people and northern development. Papers presented by **James Ross**, Vice-President of the Dene Nation and by **Harry Allen** Chairman of the Council for Yukon Indians, insisted that settlement of land claims is essential to orderly development of northern resources.

Jim Bourque, Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources for the NWT said that development of non-renewable resource-based industries by native people should occur as well. **Tagak Curley**, President of Nunasi - The Inuit Development Corporation, said that while land claims must be settled to contribute to the stability and orderly development of northern resources, that result could be a long way off. Development, he said, should not wait that long.

In his presentation, **Ross** said the Dene have advocated orderly development of resources for some time, but this view has instead been taken to mean that no development should take place. Considering the economic and social hardships facing Dene, he said, it is hard to see how industry could believe that no development is what the Dene people want.

"What we have been saying all along is that development must be orderly, which coincides very nicely with the objective of this conference. The reason we are saying development must be orderly is due to the fact that for many years now we've had to live with disorderly development. For most of the period of industrial expansion in our part of the world, development has not been planned - its been chaotic, erratic, naphazard, un-coordinated and we've been the victims," he said.

Fish and game resources have been destroyed, he added, and "we have been literally booted out of any part of our land if anyone wants it for any other reason."

He said the reason this has happened is because there has never been a satisfactory agreement between the Dene and the federal government. This lack of an agreement has led to uncertainty and this uncertainty to misunderstanding with industry.

"This is not to say that some of you (industry) cannot invest a few dollars and make a lot of money out of our resources without settling our claims. Some of the corporations represented at this conference have made millions - in fact - quite a few million out of our resources..."

"Just to make it clear that there's no misunderstanding about my purpose here, or what I'm saying," he added, "I want this conference to know that as far as we're concerned there's very little difference between the corporations pumping our resources out of the ground and the government that promotes these activities and excludes us from participation."

Ross went on to say that while he did not expect to make any friends with this view, any intrusion on the Dene homeland is looked on with suspicion. He added that in past big corporations have used the governments to do the things that are in the best interests of industry - not the Dene. It is now time for that to change.

"Despite all the problems we've had with each other in the past, I believe we have more to gain by working with each other rather than against each other. We're not trying to escape reality," he said, "nor attempting to say the business community shouldn't exist. On the contrary, we're trying to negotiate and work and plan our way into the world of development."

In concluding his remarks he stated, "this conference can help us do that and to the extent we're successful, orderly development for the benefit of all can be more than a vision. It can be the new reality this country needs."

On a different note, **Jim Bourque** talked about the ideal role the Dene should have in development. A fair share of resource revenues, participation in the decision making process, a guarantee of a clean and productive environment and the guarantee that the people of the north will continue to have the option to rely on renewable resources are all essential to stable development and a healthy economy, he said.

The formal economy, consisting of industry and business, will never measure up to southern standards. But, he said the informal economy, based on renewable resource development for native people, can be very rich indeed.

"Perhaps some will say these are unrealistic goals, but I believe, if we can set aside our regional and ethnic differences in this country, we can come very close to realizing these goals in the north.

"Clearly the Government of the NWT must implement public planning programs that are guided by goals, objectives and values determined in the north. Outside people cannot do it. They can help.

"But the objective, the policies, the strategies and the programs have to come from within," he said.

He went on to say that renewable resources could form the basis for a healthy primary industry based on fishing, hunting, lumber and appropriate agriculture. There is also opportunity for development of a thriving group of secondary industries such as fur tanning, garment manufacturing, food processing and other small industries.

"Quality of life in the north revolves around peoples' opportunity to live close to the natural environment and harvest renewable resources...

"The challenge confronting us is the need to define and achieve a balance. We must, as northerners, contribute to national goals and needs - to the national interest. At the same time, southerners must respect the unique cultural and social aspirations of northerners.

Harry Allen, on the other hand, argued that settlement of land claims is essential to orderly development. While those may not be settled for some time, he pointed out that native people must be consulted in development. The Yukon Indian Development Corporation is an example of what native people can do in industry. He pointed to several examples of development the group is involved in and indicated that this group could be party to a resource development agreement similar to that struck between the Government of Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia.

"Under the terms of the agreement," he explained "A co-operative management regime has been established which provides the province with an extensive role in major decisions respecting exploration and development. Further, Nova Scotia will receive all public resource revenues except corporate income tax."

Such an agreement would counter the major problem experienced by development in northern business - a lack of investment capital. With changes in the progress in land claims and sharing of revenues to provide increased investment capital, Allen said that orderly development of northern resources would then be possible.

Tagak Curley of Nunasi agreed that orderly development is needed. He also agreed that increased political stability resulting from settlement of land claims would allow more orderly resource development.

But, he said, native people too, must change their attitude and settlement of land claims should not be awaited before the development progresses.

"The time is right for a major shift in policy among native people in the north. We see it happening to some extent already, in the tentative negotiations accompanying the major development projects, and in the formation of development corporations across the north.

"But strangely, we seem reticent as native people to support the concept of business development, perhaps out of some fear it will jeopardize our interests elsewhere in land claims and political development.

"The time is right for partnerships between industry and the native people...I think the new feeling of co-operation between industry and native people is something that is evolving. It is something that is gradually becoming apparent to all of us, and if my words do anything, I hope they will simply hasten the process."

III. INDUSTRY - VIEW FOR THE FUTURE

H.M. Giegerich, President of Cominco Alaska, was the first speaker from industry on the conference podium.

His theme, "The Planned and Possible," outlined Cominco's operations north of 60 and discussed prospects for development of resources for the future. As well as mining operations at Yellowknife, Pine Point and Polaris, the north's economy is dependent on tourism, lumber and other renewable resources industries, he said.

He suggested there could be greater development of the northern lumber industry and also stressed the need for greater development of the tourism market. The opening of a road around the eastern edge of Great Slave Lake, he suggested, would do much to open up the area for a increased tourist trade and help the development of industry based on renewable resources.

"Tourism/travel is a marketplace in which the north can compete and the consumers' desires and comforts must be foremost," he said. "I think on both these scores the north will do well in the future."

In spite of his opening marks encouraging local industry, he went on to say that there must be a number of developments to accommodate resource development industries. Improvement of social infrastructure, transportation and power generation must take place.

"If the minerals industry is to be a partner with the federal government in developing the north, I suggest there are several initiatives open to the government.

"For example," he said, "if the north Canol Road were upgraded, it would induce Amax to invest \$175 million in a new mine.

"An access road from the Cadillac Mine site to the Liard highway could help open an \$80 million mine with 200 new jobs."

And, "the south Canol Road could be upgraded to open up a very promising mineral area with ready road access to Alberta and British Columbia," he added.

Giegerich went on to describe a number of other developments the government should undertake, including power generating stations and railways, to improve opportunities and conditions for industry in the north. However, he did not state what industry would contribute to develop these services. Instead, he put the responsibility on the federal government.

"As you know," he said, "we have a new minister of finance who has gone on record with others in the Cabinet as putting his faith in the private sector as a means of job creation. A federal commitment of this sort to the north would be a boon, not only to the north itself, but also to Canada."

D.W. Hayley, Vice-president of E.B.A. Engineering Consultants, in his presentation on northern pipeline development, praised the input government has had on development of northern technology.

The thorough review requirements in place under the federal government have created a spin off of research and development that has only recently slowed due to economic conditions.

While stating that government can not take over where industry has left off in the field, he pointed out that developing a funding mechanism by government to collect data on the technology in use in various northern projects would ensure future jobs in the development of northern resource technology.

"Support for research and development can be easily justified on the basis of capital cost savings that could ultimately decide the viability of many of these projects," he concluded.

John Bruk, former President of Cyprus Anvil, also voiced the needs of industry for northern resource development.

In recounting the changes in the north since the resource development boom of the 60's and 70's, he indicated that political change has contributed to uncertainty for industry. Industry, he said, should not be made to accept the added risks associated with land claims and aboriginal rights settlements.

The need to help maintain expectations of a high standard of living in northern communities is an additional strain created as a result of rapid exploration and development in the past he said.

"Part of the problem is that most of the resource development in the north is done by resource companies in the south and that northerners feel estranged from these companies." he said.

"We must, then, find some way to create, parallel with resource development, new activities that will endure long after our resources have been depleted...otherwise there will always be a question of trust and divisiveness in the north...."

While again pointing out the need to develop better power sources, transportation and government services in the north he added that industry too, must do its part.

"This we can do by recognizing our responsibilities to the north and then the north should give us the opportunities to gamble for the benefit of all concerned...

"...I think it is basically now for the communities of the north and for the governments to respond in a positive way...and in doing so, to benefit all Canadians," he concluded.

John Stoik of Gulf Canada also presented the responsibilities that industry must take seriously. In his presentation on "How to Avoid Pitfalls" in northern development he said that his firm has learned ways to successfully work with northerners.

"Socio-economic concern is an area where there can be many pitfalls. Without consultation with the people in communities," he said, "little can be accomplished."

"We are dealing with the hopes and aspirations of people. Goals are gradually being defined by evolving practices and evaluation - a process that is far from complete," he said.

He also outlined the need to design northern resource equipment to environmental and climactic conditions to avoid breakdowns and subsequent pollution or other environmental damage.

He also suggested that the "approval in principle" method be used by government to deal with northern resource projects. This, he said would allow industry to get a clear picture of the interest and aspirations of the government and people of the north and allow dollars to be used in efficient and meaningful ways for northern development.

The bottom line to the industry view was provided by Donald Fullerton, Vice-chairman and President of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

In his presentation on financing northern development, he stressed the world market is hungry for energy and this has made such development a high priority in the business community. While changes in attitude by both government and industry are required to turn around the present economy, he said, there is room for current optimism.

"We can solve our problems because we have the wherewithal to solve them while many nations do not...I am suggesting that Canada and Canada's north should be the main beneficiaries of revitalized economic activity throughout the world, which I believe is now in sight.

"When, not if, the turnaround begins," he said, "Canada's chartered banks are in a position to play their traditional role in helping to fuel the engines of recovery. In the Canadian north, as elsewhere, the banks will continue to be "Partners in Progress."

IV SUMMARY AND RESOLUTIONS

The Ninth Northern Development Conference ended with consensus on 15 points. While the settlement of land claims was not considered to be a priority for continued resource development in the north, some support was indicated for general support of the land claims process.

The following resolutions were carried:

1 That this conference emphasize the vital importance of stable and competitive national marketing and taxation policies as the basis for social well-being and continued northern development.

2 That this conference impress upon the federal government, in the strongest terms, that the conference is not satisfied with progress to date and impress upon the government the need to negotiate with the native people in a cooperative spirit in order to achieve an equitable settlement;

That this conference will make direct representation to the federal government urging that the government conclude comprehensive land claims in the proposed time frame;

That corporations and other institutions attending this conference independently request the government of Canada to reach this speedy settlement on land claims.

3 That developers provide for native participation in the financing, management, construction and/or operation of northern development projects.

4 That the minister of finance remove the uncertainty surrounding tax-free northern allowance once and for all and introduce legislation to allow these to become firmly entrenched as part of the federal government's northern development policy.

5 That tax incentives should be established to promote research and development by industry in cold regions engineering.

6 That action be taken immediately to consolidate and simplify regulatory procedures and processes and to fix these processes for a minimum of five years.

7 That Thebacha College, currently operating in Fort Smith, be expanded by adding satellite facilities throughout the north to provide post-secondary education in a balanced manner by offering courses of direct northern relevance as well as courses of more universal application.

8 That proponents of resource development make every reasonable effort to stage development and size projects so as to maximize job and business opportunities available to northerners and to minimize impact on local tradition and culture.

9 That the federal government adopt the early "approval in principle" concept to enhance planning for and participation by northern people in hydrocarbon resource development projects and that it, in consultation with the territorial governments, prepare specific action plans and detailed schedules to achieve first hydrocarbon production from the Mackenzie Delta-Beaufort Sea area within this decade;

That the federal government request the Beaufort Environmental Assessment Review Panel to provide specific conditions and guidelines under which hydrocarbon resource development can proceed.

10 That foreign investment in the exploration and development of the resource potential in the high arctic be strongly encouraged, but that a Canadianization target be set such that a 50 per cent participation be available through equity participation or Canadian joint venture partnership within 25 years.

11 That the PGRT tax, the incremental tax and the 25 per cent retroactive "take" by government be eliminated as these new taxes, on top of the 10 per cent royalty and 40 per cent profit share, plus income tax on remainder, make any discovery in the arctic regions of Canada essentially non-economic.

12 That the government of Canada, in conjunction with labor and the company, adopt short term measures that will allow the re-opening of the Cyprus Anvil mine at the earliest possible date.

13 That, within one year, the government of Canada, in conjunction with the territorial governments, identify transportation corridors to potential resource areas and prepare a plan and schedule for their financing and development.

14 That the recommendations of the Penner committee on the Northern Canada Power Commission, submitted in April, 1982, be adopted and implemented at the earliest possible date and more specifically that the NCPC enabling legislation permit a rate structure competitive with rates in the western Canadian provinces and that related costs be treated as a legitimate public investment in the development of the north.

15 That this group commend the Alberta Chamber of Resources and the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce for their work in carrying on this conference, and express its appreciation to all speakers, panel members and panel chairmen, members of the news media and the conference committee for their excellent contributions to this conference.

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COMMISSIONER URGES RESTRAINT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 2) - While the Northwest Territories is fortunate not to be facing the severe economic conditions of other parts of Canada, fiscal restraint is still a government priority, Commissioner John Parker told the Legislative Assembly today in his opening address.

The necessary legislation for the government's wage restraint program will be introduced at this session, he said.

"...our resource base is richer and more diverse than in many parts of Canada. We are indeed fortunate not to be facing the effects of mine closures that have confronted our neighbours in the Yukon. Having just recently visited Norman Wells, it was a pleasure to note the tremendous activity taking place, the number of northern people at work, and the obvious enthusiasm of employees and contractors alike. This is in sharp contrast to the lack of such projects in the rest of Canada," added Parker.

He also said that political and constitutional changes within the Northwest Territories are beginning to be realized. "Moreover, we can only be pleased that aboriginal claims negotiations are underway for all claims in the Northwest Territories." he added.

Regarding the taxation of northern benefits, the Commissioner told the assembly that the territorial government will continue to press for an equitable solution even though the federal government has extended the moratorium for another year.

Achievements have been made in the development of ministerial government, said Parker. And the government is moving on the direction given by the assembly for the establishment of priorities for government policies, programs and budgets.

The commissioner also noted that Arnold McCallum, minister for Economic Development and Tourism, will "report on the steps that will be taken in response to the Mair Report on the department's ability to respond to business and employment needs of northern people, particularly in regions facing imminent resource development."

To ensure the NWT receives the maximum potential benefits from the proposed Slave River Hydro project near Fort Smith, the government will designate the area affected by it a Development Impact Zone, said Parker.

The government is also reviewing steps to be taken on the European Economic Community's ban on the importation of Canadian sealskin and sealskin products, said Parker. These steps may include sending a delegation to the member governments of the EEC and seeking alternative markets for sealskin products.

The government has taken two major steps to involving NWT residents in the design and delivery of health services, said Parker. A committee has been formed to follow up the recommendations of the Inuvik Region Health Study and an agreement has been reached with Health and Welfare Canada to turn over management of the Frobisher Bay hospital to the territorial government.

The commissioner also outlined the business facing the assembly during this session, including the introduction of 20 bills. Seven of these bills are of an administrative nature and thirteen are new or amended ordinances including the Council Ordinance, the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Ordinance and the Mining Safety Ordinance. A new Liquor Ordinance will also be tabled for review by the assembly, said Parker.

Since June, ministers have attended a number of significant conferences and meetings, he said. These include George Braden's attendance at the Annual Conference of Provincial Premiers in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This was the first time an elected representative of the NWT has been invited to attend this important intergovernmental event. Dennis Patterson attended the Council of Ministers of Education and represented the Executive Committee in meetings with Premier Jonathan Motzfeldt and the Home Rule Government of Greenland. "We have every expectation of increased economic, social and cultural relations between our two circumpolar regions," said Parker.

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CULTURAL POLICY STUDY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 5) - Rene Lamothe of Fort Simpson has been appointed special assistant to Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee to conduct a study leading to development of a cultural policy for the NWT.

"The primary objective of the study will be to develop a policy promoting and preserving traditional and contemporary arts and culture unique to the North," Wah-Shee said.

"The Executive Committee recognizes the need to encourage and develop programs and activities that respond to the diverse cultures of the people of the NWT."

Wah-Shee was appointed minister of culture in July.

Lamothe will consult with private and voluntary agencies and examine Federal and Territorial government programs. In addition, he will identify funding sources available for cultural programs.

Lamothe, who will be based in Fort Simpson, began work on the study Oct. 15.

"Lamothe is well-suited to conduct this research and consultation. He has both academic education in cross-cultural studies and practical experience with aboriginal organizations in the Mackenzie Valley," the minister said.

Prior to his secondment, Lamothe was field service officer for the Territorial government in Fort Simpson.

From 1977-80 he was director of programs and land use research for the Dene Nation and in 1976 executive director and editor of the Native Press. He has been administrator of the Koe Go Cho Society in Fort Simpson, operating a student residence, friendship centre and alcohol abuse program.

Lamothe also designed and taught a cross-cultural awareness program at the adult education centre in Grouard, Alberta.

Lamothe's study is expected to be completed by December with the proposal for a cultural policy finished by mid-February.

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FIRST SAFETY OFFICER APPOINTED FOR INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 4) - Garry Kaulbach has been appointed the first safety officer in the Inuvik region.

In this new position with the safety division of the department of justice and public services, Kaulbach will be responsible for promoting safety in both industry and at home.

He will travel frequently to settlements in the region to run training sessions, investigate unsafe conditions and perform follow-ups.

Kaulbach, who joined the department in September, says one of his main objectives is to assist with the formation of safety committees. These groups, made up of government, industry and worker representatives, would be responsible for promoting safety and recognizing unsafe conditions in the workplace.

"These committees will be a valuable addition to industry once they are in place and responsible for safety in their area", he said.

Kaulbach spent 12 years as an engineering inspector - five of them in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the NWT. He has lived in Inuvik for five years and was the engineering representative for the town from 1975-78.

He is a town councillor and a member of the local education committee.

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GRADUATING APPRENTICES HONOURED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 4) - Awards were presented to 14 final year apprentices at the fifth annual apprenticeship awards dinner in Yellowknife Oct. 29.

The awards are given each year to outstanding apprentices across the NWT in their final year of training. The award recipients are selected by the apprenticeship program of the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism.

A special award each year is given to the top NWT apprentice/journeyman in all the trades. Two apprentices received the award jointly this year - electrician Warren Heath and painter-decorator Marc Whitford, both of Yellowknife.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum, in an address to guests, said he hoped the graduates would be able to remain in the north.

"We are making rapid strides in training here and it is changing to better reflect what industry, business and government want," the minister said.

"New programs being developed in the NWT, including pre-employment training and vocational high schools, may end the shortage of skilled workers here," he suggested.

The minister announced designation of a new trade for the NWT - small engine mechanic.

McCallum also noted that some trades found only in the north, such as housing maintenance serviceman and industrial warehouseman, are being recognized in the south and will be eligible under the Federal government's new national training act.

Intermediate awards will also be presented to top apprentices in the years preceding the final year in 35 trades.

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WAH-SHEE ANNOUNCES LAND POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - A revised land valuation policy for the Government of the NWT was announced today by James Wah-Shee, Minister of Local Government.

The policy will result in lower prices for vacant Crown land administered under the Commissioner's Land Ordinance.

Under this Ordinance, the Commissioner has the power to offer for sale or lease vacant parcels of Crown land in and around many NWT communities.

The revised policy has its greatest beneficial impact in smaller communities where the public acquires land from the Department of Local Government in Yellowknife, through the local council. Larger municipalities such as Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik, and others, are mostly unaffected, since the public acquires land direct from the municipality.

The previous land valuation policy required that the assessed value of the land for taxation purposes be used to establish the sale or lease price. The new policy reduces the cost of lots, providing for their sale at reasonable prices consistent across the NWT.

An average-sized vacant undeveloped lot, approximately 500 to 1,000 square metres, will now sell for the minimum of \$1000. Larger lots will cost more depending on size. The cost per square meter is reduced as the area increases. Leases on all lots will remain valued at five per cent of the sale value per annum with the minimum lease payment set at \$100 per year.

The above rates apply to raw undeveloped land. Most lots in hamlets and settlements fall into this category.

For any lots on which known development costs were incurred by the government, these costs will be added to the minimum price of the lot. Where the development costs have been over a long period of time and are unknown, the value established for the lot will include a portion of the estimated development costs.

A formula which will relate the land value to its uses and zoning is also included in the policy.

This revised land valuation policy will be retroactive to June 30, 1981.

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EXPLORATION GUIDELINES TO BE DRAFTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 12) - The formation of a multi-agency group to draft guidelines for uranium exploration in the NWT was announced today by George Braden, Minister for Justice and Public Services.

Health and safety issues, environmental concerns and land and water use will be covered in the comprehensive guidelines this working group will draft.

"This multi-agency group will be recommending the ground rules for uranium exploration in the Territories and will provide clear direction on how to manage an exploration operation in total," said Braden.

The guidelines will cover two main concerns -- to ensure that exploration activity is conducted along properly managed and acceptable lines; and to reassure NWT residents that exploration is proceeding in a properly regulated manner with concern being shown for the land and water in the exploration area and the people and animals who use it.

"The Territorial government is taking the lead role in formation of this working group by acting as a co-ordinator to bring together industry, labour, federal and territorial government agencies to draft these guidelines," said Braden.

Representatives from the NWT Chamber of Mines, mine ownership, labour organizations, territorial government agencies like the Energy Resources Secretariat, Renewable Resources and Mining Inspection Services and federal government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Services and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs will form the working group.

Also included in the multi-agency group will be a Yellowknife lawyer, a representative of a major uranium exploration company and a member of the NWT Water Board.

Mike Hewitt, assistant Deputy Minister for Justice and Public Services, will chair the working group.

Uranium exploration in the NWT is concentrated in the Central and Eastern Arctic.

"Drafting guidelines which will cover all federal and territorial legislation involved in operating uranium exploration in the NWT is a very worthwhile exercise," said Braden.

"I am hoping this working group will achieve a great deal in handling this exercise," he added.

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SELECTING TOYS FOR CHILDREN

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 15) - With Christmas approaching, parents are facing the problem of selecting safe toys for their children.

The department of justice and public services' safety division suggests purchasing only toys which suit the child's age and ability. Don't give toys that are too complicated or dangerous for the child to understand.

Poorly-made toys with sharp or rough edges, poisonous paint or decoration, and electrical toys without Canadian Standards Association-approval should all be avoided.

For children up to two years of age, toys such as bright hanging objects, soft dolls and animals, bath toys, large balls and kiddie cars are most suitable. Toys with small detachable parts which can be put in the mouth and stuffed animals with glass or button eyes could be dangerous.

Toys such as rattles have been found to have safety problems. The consumer services division of the department of justice and public services have consumer reports on research into safety of these toys.

Two to three year-old children who are becoming more adventurous will enjoy sand boxes, large peg boards, stuffed animals, cars and wagons, and picture books. Objects with small removable parts, marbles, beads and coins could be hazardous to this age group.

In the 'let's pretend' age (3-4 years), children will enjoy and be safe with dolls, doll houses made of plastic materials with rounded edges, furniture and dishes, toy telephones, small wooden cars, trucks, boats, trains and tricycles. Toys too heavy for the child's strength and aluminum or metal doll houses with sharp edges are not recommended.

Children from 4-6 years of age will enjoy a simple tool chest, blackboard and dustless chalk, small sports equipment, non-toxic plasticene, modelling clay or finger paint, sleds or costumes. Shooting or target toys which may endanger eyes, wagons or tricycles which could topple easily or flammable costumes should all be avoided.

As children's dexterity increases, they will be able to use lightweight tools, construction sets, approved electrical toys, equipment for playing bank or store, sewing materials, toy musical instruments, CSA-approved jungle gyms and jumping ropes. Parents should watch out for anything too complicated for the child's ability, poorly-made skates and shooting toys.

Children 8 and older, whose skills are becoming specialized, can appreciate card and board games, bicycles, hobby materials, science sets, sleds, model and construction sets and electric trains with the CSA label. Not recommended are air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows or dangerous tools and electrical toys unless used under adult supervision.

For more information about choosing safe, suitable toys, contact the safety division, department of justice and public services in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7476. Consumer reports on toys are available from the department's consumer services division at (403) 873-7125.

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EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS OPENS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 16) - An exhibition featuring the works of eight Inuit artists from Holman Island, Baker Lake and Povungnituk opens at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Friday Nov. 19.

Inuit Myths, Legends and Songs, from the Winnipeg Art Gallery, includes the artists' impressions of traditional stories and legends. The works in the show demonstrate how major legends recur in similar form across the Arctic.

The 66 drawings in the exhibition provide a visual illustration of stories once known only through the oral tradition.

In conjunction with the opening of this exhibition, the Heritage Centre will be showing two short films on Inuit art - Kalvak: Arctic Visions and Art of the Arctic Whaleman - Sunday, Nov. 21 at 1:00. Kalvak's work is included in the exhibition.

Inuit Myths, Legends and Songs will be at the Heritage Centre until Jan. 19. The Centre is open daily from 10:30-5:00, except Wednesday.

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CONSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCE HEADED FOR OTTAWA

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 17) - A series of meetings between members of the Constitutional Alliance and key federal cabinet ministers has been scheduled for the week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 3 in Ottawa.

Meetings to discuss division of the NWT and subsequent constitutional concerns have been scheduled with Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro, Minister of Justice Mark MacGuigan and Senator Jack Austin, minister responsible for social development.

The Alliance members will inform the federal ministers of the progress made by the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums in developing concepts of government for the proposed separate territories.

Budget discussions and the need to press the federal government for a decision on division of the NWT are other aims of the Alliance for these meetings.

A meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau has been requested by the alliance. Meetings will also be arranged with Conservative Party Leader Joe Clark and Leader of the NDP, Ed Broadbent.

Travelling to Ottawa for the meetings are Peter Green - president of COPE, Georges Erasmus - president of the Dene Nation, Bob Stevenson - president of the NWT Metis Association and John Amagoalik - president of ITC.

Several members of the Legislative Assembly; Kane Tologanak, Dennis Patterson, James Wan-Shee and Bob MacQuarrie, will be attending along with Nick Sibbeston, chairman of the Assembly's special committee on constitutional development.

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NCF MEETING CHANGED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 17) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum will meet in Ottawa Nov. 28.

The NCF was originally scheduled to meet in Inuvik on Nov. 22, but since the members will be travelling to Ottawa on Nov. 29, the meeting has been re-scheduled.

The Constitutional Alliance, whose members include the NCF, is meeting with federal government representatives during the week of Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

In their Ottawa meeting, NCF members will review the forum's activities since its initial meeting in August.

These activities include a recently-undertaken review of events surrounding political development in Nunavut over the last 30 years. The study - intended to put the present situation in a historical context - is being directed by Peter Jull, the NCF's research co-ordinator.

As well, the forum is completing a study on the functional division of power in Canada in order to define the powers and authority the NCF will be seeking for a Nunavut government.

During the meeting forum members will also review work plans and timetables to set priorities for work to be undertaken immediately.

The role of the forum is to develop a proposal for government in Nunavut. Its members include representatives from the Legislative Assembly, ITC and COPE.

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NWT/ALBERTA TO DEVELOP TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 22) - The GNWT will join with the Alberta and Yukon governments in supporting Edmonton's bid to host Rendezvous Canada '85 -- Canada's annual tourism showcase for the international market.

Territorial Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum and Alberta Minister of Tourism and Small Business Al "Boomer" Adair, announced last Thursday the two governments will also work together to promote and develop tourism opportunities in line with the proposed theme of the 1985 event -- "Gateway to the North."

McCallum and Adair met in Yellowknife with representatives of the city of Edmonton, the Edmonton Rendezvous Canada Committee and tourism officials from Yellowknife and Fort Smith. The meeting set the scene for increased co-operation between the two governments.

Both governments have agreed to continue meetings to discuss opportunities for integrated Alberta/NWT tours, including a possible joint study of the Mackenzie Highway-Hay River regions and their tourism potential. Discussions will continue between officials of the two governments.

These discussions will include consideration of a workshop to be held in the fall of 1983 to involve Alberta and NWT tourism promoters and developers in the planning and development process.

"This type of exchange will be a great benefit to planning tourism in the north," said McCallum "as it brings planning to the local level, by people most effected by tourism."

"We recognize the expertise of northerners is important to developing markets for northern tourism," said Adair. "With this type of co-operation we can develop an international market for tourism in northern Alberta and the NWT."

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Cutline: Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum (left) presents Alberta Minister of Tourism and Small Business Al "Boomer" Adair (right) with an arctic char following their meeting last Thursday that marked the beginning of increased co-operation between the two governments in tourism planning.

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NWT BENEFITS FROM NATIONAL PARKS, STUDY SHOWS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - Operation of the three national parks in the NWT has resulted in significant economic benefits for the regions where these parks are located, according to a joint Federal/Territorial study.

Parks Canada spent \$8.4 million on operation and maintenance of park facilities during the three-year survey period from 1977-79, the recently-completed study by Parks Canada and the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism has found.

Of this total, 63 per cent was spent in the NWT and was of direct benefit to the communities of Fort Smith, Fort Simpson and Pangnirtung, the three parks' headquarters.

"The study shows positive economic effects for the areas and communities located near Nahanni National Park, Wood Buffalo Park and the Nuyuittuq National Park Reserve on Baffin Island," according to Arnold McCallum, minister of economic development and tourism.

W. Douglas Harper, director of Parks Canada's Prairie Region, explained that during the study period Parks Canada spent \$2.34 million on goods and services purchased in the NWT. This in turn generated an additional \$1.66 million in indirect benefits to the northern economy.

The study also shows benefits to other provinces as a result of aircraft rentals and fuel purchases outside the NWT and for fire-fighting in Wood Buffalo National park.

Fort Smith, headquarters of Wood Buffalo, received greater economic benefits than other communities located near national parks, the study found.

The NWT further benefits from expenditures by park visitors and employees' salaries spent in their home communities. The study shows contributions of over \$4 million to the economy from these sources.

Parks Canada, in 1979, created a total of 41 full-time and 13 seasonal positions in the three parks, in addition to 98 fire-fighting jobs at Wood Buffalo Park. An estimated 410 jobs were created indirectly as the result of the parks, the study notes.

Each national park is unique in terms of the benefits it creates for nearby communities, Harper said. For settlements near proposed parks, such as Grise Fiord in the High Arctic, "it is Parks Canada's policy to ensure maximum benefits for these communities where possible".

For the proposed Ellesmere Island Park Reserve, Parks Canada will prepare a socio-economic action plan including a strategy for assisting residents and businesses wishing to take advantage of operation and development opportunities, Harper explained.

Copies of the summary report of the study are available from tourism and parks, department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7903.

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CHANGES IN LIQUOR ORDINANCE PROPOSED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - Draft legislation designed to regulate and control the sale and consumption of liquor in the Northwest Territories was tabled during last week's session of the Legislative Assembly.

In introducing the proposed liquor ordinance, Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden explained that many of the measures contained in the draft legislation are designed to clarify the powers of the government.

"Among the changes, several are designed to discourage impulse sales of liquor in the Territories", Braden said.

The draft ordinance will be discussed by members of the Assembly and ample time will be provided for comments on the revisions from the public, private industry and business, the minister explained.

"In an area of law as important as that concerning liquor, it is wise not to attempt revision of the Ordinance without a great deal of thought and input," he said.

Among the proposed changes is removal from the Liquor Ordinance of provisions for 'off sales' of beer - beer sold to be consumed away from licensed premises.

In an attempt to clamp down on the illegal sales of liquor, the proposals allow for seizing vehicles, including aircraft, used in offences under the ordinance.

It also becomes an offence to give false or misleading information on applications when liquor is ordered by mail. Common carriers such as airlines would be required to provide a list of purchasers when consignments of liquor are ordered for transportation and sale to outlying communities.

The ordinance provides for the continuation of the local option system. That system allows community residents to choose various approaches to control liquor, provided these are approved by plebiscite.

The options could include an unrestricted system where only general liquor laws apply; restrictions on the hours of operation of licensed premises; controls on the amount that can be purchased; or a committee system where a locally elected alcohol education committee decides who may have liquor in the community.

This committee system is working successfully in Igloolik, Braden said.

Administrative changes would include dividing the responsibility for the ordinance between two Executive Members.

One member would administer sections of the ordinance dealing with the Liquor Licensing Board, local option provisions and plebiscites, and liquor stores while the other member would be responsible for the liquor control system, the sale of liquor and the operation of liquor stores.

The ordinance also proposes expanding the size of the Liquor Licensing Board from five members to 12. "This will allow greater regional representation on the Board," the minister explained.

Under the proposed regulations, the role of the Commissioner would decrease with increased responsibility for the Elected Executive. The responsible Executive member would have the power to appoint members and an executive secretary to the Board and recommend regulations to be approved by the Commissioner.

Copies of the draft ordinance are available from the office of the minister of justice and public services, Government of the NWT, in Yellowknife.

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VISITOR SURVEYS COMPLETED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - 44,000 people visited the NWT during the summer of 1982 and spent approximately \$40 million while here, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum said today.

These are among the findings of a survey of visitors prepared for the Territorial government and released at the NWT Tourist Industry Association's annual convention.

Travellers were interviewed at major airports and on the Mackenzie and Dempster Highways during June, July, August and September.

Visitors surveyed included both those on pleasure trips and those travelling on business in the Baffin, Fort Smith and Inuvik regions.

The results of the survey show that most visitors to the NWT live in Alberta, British Columbia or Ontario. Visitors from the U.S. made up 13 per cent of travellers, a decrease from previous years.

Of the visitors surveyed across the NWT, 64 per cent were on vacation while 36 per cent were travelling on business. Most visitors travelling for pleasure came north to visit friends or relatives. Other popular activities were sightseeing and fishing.

Nearly half of the visitors (48 per cent) were on return visits to the North and they averaged six previous trips.

Northern visitors have high incomes, the surveyors found. More than 75 per cent of the travellers have annual household incomes of \$20,000 or more.

Visitors commented on the warm and friendly people they met in the North and the beautiful scenery. Negative comments focussed on highway conditions and problems with bugs.

Copies of the NWT visitor surveys are available from parks and tourism, department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife, (403) 873-7903.

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POLAR BEARS

OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

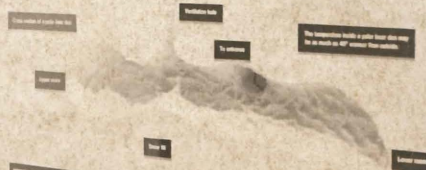


A majority of the world population of polar bears is found in the Northwest Territories. Polar bears are also found in Greenland, Norway, Russia and the United States (Alaska). Canada, along with these four nations, is bound by an international agreement to conserve the polar bear and its habitat, and to conduct research which will improve management of the species. Canada is currently a world leader in polar bear research.

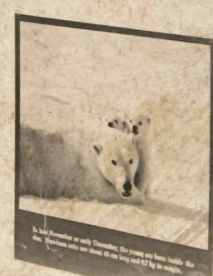
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Although white bears of both sexes and females also appear when they are young, males are the most typical in the Arctic, usually carrying their



In the Northwest of early December, the young are born inside the mother's womb and are about 100 mm long and 1.5 kg in weight.

Cutline: Canada is currently the world leader in polar bear research. A portable polar bear display has been set up by the Northern Heritage Centre to show how this research is conducted.

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POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT TO TRAVEL NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - A travelling exhibition, produced jointly by the NWT Wildlife Service and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, explains how the extensive research done on polar bears allows the traditional hunt for these animals to continue today.

The exhibition, a series of eight panels, describes the natural history of the polar bear, tagging procedures and satellite tracking methods. It also depicts ways information is obtained from the research and how the information allows accurate quotas to be set for polar bear hunting.

The exhibition folds into three travelling cases and includes photos, prints, artifacts, maps, drawings and scale models. While the script and artifacts were produced and collected by the Wildlife Service, the design, artwork and construction was directed by Wally Wolfe, curator of exhibits at the Northern Heritage Centre.

This is the third portable exhibit designed by the Centre, each able to fit into aircraft and be easily handled by two people.

"This is part of the action we are taking under our policy to get more exhibits out to the communities," said Wolfe.

Wildlife officers in the various communities will be responsible for setting up the exhibition.

"It's first trial run will be in the Keewatin," said Ed Hall, who is in charge of conservation education for the Wildlife Service.

"It will be a test on its wear and tear capacity", he added.

The exhibition is currently on display on the sixth floor of the Yellowknife Courthouse.

After the exhibition has made its tour of the NWT, it will remain on display at the Northern Heritage Centre.

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NERYSOO TO MEET ATOMIC ENERGY REPS.

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - Minister for Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo will meet this week with two representatives of Atomic Energy Canada Ltd. to discuss that company's plans for development of the "Slow-poke" nuclear reactor.

John Hilborn, technical manager of the Slow-poke project and consultant Dimitri Cerigo will arrive in Yellowknife Thursday to meet officials from the territorial and federal governments and NCPC. They will also meet with the NWT Association of Municipalities and the Chamber of Mines.

Nerysoo will meet with the representatives to closely question the company on its plans to develop the Slow-poke III, a reactor being designed for heating and electrical generation. Earlier this year AECL announced its plans to design a reactor suitable for use in northern communities as an alternative to conventional diesel plants and oil heating.

"We will be questioning AECL closely on the safety aspects of this type of project and how it could impact the north," said Nerysoo. "While we do not have sufficient information to approve or disapprove such a project, we must review it to determine if it is a safe and viable way to reduce escalating fuel costs resulting from our dependence on oil."

Following meetings in Yellowknife, the two AECL representatives will travel to Cambridge Bay where they will meet with the local council, the GNWT regional director and NCPC.

The purpose of their trip to Cambridge Bay is to get input that would be crucial to the design and construction of a reactor suitable for use in isolated northern communities.

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TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 24) - The Christmas season should be a safe and happy time.

You can make sure that the holidays are safe for your family and friends by taking a few precautions suggested by the safety division of the Territorial government's department of justice and public services.

Drinking and driving is the cause of many holiday season accidents. But drinking can cause other accidents.

A person who has been drinking has a higher chance of falling. Fires from careless smoking are more likely and an intoxicated person is more subject to exposure because he or she does not sense the cold as a sober person does.

The assimilation of alcohol can be slowed down by serving food throughout the evening during a party. Because it takes time to eliminate alcohol from the system, the bar should be closed an hour before guests are expected to leave to serve food and coffee. If someone has had too much to drink suggest that they go home by taxi or with a sober driver.

Driving conditions at this time of year can be hazardous so the safety division suggests that you take extra time, reduce speed and increase the distance between yourself and the car ahead.

If you plan to have a real Christmas tree in your house, make sure it is fresh with springy branches and firm needles. A fresh tree is less of a fire hazard than a dry tree.

Make sure the tree has a constant water supply, keep it away from drapes and heat sources and place it so the tree does not block doorways or fire exits.

Use only non-flammable decorations and Canadian Standards Association-approved lights. Check each set of lights for broken sockets, frayed wires and loose connections. Turn off the lights and other decorations at night and while you are out. More information is available from Consumer Services at (403) 873-7125 in Yellowknife.

If there are small children in the home, avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep decorations with small, removable parts out of reach of children and avoid trimmings that look like candy or food - children could try to eat them.

For more information about Christmas safety, contact the safety division, department of justice and public services, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7476.

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BAFFIN REGION TOURISM STUDY COMPLETED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 24) - A study recently completed for the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism suggests that tourism could become a major industry in communities of the Baffin Region.

The planners who conducted the study estimate that an investment of \$1.5 million annually in tourism projects could over a 10-year period generate an estimated \$50 million in revenue in the region.

In addition, the programs suggested could create approximately 150 full-time jobs and 160-200 part-time jobs from business developments and construction projects in the 13 communities of the region.

The consultants, Marshall, Macklin, Monaghan, were asked to help Baffin communities determine the benefits and impacts from tourism development, study the kind of tourism the communities are interested in developing and examine the resources in and around each community to determine their tourist potential.

The consultants visited each community and its surrounding area to assess the feasibility of community-based tourism.

Community-based tourism concentrates tourism development in and around communities by building attractions that encourage visitors to spend several days in the community.

Community-based tourism increases local benefits and control over the tourism industry and reduces the need for new facilities, the planners suggest.

The Baffin region has excellent development potential, the study found. The area is near major markets, has a variety of physical, natural and cultural resources in a compact area, and traditional skills and lifestyles survive here.

Seven to eight thousand visitors travelled to the Baffin and contributed \$8-10 million to the economy of the region last year, according to the report.

But despite the area's advantages, there are problems in developing the tourism industry in the region. While tourists are interested in visiting the Baffin, a lack of accessibility and adequate facilities acts as a major barrier to tourism.

The study also identified special tourism development opportunities for all Baffin communities and suggested developing a strategy to reach the area's tourism potential.

The consultants found that visitors most likely to be attracted to the region are those looking for 'off-the-beaten' track visits, estimated at 38 per cent of the total Canadian market.

Package tours will continue to grow as a tourist market in the north and these should be promoted vigorously, the consultants suggest.

For each community a tourism plan highlighting specific tourism development opportunities and community programs was prepared with costs and the projected number of jobs to be created. Programs include arts and crafts, snowmobile and dog team trips, outfitters services, hotel development and community improvements.

The study found that most small tour operations can be profitable and small businesses should be encouraged to operate these programs.

Communities in the Baffin have been involved in the study since 1980. Each community was visited by planners and economic development officers to gather community opinions and concerns.

Communities were informed of the progress of the study through audio-visual presentations, newsletters, the media and small group meetings.

Copies of the study are available from Tourism and Parks, department of economic development and tourism, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7903.

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JENKINS APPOINTED CHEF-DE-MISSION FOR CANADA GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 25) - Yellowknife businessman and sportsman Bob Jenkins has been appointed chef-de-mission for the 1983 Canada Winter Games.

The appointment was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The 1983 Canada Games will be held in the Saguenay - Lac St. Jean region of Quebec from Feb. 18 - March 2. The NWT contingent will consist of 62 athletes in seven sports, coaches, officials and mission staff.

The chef-de-mission is the supervisor of the five-person mission staff, responsible for the welfare of the NWT delegation. He assists in the team selection process and organizes equipment and personnel for the mission.

In addition, he will assist with the selection of the mission staff, to be announced shortly.

"The chef-de-mission's position is very important during the Games. We depend on him to ensure that our team members' needs and requirements are met and that they are good ambassadors for the NWT," Wah-Shee said.

Mr. Jenkins' commitment and long contribution to amateur sport make him an ideal choice, the minister said.

Jenkins was chef-de-mission for the NWT teams at the 1979 and 1981 Canada Games. He is first vice-president of Sport North and president of the NWT Shooting Association.

As well, Jenkins has a long involvement in sports at all levels and was a competitor in the 1974 Arctic Winter Games as a member of the shooting team.

He has been a northern resident for over 20 years and is owner/manager of Canarctic Graphics Limited in Yellowknife.

His appointment was recommended jointly by the sport and recreation division of the department of local government and Sport North Federation officials.

An NWT organizing committee for the 1983 Canada Winter Games has been established and participating sports are undergoing training and athlete selection.

The NWT Canada Winter Games handbook has been prepared as a guide for athletes, coaches, sport groups and individuals and will be distributed soon.

Sport North and the sport and recreation division co-operated on production of the handbook and will continue to work closely, assisting the chef-de-mission in preparing and managing the team.

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NWT DELEGATION TO LOBBY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 26) - Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo and Minister of Economic Development Arnold McCallum will travel to Europe this weekend as part of a delegation that will lobby against the seal skin import ban proposed by the European Parliament.

Nerysoo and McCallum will be joined by Panguirtung hunter Jonesee Maniapik, Nunatsiaq MP Peter Ittinuar and a delegate from ITC to ask the European Parliament and the European Economic Council to lift the ban on seal pelts harvested by native people in the NWT.

The delegation will also meet with groups from other northern countries to seek support for its appeal.

The NWT presentation will address the concerns of the European Parliament as to humane hunting methods, the seal population and efficient use of the seal carcasses when harvested. The presentation will include the film "You Can't Grow Potatoes Up There" - a documentary on the NWT sealing industry.

The delegation will ask the Parliament to recognize the needs of Canadian Inuit under the same precedent that permits Greenland to export pelts to Europe. The Parliament has recognized sealing as part of the traditional activity of Greenland's indigenous people and essential to their economy.

The five delegates will meet Sunday in Ottawa for a Defense Department flight to Lahr, Germany. They are expected to return December 6.

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FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL POLICY 'ENCOURAGING'

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov 29)- Executive members of the Territorial government are encouraged by the approach taken by the federal government on the question of dividing the Northwest Territories.

They are also satisfied, at this time, with other aspects of Ottawa's policy on constitutional development in Canada's North, particularly those dealing with introduction of a new system of funding northern governments.

"The news you bring us tonight is encouraging", James Wah-Shee told Federal Indian and Northern Development Minister John Munro Friday.

"The policy you have outlined goes a long way towards meeting the goals and aspirations of northern people."

Wah-Shee, Territorial minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development, made his remarks during a special evening sitting of the NWT Legislative Assembly held to provide an opportunity for Munro to address members on the federal position paper.

Munro stated the federal government is prepared to accept in principle the division of the NWT. Acceptance was contingent on settlement of Inuit, Dene and Metis land claims and on northerners forging a consensus on such critical issues as boundaries, future locations of any new administrative centres and the distribution of power with respect to local, regional and territorial levels of government.

In response to the federal minister, Wah-Shee noted there is a sense of urgency in the North and a recognition that there is much to be done.

He said the NWT Constitutional Alliance would be meeting with various ministers in Ottawa (this week) in an attempt to establish a formal structure and to seek funding that would allow its eastern and western forums to carry out their mandates of developing two separate territories.

"We hope the Federal Government recognizes that special funding will be required and is ready to respond to our request in a positive fashion."

Finance Minister Tom Butters stated introduction of a formula-based financial system would enable the GNWT to take full accountability for determining how its budget is spent. It would eliminate the "unsatisfactory" arrangement of negotiating Territorial budgets at a federal-territorial committee level.

One provision of a new funding system, dealing with discretionary revenues, would give the northern government funds to deal with the impacts of resource development without affecting the level of its operating grant.

"We seriously believe this need can be related to discussions on resource revenue sharing. We would be anxious to participate in development of proposals of this nature to help offset the perception that benefits from northern development are received primarily by southerners"

Meanwhile, Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden joined Wah-Shee and Butters in support of the new federal policies, adding that the GNWT is prepared to undertake the work required to make division a reality.

"But, it should be understood that adequate funding must be made available at the federal level in order that this government can properly complete its task."

Failure to receive such federal support would make it difficult for the North to meet the conditions for division set out by the Federal Government.

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FIRST VISIT TO NWT FOR MANY TOURISTS

FORT SMITH (Nov. 30) - About 75 per cent of the tourists who passed through the Fort Smith region this year were visiting the Northwest Territories for the first time.

The statistic is contained in a survey conducted by the regional Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Results of the survey were based on information from 416 completed questionnaires distributed at the 60th Parallel Tourist Information Centre.

The main reasons tourists gave for travelling to the NWT were to visit communities, wilderness camping and fishing. The majority of tourists who completed the questionnaire lived in Alberta and the United States.

The midnight sun, beautiful scenery and the warmth of the people were highlights of many visitors' trip.

While most tourists cited bugs and poor highway conditions as the worst part of their trip, about 68 per cent of them plan a return trip.

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SAFE DRIVING WEEK IN THE NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - December 1-7 is Safe Driving Week across the NWT and the rest of Canada.

Safe Driving Week was started 26 years ago to alert Canadians everywhere that the risk of death or injury from traffic accidents is a huge social problem in Canada.

The problem has been increasing in the NWT, says Angie Maksymowich, registrar of the Territorial government's motor vehicles division.

"A recent Safety Canada report states that the Northwest Territories has 60 per cent more traffic fatalities per capita than the rest of Canada," says the registrar, "and it is a disgrace."

To cut the number of fatalities on the road, each driver must be informed and responsible.

The registrar warned that with the holiday season approaching, more accidents related to alcohol consumption could be expected. Drivers are asked to be particularly cautious about drinking and driving.

"An impaired driving charge can be very costly in many ways but the danger to other lives is the most serious part of it," says the registrar.

Winter driving conditions also require special caution. Snowmobiles should be operated with the same care as cars and trucks when they are used in areas where there is other traffic.

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MOOSESKIN BOAT GOES ON DISPLAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - A mooseskin boat, made by the Mountain Dene of Fort Norman, completes its long journey when it goes on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The Heritage Centre is holding an opening celebration Sunday Dec. 12 from 2:00-5:00 for the new permanent exhibit.

Some of the boatbuilders from Fort Norman will be present and "Journey of a Mooseskin Boat" will be officially opened by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden and Cheeko Desjarlais, executive director of the Native Communications Society of the Western NWT (NCS).

Beginning during the late 19th century, the Mountain people of the area west of the Mackenzie River travelled from their winter camps in the mountains to trading posts along the Mackenzie in large mooseskin boats. But by the late 1950s the boats had virtually disappeared as part of their material culture.

The typical mooseskin boat ranged in length from 25-60 feet, consisting of a sprucewood frame covered with untanned moosehides sewn together with sinew. The basic design was an adaptation of the York boat, producing a craft that suited the conditions of the mountain rivers while using the materials naturally available.

In the spring of 1981, NCS and the Territorial government's department of information combined resources with the National Film Board of Canada and the Heritage Centre to undertake a project to recreate and preserve a mooseskin boat.

Elders from Fort Norman who had retained the traditional boat-building skills agreed to construct a mooseskin boat in a bush camp in the Mackenzie Mountains. They then sailed from the headwaters of the Keele River to Fort Norman.

The camp activities, construction of the boat and its journey were all recorded on film.

In return for its contribution to the project, the Heritage Centre received the finished boat for its permanent collection.

After a year-long treatment with fungicides and preservatives in a specially-constructed plastic humidity tent to allow it to dry slowly, the boat has been brought from its storage place to the Heritage Centre where it will now be on display.

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COLD WEATHER SAFETY HINTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - Exposure to cold is one of the serious hazards of the winter season and extreme exposure can lead to frostbite or hypothermia.

Frostbite occurs when ice crystals form in the fluid and underlying soft tissues of the skin. The nose, cheeks, ears, fingers and toes are the most commonly-affected areas. Frostbite is seriously accelerated by wind and humidity.

Hypothermia is a lowering of the deep body temperature. Sometimes called "exposure", it is a condition which can develop quickly and may be fatal. Its symptoms begin with shivering and numbness and eventually lead to stupor and unconsciousness.

It occurs when heat produced by the body is less than the amount being lost to the surroundings. This results in a lowering of the body's core temperature and as it progresses, vital organs and systems begin to lose their ability to function.

The answer to cold weather is dressing properly. Layers of thick, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing are the best choice for outdoor activity. Air trapped between layers of fabric is warmed by the body, providing insulation. The outer layer of clothing should be tightly woven and windproof.

Body heat is generated in the torso and circulated through the blood stream. The first parts of the body to feel cold are the hands and feet. When we start to feel cold, blood vessels in the arms and legs constrict to conserve heat in the torso where it is most important.

Warm gloves and footwear can help to keep you warm. Mittens are warmer than gloves because less surface area is exposed to the cold. Boots should be loose enough to allow room for the warm air layer. Tightness will cause constriction and reduce the supply of warm blood to the feet.

Up to 50 per cent of the body's heat can be lost through the head. A warm hat with ear and face protection should be worn.

Clothes that provide sufficient warmth when people are inactive are often too warm after physical activity. When sweating begins, the trapped air insulation is replaced by moisture which conducts the cold. Once activity is stopped, evaporation of the sweat in the clothing causes cooling.

Natural fabrics such as wool are better than synthetic fibres because they stand up better to wetness. Recent studies show that wool continues to retain warmth when wet while cotton and down will not.

Age, sex and weight influence a person's reaction to cold. Body heat production falls with age so an older person in poor health may be more prone to exposure.

Any suspicion of hypothermia should be acted on immediately. Everyone should be able to recognize symptoms and signs and be ready to give proper first aid. Correct treatment includes moving the person from cold, wet and wind to shelter to prevent further cooling of the body and rewarming the body slowly.

Any alcohol dulls the senses. An intoxicated person does not feel the cold like a sober person and is more likely to suffer from exposure.

During winter activities involving excursions to remote or out-of-the-way places, the best protection is to travel with other people. Leave information on where you are going and when you will return. Travel prepared with extra clothing, food and warm liquids.

For more information about winter safety, contact the safety division, department of justice and public services, in Yellowknife at 873-7430. An excellent locally-produced film on hypothermia is also available on request from the safety division.

The Territorial government's health resource centre also has information on exposure studies. Contact the centre at 873-7713.

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GOOD SAFETY PRACTICES PAY OFF

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - Good safety practices paid off for 700 employers in the Northwest Territories last week.

Cash dividends of \$1,100,000 were distributed to employers who qualified for the Workers' Compensation Board's (WCB) merit rebate plan.

Employers qualify for the rebate plan on the basis of their accident records over the past three years. There are 3,114 employers paying WCB assessments.

The Board sets aside 60 per cent of each employer's annual assessment to pay accident claims. For every two per cent the actual amount of claims falls below the amount set aside, one per cent of the assessment is refunded to the employer.

Employers with good safety records could receive a rebate of as much as 30 per cent of their total yearly assessment.

This is the third year merit rebates have been paid.

Rebates applied to the 1981 assessment year. The program is open to all employers paying an annual assessment of more than \$100 to the Workers' Compensation Board.

"The program encourages employers to see the dollar value of safe operations," says Al Collinson, the Board's manager of accident prevention services.

"A safe workplace and good safety practices pay off with smoother operations and less time-lost accidents. With the merit rebate plan, the employer sees just how much safety can earn him and prompts him to look for ways to avoid accidents," Collinson says.

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SUPPLEMENTARY HEALTH PROGRAM EXPANDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - Costs of medical care for patients with chronic diseases of the urinary system not covered by Health and Welfare Canada will now be covered by the Territorial government's supplementary health program.

Minister of Health Kane Tologanak today announced the expanded medical coverage which becomes effective immediately.

The supplementary health program provides assistance with treatment costs not covered by other Territorial health insurance services. These include travel costs (including economy airfare and accommodation and meal allowances) to the nearest centre where treatment is available, costs of prescription drugs and some other necessary services.

The supplementary program did cover these costs for patients with congenital anomalies of the urinary system. This has now been expanded to cover long-term diseases of the urinary system such as kidney failure which requires renal dialysis treatment. The program does not cover short-term acute conditions.

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The objective of the health insurance programs is to ensure that patients do not have to face extreme financial hardship due to illness, the minister explained.

The program will reduce the need for hospital admissions to obtain financial support for drugs, supplies and treatment, Tologanak said. "Care in the home will result in overall cost-savings and allow the patient to remain in a familiar environment."

An estimated 55 patients across the N.W.T. are affected, according to National Health and Welfare's chronic disease list. Approximately 20 of these patients not covered by Federal health programs will be eligible for supplementary benefits.

For further information, contact the department of health at (403) 873-7152 in Yellowknife.

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INUKTITUT IMMERSION COURSE OFFERED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - The Territorial government is sponsoring an immersion course in Inuktitut, beginning Jan. 17 in Yellowknife.

Janet McGrath, an Inuktitut teacher who has worked in Cambridge Bay and Fort Smith, will lead the course, Jan. 17-28 at Sir John Franklin High School.

Up to 12 students can be accommodated in the intensive course which runs all day each day of the schedule except Sunday, Jan. 23.

All major eastern dialects will be included in the course with emphasis on the basic language patterns common to all of them.

The fee for the course will be \$200-300, depending on the number of students registered. Final date for registration is Dec. 10.

For more information or to register, contact Frank Cserepy at the Language Bureau, department of information in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7616.

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AVOID TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 6) - N.W.T. residents are complaining about high pressure telephone sales solicitations from some southern businesses, says consumer affairs officer Shirle Grey Wolf.

Both the consumer affairs office and the R.C.M.P. believe these businesses are working on the same system. They all work through telephone solicitation. To receive orders they will promise as free gifts personalized key chains, video-tape recorders, pens, desk sets and other sundries. The products offered for sale through telephone solicitations range from drain cleaners to industrial salt and light bulbs.

One approach used by these companies, says Grey Wolf, is to tell the person answering the telephone that he or she has won a trip to Las Vegas or some other resort spot. Thinking the whole package is free, people will order the offered items. However, upon committing themselves, consumers find out that to take advantage of the trip they must pay their own transportation and accommodation. In some instances, the soliciting company may pay for only two nights and three days accommodation.

The soliciting companies are working mainly out of Toronto and Montreal, says Grey Wolf. However, there is a possibility that they are soliciting from other townships in those areas (i.e. Mississauga).

Invoices accompanying the merchandise contain fine print which reads, "no merchandise can be returned without our written permission".

This is not true, says Grey Wolf.

As long as you do not accept the shipment of goods you will not be responsible for any costs. The trucking companies are returning the goods, collect, to these solicitors. The trucking companies would be happier if consumers were not ordering these goods, she adds, because it is costly for them to return the merchandise. The trucking companies have no guarantee they can even collect freight charges from the companies involved.

Non-existent order numbers are appearing on invoices from the soliciting companies. Invoices should be checked to make sure they have an actual purchase order number.

Under no circumstances, says Grey Wolf, give these companies a credit card number if you place an order with them. The companies are billing credit card agencies for goods that have never been purchased.

The best way to avoid these solicitations is to hang up on the caller as soon as they start trying to sell you anything, says Grey Wolf.

For further information on telephone solicitations, contact the consumer affairs office in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7125 or the commercial crime section, R.C.M.P. in Yellowknife at (403) 920-8328.

For information on businesses that are legally licensed to conduct business in the NWT, contact consumer affairs or companies registry at (403) 873-7492.

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HEATERS A POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 7) - Owners of Radco portable quartz heaters Model V15Ø1W are advised to discontinue using the heaters immediately.

A warning issued today by the safety division of Justice and Public Services says the heaters are a potential shock hazard.

I.H. Grabke, head of the division's mechanical/electrical section, says Canadian Standards Association (CSA) tests have shown that these heaters could contain substandard electrical spacings and could become electrically alive causing injury and possible death. There have been no reports of injuries to date.

Since March, 1982 Radco Products Limited has been under new ownership. The potentially hazardous heaters were manufactured and distributed by the company's previous owners from November, 1981 to March, 1982.

The heaters were distributed to retail outlets in Ontario.

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They can be identified by the following markings on the front bottom plate of the product: Model V1501W, 120 V ac, 60Hz, 1500W, Radco Products Ltd., Scarborough, Ontario, LR 49167, CAS Monogram, Made in Canada.

These heaters should be returned to Radco Products Limited, 452 Birchmount Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 1M6.

Repaired units will have a small green sticker beside the serial number on the back of the heater.

Radco portable quartz heaters, Model V1502W, distributed since April, 1982 are not part of this recall.

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KITIKMEOT TO HOLD HOUSING CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 7) - The Kitikmeot district second Federation and Housing Conference began in Cambridge Bay today. The conference will continue until December 10.

Victor Irving, President of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, said that 24 delegates from the six Kitikmeot communities will be attending the conference which is jointly funded by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the N.W.T. Housing Corporation.

Guests invited to attend the conference include Kane Tologanak, MLA Central Arctic; Peter Alareak, Chairman of the Keewatin Housing Federation and officials of the Government of the N.W.T. and Inuit Non-Profit Housing Corporation. Resource people include those from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the N.W.T. Housing Corporation.

Some of the subjects to be covered during the week include: budgets, homeownership, user-pay electricity, house design, the rent scale, training and tenant responsibilities. Housing Association and Corporation personnel jointly developed the agenda topics.

Other housing conferences have been held in the Keewatin, Western Arctic and the Mackenzie Valley districts. Each of these conferences has provided an opportunity for many housing association delegates and resource people to exchange ideas and concerns.

Mr. Irving said that the active participation of delegates and guests in the discussions and the development of thoughtful resolutions will contribute toward the enhancement of Housing Corporation programs.

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TRANSPORT BOARD CHANGES ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 8) - Several changes in the N.W.T. Highway Transport Board were announced today by Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the Board.

Hay River businessman C.B. (Chuck) Davidge has been appointed to the board.

Davidge is manager of the Ptarmigan Inn in Hay River. He has been an N.W.T. resident for 14 years and has been in private business since arriving in the North.

Yellowknife resident Bob O'Connor becomes vice-chairman. O'Connor, president of Aero Arctic Ltd., was appointed to the Transport Board in August.

Chairman of the Transport Board is John Hill of Inuvik.

The membership of the board has been expanded from three to five. The remaining two positions will be filled by the end of the year, McCallum said.

The Highway Transport Board is responsible for regulating the commercial trucking industry in the N.W.T.

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS WINS FEDERAL APPROVAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 8) - The Constitutional Alliance, which met last week in Ottawa, has succeeded in obtaining federal government support for the constitutional development process in the N.W.T.

The Alliance travelled to Ottawa last week, following Indian Affairs Minister John Munro's announcement that the federal government would support, in principle, the division of the N.W.T.

The Alliance's main goal for the meetings was to solicit support for the Constitutional Alliance, its forums and work plans. The group also lobbied the federal government for funds to allow the development process to continue. Members of the opposition parties were also informed of the goals of the Alliance.

James Wah-Shee, chairman of the Alliance, says the group accomplished its objectives and received encouragement to continue its work.

"Through our meetings with government and opposition MP's, members of the cabinet and senators, we were able to explain the Constitutional Alliance and Forum process," he said.

Wah-Shee added that the response to the Alliance and its objectives was very positive.

"The Minister of Indian Affairs has said the federal government's approval of division implies an obligation to provide funding for the constitutional development process," said Wah-Shee.

"The minister has assured us he will pursue the matter of funding on a priority basis," added Wah-Shee.

While the federal reaction to the Alliance's proposals was positive, Dennis Patterson, the G.N.W.T.'s associate minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development, said the Alliance is concerned that some important issues are not addressed in the new federal policy on division.

"We have been told that provincehood is not an option at this time," he said. "However, we have not been given any indication of what must be done to achieve provincehood in the north."

"In addition, the policy does not address our concerns about resource revenue sharing or the management of land and resources."

"These are key issues to the development of responsible government in the north and the Alliance will continue to press the federal government to meet its concerns," he said.

The Constitutional Alliance was formed following last April's division plebiscite and is developing proposals for two separate governments in the N.W.T.

The Alliance is seeking \$2.6 million from the government to complete its work.

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NEW N.W.T. HOUSING CORPORATION RENT SCALE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has a new rent scale. The scale, approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on November 24, was presented today to the delegates attending the Kitikmeot Federation and Housing Conference in Cambridge Bay.

Victor Irving, President of the Housing Corporation, advised delegates that the Board of Directors requested the rent review in April 1982. A task force was formed to consult with housing associations and federations. Later, district offices of the Corporation became very active in the consultation process.

The objective of the task force was to develop a rental scale that would be fair and adequate to the residents of the N.W.T., narrow the gap between the federal rent scale and territorial rent scale and promote homeownership where homeownership is an alternative.

Features of the new scale include:

- rent calculation based on family assessable income, on a sliding scale from 16.7% - 25%

- minimum rent of \$32 a month

- in communities where homeownership is an alternative, maximum rent equal to economic rent or market rent, whichever is higher. This would affect mainly Western Arctic and Mackenzie Valley communities

- in communities where homeownership is not an alternative, maximum rent based on rent charged for similar Government of the N.W.T. staff housing

- major changes to the calculation of assessable income with only a portion of the gross income of each member of the family included in the calculation of the monthly rent

- a rent subsidy called the Territorial rent adjustment based on the basic living allowance which is made up of food, clothing and personal care components of the social assistance payment schedule. In the calculation of this subsidy, the basic living allowance is withdrawn from cost zone I communities and the same amounts are deducted from the basic living allowance of the other five cost zones.

- for senior citizens and disabled tenants who are regular recipients of disability benefits and who are head of the household, housing associations or authorities may charge a flat rate monthly rent no less than \$32 per month, and no greater than rent assessed according to the rental scale

- where tenants face an increase of \$35 or more per month for rent, increases to be graduated over three month intervals at a maximum rate of \$35 per interval.

Mr. Irving said that in studying the effects of implementing the new rent scale on tenants, it was found that some rents will decrease and others will increase. The decrease or increase is dependent upon the family work situation, the household formation and/or the removal of zone I base subsidy from all cost zones.

Implementation date for the new rent scale is January 1, 1983.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS PINE POINT CONCERNS

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 10) - Following a meeting with Pine Point MLA Bruce McLaughlin, the N.W.T. Executive Committee has appointed a working group to provide them with information on conditions in Pine Point following announcement of the pending mine closure in January.

The working group is composed of deputy ministers and senior officials of the executive, economic development, education, local government, health and social services and energy and resource development. They will be visiting Pine Point on Tuesday, December 14 to consult with the Pine Point Co-ordinating Committee, which includes MLA Bruce McLaughlin, Mayor Otto Romeike and representatives of the mine, the union and the business community.

Leader of the elected executive George Braden expressed confidence in the future of Pine Point as a viable community and one which the Government of the Northwest Territories will continue to support.

"Indications are that when lead and zinc prices recover on the world market, the mine will re-open. It does not appear at this time that a lengthy shut-down will occur," said Mr. Braden.

"The working group has been established to find out, in co-operation with local residents, how the Government of the Northwest Territories can best lend assistance during the shut-down period.

"We want the people of Pine Point to realize that their government is sensitive to community needs and that we will be proceeding with municipal improvements already planned."

The group will also visit Hay River in the near future, a community which will undoubtedly be adversely effected by the mine-closing in Pine Point.

The fact finding group will report to the Executive Committee, which will decide on possible further action to deal with any dislocation in economic, social or educational areas.

Mr. Braden pointed out that it is emergency situations such as a mine closing that make it essential that the Government of the Northwest Territories be involved in every phase of resource development.

"It is the Territorial Government that has to respond to the positive and negative impacts of large scale projects."

Following a report to the Executive by the working group, the ministers will discuss with the federal government concerns that are under federal jurisdictions. Questions such as NCPC power rates, which will be affected by the mine closure, will be discussed with the minister of Indian and Northern Affairs. Other concerns will be brought to the attention of the Minister of State for Mines.

Mr. Braden will also be seeking a meeting with Rod Douglas, vice-president of Cominco, to review the situation.

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GRAVES APPOINTED EDUCATION A.D.M.

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 10) - Rufus Graves has been appointed assistant deputy minister of the department of education.

His appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

As assistant deputy minister for the support services branch, Graves will be responsible for capital planning, student services, statistical research and teacher registration.

Graves was the first director of Thebacha College (formerly the Adult Vocational Training Centre) in Fort Smith from 1977-82. Before taking over that position, he was the department's superintendent of vocational and higher education from 1975-77.

Until he left to take educational leave in 1976, Graves had been area superintendent of education in Hay River since 1971.

He received an M.A. in education from the University of Oregon in 1977. As well, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State University and is a journeyman lithography printer.

Before moving to the N.W.T., Graves was with the Federal government as principal of schools on several reserves in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Graves fills the position vacated when Gerard Mulders was appointed Keewatin Regional director.

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PROTECTION IMPORTANT FOR URANIUM EXPLORATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 10) - Guidelines for uranium exploration in the N.W.T. must address the issue of environmental, public and worker protection, says the multi-agency group responsible for drafting the guidelines.

Representatives of the Territorial and federal governments and the mining industry met in November to begin working on the guidelines. Information on uranium exploration guidelines developed by Nova Scotia, British Columbia and Saskatchewan was considered. The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Territorial government's Department of Justice and Public Services also presented proposals for review by the working group.

Members of the working group agreed that the three main areas of concern which must be addressed in the guidelines were protection of the environment (including water sources and supplies) and wildlife; protection of the general public (health and safety) and occupational health and safety (protection for the workers involved).

The working group will review all the information before developing recommendations for guidelines.

Territorial and federal government officials will also be meeting on an on-going basis to discuss the administration of any uranium exploration guidelines that may be developed. They will be discussing the areas of jurisdiction which apply with a view to ensuring maximum co-operation and co-ordination.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT A.D.M. APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 13) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee today announced the appointment of Dennis Lowing as assistant deputy minister of local government.

Lowing is presently director of the Territorial government's staff housing policy implementation group, a position he took over in 1981.

An employee of the Territorial government since 1968, he was settlement manager in Tuktoyaktuk until 1970. An appointment as local government development officer for the Inuvik region followed.

In 1972 he was appointed regional superintendent of local government in the Baffin Region and served in the Eastern Arctic for three years before joining the N.W.T. Housing Corporation in 1974 as manager of the programs division. He became general manager of the Corporation four years later.

Lowing was appointed secretary to the Territorial government's task force on employee housing in 1979. From 1980-81 he was executive assistant to Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot.

"Mr. Lowing brings back to the department of local government his extensive experience as a development officer and regional superintendent," Wah-Shee said.

"He will have management responsibilities for municipal affairs, community planning, land and assessment, sport and recreation, and community airports. I am very pleased to welcome him back to the department," the minister said.

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**HISTORIC YELLOWKNIFE RECORDS PRESENTED TO
COUNCIL**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 13) - A record of the early days of municipal government in Yellowknife will be given to the present City Council this week.

Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden will make the presentation of the records of the local trustee board, the first organized group to administer the settlement, between 1940 and 1946.

The presentation to Mayor Mike Ballantyne will take place at the City Council's meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 14.

"These are unique documents containing a historical record of the City beginning with the first meeting of the trustee board on Jan. 31, 1940," Braden explained.

The donation will assist the City in compiling complete administrative records of its Council.

Dr. Edwin Welch, Territorial archivist, found the records in the Federal government's Northern Administration and Lands Branch in Ottawa where they had been stored for many years.

The original records will remain in Ottawa while one copy will go to the City of Yellowknife and another set will be kept at the Territorial Archives of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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From left, minister of justice and public services George Braden; Cheeko Desjarlais, executive director of NCS; George and Vivian Pellissey, Madelaine Karkagie, and Gabe Etchinelle of Fort Norman; Heritage Centre conservator Susan Cross and director Dr. Robert Janes view the mooseskin boat at the opening of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's new permanent exhibit.



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after Dr. Robert Janes.

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From left, minister of justice and public services George Braden; Cheeko Desjarlais, executive director of NCS; George and Vivian Pellissey, Madeleine Karkagie, and Gabe Etchinelle of Fort Norman; Heritage Centre conservator Susan Cross and director Dr. Robert Janes and department of information filmmaker Bill Stewart view the mooseskin boat at the opening of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's new permanent exhibit.



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MOOSESKIN BOAT EXHIBIT OPENED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 14) - A large crowd gathered at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Sunday for the opening ceremony of a new permanent exhibit.

Journey of a Mooseskin Boat was opened officially by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden, Cheeko Desjarlais, executive director of the Native Communications Society of the Western N.W.T. (NCS), and four of the boatbuilders from Fort Norman.

In opening the exhibit, Braden called it an event of value to Yellowknife and all of the Northwest Territories. "Many people across the North worked hard to complete this exhibit and preserve this part of our history," the minister said.

Gabe Etchinelle, one of the Fort Norman elders who built the 60-foot boat in 1981, said he hoped it would not be the last one and that the boatbuilding skills would be passed on to the next generations.

Following the opening ceremonies, Etchinelle and the other elders, Madeleine Karkagie and George and Vivian Pellissey, were the first to see the exhibit when they led visitors into the new gallery.

All four Fort Norman residents were presented with framed photographs of the boat on its journey from the bush camp in the Mackenzie Mountains down the Keele River to Fort Norman.

A film of this trip is being prepared by NCS, the National Film Board of Canada and the Territorial government's department of information. A videotape version of the film was available at the opening celebration for visitors to view.

The mooseskin boat, a sprucewood frame covered with untanned moosehides sewn together with sinew, is a traditional design used by the Mountain Dene of the area west of the Mackenzie River since the late 19th century. By the late 1950s the boats were no longer being used by the people.

In the spring of 1981, NCS, the department of information, the National Film Board and the Heritage Centre undertook the project to recreate and preserve the boat.

Once the mooseskin boat reached Yellowknife, it underwent a year-long treatment with fungicides and preservatives in a plastic humidity tent to allow it to dry slowly.

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In return for its contribution to the project the Heritage Centre received the finished boat for its permanent collection.

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GNWT TO REVIEW TAXATION OF NORTHERN BENEFITS

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 16) - The GNWT will establish a working group to review the impact of the new federal policy on the taxation of northern benefits.

Tom Butters, minister of finance, said today the government recognizes the need for the policy, but says changes are needed to make it relevant to the concerns of northerners.

In order to review the impact of the new policy and possible changes to it, Butters will seek advice from industry and labour, native organizations, the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities and northern consumer groups.

"We have several concerns with the policy, which appears to be detrimental to the development of a stable northern employment base by encouraging fly-in, fly-out resource projects," he said.

"More directly, no consideration seems to have been given to the GNWT's new employee accommodation policy which was designed to encourage home ownership. It ignores the issue that the cost of doing business and living in the north is higher than in southern Canadian centres.

"We are also concerned the policy gives federal employees greater benefits - on average - than GNWT employees," Butters said.

Federal employees living in subsidized housing would pay less tax on benefits than would Territorial Government employees now receiving the standard accommodation allowance of \$450 per month.

"Because of the dramatic impact this policy could have on the north," he said, "it is important we take time to review, in detail, the policy and all of its implications."

Butters added that he has conferred with Yukon Government Leader Chris Pearson to initiate development of a co-ordinated response to the new federal policy.

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HERITAGE CENTRE RECEIVES GIFT FROM U.S. COLLECTORS

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 20) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has received a large donation of Inuit clothing and artifacts from collectors in the United States.

Dr. A.L. Washburn, a northern geologist living in Seattle, Washington, has given the Heritage Centre a collection he acquired during several expeditions to the Canadian Arctic between 1938 and 1949.

"This is the first international repatriation from the U.S. received by the Heritage Centre and it is a very valuable collection," explained Dr. Robert Janes, director of the Centre.

"Each piece is unique - there are not many extensive collections of clothing from that region and that era", Barbara Winter, curator of collections, said.

As scientists, Dr. Washburn and his wife Tahoe are aware of the need for accurately documenting artifacts, Dr. Janes said. The collection has been well cared for and is in excellent condition.

The Washburns felt the pieces were important to northern history and should be returned to the N.W.T., Winter said.

Among the items in the collection are several pairs of sealskin and caribou kamiks from the Cambridge Bay/Coppermine area, made around 1940.

The collection also includes a loon skin bag, used to store sinew while keeping it oily and supple. This bag was made by Susanna Andreason, born during the 1880s. It was presented to the Washburns during a visit to Richards Island in 1941.

Several items of children's clothing and dolls from Alaska, Labrador and the High Arctic are included in the Washburns' gift.

Dr. Washburn, a specialist in glacial geology, travelled extensively in Alaska, Greenland and the Arctic. He was a professor of northern geology at Yale and Dartmouth Universities and executive director of the Arctic Institute of North America from 1945-1951.

He recently retired from the Research Centre of Washington State University but still travels to the North to do research each summer.

The collection will be exhibited at the Heritage Centre in the spring.

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PHOTO RELEASE

The federal and Territorial governments this week signed a \$21 million Economic Development Agreement in Yellowknife. Participating in the signing ceremony were, from left, Tom Butters, Territorial minister of Finance; John Munro, federal Indian and Northern Affairs minister; Arnold McCallum, Territorial minister of economic development and tourism, and NWT Commissioner John Parker. The agreement, largest-ever of its kind in the Territories, will run four years. It is designed to stimulate the northern economy and create jobs.

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AGREEMENT WILL STIMULATE NORTHERN ECONOMY

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 22) - The \$21 million federal-territorial Economic Development Agreement signed here Tuesday is "the best chance the NWT's ever had" to develop its economy.

"This is a golden opportunity for us to put our economy under a microscope and come up with the kinds of jobs and business opportunities that will lead to lasting economic growth," said Arnold McCallum, minister of economic development and tourism.

McCallum, along with Commissioner John Parker and Minister of Finance Tom Butters, participated in the signing of the four-year agreement Tuesday with Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro.

The agreement, by far the largest of its kind in Territorial history, "should have the beneficial effect of strengthening both our modern wage economy and the traditional native economy, and in ways that are harmonious to each of them," said Butters.

The emphasis in the agreement is on the Territorial and federal governments and northern communities and groups identifying new employment and business opportunities in specified areas. These include the renewable and non-renewable resource sectors, small business, community-based tourism, native arts and crafts, inter-settlement trade, the forest and lumber industry, commercial fishing, fur-processing and agriculture.

In addition, the agreement will emphasize the development of managerial skills to operate new and existing enterprises, and in a program called Options North will spend significant sums on pre-employment training to get people ready for a hopefully-expanded job market.

"The Territorial government has never had the kinds of funds provided here for it or for the people of the north to study and develop the economy of the north," said Commissioner John Parker. "This agreement now provides that money."

The federal government will contribute \$19 million over the life of the agreement, while the Territorial government will give \$2 million.

This money will start to become available about next April when three sub-agreements are expected to be finalized and signed between the two governments. These sub-agreements will codify the general principles in Tuesday's agreement and flesh out the areas in which the \$21 million will be spent.

The sub-agreements are in three areas: human resource development, natural resource development and domestic market development.

While these agreements are still being negotiated, they are expected to be broken down as follows:

Human resource development (\$5.57 million):

This will include \$3.1 million for comprehensive pre-employment training in such areas as basic work skills and life skills, and \$1.8 million in business training to fund business management training programs, fund and develop management training proposals and fund consulting services in the training area on a wide range of problems and solutions.

Domestic market development (\$11.4 million):

This will include \$3 million for business assistance - to identify opportunities for business in natural resources, tourism, native arts and crafts, and for management training and development in such schemes as Outreach educational programs. As well, it will be to assist in establishing technical and professional services in remote areas.

In addition, under tourism development, \$3 million will be spent on community-based tourism, including the development of communities themselves and their tourist facilities; planning studies to develop and select park and recreation areas, development of attractions and events, hospitality awareness training, Travel Zone Association support, new infra-structure and marketing, organization and planning.

Still under domestic market development, \$2.5 million will go to community-based development - funding to communities to hire planning consultants. As well, \$1.5 million will be spent in inter-settlement trade to support the planning and development of trade in country foods and quarried soapstone, and for studies in such subjects as harvest statistics, resource inventories, predator control and habitat enhancement.

Natural resource development (\$3.9 million):

This will include non-renewable resource development (\$800,000) and renewable resource development (\$2.75 million).

Under non-renewable development will be funded identification of business opportunities, feasibility studies of specific opportunities, the monitoring of opportunities and dissemination of information on business opportunities.

Under renewable resource development, funds will be made available to plan for the development and expansion of the forest and lumber industry, feasibility studies and pilot research projects related to agriculture, assistance to HTAs and community organizations to plan and implement local fur-processing capabilities, and assistance in the development of commercial fisheries.

Proposals from northerners to spend this \$21 million will be solicited once the sub-agreements are signed.

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FIRE REGULATIONS CHANGED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 22) - A recent addition to the N.W.T. Fire Prevention Ordinance now requires that smoke alarms be installed in all residential buildings with more than two units.

The regulation was approved in November and goes into effect immediately.

The ordinance applies to all residential buildings of more than two dwelling units such as duplexes and apartment buildings, hotels and motels, regardless of date of construction, completion or occupancy.

Building owners have until May 31, 1983 to install the smoke alarms

The department of justice and public services is responsible for enforcing this regulation.

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