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JANUARY ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 4) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will be a busy place during January.

The Heritage Centre's noon hour lecture series resumes Friday, Jan. 7 with an illustrated talk by geologist Walter Gibbons on the economic geology of carving stone. On Jan. 21 architect Gino Pin will lead a tour of Chinese architecture.

These talks begin at 12:15 and people attending are invited to bring their lunches.

The Centre's recent acquisitions case will feature a quill work display this month and the new permanent exhibition "Journey of a Mooseskin Boat" is now open.

Inuit Myths, Legends and Songs, an exhibit of drawings from the Winnipeg Art Gallery, continues until Jan. 9.

A film series every Sunday at 1:00 includes the following features:

Jan. 9 The Other Side of the Ledger

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Jan. 16 Dene Nation and I was Born Here
Jan. 23 Following the Tundra Wolf
Jan. 30 Cruise of the Whaler Herman

Refreshments are available at the Heritage
Centre every Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00.

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ADULT EDUCATION MEETS INUVIK TRAINING NEEDS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - Adult education is meeting a critical need in the Inuvik area, according to community adult educator Kenneth Burlingame.

"Resource development in the region means jobs are available but there are not enough people with the level of skills employers require," Burlingame says.

Our emphasis is on getting people to that level through academic upgrading and business education, he added.

Adult education students have skills ranging up to the grade nine level but the average is grade seven or eight. Most companies ask for grade ten education in entry level positions, Burlingame explained.

To meet this need, the adult education centre in Inuvik provides basic education courses and job readiness training programs sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre.

Students tested recently, who entered the program in October, show an average improvement of two grade levels already, Burlingame said.

The adult education centre was recently renovated to allow greater use of the centre. Approximately 100 people use the facility for daytime and evening classes each week.

Burlingame is responsible for management of the centre and direction of many of its programs. He also teaches both the adult basic education course and job readiness training.

To be eligible for adult education, students must be at least 17 years of age and have been out of school for two years.

Business education is offered daily from 9:00 - 4:00 through a Thebacha College extension course for clerk typists. Nine students are enrolled in this skills development program, sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre and the department of education.

In the past two years, 20 people have registered in the course and, of the 15 who completed the training, 14 are now working, business education instructor Stamatia Burlingame notes.

NorthwestTel has supplied extension telephone equipment, an outside line and a Telex machine for training purposes at no cost as their contribution to the program.

In addition to the daytime courses offered, night school courses are available three times a week. Among the evening programs are two classes in bookkeeping and a class to prepare students for General Educational Development (GED) testing.

The adult educator also does extensive testing to establish grade levels of students and determine where upgrading is needed. This includes administering TABE tests (Tests of Adult Basic Education) to identify individual students' needs and providing this information to agencies such as Canada Manpower and Thebacha College.

Burlingame also provides these services to other Inuvik region communities without their own adult educator.

Academic and vocational counselling, co-ordination of correspondence and home study programs, consultation with other organizations and maintaining a supply depot for adult educators throughout the region are also handled by Burlingame.

"We hope that by consolidating and improving the facilities for adult education in this community, a new awareness of the opportunities available for Inuvik residents will emerge, Burlingame said.

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SEMINAR TO DISCUSS FIRE PROTECTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - A seminar examining fire protection and prevention in northern communities is planned for Yellowknife, Jan. 14.

The seminar will discuss recommendations made in the report "Recommended guidelines for community fire protection and prevention north of 60", recently prepared under the department of local government's water and sanitation program, jointly by the governments of the NWT and Yukon with assistance from the Alaska and Greenland governments.

The report found that fire losses in the Yukon and NWT are much higher per capita than in other areas of Canada. It outlines engineering considerations and a number of recommendations to decrease fire losses and meet future needs.

One of the co-authors of the report, Dr. Gary Heinke, chairman of the department of civil engineering at the University of Toronto, will be guest speaker at the seminar.

The program includes an examination of the report's recommendations, an explanation of the engineering information and feedback about the recommendations.

Also included in the day-long session is a panel discussion with Territorial fire marshal Les McPhee, Dr. Heinke, Bob Doherty, assistant deputy minister of public works, Bob Milburn, Technical services, department of local government and Alan Wilcox, vice-president of construction with the NWT Housing Corporation.

The seminar is open to all members of the public. Also expected to attend are technical staff and regional representatives of the departments of local government and public works.

The seminar, sponsored jointly by local government, public works and justice and public services, begins at 9:00, Friday Jan. 14 in the auditorium of the Northern Heritage Centre.

For further information, contact Bob Milburn, acting head of technical services, department of local government, at (403) 873-7135.

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83-004

JUSTICE POTTS TO HEAD BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan 07)-Mr. Justice Joseph Henry Potts will head a three-member Boundaries Commission to study the size and number of constituencies in the Northwest Territories.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

Mr. Justice Potts is a judge with the High Court of Justice in the Province of Ontario. He is also a deputy judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories.

The commission's work, to examine existing boundaries from the point of possible re-distribution and to look at the possibility of increasing the NWT Assembly from 22 to 25 members, will get underway this month and its report will be presented in early May.

A second member of the Commission, Fort Simpson Dene Chief James Antoine was recommended by the NWT Legislative Assembly during the final day of its Fall session. His appointment is also effective today.

The commissioner noted it will be up to Mr. Justice Potts and Chief Antoine to appoint the commission's third member.

Mr. Justice Potts, 57, was appointed to the High Court of Justice for Ontario in 1982. He is a former partner of the firm McTaggart, Potts, Stone, Winters and Herridge and became a Queen's Counsel in 1969.

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NCF TO MEET IN INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 7) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum will meet in Tuktoyaktuk Jan. 11 and 12.

Attending the meeting will be NCF chairman Dennis Patterson, Central Arctic MLA Kane Tologanak, John Amagoalik - representing ITC - and Peter Green, president of the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement (COPE).

The Tungavik Federation, the body responsible for Inuit land claims, will also be attending the meeting.

The Forum members will discuss the progress on land claims negotiations to date. They will also review a recently-completed project researching the history of political development events over the last 30 years, leading up to the Nunavut concept.

The members will also consider their reaction to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission and other issues related to the development of boundaries for the N.W.T.

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The sessions are open to the public and observers are welcome to attend.

The meetings begin at 2 p.m., January 11 at the Hamlet Council Chambers in Tuktoyaktuk.

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INUVIK REGIONAL EDUCATION SUPT. APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - Ivan Fraser has been appointed superintendent of education for the Inuvik region.

Fraser, who presently holds the regional superintendent's position in Cambridge Bay, takes over his new appointment at the end of January.

He replaces Ed Duggan who was named assistant deputy minister of the department of education recently.

Fraser has held his present position since November 1979. From 1974 to 1979 he was the principal of Chief Jimmy Bruneau School in Rae-Edzo.

Before coming to the N.W.T. in 1974 he held teaching positions in Ottawa, Peterborough and Sudbury, Ontario.

Fraser is 46 years of age and married.

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EXTENDED FERRY OPERATIONS BENEFIT CONSUMERS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - Residents of communities on the highway system north of the Mackenzie River received an added Christmas gift this year when the Merv Hardie ferry continued to operate long after the usual date.

The previous record last date for the ferry's operation was Dec. 10 in 1974.

This year the ferry is still running and the Territorial government's department of public works expects the vessel will continue to operate until the ice bridge is thick enough to support loads up to 40,000 kilograms, probably in mid-January.

This means there will be no break in the arrival of transport trucks as there has been in previous years. Most priority freight, including food and other perishables, is shipped to Yellowknife and other communities north of the river by road.

The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce estimates extended ferry operations have meant financial benefits to Yellowknife consumers of close to \$500,000 every two weeks.

From Dec. 1-15, 149 transport trailers crossed the river on the Merv Hardie ferry.

"Assuming half of these were returning empty, there were approximately 75 full trailers with 40,000 pounds each of merchandise coming north," Chamber past president Albert Eggenberger estimates.

The extra charge for flying in commodities last winter was 17 cents per pound. This is a saving to consumers north of the river of about \$1 million a month, Eggenberger notes.

Dave Nicholson of DPW's highways division says that several factors are responsible for the extended run of the ferry.

The Merv Hardie was completely modified and rebuilt between January and May last year. This included redesigning the ferry to allow it to handle ice conditions better and adding steering mechanism and a better propulsion system.

In addition, high water levels in the river and good weather have allowed the ferry to maneuver in ice and keep a channel open across the river.

The mild conditions have prevented a heavy ice build-up and the renovations to the ferry have given the vessel sufficient power to break the ice on both shores.

Dredging to deepen the ferry channel across the Mackenzie was started last summer. The channel depth is being increased by three metres to allow the ferry to operate in most low water conditions fully loaded.

Work is completed at the north ferry landing and dredging will continue during 1983 at the south approach and on a shoal in the middle of the river.

Dredging operations were slowed in 1983 by unexpectedly large rocks and heavy soil encountered in the river. Work is expected to be completed by July.

The ferry will have to be removed from the water before spring break-up but Jim Bentley, chief of the highways division, says the ferry will continue to run until the ice road is up to full capacity or as long as possible.

In a letter to the department, the Chamber of Commerce called the extended ferry operations "the best Christmas present the citizens and business people of Yellowknife have ever received." The Chamber also recognized the efforts of the crew at Dory Point in keeping the ferry running.

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**CANADA AND NWT ANNOUNCE AN ARENA HEAT
RECOVERY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - Energy Minister Jean Chretien and the Northwest Territories' Deputy Commissioner, Bob Pilot, recently announced assistance for the demonstration of heat recovery from the ice-making plant in the new Yellowknife arena.

The government of Canada will contribute \$52,500 and the Northwest Territories \$17,500 to fund this waste heat recovery project, under the Canada-Northwest Territories Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Program. In addition, the Territorial Energy Conservation Division will give \$45,000.

The project will demonstrate the viability of reclaiming waste heat from the arena's ice-making plant condenser to warm the spectator area, change rooms and entry block, and to preheat service hot water for the facility.

"The project also combine a more efficient use of heat discharged from equipment, and an application of air-to-air heat exchangers," said Pilot. "Stale and humid air from locker rooms and food preparation areas, previously exhausted into the atmosphere, will be filtered and used to heat the fresh air being introduced into the building."

In commenting on the project, Mr. Chretien said: "It supports the Canadian government's goal of promoting the efficient use of energy, through the demonstration of new energy conservation technologies. Due to the rapid rise of operating costs and the increased burden on municipalities to provide subsidies for recreation facilities, the technologies proven by these projects should be used repeatedly in the Northwest Territories and other parts of Canada."

This is the second arena in the Northwest Territories to receive assistance. The existing ice-making plant in the Pine Point arena has been upgraded under this program, to the extent that the spectator area is heated at no additional operating cost.

It is anticipated that the heat recovery project will reduce the energy consumption of the Yellowknife arena by 131,000 litres (29,000 gallons) of oil, equalling a \$41,500 saving per annum at the present cost of 31.5 cents per litre (\$1.43 per gallon).

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TWO MORE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 12) - Two native language projects will receive contributions from the Territorial Government's Indigenous Language Development Fund.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced today that the Executive Committee has approved \$124,587 to support the efforts of community and other groups interested in maintaining the north's indigenous languages and developing bilingual education programs.

The two projects approved today were submitted by the Athabaskan Language Steering Committee and the Baffin Region Education Society.

The Athabaskan Language Steering Committee received \$45,664 to fund research into the socio-linguistic status of Dene language in Fort Norman, Fort Simpson and Fort Franklin.

The Baffin Region Education Society received \$78,983 to fund their literature translation project.

This brings to 27 the number of projects funded by the Language Development Committee to date.

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**1983 DRIVER'S LICENCES AND VEHICLE
REGISTRATIONS GO ON SALE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 12) - This year's drivers' licences and vehicle registrations go on sale January 17 in local issuing offices across the N.W.T.

The announcement was made today by John Quirke, deputy minister of the Department of Government Services.

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

Drivers' licences and vehicle registrations will be on sale at the Yellowknife issuing office in the Courthouse building during regular business hours.

New plates will be issued to vehicle owners this year. There will be no increase in the price of licence plates and drivers' licences.

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.

The vehicle ordinance states that proof of liability insurance for trailers (utility, recreational, etc.) must also be shown at the time of registration.

Renewal applications for drivers' licences are found inside last year's drivers' licences while vehicle registration applications are found inside last year's vehicle registration. Both must be completed by the applicant.

Payment for both drivers' licences and vehicle registrations must be made by certified cheque, money order or cash.

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CANADA GAMES MISSION STAFF NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 13) - Appointment of the mission staff that will accompany the N.W.T. team to the 1983 Canada Winter Games was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The Canada Games will be held in the Saguenay-Lac St. Jean region of Quebec Feb. 17 - March 2.

The five-person staff is responsible for meeting the needs and requirements of the N.W.T. delegation at the Games and ensuring that team members are good ambassadors for the N.W.T., Wah-Shee explained.

Appointed to the staff are:

- Roland Gosselin, sport development officer with the sport and recreation division, representing the Territorial government;
- Dave Hurley, executive director of Sport North Federation;
- Debbie Mackin, head of the physical education department of Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife, past president of the N.W.T. Basketball Association and a coach and competitor in basketball at the 1982 Arctic Winter Games;

- Karen Taggart, who participated in previous Canada Games and Arctic Winter Games and is involved in softball and basketball organizations in Yellowknife; and

- Roland Gagnon, an N.W.T. resident for 22 years, active in hockey, softball and bowling. He attended every Arctic Winter Games between 1970 and 1980 as a referee in hockey and was chief referee at the 1978 Games in Hay River-Pine Point.

Mackin, Taggart and Gagnon are all attending their first Canada Games as part of the N.W.T. mission staff. They will be working with recently appointed chef-de-mission Bob Jenkins.

The sport and recreation division of the department of local government and Sport North work closely in preparing and managing the N.W.T. team.

The N.W.T. contingent will consist of 62 athletes in eight sports, coaches, officials and staff.

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FINANCE MINISTERS TO MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 13) - Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters will meet with federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde in Ottawa next week to discuss various economic and fiscal concerns of the GNWT.

Butters intends to raise a number of northern issues with the federal minister including new federal-territorial financing arrangements, the process for considering resource revenue sharing formulae and territorial concerns related to the recently-announced taxation of northern benefits.

"This is the first time a federal finance minister has invited his territorial counterpart to participate in discussions of this nature," said Butters, "and I am looking forward to speaking to these and other issues relating to the economy of the N.W.T. and Canada as a whole."

During the meeting, Butters will be discussing the details of the new formula-based financing approach being put in place for the two territorial governments.

John Munro, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced the new financing scheme at a session of the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly in November.

Under the formula, the use of a fixed tax rate is recommended to enable the GNWT to develop a greater degree of fiscal planning and flexibility.

"A great deal of work has been done in the past few years to develop a basis by which the financial relationship between the two levels of government can function to support our aims of more responsible and fiscally accountable government for the north," Butters said.

Butters is also to discuss the principles and timing for implementation of the new funding formula as well as the proposed discretionary revenue funds.

The discretionary funding provision would make funds available to the GNWT to deal with the impacts of major development activities in the north. The closely-linked topic of resource revenue sharing will also be reviewed.

Butters says he will discuss generally with Lalonde, the GNWT reaction to the federal decision on the taxation of northern allowances and inform him of the response and research being pursued by the Territorial government on the matter.

Mr. Butters will be accompanied by GNWT senior finance officer Eric Nielsen.

The meetings between the two finance ministers are scheduled for January 20.

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TO EXPAND

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - The Territorial government today approved funding of \$450,000 for a four-classroom addition to St. Joseph's School in Yellowknife.

Approval of the funding was announced jointly by Yellowknife North MLA George Braden and Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Separate school board enrollment in Yellowknife is up by 70 students overall this year as a result of expansion in the Frame Lake South subdivision, Patterson said.

"With the four new classrooms, the school will be able to accommodate these additional students," Patterson said.

Construction of the addition will begin this summer and it is expected to be completed in time for the new school year in September.

The school includes students from kindergarten to grade 9.

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COPE COMMITS TO NCF

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 15) - The Nunavut Constitutional Forum welcomed COPE to full participation in the work of the Forum at a meeting in Tuktoyaktuk on Jan. 11 and 12.

In a move described by Forum principals as "historic" and "a real turning point", Peter Green welcomed the commitment of the Nunavut Forum to provisions for a constitution respecting the powers of such regional governments as WARM.

WARM, the proposal for a Western Arctic Regional Municipality, has been a consistent demand of Inuvialuit who have worried that the interests of their unique region might not be protected in future political arrangements in the north.

Dennis Patterson, chairman of the NCF and associate minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development for the GNWT, said the motion was a welcome and historic move.

John Amagoalik, president of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, also commented on the commitment by COPE.

"This is a real turning point in our work. Now that we are all working together we can expect rapid progress," he said.

Kane Tologanak, MLA for Kitikmeot said that although he had, at times, been negative about COPE's position, he now feels he understands the group's objectives better. Tologanak added he wants to work closely with COPE in developing a Nunavut Constitution.

"The interests of COPE," he said, "are very similar to those of the central arctic."

The discussion leading to adoption of the motion involved MLA Nellie Cournoyea, Agnes Semmler and Peter Green from COPE. It centered on the need for regional structures within a Nunavut territory to reflect the cultural characteristics and other needs of a vast and diverse area.

ITC's Amagoalik agreed, commenting that "the need for regional bodies in Nunavut goes without saying."

The NCF agreed that research work should begin at once, aided by the work COPE was carrying out all ready in co-operation with the Government of the N.W.T. The consultations and research on WARM could be concluded within several weeks, providing a chance for the results to be incorporated in the main NCF documents on the proposed Nunavut Constitution. The constitutional documents are expected to be published in April and distributed to the communities.

Peter Green expressed the view of NCF that devolution of powers and decentralization of administration are essential principles in the constitutional development work now underway. It was agreed that without such style of government, the improvement of services in a new territory could not be guaranteed.

The meeting also considered reports from the research program, including such questions as language guarantees, the division of powers between federal and Nunavut territorial levels and the linkage of land claims settlement legislation to the Nunavut constitution. NCF also approved a document for publication outlining the history of Nunavut and discussed the NCF work in relation to other related processes, such as the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution.

The NCF also agreed to submit to the federal Electoral Boundaries Commission a brief on the implications of federal boundaries for Nunavut boundary questions. The NCF will also ask that decisions be without prejudice to the public processes envisioned by the Constitutional Alliance for the resolution of such issues.

Finally, the NCF expressed concern that there appears to be an overlap between the mandate of the NCF and the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Division. MLA Nellie Cournoyea who co-chairs the special committee, said she believed the intention was for the committee to consider specific questions of transitional arrangements in the creation of new territorial governments. She added that there should be no conflict with the broader role of the NCF.

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It was agreed that Chairman Dennis Patterson should consult, on behalf of the NCF, with the special committee's other co-chairman and members to ensure that redundancies were eliminated and that the two groups would compliment each other's work.

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FROBISHER HOSPITAL TRANSFERRED TO GNWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - Negotiations aimed at transferring the Federal Frobisher Bay General Hospital to the control of the Territorial government have been completed.

The transfer was announced by Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of health, and Federal Minister of Health and Welfare Monique Begin.

The transfer, which was effective Dec. 4, 1982, will be formally marked by a ceremony in Frobisher Bay tomorrow. The hospital will be renamed the Baffin Regional Hospital.

"Both parties have agreed that this arrangement will in no way adversely affect the conduct of land claims and negotiations", Tologanak said.

"It is also understood that such arrangements with the Government of the NWT do not imply a transfer of ultimate responsibility for the health of native people from the Federal government to the Territorial government".

A regional executive board of management - made up of members from all communities in the Baffin Region and government representatives appointed by the Commissioner - assumes control of the hospital.

Both the Baffin Regional Council and Inuit Tapirisat of Canada have given their support for Territorial assumption of control over the hospital and the transfer of management to the local board.

With the successful completion of these negotiations, four GNWT hospitals are under the administration of local boards of management.

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NERYSOO TO MEET COMMUNITY REPS.

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 14) - Minister for Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo will meet with community representatives from the Beaufort and north Mackenzie next week to discuss concerns relating to major resource development projects in the area.

The meeting, organized by Regional Director Joe MacEachern, will present issues drawn up in consultation with the communities in meetings held during the last 18 months. The main focus will be on the government's resource development policy, particularly the provisions that allow for the establishment of development impact zone groups. The DIZ groups formed as a result will play a role in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of various impacts of resource development projects.

Other issues to be discussed include the Environmental Impact Statement on the Beaufort, the recently-signed economic development agreement and the concept of a Western Arctic Regional Municipality.

Arnold McCallum, minister of Economic Development and Tourism; James Wah-Shee, minister of Local Government and Tom Butters, minister of Finance, will also be attending the meetings.

Wah-Shee will be addressing the meeting on Monday; Nerysoo takes the floor Tuesday and McCallum on Wednesday.

In addition, various members of headquarters and regional staff will be in attendance to facilitate discussion. Regional representatives of industry, the Metis Association and the Dene Nation will also be in attendance.

The meetings begin Monday at 9 a.m. in the Inuvik Family Hall and run until Wednesday, January 19.

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WILSON APPOINTED DPW CHIEF ENGINEER

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 17) - Emery Wilson has been appointed chief of the department of public works' engineering division.

His appointment is effective immediately. Wilson replaces Fred Willows who retired as engineering chief in December.

Since April 1981, Wilson has been project manager with DPW. Prior to taking over that position, he was a project officer with the department.

Before moving to Yellowknife in 1980, Wilson was in private business in Calgary and Grand Forks, B.C. From 1967 to 1976, he was regional manager of the water resources service with the B.C. department of environment.

Wilson has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Alberta and is a professional engineer.

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SPEED LIMIT REDUCED ON INGRAHAM TRAIL

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 19) - A reduction in the speed limit for the Ingraham Trail was announced today by Jim Bentley, Chief of the Highways Division for the Department of Public Works.

The speed limit will be reduced from 70 kmh to 60 kmh because of construction now taking place along the highway, he said.

The construction is being done by Giant Yellowknife Mines. The mine has been granted permission to alter the highway location within their lease boundaries by the Territorial government. By altering the route of the highway, Giant Mines will be able to mine ore which lies underneath the existing highway.

DPW provided Giant Mines with the specifications and construction plans for the alterations. The mine will be responsible for the cost and actual construction.

Work has already begun on the first section of highway, km 1.5 to km 2.5, and construction should be completed this week.

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The second section of construction will be from km 2.5 to km 5 and is expected to be completed by late October, 1983.

The public is advised to use caution when driving along this stretch of highway.

The speed limit reduction will be maintained until mining operations taking place immediately adjacent to the highway are completed, said Bentley.

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**NERYSOO/INDUSTRY DISCUSS RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - Minister for Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo met today with representatives of Consolidex Magnorth Oakwood, a consortium planning resource exploration in the Lancaster Sound area, to discuss the GNWT's Resource Development Policy.

Don Daae, Consolidex Exploration vice-president; Cliff Fiesel, President of Magnorth Petroleum and Dr. Ernest Pallister of Pallister Resource Management - principal consultant to the consortium - are among the first industry representatives to contact the minister in relation to proposed resource development activities and how the policy would apply to them.

"We are particularly interested in meeting with industry at this time," Nerysoo said, "in order to allow them to obtain our views on development and be aware how they can plan to accommodate our Resource Development Policy.

"Most importantly," he added, "we are pleased that industry recognizes the need to consult with both the territorial and federal levels of government in relation to this type of development."

The consortium representatives are consulting with the minister to discuss both long and short term objectives of the company.

"In the short term, we are concerned with the development of a resource development plan for our company that meets the criteria outlined in the Resource Development Policy of the Territorial Government," said Magnorth President Cliff Fiesel.

"Our long term objective is to consider development of a well-site in the Dundas area of the Lancaster Sound," he added.

Dr. Pallister indicated the consortium finds the new policy to be a positive step for planning future resource development projects.

"We are currently correlating the principles in our own plan with those in the policy and will undertake further joint consultation with the government to discuss any areas of concern," he said.

In concluding the meetings, Nerysoo indicated he will review the consortium's initial presentation and arrange further meetings in the near future.

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N.W.T. READY FOR COSMOS LANDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 21) - Planning has been completed to deal with debris from the Russian satellite Cosmos 1402 if it should land in the N.W.T.

Minister responsible for emergency planning George Braden explained that the planned action will be a joint Federal and Territorial response with Commander of Northern Region Headquarters Brigadier General Blake Baile directing the Federal resources.

"The estimated re-entry time is now Jan. 23 or 24 and, while the chances of this satellite landing in the N.W.T. are slim, we want to be able to respond as quickly as possible," the minister explained.

The prime concern is that debris from the nuclear-powered reactor will land in a community and threaten the health and safety of residents, Braden said.

A fully-equipped, 45-member rapid response team is on standby in Ottawa and will be ready immediately if the satellite lands in Canada. This team has the equipment and personnel to detect and dispose of radioactive debris.

To assist the team in pinpointing locations when the satellite lands, military aircraft have been stationed in strategic locations.

From the time the satellite debris reaches the ground until the rapid response team arrives on the scene, members of the Territorial government's Emergency Planning Office, the local military and the RCMP will respond.

"Our job will be to identify any radio-active debris and isolate it until it can be safely removed," says Don Johnston, head of the G.N.W.T. Emergency Planning Organization.

Johnston added that trained radiological defence officers will use detection equipment to locate radio-active material and the RCMP will then cordon off the area in or around an affected community.

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GNWT MINISTERS TO PLANNING CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 25) - Three ministers of the GNWT executive committee will take part in meetings next week in Ottawa to plan for the first Ministers' Conference on the Constitution scheduled for March.

Justice Minister George Braden, along with James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and Dennis Patterson, associate minister for aboriginal rights, will attend the two day meeting to help finalize the agenda for the March conference.

Under the new constitution, adopted last year, a conference of first ministers is to be held before April 17, 1983 to allow for discussion of concerns relating to the constitution, particularly aboriginal rights. The dates for that conference are set for March 15 and 16.

Next week's meeting is required to allow ministers and representatives of native organizations the opportunity to finalize the agenda items and other arrangements for the Constitutional Conference.

The Territorial Government delegation is expected to discuss a number of points on aboriginal rights that were presented to the NWT Legislative Assembly last November when its position paper entitled "Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution" was tabled.

That document dealt with nine major points including the definition of aboriginal rights, recognition of land claims settlements, the preservation of native cultures and languages and the guarantee of native representation in all levels of government.

Next week's meeting will also discuss a number of other proposed agenda items, including the amending formula, a provision in the constitution that sets out the means for amending sections of the Constitutional Act.

The meetings will be held Monday, Jan. 31 and Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Conference Centre in Ottawa.

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PINE POINT STAFF ACCOMMODATION EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 25) - The provision of staff housing for GNWT employees in Pine Point has been extended one additional year to 1985.

Tom Butters, minister of finance, made the announcement today following an executive committee decision approving the extension.

Pine Point was originally designated as a Level I community under the government's staff accommodation policy. Level I communities are considered to have a viable, private housing market that could accommodate housing needs previously handled through staff accommodation provisions.

Pine Point was to have the provision of staff accommodation withdrawn in 1984 along with other Level I communities including Hay River and Fort Smith.

Butters said the extension was granted for Pine Point because of the current economic uncertainty resulting from the recent closure of the Pine Point mine.

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He added that while the extension has been granted, the government has reconfirmed Pine Point as a Level I community, capable of developing a viable, private housing market under normal circumstances.

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RESIDENCY CLAUSE CHALLENGE DISMISSED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 27) - An application challenging the residency clause of a Territorial government plebiscite on division was dismissed yesterday by the Supreme Court of the N.W.T.

On April 14, 1982, N.W.T. residents who had lived in the Territories for three years were asked to vote yes or no to the question, "Do you think that the Northwest Territories should be divided?"

The application challenged the three-year residency clause on the grounds that it infringed or denied fundamental freedom of expression and mobility rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Justice M. de Weerdts dismissed the case stating that he felt there had been no infringement or denial of the rights and freedoms under the Charter.

In rendering his decision, Justice de Weerdts stated that while the plebiscite was held on April 14, 1982 "the Charter became law only on April 17, 1982." Therefore the guarantees in the Charter were not in place at the time of the plebiscite.

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Previous cases in Canada have determined that the operation of the Charter is not retroactive.

N.W.T. residents voted 56 per cent in favour of dividing the Territories.

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RESIDENCE OPENED IN FORT SMITH

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - Breynat Hall, the new \$4.1 million residence for Thebacha College students, was officially opened in Fort Smith this week.

Taking part in the opening ceremonies Jan. 26 were Commissioner John Parker, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson and Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum, along with Fort Smith Mayor John Vogt.

The residence, with over 25,000 square feet, accommodates 68 long-term students in double rooms. The facilities also include a dining room seating 100 people and a classroom for food services students, containing all the equipment found in a professional kitchen.

Breynat Hall, named after the first Roman Catholic Bishop of the Mackenzie, was destroyed by fire in 1980. The new facility has been rebuilt on the same foundations as the original structure.

Commissioner Parker described the building as "the very best possible facility" and noted that construction of Breynat Hall "underlines the importance of education in the north, especially at the post-secondary level".

In his remarks McCallum told the large crowd present for the opening ceremonies that 85 per cent of the labour was provided by local tradesmen.

"Breynat Hall was truly built by the community," he said. Of the total cost of construction of \$4.1 million, 72 per cent of this stayed in the local economy, he added.

The building was designed to be energy-efficient and to provide access for disabled students.

Arnold McCallum and Dennis Patterson officially opened the building by sawing through a log. College Director Jack Witty explained that a log was used rather than a ribbon to "signify the care the college would use in expending energy in the future."

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GNWT WON'T APPEAL TAX DECISION

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - The Government of the Northwest Territories has reversed its decision to appeal a recent Court of Appeal decision on the Pine Point Mine "dragline".

The announcement was made this week by George Braden, elected leader of the executive committee.

"We have decided not to appeal at this time due to the current poor economic situation in Pine Point," said Braden.

An N.W.T. Court of Appeal overruled an earlier decision that the "walking dragline" was an improvement under the Taxation Ordinance. The Court of Appeal decision was handed down Dec. 1, 1982.

The dragline is a \$12 million oversized excavating machine used at the open pit lead zinc mining operation in Pine Point.

"The government will review financial, taxation and legislative options which should be considered in the process of bringing the taxation and assessment base for industry in the N.W.T. more in line with those of the provincial governments," said Braden.

The review will include non-renewable industries as well.

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NWT TO HOST NATIONAL MEETINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 28) - The Northwest Territories will host two national groups this summer.

Minister of justice and public services George Braden announced today that the Territorial government is making contributions to the Annual Canadian Mine Rescue Competition and the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges' annual conference.

The mine rescue competition, to be held in Yellowknife June 18, will receive funding of \$30,000 while the judges' conference will receive \$25,000.

Mine rescue competitions are held annually in each province to choose a winning rescue team. The provincial winners meet in competition in June in a territorial or provincial capital.

The competition takes place in a mock mine with simulated effects representing actual situations encountered in a mine disaster, including mine fires, toxic gases, the rescue of injured and trapped miners, poor ground conditions and poor visibility.

The mock mine for the competition will be set up outside William MacDonald Junior High School to accommodate as many spectators as possible.

In July, provincial court judges from across Canada will meet in Yellowknife for their annual conference, hosted each year by a different jurisdiction. Chairman of the event this year is Chief Territorial Judge James Slaven and conference co-ordinator is Judge Michel Bourassa.

During the conference, the provincial judges will discuss new legal procedures and changes in laws and exchange information. Programs are also being arranged for families accompanying the judges.

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NWT WANTS ONGOING ABORIGINAL RIGHTS PROCESS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 31) - George Braden, the N.W.T. Minister of Justice and Leader of the Elected Executive, said today the N.W.T. government will be pressing for establishment of an ongoing process to deal with aboriginal rights.

Braden, attending a ministerial planning meeting for the upcoming first ministers conference on the constitution in March, said a process which will extend beyond the March conference is required to allow for discussion and resolution of issues on aboriginal rights.

He repeated his government's stand on aboriginal rights and the constitution, referring to a paper on the subject that was tabled in the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly last November. That paper stressed that aboriginal rights should be clearly outlined and recognized in the Constitution. The paper also made a number of major points relating to the GNWT's stand concerning aboriginal rights.

"It is most important," Braden said, "that aboriginal rights should be entrenched in the constitution so they are not infringed or denied by federal, provincial or territorial legislation.

"The list of rights of aboriginal people could include subsistence hunting and trapping rights, rights to non-renewable resources, language and cultural guarantees and guaranteed political rights," he added.

Braden went on to say that this list was not exhaustive and suggested the list should include as many aboriginal rights as could be agreed on, with the provision that any rights which result in land claims settlements or native-provincial negotiations would receive constitutional protection.

"This," he said, "would allow for regional differences in the recognition of aboriginal rights; aboriginal rights which are recognized in the N.W.T. might not be identical to those recognized in the more urbanized provinces, but those rights would receive constitutional protection."

The GNWT paper also calls for the establishment of aboriginal rights commissions in all jurisdictions to oversee the operation of land claims settlements.

N.W.T. concerns over the amending formula of the new constitution were also put forward in the paper. It recommends that no amendment affecting aboriginal rights should be made without the consent of native organizations. The need to preserve the rights of aboriginal peoples to the use of their own language and culture in education is also a concern that must be recognized, according to the paper.

One of the most sensitive issues, that of guaranteed political representation for native peoples, is another main thrust of the GNWT position on aboriginal rights. The government suggests that a formula should be established to create a specific number of aboriginal seats in Parliament and territorial and provincial legislatures.

"Voting for these seats," said Braden, "could be by a separate roll composed of aboriginal voters, as is the case in several other countries."

"This system is designed to ensure that representatives for the aboriginal peoples can be true spokespersons for the native interests and are not seen as politically acceptable to a non-native electorate," Braden said.

The GNWT paper also recommends that native representation in the Senate be considered on the basis of at least one such seat for each province and territory.

"While these are major issues," said Braden, "we are not ruling out other areas of discussion pertaining to the aboriginal rights issue."

Two other GNWT executive members, James Wah-Shee, the Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development and Dennis Patterson, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development are also attending the ministerial meeting.

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The meeting takes place today and tomorrow
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BUTTERS TO HOST NORTHERN TOUR

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 31) - Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters will host a northern tour for federal Treasury Board President Herb Gray and Nunatsiaq MP Peter Ittinuar beginning Friday, Feb. 4.

The purpose of the trip says Butters, is to introduce Gray to the north, the logistics of government and the workings of the territorial executive committee and Legislative Assembly. The tour will also include a look at a number of major resource development projects and a review of the concerns of recently-formed development impact zone groups.

The tour will begin next Friday in Frobisher Bay where the three will meet with Education Minister Dennis Patterson, participate in a local tour and take part in a luncheon with town councilors. They will then meet with local interest groups to discuss various northern issues before carrying on to Inuvik Saturday evening.

In Inuvik, Butters, Gray and Ittinuar will meet with the town council and other groups. Gray is also expected to appear at a Liberal Party convention being held there that weekend. Arrangements are being made for Mr. Gray and his party to tour the exploration base at Tuktoyaktuk before proceeding to Norman Wells for a brief

stop-over on Sunday evening.

On Monday, Feb. 7 the tour will continue in Yellowknife and will include meetings with the GNWT's financial management board, the Legislative Assembly's sub-committee on finance and a luncheon with members of the Legislative Assembly. Before returning to Ottawa that evening, Gray and Ittinuar will also tour the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Gray's trip to the NWT is in response to an invitation from the Territorial government.

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REVIEW WANTED OF LAND-USE PLANNING

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 31) - The Territorial government is proposing that it, the federal government and native groups in the N.W.T. meet to iron out their differences on Ottawa's proposed land-use planning policy.

In a telegram Friday to Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Territorial government points out its own deep concerns and the unhappiness of native groups to the proposed policy and recommends that as a first step to resolving this problem the two governments get together the second week of February to plan a meeting or conference with the native groups and to agree on a set of principles for discussion with them.

"We believe that a positive environment exists to work with the native organizations to develop a land-use planning process, based on sound planning principles, that will permit the realization of both national and northern aspirations," N.W.T. Commissioner John Parker says in the message to Neil Faulkner, assistant deputy minister, northern affairs.

The federal government released a draft policy last October. Since then native groups have been telling the Territorial government that the proposed policy doesn't give northerners enough control over the planning process. As well, the proposed planning process has been criticized as too cumbersome to administer.

"One proposal made to us which is worthy of consideration calls for the G.N.W.T. to host a conference or meeting involving the native associations and both levels of government," the telegram says.

"ITC, COPE, the Dene Nation and the Metis Association have all advised the G.N.W.T. that major modifications to the draft proposal are required to effect a land-use planning system which will accommodate the needs of governments and the people resident in the N.W.T.," the message goes on.

The Territorial government does not suggest a date for the meeting or conference. However, it does ask the federal government for a quick reply to its proposal.

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**SPECIAL ARDA EXTENSION ANNOUNCED;
FORT MCPHERSON FIRM RECEIVES ASSISTANCE**

YELLOWKNIFE (March 9) - The Fort McPherson Incorporated Band Limited has accepted an offer of \$240,000 in Special ARDA assistance to establish a firm to maintain the Dempster Highway between Eagle Plains and the Mackenzie River crossing west of Arctic Red River.

The firm, which will provide a total of eight person-years of employment, will use the funds to assist in the purchase of trucks and heavy road maintenance equipment.

The grant to the corporation is among the first to be approved since the signing of a two-year extension to the Canada-NWT Special ARDA agreement.

Announcement of the funding and the extension was made jointly by John Munro, federal minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on behalf of Ed Lumley, federal minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and Industry, Trade and Commerce, and by Arnold McCallum, GNWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism, and Territorial MLA Richard Nerysoo (Mackenzie Delta).

Special ARDA provides a cost-shared program under the federal Agricultural and Rural Development Act to assist residents in remote and rural areas to improve their social and economic well-being.

Under the initial Special ARDA agreement with the N.W.T. in 1977, Special ARDA offered \$11,318,000.00 in assistance for approximately 300 projects. These ranged in size from aid to groups of hunters, trappers and fishermen for the purchase of equipment to a total of \$360,000 to the Rae-Edzo Dene Band Development Corporation towards construction of the \$1.5 million Nishi Khon Administrative and commercial complex at Rae.

"Small-scale commercial projects form an important part of the program," Lumley said, "and approximately 306 jobs have been created in the N.W.T. through such endeavours."

"In addition," Lumley said, "support to traditional pursuits and social adjustment measures have touched the lives of many hundred other native northerners in assisting them to maintain income from traditional pursuits or in the provision of measures to improve peoples' access to jobs over the long term."

McCallum noted that recommendations on projects to be assisted are made by an advisory committee consisting of representatives of the native organizations and the relevant federal and territorial government departments.

"Thus," he said, "criteria established by the committees relate very specifically to regional and local native priorities."

Munro noted that this structuring of the project approval system gave native people an increasing confidence that they can improve social conditions on their own and lessen their dependence on

government.

"Special ARDA," he said, "is perceived by native people as a program directly involving them in the decision-making process."

Said MLA Nerysoo: "This project means that the band will be able to provide employment for native people and, at the same time, contribute to the local economy."

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RESTRAINT NEEDED, BUT FUTURE IS OPTIMISTIC

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 2) - In spite of difficult economic conditions and the need for restraint, the future of the N.W.T. looks promising, said Commissioner John Parker today in his opening address to the tenth session of the ninth Legislative Assembly.

Citing the recent closures of mines in Pine Point and Tungsten as major downturns in the N.W.T. economy, Parker pointed out the government's executive committee is studying ways and means the GNWT can offer assistance to these communities.

"I would not, however, paint too gloomy a picture," he said, "for I share with you, the optimism that is a characteristic of northerners who are convinced that better days are ahead."

With contracts awarded for clearing of the right-of-way for the Norman Wells Pipeline, two additional drilling programs announced for the Beaufort and Arctic Islands areas and the recent signing of the \$21 million Economic Development Agreement, N.W.T. residents have reason to be optimistic about economic growth, new business opportunities and an expanded job market, he said.

In addition, an agreement under the federal Employment Related Initiatives program has established a fund of \$2 million to provide and develop employment in the N.W.T. over the next two years. Projects totalling more than \$1.1 million are now in place in 18 communities and other projects are being considered by the federal Treasury Board.

Parker pointed out that major developments in relation to the GNWT's growth as a responsible government have taken place. The announcement by Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munroe in November, that endorsed new formula financing arrangements for Yukon and the N.W.T., also recognized the principle of responsible and accountable government for the N.W.T.

The federal government has also decided to establish discretionary revenues to help offset costs incurred by the GNWT in support of resource development projects.

These principles have been recognized, he said, because of the efforts of all MLA's that have brought these issues forcefully to the attention of the federal government.

"In each of these areas, members of this House can be proud of what has been accomplished, but they must also look forward to pursuing with renewed vigour and purpose, that which still remains to be done in order to achieve the goals that have been set."

The Commissioner also reviewed current concerns relating to the harvesting of renewable resources, particularly furs and seal skins. The lobbying of anti-hunting and trapping groups, Parker said, has become significant in terms of the world market he said.

"Through wise utilization of abundant resources...we must convince the general public that we are responsible managers of our wildlife and our vital and viable fur industry."

He also outlined the major developments taking place with non-renewable resources including the formation of development impact zone groups in the Fort Smith and Beaufort areas.

"Under the terms of the Resource Development Policy," he said, "it is essential that people who live in the area which will be most directly affected, should be given the opportunity to study the positive and any negative impacts of such a development on their communities and way of life."

Commissioner Parker also announced that several individuals would be recognized for their contributions to the north. Reverend and Mrs. Gordon Bailey and Mrs. Betty Stewart of Yellowknife will receive the Commissioner's award for service and devotion to the welfare of northern people.

Dr. Omond Solandt, the first chairman of the Science Advisory Board of the N.W.T. and William Westwood of Coppermine will also be recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the north.

In addition, two persons will receive the Commissioner's Award for Bravery. Mark Tootiak of Gjoa Haven is being recognized for his rescue of an infant from a burning building, while Vicki Zaparaniuk of Pine Point is being recognized for rescuing her mother and stepfather from the cab of a burning truck.

A major source of discussion at the Assembly Session will be the GNWT budget for the coming year. Finance Minister Tom Butters will be requesting approval for expenditure of \$474 million. Of that amount \$395.5 million is for operations and maintenance and \$78.5 million for capital expenditures.

"It has been necessary to apply very considerable restraint measures in the drawing together of this budget," said Parker, "and executive members, supported by their deputies, have worked hard to achieve a balanced budget."

"In addition," he said, "this budget reflects the results of a major priorities-setting exercise carried out by ministers through their Priorities and Planning Committee, following directions from this Legislature."

That priorities document will be presented to the assembly during this session by Elected Leader George Braden.

In all, 23 bills will be introduced for consideration during this session of the Assembly including amendments to the Wildlife Ordinance, the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance and the Public Service Ordinance. New legislation will include a travel and tourism ordinance, a regional and tribal councils ordinance and a new liquor ordinance.

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TERRITORIAL BUDGET: TIGHT BUT FAIR

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 4) - The Territorial government's budget for 1983-84 will be a lean \$474 million - enough to provide both public services for those hurt most by the ailing economy and some of the priority programs the Legislative Assembly wants, but only if every dollar is expertly managed and watched.

Finance Minister Tom Butters, releasing the new budget at the Legislative Assembly here Thursday, warned that because of both severe federal restraint sparked by Canada's recession and anticipated limited territorial revenues, this budget is so tight that it will only succeed if "stringent financial management" is applied to the funds by this government and the other governments and organizations that will get money from it.

"There can be no free rides," the minister told his Assembly colleagues. "There must not be one dollar spent carelessly."

Butters explained that while the overall budget is up 11.5 per cent over last year's, most of the increases are subject to the six per cent federal restraint ceiling - a hike that is largely eaten up by inflation, as well as an increasing demand in a poor economy for critical public

services such as social assistance, and a significance rise in the cost of carrying on existing programs, for example, a 60 per cent increase in medicare costs alone over last year.

"We are in for a hard ride," the minister cautioned.

Making the budget even tighter is the fact that \$7.6 million of this money has had to be earmarked to fund the nine priorities the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Committee have decided will be applied to all government programs beginning in 1983-84 - priorities that encourage, among other things, development of local control.

The overall result, said Butters, is that "what the Government of the Northwest Territories could afford last year is no longer possible" and "it is crucial, right from the start, that everyone clearly understand that message."

The budget is divided into two primary areas, \$395.6 million for operating and maintenance and \$78.5 million for capital.

The minister said that while the federal government - which provides more than 80 per cent of the GNWT's money - has held the Territorial government to a six per cent ceiling on expenditure increases, some departments have had to be allowed less than six per cent by the GNWT in order to make this budget possible. In addition, an anticipated drop in the growth of territorial government revenues - the other part of the money the government gets - means that the financial squeeze is on.

And this six per cent ceiling on increases will have to be passed on to organizations funded by the Territorial government, Butters explained, including municipal governments and school and hospital districts.

As a result, the minister explained, "the only option open to us was to place any real budget increases on hold, attempt to protect our hard-won base and realize that new money beyond what is identified in the 83-84 budget is not possible during the remaining life of this Assembly."

Butters cautioned that the budget will only succeed if every organization in the N.W.T. that receives government support co-operates "by reviewing and lessening their demands, separating the essential from the non-essential and by practising equally strong financial management principles" as will the government.

"There is just no other way to manage the situation," he said.

The finance minister went on to explain that besides the nine priorities established by the government - which he said Elected Executive Leader George Braden will later explain in detail - the main aims of the new budget will be to distribute as evenly as possible among all sectors of the economy the demand for restraint, provide economic incentives and create employment (particularly among those communities and areas hit hardest by the recession) and to maintain as much as possible the quality of public services not provided by government.

"Mr. Speaker," he told the House, "it is our view that the northern public expects a lean government structure that is efficient and which can get the job done with available resources. Let me assure you that this expectation is being met."

Butters added that in order to finance the increasing demand for some public services - a demand that in part rises when the economy is bad - the government could have turned to significantly increasing taxes.

However, he said, this was not "an acceptable solution" because it would place an additional burden on northerners, "and in doing so create further hardships on the economy."

Butters said that in the future the Territorial government should be in a better position to plan its budgets because formula financing - sought by the government and supported by Ottawa - would give it greater flexibility and lead time in financial planning.

Another issue the government will be pursuing, he said, is to convince Ottawa it must reconsider its decision on taxation of northern benefits "and to recognize the significant costs of living facing residents in the N.W.T.

"As minister of finance, I consider this issue to be of utmost importance because of its effect on the northern taxpayer and this government."

Meanwhile, the minister summed up the state of the Territorial economy by denying the view that the Territories has been unaffected by the Canadian recession.

"That is simply not true," he said. "Unemployment, particularly outside the Territorial capital, is increasing. Consumer and investor confidence have not turned the corner. We are experiencing an extreme degree of economic uncertainty."

Butters concluded that "economic leadership throughout the Northwest Territories will be the key factor in making this budget work and as a government we have imposed financial discipline to make it work."

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SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 4) - Smoke alarms will be required in all residential buildings of more than two units by May 31.

The addition to the N.W.T. Fire Prevention Ordinance, approved recently, applies to all residences with more than two dwelling units including apartment buildings, hotels and motels, regardless of date of construction, completion or occupancy.

The smoke alarms must be 110 volt AC, ionization type alarms (hard wire-in), installed according to the National Building Code 1980 edition and ULC and manufacturers' specifications.

Existing battery smoke alarms must also be changed to hard wire-in types.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the department of justice and public services, safety division, government of the N.W.T. at (403) 873-7469 in Yellowknife.

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HIGHWAY TRANSPORT BOARD APPOINTMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 7) - The appointment of Yellowknife resident Eve Comrie to the N.W.T. Highway Transport Board was announced today by Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the Board.

Comrie has extensive experience in aviation and regulation of the air transport industry.

She is president of Raecom Air Limited, a charter and contract air service. She has lived in the N.W.T. for 10 years, nine years as a Yellowknife resident.

She becomes the fourth member of the board along with chairman John Hill, vice chairman Bob O'Connor and Chuck Davidge.

The Board, responsible for regulating the commercial trucking industry in the N.W.T., was recently expanded from three to five members. The fifth member is to be appointed by the end of February.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 7) - A standardized system for the collection of evidence and the care of victims in cases of sexual assault has been announced by the Territorial government's department of health.

The sexual assault evidence kits, issued by the department of health in co-operation with the department of justice and public services and the minister responsible for the status of women, will ensure that evidence in such cases is of acceptable quality for use in court.

The system will also make sure that all victims of sexual assault are given a comprehensive examination with attention to both physical and emotional needs, Minister of Health Kane Tologanak said.

"It is hoped that this kit will encourage people unfortunate enough to have experienced sexual assault to report the crime," the minister said. "We believe that a higher reporting and conviction rate will ultimately lead to a lessening in the number of sexual assaults committed."

The department of health will initially make kits available to all communities with a nursing station or hospital, where the kits will be located.

Additional kits will be located in RCMP sub-division offices and with the department of health in Yellowknife. Examinations will be conducted by a physician where there is one in the community.

It is expected that agencies using the kits will pay for replacements but the department of health's family life education program will continue to monitor the sexual assault evidence program and provide replacements.

The kits originated in Ontario and the Territorial government received permission from the province to adapt the materials for use in the North.

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KITIKMEOT EDUCATION SUPT. APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 8) - Metro Solomon has been appointed regional superintendent of education for the Kitikmeot region.

Solomon takes over his new position in Cambridge Bay March 1.

He has held his present position as program specialist in sciences for the department of education in Yellowknife since May 1982.

Before moving to headquarters, he was supervisor of schools in the Keewatin Region for two years and, from 1977 to 1980, principal of the school in Coral Harbour.

Solomon holds Bachelors' degrees in teaching and education from Brandon University in Manitoba.

Solomon and his wife Heather-Elaine have two daughters, Mary-Ann, 4 and Patricia-Ann, 2.

He takes over from Ivan Fraser who was recently appointed to the superintendent's position in the Inuvik Region.

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NCG TO MEET IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - The Nunavut Constitutional Forum will meet in Yellowknife Feb. 15 and 16.

The meeting of the Forum, the fourth since its inception last year, is expected to discuss and review a number of research projects that have been undertaken in relation to the development of the concept of a separate Nunavut Territory.

Other areas of discussion will center around issues relating to the new Canadian Constitution and the linkage between land claims negotiations and constitutional development.

Attending the meeting will be COPE President Peter Green, ITC President John Amagoalik, Frobisher Bay MLA Dennis Patterson, Kitikmeot MLA Kane Tologanak as well as representatives of the Inuit Committee on National Issues and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut.

Nunatsiaq Member of Parliament Peter Ittinuar has also been invited to attend.

The meetings will begin Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. in Northern United Place.

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STELTZER PHOTOGRAPHS ON EXHIBIT AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - Photographer Ulli Steltzer will open an exhibition of her pictures of the changing north at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife Feb. 20.

Steltzer, author of the recently-published book *Inuit: The North in Transition*, spent 18 months travelling across northern Canada photographing its people.

During 1980-81, Steltzer made seven trips from her home in Vancouver to the Northwest Territories, Northern Quebec and Labrador, taking black and white photographs and recording the words of the people she met. She accompanied people on their travels on the land, spent time in their homes and learned about daily activities in their communities.

Through a grant from the Devonian Group of Charitable Foundations in Calgary, the Territorial government's department of information was able to acquire the photographs that make up the exhibit at the Heritage Centre.

The photographs will become part of the Heritage Centre's permanent collection and a travelling exhibit will be mounted to tour other northern communities.

Steltzer is the author of several books documenting the lives of peoples in transition. In 1976 she published a study of the indigenous art of

the Northwest Coast Indians, Indian Artists at Work, followed in 1980 by Coast of Many Faces. A children's book, Building an Igloo, was published in 1981.

This year, Steltzer will complete a book examining the lives of the Maya in Guatemala.

Born in Frankfurt, Germany she emigrated to North America in 1953 and taught herself photography while working for a newspaper in Princeton, New Jersey. Steltzer has lived in Canada since 1972.

The exhibit opens Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2:00 and, following the opening, Steltzer will talk about her experiences in the North. The exhibition runs until April 30.

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BRADEN ANNOUNCES GNWT PRIORITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - Elected Executive Leader George Braden tabled the G.N.W.T.'s Priorities document today at the regular sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

The document, drawn up in consultation with the Legislative Assembly, and ministers of the government, illustrates the reallocation of \$7.6 million from existing programs to carry out those priorities.

In tabling the document Braden said the government recognizes that resource development and improvements to communications technology will be major factors in molding a new northern society.

"The challenge faced by our government," he said, will be to ensure that real and lasting benefits are secured for today and future generations and that the costs are minimal."

The Priorities document outlines nine major areas of concern:

- Revival of native languages and preservation of northern culture;
- Education - implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Education;
- Individual and community well being;
- Housing;
- Cost of Living;
- Resource development;
- Energy;
- Constitutional and Political Development;
- Improved government performance and public accountability.

Braden said that by monitoring, refining and annually evaluating these priorities, the government could ensure that departmental budgets and allocations conform to the priorities.

"These priorities are a benchmark, not only for the budget development of the G.N.W.T.," he said, "but for the political evolution of the Northwest Territories.

"However," he added, "the achievement of the goals expressed in the priorities will not be secure if the government acts alone.

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"As the minister of finance has stated,
'stringent fiscal management is the only vehicle
we have to ensure that the programs and priorities
set by this house and the executive survive.'"

In concluding he said the success in
achieving the priorities will be dependent on the
commitment and support of the Legislative Assembly
and the public.

The Assembly is expected to discuss the
document in detail during its present sitting.

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GNWT RELEASES DEFICIENCY STATEMENT ON BEAUFORT DEVELOPMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 10) - The Government of the NWT has completed its review of the Beaufort Sea Environmental Impact Statement and has released a document outlining deficiencies contained in it.

Minister of Renewable Resources and Energy and Resource Development Richard Nerysoo said the government expects that the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Panel will seriously consider the deficiencies outlined in the document.

The panel is currently involved in a 90 day review of the impact statement prepared by Dome, Esso and Gulf that outlines proposed oil and gas development in the Beaufort Sea.

The GNWT document outlines a number of concerns, both environmental and socio-economic. While the deficiency list contains 12 items, there are five major concerns with the environmental aspects.

The first concern requests the proponents to

specify all mitigating measures that could be used to reduce potential impacts of development and to identify situations that cannot be mitigated. It also calls for development of a program to monitor the effectiveness of the proposed measures.

The GNWT wants to see the information provided in the impact statement integrated to provide an assessment of the total impact of development, both prior to and after implementation of mitigative measures.

In addition, the government also wants to see specific plans for dealing with accidents involving oil, gas toxic chemicals and fires.

The proponents are being asked to describe and identify how alternatives of oil and gas transportation would impact the area surrounding development. The fifth concern deals with the deactivation of the proposed oil and gas fields and how this will be carried out.

The socio-economic concerns closely parallel the environmental concerns. Most important on the list is that the significant positive and negative effects of the development on residents should be more completely identified. In particular, the government wants to see industry make a strong commitment to identifying and implementing measures aimed at ensuring local energy supplies.

The identification and realistic presentation of employment benefits for northerners is another critical issue. The paper says that industry's commitment to training is not adequately discussed.

Again, mitigating measures - actions that could be taken to lessen impacts of development - are

requested. Closely related is the concern that social implications of Beaufort development have not been adequately considered. Issues such as the survival of traditional lifestyle and related renewable resource activities are criticized as being too briefly considered in the impact statement.

The GNWT document criticizes the way in which the impact statement has been presented. Too few copies available for distribution in the north and the lack of an "easy to read" format has discouraged the public from reading the document. It states that the information value of the statement was further reduced by not having summaries available in native languages.

In his submission of the deficiency statement to the Environmental Assessment Review Panel, Nerysoo asks that the panel require the proponents to address all of the deficiencies before the hearings on the project are convened.

The panel will now review deficiency statements from all intervenors and decide if the deficiencies pointed out are serious enough to delay the public hearing process. If there are major deficiencies, those meetings will be postponed until Dome, Esso and Gulf have provided additional information.

If further information is not required, the hearings could begin in March.

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GNWT INTERVENES IN AIR CARRIER APPLICATION

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 14) - In an intervention presented to the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC), the Territorial government has stated its objectives to an application for a commercial air licence by Resource Air Inc., a subsidiary of Dome Petroleum.

Dome has been operating a fleet of private aircraft to support its operation in the Beaufort Sea since 1980. In a decision published in October 1982, the CTC ruled that corporate aircraft should be licenced as commercial carriers where their operations are conducted for "hire or reward".

Although the arguments supporting the need for air services to Dome's development activities are valid, according to Minister of Government Services Tom Butters, he is not convinced there is a need for exploration companies to provide their own transportation services.

Until 1979, NWT Air, a northern-based company, operated Dome's Calgary to Tuktoyaktuk scheduled service. With improvements to the Tuk airstrip the following year, Dome began to use its own 737 jet.

"While no one single operator in the NWT can meet the complete range of services required by Dome, existing commercial air carriers could together provide the same equipment and services that Resource Air intends to provide," the minister said.

The issuing of licences to Resource Air should not damage the effectiveness or economic viability of existing air transportation systems in the north, Butters said.

"People of the north now resent what appears to be a competitive encroachment by a corporate giant whose interest in the north may be transitory."

The Territorial government questions whether giving Resource Air a licence would result in two under-used systems operating parallel routes in the same area.

Many residents of the Western NWT believe that commercial rates could be reduced if Dome's personnel and cargo travelled on existing scheduled services, the intervention states.

The CTC's decision concluded that Dome Petroleum could offer free travel to contractors on their corporate aircraft. "These types of activities, however, will need to be more closely examined in the context of the proposed commercial licence," Butters notes.

The Territorial government has also requested that, if a licence is granted to Dome, restrictions or limitations be placed on Resource Air's operations.

These include meeting the same financial and reporting requirements as other commercial operators, levying federal fees such as passenger taxes and avoiding possible subsidies of the airline by the parent company.

The Territorial government is also requesting that the Transport Commission hold public hearings in all NWT communities affected by Resource Air's request for a commercial licences.

Similar intervention action is expected in the case of Panarctic's application for similar licencing approval in the near future.

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NCPC RATE REVIEW HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 15) - Richard Nerysoo, Territorial minister for energy and resource development, said today there are serious implications in last week's announcement by federal Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munro that the National Energy Board will review NCPC rate regulations.

"I feel I must point out that the NWT Public Utilities Board is the only body responsible for rate regulation within the NWT," he said.

Nerysoo added the board is already addressing the questions of rate structures and equitable cost sharing.

"For this reason," he said, "I do not understand the need for involving the National Energy Board in this matter. There are serious jurisdictional implications that will have to be addressed by the NEB before it proceeds with its review.

"Further, it has been suggested the NEB's mandate will be to carry out an independent review of these concerns. However, it is the function of the Public Utilities Board to protect the interests of the NWT public and the board has always carried out this mandate in a thorough and responsible manner," Nerysoo said.

"This legislated role should not in any way be jeopardized or infringed upon," he added.

Nerysoo said the government is concerned that this review may delay implementation of the recommendations of the Penner Report on NCPC completed late last year. He added he will be contacting Mr. Munro to ascertain the effect of the NEB's review on those recommendations.

Nerysoo also said he will attempt to clarify the matter during a meeting with the National Energy Board that has been arranged in Yellowknife for March 1.

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS MOVING ON NWT HIGHWAYS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 16) - The Territorial government is supervising the shipment of construction materials on the Mackenzie Highway to be used in the Norman Wells oil and gas project.

Partec Lavalin Inc., a construction company in Edmonton, has designed a processing plant in prefabricated modules being delivered to Hay River by road. From there, the units will be shipped to Norman Wells on barges next summer.

The first load left Edmonton this week and arrives in Hay River Thursday.

It is one of seven six-metre high and five-metre wide loads travelling on the highway between now and March 31. Use of the highway for moving the material was authorized by the Department of Government Services, the department responsible for transportation services in the NWT.

When the loads reach the NWT border, the highways division of the Department of Public Works takes over general supervision of the move. The department is responsible for traffic control and snow removal on the route.

Because NWT highways are too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic when the transports are on the road, drivers may experience interruptions of up to 30 minutes while the trucks are in transit.

Hay River district highways superintendent Red McBryan is accompanying the first load all the way from the Alberta/NWT border to Hay River.

The company expects to move between 60 and 65 loads on the road to Hay River over the next two years. Up to 26 shipments are expected this summer with the remainder to be delivered by the spring of 1984.

Announcements in newspapers and on local radio stations will notify motorists when traffic interruptions are expected.

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COUNCIL FOR STATUS OF WOMEN TO BE ESTABLISHED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 17) - A Territorial advisory council on the status of women will not undermine existing women's groups or organizations, George Braden, minister responsible for the status of women, said last weekend.

Braden told the Northern Women's Coalition in Yellowknife that the proposed advisory council on the status of women would be able to facilitate research and work done by women's groups and organizations in the N.W.T.

The Minister addressed the coalition members at their banquet and later during a question and answer period.

Last week, Braden presented the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly with legislation that would enable establishment of an advisory council. The council would advise and report to the Minister on all matters relating to the status of women in the N.W.T.

"I see other functions of the advisory council including scrutinizing legislation, government and industry programs," said Braden. The council would also receive and hear petitions; undertake research and recommend programs, policies and legislation concerning the status of women; publish reports, studies and recommendations and supply the public with information on matters relating to women.

"This council should not be just another advisory council," said Braden. "An important part of the process will be to provide some independence for the advisory council."

As minister responsible for the status of women, Braden said he is not committed to dealing with the proposed legislation at this session of the Legislative Assembly.

"I am willing to set the legislation over to the spring session in May to allow time for input and consultation from all women's groups and organizations in the N.W.T."

This input could include determining its size and recommendations for appointments to its membership.

"The establishment of an advisory council would be of great benefit to the women of the Northwest Territories. It would inform and aid the government in understanding and acting on the concerns of women," Braden explained.

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**NERYSOO TO MEET WITH MINING INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 18) - Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Energy and Resource Development, will meet with senior mining industry representatives to discuss the N.W.T. Resource Development Policy later this month.

Nerysoo will present and clarify the Resource Development Policy, Guidelines and Criteria to the Northern Minerals Advisory Committee in Whitehorse February 25.

Members on this committee include senior representatives from the mining industry and both Territorial and Federal governments. The committee reports to John Munro, Federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on matters relating to the minerals industry in the North.

The Resource Development Policy was placed on the committee's agenda following the Ninth National Northern Development Conference in Edmonton last October. Industry representatives wanted more time to consider the policy, guidelines and criteria and felt the advisory committee meeting would be the proper forum for discussion on it.

Nerysoo will present and clarify the policy for the committee and listen to their comments and criticisms.

Meanwhile, the Minister is also scheduled to speak at a seminar offered by the Banff Centre School of Management.

As part of their Northern Resource Development program, the Banff Centre is offering a seminar on land use policy and planning issues.

Nerysoo will address the seminar participants on resource development issues in the Northwest Territories at their final banquet.

The seminar will run from March 6-11 and offer a week of intensive study focusing on the major land use planning and management issues in the North.

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WCF TO CONSULT COMMUNITIES ON DIVISION ISSUES

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 18) - The Western Constitutional Forum has agreed to support the division of the NWT along a north-south axis and to undertake a process of public consultation on division before other issues relating to political development of a separate western territory are finalized.

This decision came in the form of a motion at the meeting of the Forum held in Yellowknife Feb. 8 and 9. In putting the motion forward, Dene Nation President Georges Erasmus outlined the reasons behind the move.

"If portions of the NWT are to eventually achieve provincial status they must have sufficient land and resource bases in order to be viable jurisdictions," he said. "Only by dividing the NWT along a north-south line can this be accomplished."

The established north-south transportation and communication routes were also cited as a reality that could not be ignored. Attempting to establish new routes could only slow down the process of political development he said.

"One of the underlying reasons for division," Erasmus said, "and perhaps the most important one, is accessibility to government. People in the east feel cut off from the seat of government in the west. Delivery of government services is suffering."

"Unless division takes place north and south, the problem will remain and political development will be a meaningless exercise," he stated.

Bob McQuarrie, Yellowknife Centre MLA, seconded the motion and pointed out that a mechanism must now be developed to allow full expression of the wide range of interests in the north.

"Ethnicity," he said, "should not be the basis on which we decide the question of division."

"Just as all northerners had a voice in the decision to divide the territories, so all northerners should have a say in how that division takes place," he said.

The motion received the full support of the forum including that of the Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, James Wah-Shee.

Bob Stevenson, Metis Association President, could not attend the meeting but said he too supported the motion. He added that meetings must now take place between the various native organizations to discuss the actual division boundaries.

The WCF is concerned that all communities, which have the possibility of ending up in the western territory, have the opportunity to express their concerns about the form of government in the west.

WCF TO CONSULT COMMUNITIES: 3

Accordingly, the WCF has decided to visit all communities in the western Arctic, including Coppermine, Cambridge Bay and Resolute Bay to hear community concerns on the issues.

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**EXPLORATORY DIZ GROUP MEETING SET FOR FORT
RESOLUTION**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 18) - Potential members for a Fort Smith Development Impact Zone Group will hold an exploratory meeting next week to discuss the group's membership, GNWT Resource Development Policy criteria for DIZ groups and the GNWT action plan for assessment of resource development projects.

The potential members of the group include representatives of the Fort Smith Town Council, the Fitz-Smith Band Council, the Fort Smith Metis Association Local, the Deninoo Community Council, the Fort Resolution Hunters and Trappers Association and the Slave River Coalition.

Representatives from the Hay River Town Council, Hay River Band Council and Snowdrift Council have also been invited to attend the meeting as observers.

While some of the potential members have indicated their interest in a leadership role for the DIZ group, the Minister for Energy and Resource Development, Richard Nerysoo, says he will stress the need for all members to work together to complete a report of recommendations.

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"We hope that the DIZ group's recommendations will be based on an independent review of the available data or the data produced for it," said Nerysoo.

He added that he will receive the group's report of recommendations and in turn, pass it on unaltered to the GNWT executive committee.

"The final decision made by the executive committee in relation to any resource development project will be based on the net benefit of the project to the residents of the NWT," he said.

With regard to the possible expansion of the Fort Smith group, Nerysoo said that he will take into account the concerns of all parties recommending members to the group. But, he added, the prerogative for appointing additional members will remain with him as outlined in the Resource Development Policy.

The meeting of the group will take place in Fort Resolution beginning late next week.

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NCF REVIEWS PROJECT, ACTIVITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum met in Yellowknife, Tuesday, Feb. 15, to review progress on a number of research projects now underway, including its major report titled "Nunavut - Division of Powers."

The report, not intended for general community use, is technical in nature and will be used as a source document for the preparation of the final proposal for a Nunavut constitution, say Forum members. A final version of the report is to be published in the near future.

Also on the Forum's agenda were concerns on aboriginal rights negotiations and how they are co-ordinated with the work of the Forum. It was agreed that a high level of communication must take place and as a result ITC's second seat on the Forum was offered to Bob Kadlun, Chairman of Tungavik Federation, the group responsible for land claims negotiations in the eastern Arctic.

The Forum also expressed its concern over the

Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission and the complex manner in which it has outlined its activities and function on posters distributed in the NWT. The materials are highly technical and too complicated to be easily understood. The Forum agreed it will present a brief to the Boundaries Commission outlining those concerns and its views on federal electoral boundaries.

In reviewing the current activities of the NWT Electoral Boundaries Commission, Forum members decided they would not prepare a submission to be considered by the body, but would wait for the results of the Commission's work and review it later.

The next meeting of the Forum will be held following the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution to be held in Ottawa in March. At that time, members plan to work on the proposed constitution for Nunavut, which will be discussed with communities in Nunavut beginning this spring.

Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum include ITC President John Amagoalik, COPE President Peter Green, Kitikmeot MLA Kane Tologanak, Frobisher Bay MLA Dennis Patterson and Tungavik Federation representative Bob Kadlun.

Peter Ittinuar, Nunatsiaq MP, also attended the meeting at the invitation of the Forum members.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCE MEETS TO DISCUSS
CONCERNS**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - Members of the Constitutional Alliance met in Yellowknife last week to discuss areas of mutual concern relating to the group's activities of guiding the process for the formation of two separate territories within the NWT.

Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum expressed their concern about the recent motion approved by the Western Constitutional Forum, calling for boundaries between the two territories to be drawn on a north-south line. WCF members in turn explained the motion voiced their concerns over the NCF and COPE position that implied the division boundary could follow the treeline and extend westward through the area served by COPE.

The Nunavut proposal for a separate territory,

it was announced, is nearly complete and soon to be distributed to the communities. NCF members expressed their view that individual communities would want to have input on how the eventual boundary would be drawn. WCF members agreed but stressed that the final decision on a boundary would be made on an NWT-wide basis.

During the boundary discussions, it was decided that the native groups involved in the Alliance would first meet and discuss aboriginal land use in relation to boundaries and make their recommendations to a later meeting of the Alliance.

The Alliance will then consider these recommendations as one of the many factors surrounding the division issue and attempt to reach a consensus on the boundary.

If a consensus is reached then the Alliance would submit their recommendation to the public in the form of an NWT-wide Plebiscite. If a consensus can not be reached, the Alliance will consider alternate methods including a request to the Legislative Assembly to establish an independent boundaries commission to consider the issue.

Several Alliance members also expressed their concern over the slow response from federal Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munro concerning the funding request from the Alliance and its Forums. Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Minister James Wah-Shee said it has now been three months since the request was sent to Munro and he fears that it may take several more months before a response is received. The Alliance agreed that the federal minister's office would be contacted in an effort to speed up the response.

Some discussion also centered on concerns on the apparent overlap between the Legislative Assembly's special committee on division and the function of the

NCF and WCF.

From these discussions, members concluded there was a need for the Alliance to meet more often to establish formal links for sharing minutes from Forum meetings, invitation for further discussions and review of general information. It was recommended by the Alliance that its researchers work closely with the special committee to minimize duplication of work and to ensure co-operation.

In closing, the Alliance set the date for its next meeting for Feb. 27 in Ottawa, where a number of its members will be taking part in the second preparatory meeting to finalize the agenda and arrangements for the First Ministers' Conference on the Constitution to be held in March.

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SPECIAL ARDA AIDS NWT ENTREPRENEURS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 31) - A total of 10 1/2 person-years of employment is expected to be created by five NWT businesses which have accepted up to \$129,070 in Special ARDA assistance.

Announcement of the funding was made jointly by John Munro, federal minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of Ed Lumley, federal minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and Industry, Trade and Commerce, and by Arnold McCallum, Territorial minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The five projects are:

Ralph and Janet Haines of Fort Smith - \$53,000 to assist in the purchase of Arctic Cabs Ltd. The firm is expected to provide five person-years of work.

George Angohaitok and Kelvin Ng of Cambridge Bay - \$46,100 towards the purchase of the Yamaha snowmobile and motorcycle dealership. It is expected to create 2.5 person-years of employment.

Stan and Angeline Lantz of Hay River - \$19,370 to help establish a retail outlet for materials for native handicrafts. One person-year of employment will be created.

Doris McQueen of Pine Point - \$5,750 for the expansion of her handicraft shop, providing 1.5 person-years employment.

Ittimangak Sales and Parts of Pelly Bay - \$4,850 to assist in establishing a retail outlet for sporting goods and snowmobile parts. The equivalent of a half-year of employment will be created.

All funding is to be provided by DREE.

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 from offices of the GNWT's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

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\$238,500 IN SPECIAL ARDA AID FOR FIVE NWT PROJECTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 7) - Special ARDA funding of up to \$238,500 has been made available to assist in the development of five NWT projects which should create the equivalent of 11 1/2 person-years of employment.

Announcement of the assistance was made jointly by John Munro, federal minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, on behalf of Ed Lumley, minister of Regional Economic Expansion (DREE) and Industry, Trade and Commerce, and by Arnold McCallum, GNWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The five are:

Rose Davies of Fort Simpson - \$90,000 to assist in the construction of a 10-unit motel and three-room staff accommodation building. The motel will create three person-years of employment.

Arthur and Linda Walton of Hay River - \$60,000 to assist in the purchase of the assets of Keith's Water Service. The firm is expected to create 4.5 person-years of employment.

Rod Norwegian of Fort Simpson - \$42,500 to establish a service station which will create 3 person-years of employment.

Meni-Dene Co-operative Association Ltd. of Lac La Martre - \$30,000 to expand its existing retail and warehouse facilities, creating one additional job.

Raymond Nineocheak and Guy Enaupik of Coral Harbor - \$6,000 to assist in acquiring a new motor for their 40-foot longliner used to take tourists on visits to Coats and Walrus Islands and to old hunting camps on Southampton Island.

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BEVINGTON APPOINTED TO PUB

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - Archie Fraser Bevington of Fort Smith has been appointed to the NWT Public Utilities Board.

Announcement of his appointment as a member of the board was made today by Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Energy and responsible for the PUB.

Bevington, now retired, was airport manager in Fort Smith. He has been a resident of the NWT since 1952 and has lived in Fort Smith for over 25 years.

Members now include Beulah Philpott of Yellowknife who becomes vice-chairman of the board with the appointment of Bevington and Jack Heath of Inuvik who is the current chairman.

The Public Utilities Board is responsible for regulating public utilities in the NWT.

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FORT FRANKLIN RE-SUPPLIED BY ROAD

INUVIK (Feb. 21) - An ice road into the community of Fort Franklin is now open and delivery of a year's supply of food, fuel and supplies has begun.

Fort Franklin on Great Bear Lake is accessible only by small plane or boat most of the year, but for the third winter the community is receiving its supplies by road.

An ice road following the Bear River from Fort Norman has allowed the annual re-supply of the community to take place by truck now that the ice is thick enough to support large transports.

Until the decision was made to supply Fort Franklin by winter road, the community received all its supplies each summer on barges operated by the Northern Transportation Company Limited (NTCL).

Supplies were trucked to Hay River, loaded on barges to cross Great Slave Lake and carried down the Mackenzie River to Fort Norman. From there the barges moved up the Bear River to the rapids where the supplies had to be portaged for the final leg of the trip to Franklin.

In recent years, NTCL had experienced losses on its Great Bear Lake operation and the Territorial

government had to find other supply routes when the company made the decision to drop the service in 1980, according to Ralph Shelton, superintendent of government services for the Inuvik region.

The alternatives were by winter road or air and Fort Franklin's existing runway couldn't accommodate large cargo aircraft, Shelton explained.

The trucks now travel from the south on gravel roads as far as Fort Simpson then follow the Mackenzie River ice road to Wrigley, Fort Norman and eventually into Fort Franklin.

The road was used for partial re-supply three years ago when fuel only was carried on the ice road for the first time.

The settlement now receives its goods and supplies in winter rather than in summer. Last year, two 10-van convoys carrying 40,000 pounds per truck travelled to Fort Franklin.

Last summer a three-million litre fuel storage tank farm was completed at Fort Norman to supply both Fort Franklin and Fort Norman. In addition, a new tank farm in Fort Franklin has also recently been completed with five storage tanks.

Quality control of the fuel delivered is a priority, Shelton says, and it is tested when it starts the haul and again when it reaches Fort Franklin to ensure it has not been contaminated during the run.

"For safety reasons, we are trying to complete the fuel haul into Fort Franklin from Fort Norman before the southern portion of the road opens because the road is narrow," Shelton says, "although there have been no accidents on the route to date."

The community has reacted positively to the new system, according to Shelton, because there are new fuel storage facilities and a guaranteed supply.

The winter road also gives residents the option

of bringing in goods at their own expense. "It allows people to drive to Fort Norman, Norman Wells, Wrigley and other communities now too."

Community residents working at Norman Wells also have the choice of driving to their jobs rather than flying, Shelton added.

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INSURANCE COMPANY'S LICENCE CANCELLED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - NWT residents who hold insurance policies with Northern Union Insurance Company Limited are advised that the company's licence has been cancelled.

"The operating licence of the insurance company was cancelled in the Northwest Territories because of uncertainty over whether the firm's assets could cover its financial obligations," says Helen Roberts, Insurance/Professional Business Licences Registrar, Department of Justice and Public Services.

The Manitoba Government has also cancelled the company's licence.

Residents who hold insurance policies with this company should contact their insurance agents to discuss replacement coverage, adds Roberts.

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GNWT CLEANS OUT OLD RECORDS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - The Territorial government will soon dispose of more than 250 cubic feet of old financial records.

These records, covering the period from 1971-75, include invoices, copies of paid bills and back-up material to financial records retained by the Territorial government well past the legal requirement.

All the material has been examined and its disposal has been approved by the Commissioner, officials of the department of finance and Territorial and federal auditors.

Retention and disposal of government records will now be the responsibility of the recently-formed public records committee.

The duties of the committee - made up of the Territorial archivist, Government Services' records manager, members of the public and two other government employees - are set out in the archives ordinance, approved during last winter's legislative assembly

session.

The disposal of material now underway had already been set in motion before the formation of the committee. The committee will decide how long public records should be kept, what material should be retained at the Territorial archives and what information may be destroyed.

Most financial records are required by law to be kept six years. The material now being removed from the files has been retained longer than the legal requirements.

As required in the ordinance, a notice of the intention to dispose of these records will be published at least 15 days before their disposal. If written objections are received, the committee will review the objections.

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CHESTERFIELD INLET HOTEL RECEIVES FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - The Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet will receive a \$10,000 contribution from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's program for the development of tourism accomodation in remote communities.

Gordon Wray, MLA for Keewatin North, announced the funding contribution today at the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly on behalf of Arnold McCallum, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

"The money is for the training of cooks at the Igelalaaq Hotel in Chesterfield Inlet," said Wray, "and should result in the enhancement of food preparation and menu selection."

The hotel is owned by the Pitsiulak Co-operative in Chesterfield Inlet.

This funding is further to a \$30,000 contribution to assist in the development of the Igelalaaq Hotel, received earlier this year.

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NCPC RATE HEARING SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - The NWT Public Utilities Board (PUB) will hold hearings into the Northern Canada Power Commission's proposed rate increase for 1983/84.

NCPC's rate submission proposes an across-the-board increase for the NWT Zone of six per cent, effective April 16. "Without this additional revenue, the Commission will experience a deficit on its operations during the 1983/84 fiscal year in the amount of \$1.4 million," NCPC's submission states.

The six per cent rate increase, the maximum allowable under the Federal government's price restraint guidelines, will result in additional revenues of \$3.9 million.

"This amount is expected to be sufficient to offset estimated expenses with the NWT this year, as well as provide a reduced operating contingency allowance of \$2.6 million," the submission notes.

NCPC supplies electrical power to 50 communities in the NWT.

The hearings begin Monday, May 16 at 1:30 in the Gold Room of the Yellowknife Inn.

The public is invited to participate in these hearings and interventions should be addressed to the Public Utilities Board with a copy to NCPC by April 29.

Copies of the Commission's submission are available from NCPC or the Public Utilities Board office. For more information, contact the PUB at Box 697 in Yellowknife or telephone (403) 873-7495.

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SCHOOL SAFETY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - A student essay contest is being sponsored by the Territorial government's safety division.

The contest is open to all Industrial Arts students in the NWT. In schools without an industrial arts program, teaching staff are being asked to select 10 students to write and submit an entry.

The essay should be 300-500 words long on the topic "Why Do Accidents Happen."

The contest is part of the safety division's ongoing education program and has been scheduled to help draw attention to National Child Safety Week, May 1-7.

"We are committed to safety education throughout the Northwest Territories. Getting students involved in knowing the importance of safety is a large step in this direction," says Robbie Robinson, chief of the Safety Division.

The winner of the essay contest will receive a trophy for his/her home. A larger trophy is presented annually to the winning school.

All essay entries will be judged on quality and content and must be submitted by April 29, 1983.

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FIRST AID TRAINING AVAILABLE FREE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - The NWT Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has signed an agreement with the Council of St. John to provide free first-aid training for workers.

Under the agreement, signed recently, the WCB makes available funding of \$40,000 to offer accident prevention and treatment instruction to workers free-of-charge.

Equivalent funding last year financed first-aid training for more than 780 workers across the NWT.

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

The courses concentrate on providing training to workers in "high-risk" occupations. WCB accident statistics are used to identify these occupations and the most common injuries.

Priority this year is being given to training workers in construction and resource-related industries. In addition, the Board wants to offer training to workers in smaller businesses and communities, according to Al Collinson, manager of accident prevention services for the WCB.

"We have found that training workers in first aid helps to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents," Collinson noted. "The larger employers know this and budget for their own training needs but we need to provide more assistance for smaller employers."

Information on courses and applications is available from Al Collinson, manager, WCB accident prevention services, at (403) 920-8081 in Yellowknife.

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OTTAWA MEETING TO FINALIZE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONFERENCE AGENDA

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 24) - Three ministers of the GNWT will take part in a second preparatory meeting in Ottawa next week to finalize the agenda for the First Ministers' Constitutional Conference on Aboriginal Rights to be held in March.

Minister of Justice and Leader of the Elected Executive, George Braden, along with the Minister for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, James Wah-Shee and his associate minister, Dennis Patterson, will attend the meeting to discuss the final agenda and ensure that NWT concerns are included for discussion.

The three ministers attended an earlier planning meeting, held Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 in Ottawa and touched on some of the points contained in the GNWT paper "Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution" tabled in the Legislative Assembly last November. The paper favors the establishment of an ongoing process to deal with issues relating to the entrenchment of aboriginal rights in the new Canadian Constitution.

Braden says the concept of an ongoing process met with general agreement at the January

meeting and is expected to be one of the main agenda items in March. What form the ongoing process will take is unknown at this time, but Braden says the GNWT favors a series of ongoing meetings both at the ministerial level and with senior government officials and representatives of native organizations.

"Many issues dealing with aboriginal rights such as language rights, cultural guarantees and political representation will take some time to resolve," said Braden.

One of the most sensitive issues, that of guaranteed political representation for native peoples, is another main concern of the GNWT. The government suggests that a formula should be established to create a specific number of aboriginal seats in Parliament and territorial and provincial legislatures, together with native representation in a reformed senate.

Braden said the Territorial government has also received some support for its objections to sub-sections 42.1 (e) and (f) of the Canadian Constitution. These sub-sections allow for the extension of provincial boundaries into the territories without the consent of northerners and make the creation of new provinces subject to the general amending formula. That formula requires the consent of the federal government and at least 7 provinces.

"In our view, it is not acceptable that some groups of native people could suddenly find themselves in another jurisdiction without even being consulted if southern Canadians in fact decided to extend the boundaries of some province northward," he said.

These concerns are consistent with the

GNWT position that no amendment affecting aboriginal rights should be made without the consent of native organizations.

The first ministers, along with representatives of the country's major native organizations, will take part in next week's meetings to discuss these and other suggested agenda items.

The meeting will take place Feb. 28 to Mar. 1 at the Ottawa Conference Centre.

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SUMMARY - GNWT POSITION PAPER

ABORIGINAL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

The position of the Government of the Northwest Territories on aboriginal rights is outlined in the paper, "Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution."

This paper, developed by the government and approved by the NWT Legislative Assembly, contains recommendations for discussion at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights, March 15 and 16.

The paper is intended to generate discussion of aboriginal rights issues which could be included in Canada's Constitution.

GNWT Recommendations:

Aboriginal rights agreed upon at the First Ministers' Conference should be specified in the Canadian Constitution.

Any rights negotiated by native organizations with the Federal, Provincial or Territorial governments should be reflected in and protected by the Constitution.

Rights contained in the Royal Proclamation of 1763 should be recognized and reaffirmed in Part II of the Constitution.

Part II of the Constitutional Act, 1982 should be entitled "Charter of Rights of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada."

Aboriginal peoples should be recognized in the Constitution as the indigenous peoples of Canada.

Land claims settlements in the provinces should be negotiated on a trilateral basis between native organizations, Federal and Provincial government.

An Aboriginal Rights Commission should be established in each jurisdiction to oversee the operation of land claims settlements.

Anyone whose rights are guaranteed in Part II of the Constitution should be able to apply to a court to obtain such remedy as the court considers appropriate.

The Constitution should provide for a mechanism to obtain the consent of native people before any amendments which directly affect aboriginal people are made.

Aboriginal peoples should have the right to preserve and enhance their culture and language and to enjoy language education rights where warranted by people.

Guaranteed representation of aboriginal peoples in the House of Commons, Provincial and Territorial Legislative Assemblies and the Federal Senate should be provided in the Constitution.

An ongoing process to deal with aboriginal rights and a second First Ministers' Conference to deal with these rights should be provided in the Constitution.

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DENE ARTS ON LOAN TO HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 25) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has recently completed negotiations for loan of an extensive collection of Dene decorative arts from the National Museums of Canada.

Many of the pieces of beadwork, quillwork and embroidery to be shown at the Heritage Centre were collected in the early 1900s by visitors to the Northwest Territories.

Some of the pieces - from the Canadian Ethnology Service of the National Museum of Man in Ottawa - are returning to the north for the first time in 70 years.

The collection will be on exhibit at the Heritage Centre from June until December, when it will be returned to Ottawa.

The arts and crafts in the collection are from several western NWT settlements including Fort Rae, Hay River, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Fort Good Hope and the Fort McPherson and Great Bear Lake areas.

One of the oldest pieces is a pair of women's beaded leggings made by the Dogrib of Fort Rae. The leggings, of dark blue flannel, are edged with black velvet ribbon and decorated with white and metallic beads sewn with sinew. These were collected by ethnologist J.A. Mason in 1913.

The collection also includes several pairs of beaded and quill-decorated moccasins for both adults and children, a beaded shelf cover from Fort Providence dated 1913 and several wall pockets.

Other practical items include a cartridge bag, a gun case from Fort Resolution believed to have been made around 1900 and a pair of silk-embroidered dog driver's gloves sewn before 1911 by the Yellowknife tribe of the Great Slave Lake area.

Many of the pieces were collected by ethnologists Mason and Cornelius Osgoode. Mason travelled to the Great Slave area with the Anthropological Division of the Geological Survey of Canada in 1913.

Osgoode recorded the Athabaskan and Inuit cultures during the early part of the century, travelling several times to the North and wintering one year at Great Bear Lake.

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TOURISM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OFFERED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 25) - A Tourism Management Program will be offered to senior private and public sector managers involved in the Northwest Territories travel industry next month.

According to Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum, the Government of the NWT, Thebacha College and Simon Fraser University in British Columbia worked together to design and produce the program.

Objectives of the program include enhancing the individual managerial skills of tourism professionals; providing a forum for the exchange of expertise and ideas among participants and contributing to the growing professionalism within the tourism industry in the NWT.

Simon Fraser University is supplying five professors to present the program while Thebacha College is assuming responsibility for organizing it.

The program will deal with financial planning, organizational management, marketing and tourism policy and planning.

Simon Fraser University will issue a certificate of completion to each of the participants at the end of the program.

Participants in the program include Department of Economic Development and Tourism personnel and private sector and corporation representatives from the six regions in the NWT.

The Tourism Management Program will run from March 3-15 at Thebacha College in Fort Smith.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON IN NORMAN WELLS

INUVIK (Mar. 1) - A school designed for use by all residents of Norman Wells - not just its students - will open soon.

The building will be the community's library, recreation centre, emergency shelter, continuing education classroom and meeting area as well as its school.

The community-use school is designed for daily use by community residents. "It is too costly to use these facilities for just a few hours a day during the school year," according to Gary Johnson, supervisor of schools for the Inuvik region.

The department of education worked closely with other government departments, the local education authority, community council and Esso Resources, the largest employer in Norman Wells, to ensure the school will accommodate the needs of the community for some time, Johnson says.

The school includes the usual classroom

facilities as well as areas to be used by community groups, adult education classes and the local recreation committee.

The school's design allows it to be used in sections. Part of the building can be closed after school hours with a separate wing including a gymnasium, adult education classroom, industrial arts and home economics areas and library still accessible to the public.

This cuts down on security problems and makes maintenance easier, Johnson explains.

A full-time recreation officer will have an office in the school when it opens. The officer will be paid jointly by Esso Resources and the community council. The council is also contributing to the maintenance costs of the public-use areas.

The home economics and industrial arts area includes facilities for continuing education programs - including a potter's kiln. The shared library and resource centre will have books and materials for both students and adults.

The facility has four classrooms and a large kindergarten area. It will accommodate a maximum enrollment of 100 children.

"If the school's population grows, some of the community-use areas such as the industrial arts room can be converted into classrooms," Johnson says. "The school's design is very flexible and has the potential to be adapted to uses we had not anticipated."

The local education authority also has an office in the school which can be used as a meeting room by other community groups.

The building is energy-efficient - another cost-cutting measure - and has emergency generators that go into action within four seconds of a power

failure.

This means the school can be used as an emergency centre for the community with enough facilities - including kitchen and showers - to accommodate most residents of the settlement should it be needed, Johnson explains.

The present school, consisting of four portable classrooms, has an enrollment of 85 students with four teachers and a classroom assistant. If enrollment in the new school warrants it, a fifth teacher may be added, Johnson says. The department of education is also providing an adult educator for the new school.

The school will accommodate students from kindergarten to Grade 9. "We hope to provide Grade 10 in the Norman Wells school fairly soon too," Johnson said.

The Norman Wells facility is modelled on Fort Norman's community-use school, now in its third year of operation. A new school planned for Fort Franklin will also be a multiple-use school with community involvement in its design.

The final inspection of the Norman Wells school is now underway and students are expected to move in shortly, with the official opening in mid-April.

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COMMUNITIES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARKS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 1) - Negotiations are underway to transfer responsibility for some Territorial Parks to local communities and community groups.

The announcement was made this week by Arnold McCallum, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Territorial Parks in Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Providence and Fort Simpson will be maintained and operated this summer by either the communities or community groups.

The Government of the NWT is negotiating long-term agreements with the City of Yellowknife and Fort Simpson which will turn responsibility for the upkeep and operation of their parks over to them, said McCallum.

The minister explained that the government is convinced that turning over operation of the parks to community groups has real advantages. "For example,"

said McCallum, "the level and quality of service in the park at Hay River has dramatically increased last summer when the local Lions Club was responsible for its operation."

The Lions Club of Hay River operated their campground last year. They put a great deal of time and effort into the upgrading and maintenance of the park. Negotiations are now underway to continue this arrangement.

Using a small grant and some technical assistance from the government, the community of Fort Liard built its own campground. Their campground will open this summer. The community is anticipating a significant increase in traffic and tourism upon the completion of the Liard Highway.

"Our department's goal is to turn over responsibility for territorial parks to local groups who have the interest and capabilities to operate them," said McCallum.

The communities or community groups receive a grant equalling the amount the Territorial government would use for maintaining and operating the park. These funds are available through a contract agreement. In addition, an amount equal to the revenues collected through the operation of the park is returned to the community to be used for upgrading services and improving the park.

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MARCH ACTIVITIES AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 1) - Activities at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in March include a noon-hour lecture series and Sunday afternoon film showings.

In the series of lunchtime talks, Cindy Gilday of the Dene Nation will discuss Native Women and the Indian Act, Friday March 4. On March 18, Dr. Robert Janes' topic will be "Digging up the Past in Africa" and on Thursday, March 31 biologist Gordon Stenhouse will discuss polar bear play behaviour.

These talks begin at 12:15 and people attending are invited to bring their lunches.

Sunday movies in March include a profile of economist, technologist and lecturer Fritz Schumacher in "Small is Beautiful - Impressions of Fritz Schumacher" March 6. Also to be shown the same day is a film about philosopher and Nobel Prize winner Bertrand Russell.

March 13, the series features The Moontrap about old practices of catching white whales in the St. Lawrence River. Wood Mountain Poems, March 20, profiles western Canadian poet Andrew Suknaski and Medoonak the Stormmaker is a Mermaid Theatre production

of a Micmac legend. Mother of Many Children, March 27 describes some of the contrasts and conflicts faced by Indian and Inuit women today.

The films begin at 2:00 each Sunday afternoon.

Photographer Ulli Steltzer's exhibition of northern photographs continues in the Centre's mezzanine gallery during March.

For more information about programs at the Heritage Centre, phone (403) 873-7655.

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ELECTED EXCOM MEMBERS GET MORE RESPONSIBILITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - Responsibility for two more departments of the Government of the Northwest Territories has been transferred to elected representatives of the people of the NWT, effective Mar. 1, 1983.

Under instructions from John Munro, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, to John Parker, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the departments of Information and Public Works, previously administered by the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner respectively, become the responsibility of elected members of the NWT Executive Committee.

Mr. Munro welcomed this further assumption of responsibility saying, "this change is in line with the recent Cabinet decision that the north should move toward more responsible and politically accountable government and I am very proud to be part of the process."

Mr. Parker elaborated on the reasons for the change: "Information and Public Works are key

activities in the operations of government. It is appropriate that they should be transferred as soon as the Executive Committee wishes to assume this responsibility. It is one more step towards responsible government."

Other portfolios already held by elected members of the Executive Committee are Justice and Public Services, Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Health and Social Services, Renewable Resources, Energy, Education, Government Services, Local Government and Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

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NEW NAMES FOR RECEIVING HOMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 2) - The children's receiving homes in Fort Smith and Inuvik will have new names to match their new roles.

The Fort Smith home will now be known as River Ridge and the Inuvik residence is to be called the Northern Lights Children's Centre.

"These name changes reflect the homes' change in focus from giving short-term emergency care for young children to providing treatment-oriented programs for older children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems," Minister of Social Services Kane Tologanak explained in announcing the changes.

Both of these child care facilities have made the transition from receiving homes to residential treatment settings gradually over the past two years.

The new names go into use immediately.

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SUPREME COURT JUDGE SWORN IN

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 3) - The Northwest Territories' second Supreme Court judge was sworn in yesterday.

In performing the ceremony inducting Mr. Justice T. David Marshall into office, the NWT's other Supreme Court judge Mr. Justice Mark de Weerdts called it "a historic moment".

"We have been flying since 1978 on only one of two judicial engines. From now on, we will be flying with both engines," Mr. Justice de Weerdts said in his remarks.

In 1978 the Legislative Assembly passed an amendment to the Judicature Ordinance expanding the number of Supreme Court judges from one to two and, in 1981, the Canadian Parliament amended the Judges Act of Canada to allow for the salary of the second judge.

Mr. Justice Marshall was appointed Feb. 3 to fill the position.

The new judge graduated as a doctor of medicine in 1963 and in law in 1970. He has served with the Canadian Armed Forces and is a qualified pilot.

He has been a professor of law at the University of Windsor and a lecturer in the law faculty of the University of Toronto. At the time of his appointment he was a senior partner in a law firm in Cayuga, Ontario, his hometown.

Mr. Justice Marshall is not a stranger to the Northwest Territories, Mr. Justice de Weerdts noted. He spent the summer of 1981 on Baffin Island providing medical care in Hall Beach, Broughton Island and other settlements in the region.

"This appointment should not only increase the court's range but also the speed at which it can conduct its business. We hope to see our caseload diminish significantly in the months ahead," Mr. Justice de Weerdts said.

"We should now be able to better do justice in the Northwest Territories."

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WCB EXPANDS SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

YELLOWKNIFE (March 7) - An expanded safety incentive program will pay cash dividends to employers with good safety records while levying additional assessments on those with a high incidence of accidents.

The NWT Workers' Compensation Board has been paying merit rebates to qualified employers since 1980. The program will be expanded in 1983 to include penalties in the form of additional or increased assessments to employers with poor safety records.

The Board sets aside 60 per cent of each employer's annual assessment to pay accident claims. For every two per cent the actual claims fall below the amount set aside, one per cent of the assessment is refunded to the employer.

Employers with good accident records can receive merit rebates as high as 30 per cent of their total yearly assessment.

This program has been in effect for three years and during that time the WCB has paid more than \$2.5 million in assessment refunds.

Under the new safety incentive program, the rating of an employer will be affected by a major injury or fatality during the year. It will also be necessary for employers with more than 50 workers to have active safety committees.

Employers who have had accident claims could receive a smaller rebate or a demerit assessment, depending on the circumstances of the accident.

As well, employers will not receive refunds if they have been convicted of a serious safety violation or have been warned about violations and have not made reasonable efforts to improve their safety practices.

The WCB and the safety division and mining inspection division of the department of justice and public services are working together on this safety incentive program for the workplace.

The WCB will obtain information from the safety division to determine whether high accident costs are due to poor safety practices or other problems such as lack of access to medical facilities. The Board will also continue liaison with the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration on employer practices in their jurisdiction.

With this new experience rating plan, employers will be able to see the financial value of promoting accident prevention and reducing accident costs.

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MARCH 31 DEADLINE FOR 1983 LICENCES

YELLOWKNIFE (March 8) - The deadline for renewing drivers' licences and motor vehicle registrations is March 31.

A large number of people haven't renewed their licences and registrations for 1983 yet, according to deputy minister of government services John Quirke.

"We are urging people to do this as soon as possible to avoid long line-ups closer to the deadline," Quirke said.

Drivers can also speed up registration by having the renewal applications, found inside drivers' and motor vehicle registrations, completed when they come to purchase their new plates.

The motor vehicles branch in Yellowknife is open Monday to Friday from 8:30-4:45, including lunch hours. For hours in other communities, drivers should check with their local issuing offices.

This year the motor vehicles branch is also urging people holding private or chauffeurs' licences to be re-tested for regular class licences. Private and chauffeurs' licences issued by the RCMP in communities where there are no driver examiners may not

be recognized outside the NWT.

Arrangements and appointments for re-testing by a driver examiner can be made through local offices in Inuvik, Norman Wells, Fort Simpson, Hay River, Pine Point and Fort Smith. In Yellowknife, appointments can be made at the motor vehicles branch in the Courthouse.

For more information about 1983 licences or driver testing, contact the motor vehicles branch, department of government services at (403) 873-7401 in Yellowknife or your local issuing office.

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NCF PROPOSES BOUNDARY PROCESS TO CONSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 8) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum met in Ottawa, Feb. 27 to consider their position on the process to determine the boundary for division of the NWT.

The NCF considered the issue in light of the Western Constitutional Forum's support for a north-south boundary following existing communication and transportation routes and devised a proposal to put forward its concerns on the matter.

Central to the NCF proposal is the position that it is the right of communities to determine for themselves which new jurisdiction they wish to be a part of, following the division process. This decision would be made after communities have had the opportunity to discuss the draft constitution for a separate Nunavut territory planned for publication in April. The Constitutional Alliance would then meet to consider the exact boundary in relation to community preference.

The NCF proposal also supports the need for meetings between the major native organizations

including the Dene, Metis, ITC and COPE, to discuss aboriginal land use and how those factors might affect the drawing of a boundary.

In addition, the proposal calls for the appointment of a neutral researcher - agreeable to those organizations - who would study materials on the aboriginal land use component as well as the political boundary criteria of the major aboriginal groups. The researcher would then prepare a report and submit it to the Constitutional Alliance.

Dennis Patterson, associate minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and chairman of the NCF, says this process is considered very important to the people of the eastern Arctic.

"Through consultation and community input on these issues, we are optimistic this matter can be resolved within the framework of the Alliance," he said.

Should there be disagreement within the Constitutional Alliance on the proposed boundary, said Patterson, the NCF has agreed with a proposal put forward at last month's Alliance meeting, calling for the appointment of an independent boundaries commission to settle the question.

"While there appear to be some differences in approach between the WCF and NCF," he said, "we think that in such an important matter, people must be free to choose according to their own values and aspirations.

"We invite the Western Forum to accept this important principle and work with us in settling this question of determining a reasonable political boundary for two new territories."

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NWT HAS ROLE TO PLAY IN NATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 8) - "The people of the Northwest Territories could help to muster the country's human, natural and industrial resources to recover from the recession," George Braden, leader of the elected executive, said today.

Braden was referring to the NWT's role should a First Ministers' Conference on Economic Recovery be held.

"The NWT," said Braden, "could play a substantial role in the national economic recovery because of its vast wealth of mineral and petroleum resources."

Mega-projects to extract mineral and petroleum resources in the NWT could provide investment opportunities and economic stimulus so badly needed in Canada today.

However, there are some obstacles in the way of such mega-projects, particularly the settlement of

aboriginal land claims and the fragile nature of the northern environment.

"The Government of the NWT urges the early resolution of these issues so that development can proceed in an orderly manner, which will benefit northern residents as well as other Canadians," said Braden.

The mining industry in Canada has been the hardest hit by the recession. For example, two mines in the NWT, Pine Point and Tungsten, have been shut down as have other mines across the country.

The GNWT suggests that the federal government provide tax deductions to investors in mining exploration companies thereby encouraging investment and stimulating the economy. This tax deduction process known as the flow through option, would allow investors to deduct from their taxable income the exploration and development costs.

"But for any of these options to prove effective, it is important that the federal, provincial and territorial governments adopt a consultative approach to formulating economic policies," said Braden.

For this reason, he has sent letters to the Prime Minister and all the provincial premiers stating the GNWT's support for a First Ministers' Conference on the Economy. He stresses that should a conference be called, the ministers should not overlook the very real contribution the NWT could make to it.

A resolution calling for such a conference was adopted by provincial premiers at a meeting held in Halifax, N.S. last August which Braden attended as an observer. The premiers are pressuring Prime Minister Trudeau for the meeting to establish a common front in dealing with the recession.

"The people of the NWT would welcome the opportunity to join with the federal government and provinces as equal partners in forging a healthier, more resilient economic future for Canada," said Braden.

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PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR INUIT TRADESMEN

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - A unique training program, designed for Inuktitut-speaking tradesmen, has been introduced by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The program, designed specifically for heavy duty mechanics, was developed by Brian Wainwright, co-ordinator of Apprenticeship and Industrial Training, Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"It was created to allow Inuktitut-speaking tradesmen the opportunity of obtaining their journeyman certificates," he said.

Before the program, these tradesmen were not able to receive their certificates because they were not proficient in English.

Tradesmen and apprentices working towards their journeyman's certificate must combine practical experience with theory. The theory portion usually consists of in-school training and written examinations. The instruction and the examinations are both in English.

Wainwright, however, decided to overcome the need to read and write English in order to become certified by developing a program in which Inuit tradesmen could qualify as journeymen in their own

language.

"We knew of at least 36 Inuktitut-speaking heavy duty mechanics who had many years of practical experience but didn't have their certificates," he said. "These are the people the program was designed for."

In 1979, Wainwright travelled across the Arctic interviewing and preparing a skills profile on each of the mechanics. This skills profile became the backbone of the program.

"The final practical exam was developed as a whole new process," said Wainwright. "We had no blueprint to follow and it required a great deal of work."

The program is divided into 12 sections identified through the skills profile. These sections include all areas that heavy duty mechanics should be competent in to become certified journeymen, such as hydraulics and rebuilding engines.

Using interpreters, five or less mechanics learn and refine their skills at each six-week course. The courses are held at the Trades Complex of Thebacha College in Fort Smith. The candidates can return for additional courses until they are competent in all the skills.

The interpreters are not always heavy duty mechanics. The instructors and examiners, on the other hand, are qualified journeymen mechanics. The final examination consists of 80 projects which cover all 12 sections. The exam takes two days to complete.

"The exam is laid out so that any competent journeyman can be the examiner and get consistent results," said Wainwright.

"To receive a journeyman certificate the

apprentice mechanic must get a minimum of 50 per cent in each of the 12 sections and a 75 per cent average overall," he added. "The final exam is scored out of 4000 points."

Two or three courses are held a year.

"In the 10 years the program will probably run, I expect at least half to three quarters of the group will receive their NWT journeyman's heavy duty mechanic certificate."

One of the 36 mechanics has already completed and passed the program. Mike Gibbons of Eskimo Point attended two courses. His NWT journeyman's certificate will be printed in both English and Inuktitut.

Wainwright is optimistic about the future benefits of this program. Using it as a model, he hopes to develop similar programs for Northerners skilled in other trades.

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Construction Materials

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - The first load of construction materials for use in building a modular processing plant in Norman Wells, arrived in Hay River by road recently. It is one of seven over-sized loads that will be travelling the Mackenzie Highway during March. The Territorial government's department of public works is responsible for general supervision of the move. Because the highway is too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic when the transports are on the road, drivers may experience delays of up to 30 minutes while the trucks pass. Up to 26 similar-sized loads are expected this summer with a total of 65 shipments scheduled over the next two years.

(Photo by The Hub, Hay River)

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GOVERNMENTS APPROVE NATIVE AGENDA FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 9) - Government ministers and delegates from national native organizations last week approved a new agenda for the conference on Aboriginal Rights and the Constitution to take place in Ottawa, Mar. 15 and 16.

The new agenda, put forward jointly by the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Council of Canada and the Inuit Committee on National Issues, received the unanimous approval of the ministers at a planning meeting held Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 in Ottawa.

Some of the items include a Charter of Rights for Aboriginal Peoples, a consent process relating to any amendments affecting the constitutional rights of aboriginal people and an ongoing process to further define and entrench those rights. The agenda will also address sections 42 (1) (e) and (f) of the Constitution Act, 1982. These sections deal with the extension of provincial boundaries northward in the territories and the creation of new provinces. The GNWT wants these sections of the Constitution repealed.

George Braden, leader of the GNWT elected executive says he is pleased that an agenda prepared by the native groups has been adopted for the conference.

"We are particularly pleased that our concerns with sections 42 (1) (e) and (f) of the Constitution and the need for an ongoing process are on the agenda," he said.

Braden added that the GNWT and federal government agree on the need to repeal section 42 (1) (e) and (f) but that some provinces are not in agreement with that proposal.

"We have drafted a number of alternatives we intend to put forward at the conference, with the hope of getting provincial consensus," he said. Braden added that those proposals will also outline means by which the elected representatives of the GNWT can become involved in the process dealing with the creation of new provinces.

He also stated that the NWT ministers will be pushing to formalize a time frame for ongoing constitutional conferences on aboriginal rights to deal with outstanding issues.

"We also see the need for ongoing meetings at the officials level to resolve the details concerning the matter of aboriginal rights," he said.

In reviewing the GNWT role at the upcoming conference, Braden said that NWT delegates are in a strong position to facilitate the formation of aboriginal rights resolutions.

"The majority of our Legislature is made up of native Canadians. We are in an excellent position to provide the guidance needed to promote understanding of the need and impact of the entrenchment of aboriginal rights in the Canadian Constitution," he said.

Other GNWT ministers attending the conference as delegates are James Wah-Shee, Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development; Richard Nerysoo,

Minister of Renewable Resources and Dennis Patterson,
Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and
Constitutional Development.

The Constitutional Conference gets underway
next Monday at 9 a.m. in the government Conference
Centre in Ottawa.

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INTERIM APPROVAL FOR NCPC RATE INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 14) - The NWT Public Utilities Board has given interim approval for an across-the-board increase of six per cent in the Northern Canada Power Commission's utility rates.

The PUB decision of Feb. 28 allows NCPC to increase its rates in the NWT Zone from April 16 until May 16 when a Board hearing will be held to consider NCPC's rate submission.

The rate increase proposed by NCPC covers a projected operating deficit of \$1.4 million in 1983-84. The increased rates, given interim approval last week, will be effective with all meter readings taken after April 16.

If the Board does not approve NCPC's application at the May hearings in Yellowknife, the amount billed while the interim rate increase was in effect will be refunded to customers.

NCPC supplies electrical power to 50 communities in the NWT.

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ICG RATE INCREASE APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 14) - The NWT Public Utilities Board has approved an application by ICG Utilities (Plains-Western) Limited to increase its power rates in Yellowknife March 1.

In a decision published Feb. 28, the Board approved the rates which will provide ICG with additional revenues of \$270,000 in 1983, an increase of 3.6 per cent over revenues at existing rates.

The 3.6 per cent increase was requested to meet increases in operating expenses, rate base and rate of return. ICG (Plains-Western) is the distributor of power for the City of Yellowknife.

The PUB decision also asked that the across-the-board increase go into effect March 1 rather than Jan. 1 as the Company requested.

In addition, the Board decision amends ICG's terms and conditions of service to allow 21 days for payment of customers' accounts before a five per cent penalty is charged rather than the 14 days now allowed.

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Public hearings were held in Yellowknife Feb. 16 to consider ICG's proposal. There were no intervenors although ICG witnesses were examined by Board representatives.

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**DEMPSTER HIGHWAY TOURIST FACILITIES TO BE
UP-GRADED**

INUVIK (Mar. 15) - The Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism in the Inuvik region is hoping to encourage more tourists to visit the Western Arctic this summer by improving the highway and up-grading the facilities along the NWT section of the road.

The Dempster Highway, completed in 1979, has opened up the Mackenzie Delta to tourists. Visitors can now make the drive from southern Canada to Inuvik through the Yukon.

Day-use facilities at two new parks along the highway near Inuvik - Campbell Creek and Caribou Creek parks - are being up-graded with the addition of picnic sites and barbecue pits, according to regional superintendent of economic development Dan O'Neill.

The department is also improving pull-off spots along the road, increasing directional signs and adding facilities this summer. A new border crossing sign at the NWT/Yukon boundary will be built with a pull-off spot and look-out at a scenic site high on the tundra.

The new sign will include descriptions of the area and its history and will be three-sided - each side representing one of the Inuit, Dene and non-native cultures of the region.

Management of one of the two Territorial parks along the highway has been turned over to the people of Fort McPherson. The community will now be responsible for the operation of Nutuiluie Park (a Loucheux description meaning the place of the fast flowing water) where construction of a new log staffhouse was recently completed.

The other Territorial park, Chuk Park, has had additional campsites added, giving it 30-35 spots for campers. The name means "hill of blueberries", also in Loucheux.

A seasonal position for a parks officer was recently created. The parks officer will be responsible for patrolling the highway and ensuring the park facilities, such as firewood and drinking water are adequate and in good condition, O'Neill said.

The department is also working with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife to set up cairns along the highway giving historical, geographical or geological information about the region.

"This is a long-term project and we hope to have two or three sites set up this summer," O'Neill said. "As well as giving information about the region, we hope this will encourage people to pull off the road."

Because traffic is fairly light on the highway, there is a problem with travellers stopping their vehicles in the middle of the road to look at the sights and this can be dangerous, O'Neill said.

The highway is being promoted as a frontier road in an audio-visual presentation recently prepared

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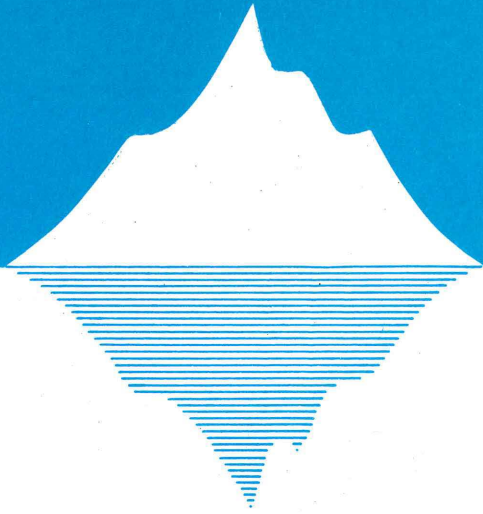
for the department. The presentation features a brief description of communities and other points of interest along the road.

A copy of the slide show has been given to the Western Arctic Visitors Association (WAVA) and TravelArctic in Yellowknife and shown at travel shows in southern Canada to promote tourism in the region.

In addition, funding under a new summer employment program will enable WAVA to hire students to operate a tourist information centre at Ingamo Hall, the Inuvik friendship centre, during the summer.

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SPEAKER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

YELLOWKNIFE (March 10, 1983) -- The Hon. Donald M. Stewart, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories, has announced the appointment of David M. Hamilton as Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Hamilton, 34, was Clerk Assistant to the Assembly under Clerk W.H. (Binx) Remnant, who resigned that post late last year to take up the post of Clerk to the Manitoba Legislature. Mr. Hamilton was named Acting Clerk following Mr. Remnant's departure.

Mr. Hamilton became Clerk Assistant to the Assembly in May, 1980. Previously, he had served as the Secretary-Manager of the Village of Fort Simpson for two years, and as Area Supervisor for the Department of Local Government in the Central Arctic for three years. He was the first Secretary-Manager of the Hamlet of Aklavik.

Mr. Hamilton and his wife, Kate, have two children.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Speaker Stewart noted that Mr. Hamilton's work in various parts of the Northwest Territories and his experience with the Assembly made him an excellent choice for the position.

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HERITAGE CENTRE PREPARES TRAVELLING EXHIBIT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 16) - An exhibit describing the geology of the north will travel to schools in six western NWT communities.

The exhibit, entitled "The North Before People", was prepared by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

It leaves March 17 for Paulatuk and then goes to Tuktoyaktuk, Sachs Harbour, Fort McPherson, Aklavik and Inuvik before returning to Yellowknife for the summer.

The exhibit includes books, samples of fossils, a film, a teacher's guide and activity sheets for students. Also included is a questionnaire for the teacher's evaluation and comments.

By September, two more travelling exhibits will be ready. An archaeology package will visit schools in the Eastern Arctic while a portrait of the Dene and Metis people will be circulated in the western NWT.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD

YELLOWKNIFE (March 17) - The Executive Committee of the NWT will introduce a formal motion to the Legislative Assembly in May in support of the constitutional amendments on aboriginal rights agreed to at the First Ministers' Conference.

Elected Leader of the Executive Committee George Braden signed the accord on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories. The agreement was also signed by the Government of Canada, nine provinces, Yukon Territory and four aboriginal groups.

The accord and its schedule, which is in the form of a resolution to be introduced in the federal and provincial parliaments, is directed at amending the constitution to require further constitutional conferences to consider aboriginal rights. It would also guarantee aboriginal and treaty rights equally to male and female persons and protect rights that may be acquired in future land claims agreements.

Mr. Braden said that he was pleased to see achievement of an accord at this first meeting to consider amending the new Canadian Constitution.

"As well as guaranteeing an on-going process to deal with the entrenchment of aboriginal rights, good

progress was made in educating the provinces and the Canadian public on the needs and aspirations of aboriginal people," he said.

"There was a lot of hard work done during the formal sessions and behind the scenes by NWT people in our government's delegation and those of aboriginal groups."

In addition to Mr. Braden, the Territorial Government was represented by James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development and Dennis Patterson, associate minister of aboriginal rights. Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources and energy, was also part of the NWT Government delegaton.

Mr. Braden pointed out two other areas of concern to the NWT Government. The matter of repealing parts of section 42, involving extension of provincial boundaries and provincial jurisdiction over creation of new Territories, was left in the agenda for consideration at the future conferences. Also, the accord will in no way prejudice bi-lateral land claims negotiations.

The accord states that elected representatives of the Government of the NWT will take part in preparatory meetings for the future constitutional conferences. Attendance at the First Ministers' Conferences will still be at the invitation of the Prime Minister.

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GNWT AND COMPANIES TO MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 21) - This week the Territorial government will meet with six major companies involved in oil and gas leases in the Beaufort Sea and Mackenzie Delta areas of the north.

The meetings, Tuesday to Friday in Yellowknife, are to explain the GNWT's new Resource Development Policy to the companies and answer their questions about it.

"These meetings, and others, will allow for more effective planning in oil and gas development through joint participation by industry and government," says Richard Nerysoo, minister for energy and resource development.

The Resource Development Policy lays down guidelines for oil and gas development. Its prime purpose is to benefit the people of the NWT and provide a co-ordinated planning approach to industry which will encourage orderly development.

Nerysoo and his officials will be meeting with the three principal companies in the Beaufort and Mackenzie Delta areas - Esso Resources, Gulf Oil and Dome - and three others: Petro-Canada, Amoco and Canadian Superior.

These companies own oil and gas leases in the two areas, anticipate drilling on them, or have

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received permission from the federal government to
drill exploratory wells on their properties.

The GNWT held several informal meetings with
the three principal companies during development of the
Resource Development Policy.

Meanwhile, the end of the month the minister
will be meeting in Tuktoyaktuk to explain and discuss
the results of his meetings here with the companies to
members of the Development Impact Zone (DIZ) group for
the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta areas. These meetings
will be held March 28-30.

The DIZ group, made up of the mayors and
chairmen of communities, band council chiefs and major
native groups, is the minister's advisory group for oil
and gas development in the Beaufort and Mackenzie
Delta.

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WILSON APPOINTED TO HIGHWAY TRANSPORT BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 23) - W. (Bert) Wilson of Pine Point has been appointed to the NWT Highway Transport Board.

His appointment, effective April 1, was announced today by Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the Board.

Wilson is the owner of the Pine Point Hotel and has been an NWT resident for seven years. He has been in private business since arriving in the North.

He becomes the fifth member of the Board, recently expanded from three to five members.

John Hill of Inuvik is chairman of the Highway Transport Board, the body responsible for regulating commercial trucking in the NWT.

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COMPANIES, GOVERNMENT TO WORK TOGETHER

YELLOWKNIFE (March 24) - A group of companies wanting to move northern gas south by pipeline has agreed to work closely with the Territorial government so that the proposed project would benefit northerners.

Polar Gas of Toronto, a consortium of five companies plans to apply to the National Energy Board to build a natural gas pipeline down the Mackenzie, first from the Mackenzie Delta and, later, from the Beaufort Sea and Arctic Islands.

In meetings here Monday with members of the government's Executive Committee, officials of Polar Gas stated they would co-operate with the Government of the NWT and work within the Resource Development Policy in the planning and completion of the project's three independent phases.

The GNWT's Resource Development Policy lays down guidelines for oil and gas development in the north. Its prime purpose is to benefit the people and provide a co-ordinated planning approach to industry which will encourage orderly development.

"It's very encouraging that Polar Gas sees the merit in working with us through our Resource Development Policy to properly plan and complete this project," said Richard Nerysoo, minister of energy and resource development. "I consider it an example of good corporate responsibility that they do."

The Polar Gas group is made up of TransCanada PipeLines, Panarctic Oils Ltd., Tenneco Energy Ltd., Ontario Energy Corporation, and Petro-Canada.

The Territorial government some time ago announced that, in principle, it favors the use of pipelines over tankers to move northern oil and gas south to market.

The Polar Gas proposal would move gas by pipeline from the Mackenzie Delta to existing pipelines in Alberta. Future, independent construction phases call for the line to be extended to tap gas reserves in the Beaufort Sea and in the Arctic Islands.

After the meeting, Nerysoo stressed that an important aspect of the agreement between the government and the consortium is that on matters of policy and planning consultation would be carried out with the minister and his officials.

As well, the minister explained that it is now up to he and his officials to determine how the Resource Development Policy will apply to the project and what citizen advisory groups will be required for it.

These groups - Development Impact Zone (DIZ) groups - are made up of the mayors and chairmen of communities, band council chiefs and major native groups. They advise the minister on oil and gas development in their areas.

Accompanying Polar Gas' president John Houlding were Ollie Kaustinen, vice-president, engineering, and Ken Taylor, supervisor, environmental programs.

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NORTHERN HEALTH GUIDE FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 25) - The Territorial government's department of health has received funding for a three-year project to develop a health education program guide for use in NWT schools.

Minister of Health Kane Tologanak and Education Minister Dennis Patterson jointly announced approval of \$425,000 from the Federal Health Promotion Directorate to fund the study.

The project will develop a program designed specifically to meet the health education needs of northern schoolchildren and suitable for use from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The department of health's information and promotion division will carry out the project, in co-operation with the department of education, regional and divisional boards of education and local education authorities.

The close working relationship between health and education will ensure that acceptable program development standards are maintained and that the program guide meets the department of education's requirements, the minister of health noted.

The project staff will visit several NWT communities and survey the rest by questionnaire to

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gather first-hand information at the community level
and assess the health education needs of
schoolchildren.

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COLLECTION DONATED TO HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (March 25) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has received a gift of a large collection of artifacts from the NWT.

The collection, belonging to geologist and artist Dr. Maurice Haycock, was gathered during his more than 50 years of travel in the North.

The collection includes historic archaeological material, stone tools and artifacts left behind by several Arctic explorers.

"This historically significant material is a valuable addition to the Heritage Centre's collection of items from expeditions and exploration in the North," according to curator of collections Barbara Winter.

Among the material in the Haycock collection are cans of food left in caches for North Pole expeditions during the 1930s, tools from an old RCMP post at Bache Peninsula, coal from Martin Frobisher's hut on Kodlunarn Island and matches found near the doorway of the Greeley expedition's winter camp in 1883-84.

The food, found at Fort Conger in 1965, is believed to be from a 1937 expedition sponsored by Cambridge University and led by Edward Shackleton.

Dr. Haycock has been travelling in the NWT since 1926 in his dual careers as geologist and painter. He recently agreed to donate his collection to the Heritage Centre in order to ensure its return to the NWT.

A major responsibility of the Heritage Centre is to negotiate the repatriation of material which originated in the North, said Centre director Dr. Robert Janes.

In addition to this collection, the Heritage Centre in the last year has received a large collection of Inuit clothing and dolls from Dr. A.L. Washburn of Seattle, Washington and more than 6,000 items from Parks Canada.

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CARIBOU MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETS IN SNOWDRIFT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 25) - The Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board will press responsible governments to ensure greater protection for caribou and the habitat they use, members resolved at a Board meeting in Snowdrift March 22-24.

Concern about the effects of fire on the migration routes of the Beverly and Kaminuriak herds led the Board to write to Ministers urging them to provide more protection in forested areas of the NWT southeast of Great Slave Lake and in the northern parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the caribou's winter range.

Also concerned by threats of disturbance to caribou cows and calves on the calving grounds and post-calving areas of the Keewatin tundra, the Board called on the appropriate ministers to begin land use planning for the affected areas and to undertake as soon as possible the biophysical inventories that are a necessary first step.

The Board also worked out an agreement with the Federal government's Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to slightly extend the areas that DIAND proposed to cover in 1983 by its Caribou Protection Measures which control land use activity on and near calving grounds.

Members heard reports on the progress in developing a comprehensive caribou management plan and on its schools program, both said to be progressing favourably. They were told that consultations on the schools program had taken place in all the caribou-using communities of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and in some in the NWT.

Reaction to the program ranged from favourable to enthusiastic among the public, education departments, schools, local education committees and hunters and trappers associations.

The Board met in public session throughout its stay in Snowdrift and spent a full evening answering questions from Snowdrift residents and listening to their views.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 14-16 in Rankin Inlet.

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FORT SMITH WOOD BOILER STUDY PREPARED

YELLOWKNIFE (March 28) - Manecon Consulting Partnership has completed a study funded by the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Development and Demonstration program examining the economic feasibility of replacing the existing oil-fired boilers in several public buildings in Fort Smith with a central wood boiler.

The study outlines three possible stages of construction of the central facility. Stage One would provide wood-fired steam heat to J.B. Tyrrell Elementary School. The second stage would focus on P.W. Kaeser High School, Mount Aven Hall Girl's Residence and Breynat Hall Men's Residence.

Stage Three calls for tying in several Thebacha College buildings, the college's Trades Annex and the Department of Public Works' Maintenance Garage, all on Conibear Crescent.

Capital construction costs of \$367,000 were identified for Stage I, \$565,000 for Stage II and \$860,000 for Stage III. In addition, the capital costs of a wood harvesting operation are summarized in the report.

The study's recommendation is that such a project could be cost-effective.

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Copies of these reports are available from the energy conservation division, department of public works, government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife X1A 2L9, phone (403) 873-7203.

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POWER TAKE OFF ALERT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 30) - Operators of any vehicles which use power take off equipment should be advised of two changes recommended by the Safety Division, Department of Justice and Public Services.

These changes are:

1. Remove grease nipple on U-joint and plug with flush mount allen head pipe plug.
2. Remove square-headed bolt and replace with a flush mount socket head allen screw.

A fatal accident and other accidents of a serious nature led to these changes. The Safety Division requests all vehicle operators, especially water and fuel delivery vehicle operators, to make these changes immediately.

It is extremely dangerous to be near moving power take off equipment.

The Safety Division advises that if something does go wrong with the power take off unit on the vehicle you are operating, make sure the shaft is not moving. If you must work in the area of the power take off, it is important that the shaft is not moving because clothing will get caught causing serious injury, or death.

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For more information on power take off equipment, or if you have any questions or concerns about the recommended changes, contact the Safety Division at 873-7430.

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COPPERMINE COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - A contribution of \$135,000 from the Territorial government will assist in completion of the arena and community centre complex in Coppermine.

The funding, bringing the Territorial government's total contribution to the project to \$285,000, was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

Construction of the complex, which began in July 1980, is being managed by the Coppermine Community Council.

"The Territorial government's commitment to the project is the result of the high quality of construction, the responsible management and the involvement of the community," Wah-Shee said.

The 28,000 square foot building will include an arena, community hall, kitchen, cafeteria and games area. Construction is expected to be completed by late summer.

The GNWT's contribution of \$135,000 was made available in two installments. Local MLA Kane Tologanak recently presented the final \$65,000 installment to the council.

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This payment will cover the costs of interior finishing of floors and walls and labour in the community hall section of the complex.

Federal funding of \$200,000 has also been made available for the project.

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YELLOWKNIFE RECEIVES GRANT FOR BOILER CONSTRUCTION

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - The City of Yellowknife will receive a grant of \$835,000 from the Territorial government for construction of a new boiler building and replacement of two large boilers.

The fully accountable grant to the City was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The boilers, which operate only in winter, heat the City's water supply to approximately 5 degrees Celsius, ensuring that it does not freeze while circulating through the water distribution system.

One of the replacement boilers will provide the City's present water heating requirements while the second boiler will be used for emergency stand-by heating. The second boiler will also provide the additional heating capacity required for future growth of the community.

The City's existing facility, on Yellowknife Bay near School Draw Avenue, is nearing the end of its useful life and requires immediate replacement.

The grant is part of the department of local government's on-going water and sanitation program.

Yellowknife mayor Michael Ballantyne said he

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was pleased with the grant, "the result of very positive and co-operative discussions between the City and the Territorial government."

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INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE PROJECTS FUNDED FOR 83-84

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - The Territorial government has approved additional funding for native language development projects in several communities across the NWT.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced the funding to support Dene language programs in nine communities over the coming year.

Projects already underway in Lac La Martre, Fort Norman, Detah, Fort Good Hope, Fort Resolution, Fort Providence, and Fort Franklin will receive additional funding.

As well, new projects initiated in Yellowknife by the Separate School Board and in Fort Simpson will also be supported by the Indigenous Language Development Fund.

The fund was established last year to provide support for the development and advancement of indigenous language programs in schools and communities across the NWT.

Other projects receiving funding under the Indigenous Language Development Fund include:

- the development of Inuktitut materials in Igloolik;

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- material development projects in Broughton Island, Lake Harbour and Coppermine
 - a region-wide project in the Keewatin integrating land skills with in-school language programs;
 - continuation of the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement's work in training and program development with communities in the Inuvialuit area, and
 - further funding for on-going programs in Sachs Harbour and Aklavik.

In addition to these community-based projects, the language development fund will also support continuing training for people involved in the development of language programs.

Funding has been approved to assist candidates attending training sessions at the University of Calgary and the University of New Mexico this summer, the Minister said. These courses are designed specifically for candidates involved in indigenous language programs.

Literacy workshops will also be provided through funding to the Athabaskan Language Steering Committee.

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INSURANCE COMPANY TO BE DISSOLVED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - N.W.T. residents holding insurance policies with Northern Union Insurance Company Limited have until April 15, 1983 to file any claims with this company.

Northern Union Insurance Company Limited had their licence cancelled earlier this year because of uncertainty over whether the firm's assets could cover its financial obligations.

Dunwoody Limited has been appointed receiver of the insurance company.

All insured persons who are entitled to share in the proceeds of the company's deposit must file their claims with Dunwoody Ltd., Receiver, Northern Union Insurance Co., Ltd., 1100-155 Carlton St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3H8.

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BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPMENT FOR DELTA RESIDENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) - Resource development in the Inuvik Region has brought increased business opportunities for Delta residents, according to Dan O'Neill, regional superintendent of economic development and tourism.

"We are focussing on encouraging joint ventures between large companies involved in the Norman Wells and Beaufort Sea developments and local contractors and businesses," O'Neill says.

Because most construction workers on these large projects are unionized, opportunities for northerners are limited. So we are trying to maximize business opportunities and keep some of the financial benefits in the north, O'Neill explains.

Many of the programs being developed by economic development and tourism are concentrated in communities with limited facilities so that community life is improved and employment is created, he added.

One successful project provided employment for ten Aklavik residents. Fabric North, a local company, received a contract from Esso Resources Ltd. to sew canvas and nylon sand bags for use in the construction of artificial islands in the Beaufort.

In Fort Franklin, the department is working

with the Band Council to create job opportunities for local residents in the Norman Wells project. The band has recently signed a contract with Esso to provide security services at their site.

The band council has also negotiated the garbage pick-up contract with Esso and its sub-contractors. With assistance from the department, the band was able to purchase a garbage truck.

A facility for transients, tourists and sportsmen is being developed in Fort Franklin. The hotel will sleep up to 30 people and includes a fast food outlet and cafe. As a cost-saving measure, the hotel can shut down in the off-season with only the cafe and fast food outlet remaining open for community use.

Trailers to be used as sleeping quarters are being moved to Fort Franklin on the winter road and the hotel is expected to open by July, O'Neill said.

In Fort Norman, the Dene Band is currently negotiating a contract with Interprovincial Pipelines Limited (IPL) to remove old telephone lines along the pipeline route.

The effects of development will include construction of a 400-man camp near the community this summer. "We have been involved in talks with IPL and the band to encourage business opportunities from the camp," O'Neill says.

Contracts for transporting crews, providing security at the camp, hauling gravel and laundry and dry-cleaning services are presently under negotiation, according to O'Neill.

"In Tuktoyaktuk, there are common facilities needed by each oil company - such as transportation services - and we are trying to promote the use of

local contractors there also."

Business opportunities from development at Tuk are spreading to other communities, O'Neill says, and to ensure that people benefit from this, we recently moved an economic development officer to Aklavik.

The Fort McPherson band council is opening a new garage on the Dempster Highway this summer. The Territorial government, along with the Federal government, is providing management assistance for the project and an apprentice from Fort McPherson will work as a motor mechanic in the garage.

The band has also received a three-year contract for highway maintenance along the Fort McPherson section of the road.

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YELLOWKNIFE WATER SYSTEM STUDY FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 7) - The City of Yellowknife is undertaking a comprehensive study of its downtown water and sewer system in co-operation with the Territorial government's department of local government.

A fully accountable grant of \$25,000 to the City, representing the GNWT's 50 per cent contribution to the study, was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The City has examined sections of the downtown sanitary sewer system and found the pipes need to be replaced.

Because the system in the central business district was installed in the 1940s and 50s, there is concern that the entire lateral sanitary sewer collection system will have to be replaced. Loss of service to large sections of the downtown area could cause great inconvenience to businesses and residents in the area.

As a result, the City will prepare a submission to the Territorial government's Executive Committee requesting 'extraordinary' financial assistance for this project.

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INUVIK RECEIVES MUNICIPAL WORKS ASSISTANCE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 7) - The Town of Inuvik will put the finishing touches on a major sewage lagoon upgrading project and undertake a review of its utilidor system.

A fully accountable contribution of \$75,000 to the Town for the two projects was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

Completion of the work on the sewage lagoon, begun in 1982, will meet a major public health need in Inuvik.

The municipality will initiate the review of the existing above-ground utilidor system to identify deficiencies and plan for community expansion expected as a result of resource development in the region.

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MARSH PAINTINGS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 8) - A collection of northern paintings by Winifred Petchey Marsh will be on exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre from April 15 to May 1.

Mrs. Marsh went to Eskimo Point in the summer of 1933 with her husband Donald, an Anglican missionary who later became bishop of the Arctic. She was the first non-native woman to live in the Arctic north of Churchill.

During her years in the North, she recorded in watercolour the way of life of the people of Eskimo Point. She painted the homes, children, hunting and fishing, dances and clothing of the Padlimiut people of the Caribou Inuit.

In 1976 Marsh's watercolours were exhibited at the McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg, Ontario and a book of her paintings, People of the Willow, was published the same year.

Her paintings will be on exhibit in the Heritage Centre's feature gallery.

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GNWT FUNDS LOUCHEUX FILM

YELLOWKNIFE (April 8) - The Territorial government has provided a grant of \$15,000 for completion of a film recording the traditional lifestyle of a Dene family.

The grant was provided to Alestine Andre and will be used to complete a film called "Summer at Tree River" that focuses on four generations of the Andre family of Arctic Red River.

The funding was announced jointly by Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources, and Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee.

"Preservation of the Loucheux language and culture is of the highest importance and this will be an important record of a changing way of life," Nerysoo said.

Filmmaker Graydon McCrea of Edmonton lived with the Andres at their annual summer fish camp for three weeks while shooting the film. It is now in the final stages of production.

The film documents the Loucheux family's attachment to their traditions and culture and shows how these beliefs and values continue intact through four generations.

The film touches on the old way of life experienced by 96-year old Juliane Andre as a young woman and the changes in her lifetime that have affected her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The traditional skills such as dryfish making that the family uses to live off the land successfully are shown.

The film will be released with soundtracks in both English and Loucheux.

Copies in both languages will be presented to the Fort McPherson Athapaskan Language Committee for use in their programs.

In providing the grant, the Executive Committee has also requested that a print of both versions be provided to the GNWT and that copies be made available to all interested community groups and schools where Loucheux is spoken.

In addition to this grant, the production has received funding from the Federal government and the United Church of Canada.

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INUVIK LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS TO BE LIFTED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 11) - Liquor purchase restrictions now in effect in the Inuvik Liquor Store will be lifted on Tuesday, George Braden, leader of the elected executive, announced today.

Those restrictions were originally put in place in March, 1982 in an attempt to stem the rising tide of bootlegging in the Delta region. Generally, they limited purchases of liquor to either 1140 ml (40 oz.) of liquor; 24 bottles of beer or 2 litres of wine per day.

"The restrictions did not have the intended effect," said Braden, "especially in the outlying communities which are connected to Inuvik by highway, either all year round or by ice road."

"But there now appears to be a growing desire on the part of communities to take more responsibility in attempting to address the issues of sale and consumption of alcohol," he added.

"For instance, Tuktoyaktuk is now actively considering whether to allow the sale of alcohol in the community."

"As well, the new liquor ordinance," said Braden, "contains a number of provisions which will assist the R.C.M.P. and communities to control

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bootlegging."

That ordinance is expected to become law at the next session of the Legislative Assembly in May.

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LEGISLATION CHIEF APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 11) - Deborah Meldazy has been appointed Chief of the Legislative Division, Department of Justice and Public Services.

Her appointment, effective immediately, was announced last week by George Braden, Minister for Justice and Public Services.

Meldazy has been with the department since June, 1981 as legislative counsel.

A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, she also has an honours degree in art history from the University of Western Ontario. Meldazy articulated in Toronto and was admitted to both the Law Societies of Upper Canada and the Northwest Territories in 1981.

She takes over the division from Dare Pearce who recently accepted a position with Privy Council Office for the federal government in Ottawa.

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CHAMBER OF MINES TO PREPARE INDUSTRY STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (April 12) - The NWT Chamber of Mines has signed an agreement to prepare a study of the mining industry in the Northwest Territories for the Territorial government.

The agreement to conduct the study and prepare a report on the industry was announced today by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

The report, to be completed by Oct. 31, will include financial and economic data on exploration, development and production activity in the mining industry in the NWT during 1981 and '82.

The Chamber of Mines will also provide the GNWT with a report indicating trends in the mining industry during the study period.

The data for the study will be gathered from producing mines and exploration companies active in the NWT in the past two years. Statistics collected will include a wide range of financial data such as earnings, assets and liabilities, return on investment and dividend and interest payments; exploration and development activity; and, ownership and control of the companies.

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The Chamber of Mines will receive \$27,000 to prepare the report, similar to studies completed by the Chamber in the past for the Federal government's Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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NWT REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL TOURISM SHOW

YELLOWKNIFE (April 12) - Tourism and travel opportunities in the Northwest Territories received significant exposure at a major international trade and tourism show in West Berlin, Germany last month.

TravelArctic of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, was one of 1,620 exhibitors from around the world participating in the 17th Annual International Tourism Show.

"Our participation in this international show was in response to the Northwest Territories travel industry's requests for greater external exposure, especially in the United Kingdom and Europe," said Arnold McCallum, minister for Economic Development and Tourism.

"In previous years," he added, "the Northwest Territories has had to rely on its partners in Canada West to act on our behalf at this major show."

Canada West is a co-operative marketing body comprised of directors of tourism from British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Paul Vallillee, head of marketing for TravelArctic, was the NWT representative at the show. He met with many tour operators to promote the Northwest Territories as a travel destination.

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Spin-off benefits from this increased European exposure of NWT tourism opportunities are expected as a result of the Territorial government's participation in the show, which attracted more than 14,000 trade visitors and 60,000 consumers.

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COLLEGE BOARD MEETS IN FROBISHER BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (April 14) - The first steps toward establishment of a college system in the Eastern Arctic were taken this week in Frobisher Bay.

On April 12 and 13, the Board of Governors of Thebacha College met for the first time in the Eastern Arctic.

In December 1982, the Territorial government's Executive Committee announced that the Eastern Arctic Teacher Education Program (EATEP) had become a college program. At the Board of Governors' Frobisher Bay meeting, one of the main topics of discussion was the status of college programs in the East.

The aim is to develop a college system offering a full array of programs geared to the needs of the people of this area, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said. "Under normal financial conditions, this would be a challenging task but in a time of fiscal restraint it presents special problems."

The Board of Governors recommended to the minister that EATEP be combined with the Thebacha College programs already offered there through the regional education office.

The minister noted that with the scarcity of funds these days such a solution may be difficult to arrange. He has agreed to investigate with the Executive Committee ways to set up the framework of such a system.

In the meantime, the Board has delayed accepting formal responsibility for EATEP until the summer.

The Board, an independent body, gives direction to the development of college programs and post-secondary education across the north.

During this session the Board approved a number of new operational policies. One of its key decisions is to require students to pay fees for courses at the rate of \$35 for each course to a maximum of \$175 per semester. In doing so, the Board stressed that post-secondary education is "a privilege and not a right".

Attending the meeting were Board members Fernand Denault of Yellowknife, Larry Gordon of Inuvik, Jake Heron of Fort Smith, Don Langille of Thebacha, Hugh Lloyd of Igloolik and two new members, Ted Blondin of Rae-Edzo and Bob Hanson of Frobisher Bay.

Also present were Patterson; deputy minister of education Brian Lewis; Jack Witty, director of Thebacha College; S.T. Mallon of EATEP and Mark Cleveland of the regional education office.

Mallon, who acted as chairman for the Frobisher Bay meeting, noted that this session was historic not only because it is the first time the Board has visited the Eastern Arctic but also because it marks another stage in the development of an independent college system in the NWT.

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EXPLORATION SITE SAFETY G.N.W.T.'s RESPONSIBILITY

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 15) - Safety inspections and programs in all land-based exploration camps and oil and gas refinery operations in the N.W.T. will now be carried out by the Safety Division, Department of Justice and Public Services.

A general understanding between the Territorial Government and the Canadian Oil and Gas Lands Administration (C.O.G.L.A.) allows the Safety Division to assume these responsibilities.

C.O.G.L.A. is a federal government administrative agency which oversees and manages oil and gas exploration and development North of 60.

The Safety Division will also conduct, upon request by C.O.G.L.A., inspections of boilers, pressure vessels, electrical installations and general safety at any drill site in the Northwest Territories. These site inspections, which fall under the direct jurisdiction of C.O.G.L.A., ensure that safe drilling operational procedures are observed.

"All safety aspects in the oil and gas exploration field should be properly addressed under this new working relationship between Territorial and federal government agencies," said George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services.

"This agreement," he added, "is an example of how two levels of government can co-operate and work together towards a common goal, especially in the important area of resource development.

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ARCHIVES RECEIVES PHOTOS OF OLD YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 19) - The Northwest Territories Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre recently received a valuable collection of photographs of old Yellowknife.

The approximately 100 photographs came from the British Columbia Provincial Archives in Victoria, where they had been received as an anonymous gift. The photographs were transferred to Yellowknife by the Provincial Archivist who formerly worked for the Territorial government.

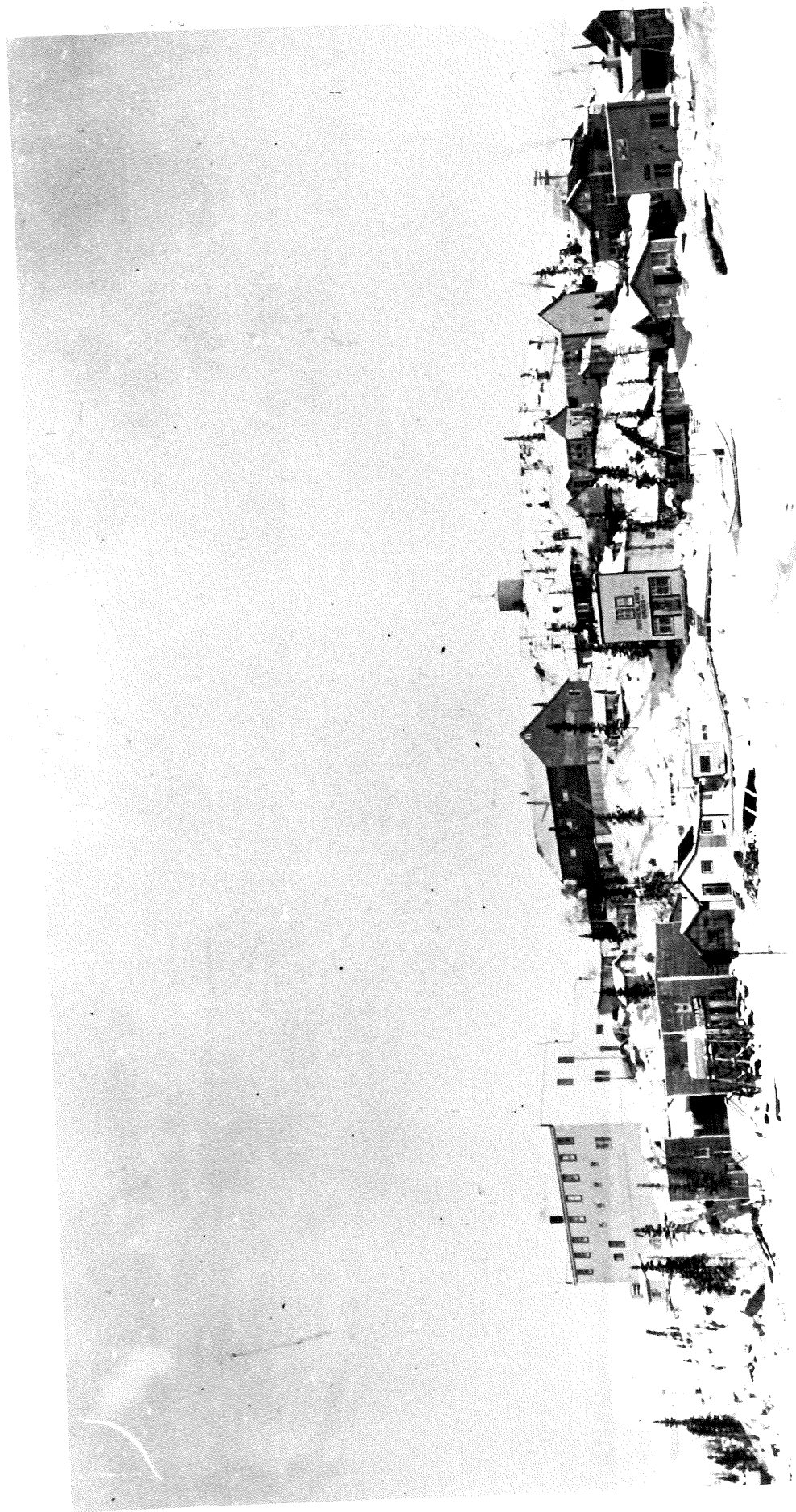
The photographs were taken by a Hudson's Bay Company employee who came to Yellowknife in September 1938 to help establish its first store. A little detective work in the Hudson's Bay Archives in Winnipeg found that his name was Paul Williamson, one of the first three Bay employees here. He left Yellowknife in 1940 to work elsewhere in the North.

During his two years in Yellowknife, Paul Williamson photographed the life of the new settlement - its mines, houses, people and amusements.

"The gift of these unique photographs is particularly important as Yellowknife will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year," according to Edwin Welch, Territorial archivist.

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ARCHIVES RECEIVES OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

One of a collection of unique photographs of old Yellowknife received by the NWT Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, this photograph shows Old Town from Back Bay. The photograph was taken around 1939 by Hudson's Bay Company employee Paul Williamson.

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NCF TO FINALIZE DISCUSSION PAPER

YELLOWKNIFE (April 19) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) will meet in Yellowknife April 26-27 to finalize their discussion paper on a Nunavut Constitution.

Over the past months, the NCF has commissioned research and background papers on specific matters relating to the Nunavut Constitution. These include papers on division of power, fiscal perspectives, a public land regime and language guarantees in a Nunavut government.

At previous meetings, forum members analyzed and assessed these papers as a first step to drafting the discussion paper.

During the Yellowknife meetings forum members will review this material and finalize the discussion paper.

NCF members include ITC president John Amagoalik, COPE president Peter Green, Kitikmeot MLA Kane Tologanak, Frobisher Bay MLA Dennis Patterson and Tungavik Federation representative Bob Kadlun.

The meetings will be held in Room 418, Yellowknife Inn.

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CORRECTIONAL CENTRE DEMONSTRATION ENDS

YELLOWKNIFE (April 19) - Kane Tologanak, the Territorial government's minister of social services, confirmed today that a sit-down demonstration at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre ended peacefully last night at 5:30 p.m.

No damage to property or injury to staff or inmates occurred during the demonstration, the minister said. All inmates are now back in their living areas.

The incident was handled internally by correctional staff although stand-by help was available from the RCMP and fire department, Tologanak said.

The inmates' grievances included the removal of an inmate from maximum security, additional nursing services, more control over inmate welfare funds, greater access to the canteen, higher pay, additional use of the telephone and more grounds privileges.

The list of grievances will be referred to the elected Inmate Committee for discussion at the next meeting with management.

Tologanak expressed his appreciation for the work of the correctional officers "in this difficult situation". He also noted that many of the inmates demonstrated a willingness to discuss their problems without resorting to violence.

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The minister has directed that an internal inquiry be conducted by the Chief of Corrections.

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BUDGET REACTION POSITIVE

YELLOWKNIFE (APR 21)-Federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde's "special recovery" budget drew a generally favourable response from ministers of the Territorial government this week.

"It's a major departure from previous budgets in its attempt to stimulate the private sector. On the surface it's quite positive," George Braden, leader of the elected executive, said today.

Braden, however, stressed that executive members of the government had not had the chance to examine the Tuesday night budget in detail. Regardless, he was pleased to learn the business community had responded to the Lalonde budget in a positive fashion.

Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters said he is "delighted", at this point, with the possibilities that appear to be offered by the new budget.

"I'm looking forward to discussions with Ottawa on how the new federal initiatives will impact on the North and this government," he stated.

"It clearly puts the onus on government to start working much more co-operatively with the private sector to seek stimulation and recovery in our economic base."

Senior officials of the government will be reviewing the budget and will be seeking clarification from federal authorities on how its various provisions can be used to the advantage of the various northern sectors.

The Lalonde budget, predicting a \$6 billion increase to the federal deficit now expected to hit \$31.3 billion in 1983-84, is based on the theme that economic recovery should be split between government spending projects and special measures designed to promote private investment. Among other things Ottawa will be "fast tracking" or advancing its capital works projects in an attempt to provide further opportunities for the unemployed.

It is in the areas of assistance to small businesses, through increased tax breaks or a scheme of tax credits, housing programs, assistance to junior mining ventures and the implications of job creation that executive members have a specific interest.

Lalonde, in his speech, told the Commons that the federal government plans to spend \$560 million this year and \$760 million next year on "unspecified" capital projects across the country. The program would cost Ottawa \$1.7 billion in new spending over the next four years.

While details of these projects were undefined, ministers of the Territorial government are hopeful that some of the projects are earmarked for the NWT.

"I expect that some of them are capital projects that have been developed by this government," Butters said.

He noted the executive was striking a special committee to list and prioritize northern capital projects for discussion with Ottawa.

Also welcomed by executive members, particularly Economic Development Minister Arnold McCallum, are the reported "generous measures" that are aimed at boosting Canadian businesses. The measures, part of the \$4.8 billion special recovery program, change the time frames in which a business can carry losses and unused tax credits back and forth.

Starting in the 1983 tax year, small and unincorporated businesses will be able to carry their losses back three years and forward seven - a change from one year back and five years forward.

McCallum noted that this provision, and others that are yet to be detailed, should be extremely beneficial to northern entrepreneurs. The same holds true for junior mining companies scheduled to benefit from a broader application of the 33 1/3 per cent depletion allowance."

And according to Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo it would appear that some hunters and trappers in the NWT will be able to benefit from the increased emphasis being placed by Ottawa on assistance to small, unincorporated businesses.

"Eventually," he stated, "I would hope that hunters and trappers in this land would be provided with similar type general tax incentives to those being provided to farmers and fishermen in the Lalonde budget"

Executive members are also hopeful that as Ottawa is willing to provide additional tax relief to Canadians working abroad there may be a comparable point to make in respect to tax relief for northern allowances.

Meanwhile, Braden noted that direct implications of the new budget on northern consumers appears to be a "give and take" situation.

"I'm sure increased limits on child care expenses will be of great value to families in the north. But other exemptions, depending on income, will be reduced and this could hurt middle income earners who do not have the resources or financial expertise to benefit from newly created tax measures for Canadian investors.

Braden said the executive committee will be receiving a complete budget briefing once the review has been completed. The government would be in a better position to make further comment at that time.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRAVEL OUTSIDE NWT NOT COVERED

YELLOWKNIFE (April 25) - Territorial residents travelling out of the NWT should have extra insurance to cover the costs of emergency medical travel while they are away from home.

The Territorial government is often expected to assume financial responsibility for emergency medical travel services for residents while outside the NWT, according to Minister of Health Kane Tologanak.

In an effort to clarify our policy and assist the department of health in dealing with future claims, we are emphasizing that the GNWT does not subsidize the cost of air or ground ambulance travel originating outside the NWT, the minister said.

The department of health does not cover the costs of emergency medical travel out of the Territories:

- to the first place of treatment;
- from one facility to another facility; and
- from the final place of treatment back to an NWT health care facility or the patient's home community.

The policy does not apply to status Indian or Inuit residents since Health and Welfare Canada normally covers their costs for travel outside the NWT.

NWT residents travelling out of the Territories

are urged to obtain private insurance plans for limited periods such as vacations, Tologanak said. These plans provide coverage against emergency medical travel costs and are available at reasonable rates through travel agents and private insurance companies.

Further information on medical travel is available from Marnie Shopa, Administrator, Health Insurance Services, department of health, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7152.

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EXPLORERS' GUIDE REDESIGNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 27) - Community-based tourism in the N.W.T. will receive a boost next year with the distribution of a redesigned Explorers' Guide.

The Guide, an annual publication of TravelArctic, promoting tourism in the Northwest Territories is distributed nationally and internationally by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"The Explorers' Guide will be redesigned to focus on regional travel zones, tourism products and services and special attraction events which can be experienced through community-based tourism," said Arnold McCallum, Minister for Economic Development and Tourism.

The information in the Guide will be organized, in part, on a regional and community basis outlining attractions, tourist facilities and services offered in communities.

Production of the Guide will be handled through a partnership between TravelArctic and the N.W.T. Travel Industry Association.

"In keeping with our department's desire to increase tourism opportunities in the N.W.T.," added the minister, "businesses will be allowed to advertise their products and services in the 1984 Explorers' Guide."

To ensure the continued high standard of quality in the publication, advertising will represent no more than 30 per cent of the Guide.

Advertising will be sold to offset the changeover to a high quality colour publication.

The Explorers' Guide, currently 64 pages in length, will be expanded to 80 pages - 56 in colour and 24 in black and white.

Outcrop Ltd., a Yellowknife advertising and communications company, was chosen from among several firms to research, design and produce the Guide. The firm will be sending information packages to N.W.T. travel and tourism related businesses in mid-May. The packages will include information on advertising rates and demographic information on the Guide.

"The major input for the Explorers' Guide will be through the involvement and co-operation of TravelArctic, the Travel Industry Association and the regional tourism zones," said McCallum.

The Guide will be ready for distribution in January, 1984.

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NORTHERN PHOTOGRAPHS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 27) - An exhibition of work by northern photographer Tessa Macintosh opens at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre Sunday May 1.

The 65 photographs in the collection, mostly portraits, have been taken since Ms. Macintosh first visited the north in 1974.

She lived in Cape Dorset for 2 years where she worked with the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative photographing Inuit artists, sculptors and printmakers. Her portraits were published in two annual Cape Dorset art catalogues.

Ms. Macintosh moved to Yellowknife in 1976, becoming head of photography section of the Native Communications Society of the Western Arctic.

Many of the photographs in the exhibition were taken during her travels to Dene settlements of the Mackenzie Valley for the Native Press newspaper.

Ms. Macintosh is now photographer for the Territorial government's department of information.

Before moving to the NWT, Ms. Macintosh received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree majoring in photography at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

Her photographs have been published extensively and she has had exhibitions at art galleries in Yellowknife, Vancouver and Edmonton.

The exhibition at the Heritage Centre runs until July 7. The photographs will then tour several smaller NWT communities.

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FIRST INUK DOCTOR TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 28) - Dr. Noah Carpenter, the only Inuk in Canada to graduate in medicine, will receive an honorary doctorate at the spring convocation of the University of Calgary.

Dr. Carpenter was born in Sachs Harbour and received his primary and secondary education at schools in Aklavik and Inuvik.

He was nominated for the honorary degree by Commissioner John Parker and Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

"This degree brings particular distinction and honour to Dr. Carpenter and his family", Patterson noted. "Recognition of his achievements is a real incentive to other native students to enter the professions".

Dr. Carpenter comes from a well-known traditional family of hunters and trappers. "He received all his post-secondary education only by leaving his home community and family and committing himself to an unfamiliar way of life", the minister explained.

"His success testifies to his dedication professionally and personally", Patterson said.

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Dr. Carpenter received a Bachelor of Science and a medical degree in 1971 from the University of Manitoba. He interned at Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton and completed his residency in general surgery in 1976 at University Hospital.

He was a teaching and research fellow in the department of surgery at the University of Alberta in 1976-77.

Following this, Dr. Carpenter took thoracic surgical training at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1979 he was named locum general surgeon at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton and the following year he was emergency physician at the University hospital.

He now practices general, thoracic and vascular surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Comox, B.C.

A member of several medical societies, Dr. Carpenter has presented scientific papers in Canada and the U.S. and has written articles published in professional journals.

The honorary degree will be conferred at a ceremony Thursday, June 2 at 2 p.m. at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in Calgary.

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WORK CONTINUES ON CONSTITUTIONAL PAPER

YELLOWKNIFE (May 2) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) met last week to finalize a draft discussion paper on a constitution for the new Nunavut Government.

The paper should be ready for tabling at the spring session of the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly by Frobisher Bay MLA and NCF chairman Dennis Patterson.

It will also be distributed to the communities for discussion.

The discussion paper covers such areas as structures and style of government, division of powers, fiscal relations, language rights and administration of justice in a Nunavut government. It will provide the basis and agenda for a major Nunavut Constitutional Conference scheduled for November, 1983.

"I am very pleased with the rapid progress made by the Forum towards final drafting of the Nunavut Constitutional discussion paper," said Patterson.

"A great deal of hard work has been done by Forum members over the past six months and we are still within schedule," he added.

A major issue discussed at the two-day meeting was principles for land and resources in a Nunavut Territory.

NCF members agreed on five principles for land and resources. These principles are:

- legal title to lands in Nunavut belonging to the Crown will remain as such until Nunavut acquires provincial status.

- beneficial use and enjoyment of all lands, both surface and subsurface, belonging to the Crown will be transferred to the Nunavut Territory. These lands will be subject to the control of the Commissioner-in-Assembly. There will be certain exceptions to this transfer of lands such as land required by the federal government for their programs (i.e. airports, national parks, etc.).

The federal government will also continue to administer oil and gas legislation but provision must be included for a Federal/Nunavut agreement regarding oil and gas to provide a share of management, revenues and equity participation for Nunavut.

- federal laws of general application regarding natural resources will continue to apply for Nunavut (i.e. National Energy Board).

- existing aboriginal title will not be prejudiced by this proposal.

- the implementation of this regime will not interfere with the rights of private interest holders.

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BAILEY'S TO BE HONORED AT RECEPTION

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YELLOWKNIFE (May 3) - The Reverend and Mrs. Gordon Bailey of Yellowknife will be honored at a public reception Friday, May 13 on the occasion of the presentation of the Commissioner's Award to the couple.

The Award, announced in Commissioner John Parker's address to the tenth session of the Legislative Assembly last Feb. 2, cites the Bailey's for their "selfless devotion and service to the poor and disadvantaged people of the Northwest Territories, offered in the spirit of true Christian love and charity."

The Baileys moved to the north in 1963, spending five years in Fort Resolution before moving to Yellowknife where they took charge of the Old Town Pentecostal Mission. They celebrated their 25th anniversary in the north on April 7.

The reception will take place in the Caribou Room of the Yellowknife Inn from 8 to 10 p.m. on May 13. The public is invited to attend.

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CENSUS 81 TO BE EXPLAINED AT SEMINARS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - A representative of Statistics Canada will be in Yellowknife this month to explain the findings of the 1981 Census.

Diane Gallagher-McVey of Statistics Canada's Edmonton office will give presentations May 17 and 18, describing the type of information collected in the census and the publications available.

The 1981 survey, the most recent full-scale census of the Canadian population, includes information on demography and mobility, socio-cultural, labor and economic, family, household and dwelling factors.

Census information is valuable to a wide range of users from business and government to the general public.

The May 17 seminar begins at 1:30 and the following day's session starts at 9 a.m. Both will be held in Room 206 of Northern United Place.

For more information about the seminars, contact the NWT Bureau of Statistics in Yellowknife at (403)873-7147.

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of the Northwest Territories



A new NWT teachers certificate, featuring a background of northern scenes, will be issued to NWT teachers meeting qualifications set out in regulations ~~xxxxxxxixxxxNWTx~~ approved this week.

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TEACHERS TO RECEIVE NWT CERTIFICATION

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - Regulations for the certification of NWT teachers were signed today by Commissioner John Parker.

The regulations go into effect immediately. Teachers must now hold a valid certificate and meet qualifications set out in the new regulations to teach in the NWT.

"The certification regulations are the result of four years of hard work by the NWT Teacher Certification Board and the department of education," Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said today. "I am delighted this matter is finally resolved."

The Teacher Certification Board worked closely with the Minister of Education as advisors in establishing the regulations and policy.

Chairperson of the Board is Donna Laing. Other members are Dick Hall and Ann Davies, representing the NWT Teachers' Association; public and separate school boards representative Connie MacAleer; Helen Adamache of Coppermine who represents community education societies and committees; and Mick Mallon representing the teacher education programs in the Northwest Territories.

Teachers who have been teaching in the NWT for two years or longer as of today will automatically receive certificates within 30 days. Those with less than two years experience will receive interim certificates.

An interim certificate can be made permanent after two years' successful teaching in the NWT.

Other teachers hired from now on will have to meet the qualifications set out in the regulations and apply for NWT certification before they can teach in the NWT.

The certificates, which feature a background of northern scenes, are unique in Canada and likely will become collectors' items, the minister noted.

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FOLK FESTIVAL RECEIVES CONTRIBUTION

YELLOWKNIFE (May 6) - The Territorial government will make a contribution of \$15,000 to the 1983 Folk on the Rocks Festival.

Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee today announced the contribution to the Society for the Encouragement of Northern Talent, organizers of Folk on the Rocks, towards the cost of staging the annual music festival.

The festival has been held each year in Yellowknife since 1980. The three-day event, during the longest days in June, brings together Inuit and Dene performers from across the North and folk artists from southern Canada and the U.S.

While the present contribution is to this year's festival only, Wah-Shee noted that a cultural policy review presently underway will determine the kind of assistance the Territorial Government will be able to give the festival in the future.

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TELEVISION APPROVED FOR GRISE FIORD AND ARCTIC RED RIVER

YELLOWKNIFE (May 10) - Television service will be provided to Grise Fiord and Arctic Red River this year through the Territorial Government's satellite communications program.

The announcement was made today by Minister of Information Dennis Patterson and Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo (MLA Mackenzie Delta).

Patterson said that the government's Financial Management Board had identified the capital funds required to provide equipment to the small northern communities.

Grise Fiord, on Ellesmere Island, is Canada's most northerly Inuit community with a population of about 140. The community has made strong representation to the Legislative Assembly to obtain radio and television service.

"We recognize the extreme isolation of Grise Fiord and its lack of communications facilities. The equipment to be installed this summer will provide CBC television and CBC regional radio from Frobisher Bay," says Mr. Patterson.

Nerysoo stated the Dene community of Arctic Red River in the Mackenzie Delta, with a population of about 130, is also without any television service. The community has been requesting assistance from the CBC, the Territorial Government and the Legislative Assembly for the past three years.

Mr. Patterson noted that the communication program of the Department of Information has provided radio and television service to 20 communities with populations between 150 and 500 over the past 5 years.

"The extension of the program to smaller communities will even further improve the communications infra-structure in the Northwest Territories, while helping to meet information and recreational needs," he added.

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NEW HEAD FOR GNWT AUDIT BUREAU

YELLOWKNIFE (May 12) - Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot today announced the appointment of Doug Hill as head of the GNWT Audit Bureau.

Hill, 40, has worked as one of three audit managers with the bureau since joining the Territorial Government in March, 1973. Previously, he worked with the Government of Canada for seven years in an audit capacity.

Hill holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick and is also a Certified General Accountant.

He replaces former bureau head Ed Callas who recently retired from the position.

The appointment is effective May 16.

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\$2 MILLION TO BE SPENT UPGRADING HOUSES

YELLOWKNIFE (May 13) - Over 100 housing units in the Northwest Territories will be upgraded under the Rehab Program, jointly funded by Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Arnold McCallum, Minister for the Housing Corporation, announced at the Legislative Assembly yesterday.

"Over \$2 million will be spent upgrading units in 10 communities," said McCallum, "with the concentration of rehabilitation projects centred in the Kitikmeot Region."

Under the Rehab Program, which is funded 25 per cent by the Territorial Housing Corporation and 75 per cent by CMHC, existing homes are generally rehabilitated with the upgrading of insulation values, installation of energy efficient doors and windows and the modernization of plumbing and electrical fixtures.

Fifty-five units will be upgraded in the Kitikmeot Region. Cambridge Bay, Pelly Bay, Spence Bay, Holman Island and Coppermine will all have housing units rehabilitated.

The remaining rehabilitation projects will be undertaken in Rae-Edzo, Fort McPherson, Fort Norman, Tuktoyatuk and Frobisher Bay.

"I am pleased to announce," said the Minister, "that the contracts for all the rehabilitation work have been awarded to Northern contractors."

"In certain cases," he added, "contracts were awarded to contractors in the community where the work is taking place."

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WCB PENSIONS INCREASED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 16) - The Workers' Compensation Board of the NWT will increase pensions paid to workers with permanent disabilities, widows and children on July 1.

The increases were announced today by George Braden, minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board.

Workers with permanent disabilities of 10 per cent or greater will now receive pensions based on a yearly maximum assessable remuneration (YMAR) of \$23,200.

The supplementary pensions for disabled workers were previously based on a YMAR of \$20,400. The YMAR is the maximum salary on which WCB compensation is based.

In addition, pensions for widows will be increased to \$638 monthly from the present \$561 a month while pensions paid to dependent children up to age 16 go up to \$145 a month from \$127.50.

This increase is the sixth rise in the levels of pensions since January, 1977 and brings payments to a level to meet increased living costs, the minister noted.

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AIRPORT AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR BROUGHTON ISLAND

YELLOWKNIFE (May 17) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee has concluded an agreement with the United States Air Force concerning the operation and maintenance of the Broughton Island airstrip.

The agreement, under negotiation for the past three years, turns over operation and maintenance responsibility for the strip to the GNWT. Previously, the strip was the responsibility of the USAF due to the location of the FOX - 5 Distant Early Warning site near the community.

Negotiations with the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development allowed major improvements to the air strip facility to be carried out during the last two years. But, under agreements between the federal and territorial governments, the GNWT is responsible for ongoing operation and maintenance of northern airports.

The agreement allows the territorial government to take over responsibility for the strip and provide full service to commercial, private and military aircraft using the facility. The transfer of responsibilities is effective immediately.

This occasion marks the first time a minister of the GNWT has negotiated an international agreement.

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STATUS OF WOMEN CO-ORDINATOR'S POSITION STILL OPEN

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18) - A contract for an interim co-ordinator of status of women matters in the NWT will be advertised again soon.

George Braden, minister responsible for the status of women, said the contract will be re-tendered because of a lack of adequate responses from northerners to an earlier search for candidates.

"It is important the interim co-ordinator be a person who, through personal experience of living in the north, is familiar with the issues facing northern women", the minister said.

When the contract was originally advertised in February and March, several responses were received but no suitable northern candidates were found.

The co-ordinator will be responsible for examining the status of women in the NWT and making recommendations for improving it.

As well, the co-ordinator will ensure the GNWT is represented in territorial, provincial and federal activities on the status of women and provide public information.

The contract is for a one-year term position.

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An advertisement will appear in northern newspapers shortly and a selection committee, made up of Territorial government representatives and an equal number of women who are not government employees, will review applications and make recommendations to the Minister.

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FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAM SPECIALIST APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18) - Denise Amyot has been appointed French Language Program Specialist with the Department of Education.

Her appointment, effective in September, was announced today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

The French Language Program Specialist is a new position in the Department of Education. The position is funded on an annual basis by the Secretary of State under its Bilingual Education Program.

During the first year, the specialist will concentrate on developing a French program for students in kindergarten to Grade Six for use in all Territorial schools.

Additional responsibilities of the specialist, in following years, will include program development for all grades up to Grade 12, development of teaching materials and in-service training for teachers.

Amyot is presently the French Immersion teacher at J.H. Sissons School in Yellowknife. She has extensive experience teaching french as well as training in program development.

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N.W.T. STUDENT TO ATTEND PEARSON COLLEGE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18) - A Grade 12 student from Fort Smith will be sponsored by the Department of Education at Lester B. Pearson College next fall.

Dorin Whelly, a Paul Kaeser High School student, has been chosen from among four N.W.T. high school students to attend Pearson College, announced Education Minister Dennis Patterson today.

Pearson College, located on Vancouver Island, is one of three United World Colleges. The Colleges are dedicated to the concept of international understanding through education. The Prince of Wales is president of the International United World Colleges.

The Department of Education will pay Whelly's tuition and accommodation fees as well as travel costs twice a year during the two years she attends Pearson College.

Two students sponsored by the Department of Education last year, Regina Kiem of Fort Smith and Sandra Case of Yellowknife, will be entering their second year at Pearson College this fall.

The Department invited all schools in the N.W.T. to submit student applications for sponsorship to the College. This year the Department of Education is sponsoring only one student rather than two because of an increase in the College's fees.

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FORT SMITH GETS PLANNING GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced today the provisions of a contribution of \$35,000 to the Town of Fort Smith to assist the town in preparing a new General Plan and zoning by-law.

The Town's study will address continuing community growth issues and new developments including the effects of the proposed Slave River Dam on municipal growth, the new management plan for Wood Buffalo National Park, an expansion of the Town's boundaries in 1982 and current land use planning being undertaken nearby by the Alberta Government.

Completion of a new General Plan and zoning by-law is expected to take six months, by which time the Town Council will have a clear basis for control of development activity within the municipality.

This contribution, representing 50 per cent of the cost of the General Plan, is provided under the Department of Local Government's Community Planning Program on a fully accountable basis.

"I am pleased to make this contribution available to meet the planning needs of the municipal council of Fort Smith," said Wah-Shee. Their planning proposal is the result of positive and cooperative discussions between the Town and the Territorial Government."

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**G.N.W.T. TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR
SEALSKINS**

YELLOWKNIFE (May 19) - Inuit hunters in the Northwest Territories will now receive from the Territorial Government a \$5 incentive payment for every sealskin they sell.

The announcement of the new program was made Tuesday in the Legislative Assembly here by Richard Nerysoo, minister of renewable resources.

The purpose of the program is to help Inuit hunters meet their expenses in a depressed sealskin market. Prices for sealskins this year in Arctic Communities average \$8.

"During the past year anti-hunting groups in southern Canada, the United States and Europe have nearly succeeded in destroying the commercial market for sealskins," explained Nerysoo. "The hunters badly need help."

All hunters and trappers in the N.W.T. including Inuit seal hunters already receive incentive grants from the government: 10 per cent of the sale price of their past year's fur sales. However, in the depressed market 10 per cent is only 80 cents per skin.

Therefore, the Territorial Government is increasing Inuit hunters' grants to a flat payment of \$5 per sealskin.

The minister stressed that this new program is an interim measure only and will terminate when the market recovers and/or new markets are developed.

This program will apply to any sealskins sold by N.W.T. hunters.

Additional funding will not be required for the new program, said the minister.

"This government wants to encourage Inuit hunters to continue their traditional pursuit of harvesting seals for food and cash income," he added. "Without this incentive payment, many seal hunters would be forced to depend on Social Assistance."

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NWT ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BRIGHTER - MCCALLUM

YELLOWKNIFE (May 24) - The near future promises a resurgence of activity in all sectors of the NWT's economy, according to Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

In an update on the economy presented to the Legislative Assembly during the session that concluded last week, the Minister predicted that "moderate growth for the Territorial economy is attainable in 1983".

Signs of an upturn are being seen in several areas, McCallum said. Retail trade in the NWT was up almost 11 per cent from December 1981 to December 1982 and the number of companies registered grew by about four per cent.

In Yellowknife alone the value of residential construction during 1982 was up well over 250 per cent from 1981. With the drop in interest rates, inflation has slowed in the Territories and during February was below the national level, the minister further explained.

Because of the declining markets and prices in the mining industry, the Department of Economic Development is working with industry to minimize the effects of the poor situation, the minister told MLAs.

Exploration activity in the NWT declined in 1982 by 30 per cent over 1981 for large drill projects and by 50 per cent for mines and development.

"Nevertheless, relative to the national mining sector, the Northwest Territories is not fairing too badly", McCallum noted. "Mineral production has generally increased over the past year even though mineral prices, with the exception of gold and silver, have been on a downward trend."

With gold prices rising, gold mining companies are planning for increased activity this year. Cullaton mines has announced plans to undertake a development this summer to increase capacity by 200 tons daily.

Oil and gas exploration activity is also expected to increase, the minister said. "During 1982, seven oil and gas companies were exploring in the NWT and between 1983 and 1985 that number is expected to increase to 12".

The department also estimates that tourism expenditures grew by approximately 75 per cent during the past year, the minister noted.

"While it is clear signs of economic recovery and growth do exist for specific sectors of the Territorial economy, we have to take a more rationalized approach to ensure that we promote all areas of the economy", McCallum said.

This includes a realignment of his department to focus on support programs and services in the areas of community and regional development, training and employment, traditional pursuits, tourism and resource development, the minister explained.

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McCALLUM PROMISES SUPPORT

PINE POINT (May 25)- Economic Development Minister Arnold McCallum Tuesday committed up to \$1,000,000 in Territorial financial assistance in order to help ensure work by June 15 for residents of this southern Mackenzie mining community.

"The mining industry is a vital part of the North's economic mainstream. It's important that anything that can be done is done to assist the hundreds of northerners that industry employs."

McCallum's offer of \$1 million in assistance is based on up to 350 employees receiving \$60 per week for up to 52 weeks. Combined with monies available under the Unemployment Insurance Act and its own operation, mining officials are confident a wage package can be put together for a mid-June return to work.

Most employees of Pine Point Mines Ltd. have been without jobs since declining lead-zinc prices forced closure of the open pit operation in January of this year.

A total of 450 hourly paid employees were laid off at that time. A further 50 were laid off February 1.

The Territorial guarantee of financial assistance provides the necessary commitment to help ensure an application by Pine Point Mines Ltd. for use of federal monies available for job creation under Section 38 of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

Part of the mining company's short-term survival plan depends on a favorable response to its application for assistance under the act.

McCallum met with senior officials of the town, the United Steelworkers Union, Pine Point Mines and Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point) early in the day to discuss the various levels of assistance.

He later told Mayor Otto Romeike and his council that the Territorial government had considered a number of ways in which it might assist the community. It had decided the best approach would be to participate in the mining company's survival plan and, in doing so, ensure residents had the opportunity of a return to work.

"That, in itself, will have a direct impact on this community and its viability...the government's primary concern was to participate in a scheme that would maintain this town, its citizens and its businesses," he stated.

The survival plan is based on concessions or assistance from a number of groups, including the Territorial government.

One of the most important elements fell into place late last week when 81 per cent of the union membership ratified a proposal that will guarantee a minimum of six months work based on a wage rollback of 10 per cent and a freeze in cost of living adjustments (COLA clause).

Terms of the proposal state the wage reduction will be removed by April 30, 1984, or sooner if metal prices reach 34.5 cents Canadian for lead and 60.5 cents for zinc.

The short-term survival plan also calls for assistance or concessions from, among others, Northern Canada Power Commission, the Cominco Smelter in Trail, B.C., and Canadian National Railways.

Support, so far, has been promised by all of the groups except NCPC. Discussions continue with that corporation.

Projects to be undertaken by Pine Point Mines Ltd., once federal money is in place, includes stripping and overburden projects and an exploration program.

Meanwhile, to Mayor Romeike the assistance will go a long way in helping to ensure the future of his community.

He stated officials of the town were quite concerned that they would loose another large segment of its population base once school let out for the summer.

"Many of our residents," he noted," had decided to remain in Pine Point rather than disrupt their children's education. They had decided to stay at least until then," he said.

Now, the mayor feels that with the guarantee of employment they will remain in the one-industry town.

"It really couldn't have come at a better time," he stated.

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EMERGENCY PLANNING AGREEMENT SIGNED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 25) - Yvon Pinard, president of the Privy Council and federal minister responsible for emergency planning, together with George Braden, Territorial minister responsible for emergency planning, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Emergency Planning between the GNWT and the Government of Canada.

The memorandum sets out principles of joint federal/territorial planning for emergencies and identifies the duties and functions to be undertaken by each government.

Under its provisions, the federal and Territorial governments agree to negotiate five year projects under the Joint Emergency Planning Program to develop and maintain plans for both peace and wartime emergencies.

They also commit themselves to a free exchange of information relating to emergencies; to the sharing of human and material resources in crisis situations; and to the joint funding of plans and arrangements aimed at enhancing emergency response capabilities.

Similar agreements have already been signed with the governments of New Brunswick and Yukon and negotiations are continuing with the remaining provinces.

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MINE RESCUE COMPETITION POSTPONED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 25) - The Annual Canadian Mine Rescue Competition scheduled for Yellowknife next month has been postponed.

The national mine rescue competition was to be held June 18 in Yellowknife but it has been postponed until 1984.

Mine rescue competitions are held annually in each province to choose a winning rescue team. The provincial winners then meet in competition in a Territorial or provincial capital.

"However," said Mike Hewitt, assistant deputy minister for the Department of Justice and Public Services, "the majority of provinces have indicated that they would be unable to send a team to the competition in Yellowknife this year."

The competition takes place in a mock mine with simulated effects representing actual situations encountered in a mine disaster, including mine fires, toxic gases, the rescue of injured and trapped miners, poor ground conditions and poor visibility. The mock mine for the Yellowknife competition was to be set up outside of William MacDonald Junior High School to accommodate as many spectators as possible.

"It is hoped that the event will be held in Yellowknife next year," said Hewitt.

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WCF MEETINGS SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 26) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) will meet here June 13 and 14 for further discussions on the development of a concept of government for a separate western territory.

Forum members will meet privately during the afternoon of Monday, June 13. A second meeting, which will be open to the media, is scheduled for the following day, June 14, in the conference room of the Legislative Assembly Building.

Discussion at the meetings will centre on a re-evaluation of the Forum's schedule and action plans due to the recent announcement of funding for the WCF by the federal government.

Earlier this month, the Hon. John Munro, federal minister of Indian and northern affairs, announced that funding for the N.W.T. Constitutional Alliance had been approved by the federal cabinet. This funding is to be split between the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums.

Approximately \$1.1 million of this funding has been allotted to the WCF for this fiscal year.

WCF members include James Wah-Shee, Territorial minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development; Bob MacQuarrie, Yellowknife Centre MLA; George Erasmus, president of the Dene Nation and Bob Stevenson, president of the N.W.T. Metis Association.

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NO LIQUOR FOR BELCHER ISLANDS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 26) - Prohibition of liquor in the Belcher Islands will continue, announced George Braden, minister of justice and public services, this week.

Braden was responding to a liquor plebiscite held in the Hamlet of Sanikiluaq March 28, 1983 in which residents voted 108-45 in favour of continuing prohibition.

The question asked on the plebiscite ballot read, "Do you agree that liquor orders and permits to import liquor into the Belcher Islands must first be approved by the Sanikiluaq Alcohol Education Committee?"

Explanations on the ballots stated that a "Yes" vote would allow liquor in the community on that basis and a "No" vote would mean that there would be no liquor in the Belcher Islands and therefore no change in the present system of prohibition.

Out of 189 eligible voters, 150 cast ballots.

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EXECUTIVE CHANGES ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - A number of significant changes to the Territorial government's executive structure are scheduled to take place Wednesday.

The steps involve the naming of Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden as deputy chairman of the government's nine-member executive body and appointment of Finance Minister Tom Butters as the chairman of the executive's financial management board.

"The changes," according to Butters, "are seen by both the executive and Ottawa as a further strengthening of the role and responsibilities of elected representatives."

Chairmanship of the financial management board is currently held by Commissioner John Parker. Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot presently chairs the executive committee when the Commissioner is not available.

Parker and Pilot, both strong and public advocates of a fully elected executive, were appointed to their positions by the federal government.

With the changes, Parker will become deputy chairman of the financial management board.

"There is no doubt in my mind about the significance of these steps," Parker said today. "They symbolize, in a very concrete manner, our movement towards fully responsible government in the Northwest Territories."



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He said that it is important for residents of the North to recognize this fact.

"For all intents and purposes, this government has only a few short steps to go before it is truly a government controlled entirely by elected representatives of the people."

The financial management board, similar to a provincial treasury board in southern jurisdictions, controls and approves government expenditures and sets financial spending priorities. The executive council is the senior decision making body of the Territorial government.

The movement of the elected executive leader into the deputy chairman role of the executive council is part of the continuing process that will eventually see an elected representative take over the chairmanship of that body as well.

In light of the new responsibilities, Braden will turn over his duties as minister responsible for the status of women to Dennis Patterson, presently responsible for the departments of education and information.

For the meantime, Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot will continue to serve on the executive council - primarily because of the expertise he is able to bring to deliberations based on his long-time experience in the North and its Arctic regions.

"However, that role will disappear following the November election when an eighth elected member will be named to the executive," Braden stated. "It is expected he will then undertake a senior level position within the administration."

The changes are in line with discussions the executive council had recently with Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munro prior to their announcement during the spring session of the Legislative Assembly.

It was only a few short years ago that the Executive was made up of the commissioner, deputy commissioner and an assistant commissioner.

The road to a more constitutionally responsible government began in 1975 with the addition of two elected members to the executive. One year later a third elected member was named and the process of ministerial government took hold.

By 1979, the executive had expanded to include five elected members and two appointed members with the position of assistant commissioner being dropped from the ranks of the organization.

Two years later, the current executive of seven elected members and two appointed members was struck. At the same time, a leader of the elected executive was named, and shortly after, the Territories had its first elected Minister of Finance.

Equally important, elected members chaired and became accountable for the various executive sub-committees and in March assumed ministerial responsibilities for the departments of public works and information - leaving only one department (personnel) under the authority of an appointed member.

"There is no doubt in our minds about the minister's responsiveness to the desires of this executive and members of the Legislative Assembly," Braden stated. "He's to be complimented. The transition has been rapid and the current changes are very timely in respect to setting the stage to meet the overall political and constitutional aspirations of all northerners."

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CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Executive Structure

- 1968 - 1973 Executive consisting of the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and an assistant commissioner.
- 1973 - 1975 A second assistant commissioner and two elected members join the executive.
- 1976 One of two Assistant Commissioner roles eliminated and a third elected member joins executive.
- 1979 Executive committee changed to include five elected members and two appointed members. The role of assistant commissioner is dropped from the establishment.
- 1981 Executive further expanded to include seven elected members and two appointed members.
- 83 All but one department under direct ministerial control. Elected Executive Leader to assume deputy chairman role of the Executive and Finance Minister to assume chairmanship of Financial Management Board.
- Deputy Commissioner's role to be eliminated following fall election and an eighth elected member to be added to the Executive.

The Legislative Assembly

1905 - 1921	Federally appointed Commissioner.
1921 - 1951	Advisory council of 6 appointed members.
1951 - 1954	Council of 5 appointed and three elected members.
1954 - 1966	Council of 5 appointed and four elected members.
1966 - 1970	Council of 5 appointed and 7 elected members.
1970 - 1975	Council of four appointed and 10 elected members.
1975 - 1979	Council of 15 elected members.
1979 - Present	Legislative Assembly of 22 elected members (with ability to expand to 25).

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FASHION SHOW TO OPEN DENE ARTS EXHIBIT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 30) - A fashion show of clothing designed by Tim Sikyea will open an exhibit of Dene decorative arts at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre June 5.

The 30 outfits designed by Sikyea, formerly of Fort Resolution, are contemporary fashions using traditional crafts such as moosehair tufting, beadwork and quill work.

The embroidery is prepared for the designer, who now works in Edmonton, by Dene women in the NWT.

James Wah-Shee, minister of culture, and a representative of the Native Women's Association will also be present at the opening ceremonies at the Heritage Centre Sunday June 5. The exhibition runs until December 31.

The exhibit features Dene arts and crafts on loan from the National Museum of Man in Ottawa and from the collections of the Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith and the Heritage Centre.

This major show includes many pieces collected in the early 1900's by visitors to the NWT, now returning to the north for the first time in 70 years.

Among the pieces to be shown are mukluks, moccasins, gun cases, jackets, gloves and leggings from several Western NWT settlements.

One of the oldest items of clothing is a pair of women's beaded leggings of dark blue flannel,

decorated with white and metallic beads sewn with sinew. Made by the Dogrib of Fort Rae, these were taken south in 1913 by ethnologist J.A. Mason.

Some of the clothing made by Sikyea will also be included in the exhibition.

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK JUNE 5-11

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - June 5-11 is National Environment Week (NEW) in the NWT and across Canada.

The theme of Environment Week this year is "It's yours to enjoy, it's yours to protect."

National Environment Week will be proclaimed in the NWT by Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo.

NEW was established by the Canadian Parliament in 1971 as an opportunity for Canadians to learn more about their natural environment and its importance to them. The week focuses on both local and global environmental concerns.

Events have been planned across the Territories to mark NEW and communities are being encouraged to hold their annual spring clean-up during this week.

In Yellowknife two films will be shown June 7 and 8 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. "Acid Rain - Requiem or Recovery" and the controversial Academy Award-winning film "If You Love This Planet" begin at 8:00 p.m. both evenings.

NEW posters are being distributed along with copies of PIK Magazine, a children's publication prepared for the Territorial department of education, to all settlements across the NWT.

In the NWT, Environment Week events are co-sponsored by the Federal Departments of the Environment and Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Territorial department of renewable resources, PIK Magazine and Ecology North.

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GNWT FUNDS INUIT CONFERENCES

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - Funding for the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and the first International Conference of Inuit Elders has been approved by the Territorial Government.

The announcement was made this week by James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development.

Both conferences will be held in Frobisher Bay July 25-31, 1983.

The Territorial Government has agreed to provide a \$50,000 grant as well as a range of services required for both conferences. These services include accomodation for 90 people at the Ukkivik Residence, temporary office space, a vehicle pool, simultaneous interpreting and support services, post-conference printing and use of the local school gymnasiums, cafeteria and other facilities.

"The Arctic: Our Common Responsibilities" is the theme for the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. This conference is an important opportunity for Inuit from Canada, Alaska and Greenland to come together to exchange views, discuss recent developments in the circumpolar north and to celebrate their culture.

Prime Minister Trudeau, Greenland Premier Jonathan Motzfeldt and United States Secretary of the Interior James Watt have all been issued invitations to attend the conferences.

"This government recognizes the international significance of both these conferences and is pleased to provide any assistance which will contribute to their success," said Wah-Shee.

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WORK TO BEGIN ON RAE-EDZO ROADS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - A contract has been awarded to Robinson Trucking Limited of Yellowknife for resurfacing roads between the communities of Rae and Edzo.

The \$597,000 contract was announced today by Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum.

The contract is for grading and asphaltting the Rae Access Road and the section of Highway 3 between Edzo and the Rae turn-off, a total of 18 kilometres.

Work will begin June 6 and is expected to last six weeks. During construction, speed limits on both sections of the road will be reduced to 60 kilometres per hour and to 30 kilometres an hour where heavy equipment is working.

Short delays may be experienced in the construction area and drivers are asked to watch for and obey construction signs and flag people.

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HIGHWAY RESURFACING CONTRACT AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - Work will begin soon on resurfacing nine kilometres of highway near Yellowknife.

Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum today announced the \$546,000 contract has been awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons Company Limited of Edmonton.

The contract calls for grading, draining, addition of granular base and hot mix resurfacing of the Yellowknife Access Road and Highway 4 from the Explorer Hotel to Giant Mines and Highway 3 from the junction with Highway 4 to the Golf Course.

Construction is scheduled to begin June 15 and will continue for approximately five weeks.

During construction speed limits will be reduced on these roads to 60 kilometres per hour throughout and 30 kilometres an hour around heavy equipment.

Drivers may experience short delays when travelling through the work zone and the use of an alternate route from the city to the airport is recommended during the construction period.

Motorists are asked to obey construction signs and instructions from flag people.

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TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - The Territorial government will provide contributions totalling \$240,000 to regional tourism associations to cover their operating costs in 1983-84.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum today announced that funding has been approved for six tourism zone associations and the NWT Travel Industry Association.

"The provision of this funding indicates the department's emphasis on developing community-based tourism facilities and services," the minister explained.

Tourism associations receiving contributions include:

Travel Industry Association of the NWT	\$54,000
Northern Frontier Visitors Association	\$25,000
Big River Travel Association	\$35,000
Keewatin Tourism Committee	\$31,000
Western Arctic Visitors Association	\$35,000
Arctic Coast Tourist Association	\$35,000
Baffin Tourism Zone Association	\$25,000

The funds are to meet core administrative costs including salaries of managers and secretaries, office expenses and travel by officers of the associations.

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The groups will be accountable at year end for the use of the funds through a financial audit and by an assessment of their accomplishments, McCallum noted.

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NCPC "RESTRUCTURING" NEEDED SAYS GNWT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 1) - The Government of the Northwest Territories says the Northern Canada Power Commission must be restructured and refinanced to provide adequate service to the north.

Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Richard Nerysoo made those recommendations in the government's statement of evidence, submitted this week, to the National Energy Board's inquiry into NCPC.

Nerysoo emphasized that the NWT Public Utilities Board must have full regulatory control over the Commission's operations. He cited an earlier statement by the GNWT to the Penner Inquiry on NCPC. "An essential ingredient of regulation is the airing of the operational and financial affairs of a utility in a public forum where such activities can be examined and questioned by the public at large," he said.

"This government submits, that unless this procedure is followed, a utility will be given undue advantage over its customers and the public interest will not be served," the statement says.

In the recommendations dealing with restructuring and refinancing, the GNWT points out the urgency of refinancing NCPC's debt load. From 1976 to 1982, the statement adds, the Commission borrowed in excess of its capital expenditure requirements to service past debts to the federal government. For this reason, Nerysoo says, NCPC should be financially restructured, with either the debt forgiven or the debts converted to equity by the federal government.

Nerysoo stated that ownership of the Commission could remain with the federal government in the interim. This would allow a transition period in which

refinancing and restructuring could take place. "Within the near future, however, this corporation should become a territorial corporation", said Nerysoo. "We view this transition to territorial ownership as an urgent priority."

Nerysoo added the government is committed to taking the necessary steps to fully regulate the operations of NCPC, including the review of utility project planning and licensing. The GNWT has placed particular emphasis on the licensing of projects such as hydro-electric developments or expansion of electrical grid systems.

The statement to the National Energy Board also recommended that NCPC be split into two separate Crown Corporations - one to serve each territory. Management of the NWT Commission should also be in the NWT to allow the particular needs of the territories to be properly met, it says.

"Both territorial governments are developing energy policies and these vary according to the social circumstances and energy opportunities in their respective regions," said Nerysoo.

"This requires the Commission to respond to differing priorities and interact in different ways," he said.

In closing his statement Nerysoo said that in matters dealing with NCPC, the GNWT sees many of the issues as matters of territorial social policy. "As such," he said, "they are the responsibility of the Executive Committee to determine. The NCPC should not have a part in the determination of social policy, except in the provision of necessary information to government," he concluded.

The National Energy Board Hearings into NCPC will begin June 6 in Whitehorse and conclude July 13 in Yellowknife.

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DEMPSTER HIGHWAY FERRY OPERATIONS EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 1) - The ferries at the Peel River and Arctic Red River crossings on the Dempster Highway will operate 16 hours a day during the 1983 season.

The extended hours are in response to repeated requests from the trucking industry and the Inuvik Chamber of Commerce, according to Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum.

In past seasons, the ferries have operated 12 hours daily. The extended hours will go into effect once regular operations of the ferry are resumed after the break-up of ice in the two rivers.

"The impact of resource development in the Beaufort Sea area and increased use of the Dempster Highway has meant delays and line-ups at ferry crossings for travellers", the minister explained. "We are extending the hours of operation in order to alleviate this problem".

The tender for operation of the two ferries has been awarded to Coastal Marine Limited, an Inuvik-based company.

The ferries' operating schedules will be finalized and announced shortly.

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ARCHIVES RECEIVES SCHOOL BOARD RECORDS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 2) - The Yellowknife Education District No.1 has recently deposited its early records with the NWT Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The District was the first to be established in the NWT and it built the first public school.

The move for a school in Yellowknife began early in 1932 when a group of citizens obtained a grant from the federal government and opened a school in temporary buildings.

It was originally intended to transfer responsibility for the school to the local municipal board when it was established, but lawyers pointed out it could be set up under an ordinance of 1901 which had never been repealed. As a result, the school board was established in August 1939, five months before municipal government came to Yellowknife.

The early minute books provide interesting information about the first school building, erected at a cost of \$4500. It had two rooms and was heated by a wood stove. By 1942 it was so overcrowded that an extension was required.

When the records have been put in order and listed, they will be available to the public in the Archives reading room.

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N.W.T. TO COMPETE IN WESTERN CANADA GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - A team of N.W.T. athletes will travel to Calgary to compete in shooting competitions at the Western Canada Games July 31 - August 6.

The Western Canda Games are an open level, pre-Olympic qualifying competition.

An invitation to participate in the Games was extended to the N.W.T. earlier this year and Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced today that a team will be selected from the Northwest Territories to participate.

The Territorial government is making a contribution of \$3500 to the N.W.T. Shooting Association to assist in the costs of preparing and selecting the team. The G.N.W.T. is also providing the cost of some airfares to enable competitors to attend training events.

Sixteen athletes and coaches, accompanied by a chef-de-mission, will travel to Calgary. Athletes are presently preparing and training for trials to be held this month to select the team.

The team will be made up of four handgun shooters and a coach, five Olympic trap shooters and their coach, and four rifle shooters with a combination coach and team manager.

The Western Canada Games, held every four years, are a warm-up to the 1984 Summer Olympics. Athletes will be competing in all 23 Summer Olympics sports and the N.W.T. has been invited to attend for the first time since the Games were established in 1973.

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G.N.W.T. TO ASSIST WITH RANKIN MINE CLEAN-UP

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - The Territorial government has approved a contribution of \$75,000 to assist the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet in cleaning up an old mine site within the municipality's boundaries.

Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced today the G.N.W.T.'s contribution to the clean-up which will cost a total of \$168,000.

The North Rankin Nickel mine was abandoned in 1962 and the site has since been used as an industrial waste dump.

The project includes breaking up and burying scrap metal, concrete and other materials left at the site.

"This project will not only improve the appearance of the site and remove existing hazards, it will also develop the site into much needed prime industrial acreage," the minister explained.

During the recent session of the Legislative Assembly, Keewatin South MLA Tagak Curley expressed local concerns about the hazards at the site.

The mine was originally opened in 1955 and operated by the Federal government until it was closed down seven years later.

"This is an opportunity for participation by all levels of government in dealing with this problem," Wah-Shee said.

The Hamlet Council is contributing \$25,000 towards the clean-up costs.

As well as the contributions from the G.N.W.T. and Hamlet, funding will come from the Federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the New Employment Expansion Development (NEED) program.

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HANSEN APPOINTED TO SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - Anne Hansen of Frobisher Bay has been appointed to the Science Advisory Board of the N.W.T.

The appointment of Mrs. Hansen, effective immediately, was announced today by Richard Nerysoo, minister responsible for the Science Advisory Board.

Mrs. Hansen, an Inuk, has been a broadcaster with the CBC in the north for many years and is active in community affairs in Frobisher Bay.

In addition, Dan Billing has been named executive secretary of the Board, effective May 24. Billing was chief of environment services with the Territorial government's department of renewable resources.

He replaces Bob Bell as executive secretary. Bell was recently named chief of management services with the department of renewable resources.

The Science Advisory Board, established by the Legislative Assembly in 1975, is responsible for identifying research needs and initiating or recommending studies to provide advice to the Assembly on matters relating to science, engineering and technology.

The Board is made up of 12 members, with a majority being northern residents.

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DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSES LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee today announced the release of a public discussion paper that proposes major changes in structure and responsibility for tax-based municipalities, hamlets and unincorporated communities.

The paper, "Design for Devolution," proposes the first complete revision of local government principles for the N.W.T. since the passage of the Northwest Territories Act of 1880. In releasing the paper Wah-Shee said the changing face of the north has made it necessary to make changes to the local government system a G.N.W.T. priority.

"The Government of the Northwest Territories is committed to participating in the development of a consensus on the form and style of future government in the Northwest Territories," he said referring to the G.N.W.T. Priorities document tabled at the budget session of the Legislative Assembly last February.

The discussion paper outlines detailed changes in legislation that would affect tax-based municipalities, hamlets and unincorporated communities as follows:

Tax-based Municipalities

- simplifying municipal election procedures, including permission for proxy voting, abolishing the Court of Revision, use of aboriginal languages on ballots, and allowing qualified voters to vouch for themselves on voting day;

- one year residency requirement for voting and running for office;

- ward systems will be allowed at the option of the municipality;

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-either 2 or 3 year terms will be allowed for future municipal councils;

-cities, towns and villages to be given greater control over Territorial highways within municipal boundaries including the revenues from traffic fines;

-tax-based municipalities may acquire all Commissioner's Land not set aside for future G.N.W.T. use within their boundaries.

Hamlets

-hamlets will be given the authority to levy property tax;

-hamlets to be given more authority in business licencing;

-salary and benefits for hamlet employees will be comparable to G.N.W.T. positions;

-hamlets will get greater authority over their budgets and over public works projects in their communities;

-hamlets will acquire greater authority over control of land use within their communities

Community Governments

-community governments will be incorporated;

-residency requirements for the protection of long-term community residents;

-permanent representation for aboriginal residents on community councils

-establishment of the community government as the prime public body in the community;

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-community governments to be granted the same program authorities as hamlets.

Community consultation and public input on the proposed changes will take place during June and July said Wah-Shee, with final legislation to be prepared for the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

Copies of the public discussion paper will be available through the Minister's office as well as regional local government officials.

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TASK FORCE ON PENSIONS TO SIT IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 9) - The Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform has scheduled hearings in Yellowknife in early September.

The Task Force is considering recommendations for pension reform contained in the Federal government's Green Paper "Better Pensions for Canadians" and will make recommendations to Parliament for reform of all retirement income programs.

During the Task Force's hearings in Yellowknife, the Territorial government will make presentations dealing with the special circumstances of the N.W.T.

Among the areas of reform discussed in the Green Paper are ways of making existing pension systems more fair and equitable, maintaining the standard of living of retired Canadians and financing the Canada Pension Plan.

Following hearings across Canada, the Task Force will make its recommendations to Parliament by December 31, 1983 for reform of pension systems.

Interested groups and individuals in the N.W.T. are also being encouraged to submit briefs to the Task Force. Witnesses appearing at the hearings in Yellowknife in September will be selected from among groups and individuals submitting briefs.

The deadline for notifying the Task Force of intention to make a presentation is June 30.

The address for submissions and inquiries is Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6 or telephone (613) 992-3150, extension 231. Copies of the Federal Green Paper may also be obtained from this address.

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HISTORIC DOCUMENTS RETURNED TO N.W.T.

YELLOWKNIFE (June 9) - Three documents left on Cornwallis Island by an expedition searching for Sir John Franklin have been returned to the N.W.T. Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

In 1973 two geologists on Cornwallis Island discovered a small cairn erected by the expedition sent by the British Admiralty to find Franklin.

Inside the cairn were three documents which the geologists took to the University of Saskatchewan where they have remained ever since. Now the University archivist has returned them to the Northwest Territories Archives for permanent preservation.

Two of the documents were printed on board HMS Felix in the summer of 1851. They not only record the visit of the search party but give the location of three caches of food in the area for the information of any survivors of the Franklin Expedition.

The third document, which had been used as a wrapper, is an advertisement for trips on the River Thames.

Many documents have left the Northwest Territories in the past and are now in southern archives. "It is good to know that some are now being returned to the only archives in the N.W.T.", said Territorial archivist Edwin Welch.

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LUNCH IS SERVED AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 10) - The mezzanine lounge of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will be turned into a continental coffee bar for the summer, beginning June 20.

The food concession will be operated by Elena Fiume and Ron Yaworsky of Yellowknife. Their proposal was selected from tender submissions to supply food services on behalf of the Northern Heritage Centre.

The menu includes salads, soups, sandwiches and a selection of hot dishes such as chicken cacciatore. A wide choice of gourmet teas and coffees will also be served.

During the summer, the Northern Heritage Centre is extending its hours to be open 10:30-5:30 seven days a week, beginning June 15. Summer hours will continue until September 15.

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VISITORS' SURVEY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (June 14) - Travellers visiting the North this summer will be asked to assist the travel industry in the NWT by providing information on their trips.

The Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism will be surveying tourists during the summer to collect information on the amount they spent while here, what they saw and how long they stayed.

Visitors will be asked to complete questionnaires when they register at hotels or motels or check in at campgrounds. In addition to the factual data collected, they will also be asked their general impressions of tourist facilities and attractions in the NWT.

The information on the questionnaires will be confidential although respondents will be asked their names in order to qualify for a prize of a piece of native artwork offered to those completing the form.

This survey will continue from June until September. As well, a telephone survey of selected households in Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Fort Simpson will be completed in September and October.

Residents will be asked if they had visiting friends or relatives during the summer and how long they stayed. This will provide the department with information on people visiting the Territories who did not stay in hotels or campgrounds.

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**NWT STUDENTS TO WRITE ALBERTA EXAMS -
PATTERSON**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - Grade 12 students in the NWT will be required to write the new Alberta department of education examinations beginning in the 1983-84 school year.

Because NWT high schools follow the Alberta program of studies and credits are awarded by the province, Territorial students must write the departmental exams to qualify for diplomas, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced today.

The NWT follows Alberta programs in grades 10-12 and curriculum guides, student records systems and diplomas are all issued by the provincial department of education.

Alberta announced the re-introduction of the departmental examination system for grade 12 students on May 31. Beginning in September 1983, all grade 12 students will write provincial examinations in English, social studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry and physics.

The students' final course marks will be based on a 50/50 weighting of the diploma exam mark and a school-awarded mark.

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Department examinations will be written January 17, 27, 30 and 31 and June 14, 25, 26 and 27, 1984. NWT school closing dates have already been approved for 1983-84 and Yellowknife's two high schools both close earlier than the scheduled examination dates.

In Frobisher Bay the high school is scheduled to close one day before the exam dates while high schools in Hay River, Fort Smith, Inuvik and Pine Point are scheduled to remain open until June 28 or 29.

"As a result, I will be asking the local education authorities in Yellowknife and Frobisher Bay to change the school closing dates to allow students to write the examinations", the minister said.

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CARIBOU MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETS IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 17) - Despite aircraft breakdowns, bad weather and a bomb scare, the Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board held a three-day meeting this week to deal with the future of the caribou herds.

Originally scheduled for Rankin Inlet, the meeting was moved to Yellowknife after a series of delays caused by rain and fog on the Hudson Bay coast and airline problems.

Poor weather conditions left the Board's two Inuit members stranded in Eskimo Point while the two Manitoba Chipewyan representatives were unable to leave their home communities and the charter aircraft bringing Saskatchewan members to the meeting was diverted to Yellowknife.

The remaining members met at a Yellowknife hotel for three days and covered a lengthy agenda, interrupted only when a bomb threat to the hotel prompted its evacuation.

Members heard a presentation of wolf control by Territorial government biologist Kevin Lloyd and agreed there should be further consultations with other wildlife specialists and caribou users before the Board adopts a position on the impact of wolf predation on caribou numbers.

Responding to a request from hunters and trappers of the south Great Slave Lake region and northern Saskatchewan, the Board will write to governments to seek changes in new legislation preventing hunters from harvesting caribou in the traditional way, regardless of whether the animals are taken above or below the Territorial/provincial border.

The Board will urge the Territorial government to amend its wildlife regulations to exempt residents of designated caribou communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, who traditionally hunt in the NWT, from a regulation restricting the export of meat to 50 kilograms. The Board will also ask that the 50 kilogram limit continue to apply to hunters who live in other communities not designated as caribou using.

At the same time, the Board will ask the federal government to amend the Game Export Act to accommodate local movement of meat across the border without a permit. A permit will still be required by people who do not live in the designated area.

In other business, the Board welcomed four new members. Bob Bell, recently appointed chief of the GNWT's Wildlife Service replaced Hugh Monaghan; Art Redshaw, special advisor, environment and conservation for DIAND replaced Hiram Beaubier; Peter Alareak of Eskimo Point takes over from Peter Kritaqliluk while Tony Eecherk of Rankin Inlet replaces Hugh Ungangai.

The Board also undertook a detailed review of draft strategic plans being developed in several areas including education, information, wolf control, habitat protection and caribou research. These strategies will, following further development, form the core of the Board's comprehensive plan for management and conservation of the herds. Members also saw the first examples of printed materials prepared for school programs.

The Board agreed to meet in Black Lake, Saskatchewan in September to review the preliminary results of the 1983 survey of the Kaminuriak calving grounds. Later meetings are scheduled for Winnipeg in January 1984 and Rankin Inlet in the spring.

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YK HOUSING CO-OP RECEIVES FUNDING FOR ENERGY UPGRADING

YELLOWKNIFE (June 17) - Arnold McCallum, Territorial minister of public works, and Jean Chretien, federal minister of energy, mines and resources, today announced funding to improve the energy efficiency of 50 townhouses presently under construction in Yellowknife.

"This project will demonstrate the first application of super energy-efficient building technology to row housing in the country," Chretien said. "Its potential as a public demonstration project is great".

Borealis Housing Co-operative, the owners, will invest \$182,000 in the energy-saving project. The Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Program will provide another \$320,500 in federal and territorial support to allow the project to reach super energy-efficient standards.

PCL Construction Ltd. are building the row houses. Construction should be completed by November 1983.

The project's energy-efficient aspects will include windows facing south for maximum use of solar energy; a continuous air-vapour barrier ensuring a high degree of airtightness; triple-glazed casement windows with 24mm air spaces; increased insulation levels in attics, walls and floors; controlled ventilation through air-to-air heat exchangers; and individual 42 MJ (40,000 BTU) propane furnaces with electronic ignition, motorized flue dampers and night set-back thermostats.

The project will save approximately 398,000 litres of propane and \$115,000 a year. The energy-efficient features should pay for themselves in 4.5 years.

Construction and operational details will be documented and monitored. This will help to demonstrate the cost and benefits of the energy-efficient features to the construction community, mortgaging agencies, building authorities and the public.

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FISHERMEN TO RECEIVE PRICE SUPPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 20) - The Territorial government has approved a program to assist commercial fishermen on Great Slave Lake by maintaining fish prices at 1982 levels.

The \$355,000 summer price support program was announced today by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

Subsidies for various types and grades of fish will ensure that fishermen receive a price equal to prices in past years. For instance, price support payments of 12.5 cents a pound for medium whitefish will bring prices per pound to 40 cents.

The Great Slave Lake packer boat, the Broadhead, will also receive price support of 12 cents a pound for all fish delivered to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Board in Hay River.

The Territorial government has been making price support payments to fishermen since 1977 when prices declined drastically, the minister said.

"The price support program has operated each year since then. The program guarantees the price of the fishermen's catch to help them maintain their income levels each year", he explained.

In 1982, summer price support payments to commercial fishermen totalled \$338,000.

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MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PARKS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 20) - Several changes in regulations for Territorial Parks will mean improved facilities and increased community involvement in their operations.

The responsibility for the operation of several parks has been formally transferred to local community groups, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum said today.

In Yellowknife the City will operate Long Lake park this season while in Hay River and Fort Smith the campgrounds will be operated by the Lion's Clubs of the two communities. In Fort Providence and Fort Simpson the campgrounds will be operated by the community councils.

Users' fees at these parks will be set by the community in co-operation with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Fees collected will be used to provide additional services and staff, while a basic grant from the GNWT will cover operating costs.

In Yellowknife, the City has hired extra staff to man the park gates from early morning to evening in order to control access to the park.

"This transfer of responsibility is intended to give increased control of parks to communities where the council or other groups have shown an interest and the capability of operating the parks," the minister said.

McCallum also announced today development of a new class of Territorial Parks to be called "historic" parks. These areas will include sites of cultural, archaeological or historic interest.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, which is responsible for preserving historically significant sites, will co-operate with the department to make accessible, high-interest areas available to visitors, the minister said.

Historic park sites under development include Peale Point near Frobisher Bay, and possibly Old Fort Providence near Yellowknife.

The minister also noted that names of Territorial parks will be changed to incorporate local terminology or languages. Several parks have already been named using local terms. Nituiluie Park near Fort McPherson is "the place of fast-flowing water" in the Loucheux language while Galena Park near Pine Point is named for a lead ore found locally.

The names of other Territorial parks will be changed following consultation with local communities, McCallum said.

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N.W.T. COURT OF APPEAL TO SIT AT YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 20) - The Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories will sit at Yellowknife beginning on June 27, 1983 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. Appeals are also heard, throughout the year, at Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta.

Members of the Court of Appeal are drawn from the Courts of Appeal of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Judges of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon are also Justices of Appeal and sit from time to time as members of the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories.

Of the ten criminal appeals to be heard, all but two are appeals against sentence. There are five civil appeals also listed.

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 of appeal in the judicial system within the N.W.T.

Appeals from the decisions of the Court of Appeal go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 20) - A contract to develop a training program for tourist guides and outfitters in the NWT has been awarded to a Yellowknife consulting company.

The \$75,000 study will be undertaken by Resource Management Consultants (RMC) Ltd., Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum announced today.

The Territorial government and the tourism industry in the NWT recognize the growing demand for providing northerners with the necessary guiding skills, the minister noted. "This is an opportunity to develop a training program tailored to unique northern needs and character".

The study will identify the information, plans and materials necessary to begin a training program for hosts and guides in 1984.

The consultants will develop a profile of the skills needed and the competency required, design a training program for each guiding skill and identify required teaching aides and methods.

A curriculum will be developed for various categories of guide skills needed in different regions of the NWT. These could include such areas as river guides, sport fishing, cross country ski guides, big game hunting and community guides.

The study will also outline the number of students that can be expected over the first five years of the program and the staff needed to deliver the courses.

A steering committee will be formed of representatives of the Tourism Industry Association of the NWT, an outfitter, the Territorial government's apprenticeship section, tourism division and renewable resources as well as federal government representation. The committee will work with the consultants during the study and review the proposal when it is completed.

The study is to be completed by mid-November with the first training programs expected to begin next summer.

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GNWT FUNDS ARCTIC WINTER GAMES HOST SOCIETY

YELLOWKNIFE (June 21) - The Territorial government has approved a contribution of \$130,000 to Yellowknife's 1984 Arctic Winter Games Host Society.

This second GNWT contribution to the costs of hosting the Games was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

This brings the Territorial government's total cash contribution to the Host Society to \$150,000, the minister said. "This will also be supplemented by our commitment to provide goods and services valued at another \$150,000".

This includes use of facilities for office space and services such as printing, he explained.

The Host Society is responsible for organizing the Games and housing and feeding more than 900 athletes and officials who will attend the Games in Yellowknife March 18-23, 1984.

The Society also arranges funding to meet the \$800,000 cost of holding the Games. Along with the GNWT's contributions, Fitness and Amateur Sport Canada will provide \$250,000 while the City of Yellowknife will also make a contribution. The Host Society will also be approaching local, territorial and national businesses to raise additional funds.

The Arctic Winter Games, held every two years, include teams from Yukon, Alaska and the NWT. "Preparation is already well underway in each area to select and organize their team," the minister noted.

In the NWT, Sport North Federation, in co-operation with the department of local government's sport and recreation division, has responsibility for preparing the team of 290 athletes and coaches.

Competition will be in 13 sports including Arctic sports, badminton, cross-country skiing, curling, figure skating, hockey, indoor soccer, shooting, snowshoeing, snowshoe biathlon, speed skating, triathlon and volleyball.

The Host Society also plans a major cultural program including northern performers and arts and crafts displays. Discussions have been held with Secretary of State Canada for funding this aspect of the Games.

The City of Yellowknife hosted the first Games in 1970. "We are pleased that the Arctic Winter Games are returning to their birthplace once more", Wah-Shee said. "Yellowknifers are expected to make this the best Games ever".

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G.N.W.T. TO ASSIST ELDERS ATTENDING CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 22) - The Territorial government has approved a contribution of \$700 to assist with transportation costs for two Sanikiluaq residents attending an elders conference in Povungnituk, Quebec.

The contribution to the Avataq Cultural Institute was announced today by Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee.

The conference, scheduled for September, will bring together elders from many Inuit settlements to discuss ways to identify and preserve aspects of the traditional culture now being lost.

Avataq is the Inuit Cultural Institute centre in Northern Quebec.

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INCREASED TAX REBATES FOR HOMEOWNERS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 23) - Homeowners in the NWT will get increased property tax rebates during the 1983 taxation year.

Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced today that the GNWT will increase homeowner tax rebates from \$300 to \$400 in cities, towns or villages and from \$75 to \$100 in Taxation Areas -- communities where the mill rate is set by the Commissioner.

Wah-Shee said the purpose of the rebate increase is to provide additional, direct tax relief to the large number of people owning their own homes in the NWT. The cost of the program during this fiscal year is expected to be \$450,000. He added that the increase in rebate maximums, as well as the increased number of new homeowners eligible for the rebate, will not affect the government's main estimates and can easily be accommodated within the program's current budget.

Under the program, any resident homeowner in a tax-based municipality may apply for a rebate of up to 50 per cent of his taxes to a maximum of \$400. Homeowners in Taxation Areas may apply for a rebate of up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$100. Owners applying for the rebate must have lived in their home for at least 184 days of the current taxation year to be eligible for the rebate. The rebate also applies to mobile home owners.

Applications for this year's rebate program are currently being prepared by the GNWT Department of Local Government for distribution to the municipalities. Homeowners wishing to apply for the rebate should contact their city, town or village offices.

Homeowners living in Taxation Areas will receive their applications by mail from the Department of Local Government.

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NEW OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM TO HELP MEET STUDENT'S NEEDS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 23) - A new, community-based occupational education program, designed to meet the needs of students who cannot fit in to the regular programs, will begin in at least three NWT communities this fall.

In announcing the program today, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said the goal of the program is to prepare people to enter into and remain in gainful employment in their own communities.

"To achieve this goal requires that each student be instructed specifically in the job skills and technical knowledge demanded by the occupation he has chosen," he said.

The new program will begin this fall in Baker Lake, Edzo and Yellowknife, providing a combination of training in academic subjects, personal and occupational skills. A program for Cambridge Bay is also under development for this fall and Inuvik is expected to offer the program in 1984.

The Community Occupational Program is different from other school courses in a number of ways. First, it is designed to accommodate students who are unable to complete the regular grade nine program.

"Many of these students do not know what they want to do, become discouraged and leave school without employable skills," said Patterson.

The second major difference with the program is that it can be run in any community even if there is no high school available. In order to organize the program in a community, the Local Education Authority should look at the types of employment opportunities that exist locally and the training required to perform the job. They should then consult with their Superintendent of Education to prepare a proposal for approval by the Minister.

Programs being offered in Baker Lake and Edzo will train students for a number of jobs including positions at the DPW shops, airport, hospital, child care facilities and restaurants.

The emphasis of the program is not only to teach the occupational skills required, but also to upgrade students as much as possible. A pupil able to upgrade to a grade 10 level could complete a high school certificate in either the academic or vocational areas. The students can also earn credits toward their high school certificate while in the occupational program.

Patterson added that the program can be offered using facilities available in the communities through adult education centres or schools.

"By carrying out the program in this manner," he said, "we feel that students who have little interest in formal academic subjects may find these subjects more meaningful when they are taught in relation to occupational goals and this may encourage them to continue their education."

Communities interested in participating in the Community Vocational Program must prepare their proposals before January 1 of the year in which they intend to operate.

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POOL PROGRAM FOR 11 COMMUNITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 24) - Youngsters in 11 communities across the NWT will enjoy summer at the swimming pool thanks to the Territorial government's summer aquatic program.

This year each community will receive a contribution of \$2210 towards the cost of organizing and operating this program, Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee announced today.

The pool program has been in operation for 10 years and Inuvik and Chesterfield Inlet have joined the program for the first time this summer.

The GNWT contribution provides half the pool supervisor's salary for the 13-week summer season. The community provides the remainder of the supervisor's salary as well as manpower for construction and maintenance of the pool.

"In Rae-Edzo, for instance, the community recently co-operated to improve the area surrounding the pool and build a safety fence", the minister said.

The pools are semi-permanent structures with some left partially erected during the winter while others are dismantled in the fall and rebuilt each spring.

Built above-ground, the pools are flat-bottomed, with a heavy plastic liner, 3 to 3.5 feet deep.

The Territorial government purchases and owns the pool packages and is responsible for providing chemicals and replacement parts for each community.

Fort Providence, with an indoor facility, has the largest pool. In Inuvik the pool will be built in the curling rink and dismantled in the winter while the Chesterfield Inlet pool will be erected in a three-bay parking garage.

Other communities participating include Aklavik, Fort Resolution, Repulse Bay, Fort McPherson, Fort Good Hope, Fort Simpson and Baker Lake.

The pool supervisors are all well-experienced and trained in water safety and aquatic programs, according to Terry Long, aquatic co-ordinator for the sport and recreation division of the department of local government.

The pools operate from June 1 to September 1 and the supervisors arrive in Yellowknife a week before the opening date for training sessions. Some of the supervisors are returning for their second summer, Long says.

Each supervisor has a locally hired assistant who receives training in lifesaving skills and aquatic leadership. Each season the pool assistants are brought together for workshops and an exchange of ideas.

"We hope that the local assistants will eventually take over the pool supervision", Long says.

Programs vary according to community response. Activities offered to both children and adults include 'swim and trim' classes, parents and tots swimming lessons and recreational swimming.

In other communities, programs are designed specifically to provide residents with instruction in small craft safety, cold water survival skills and personal safety around water.

"More adults have been participating over the last few years and the children continue to show a great deal of enthusiasm for the program", Long says.

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COMMISSIONER'S AWARD FOR BRAVERY PRESENTED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 24) - Commissioner John Parker was in Pine Point yesterday to present an award for bravery to Vicki Zaparaniuk.

The Commissioner's Award for Bravery, first announced at the opening of the Legislative Assembly session Feb. 2, recognized Ms. Zaparaniuk's actions in rescuing her parents from a wrecked and burning tractor trailer truck.

The accident occurred on Sept. 18, 1980 when the large vehicle loaded with drilling equipment crashed into an excavation in the highway between Pine Point and Hay River and immediately caught fire. Ms. Zaparaniuk removed her parents, both injured, from the burning truck at great risk to herself.

In presenting the award, the Commissioner congratulated her for her courage and presence of mind.

The award was presented at a luncheon hosted by Pine Point mayor Otto Romeike and the town council. Local MLA Bruce McLaughlin also attended the luncheon and accompanied Mr. Parker to other meetings during the day.

After visiting Pine Point Mines with manager Ralph Hargrave, Mr. Parker met with the mayor and councillors to discuss their concerns regarding the taxation of northern benefits. The Commissioner and council also discussed the possibility of hiring an economic planner for the community with funding provided under the new Canada/NWT Economic Development Agreement.

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Later in the afternoon, Commissioner Parker addressed the graduating class of Matonabee School and met with the community education committee.

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NERYSOO WANTS FINAL SOLUTION

INUVIK (June 24) - The National Energy Board has been told that it's time to end southern control of electrical energy in the Northwest Territories.

"The time for interim changes and temporary patches, is long gone," Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Energy Mines and Resources told members of the energy board conducting an inquiry into the Northern Canada Power Commission.

Nerysoo stated the Territorial government not only wants regulatory control over utilities in the North, it also wants NCPC transferred from its status as a federal crown corporation to the ownership of the northern government.

In a strongly worded statement, earlier this week, the minister insisted that the results of the NEB inquiry must set out a "final solution."

He urged board members to recognize that the Territorial government has "the capability and the will to establish an agency that is competent in every respect to regulate NCPC" and that this agency "must be in the hands of northerners themselves."

Only in that way, Nerysoo added, can the interests of all NWT residents be truly protected.

"Anything less represents an unwarranted postponement of the inevitable."

NCPC presently reports to the federal department of Indian affairs and northern development and is regulated under the terms of the Northern Canada Power Act.

As such, it is not accountable to the NWT Public Utility Board. NCPC officials appear "voluntarily" before the PUB during rate increase applications but are not legally bound to follow utility board directions or decisions.

This lack of accountability has been a concern throughout the North for many years.

On the question of ownership, Nerysoo stated NCPC should be divided into two separate crown corporations, one serving the Yukon and the other the NWT. Management and operating personnel of the new corporations should be located within the territory served in order "to increase the commission's responsiveness to local concerns and priorities."

He added that there is also an urgency involved in respect to refinancing NCPC's current debt load through either federal government forgiveness of its current debt or by a conversion of debt to equity.

"The north is on the doorstep of an unprecedented period of growth and development and our power utility must play a key role in this development."

NCPC can do the job, he noted, but only if it starts from a position of financial flexibility and health.

"I believe the recommendations that I have described will benefit the citizens of the NWT, the commission itself and its current owners, Canada, in a very significant and positive way."

In conclusion, Nerysoo cautioned members of the Energy Board that recommendations put forward by the Territorial government in its direct testimony are interrelated and supportive. It would not be appropriate to deal with one or two and exclude others.

"Our goal is to establish a utility that is financially and administratively well founded, that is responsive and that is prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow."

"...the adoption of all the recommendations we have put forward is necessary to attain that goal."

The National Energy Board hearings began at Whitehorse in early June and are scheduled to conclude in Yellowknife June 13.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC PLANS STARTED

FORT SMITH (June 28) - Comprehensive economic development plans are a priority for the Fort Smith Region, according to Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum.

"Increased activity in the non-renewable resource sector make these development plans vital for each community," says McCallum. "The communities must know what opportunities and options are available to them."

With this in mind, Anne Fehr, the regional economic planner, has started working on the plans which will include all communities in the Fort Smith Region.

Economic planning will assist communities to deal with economic development on their own terms and allow them to take full advantage of all economic and business opportunities as they become available, says Fehr.

She stresses that the economic development plans will be community-oriented with consultation and input from each community in the region.

The plans will be developed in three stages.

The first stage requires the preparation of community profiles which will include demographic (population, land and water), labour supply and resource inventories. Community profiles on the Dogrib area communities are already underway.

Identifying economic opportunities in the communities will be the second stage in developing the plans. This will be done by generating a list of economic opportunities and matching them to the resources in the community.

During this stage the communities will have to prioritize the economic opportunities according to their goals for community growth.

"I see myself as pro-economic development," says Fehr. "It's my job to find out what's going on in the area of economic development and identify as many opportunities as possible."

Communities must make the decisions on how much and how quickly they want to participate in the non-renewable resource development going on around them, she adds. It is their decision on whether they want to participate in the service industries (hotels, stores, etc.) or to concentrate on opportunities in the traditional sector (fishing, trapping, etc.).

The third and final stage will be preparation of detailed economic plans set up over a number of years which are locally determined.

"It will be up to community residents to decide which economic opportunities best suit their community," says Fehr.

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A NEW CROP FOR THE NORTH?

HAY RIVER (June 27) - If Pat Bobinski has his way, next year they'll be harvesting a new crop in the Hay River area -- wild rice.

While wild rice is not indigenous to the Northwest Territories, Bobinski, a federal fisheries and oceans officer, believes it can be introduced and possibly harvested commercially.

Economic Development and Tourism officials are also convinced of the feasibility of the wild rice harvesting pilot project. The Fort Smith Regional office provided Bobinski with initial funding in 1981 to cover the costs of buying and sowing wild rice seed in five designated areas. The department recently approved additional funding for the project.

Bobinski purchased seed from Lac LaRonge, Saskatchewan where wild rice has been successfully introduced and harvested.

In October 1981, seeding was done by aircraft in five areas: Redknife Lake; Upper Tathlina Lake; Silt Lake; Spawn Lake and Tathlina Lake.

The purpose of the project is to evaluate the growth of the wild rice and assess it for development of a commercial industry which would benefit the people in the Kakisa Lake settlement.

If wild rice grows in the NWT, Bobinski feels the Kakisa Lake people could benefit by harvesting it for commercial use. Harvesting would fall between the end of summer fishing and the start of the trapping season, he says.

After leaving the seeds to germinate for almost a year, Bobinski flew to each location to check the progress of the wild rice plants in late August, 1982. In some areas no growth could be found. He attributes this lack of growth to either "water fowl cleaning up on any green growth" or that the seeding, done by plane, missed in some spots.

In other areas, he noted that none of the plants gathered or observed had any ripe or filled out kernels. Some of the stems had partially developed rice but most of the rice was just into the flowering stage.

"The first stage of the project was not the great success I had hoped for," says Bobinski, "but people with experience in this field are of the opinion that there are possibilities for successful growing of wild rice in this area."

Sample plants were sent to agricultural experts at the University of Manitoba for observations on growth and maturity.

Since the plant had grown, the agricultural experts stated, it was a fairly good indication that rice could be successfully cultivated in the area.

While Bobinski's project didn't produce in its first season, other areas of the country suffered as well. The first crop failures in 10 years were reported in both Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This was attributed to cool weather and the killing frost that hit the Prairies and the NWT in late August. Agricultural experts say the colder weather may have cooled the water sufficiently to initiate dormancy of the seeds and suspend further development.

Normal growth for wild rice follows four stages: first the seed germinates in 1-2 degrees C water temperature; first growth occurs during mid-May; the floating leaf stage occurs in mid-June to early July and the flowering stage occurs in the third week of July.

Agricultural experts feel it might take some time for the rice to acclimatize to the more northern climate and conditions.

They also suggest changing the seed sowing pattern from sowing wild rice seeds only in the fall to two sowings, one in the spring and a second in the fall.

On the basis of this advice, Bobinski did his second seeding of the project in mid-May. He will monitor the locations already seeded at various growth stages.

In addition to the five areas already seeded, Bobinski intends to seed this season at Hart Lake which is accessible by road. All the other locations are accessible by air only.

Bobinski is hoping for a better wild rice growing season this year.

"If it's proven that wild rice can grow successfully here and provide a viable operation," says Bobinski, "the possibilities are endless."

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SURVEY ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - A unique program, designed to provide trained northern survey assistants for construction and survey projects, has been introduced by the NWT Housing Corporation.

Selection of candidates for the three initial positions available under the ten week program is currently underway. "The program is geared toward northern students who show an interest in survey engineering or land administration," said Victor Irving, President of the Housing Corporation.

Three distinct areas of interest will be covered over the length of the course, including survey training, drafting and land administration. Maximum effort will be concentrated on providing practical experience and training will be carried out on a rotational basis between field and office work. "Because this training will involve a degree of travel and work in the field, we have asked all potential candidates to provide written parental consent as a pre-requisite of the application," said Irving.

A general knowledge exam will be administered on completion of the program to determine student interest, experience gained and suitability of the training curriculum. Trainees will be aware of the requirement prior to beginning the program.

"There is no surveyor training available in the NWT at this time," said Irving, "and we anticipate an increasing demand for surveyors and survey assistants, especially in the construction field. We are hopeful this program will serve to establish a pool of northern-based experience from which we can draw."

This program is currently funded totally by the NWT Housing Corporation. It is expected this training program will be expanded in 1984, with the support of Canada Manpower and Thebacha College at Fort Smith.

Work for the three successful candidates in this summer's program will begin June 27.

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NCPC/GNWT CO-OPERATE ON OSPREY PROJECT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - The Government of the NWT through the department of renewable resources and the Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC) are co-operating on a project to preserve ospreys and cut down on power outages in Yellowknife.

The ospreys, large fish-eating birds of prey, regularly nest on the wooden structures on NCPC's main hydro line between Yellowknife and the Snare River dam, 150 km northwest of the city.

Although ospreys are relatively rare north of Great Slave Lake, five to ten pairs of birds nest annually on the line, building large stick nests on the crossarms and insulators of the poles, returning to the same nests year after year to raise their young.

According to Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo, the co-operative project began in 1982 to decrease the number of power losses in Yellowknife caused by the nests shorting out the Snare line in wet weather and to eliminate the destruction of osprey nests and reduce the possible harm to the birds.

In the past NCPC has removed the nests at significant expense each year but in August, 1982, during the scheduled annual maintenance shutdown of the line, two artificial nesting platforms were erected on the poles 10 km north of Yellowknife.

This technique has been used successfully in several areas in the U.S. and Canada.

The nesting surface was raised 30 to 40 cm on a wooden platform reinforced with angle iron, allowing the osprey pairs to keep their nests in their preferred sites and raise their young undisturbed.

In 1982, one of the platforms was placed under a nest containing two young. Another platform was built two poles away as an alternate nesting site. Disturbance of the chicks was minimal. Within minutes of the ground crew leaving the parents had returned to their young.

During the project, NCPC provided the helicopter for movement of the equipment and crew. "It is our wish to rectify the situation now to avoid these persistent annual problems", said Ron Hilton, Area Superintendent of NCPC.

In May this year, the ospreys returned north and it was confirmed that two adults are nesting on the platform where the original nest was located. Six osprey nests remain on unimproved structures near the north end of the Snare line.

During the annual power shutdown scheduled for July this year, the Department of Renewable Resources and NCPC hope to place platforms under and raise four to six of the remaining nests.

"It is hoped that this project will virtually eliminate power outages caused by the nests and at the same time ensure the safety of the osprey population north of Great Slave Lake", the Minister said.

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FUEL STORAGE TANKS TO BE MEASURED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - The Territorial government will undertake an extensive program to measure 155 bulk fuel tanks in communities across the NWT this summer.

In announcing the \$156,000 program, Minister of Government Services Tom Butters said the program will verify the capacities of the Territorial government's bulk fuel storage facilities.

Fuel distribution contractors in each community are responsible for the control and accounting of fuel inventories. When the tanks are resupplied each year, the contents are measured before and after they are filled.

Records are also kept by the department of government services in Yellowknife. As well, reports are received monthly from contractors indicating quantities remaining in the tanks.

If there is a difference between the contractors' records and the department's information, a variance is charged to the contractor.

However, contractors have not been charged for these shortages after some disputed the reports, stating they had maintained good control over their operations and inventories.

In 1982-83, a remeasurement of 35 tanks showed the sizes of 33 tanks were recorded incorrectly, the minister explained. The corrections were minor and ranged from 0.1 per cent to 0.9 per cent.

The new program will ensure that the measurements of all tanks are correct, Butters explained. Canada West Inspection Services Limited of Edmonton has been awarded the contract to measure the tanks.

"When all tanks are measured and corrections are made to the master files, we will have accurate information to calculate variances".

The revised tank measurements will be completed and corrections made before the 1983 re-supply quantities are recorded.

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CHEF-DE-MISSION APPOINTED FOR WESTERN CANADA GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - Bob Jenkins of Yellowknife will be chef-de-mission for the NWT team competing in the Western Canada Games in Calgary July 31 - Aug. 6.

His appointment was announced today by Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The chef-de-mission is responsible for the NWT team of sixteen athletes and coaches competing in the shooting events at the Games.

Jenkins, a Yellowknife businessman, was chef-de-mission for the NWT team at the 1979, 1981 and 1983 Canada Games. He is president of both Sport North and the NWT Shooting Association.

He 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.

The Western Canada Games, held every four years, are a warm-up to the 1984 Summer Olympics. The NWT has been invited to participate for the first time since the Games were established in 1973.

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GNWT TO ASSIST MACKENZIE DELTA HERITAGE PROJECT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - The Territorial government will assist a project to record and preserve archaeological material in the Mackenzie Delta.

A contribution of \$15,000 to the Mackenzie Delta Heritage Project was announced today by Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden.

The Heritage project was established to survey and rescue prehistoric Inuit archaeological materials being lost as a result of erosion of the banks of the Mackenzie River near Kittigazuit Bay.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre earlier provided \$26,000 for this project. This additional contribution will support a field school providing northern native students with experience and training in archaeology, the minister said.

Bank erosion along the lower East Channel of the river is destroying parts of several large archaeological sites which have been used by Inuit of the area up to 1,000 years ago.

Cache Point on Richards Island, base camp for the project, is the site of a large prehistoric village where Mackenzie Inuit hunted the beluga whale. "While the project cannot rescue all of the archaeological sites in the area, it will give us a sample of what is being destroyed," the minister said.

The field school will have six students on site for four weeks, along with a director, assistant director and camp manager for six weeks.

"We anticipate that the Heritage Project will be a long-term program and in future we hope the Northern Heritage Society, which now runs a field school on Somerset Island, will take over the training", Braden said.

In addition to the Territorial government's contributions, the project has also received funding from the Archaeological Survey of Canada.

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FUEL TESTING FACILITY TO BE BUILT IN RANKIN INLET

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - Plans for a fuel testing/garage facility in Rankin Inlet were announced this week by Tom Butters, minister of government services.

The garage will house an aviation vehicle while the fuel testing facility will be used to test gasoline, heating oil and aviation fuels.

"A fuel testing facility is necessary to ensure that the fuel products delivered to the communities and the aviation industry are high grade products," said the minister.

"This combined facility will provide a safe working environment which will meet the required electrical and fire codes."

Estimated cost of the project is \$140,000. The fuel testing/garage facility is expected to be completed in January, 1984.

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STUDY TO BE DONE ON BAKER LAKE TANKS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 28) - A preliminary study on the dismantling or relocation of the old G.N.W.T. fuel tankage located in Baker Lake will be undertaken by the Department of Government Services, Minister Tom Butters announced this week.

Removal of the old downtown tankage to the new tank farm or construction of new tankage to meet consumption requirements in Baker Lake will be determined by the planning study.

"Results will provide scope of work and cost estimates for the overall project," said Butters.

The study will begin in July and cost estimates should be available by September 1, 1983.

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FIRTH SISTERS GET TRAINING GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 29) - The Executive Council of the GNWT has approved a grant of \$94,000 to Shirley and Sharon Firth of Inuvik to further their training for the 1984 Olympics and World Cup skiing competition.

In announcing the grant today, Executive Council Member James Wah-Shee said the grant is a "clear indication of this government's recognition of the unique role Shirley and Sharon have played in placing the NWT on the international ski map."

Wah-Shee said the grant will be used to assist the Firth sisters in paying the cost of salary and travel expenses of their personal coach Anders Lenes. The Firth sisters have considered Lenes their personal coach for several years since he resigned as national team coach. No government has previously provided funding for Lenes as a personal coach, limiting to some extent his ability to travel to competitions and European training camps.

Under the present ranking system of Fitness and Amateur Sport, Canada -- Shirley Firth is presently recognized as an "A Card" athlete eligible for the Olympic Team. Sharon has yet to qualify and must place well in at least one international competition this year to qualify for the Olympics.

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**REGIONAL AND TRIBAL COUNCILS ORDINANCE RELEASED
FOR DISCUSSION**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 29) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee has released the proposed Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance so that the GNWT may receive the advice of the public before the bill goes to the Legislative Assembly this September.

"The new legislation," said Wah-Shee, "recognizes the need for regional forums where community representatives can regularly discuss regional matters with government, industry and native organizations."

"In addition," he said, "communities would be able, through regional and tribal councils, to provide advice to the Territorial government on its policies and programs."

The new ordinance, developed in accordance with the GNWT priorities, is aimed at the development of greater political autonomy for the people of the NWT. It describes the general and specific terms of reference for each regional or tribal council.

The voting members of all regional and tribal councils would include the mayors of the municipal councils and the chairmen of community councils of all communities which are part of the regional or tribal council. In regions where there are Dene band councils, the band chiefs and sub-chiefs would also be voting members. In addition, Metis Locals would also be represented.

Each regional or tribal council would have a speaker or council chairman who would lead the meeting of the council but who will not vote on decisions of the council unless there is a tie. The regional or tribal councils would also be able to add additional, non-voting members.

A council would be expected to meet at least once every six months in a community within the region. All council meetings would be open to the public but only voting members of the councils may vote in the meetings. Each council may make rules on the calling and conduct of meetings.

The councils would also be incorporated. This means that they would be able to sign contracts and could sue and be sued. Regional and tribal councils, however, may not borrow money.

Regional or tribal councils would be able to:

- buy or lease property;
- arrange for studies to be done on any matter the council thinks is important;
- set up committees to examine matters that the council is responsible for;
- pay voting members of the council for the time they spend attending council meetings;
- give advice to the Territorial government on all matters that concern the council or region;
- sign contracts to carry out work for the council;
- set up regional boards of management to operate delegated GNWT programs.

A regional or tribal council may hire an executive officer who would be paid a full-time salary and would report to the speaker or chairman of the council. The council may also hire other employees it thinks are necessary to carry out the business of the council.

Every year each regional or tribal council would be expected to give the Minister of Local Government an estimate of the money it will need to operate for the next year. The Minister would review the budget and have the final word on how much money the GNWT will provide the council. The Minister would consult with the councils if their budgets are changed and the councils would be given enough time to reply to the changes.

As the Regional and Tribal Councils Ordinance has different parts that apply to each council, people with questions relating to the council in their region should contact the Local Government Office in the region where the council is located.

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ENERGY UPGRADING FOR HOUSING CORPORATION HOUSES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 30) - Jean Chretien, federal minister of energy, mines and resources, and Arnold McCallum, minister of public works for the Northwest Territories, today announced a contribution of \$658,754 toward a \$1.5 million program for the upgrading of 62 single family houses in the Keewatin and Kitikmeot regions.

The project, which will increase the houses' energy efficiency, will be administered by the NWT Housing Corporation and the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Development and Demonstration Program.

The NWT Housing Corporation maintains more than 4100 housing units, 40 per cent of the Territories' housing. Heating and electrical costs for these units are approximately \$18.2 million a year, about \$4340 a unit. This makes up 64 per cent of the Housing Corporation's total operating and maintenance budget.

Three levels of energy-efficient improvements are planned. Level A houses will have roofs upgraded or replaced; the building envelope tightened by caulking, sealing and weatherstripping; exterior doors and frames replaced; and, improvements made to heating systems.

Level B houses will include work to level A plus improvements on windows to ensure airtightness. Level C houses will include level A and B improvements plus rigid fiberglass insulation of R10 to external walls and replacement of the air barrier and siding.

Improvements to each unit will cost up to \$25,000. Fuel and electrical consumption will be monitored for 12 months following completion of the project and the actual costs and savings established to measure the cost-effectiveness of the improvements.

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BUTTERS TO ATTEND FINANCE MEETINGS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 4) - Finance Minister Tom Butters left for Montreal today where he will attend a federal-provincial conference of finance ministers.

He was invited by Federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde to attend the meetings as an observer. The discussions are scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Butters stated the matter of being an "observer" at the conference did not cause either himself or other Executive Council members any difficulty.

"Rather, I think it important that the North be present at such meetings. It is vital at this juncture to be there and to attempt to influence decisions".

The federal-provincial conference was announced during Prime Minister Trudeau's televised speech to the country last week.

Trudeau stated he would have Lalonde convene a meeting to co-ordinate action by two levels of government to make sure that unjustified price increases and excessive executive salary hikes and wage settlements do not become a pattern.

In this time of economic recovery, he warned the Federal government is intent on using its moral and spending powers to prevent wage increases from taking off again.

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BEER PRICES INCREASE JULY 6

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - Some beer prices in the Northwest Territories will increase July 6.

New prices for Labatt's and Carling O'Keefe products, recently approved by the Territorial Government's Executive Council, were announced today by Tom Butters, minister for government services.

Only bottled beer will be affected by the price increase.

Labatt's standard strength products will increase by 20 cents per case, from \$9.00 to \$9.20, while Carling O'Keefe standard strength products will increase by 15 cents, from \$8.50 per case to \$8.65.

Labatt's advised the N.W.T. Liquor Control System that a six per cent increase would be initiated to meet rising costs. However, the Liquor Control System was able to offset a portion of this increase by negotiating a better freight rate.

Prices of Molson's products will not be increased at this time.

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FORT SMITH TO RECEIVE SANITATION GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 6) - Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee today announced a contribution of \$449,000 to the Town of Fort Smith for water and sewer services.

The funding, under the department of local government's water and sanitation program, will assist the town in providing piped water and sewer services to the Frontier Village subdivision and piped sewer services to Towering Pines Trailer Park which is presently served only with piped water.

The servicing work is scheduled for completion by October. The funding is provided to the Town on a fully accountable basis.

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TEACHERS ADDED TO PINE POINT SCHOOL

YELLOWKNIFE (July 6) - Minister of Education Dennis Patterson has promised three additional teachers for the southern Great Slave Lake community of Pine Point.

Placement of the teachers, when Pine Point schools open in the fall, will be up to the town's local education authority.

Patterson said the step will ensure adequate teaching levels to enable provision of a complete high school program and allow students in that mining centre to earn the full number of credits required for graduation.

The number of teaching positions at Pine Point's two schools were to be reduced from 31 to 20 for the 1983-84 academic year. The decision was made following closure of Pine Point Mines Ltd. because of slumping world lead-zinc prices and an expected fall student enrollment that would be lower than normal.

Since that time, however, the mine has re-opened and more families than originally expected are staying on.

The addition of three staff positions, and the necessary salary money for one-half a person year, will mean that teachers who would have been adversely affected by the staff cuts will now be able to remain in their positions at Pine Point.

TEACHERS ADDED TO PINE POINT SCHOOL: PAGE2

Patterson said the situation will be examined again once the schools open after the summer recess to ensure that staffing will be sufficient for the actual enrollment in the new school year.

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STATUS OF WOMEN TO GET FUNDING/PERSONNEL

FROBISHER BAY (July 7) - The Executive Council of the GNWT has decided to establish an office within the Government to deal with Women's issues on a permanent basis and to provide a contact point where complaints relating to the status of women can be lodged and dealt with.

Dennis Patterson, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, announced today the allocation of \$221,000.00 which will result in the establishment of two person years and an office within the Department of Justice and Public Services in April, 1984.

Legislation setting up the structure of an Advisory Council on the Status of Women was introduced and approved at the 10th sitting of the Legislative Assembly last winter.

A coordinator to oversee establishment of this program will be soon appointed and members of the Advisory Council are expected to be named by the Minister this fall.

"The new office will provide the tools to ensure that the Advisory Council will be effective in working to advance the status of women in the N.W.T.," Mr. Patterson said.

The decision is in keeping with the goal of promoting individual well-being and human development, a stated priority of the Northwest Territories Government.

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PROJECT TO ASSIST BLIND IN RAE-EDZO

YELLOWKNIFE (July 8) - Minister of Health and Social Services Kane Tologanak today announced a program to assist blind and visually impaired people in Rae-Edzo.

The program will be conducted by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) in co-operation with community residents.

Although the final proposal is still to be completed, the project is aimed at providing visually impaired people in the area with skills to enable them to adjust more satisfactorily and realize their individual potential, the minister said.

In addition, the project will provide education and counselling to assist both blind and sighted community members in understanding the causes, treatment, problems and prevention of blindness.

A steering committee has been established to advise CNIB staff and monitor the program as it progresses.

During the past year a needs study was conducted and the next step in the program will be the release of a report on the identified needs along with a program proposal.

Rae-Edzo was identified for this project, according to Tologanak, because of the very high frequency of blindness and visual impairment in the community, most of it as a result of a degenerative genetic disorder called retinitis pigmentosa.

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YOUTH CAMPING PROGRAMS FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 8) - Minister of Health and Social Services Kane Tologanak today announced approval of a \$40,000 grant to purchase equipment for wilderness camps for young people in the Fort Smith Region.

These camps are operated on behalf of the department of social services by band councils, municipal councils or other community groups.

The grants to these groups are for the purchase and replacement of equipment so that the camps can continue to operate and provide an adequate level of service, the minister said.

The incidence of juvenile delinquency, traditionally high in the summer, has been dramatically reduced as a result of these camping programs.

"In the community of Fort Providence, there has been an 80 per cent reduction in juvenile offences over the summer months since the program has been operating", Tologanak said.

Wilderness camps have also been operated successfully in Fort Simpson and Hay River. "These communities provide a valuable, skills-oriented and cost effective method of providing social service programs for juveniles", the minister added.

Costs associated with court appearances, RCMP involvement, social assistance, child welfare services and vandalism are reduced as a result of the drop in juvenile delinquency.

Community support for the camping programs has been very positive. "The camping programs have not only assisted a significant number of juveniles but have also provided short-term employment for other community members", Tologanak said.

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DIZ SOCIETY RECEIVES FUNDING

FORT SMITH (July 11) - The Slave River Development Impact Zone (DIZ) Society became the first DIZ group in the Northwest Territories to receive government funding.

Arnold McCallum, executive council member and MLA for Fort Smith, presented society members with a cheque, worth approximately \$14,000, here last week.

"Both the Energy Minister and myself believe the Slave River Development Impact Zone Society will play an important role in the assessment and planning activities of this government, as well as assisting in the identification of program and infrastructure needs within the region," said McCallum.

The society's membership initially includes 16 members: Six from Fort Smith; four from Fort Resolution or three from Fort Resolution and one from Snowdrift; three from Hay River and three from Fort Chipewyan. Members are representatives of native organizations, band and municipal councils in the region.

Main functions of the Slave River Society are to promote the use of the resources in the area while considering all economic, social and environmental implications associated with the development of these resources ensuring that the benefits assist NWT residents.

Another major function of the society is to provide a focus for local input into GNWT decision-making on Slave River resource development proposals.

DIZ groups must be incorporated as societies before they are eligible for government funding. The Slave River Society was incorporated June 3, 1983.

The funding will be used to cover the society's operating costs until August 31, 1983.

Jim Green, Resource Development Officer for the Fort Smith Region, is the interim co-ordinator of the Slave River Development Impact Zone Society.

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ARES APPOINTED GOVERNMENT SERVICES A.D.M.

YELLOWKNIFE (July 11) - Richard Ares has been appointed assistant deputy minister for the department of government services.

His appointment, effective in mid-August, was announced jointly today by Government Services Minister Tom Butters and Commissioner John Parker.

As assistant deputy minister, Ares will be responsible for supply services, systems and computer services, office services and registrar of motor vehicles.

Ares is currently the assistant regional director for the Keewatin Region. He has been employed with the Territorial government for the past eight years and has a broad background of managerial experience.

He has lived in Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet and Yellowknife.

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PINE POINT STUDENT WINS SAFETY CONTEST

YELLOWKNIFE (July 11) - Ed Azeveda, a grade 12 student at Matonabee School in Pine Point, is the grand winner of the student essay contest sponsored by the Territorial government's safety division.

About 73 students from Pine Point, Fort Simpson and Fort Smith submitted a 300 to 500 word essay on "Why Do Accidents Happen?".

The essay contest is an important part of the safety division's ongoing education program and was open to all industrial arts students in the N.W.T. and, in schools without an industrial arts program, to students who wished to write and submit an essay.

"We are pleased with the participation by the students from Matonabee School and Thomas Simpson School in Fort Simpson," says Safety Officer Ray Gagnon. "But we were disappointed that more students throughout the N.W.T. didn't participate because the essay contest is an excellent way of teaching students about the importance of safety."

All essay entries were judged on quality and content.

STUDENTS WIN SAFETY CONTEST: PAGE 2

Other winners at Matonabee School include: Bob Armstrong, grade 7; Walter Foddis, grade 8; Darrell Lecore, grade 9; Carmen Faulkner, grade 10; Greg Colthorp, grade 11 and Fred McIlwaine, grade 12.

Seven students from Thomas Simpson School and two students from Paul Kaeser School in Fort Smith won medals in the student essay contest.

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NCF OFFICES OPEN IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12) - Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) offices opened here last week.

"The combination of work to be done on a Nunavut Constitution and the availability of federal funding made it feasible for the Forum to establish offices in Yellowknife," said Dennis Patterson, associate minister for aboriginal rights and constitutional development and NCF chairman.

"The close proximity to public institutions, members of the Executive Council and MLAs make it advantageous to have offices in Yellowknife," he added. "While the development of a Nunavut Constitution may only take a year, the actual establishment of a Nunavut government is expected to take several years with input, co-ordination and consultation required between both Constitutional Forums and the Territorial and federal governments."

A NCF project co-ordinator, Desmond Brice-Bennett, has recently been appointed.

Brice-Bennett, a recent graduate from the University of Ottawa law school, has been an executive-director with the Labrador Inuit Association and has also worked for the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada as an executive assistant, land claims researcher and project co-ordinator for the Arctic Pilot Project intervention.

NCF OFFICES OPEN: PAGE 2

Charlie Evalik has been appointed NCF community liason officer and is now in the process of establishing an office in Cambridge Bay.

NCF will also maintain its research co-ordinator and liason office in Ottawa.

The NCF offices in Yellowknife are located on the second floor of the Bromely Building.

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SEVERAL COMMUNITIES TO RECEIVE NEW SCHOOLS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - Plans to construct new schools, with and without multi-purpose halls, in four NWT communities were announced today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

Schools will be built in Fort Franklin, Snowdrift, Sanikiluaq and on the Hay River Reserve.

Each school will contain five or more classrooms, an industrial arts room, a home economics room, a resource centre and administration areas.

The Fort Franklin school will have nine classrooms and a multi-purpose hall attached to it. Construction materials will be brought into the community on the winter road with construction starting as soon as possible after that. The school should be completed in early 1985 and will cost approximately \$3.8 million.

Construction of a five classroom log school will begin in 1984 in Snowdrift. This school will also have a multi-purpose hall attached to it. The school should be ready for the beginning of the 1985 school year. The estimated cost of the school is \$2,250,000.

A five classroom school will also be built on the Hay River Reserve. Construction of this school will begin next year and the school should be ready for the start of the 1985 school year. Estimated costs for this project are \$1,600,000.

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The Sanikiluaq school will have seven classrooms and a gymnasium with a portable stage. Construction will begin in 1984 so the school can be ready for the start of the 1985 school year. The estimated cost of this school is \$4.4 million.

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CARTOON EXHIBIT OPENS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - An exhibition featuring original cartoons by Duncan Macpherson will open July 15 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Macpherson was an editorial cartoonist for the Toronto Star from 1958 until his retirement in 1980.

Critics have called Macpherson 'the best political cartoonist that Canada has produced and ranks as one of the best in the world'.

The cartoons in this exhibit, called Daily Smile, cover the years from 1958-1978. Macpherson used such topics as national leaders and parties, the economy, scandals in Canadian politics, national unity, international events and social concerns for his cartoons.

The exhibit was prepared by the Public Archives of Canada from cartoons donated by the Toronto Star.

Daily Smile will remain at the Heritage Centre until August 30, 1983.

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GNWT/DOCTORS NEGOTIATE FEE INCREASE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - The GNWT Department of Health has negotiated an increase of 6.24 percent in medical fee schedules with the NWT Medical Association.

Minister of Health Kane Tologanak announced today that the agreement regarding the increase was reached in consultation with the Medical Association. The fee schedule specifies the amount paid to doctors for services to patients performed under the NWT Medicare Program.

Tologanak said the increase is in line with Territorial government participation in the six-and-five federal restraint program. Similar agreements in other areas of Canada place the rate increase as average, with Yukon settling on a 7.48 percent increase and Alberta with a 5 percent settlement.

Fee schedules in the NWT are set annually through negotiations with the NWT Medical Association.

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OUTPOST CAMP PROGRAM FUNDING APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 18) - About 1200 people in the Northwest Territories will receive a share of the \$500,000 funding allocated to the outpost camp program for 1983/84.

The announcement was made this week by Richard Nerysoo, minister for renewable resources.

"In keeping with this government's desire to encourage the continued pursuit of traditional occupations and activities, I am pleased to announce that specific families and groups in every region will receive funding to assist them in making their living off the land," said the minister.

Under the program any resident families or groups of persons, numbering less than 60, can apply for assistance. The applicants must hold a general hunting licence and either live away from a settlement or want to move from a settlement to an isolated location in the NWT for at least three months of the year.

This assistance covers the cost of food and supplies during the first year; materials for a basic shelter, 16 x 16; fuel oil above the treeline and transportation for personnel and supplies.

This year 79 families or groups out of 103 who applied will receive funding for continued camp maintenance or travel. Several new applicants could not be accommodated because the outpost camp program has a fixed budget of \$500,000.

Applications and funding approved for each region include: 20 in the Baffin Region totalling \$163,000; 11 in the Inuvik Region totalling \$55,000; nine totalling \$50,000 in the Kitikmeot Region; 14 in the Yellowknife area totalling \$10,000; seven totalling \$50,000 in the Keewatin Region and 18 in the Fort Smith Region totalling \$172,000.

The outpost camp program was introduced by the executive in 1974 and turned over to the Wildlife Service for administration the following year. The first outpost camp to receive funding was North Star Harbour Camp out of Tuktoyatuk.

There are now 20 camps in the Baffin Region and nine camps in the Kitikmeot Region which are classed as permanent camps with year-round residency.

Other camps with a short-term residency, three to six months, have also been established for hunting and trapping purposes.

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NO HARBOUR FOR STOKES POINT SAYS GNWT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 19) - The GNWT believes approval should not be given to development of an exploration base and harbour at Stokes Point, NWT as proposed by Gulf Canada Resources.

Minister of Energy Mines and Resources Richard Nerysoo announced the GNWT position with the addition of two other recommendations.

As an alternate to the proposed development at Stokes Point, Nerysoo says the GNWT will insist that Gulf Canada reconsider establishing such a base at McKinley Bay instead. In addition, Nerysoo said the federal government will be encouraged to centralize harbour development and to encourage Dome Petroleum and Gulf Canada to work out a McKinley Bay use plan which is agreeable to all parties.

Nerysoo said the Executive Council has considered the positions of a number of community groups in reaching its position, including COPE, the Dene Nation, and the Mackenzie Delta Dene Regional Council.

"Our findings indicate that there is not enough information available on the potential environmental impact of such a project," he said. "We intend to press the federal government to take the stand that an overall plan of development is necessary."

Nerysoo also pointed out that because of the Yukon Indian Land Claims, negotiations with COPE and earlier recommendations by the Berger Commission, it would be inappropriate for approval of an exploration development on the North Slope at this time. In addition, a 1978 federal Order-in-Council authorized the disposition of 38,700 square kilometres of land in the area for a future National Park.

"We are most concerned with the preservation of the wilderness values of the area," he said. He pointed out that the Porcupine Caribou Herd migrates and calves in the area. In addition, he said, the area is habitat to black, grizzly and polar bears as well as large numbers of migratory birds.

"We are also concerned about potential damage from an oil spill, either from ships colliding or re-fueling activities, because the area is not sheltered and a spill would be difficult to contain," he said. He added that such a spill could be damaging to the marine population of the area including whales and seals.

"In many ways," Nerysoo said, "the proposals now being considered are too piece-meal and do not give full consideration to concerns expressed by the people of the area."

The federal government, in spite of pressures by Gulf Canada Resources, has not yet made a firm decision on the Stokes Point proposal that would see the development of a deep water port for the exploration and future development of North Slope oil and gas resources.

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CAMPGROUND/DAY USE FACILITIES PLANNED FOR DEMPSTER HIGHWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (July 19) - A northern firm has been awarded a \$15,123 contract to plan and design campground and day use facilities along the Dempster Highway, announced Arnold McCallum, minister for economic development and tourism, this week.

Ferguson, Simek and Clark of Yellowknife and E.D.A. Collaborative of Edmonton were chosen from among four firms to design and upgrade facilities at Campbell Hills, near Inuvik, and Arctic Red River.

"The increased tourist traffic on the Dempster Highway necessitates the upgrading and expansion of campground and day use facilities along the highway corridor," said McCallum.

The planned facilities will be for the use of both local residents and tourists and will include additional picnic sites, improved signs, boat launching facilities, identification of hiking trails and the development of interpretative themes.

Facilities now in place at Campbell Hills are limited and temporary. The increase in recreational use of the area requires the upgrading and expansion of the day use areas at Campbell Creek, Cabins Creek and Caribou Creek.

Arctic Red River, 80 miles south of Inuvik, is located near both the Dempster Highway and the Arctic Red River Ferry Crossing. Campground and day use facilities at Arctic Red will require essential services such as sewage disposal, supply of potable water and garbage disposal.

"A major factor in designing and upgrading these facilities is to maximize benefits for the Town of Inuvik and the Settlement of Arctic Red River," said the Minister.

The contractors have been made aware of the department's commitment to making full use of locally available materials, equipment, labour and contractors when developing and operating Territorial campgrounds, he added.

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LOUTTITT APPOINTED AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER

YELLOWKNIFE (July 21) - Alan Loutitt has been appointed air operations officer with the department of government services.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced this week by Government Services Minister Tom Butters.

Loutitt will be responsible for operating an aircraft safety program; inspecting aircraft to ensure they meet and satisfy government requirements and standards; operating training/information sessions for GNWT personnel who travel by air charter and preparing tender specifications for departments requiring charter aircraft time and space.

Twenty-five years flying, engineering and/or managing with various airlines in the Northwest Territories has supplied Loutitt with a wide range of air operations experience.

Loutitt was born in Fort Smith and for the past ten years managed and flew for the Fort Smith Air Service, a commercial company.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE TO BE DELAYED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 25) - A proposed, new Local Government Ordinance expected to be introduced at the fall sitting of the Legislative Assembly will be delayed says Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee.

The proposed ordinance will not be introduced as legislation yet, Wah-Shee said, "because it is felt that more time is needed to examine a number of important legal issues.

"We must examine the relationship between band and community councils, review the involvement of council in economic development activities, the protection of aboriginal rights at the local level and the increased authority for councils in land use planning and zoning," he said.

Wah-Shee said that by delaying the ordinance, more time can be used for community consultation. This consultation he says, will include a meeting of the Community Government Working Group in August to further discuss how best to develop one form of community government in the Mackenzie Valley, but at the same time, maintain the responsibilities and roles of band councils.

Wah-Shee added that he will deliver a sessional paper to the Legislative Assembly this fall detailing the progress with community consultation over the summer and outlining activities for the fall.

"This is a keystone piece of legislation for the NWT," said Wah-Shee. "It is very important to ensure it is done properly with no legal loopholes and appropriate to the needs of the communities."

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CULLATON LAKE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 25) - A socio-economic agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and Cullaton Lake Gold Mines Ltd. was signed here last month.

The agreement was signed by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum and Gordon Strasser, executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Cullaton Lake Gold Mines and Camchip Resources Ltd.

Cullaton Lake Gold Mines is managed by Camchip Resources Ltd.

"I am confident that this agreement reached with Cullaton Lake Mines will benefit NWT residents, especially those who live in the Keewatin Region, by providing increased employment and business opportunities," said the Minister.

"My company is pleased to have entered into this agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories," said Strasser.

Hiring practices, training, public information, awarding of contracts and establishment of a monitoring system are covered in the socio-economic agreement.

Qualified local residents are given first consideration for employment at the mine. "This is of particular interest to the residents of Eskimo Point, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake, Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay which are communities in the vicinity of Cullaton Lake," added McCallum.

The Cullaton Lake operation employs a minimum of 105 people all of whom will participate in an orientation session.

A training program which will allow employees to upgrade their qualifications and skills will be developed by Cullaton Lake, Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Territorial Government. Cullaton Lake Mines will provide space at the worksite for on-the-job training.

The mining company has agreed to give priority to northern businesses when contracts for goods and services are awarded.

A public information system will be established by Cullaton Lake Mines to inform local residents of employment opportunities. The information system will also be used to locate and evaluate potential employees. All information will be provided in both English and Inuktitut.

A monitoring system and body, comprised of GNWT and Cullaton Lake Mines representatives, will also be established to assess the progress of the policies contained in the agreement on a continuing basis.

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BIRD RECOMMENDS TAX ZONES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 28) - A report on the taxation of northern allowances calls for establishment of a "simplified system" of taxing residents of the Northwest Territories.

The report, by international tax policy expert Richard M. Bird, recommends creation of two tax zones in order to improve tax equity and "to reflect the extreme difference in the cost of living" between northern and southern parts of Canada.

The document, commissioned by Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters, was released in this northern capital today.

The proposed tax regime would apply to all northern residents regardless of whether or not they received employee benefits.

Northern taxpayers receiving benefits would have their taxable incomes increased by the addition of the allowances and have their personal exemptions increased by application of an indexing factor.

Taxpayers not receiving benefits would receive increased exemptions.

"Only such a two-stage adjustment can really succeed in taxing northern residents fairly...in comparison with other Canadians," the report states.

Butters commissioned the report a few months ago in a final attempt to draw a response from Ottawa and to shape a convincing argument that could be presented to Federal Finance Minister Marc Lalonde and his cabinet colleagues.

Earlier attempts to present a Territorial position to the federal government had drawn little, if any, response.

"The federal finance minister says he requires definitive numbers and persuasive argument before taking steps to review the concepts contained in his proposed tax regime," Butters said.

"I expect the Bird Report to be reviewed with seriousness and with full consideration by federal finance officials. We will be pressing for government-to-government negotiations on this report and its recommendations."

Federal finance officials were presented with a copy of the report June 1.

The matter of personal income tax has been a contentious issue in the Northwest Territories since Revenue Canada announced its intention of lifting a tax moratorium that would see the benefits side of northern paychecks taxed at the same rate as the wage package.

A large number of employers in the North follow the practice of providing both cash and non-cash benefits to their employees to offset higher costs of living in the North. In addition, they help to serve as an incentive (particularly in the mining industry) to encourage people to locate in the Territories.

The report states Ottawa's plans for taxing such benefits strikes further imbalances between taxpayers and will have the effect of "crowding out" the Territorial government's ability to raise provincial-like income taxes.

This comes at a time, the report states, when Northern residents at any income level are already paying more federal tax than any other part of the country.

Calculations indicate an additional \$50,000,000 in tax revenue will be generated by the new federal regime. Disposable income, already restrained by the federal six and five program, will decline.

An estimated 15,000 employees, almost the North's entire work force, are expected to be effected by the proposed federal action and - according to the Bird Report - the tax zone concept would help to eliminate its inequities.

"The best and simplest way to treat all Canadians, including northern residents, would be to extend the well-accepted concept of indexing personal income tax exemptions and rate brackets..."

This could be done, the report suggests, by applying a special "zone index" to the income of northern residents.

"To further recognize the cost differences within the north, it is further suggested that there might be two index factors - one for larger communities such as Yellowknife and another one for more remote areas," the report states.

Bird's recommendations, now being examined by the Territorial government's Executive Council (cabinet), suggest an additional factor or deduction of 25 per cent be applied to personal exemptions for residents of Yellowknife and other larger centres in the NWT. It suggests a 50 per cent factor for more remote regions.

"...This would seem to provide a degree of at least rough justice which is completely lacking in the present system," Bird states in his report.

The two-zone allowance system would be indexed from year to year in accordance with the general indexing factor applied to personal exemptions in Canada generally.

Such a system, applying to all northern taxpayers, would allow for uniform taxation and exemptions and eliminate the disadvantages that now exist in the north for residents who do not receive any employment-related allowances.

Federal tax exemptions on employee benefits such as housing subsidies and travel assistance are scheduled to be partially removed in time for the 1984 tax year.

Addition of the benefits as real income is to be phased in over a four-year period. Twenty-five per cent of the benefits would be taxed in 1984, 50 per cent in 1985, 75 per cent in 1986 and 100 per cent after that taxation year.

The Bird Report details the effects of the new tax regime on the North.

It states the full taxation of cash allowances for housing, while establishing certain limits on the taxation of employer-provided housing, runs completely contrary to the Territorial government's objective of encouraging home ownership in the NWT.

Instead of subsidizing rents, the Territorial government has embarked on a program to push rents to market value and provide cash allowances to employees who live along the highway system. The allowances enable employees to choose how much housing services to buy and whether to be an owner or tenant.

In addition, it is easier to determine the value of cash allowance for tax purposes than to estimate the value of an indirect subsidy on rental accommodation without any real way of knowing what the true rent would be.

"The (federal) discrimination in favour of employer-provided housing is, on its face, inefficient," the report states.

It adds that since many federal employees in the North may be posted there on a transitory basis, it is perhaps understandable that the federal government has continued to provide for subsidized housing.

"But it is not understandable why the federal tax system should actively discriminate, among those who receive (subsidized) housing benefits, against those who receive cash."

Release of the Bird Report comes a few days after a group of industry, labour and municipal officials lobbied Finance Minister Lalonde in Ottawa over the taxation issue.

Lalonde promised, at the meeting, that he would hear the specific concerns of a fact-finding committee to be established by the northern group prior to implementation of the tax system.

Butters today said the Territorial government would provide whatever degree of assistance and encouragement it can to the committee.

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TAXATION OF NORTHERN ALLOWANCES BACKGROUND BRIEFING MATERIAL

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS NOW

01. A number of employers in the North provide cash and non-cash benefits to their employees.
02. Benefits are provided in order to offset the higher cost of living in the North. In some cases they also serve as an incentive encouraging people to locate in the North.
03. The number of employees in receipt of some kind of an allowance is estimated to be 15,000 at the present time.
04. Benefits have not been taxed up to this time. An exception is settlement allowances paid by the Territorial government. They are taxable.

THE PROPOSED FEDERAL REGIME

Background:

05. Northern benefits and allowances have always been subject to income tax.
06. Until 1981, Revenue Canada had not insisted the value of Northern benefits be included in income.
07. In 1981, a number of returns of northern mine employees were re-assessed, adding to income the value of benefits they were receiving.
08. A moratorium on the taxation of northern benefits was declared in November of 1981. The moratorium was retro-active to 1978.
09. The moratorium was to allow the Federal Government time to study the problems particular to the North.
10. The returns of the mine employees that had been re-assessed were reversed until the study was complete.
11. The moratorium has been extended twice since November of 1981, but will expire December 31, 1983.
12. Beginning with the 1984 tax year, the Federal Government will phase in a modified tax regime for the taxation of housing and travel benefits.

The Federal Proposal According to Bird Report

13. The proposed regime will create more inequities than presently exist.
14. Those receiving non-cash allowances (i.e. rental subsidies deducted from pay cheques) will be better off than those receiving a cash allowance for housing.
15. The value of the non-cash allowance can be increased without effecting the amount that is subject to tax (tax limits on this type of subsidy have been set), thereby implicitly directing employers how to pay compensation.
16. With different maximums for Yellowknife in relation to other NWT communities, the value of non-cash housing allowance is greater for those living in communities than for those living in Yellowknife.
14. Those living in Yellowknife will have to pay more tax for what can be exactly the same benefit to an employer.
15. There are different maximums for different types of accommodation. It will be more attractive, tax wise, to seek bunkhouse type of accommodation.
16. North/south differences in costs of living are not recognized.

THE GNWT PROPOSAL

17. The original 1980 GNWT proposal was for a "cost of living" deduction from income for northern residents.
18. Such northern deductions could vary by location. The more expensive it was to live in a community, the higher would be the deduction.
19. This proposal was apparently not acceptable to the Federal Government.
20. The GNWT hired Professor R.M. Bird to prepare an independent study on the taxation of northern allowances.

THE BIRD RECOMMENDATIONS

21. Bird points out that while some of the issues are addressed by the federal proposal, major inequities are created.
22. The federal regime does not deal with the major issue - the cost of living differences between northern taxpayers in relation to other Canadians.
23. Bird proposes to introduce a two-zone allowance to be applied to personal and dependent exemptions and to tax brackets.
24. One index factor would be established for the larger centers such as Yellowknife and Whitehorse, while a second index factor would be established for more remote communities.
25. The two-zone allowance index recognizes the cost of living differentials within the North.
26. The zone allowance index would be indexed from year to year according to indexing factors applied to personal exemptions.
27. Northern indexing allowance would apply to all northern residents whether or not they receive benefits.
28. The two-zone index system is similar to method that Australia has used for a number of years.
29. Bird indicates that a more equitable method of valuing housing benefits is still required.
30. Bird recommends, valuation of housing benefits be based on a similar premise that was used by the Federal Government to calculate maximum travel benefit that will be taxed (i.e. comparability with costs in the south).

EXAMPLE OF DIFFERENT METHODS OF TAXING NORTHERN BENEFITS

Family of 4, the 2 children are under 16 and the sole wage earner makes \$40,000.

	Present Method	GNWT Proposal	R Bird Report	Federal Proposal
Income from employment	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	40,000
Add: BENEFITS	N/A	7,000	7,000	7,000
Deduct: Cost of Living factor	N/A	(4,000)	N/A	N/A
NET INCOME	\$40,000	\$43,000	\$47,000	\$47,000
Personal Exemptions	8,490	8,490	8,490	8,490
Add: Northern Indexation (25%)	N/A	N/A	2,123	N/A
TAXABLE INCOME	\$31,510	\$34,510	\$36,387	\$38,510
Tax Payable on Taxable Inc.				
\$5,532 on 1st \$21,222	\$5,532			
25 per cent thereafter	2,527			
\$9,746 on 1st \$33,012		9,746		9,746
30 per cent thereafter		449		1,649
\$5,532 on 1st \$26,527			5,532	
25 per cent thereafter			2,465	
FEDERAL TAX PAYABLE	\$8,104	\$10,195	\$7,997	\$11,395
NWT TAX PAYABLE AT 43%	3,485	4,384	3,439	4,900
TOTAL TAX PAYABLE	\$11,589	\$14,579	\$11,436	\$16,295
Effective Tax Rate				
Without Allowance	29.0%	36.4%	28.6%	40.7%
Effective Tax Rate				
With Allowance	24.7%	33.9%	24.3%	34.6%

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ALBERTA/NWT CO-OPERATE ON TOURISM STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (July 27) - The government of Alberta and the Northwest Territories will co-operate on a tourism study of northern Alberta and the Mackenzie Highway area from the border to Hay River.

The project was announced jointly by NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum and Al "Boomer" Adair, Alberta minister of tourism and small business.

The project will examine Alberta's Mighty Peace tourism zone, covering most of the province north of Lesser Slave Lake and west of Wood Buffalo National Park. In the NWT, the survey will look at the Mackenzie Highway corridor, extending one kilometre on either side of NWT Highways 1 and 2 between the 60th parallel and Hay River.

The study, which began this month, will inventory and evaluate the natural, cultural and historic features and potentials for development as well as existing tourism facilities and attractions in both areas.

"Alberta will be responsible for financing its portion of the study while the NWT will cover the costs of the northern section of the project," said Adair.

"We are co-operating on this joint study because there are obvious links between Alberta and the NWT along the highway corridor. Sharing the study is cost-efficient for both governments," noted McCallum.

The consultants, I.D. Systems Ltd. of Edmonton with Pannell, Kerr, Forster, Campbell, Sharp of Calgary, will identify ways that tourism representatives from both areas can assist each other and make best use of shared resources.

The Alberta portion of the study will inventory and evaluate private and public sector opportunities for development of the tourism industry throughout the area. The NWT section will have similar aims but will also identify opportunities for private business and individuals in Enterprise, Hay River and the Hay River Reserve to become involved in tourism.

"The aim of the NWT portion of the study is to prepare a tourism development plan for the corridor and the three communities involving local residents and providing economic benefits for the area," McCallum said.

The study is scheduled for completion by December.

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TELEVISION ARRIVES AT 'TOP OF THE WORLD'

GRISE FIORD (July 28) - Grise Fiord, the furthest north permanent community in Canada, is now receiving television and radio service through satellite equipment provided by the Territorial Government's department of information.

The small Inuit community on Ellesmere Island began receiving the CBC Northern Television Service and CBC regional radio from Frobisher Bay this week. A broadcasting society has been operating a local radio station for several years in Grise Fiord. They are now combining that service with the CBC radio network by local access to a common transmitter.

The people of Grise Fiord have been pressing for television and radio for some time through their community council and their member of the NWT Legislative Assembly, Ludy Pudluk. Minister of Information Dennis Patterson announced the government's intention to provide the service earlier this year.

Gamaliel Akeeagok, chairman of the Grise Fiord settlement council, says the community especially welcomes the improvement in communications because of its remoteness.

Speaking in Inuktitut, through an interpreter, Akeeagok said, "In the winter we have gone for weeks without any news from elsewhere in the NWT, Canada or the world. Then there is only one scheduled flight into the community every two weeks (weather permitting). Things improved when we got direct telephone service (via satellite) about 3 years ago. Now we are very happy to have both radio and television."

TELEVISION ARRIVES: PAGE 2

The installation at Grise Fiord was completed in time for residents to hear extensive CBC radio coverage of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference from Frobisher Bay and to see television coverage of the conference provided by the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation.

Grise Fiord is the 21st community in the NWT to receive radio and television facilities through the Department of Information's northern communication program which began six years ago. The department provides the equipment to communities under 500 population where no television or regional radio service exists. The CBC directly serves communities with population over 500.

Installation of equipment at Arctic Red River in the western part of the NWT is scheduled for the end of August.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY WILL PROMOTE NORTHERN BUSINESS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 02) - A business directory outlining goods and services available in the Northwest Territories will be designed and published by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in conjunction with the Bureau of Statistics.

"This business directory will greatly assist in the promotion of northern business by providing potential customers with information on goods and services available in the N.W.T.," said Arnold McCallum, minister for economic development and tourism.

"The N.W.T. Business Directory will provide northern businessmen with free advertising and promotion, valuable information on other northern businesses and will create an awareness among southern businesses of services available in any given community," he added.

Listings in the business directory will be free. But to ensure that all northern businesses are included in the directory, a questionnaire has been prepared. The questionnaire, covering all the information required for the business directory, is now being distributed to northern businessmen by the department. Department officials request that the questionnaires be completed and returned as soon as possible so the N.W.T. Business Directory can be published.

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Once published, the business directory will be available from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism offices.

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NEW PROCEDURES FOR HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 02) - Procedures for appointing members to Government of the Northwest Territories' Hospital Boards of Management have been expanded to include recommendations from local MLA's as well as the hospital board in question, announced Health Minister Kane Tologanak today.

In the existing governing legislation the Commissioner alone holds the power to appoint members to hospital boards, explained the minister. The Commissioner makes these appointments on the advice of the community council in which the health facility is situated.

The Territorial Government has decided to go beyond this and formally seek the advice of the local MLA's and the hospital board on appointments. Under new, formal, written procedures the Commissioner will make appointments on the recommendation of the Executive Council as brought forward by the Minister of Health. This was previously done in an informal way.

The new procedures affect GNWT hospitals in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Frobisher Bay where hospital employees are also GNWT employees. Primary funding for these facilities including deficits is provided by the GNWT through the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board, which reports to the Health Minister.

"I am pleased that the Executive Council has agreed to a wider range for selection of candidates," said Tologanak. "This may lead to more residents expressing an interest in performing this worthwhile endeavour on behalf of their community."

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**KITIKMEOT NORTHERN GAMES ASSOCIATION RECEIVES
FUNDING**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 3) - A \$17,000 grant was given to the Kitikmeot Northern Games Association last week by Local Government Minister James Wah-Shee.

"I am pleased to assist in any way to the continuation of these traditional games which are an essential part of the Inuit culture," said the Minister.

This funding was the final installment of \$25,000 grant awarded to the Association to defray costs for the 1983 games.

Participants from Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay, Pelly Bay, Holman, Cambridge Bay and Coppermine met in Gjoa Haven last weekend to compete in the games. Events such as the one foot high kick, one arm reach and musk-ox fight began Thursday, July 28 and ran through to Sunday, July 31.

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ELECTED LEADER AT PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 9) - Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden is representing the GNWT at a Premiers' Conference in Toronto this week to discuss economic recovery, federal-provincial co-operation and other interprovincial issues.

The GNWT, said Braden, is particularly interested in discussions relating to economic recovery. With the proposed taxation of northern benefits there are many concerns that such an action will harm the growth and development of the northern, non-renewable resource industry, he said.

Braden added he will also be discussing the issue of reduced markets for furs and seal skins that have resulted in a reduction of income for northern trappers as well as a decrease in the number of people making their living by trapping.

A third issue, job creation, will also be dealt with at the conference. "While we have had some action on this concern from the federal government," said Braden, "the GNWT remains concerned about the large number of residents who are unable to work because jobs are not available in their home regions."

Discussions on various items of federal-provincial co-operation will cover concerns relating to the Macdonald Commission, Senate reform, pensions and the Young Offenders Act. Braden said the GNWT is currently preparing position papers on the proposed federal security force, pension and senate reform for presentation to the federal government.

The Young Offenders Act, a federal program for young people in trouble with the law, was recently passed by parliament. "This is a program that could have significant effect on juveniles and the justice system in the NWT," said Braden. At issue is the need for a funding formula to help offset the costs of the new program and level of services it requires.

Participation of the GWNT in the Premiers' Conference marks only the second occasion that the NWT has been invited to take an active part in such discussions.

The conference runs Wednesday and Thursday at the Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

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A STRATEGY FOR THE NWT TOURISM INDUSTRY DEVELOPED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 09) A five-year plan for developing the tourism industry in the Northwest Territories will concentrate on encouraging the growth of tourism in communities throughout the north.

The tourism development and marketing strategy was approved today by the Government of the Northwest Territories Executive Council.

"The Government's plan for tourism will contribute to one of our basic goals - developing the Northwest Territories economy in a way that suits the lifestyles and aspirations of its residents," explained Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

A community-based tourism industry will encourage travellers to use communities as a base for their visits. "This will increase the use of existing community services, reduce the need for building new facilities, increase benefits to local residents and give communities more control over development," the minister said.

Community-based tourism will funnel the economic benefits and opportunities of the industry to local residents, keeping the benefits within the community, McCallum added.

"Many communities have the resources needed to cater to tourists but don't know how to use them to the best advantage," the minister said.

Existing Northwest Territories tourist facilities such as lodges and river tours have to compete against similar, lower-priced services offered in the south. Northwest Territories travel offerings are not widely known in the south, are relatively high-priced and often do not give good value for money. "We must begin to concentrate our efforts on the development of quality travel offerings, which cannot be offered by our competitors," he added.

Community-based tourism can provide the visitor with excellent value and a unique and precious vacation experience: that of being part of a community different from his or her own.

According to the Strategy, tourism will be developed and promoted in communities which show an interest in increasing their tourism revenues. The priority for government assistance will be in those communities with a potential for future growth.

Programs will be developed to prepare community residents for employment in the travel industry and to assist communities in designing and building facilities which are needed and potentially profitable.

The strategy paper calls for the use of travel associations to deliver the proposed new programs when possible. This will reduce the need for government administration of programs while increasing the funding available to communities.

"In addition, it will strengthen the tourism zone associations and involve them more in the delivery of programs," the minister said.

The Strategy sets out the full range of possible and desired programs for the life of the plan. As is indicated in the Strategy, however, the decision as to whether a particular program is offered in any one year will be determined by the financial resources that are available in that year. A funding proposal for implementation of the first year of the Strategy will be reviewed at the January budget session of the Legislative Assembly.

The five-year strategy, to begin in April, 1984 and run until 1989, should see increased employment and the development of needed facilities while increasing the benefits to long-term northern residents, McCallum concluded.

Copies of the Strategy are available from Tourism and Parks, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7903.

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NWT RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TERRY FOX RUN

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 09) - Residents across the Northwest Territories will participate in the Third Annual Terry Fox Run during the next two months.

Terry Fox was the 22-year-old amputee who lost his right leg to cancer in 1977. Vowing to take himself to the limit for the cancer cause, Terry embarked on a cross-Canada run in April 1980 to raise funds for research. Halfway through his run the cancer spread to his lungs and he was forced to discontinue his Marathon of Hope.

Last year 36 communities, from Grise Fiord to Fort Smith and from Aklavik to Frobisher Bay, raised approximately \$53,000 for cancer research in the Terry Fox Run.

Participants ran or walked through blizzards, hoards of blackflies and, in one community, under the protection of armed patrols watching for polar bears.

Unlike southern Canada where the runs are held on courses in parks, northern communities have arranged courses best suited to their individual community. Courses for the annual Terry Fox Run have been plotted around communities, out to lakes, on the land and along highways.

Residents of all ages have participated in the run including babies, who were carried on their mothers' backs, grandmothers and grandfathers.

In Resolute this year, the run has been moved up to August from September 18 to avoid the blizzard which residents ran through last year.

Involvement in the Terry Fox Run comes from each community. Communities organize and supervise their own runs.

While just six communities have confirmed their participation to date, all indications point to an increase in participation by the NWT in the 1983 Terry Fox Run.

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BELL CANADA DONATES DIRECTORIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 09) - The Northwest Territories' Archives has become the third Canadian Archives to receive microfilm copies of Bell Canada telephone directories.

Copies of all telephone directories issued for the Eastern Arctic up to 1979 were recently donated to the Territorial Archives by Bell Canada.

The earliest directory on microfilm is a four-page Goose Bay directory dated 1958.

In the absence of community directories and assessment rolls, telephone directories often become the only way of tracing individuals therefore becoming valuable tools for historians and genealogists.

Bell Canada is microfilming all its telephone directories to ensure their preservation. Many directories were printed on paper which disintegrates from excess acidity.

In order to make the telephone directories more accessible, the telephone company is placing copies of the microfilm in Territorial and Provincial Archives. Archives in Ontario and Quebec have also received copies of telephone directories.

Anyone wishing to view the Eastern Arctic telephone directories microfilm may do so at the NWT Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE RECEIVES GIFT

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 09) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has received a donation of a rare feather mat.

The decorative mat was given to the Northern Heritage Centre recently by Dr. W. Winston Mair, a naturalist and former chief of the Canadian Wildlife Service, who purchased the mat in Aklavik in 1954.

It is made from eider duck, common loon and arctic loon skins, stitched together with sinew and trimmed with a sealskin fringe. The mat was probably made in Povungnituk, Northern Quebec around 1950.

The mat will go on exhibit at the Northern Heritage Centre later this year.

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OVERTURE CONCERTS TO RECEIVE AID

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 11) - Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee today announced a contribution of \$7,000 to Overture Concerts' 1983-84 series.

The funding will assist the organization with the cost of transportation for performers travelling in the NWT, the minister said.

A series of concerts are held in the north each year. The itinerary includes the communities of Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith.

Organizers of the series are currently discussing adding Inuvik to the tour.

Several performing groups are being considered for the concert tour this year with at least three groups travelling to each community.

Last year, three groups of Alberta-based musicians - the Foothills Brass Quintet, harpist Carol McLaughlin and Felix Possak and his Banjo Palace band - toured the NWT.

Audience for the series in 1982-83 totalled almost 2,000.

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ELECTIONS SET FOR NOVEMBER

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 18) - Elected Executive Council Leader George Braden today requested the commissioner dissolve the Legislative Assembly Sept. 16 to allow for a general election in November.

The Territorial election, in 24 contituencies scattered throughout the North, is set for Monday November 21. Braden and Assembly Caucus Chairman Bruce McLaughlin made the announcement at a press conference today in this northern capital.

Braden said it is expected that Commissioner John Parker will issue the writ of election September 22.

Dissolution of the House is required in order to hold the election in November. Member's terms would otherwise run another five to six weeks past that date.

McLaughlin said members of the assembly had earlier expressed the desire to have the election process completed before the Christmas holiday season and, particularly, before Municipal elections scheduled for early December. In addition, a slightly earlier election would permit the new Executive Council to have greater input and preparation time before the February budget session.

Northern voters, this time around, will be electing an additional two members to the assembly - the result of a constituency review that took place earlier this year.

ELECTIONS SET FOR NOVEMBER: PAGE 2

That review, headed up by Chief Justice Joseph Potts of the Ontario Supreme Court, recommended establishment of a new riding in the Central Arctic region and the splitting in two of the Mackenzie Liard constituency.

The last general election was held on Oct. 1, 1979. That election saw the Assembly increased from 15 members to its present 22-member total. Its first session began Nov. 13 and shortly after five ministers were named to assume full-time responsibilities for various government portfolios.

Since then two additional ministers have been appointed, bringing the Executive Council membership up to seven elected members and two appointees - Commissioner Parker and Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot.

Following November's election, an eighth minister is expected to be named. In addition, the position of deputy commissioner will be redefined and its incumbent will no longer be a voting member of the Executive Council.

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LINGUISTS JOIN LANGUAGE BUREAU

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 15) - Two linguists have joined the Northwest Territories Language Bureau, a division of the department of information that provides interpreting and translating services in the Dene and Inuktitut languages.

Phil Howard of Yellowknife took over his new position Aug. 2 and is working in the Athapaskan languages while Betty Harnum, whose appointment was effective this week, will be specializing in Inuktitut dialects.

The linguists will act as resource people to the department, carrying out language research projects, linguistic instruction and maintaining liaison with Inuktitut and Athapaskan programs in Canada and other countries.

As well, the specialists will develop and publish word lists for the language bureau's interpreter-communicators and other language groups and train and certify interpreters in translation and linguistics.

Howard has extensive experience in linguistic research and teaching. Most recently he was a Dene language specialist with the department of education.

He first came north in 1953 when he went to Nahanni Butte as a missionary. It was at Nahanni Butte that he learned the Slavey language.

From that time until joining the department of education in 1978, he continued his linguist-missionary work for the Northern Canada Mission, as an administrator and trainer of new missionaries.

Howard developed the alphabet now used in written Slavey, wrote a grammar of Slavey verbs, translated parts of the Bible into Slavey and taught many courses in Slavey as a second language.

Inuktitut linguist Betty Harnum learned to speak, read and write the language while living in Cape Dorset from 1976 to 1979.

She has previous experience with the department's language bureau, has served as executive assistant to Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development James Wah-Shee from 1980 to 1981, and has taught Inuktitut at McGill University and to students at Thebacha College.

Harnum has also worked for the department of education developing bilingual education policy and has taught several courses to government employees wishing to learn Inuktitut.

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FOOD STORES CONVERT TO METRIC

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - Retail food stores in the Fort Smith and Inuvik Regions must convert their weigh scales to metric units this month says Consumer Affairs Officer Kathie McMillan.

"We have received word from the Metric Commission Canada that this final stage of conversion from Imperial to metric units must be completed by December of this year," she says.

The Metric Commission Canada states that shoppers have bought pre-packaged food in metric units for several years without recognizing the change.

Now items that are individually weighed in stores will also be purchased on a metric basis. This will include items such as meat, poultry, fish, cheese, fruit, vegetables, nuts and candy.

Grocery advertising can show prices by both metric and Imperial units until December, 1983. For example, ground meat may be advertised at both \$3.30 per kilogram and \$1.50 per pound.

As of January, 1984 metric units must be used exclusively in all retail food stores in Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik and other communities in the two regions.

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NEW HOME FOR FROBISHER BAY MUSEUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - The Nunatta Sunaqtangit Museum Society in Frobisher Bay received a \$50,000 contribution this week from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The funding, provided under the Community Museum Grants Program, was announced today by Justice and Public Services Minister George Braden.

This contribution will be used to relocate the "Things of the Land Museum" from its present location in the liquor warehouse to a building donated by the Hudson's Bay Company.

The regional Department of Public Works will supervise the moving of the building from Apex to a site provided by the Town of Frobisher Bay. DPW will also provide an architect and a project manager to oversee the renovations.

"I am pleased to see both levels of government, territorial and municipal, as well as private enterprise and community residents working together to preserve the Eastern Arctic culture through this museum," said Braden.

NEW HOME FOR MUSEUM: PAGE 2

Until the last few months, the Nunatta Sunaqtangit Museum has been run by volunteers. A paid curator, Joanne Bird, was recently appointed to oversee the daily operation of the museum.

Relocation of the building is expected to begin in the fall of 1983. Planning is now underway for the renovations which are scheduled to begin during the summer of 1984.

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KEEWATIN NORTHERN GAMES ASSOCIATION FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - A \$25,000 grant was given to the Keewatin Northern Games Association this month by Local Government Minister James Wah-Shee.

The funding covered the costs of hosting the 1983 regional games at Coral Harbour August 5-7. Participants from Baker Lake, Repulse Bay, Eskimo Point, Whale Cove, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Croal Harbour competed in traditional Inuit games such as the musk-ox fight and the one-arm reach.

The Keewatin games were the third in a series of regional northern games. Earlier this summer Inuvik hosted the Western Arctic games while Gjoa Haven was the site for the Kitikmeot games.

A separate northern games has never been held in the Baffin Region but has been included in the Baffin Student Games. This fall the region is considering hosting a major games event.

This is the first year that traditional native games have been held in each region of the N.W.T. Dene games have been planned, in conjunction with the Dene National Assembly, for Fort Resolution this September.

The Territorial Government will contribute a total of \$125,000 towards the traditional regional games as a part of its effort to promote northern native culture.

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ELDERS PORTRAITS AT ASSEMBLY

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - An exhibit of photographs of Inuit elders will decorate the Legislative Assembly chambers in Yellowknife during the assembly session starting Aug. 30.

The photographs were taken by Toronto freelance photographer Jill Turner.

While Turner was visiting friends in Pelly Bay in April, 1982 during the first Inuit Elders Conference, sponsored by the Inuit Cultural Institute, she was asked to take official photographs of the elders attending the conference.

Twenty-five of these 12" x 12" colour portraits will be on display.

Turner was also asked to photograph the elders who attended the second conference held in Rankin Inlet earlier this year.

Turner has a degree in photographic arts from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. She has travelled extensively in the north, visiting the NWT every summer for the past 15 years.

The final session of the 10th Legislative Assembly opens Aug. 30 and is expected to run about three weeks. Turner hopes to travel to Yellowknife during the session to view the exhibit of her photographs.

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YELLOWKNIFE SCHOOL BOARDS TO RECEIVE INCREASED FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 17) - The Territorial government will provide additional grants of \$170,000 to Yellowknife School District No. 1 and \$100,000 for District 2 for the 1983/84 school year.

The additional funding is to meet the increased costs of staff housing allowances, special education programs and other expenditures.

In announcing the grants, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson noted that both Yellowknife school boards had co-operated in restricting salary increases to six per cent for the upcoming school year.

In return, teachers will receive increased housing subsidies, the minister explained.

Grants to the two school districts are based on a formula using the GNWT's average cost per student to operate schools around Great Slave Lake.

These costs are calculated annually with 75 per cent provided by the Territorial government and Yellowknife taxpayers providing the remaining 25 per cent.

This year, the department of education will provide an extra \$150 per student in addition to the \$3605 per capita payment already calculated.

SCHOOL BOARDS RECEIVE FUNDING: PAGE 2

The increase will assist the boards in maintaining high-standard education programs, the minister said. The exact way in which the additional funding is to be allocated will be determined by each school board.

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WCF TO MEET AUGUST 22-23

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 18) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) will meet in Yellowknife Aug. 22 and 23 to finalize a funding agreement with the Federal government.

The WCF will meet in private session during the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 22 and all the following day in a meeting that is open to the public. The Aug. 23 meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in Room 206 of Northern United Place.

Forum members will review a detailed action plan and budget for the \$977,000 funding approved in July by the Treasury Board for this fiscal year. Additional discussion will include the review of five books of research prepared for the WCF and now ready for distribution.

Attending the meeting will be James Wah-Shee, minister of aboriginal rights and constitutional development; Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie; Georges Erasmus, president of the Dene Nation and newly-elected president of the Metis Association Wally Firth.

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STEVENS APPOINTED LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD CHAIRMAN

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 22) - Mike Stevens, a Yellowknife businessman, has been appointed Chairman of the Northwest Territories' Liquor Licensing Board.

His appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by Elected Executive Council Leader George Braden.

Stevens has been a member of the board for the past year and a half. He has lived and worked in the N.W.T. for 23 years and now owns and operates North Arm Construction in Yellowknife.

He replaces former Yellowknife businessman Gerry Reimann as chairman. Reimann held the position since 1978.

The Liquor Licensing Board is responsible for granting, renewing, transferring, cancelling or suspending liquor licences. The board is also responsible for inspecting licenses premises and granting special occasion liquor licences.

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'VEHICLES DAY' AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 24) - See the inside of a police car, an ambulance or a refrigerated tractor trailer at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

On Labour Day Monday, September 5, the Northern Heritage Centre is holding 'Vehicles Day'.

A range of different vehicles will be parked in the Centre's parking lot to allow the public to look them over between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The Centre's parking lot will be closed to public parking all day September 5. Access to the Heritage Centre will be by the causeway located behind the RCMP building.

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NCF MEETS IN COPPERMINE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 25) - Early action to resolve the boundary issue, the need to study the division of powers among various levels of government and a plan for community consultations this fall were discussed at a meeting of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum in Coppermine Aug. 23 and 24.

"We are all concerned that the boundary question is a stumbling block to progress and we will seek another meeting with the Western Constitutional Forum in September to try and sort out the concerns which exist on all sides", said NCF chairman Dennis Patterson, MLA for Frobisher Bay.

"It is clear to us", he added, "that fears of losing traditional hunting areas, concerns about the preservation of language and cultural and the many practical problems of where to look for schooling, hospital care and other services are causing uncertainty, especially in the Western and Central Arctic".

As a condition for creating new territories, the Federal government has required that an acceptable division of powers be worked out among the various levels of government. In acknowledging this, Patterson said "NCF will begin study of the problem of local and regional government powers now that we have a blueprint for a Nunavut/Federal division of powers as outlined in our paper, Building Nunavut".

"In addition, we will be seeking the views of regional and community councils, other groups and individuals through a series of public consultations this fall".

Consultations will begin in the Keewatin in September and move on to the High Arctic, South Baffin, the Central Arctic, and the Western Arctic before the end of the year, leading to a Nunavut constitutional conference planned for the spring of 1984.

Attending the Coppermine meeting were John Amagoalik, president of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada; Tungavik Federation of Nunavut chairman Bob Kadlun; Kane Tologanak, minister of health and social services; COPE representative Ed Dillon and Patterson.

The NCF took advantage of the talks in Coppermine to meet informally with community leaders and to hold a question and answer session with senior students at the local school.

John Amagoalik told the students that however remote some of the political issues might seem to them today, "you are the people - you and your children - for whom the decisions being taken today are most important". He asked them to think carefully about the proposals for Nunavut and to be ready to question and share their ideas with NCF during the community hearings.

Patterson, the Territorial government's minister of education as well as NCF chairman, said he was impressed by the quality of questions posed by the students. "You are the first such group we have talked to and you are helping us sharpen our ideas and prepare for the consultations throughout Nunavut".

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INUVIK TO HAVE EDUCATION SOCIETY

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 26) - Inuvik residents will have a greater voice in education in the region when an education society officially begins its work Sept. 1.

In announcing formation of the society today, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson explained that the society will undertake specific responsibility for seeking input from the regional education committees in the Inuvik area.

The Inuvik group received approval this spring at a meeting of regional education committees to have jurisdiction over the high school and to act as advocate for regional communities in matters relating to the operation of the high school, the minister said.

An education society is formed when a community education committee petitions the minister of education for the increased status. A society has greater control over education programs and, although it cannot hire its own teachers, is consulted on any teaching appointments. Education societies may also select the principal and vice-principal of their community schools.

Patterson noted the role of Inuvik education committee chairman Richard Barnes and MLA Tom Butters in formation of the society. "Both of these people worked very hard to ensure that all communities in the area would have a voice in education matters affecting the region."

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**TEMPORARY MOVE FOR PRINCE OF WALES NORTHERN
HERITAGE CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - The Library of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will close temporarily from September 15-30.

The Library will re-open in the auditorium of the Northern Heritage Centre October 3 and will be open by appointment only.

The Library is being re-located temporarily while the N.W.T. Archives undergoes renovations.

During the time the Library is closed, the N.W.T. Archives will remain open and archival holdings of photographs and government records will be available to researchers.

The film and lecture series held from September 15 - December 31 will be held in the Northern United Place. The Northern Heritage Centre's auditorium will not be open for use during this period.

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COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHTS CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 30) - Constitutional and political development advancements achieved over the past four years in the Northwest Territories were highlighted today by Commissioner John Parker in his opening address to the eleventh session of the ninth Legislative Assembly.

The assembly is meeting in this northern capital for the last time before general elections are held in November.

Commissioner Parker reviewed the history of the legislature, starting with the pre-1949 N.W.T. Council of six appointed federal officials in Ottawa to its present structure of 22 elected members.

"...this Legislative Assembly and this government has not stood still, nor rested on its laurels," he said, before outlining the establishment of ministerial government, structure changes made to the Executive Council, the increasing size of the Assembly and "the ever-more demanding role played by MLA's in the day-to-day political life of the Northwest Territories."

While acknowledging these achievements, the Commissioner also paid tribute to the many people who helped in these endeavours such as former Legislative Assembly Clerk "Binx" Remnant, his successor David Hamilton and his staff, Deputy Commissioner Bob Pilot and federal officials.

"We should recognize too the contribution toward our political development that has been made by the Honourable John Munro and other federal ministers with whom we have dealt with over the past four years," he added.

Parker also pointed out that though the N.W.T. has experienced a recession and is faced with high unemployment and financial restraints, there are hopeful signs of economic upturn including the Norman Wells oilfield expansion and pipeline project which is being developed by Esso Resources and Interprovincial Pipelines Ltd. "in a socio-economically and environmentally acceptable manner."

"In Norman Wells, 40 per cent of the current work force of 1100 are northerners," said Parker, "of which at least one-half are native northerners."

The continuing spirit of trust and co-operation between aboriginal organizations and the members and committees of the Legislative Assembly was also commented on by the Commissioner. The Division Plebiscite, the Special Committees on Constitutional Development and Division, the Constitutional Alliance, the Nunavut and Western Constitution Forums were highlighted by Parker as accomplishments of "this new and positive working relationship among northerners."

Achievements realized in several government departments were also highlighted by the Commissioner. These included the establishment of various boards, bureaus and divisions including the Language Bureau with Dene interpreter/communicators; the Pollution Control Division; the Environment Planning and Assessment Division; the Caribou Management Board and the Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat.

Other achievements highlighted by the Commissioner included: the continuing development of strong and effective local governments; the first step in implementing the Special Committee on Education recommendations with an amendment to the Education Ordinance; the expansion of the student financial assistance program of loans and bursaries; the establishment of the Indigenous Language Development Fund; decentralization of programs and activities within the Department of Economic Development and Tourism; signing of the Economic Development Agreement; recruitment and training of northerners in the provision of Social Services and increased public awareness of health and health services.

Commissioner Parker also commented on the Inuit Circumpolar Conference held in Frobisher Bay and Prime Minister Trudeau's recent northern tour which included his participation in Inuvik's 25th anniversary.

He also announced that Dr. Jack Hildes of Winnipeg, a former Director of the Northern Medical Unit and member of the Science Advisory Board, will receive the Commissioner's Award for Public Service at the highest level.

A total of 13 bills will be introduced for consideration during this session of the Assembly, including amendments to the Wildlife Ordinance, Education Ordinance and Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance. New legislation will include a regional and tribal councils ordinance and a water resources agreements ordinance.

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CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PAPERS RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - Research papers covering such topics as residency requirements, protection of aboriginal rights, guaranteed representation, regional governments and the principles of liberal-democratic government were jointly released last week by the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) and the Legislative Assembly's Special Committee on Constitutional Development.

A total of eight research papers have been sponsored by the two groups.

The Special Committee on Constitutional Development, chaired by Deh Cho MLA Nick Sibbeston, sponsored five research and discussion papers: Residency Requirements Limiting Voting Rights to Permanent Residents; A Statistical Analysis of Residency and Mobility Patterns in the Northwest Territories; Constitutional Development and the Protection of Aboriginal Rights; Guaranteed Representation of Aboriginal Rights in Institutions of Public Government and Regional Government in the Western Northwest Territories - A Discussion Paper.

The WCF sponsored the development of three research papers: Regional Governments: A Selective Review; Liberal-Democratic Society and Government in Canada and the WCF Constitutional Workbook. Only the Constitutional Workbook has not been completed yet.

Sibbeston will table all the research and discussion papers at the fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT: PAGE 2

All current research materials relevant to constitutional development in the western N.W.T. will be reviewed by WCF members and constitutional development advisors. This material includes research prepared by the Nunavut Constitutional Forum, the soon to be released report of the Special Committee on Division of the Northwest Territories and the proposed local government ordinance.

WCF members will use the research materials to help them reach an agreement on principles for political development in the western N.W.T. The research will also be used in the preparation of information/education packages and community workshops. The information packages will be distributed in the Western Arctic communities.

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LOVELY APPOINTED EDUCATION ADM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 1) - Ken Lovely has been appointed an assistant deputy minister with the Department of Education.

His appointment, effective September 26, was announced jointly today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson and Commissioner John Parker.

Lovely will head up a new training division within the department which will pull together all training-related functions now carried out by various GNWT departments and agencies. He will be responsible for organizing the division and having it operational by April 1, 1984.

A working group, chaired by Lovely, will assist in working out the details and arrangements for the organization of the training division. This group will be comprised of representatives from Manpower Development, the Housing Corporation, the Language Bureau, the Priorities and Planning Secretariat, the Financial Management Secretariat and the Departments of Health, Social Services, Local Government, Personnel and Renewable Resources.

"This new division should clear up any confusion that now exists by providing a 'single window' approach to government training programs," said Patterson.

Lovely is presently Chief of Staff Relations with the Department of Personnel. He has held this position for the past three years. He has been employed with the Territorial Government since 1970 and has held several positions including head of staffing and regional personnel manager.

As a resident of the Northwest Territories for the past 16 years, Lovely has lived in Yellowknife, Frobisher Bay and Churchill.

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PRELUDE WILDLIFE TRAIL OPEN TO VISITORS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 2) - Visitors to Yellowknife will now be able to learn more about the area and its wildlife by hiking along a new interpretative trail at Prelude Lake.

The trail was designed and developed by Northern Frontier Country, the same Yellowknife-based tourism association that developed the Trail of the Prospector at Long Lake last year.

Funding for the project, provided by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, also covered the cost of printing a Prelude Wildlife Trail brochure.

"This trail and the Trail of the Prospector at Long Lake are the first interpretative trails to be developed by a local tourism association through funding provided by the Territorial Government," said Arnold McCallum, minister of economic development and tourism. "Whenever possible, local tourism associations receive funding to upgrade and provide services in our Territorial parks.

Brochures outlining background information on the immediate area are made available to hikers at the beginning of each self-guiding, interpretative trail. A number of stations, corresponding to the brochure, located along the trail provide hikers with specific information on the geology, history, wildlife and wildlife habitat of the area. For example, the Trail of the Prospector provides information on the geology and gold mining efforts in the Yellowknife area while the Prelude Wildlife Trail outlines the types of wildlife found in the area and their habitat.

Brochures for the interpretative trails are available in specially marked boxes at each trail or from local tourism offices.

Tourist facilities along the Ingraham Trail were also upgraded this season. More picnic tables and barbecues were added to the Yellowknife River park site. At Reid Lake, picnic tables were anchored to the ground to ensure their availability to tourists and visitors.

Two park officers assigned to the area resupplied woodboxes, repaired and anchored floating docks located along the Ingraham Trail.

A gravel foot path, covering the parking lot and the first 100 yards of the trail, was completed at Cameron River Falls. The trail was moved back to its original site bypassing a muskeg bog. For easier access to this tourist attraction, park officials are planning to build a boardwalk and footbridge at the falls.

The Marten Lake and Big Hill Lake trails were also marked with signs by park officials so people could easily find both trails.

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FEDERATION GETS GRANT MONIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 2) - Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo today announced \$35,000 in financial assistance to help the NWT Hunters' and Trappers' Federation combat the anti-trapping lobby.

"Lobby groups in southern Canada and foreign countries have publically stated their intention to destroy the trapping industry in Canada," Nerysoo stated.

"The impact of these pressure groups on traditional lifestyles of Dene and Inuit peoples of the Territories could be horrendous unless it is stopped."

The minister stated the grant money will allow the Territorial federation to organize itself for the purposes of seeking project money from other funding sources such as the Economic Development Agreement, other federal agencies and private funding sources.

"An activist central organization in the Territories with the principal goal of protection of the fur industry is important in the fight against anti-trapping pressures," he said.

Nerysoo noted the department of renewable resources, responsible for wildlife management in the NWT, was already in the process of re-aligning some of its internal priorities to assist in the fight.

FEDERATION GETS GRANT MONIES: PAGE 2

The grant money identified for the Federation resulted from internal budget adjustments.

"I appreciate that it will take a lot more than \$35,000 to mount an effective campaign," Nerysoo stated.

"But with support from other agencies and programs - once an organization is in place - I hope that a sufficient amount of money can be raised."

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FINANCIAL HELP FOR IMPACT STUDIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 2) - Grant monies to allow northern hunters and trappers the chance for effective participation in the federal Beaufort Environmental Assessment and Review Process were announced today by Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo.

Nerysoo said a grant of \$4,000 each will be given to hunters' and trappers' associations active in the Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort Sea areas. Total grant monies for all nine groups amounts to \$36,000.

The assistance, he noted, is supported by officials of the Beaufort Sea-Mackenzie Delta Development Impact Zone Group.

The federal review process into the oil industry's \$60-billion dollar plus proposals to bring Beaufort Sea oil to market are scheduled to begin Sept. 14 in Tuktoyaktuk. The public hearings are slated to run until mid-December.

First stage of the hearings will be held in 17 communities in the western and eastern arctic and the Mackenzie River Valley. This stage, involving public sessions for community residents, will run through September and October.

The second stage begins Nov. 9 in Inuvik and ends Dec. 16 in Ottawa.

"Effective representation of the concerns of local hunters and trappers is an essential part of the Beaufort environmental assessment and review process," Nerysoo stated.

He added that the grants will allow the groups to research the effects of overall Beaufort development and pipeline construction on their trapping and hunting activities as well as to participate in the hearings.

Hunters' and Trappers' Associations in the Mackenzie Delta communities of Inuvik, Aklavik, Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River will each receive a grant. Associations to receive grants in the Beaufort Sea area are based in the communities of Tuktoyaktuk, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Holman Island and Coppermine.

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NEW WORK EXPERIENCE RECORD AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 7) - A new employment record will make it easier for employers to assess the skills and training of job applicants.

The Work Experience Book, developed recently by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism is a resume of a worker's experience and training.

After each period of employment, the employer completes a page of the record book, including dates of employment, duties, equipment operated and training.

A copy of this information is then sent to the department of economic development where it is kept on file while another copy remains in the book as a permanent record for the employee.

In this way the employee can maintain an accurate, up-to-date record of skills and experience to present when seeking employment or training.

NEW WORK EXPERIENCE: PAGE 2

The book helps both employers and employees to see a pattern in the job applicant's employment history. It will also assist workers who do not have a resume and seasonal employees who change jobs frequently.

The Work Experience Book is available from manpower development officers or the manpower development division, department of economic development and tourism in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7614.

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NWT METIS ASSOCIATION FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 8) - Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo presented a \$27,500 cheque to Wally Firth, president of the NWT Metis Association, yesterday.

This is the first quarterly payment of a \$110,000 contribution made by the Executive Council to the Metis Association. Contributions have been provided by the Executive Council to the association in previous years.

The funding, provided under the Executive Grants and Contributions Policy, will be used to carry out day to day activities and operations of the various Metis Association locals at the community level.

Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum and Finance Minister Tom Butters were also involved in the cheque presentation ceremony at the Explorer Hotel.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR INGRAHAM TRAIL UPGRADING

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 8) - Robinson's Trucking Ltd. of Yellowknife has been awarded a contract for upgrading two sections of the Ingraham Trail.

The \$234,000 contract was announced today by George Braden, MLA for Yellowknife North, and Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum.

This upgrading is in conjunction with the expansion of Giant Mines' open pit operation. Mine waste purchased from Giant will be crushed and used as fill for the road work.

The contract is to start Sept. 14 and be completed by Nov. 2.

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STATUS OF WOMEN CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 8) - Sheila Keet of Yellowknife has been appointed co-ordinator of the Territorial government's Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Her appointment was announced today by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women. Ms. Keet's appointment was recommended by a selection committee and approved today by the Executive Council.

Her appointment is effective Oct. 1.

As co-ordinator Ms. Keet will work with the Advisory Council to recommend the establishment of an office within the government to deal with women's issues and to handle complaints relating to the status of women in the NWT.

The Executive Council recently allocated \$221,000 to set up this office and provide two staff members. Members of the Advisory Council are expected to be named by the minister soon.

STATUS OF WOMEN CO-ORDINATOR APPOINTED: PAGE 2

Ms. Keet is presently director of human resource development with the Native Women's Association of the NWT and was executive director of Mental Health NWT before joining the association. She has been active in women's issues for many years.

"Ms. Keet has long experience in the North and she brings to this position great understanding and sympathy with women's issues in the NWT", the minister said. "She will be working to ensure that the Advisory Council is effective in advancing the status of women here".

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GNWT WRITES OFF HAY RIVER DEBT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 9) - Debenture loans and accumulated interest, amounting to approximately \$436,800, granted to the Town of Hay River in 1974 and 1975 will be written off by the Territorial Government.

The announcement was made this week by Hay River MLA Don Stewart on behalf of Local Government Minister James Wah-Shee.

The debenture loans were used by the Town of Hay River to prepare a development plan for Vale Island in anticipation of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline. The loans were to be paid off with revenue generated through the sale of land in the area.

"Because of the no pipeline decision, the Town has been unable to repay the loans and interest from land sales," said Stewart.

The Town of Hay River will pay the Territorial Government \$1,855.60, revenue from the sale of land in the area to date. All vacant or uncommitted properties in the Vale Island area will be returned to the Territorial Government and no grant-in-lieu of taxes will be charged on the properties.

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NERYSOO TO ATTEND WILDLIFE MINISTERS' MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 9) - Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo will attend a meeting of ministers responsible for wildlife across Canada in Winnipeg Sept. 13.

One of the main areas of discussion at the one-day meeting will be the establishment of the Fur Institute of Canada, an organization with representatives of the fur industry, trappers, buyers and federal, provincial and territorial governments.

The purpose of the Institute is to help develop and expand the industry and its markets in Europe, the minister said. "We will also be discussing ways of defending the industry against the anti-trapping lobby, humane trapping techniques and developing support programs".

As well, representatives attending the meeting plan to discuss a waterfowl management plan for Canada, the provinces and the territories leading to negotiations with the U.S. for sharing the management and harvest of migratory bird populations.

Also on the agenda will be the final review of Guidelines for a Wildlife Policy, an umbrella policy for joint federal/provincial management of wildlife resources.

Ministers at the meeting will examine progress on the migratory bird protocol and the future of Canada/U.S. negotiations on amendments to the Migratory Bird Convention to allow the spring harvest of birds in Northern Canada. This issue is of special importance to the NWT, the minister explained.

Other areas of discussion during the conference

include:

- the feasibility of surveying the value of wildlife, especially to the economy of northern Canada and to northern native people;
- revisions to the Import/Export Act to bring the act up-to-date and alleviate problems for northern residents or seasonal hunters crossing provincial or federal borders; and,
- the need for an integrated management program for polar bears in Hudson Bay and Foxe Basin among the governments of the NWT, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

"The Territorial government will be a full participant in these talks and we will be raising many issues that directly affect northern lifestyles and the economy", Nerysoo said.

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FROBISHER BAY CHURCH HALL TO BE UPGRADED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - Jean Chretien, federal minister of energy, and Arnold McCallum, Territorial minister of public works, today announced funding to upgrade the energy efficiency of St. Jude's Parish Hall in Frobisher Bay.

The governments will contribute a total of \$30,500 under the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement (CREDA) towards the \$80,400 project.

The exterior of the building will be insulated with foam polyurethane over the existing structure. A polyurethane foam insulation is nearly twice as efficient as fibreglass batts, requires a lighter structure to support it and, as a result, is 40 per cent cheaper than insulation requiring conventional framing. The retrofit will also include triple-glazed windows, metal insulated doors, neoprene weather stripping, thermal window shutters and new siding.

"The savings from the project are estimated at \$5,100 a year with the energy-efficient features paying for themselves within 16 years", said McCallum. "There will be additional benefits as a result of the retrofit, including reduced maintenance, fuel savings, greater use of the building and improved appearance".

"This project is part of a continuing effort to demonstrate the energy improvements that can be made to existing buildings," Chretien said. "It is especially useful in the Arctic, where the extreme climate makes energy efficiency so important".

The project will be monitored for a year, after which a report and slides demonstrating the savings and benefits of this projects will be presented at

seminars.

For more information, contact the energy conservation division, department of public works, government of the NWT in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7203.

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ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOUSE TO BE BUILT IN HAY RIVER

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - Jean Chretien, federal minister of energy, and Arnold McCallum, Territorial Minister of Public Works, today announced a contribution of \$5,200 toward the construction of an energy-efficient demonstration house in Hay River.

Features of the house include a compact design with a minimum number of windows and use of an air-to-air heat exchanger for controlled ventilation. The house will be heated with a wood-fired boiler and airtight stove. Controlled ventilation is a safety requirement for stoves used in well-sealed residences. Electric baseboard heaters will provide back-up heat.

The energy-saving features will cost a total of \$15,900 of which the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement (CREDA) will provide \$5,200.

"This small-scale project will provide valuable information to homeowners, contractors and government", McCallum said.

"It is particularly important to share energy technologies in the residential sector, since it is through the widespread application of these technologies that substantial reductions can be made in energy consumption," stated Chretien.

The house, estimated to cost \$72,500, exceeds the standards for super energy-efficient housing by 30 per cent. The reduced annual heating and hot water needs will result in a saving of approximately 5,135 litres of oil or \$2,380 annually.

The house belongs to Sandra Lester and is being built 20 km south of Hay River. The energy-efficient

demonstration house will be monitored for a year and a final report on the project will be available to the public, industry and government.

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ARCTIC RED RIVER RECEIVES RADIO AND T.V.

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - Arctic Red River is now receiving radio and television through satellite equipment provided by the Territorial Government's Department of Information.

The community is receiving the CBC Northern Television Service and CBC regional radio from Inuvik.

The installation, completed this weekend, brings to 22 the number of communities throughout the NWT receiving radio and TV service through the government's Northern Communications Program. The Department of Information provides facilities to communities with less than 500 population that do not have radio and television service.

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**CHANGES IN PENSIONS NEEDED FOR NORTHERN WOMEN -
PATTERSON**

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 13) - The Federal government's proposed pension reforms do not meet the needs of northern native women, Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women, told the Parliamentary Task Force on Pension Reform.

Patterson urged the task force to consider the situation of native women as a special needs group.

The minister told the hearing in Yellowknife last week that native women are being discriminated against for living a traditional lifestyle. Women who lived off the land are being doubly penalized because their husbands usually were not part of the wage economy either.

As a result, neither is eligible for private pension plans. "There are no vehicles in the present pension system to accommodate these people", the minister told the task force.

"These northern native women cannot be ignored and should not be made to suffer for a culture and life-style they held", he said.

Patterson called for special provisions to be made for northern women, either through the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or through some special needs funding scheme.

The minister also wants special consideration for female pensioners who produce arts and crafts. At present they are required to declare income from the sale of crafts, reducing their pension income. "The present system discourages these women from maintaining any level or feeling of self-sufficiency and the dignity that accompanies it".

As well, the federal government's pension reform proposals do not recognize the work of women who choose to remain at home as full-time homemakers or to care for disabled family members, Patterson said. Women in these positions should be considered and provided for.

"We as a society have the moral obligation and the responsibility of caring for our aged. As a modern industrial nation with a high standard of living we cannot allow our elderly to live in sub-standard conditions", the minister said.

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NORTHERN ECONOMY NEEDS BUILDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 13) - The economy of the Northwest Territories needs to be built, not re-built, according to Economic Development Minister Arnold McCallum.

McCallum made the remark Monday at the Yellowknife session of the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada - also known as the MacDonald Commission.

In his presentation, the minister stated the development of the north's economy is "very different" from development in the south. In southern Canada, the economy is attempting to recover by re-training people to meet changing demands, particularly those of technological change.

The north, however, is still in the process of developing its economy and is straining desperately to train its work force to meet the needs of that development, he said.

With a growing, young and predominately native work force, McCallum stated it is important to provide ample employment opportunities. But, he added, the cost of the required training and the rapid pace of resource development makes it difficult to meet the demands.

Only if the Territorial government is given access to resource revenue sharing, can it afford to do the best job possible, the commission was told.

McCallum noted the problems of land use and allocation are also factors that are out of northern control. The Canadian Oil and Gas Lands Administration determines the pace of oil and gas development in the north, he said, with no direct control by the Territorial government.

The proposed taxation of northern allowances is another serious concern, the minister stated.

He emphasized the concern that such taxation would result in fly in - fly out workforces, giving employment to southerners instead of northern residents. He also cited factors that indicated the taxation would impact the housing market and discourage new housing starts as well as affect settlement patterns in the north.

McCallum's statement also called for a quick and fair settlement of land claims. This, he said, would result in ownership of land by native people and would contribute to greater native involvement in business and employment - removing much uncertainty over development in the north.

In conclusion, he stated that it was apparent that the comparatively simple state of economic development in the north is in many ways more fundamentally complex than in other regions of Canada.

"While the potential for economic development in future years is seemingly optimistic, many challenges have yet to be overcome," McCallum stated.

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GYRFALCON LICENCES ISSUED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept 14) - Licences for the capture of gyrfalcons for commercial purposes have been issued to two hunters and trappers associations in the Kitikmeot Region, announced Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo this week.

The Coppermine Hunters and Trappers Association has been licensed to harvest up to five young-of-the-year birds while the Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association has been licensed to harvest up to seven young-of-the-year birds.

Both projects are expected to begin soon and will be monitored by Department of Renewable Resources officials.

"This limited harvest takes into account the latest biological information available from gyrfalcon surveys conducted by the department earlier this year," said the minister.

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NERYSOO ANNOUNCES RESOURCE COMPENSATION POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 15) - A policy designed to protect hunters, trappers and fishermen from the effects of renewable resource development was announced today by Renewable Resources minister Richard Nerysoo at the Beaufort Environmental Assessment hearings in Aklavik.

The Renewable Resource Compensation Policy, developed through discussion with industry, hunters and trappers associations, native organizations and the public, will complement the Northwest Territories Resource Development Policy. Consultation on the implementation of the policy will take place.

"The policy will ensure the general protection of the public from environmental impacts resulting from resource development as well as protecting the interests of people who rely on certain renewable resources for their livelihood," stated Nerysoo.

Under the new policy, any developer who proposes a major resource development project must prepare and submit a detailed compensation plan to the Territorial Government before project approval is given.

The compensation plan must include information on the number of people who make their living off the land in the area that might be affected by the project. The developer must indicate any potential loss of renewable resources which might occur in the area, and demonstrate his ability to provide financial compensation in case adverse environmental effects occur.

"These plans will form the basis of compensation agreements between the developer and the

community or individuals affected by the resource development project," the minister explained.

The Renewable Resource Compensation Policy is based on the following four principles:

1 People dependent on renewable resources for their livelihood require protection against the effects of development.

2 Costs associated with the loss of renewable resources must be considered part of any development project.

3 The resource developer is responsible for paying costs associated with impacts resulting from development.

4 Reducing or softening the impact on renewable resources is the primary goal in managing the effects of development, and is a prerequisite to considering any compensation agreements.

"All compensation plans and agreements will be assessed and reviewed by the Territorial Government to ensure they meet GNWT Resource Development Policy requirements," said Nerysoo.

Individuals or companies who rely on renewable resources for domestic, subsistence or commercial use will be covered by the policy.

A claims process included in the policy states that anyone initiating a claim for damages must deal directly with the developer. Renewable Resources field officers can provide assistance in completing the compensation claim. Claims that cannot be settled directly between the individual initiating the claim and the developer will be referred to the Compensation Review Board.

This Review Board appointed by the minister will consist of three members, representing industry, hunters and trappers associations and the general public.

"All resource development activities in the N.W.T. must comply with this new policy," Nerysoo stated.

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TOURISM MARKETING ASSOCIATION FORMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 15) - A provincial/Territorial marketing organization has been formed to sell Canadian tourism in the United States.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum announced formation of the co-operative group at the Legislative Assembly last week.

The group, which includes the NWT, Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, will focus on marketing outdoor and adventure-type tourism to travellers in the northeastern United States.

"In response to requests from the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce and tourism industry operators from the Big River and Northern Frontier Tourism Zone Associations, TravelArctic attended a meeting of marketing directors in Regina August 31," the minister said.

At the meeting similar products were identified and specific U.S. markets were selected. The four jurisdictions were joined by Tourism Canada and the group is presently working to develop the program details, McCallum said.

"This new initiative has resulted in the development of a strong partnership with the provinces and will provide major benefits for NWT tourism", he said.

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TravelArctic is continuing its efforts to increase markets for NWT tourism products through discussions with the gateway provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, the minister added.

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TOURISM SEMINAR PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 15) - Tour North I, the first in a series of planned 'buyer-seller' travel trade marketplaces, will be held in Yellowknife September 28-29 announced Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum this week.

Tour North I, produced in conjunction with the province of Alberta, will encourage the development and sale of northern packaged tours to southern travel agencies.

"This extensive seminar is a new approach to the development of tourism in the N.W.T.," said McCallum. "It presents a chance for our smaller operators to meet face-to-face with southern and international wholesalers interested in handling northern tour packages."

Northern operators from the Travel Industry Association and five regional tourism zones, including the Western Arctic Visitors Association, the Northern Frontier Visitors Association, the Big River Travel Association, the Arctic Coast Tourist Association and the Baffin Tourism Committee, have been invited to attend the seminar.

Travel Alberta arranged for 10 wholesalers from Canada and the United States, a cross-section of the travel industry, to attend the seminar. These southern and international wholesalers will play a major role in the seminar.

"This seminar will serve three purposes," said the minister. "It will develop and promote the tourism

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potential for the Fort Smith/Mackenzie Valley region while promoting Edmonton as the gateway to the Western Arctic and will also develop and promote the tourism potential of the N.W.T."

Discussions at the seminar will centre on selling existing and new northern tourism packages to southern agencies and creating new opportunities for N.W.T. tours or events for addition to larger, more comprehensive southern tourism packages.

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COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES ASSEMBLY DISSOLUTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - Commissioner John Parker today announced the dissolution of the Ninth Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

Permission for dissolution was granted by the Governor-General of Canada through an order-in-council.

The order-in-council allows the Commissioner to issue the writs for election of a new assembly to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada. This will start the electoral process which will conclude with voting day November 21.

Elections will be held in 24 constituencies in the Northwest Territories.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 16) - Jim Britton, Baffin regional director, has been named deputy minister of the department of economic development and tourism.

His appointment was one of several announced today by Commissioner John Parker and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

"Mr. Britton will bring a wealth of experience as a senior manager to this position", McCallum said in making the announcement.

Britton takes over his new position October 24. He replaces Larry Gilberg who has stepped down to take extended leave for medical reasons. "We expect Mr. Gilberg to return in a few months to resume a senior position in government", Commissioner Parker said.

Appointed to fill Britton's position in Frobisher Bay is Gary Black, who has been director of the Kitikmeot Region since 1981. Prior to that, he was assistant regional director in Cambridge Bay.

Lee Horn has been named assistant deputy minister of economic development and tourism, effective immediately. He now holds the position of manager of the finance and administration division with the department. He has been in this position since 1981 and with the GNWT since 1971.

Britton has been Baffin regional director since 1979. Before moving to Frobisher Bay he was chief of corrections for the department of social services. He has been with the Territorial government since 1968,

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holding social services positions in Hay River, Fort
Smith, Churchill, Frobisher Bay and Yellowknife.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the
University of Alberta and a Master's Degree in social
work from the University of British Columbia.

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SPORT HUNTING RESTRICTIONS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 19) - Hunting restrictions along some road systems in the Fort Simpson area were recently announced by Renewable Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo.

"These restrictions apply to all big game hunters," said the minister, "and were established with the advice and support of community groups in the Deh Cho area."

Amendments, made to the Wildlife General Regulations and the Mackenzie Development Area Regulations, make it illegal for big game hunters to discharge a firearm in two specific areas: from the junction of the Mackenzie and Yellowknife highways to Wrigley and from the junction of the Mackenzie and Liard highways to the N.W.T. border. This applies only to the area within one kilometre of both sides of the centre line of these highways.

These restrictions do not affect small game and migratory bird hunting or trapping.

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FUNDING FOR ADULT EDUCATORS APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 20) - Funding to hire adult educators in two Kitikmeot communities this fall has been approved by the Territorial Government announced Education Minister Dennis Patterson today.

The funding of \$45,000 will be used to restore positions that were cut several years ago in Spence Bay and Coppermine. The funding decision came in response to strong requests for the re-establishment of these positions made by the residents of the two communities, the Kitikmeot Local Education Authority and local MLA Kane Tologanak.

"There is an urgent need for adult educators in both Spence Bay and Coppermine," said the minister. "Without basic upgrading the residents of these communities will not be able to participate in resource and development opportunities now available or qualify for apprenticeship and training programs."

The adult educators will begin a six-month term in the two communities on October 1.

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The Following Material is Distributed on Behalf of the
Board of Governors, Thebacha College:

STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 20) - The board of governors of Thebacha College presented to the Commissioner, Minister of Education, and the Executive Council of the Government of the Northwest Territories, a detailed Strategic Plan for the development of college programs in the N.W.T. over the next ten years.

Board members, representing all regions of the N.W.T., initiated this work during the early months of 1983 culminating in the final report presented to the government on September 15, 1983, by chairman, Fernand Denault, and members of the board.

The report has identified needs for post-school training and the resources necessary to develop and deliver the required training over the next decade. The report has developed a series of specific recommendations to the Government of the N.W.T., that will allow the board of governors to carry out it's mandate of operating a college for all northern people.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STUDY BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This document is a Strategic Plan for Thebacha College. It is the result of a contract between the G.N.W.T. and RMC Resources Management Consultants (N.W.T.) Ltd., managed by the Board of Governors of the College. The purpose of the plan is to document the current status of the College in terms of its utilization, strengths and weakness; and, to develop future planning directions, in the face of external needs for educational services, and the environmental forces that will affect the nature of College development.

MAJOR FINDINGS

After an introduction to the study, this report discusses three questions: WHAT DO WE HAVE NOW, HOW WELL DOES IT WORK, and, WHAT WILL WE NEED?

In response to the first question, the study found that N.W.T. students have a large "menu" of course offerings available to them, although access to these courses remained problematic for those coming from remote areas. An inventory of programs available in Fort Smith and in the regions was compiled.

An assessment of enrolment patterns showed a growth in enrolment over a 10 year period, and that participation rates had increased. An important finding of the study was that a large number of post-school students go south for their education. Of 652 students obtaining support from the Student Financial Assistance Board in September 1983, only 17% were going to attend Thebacha, 322 (49%) were leaving to go to universities and 187 (29%) to Colleges and trade institutes in the south.

The major strengths of the College were found to be in its human resources (including staff, administration and the Board), its willingness to provide courses to the regions (a still limited function), and in the reasonable level of funding the College enjoys.

Weaknesses at the College primarily included a number of management system deficiencies, and a general concern over the ambiguity on governance currently facing the Board. The problems of adequate access to programs were found to be intensified by the cultural, distance, and physical geography differences between the eastern and western parts of the N.W.T.



In response to the second question of HOW WELL DOES IT WORK? the study found that on balance, the College works well and has a promising future; but, as any 2 year old, it still has a way to grow, to develop and mature, before it can respond with a high level of effectiveness and efficiency to needs of the north.

To establish the needs the College must respond to in the future, the study examined the general context of the N.W.T., which represents the environment within which the College is a major player. The findings indicate that the educational stock of the N.W.T. (as measured by highest levels of schooling; participation in schools by the age group 15-24; and highest formal credentials such as diplomas, degrees etc.), is lower in most cases than Canada as a whole, Yukon, Alberta, and Ontario. An indication of the level of problem is that almost 2 in 5 people over 15 years old had reached a maximum level of attainment less than grade nine, making them nominally illiterate. (The comparable level for Canada is about half that of the N.W.T.)

Further contextual issues reviewed included the implications of the Report of the Special Committee on Education and the Artic College concept; external values and expectatons; Government of Canada support programs; and, other change factors, including the possibility of major N.W.T. capital projects, settlement of land claims and the possible division of the N.W.T. The implications arising out of these issues formed the basis for recommendations in Chapter 4. However, it was clear at an early stage of the study that the low level of educational stock presented a challenge and special opportunity to the College to contribute to improvements through upgrading and other programs. As well, it was evident that the promise of major capital development in the N.W.T. was still pending. The indeterminate waiting time afforded an opportunity to build administrative and system capability so that responsiveness could be enhanced, and the stresses of sudden growth could be better withstood, should the major projects be approved.

A major finding of the study is that the College must pursue the understanding and use of Distance Education Technologies (teleconferencing, computer assisted instruction, Telidon etc.) if it hopes to deal with the major constraint of northern geography. Again, a major constraint was seen to present a major opportunity, to become expert in the use of modern technologies to provide better services across the N.W.T.

To identify program needs, a sector by sector analysis of the economy was undertaken.



Based on conservative assumptions about economic growth, the findings were that:

- * A high unemployment rate was likely in the late 1990's.
- * Native people are likely to be most affected because of their extremely limited vertical integration.
- * Nearly 7000 people will likely enter the labour force during 1986-1996.
- * The top five industries that would take up this labour force were identified for priority programming.
- * The need for an industrial training review process by the College to evaluate specific manpower requirements by major industry, should be established.

Again, under conservative assumptions and no changes in programming, College enrolment for the 1986-1996 period was forecast, with a total of 344 or so students anticipated by 1996 for the College.

Having assessed the present and the future the College Board established:

1. A COMMITMENT TO GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT; which it would achieve by:
 - * expanding its current course offerings in number and location;
 - * negotiating the takeover of courses offered by certain government departments;
 - * recapturing a larger share of northern students going to southern institutions for their post-school/post-secondary education;
 - * extending its capture of potential students beyond the age of about 35;
 - * aggressively advertising and promoting its offerings and capability; and
 - * improving the quality of its programming and service delivery.



2. PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES, based on the analysis of needs by economic sector, indicate that industries to be targetted for development of special programs will be:
- * Government (particularly the Departments of Education and Public Works);
 - * Community Businesses, and Personal Services;
 - * Mining;
 - * Trade; and
 - * Transportation, Communications and Utilities.
3. A RESPONSE TO MAJOR N.W.T. CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS, involving a strategy of not developing programs and facilities at this stage, in view of the indeterminacy of these projects; rather, using the available time to develop and enhance management skills and systems to be able to respond effectively and quickly in the future.

The Board also developed a set of recommendations that establish the broad concept of the College and its structure. The main points are set out as recommendations to the G.N.W.T. Accordingly, the Board recommends to the G.N.W.T. the acceptance of the following basic College parameters:

AIMS

- R1 To contribute to improvements in the educational stock of the N.W.T. in the belief that a better educated society will be better able to enlarge, share and enjoy the quality of life in the N.W.T.;

To provide new opportunities through expanded program offerings for students to take their education in the north, in the expectation they will more likely stay here; and

To enhance the vertical integration capability of northerners so that they can move into jobs that might otherwise be taken up by people from the south.

COLLEGE MANDATE

- R2 The Arctic College be established under the governance of the Board of the current Thebacha College, and that the Fort Smith campus be declared as the Thebacha campus of the Arctic College;

and, further that:



- R3 The current senior administration of Thebacha become the corresponding senior administration of Arctic College for an interim period, until such time as the Board of the Arctic College makes changes it deems appropriate or made necessary by circumstances.
- R4 The broad purpose of the Arctic College be the delivery of post - school services to adult learners of the Territories, together with any service delivery, planning, research, administration activities associated with adult education that may be deemed appropriate, jointly by the Board and the G.N.W.T. Executive Committee.
- R5 The Minister of Education introduce legislation to establish the Arctic College under corporate Board governance, with the Board being accountable to the Minister and the G.N.W.T. Executive Council for the execution of its responsibility for the stewardship of the Arctic College, its programs, human, physical and financial resources; and, further
- R6 The terms of reference of the Board of Governors of the Arctic College will be based on the draft documents (see Appendix 6) under discussion between the Board and Executive Council during the summer of 1983.
- R7 All Adult Education programs and their associated resources in Continuing Education, currently under the Department of Education, be transferred to the jurisdiction of the current Board as an immediate priority; and, that
- R8 The transfer be undertaken in such a manner as to guarantee that, in the main, individual Adult Educators and their support staff will be no worse off in their salaries and benefits upon becoming Board employees.

As a guide to the College's internal development, the Board established a College Role and Philosophy :

1. Provide as its main priority, as broad a range of educational programs within its mandate as may be feasible within the limits of reasonable economies.
2. Make its regional programs and physical assets available, as priorities and resources permit, to residents in the regions for the development and delivery of various programs of interest and value, in centres served by the College.



3. Develop instructional programs and delivery mechanisms which place the focus of instruction on the learner, and provide for as much individualized contact as is possible given the physical realities of the north.
4. Admit students to programs of study solely on the basis that they demonstrate reasonability to profit from them.
5. Develop an appropriate information system to ensure prospective and existing students are adequately informed on: matters of entrance requirements; transferability of academic credits to other institutions; completion requirements to achieve credits; success rates for students finding employment after leaving the College; and, to assist students in making program choices consistent with their abilities, interests and aspirations.
6. Strive to develop all instructional facilities and spaces at a high standard of quality for all programs of instruction and for supporting facilities for other personnel.

R9 The Arctic College be established from the outset with programs and facilities in various regions, initially, with a main campus in Fort Smith, and regional campuses in Frobisher Bay, Inuvik and Yellowknife; in time, adding or eliminating services in areas (e.g. Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet) according to economic and academic viability, demand in services and G.N.W.T. Executive Committee policy.

A basic philosophic premise the Board wishes to hold for the College is that it should be in full partnership in the regional communities. Accordingly, it recommends to the G.N.W.T. that

R10 The Arctic College shall be developed on the "Community College" concept implying full partnership between the College and the regional communities it serves. At suitable stages of its growth, the College shall provide:

- Technical and vocational programs which will enable students to enter a vocation upon successful completion of their college preparation;
- Teacher Education Programs which will prepare teachers for their profession, with particular emphasis on the special needs of the north and of adult learners and educators;



- Programs of a compensatory or upgrading nature for those students who require such education to continue to more advanced programs;
- Adult and continuing education in vocational, avocational, and liberal education courses;
- General education courses needed by all students enrolled in the College regardless of the focus of their other academic or career programs; and,
- Initial years of selected university programs other than teacher education, upon the satisfactory completion of which students may transfer to universities.

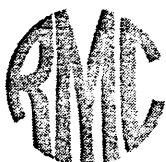
A special governance structure to enhance community College relations would be the Academic Council whose purpose would be:

- * Needs assessment;
- * Recommendations on programming priorities;
- * Curriculum definitions; and
- * Advice to the Board on any matters of College operations effecting academic development.

Membership numbers should permit significant representation by non-College personnel, particularly from the LEA's. The Academic Council will be encouraged to meet as a whole at least once a year, and throughout the year by teleconferencing, or at local meetings, and by rotating locations of major meetings among campuses.

The development of a new structure and function for the College generates a significant amount of planning. A set of 34 goals and 25 strategies were developed to guide such planning, grouped around six key planning decisions:

- I. Develop a corporate entity and structure within the spirit and intentions of the Arctic College concept.
- II. Deliver programs and provide College leadership on matters of post school education in the regions.
- III. Continuously refine and develop current programming and services.
- IV. Establish and apply innovative delivery systems and educational technologies in Distance Education.



- V. Integrate the development of new programs throughout the Territories to effectively and efficiently meet new demands and changing needs.
- VI. Undertake the required capital development programs within resource availability, to meet program and college needs.

Development of new programs for the College will, in future, respond to the following priorities:

- A. Programs of a vocational or career oriented nature, including the Teacher Education program, which prepare students for employment either directly upon completing their programs, or upon completion of the required program of studies at the College to be eligible for transfer to corresponding programs of training in industry or other institutions.
- B. Programs of preparation of an educational upgrading nature which will assist students who are educationally disadvantaged to enter vocational or career oriented programs;
- C. Programs which enhance the possibility of degree, diploma or certificate completion, involving cooperative relationships with southern based institutions.
- D. Programs and services of a personal growth and enrichment nature; and which are not directly related to the occupational and career goals of students.



After a review of existing College facilities, physical planning directions to the program and corporate decisions were presented. These were followed by the formulation of implementation scenarios for the new College among its campuses, development of guidelines, and target enrolments for 1986 through 1991, of which the 1986 summary is presented here.

TABLE 24

1986 TARGET ENROLMENT BY CAMPUS

Home Region	Campus Attended				Total
	Fort Smith	Yellowknife	Inuvik	Frobisher Bay	
Fort Smith	254	98	38	-	390
Inuvik	25	25	50	-	100
Kitikmeot	5	6	7	-	18
Keewatin	4	4	2	10	20
Baffin	6	8	3	40	57
Campus Totals	294	141	100	50	585

Source: RMC estimates, derived from Tables 22 and 23.

The Plan concludes with a review of first level estimates on other O&M Costs and Capital Costs, and a brief outline of immediate active steps that could be undertaken to initiate the next round of planning.

TABLE 26

ARCTIC COLLEGE PRELIMINARY
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
FINANCIAL FORECAST
(\$000)

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Salary and Wages	\$ 5,277	\$ 6,980	\$ 8,625	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000
Travel & Accom.	649	891	1,100	1,200	1,320	1,440
Materials & Supplies	853	1,188	1,468	1,600	1,760	1,920
Contract Services	3,130	4,158	4,590	5,000	5,500	6,000
Fees and Payments	830	1,040	1,284	1,100	1,210	1,320
Grants and Contributions	418	593	1,283	1,100	1,210	1,320
Total	\$11,157	\$14,850	\$18,350	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$24,000



TABLE 27
 ARCTIC COLLEGE
 CAPITAL BUDGET PROJECTION
 (1983 \$000)

<u>Fort Smith Campus Capital Development Projects</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Required Building Expansion m²</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1. Immediate Renovation Projects: Nanook, Academic Upgrading, RRTP, Business Education Bldg. and Trades Annex	1	-	389,500
2. New Student Residence	1	2,034	3,094,000
3. New Applied Arts Building	2	2,627	3,996,000
4. Mount Aven Hall Renovations	2	-	20,000
5. Trades Extension	3	2,810	4,274,000
6. New Athletic/Recreation Facility	4	1,600	2,434,000
7. New Central Administration and Library Facility	5	805	1,224,000
8. Heavy Equipment-Facility Expansion	6	<u>414</u>	<u>630,000</u>
TOTAL		10,290	16,061,500

Inuvik, Yellowknife and Frobisher Bay Campuses will not require extensive capital outlays except for renting costs and leasehold improvements. These costs have been built into the O & M budget projections.



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SNARE LAKES STORE RECEIVES ASSISTANCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 20) - The Territorial government has approved a contribution of \$25,000 to the community of Snare Lakes to establish a general store.

The funding for the store was announced today by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

The store in Snare Lakes will be community owned and operated and this contribution is to assist the community in purchasing inventories, covering freight costs and providing working capital, the minister said.

At present the community does not have a store and must purchase supplies through a store in Fort Rae. Residents have requested a store to supply essential goods, including petroleum products.

The funding is for the store's first year of operation only. After that, the store will be eligible for other business assistance programs, McCallum noted.

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WILDLIFE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HELD IN WINNIPEG

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 21) - The Third Annual Conference of Wildlife Ministers, meeting in Winnipeg, has taken action to maintain Canada's \$600,000,000 wild fur industry, and has dealt with a number of other major issues affecting wildlife in Canada. All Provinces and Territories and the Federal Government were represented at the September 13th meeting. Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo represented the Territorial government.

The proposal to create a Fur Institute of Canada was unanimously endorsed by the Ministers' Conference and the Institute will begin operation on October 1. Conference chairman, L. Mackling of Manitoba, summarized the views of the Ministers by expressing concern for the future of trapping in Canada in view of initiatives taken by anti-fur groups in North America and Europe where some 90 percent of Canadian wild fur is sold.

Noting that tens of thousands of Canadians with few economic alternatives depend heavily on the fur trade, Mackling called upon the Ministers to endorse formation of the Fur Institute of Canada. "The Institute, funded by both the public and private sectors, will oversee the development and implementation of humane trapping systems and seek to educate the public here and abroad as to the facts and figures of trapping in Canada", said Mackling.

In offering his province's endorsement of the Institute, Don Sparrow of Alberta stated that he was pleased to see steps being taken which would clear up some of the "myths" being promoted abroad by the international anti-trapping groups. Sparrow urged that the Institute establish a national trust fund that would allow private citizens to make financial contributions toward the development of humane traps. "Up until now these groups and organizations who want to see an improved fur industry, rather than no fur industry, have not had enough opportunity to get constructively involved", he said.

Quebec Minister, Guy Chevrette, requested that consideration be given to locating the Institute's headquarters in Montreal and said the Institute would help people to view the fur industry "from a perspective of fact, not emotion".

The Ministers also discussed various aspects of a Canadian waterfowl Management Plan. They endorsed broad proposals for the plan and agreement was reached among delegates on proceeding toward ratification of the plan through a process acceptable to the federal, provincial and territorial jurisdictions involved. The issue was referred to a National Committee of Wildlife Directors for further action.

Federal Deputy Minister of the Environment, Jacques Gerin, assured provincial and territorial delegates that the Federal Government would continue to work with the other governments on finalizing the management plan. "We will not just consult with the provinces and territories, they will be fully involved. We want a Canadian program, not just a Federal program", said Gerin.

A Protocol to Amend the Migratory Birds Convention Act to allow an expansion of hunting opportunities for Indian and Inuit people in remote areas of Canada was also discussed. Canadian authorities are currently developing procedures for implementing the protocol including how it should be interpreted and applied in Canada.

Ministers agreed to proceed with preparation of a Wildlife Export/Import Act with assurances that all jurisdictions would be further consulted before the legislative packages are finalized.

The Ministers released "Guidelines for Wildlife Policy in Canada", which are based on a consensus of government agencies and private conservation groups.

Discussing the guidelines, Ontario's Alan Pope stated that he was pleased to see recommendations that would allow for input from resource users in wildlife management processes. "We have had a lot of success involving hunters, trappers and naturalists in the past few years, and this report paves the way for further involvement", said Pope. "As well, the guidelines lay out national principles for conservation and management without detracting from the ability of the Provinces to consider their own unique concerns."

Chevrette also lauded the guidelines for the discretion they left to provincial agencies and private groups in formulating their own initiative, and said they pointed the way to at least a decade of sound wildlife management strategy.

The Ministers agreed that the guidelines will explain why wildlife resources are valuable to Canadians and what can be done to cooperate in their conservation, and hailed it as an example of how federal and provincial agencies can cooperate for the common good.

The Ministers focussed on the high values placed on wildlife by Canadians as documented in a recent federal/provincial study. Conference delegates unanimously agreed to examine the feasibility of extending the survey to northern portions of Canada.

Plans for a Forestry/Wildlife Symposium to be held next year in British Columbia, were reviewed and endorsed by the Ministers. This symposium will explore ways new technology can be used to improve the management of forest and wildlife resources.

The Conference agreed upon action to strengthen polar bear management programs in the Hudson Bay area. The N.W.T. Minister, Richard Nerysoo, said that polar bears are an important resource for Territorial residents and offered full support for programs which would ensure optimum populations.

In reviewing the results of their Conferences to date, the Ministers agreed that such meetings have led to positive reaction on several sensitive wildlife issues, such as addressing threats to the fur trade and achieving Federal/Provincial accord on guidelines for wildlife policy. The meeting concluded with plans to hold another Ministers' conference in Ontario in September 1984.

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FUNDING APPROVED FOR BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 21) - The Territorial Government has approved funding of \$490,000 for two programs designed to assist and develop northern businesses, Arnold McCallum, minister of economic development and tourism, announced today.

"This funding will aid struggling business ventures and also allow for the development of new business enterprises in the Northwest Territories," said the minister. "Both programs, financial assistance to business and business development contributions, are designed to maintain and bolster our northern economy."

Under the Financial Assistance to Business Program, existing northern businesses which are experiencing financial difficulty can receive assistance from the government.

Stimulating business development in the N.W.T. is the main function of the Business Development Contributions Program. Funding granted under this program must be used for the establishment, expansion or modernization of business enterprises.

Only active northern businesses which contribute to the local economy and have been operating for at least 12 months are eligible for assistance under either of these programs.

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CHEF-DE-MISSION APPOINTED FOR ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 22) - Wendy Bisaro of Yellowknife will be chef-de-mission for the Northwest Territories team competing in the Arctic Winter Games here in March 18-23, 1984.

Her appointment was announced today by Local Government Minister James Wah-Shee.

The chef-de-mission is responsible for the N.W.T. athletes and coaches competing in the eighth Arctic Winter Games.

Bisaro, a Yellowknife teacher, has participated in the 1972, 1980 and 1982 Arctic Winter Games and was a member of the mission staff for the 1981 Canada Summer Games.

She has been involved, as a competitor and coach, in basketball and softball both locally and territorially since 1971.

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REGIONAL REPRESENTATION NEEDED IN SENATE, BRADEN SAYS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 23) - Leader of the Elected Executive George Braden called for 'more equitable regional representation' when he addressed the special joint committee on senate reform this week in Yellowknife.

A senator should represent a particular area of the country to provide regional balance, Braden said, and the appointment or election of senators should be the sole jurisdiction of the federal parliament rather than provincial legislatures.

"If the Senate does truly become a body with equitable regional representation its deliberations will go a long way towards providing the balance that is often needed in our country", he noted.

Braden told members of the committee that the House of Commons alone should have the power to vote down an appropriations bill presented to it. "The Senate should not be able to block or delay the expenditure of moneys or the imposition of taxes by the government of the day".

"The senate can and should, however, extensively debate all other legislation placed before it. Senators should be made aware of their special responsibility to bring forth a regional point of view and they should be ever vigilant of the impact that the proposed legislation may have on a particular region", he told the committee.

The Territorial government believes a re-distribution of seats in the Senate is necessary to ensure that areas with lesser populations can still have an effective voice in the Senate, Braden said.

One senator from the NWT now represents one-third of Canada's land mass, Braden noted. "Can that be called effective representation by any stretch of the imagination", he asked.

Representation could be distributed as it is in Australia where each state elects six senators while two Territories elect two senators each or one-third of the number of elected in the states, the minister suggested.

The Senate should also provide for a certain number of seats to be filled by aboriginal people to ensure effective participation of native people in the Canadian Parliament.

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HERITAGE CENTRE BUYS INUIT ART

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 23) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre recently purchased a small collection of ivory sculptures and four early Cape Dorset graphics.

The Inuit sculptures, bought at a Toronto auction, were the property of an Ontario collector who is believed to have purchased them from the Hudson Bay Company around 1947.

Several of the pieces have bases of stone found in the Lake Harbour area. The collection includes a carved ivory kayak inscribed 'Arctic Bay 1945' and a small kayak of sealskin over a wooden frame, complete with five wood and ivory tools.

Other items include two toothpick or match holders of ivory on green soapstone bases.

From the Arctic Circle Gallery in Los Angeles, the Northern Heritage Centre has purchased two prints by Lucy of Cape Dorset, one completed in 1964 and the other in 1976. These acquisitions will help to complete the Centre's collection of Cape Dorset prints.

In addition, the Heritage Centre has purchased an undated drawing by Lucy, "Women with Eleven Birds", and "Hunter and Caribou", a 1968 drawing by Parr.

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A group of ivory sculptures, recently purchased by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, is prepared for addition to the Centre's collection.

'Hunter and Caribou', a drawing by Parr of Cape Dorset, was recently acquired by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR TOURISM BUSINESSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 23) - Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum today announced approval for \$128,000 funding to stimulate tourism business ventures and create new employment opportunities within the tourism industry in the Northwest Territories.

The funding, approved recently by the Territorial Government, will be available under the Tourism Facilities Development Contributions and the Tourism Management and Training Contributions programs.

"Tourism has played and will continue to play a large role in the economy of the Northwest Territories," said McCallum. "Under these two programs, northern businesses involved in the tourism industry will not only have the opportunity to upgrade and expand their facilities but will also have the opportunity of providing training for their employees."

Funding will be available to new and existing tourism-related businesses such as hotels and restaurants for the purchase, installation, renovation, improvement or expansion of equipment and facilities.

Financial assistance will also be available for the training of management and staff in tourism-related operations such as accomodation and restaurant facilities.

Only active northern businesses which contribute to the local economy will be eligible for funding under these programs.

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JAMES BAY PHOTOGRAPHS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 26) - An exhibition of photographs of the people of James Bay opened recently at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The exhibition of 23 photographs is on loan from the Public Archives of Canada and will be at the Northern Heritage Centre until October 31.

The photographs were taken at James Bay during the summers of 1973 to 1975 by John Flanders of Carleton University in Ottawa.

The collection documents the impact on the Crees of James Bay of large-scale development and conflicting social values. The photographs touch on issues with long-term implications for the people, including the depletion of the forests by logging and the imposition of non-native education on Cree children in towns such as Matagami and Fort George.

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MEASURES TAKEN TO REDUCE FUEL SPILLS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 28) - Measures for reducing the number of accidental fuel spills during the winter re-supply of Echo Bay and Salmita mines were announced this week by Minister of Renewable Resources Richard Nerysoo.

The plan was finalized last week by representatives of the Federal and Territorial governments, Echo Bay Mines, Robinson Trucking and Salmita Mines at a meeting chaired by the GNWT's pollution control division.

This was the second meeting held by the group to deal with problems experienced during last year's re-supply project on the Gordon Lake winter road.

The Cameron River crossing will be realigned and a Bailey Bridge will be built at the river. The work will be completed by the GNWT Highways Division in time for the opening of the winter road in late January.

As well, Robinson Trucking will provide additional training for contract drivers employed during the winter re-supply. Controls will be introduced to ensure adequate rest periods for drivers, speed limits and driver courtesy.

RCMP Inspector Lauren McKiel announced that the frequency of police patrols along this route will be increased and the distance patrolled will be extended.

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A contingency plan drawn up by Echo Bay Mines to be implemented in case of accidents includes the purchase of additional emergency equipment to be located at three sites along the route.

"The discussions were very positive and productive and the changes introduced should play a significant part in protecting the environment", the minister said following the meetings.

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YK SENIORS RESIDENCE OPENS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 28) - The opening of a senior citizens' residence in Yellowknife was announced today by Minister of Social Services Kane Tologanak.

Located in the Forrest Drive group home, the new facility opens October 1. It will be managed by the YWCA under contract to the department of social services.

The home will provide accommodation for up to eight elderly people requiring personal care and help in daily living.

Information about the senior citizens' residence is available from the Yellowknife district office of the department of social services at 873-7276.

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WCF TO MEET OCTOBER 4

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 4) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) will meet here October 4 to discuss and prepare a process for selection of a satisfactory boundary for division which will be presented at an upcoming Constitutional Alliance meeting.

WCF members will also discuss the establishment and staffing of a central office in Yellowknife. Progress made on locating suitable office space along with applications for the positions of director, community liaison co-ordinator, research co-ordinator and secretary will be reviewed.

A review of applications received from communities and municipalities requesting research funds will also be conducted at this meeting.

WCF members include Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Minister James Wah-Shee, Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie, Dene Nation president Steve Kakfwi, NWT Metis Association president Wally Firth and Metis Association vice-president Larry Tourangeau.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Dene Nation boardroom.

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KITIKMEOT REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 03) - Bob Cowcill has been appointed regional director of the Kitikmeot Region.

His appointment, effective October 24, was announced today by Commissioner John Parker.

Cowcill presently holds the position of regional superintendent of social services in the Fort Smith Region. He has been employed with the G.N.W.T. for 13 years and has held social services positions in Yellowknife and Frobisher Bay.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario and a Master's degree from Dalhousie University.

Cowcill replaces Gary Black who has been appointed regional director for the Baffin Region.

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GNWT PAYMENT POLICY TO AID NORTHERN BUSINESS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 03) - The Government of the Northwest Territories has introduced new policies that will speed up processing of payments to its suppliers and aid northern businesses.

Minister of Finance Tom Butters announced today the government will now be following procedures that will process payments to suppliers within 30 days. Northern businesses will receive an additional preference and have their payments processed within 20 days of receipt of invoices. In addition, the new policy stipulates the government will pay interest on overdue accounts.

"The GNWT cannot be considered to deal evenly and fairly with suppliers unless the supplier knows in advance when he will be paid," said Butters.

"The economy still remains weak," he said, "and northern businesses must compete against southern businesses which have idle staff and equipment and overstocked inventories. Any additional competitive edge that we can supply may well improve our economic infrastructure and for this reason, our Northern Preference Policy should be extended to how quickly we pay our bills," he said.

Butters went on to say the new procedures are due to improved accounting systems and methods aimed at improving financial management within the government. Butters indicated that individual departments would be held responsible for any interest payments due to delays in processing payments to suppliers. "Interest payments must be met out of existing budgets, a practice we believe will encourage the development of greater responsibility in financial management," he said.

Butters added that the government's Financial Information System is one of the main factors that has allowed the government to introduce the new payment policies. "What we are doing now," he said, "is putting into policy what has been accomplished through procedure."

Under the new procedures, interest will be calculated and paid at the prime lending rate of the government's main banker. This rate is currently 11 per cent. In addition to paying interest on overdue accounts, the government will also be charging interest on its accounts receivable.

Grant and contribution programs will also be affected with all proposals required to have payment schedules submitted to allow for regular payment of committed funds.

The new payment policies are effective immediately.

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APPRENTICESHIP DIRECTORS MEETING IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 03) - Members of Canada's Red Seal Committee, the directors of apprenticeship programs from all 10 provinces and the two territories, are meeting in Yellowknife Oct. 4-6.

Minister of Economic Development Arnold McCallum announced today that the directors, together with support staff and advisors from the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in Ottawa, will be meeting here to discuss the standardization of apprenticeship programs across Canada. The group will also discuss the introduction of a computerized test assembly system for the operation of the Red Seal Program.

The Red Seal Program refers to the certification program by which a journeyman's training is recognized across the country. Once a tradesman has passed the interprovincial examination, a red seal is affixed to his journeyman's certificate from his home province and his qualifications are then recognized across Canada.

In May of this year, the NWT representative on the committee, Brian Carr, was elected vice-chairman. He, along with Chairman Dave McCulloch of Manitoba and Cyril Carter from Newfoundland, the immediate past chairman, form the executive of the I.S.P.C.C.

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KUSUGAK APPOINTED ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 04) - Mike Kusugak has been appointed Assistant Regional Director of the Keewatin Region, Deputy Commissioner R.S. Pilot announced today.

The appointment will be effective when a replacement has been named for Kusugak in his current position as Regional Superintendent of Local Government.

Kusugak was raised in Repulse Bay and Rankin Inlet and received his senior schooling in Yellowknife and Saskatoon. He was the Assistant District Manager, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, from 1977 to 1981. Following a year as Assistant Superintendent of Local Government, he became Regional Superintendent in 1982.

A former member of the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services Board, Kusugak is currently a member of the Science Advisory Board and the newly-created Northern Conservation Task Force.

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HEALTH CARE BURSARIES AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 5) - Six students have been awarded bursaries by the Territorial government's department of health to pursue careers in the health care field.

Minister of Health Kane Tologanak this week announced the awards to full-time students in health occupations.

Receiving 1983/84 bursaries are:

- Jim Collett and Nathan Ek, both of Yellowknife, who are attending the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary;
- Robert Williams of Yellowknife who is studying medicine at the University of B.C.;
- Susan Poloway of Halifax, N.S. who is taking health education at Dalhousie University;
- Moira Coady of Wrigley who is attending the Bachelor of Nursing program at the University of Victoria; and,
- Amelda Foster who is in the physical therapy program at the University of Western Ontario.

The bursaries, granted annually, pay tuition fees and expenses to assist people interested in furthering or obtaining a career in an area of health care needed in the NWT.

Students receiving bursaries are required to work in the Territories on completion of their courses. Full-time students must work one and a half months for every month of subsidized study. Part-time students or those taking extension or correspondence courses work three months in the NWT for every year of subsidized study.

The deadline for applications for the bursaries is March 31 of each year.

Application forms and information on bursary guidelines may be obtained from Joyce Balla, Program Officer, department of health, government of the NWT in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7371.

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NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE STUDY PLANNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 6) - Richard Nerysoo, Territorial minister of energy, mines and resources, Jean Chretien, federal minister of energy, and John Munro, federal minister of Indian and northern affairs, today announced plans for a study on the large scale provision of natural gas and propane in two key areas of the N.W.T.

"This study represents a major step in our search for more economical energy supply sources," said Nerysoo.

The study will examine the economic feasibility of providing natural gas and propane for use in residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, mining and electrical generation sectors in the Great Slave Lake and Mackenzie Delta areas.

"Residents in both these regions are anxious to find solutions to the very high energy costs which now exist in their communities," stated the minister. "We are attempting to determine, through this study, once and for all if natural gas or propane can be brought in as a cheaper source of energy."

The study will examine both these energy sources as replacements for heating fuel oil and diesel oil for use in electricity generation. Natural gas and propane as transportation fuels will also be considered.

"This study is quite comprehensive," added Nerysoo. "It will look at transportation and distribution of natural gas and propane by pipeline, in compressed form (CNG) and as a liquid (LNG). And further, the study will also examine supply sources inside and outside the N.W.T."

The study's value is a maximum of \$125,000. The first \$25,000 is to be provided by Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, and costs thereafter will be split evenly between the federal and Territorial governments. The Territorial government will administer the study.

"If this study determines that near-viable options exist to enable these regions to move off oil, we would encourage private utilities to submit applications to the federal government for capital funding assistance under the Distribution System Expansion Program," the minister concluded.

Communities to be included in the study are Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Pine Point, Enterprise, Hay River, Rae-Edzo, Detah, Yellowknife, Inuvik, Tuktoyatuk, Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEMBERS NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 6) - Members of the Territorial government's new Advisory Council on the Status of Women have been named.

Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Dennis Patterson announced the appointments today following Executive Council approval.

Making up the advisory council are Cindy Gilday and Faith Cronk of Yellowknife, Bertha Allen of Inuvik, Emelia Gratrix (Fort Smith), Geela Moss-Davies of Ottawa, Helen Adamache (Coppermine), Kate Tompkins of Norman Wells, Janice Armstrong (Pangnirtung) and Ruby Arnana'aq of Baker Lake.

The appointments are based on regional representation, interests and experience, the minister noted. "I am confident that there will be co-operation between the co-ordinator and the Council to establish an ongoing and effective means of working with our government to resolve the many outstanding inequities and areas of neglect affecting women in the NWT."

Sheila Keet of Yellowknife was appointed co-ordinator of the advisory council last month. The Executive Council recently allocated \$221,000 to establish the office to deal with women's issues and handle complaints relating to the status of women.

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(Released on Behalf of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation)

HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FOR SENIORS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 6) - Funding for a home repair program to assist people 60 years of age or older to repair or upgrade their homes was announced today by the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation, Arnold McCallum.

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be available to eligible applicants to carry out various renovations, installations, equipment replacement and/or cleaning of residential homes.

To be eligible, applicants must have a combined income of less than \$20,000 per year and must show proof of title to their home. Applicants must also live in the home at least six months of the year. Only one grant per household will be approved and applicants will have two years in which to complete the repairs.

"Since many of the applicants for the program will be on fixed incomes," said McCallum, "we hope to encourage people to make repairs which they would otherwise be reluctant to undertake."

Applications for this program can be made at any district office of the NWT Housing Corporation.

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HOUSING CORPORATION CONTRACTS FOR NORTHERN BUSINESSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 6) - Contracts totalling \$147,500 have been awarded to five northern businesses under the 1983 roof retrofit program carried out by the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

Arnold McCallum, minister responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation, stated he was very encouraged by the success of northern contractors competing in a tight marketplace. "In the case of these contracts," he said, "every one has been awarded to the lowest bidder."

The successful bidders and projects are:
Arctic Coast Enterprises (Coppermine) - to repair 10 units in Coppermine; Inukshuk Enterprises (Cambridge Bay) - to repair 10 units in Spence Bay; Sigyamiut Ltd. (Baker Lake) - to repair 20 units in Baker Lake; Leonard and Associates (Eskimo Point) - to repair 11 units in Coral Harbour; Sanajiit (1980) Ltd. (Rankin Inlet) - to repair five units in Rankin Inlet.

The roof retrofit program was initiated by the NWT Housing Corporation in 1982 to alleviate serious condensation problems experienced in some public housing units. A total of 151 units will receive these repairs in 1983.

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NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN TOURISM REPS MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 6) - A travel trade marketplace held last week enabled tourism operators in the north to meet southern travel wholesalers.

The southern tour organizers and sellers travelled to Yellowknife for a two-day introduction to the facilities and skills available in the Northwest Territories, briefings on the six tourism zones and face-to-face "buyer-seller" sessions.

The seminar was designed with two purposes - to educate southern wholesalers about the N.W.T. and to learn what is required to successfully sell and deliver profitable packaged tours and vacations.

"Tour North One was a great success and provided a unique opportunity for many of the thirty northern operators to meet for the first time the people in the south who organize travel and tours in the NWT", according to Arnold McCallum, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

In a speech given at a banquet the first evening of the tour, McCallum told the visitors that "over the past several years we have witnessed an expansion in the range of travel services and products available across the NWT and there has been a concurrent and substantial broadening in our marketplace appeal.

"I am convinced that our pace of growth can be sustained and that an ever-increasing number of northerners will choose to become involved in the tourism industry," he said.

In 1982, the NWT received about 22,000 non-resident summer vacationers who spent approximately \$22 million or an average of \$1,000 per person per trip, the Minister noted.

During the symposium, southern tour organizers were offered an overview of tourism in the NWT, an introduction to tourism areas by operators from each zone, and a description of the three national parks in the Northwest Territories. This was followed by face-to-face meetings with operators offering services across the N.W.T.

Visitors were entertained at a luncheon where Acting Yellowknife Mayor Albert Eggenberger welcomed them to the city and at dinner where traditional northern games were demonstrated.

On the second day of the event all participants came together for a 'think tank' session to discuss the future of northern tourism and to evaluate the success of Tour North One. The positive reaction by both the northern and southern tourist operators resulted in the announcement that there would be a Tour North Two and that similar tourism promotional marketplaces would be held in the N.W.T., in the months ahead.

Tour North One was organized by the Tourism and Parks Division of the GNWT in conjunction with the Province of Alberta.

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SPORT AND RECREATION CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 11) - Representatives involved in community recreation, sport and traditional games will meet here October 28-30 to determine the future direction of sport and recreation in the Northwest Territories.

Local Government Minister James Wah-Shee announced the conference dates this week.

"This is the first time that delegates from each of these sport-related groups will be brought together," said the minister. "I hope that this conference will result in a future direction for sport and recreation which will better meet the needs of NWT residents."

Outlines of present recreation and sport programs and their delivery by the sport and recreation division, department of local government, will be presented at the three-day conference.

Delegates will identify needs for recreation development from the community level upwards, needs for sport development and will prepare an action plan for the future direction of the sport and recreation division's programs and delivery system.

Forty-four delegates have been invited to attend the sport and recreation conference.

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SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 11) - Minister of Health Kane Tologanak this week announced the appointment of two key advisory committees for the School Health Program which is developing a health curriculum guide for NWT schools.

The Community Health Education Committee, representing communities and special interest groups across the NWT, will meet for the first time later this month. Its main task will be to ensure a cross-section of viewpoints in identifying health needs and setting priorities for the content of the curriculum.

The second committee, the Professional Advisory Committee, will meet in November. This committee is made up of professionals from such fields as nutrition, mental health, social services and alcohol and drugs. The members will share their expertise as the curriculum materials are developed.

The School Health Program, funded for \$424,000 by the Health Promotion Directorate of Health and Welfare Canada, is administered by the GNWT's department of health in co-operation with the department of education. Representatives from the two departments will jointly chair the committees.

A co-ordinator and researcher/writer were hired for the School Health Program in August. Since then, a health needs assessment has started with profiles being developed for each community in the NWT. Additional research for the needs assessment will include extensive surveys of schools and communities through questionnaires and interviews.

The first curriculum material should be ready for testing in classrooms in the fall of 1984, with the project scheduled for completion by the end of 1986.

Public participation in the development of the health curriculum is not limited to the two committees, the minister said. While the purpose of the committees is to represent all public and professional points of view, the project staff is interested in hearing from anyone wishing to comment on health education.

With the help of the two committees and public participation, the curriculum should address the health needs of all young people in the NWT, Tologanak said.

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WCF APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 11) - Steve Iveson has been appointed Executive Director of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) Secretariat.

The appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by WCF Chairman and Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Minister James Wah-Shee.

His appointment was approved by WCF members, Dene Nation president Steve Kakfwi, Metis Association vice-president Larry Tourangeau and Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie, at their meeting held October 4.

Iveson, a longtime NWT resident, has considerable experience in the areas of community development, local government, aboriginal rights and the design and delivery of government programs to the communities. He has been employed as political development advisor with the Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat and has served as interim director of the WCF secretariat since December 1982.

He will be responsible for co-ordinating staff and establishing a WCF secretariat office in Yellowknife.

The secretariat's main objectives for the immediate future are researching a suitable boundary for division of the N.W.T., preparing for an upcoming Constitutional Alliance meeting and preparing information packages on constitutional issues for distribution in western N.W.T. communities.

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GNWT TO GET CULTURAL ADVISOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 12) - The Government of the Northwest Territories has created the position of a cultural advisor and made provision for two heritage councils to guide the preservation and development of culture in the NWT.

Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee announced the new position today, stating the advisor is expected to be named within the next month. The advisor's role will include the development of individual Dene and Inuit heritage councils as well as the co-ordination of activities relating to northern cultures. These activities include museums, libraries, recreation and the arts.

The cultural advisor will also be required to develop a government policy on culture, organize workshops to develop the two councils and develop a budget for the 1984-85 fiscal year for submission to the Financial Management Board.

The minister said the idea of the advisor's position and the two heritage councils was the result of recommendations of an interdepartmental committee on culture that reviewed an earlier study on culture done by Rene Lamothe of Fort Simpson. Lamothe was commissioned to review GNWT programs and services related to cultural development in the NWT.

That study resolved several principles relating to culture in the north including:

- The people of a culture will retain a positive self-image if their public institutions are a direct reflection of their lives;
- Each individual is ultimately responsible for the preservation and survival of his or her culture;
- Cultural development is an essential part of all development. Consequently, social, economic and political development decisions should be made in a manner which ensures cultural survival.

"By creating this position and the structure of the heritage councils," said Wah-Shee, "we hope to encourage individual participation by the people of the NWT in activities relating to the preservation and development of culture."

Under the new plan, the two heritage councils will report to the Minister for Culture. The cultural advisor will provide administrative services to the councils and in turn, make recommendations to the minister as to how the cultural needs identified by the councils can best be met.

In concluding his announcement, Wah-Shee referred to the GNWT's priorities which highlighted the need for increased government involvement in the preservation of northern cultures and lifestyles. "By making this commitment," he said, "we reaffirm recognition and support for individual and community desires to revitalize native languages and promote traditional and contemporary forms of culture unique to the NWT."

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NEW GNWT MINERAL ADVISOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 12) - Minister for Energy, Mines and Resources Richard Nerysoo has announced the appointment of Wayne R. Wagner to the position of Minerals Advisor with the GNWT's Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat.

Wagner is a geological engineer specializing in metals, with experience in evaluation, exploration and development of mining property. He has worked as project geologist with the Joint Ventures-Exploration Branch of the Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation and as a geological engineer with the Conwest Canadian Uranium Joint Venture and as an exploration and mine geologist with various small companies in northern Quebec.

Wagner received his Bachelor of Science in Geological Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan in 1971 and his Master of Applied Science in Economic Precambrian Geology from the University of Quebec in 1979. He is fluent in English and French and is a member of the Associations of Professional Engineers of Saskatchewan and Quebec.

In his position as minerals advisor Wagner is responsible for the analysis and evaluation of mineral developments and federal/provincial mineral policies. In addition, he is responsible for formulating mineral development strategies and policies and the provision of advice and counsel on actual and planned mineral development in the NWT.

His appointment was effective Oct. 11.

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RENEWABLE RESOURCE STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 14) - A draft strategic plan outlining the goals and objectives of the Department of Renewable Resources is scheduled for release in November announced Minister Richard Nerysoo today.

"The strategic plan is another step in the department's continuing effort to meet the challenges that rapidly changing times are imposing on management programs for renewable resources within the Northwest Territories," stated the minister.

"Renewable resources have traditionally been, and to a large degree remain, the backbone of northern economy and culture," said Nerysoo. "Industrial development, changing resource use patterns and political evolution have served to highlight the importance of our northern renewable resources."

The plan is designed to describe programs to be delivered by the department of renewable resources over the next several years. These programs will fall under such areas as wildlife management, environmental protection, assessment of industrial development impacts on the renewable resource base and land use and water planning.

"Maintaining the proper balance between non-renewable and renewable resource development options requires foresight and planning," added the minister. "And public involvement and consultation in finalizing this strategic plan is essential."

Renewable resource officials will meet with the public to discuss the plan once it has been released.

A finalized renewable resource strategic plan is scheduled for release in early 1984.

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HOME HEATING OIL SUBSIDY PROGRAM EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 17) - The home heating oil subsidy program, developed by the federal government and administered by the Government of the N.W.T., has been extended to March 31, 1984.

The announcement was made this week by Government Services Minister Tom Butters.

Territorial residents living outside of Yellowknife, who pay more for their home heating oil than the Yellowknife rate, could be eligible for a subsidy under this program which began April 1, 1980.

"If you own or rent a home and pay your own fuel bills, and you or no one else in your household receives a fuel or utility allowance from an employer or the government, you could have your first 1500 gallons of fuel per year subsidized," said Butters.

Residents who have previously applied and received a subsidy under this program should contact Bob Paulin at Petroleum Products, Department of Government Services, Government of the N.W.T., to ensure that they are still eligible for the non-taxable subsidy.

Other residents who believe they qualify for the program are also invited to submit applications. Application forms are available from the Department of Government Services, Government of the N.W.T., Box 1349, Yellowknife N.W.T., X1A 2L9 or from Regional Government Services managers in Cambridge Bay, Fort Smith, Frobisher Bay, Inuvik and Rankin Inlet.

Applicants must submit receipts for fuel oil bills on deliveries made on and after April 1, 1980 with their subsidy application forms. Deliver and payment dates must also appear on all documents along with your Social Insurance Number.

"If there are no errors or questions about the application, we mail the applicant a cheque for the difference between the price they paid for their home heating fuel and the Yellowknife price," said the minister.

The home heating oil subsidy will be available until September 30, 1984.

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OCTOBER AT THE NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 18) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's fall film and lecture series get underway in October.

A northern film festival Friday October 21 at 7:00 p.m. features three films shown this year at the Margaret Mead Anthropological Film Festival in New York - The Last Mooseskin Boat, The Summer of the Loucheux and Where the Rivers Meet.

On Sunday, October 23 the film shown will be The Conquered Dream, a documentary history of Arctic exploration, and Volcano: An Inquiry into the Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry, will be seen October 30.

All Sunday afternoon films begin at 2:00 at the Northern United Place auditorium, while renovations are underway at the Northern Heritage Centre.

The noon hour lecture Friday, October 28 will be a slide show, "Digging Up the Past in Africa", by Dr. Robert Janes. The lecture begins at 12:15 and people attending are invited to bring along their lunch.

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Other feature exhibits this month at the Northern Heritage Centre include a photographic essay, 'The People of James Bay', a display of Dene women's art and photographs by Peter Pitseolak.

Winter hours are daily from 10:30 to 5:00, except Wednesday when the Centre is closed all day.

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NORTHERN FILM FESTIVAL OCT. 21

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 18) - A festival of films about the north and its people will be shown at the Northern United Place auditorium Friday October 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The film festival is part of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's winter film series.

The three films to be seen October 21 were all selected to appear in September at the prestigious Margaret Mead Anthropological Film Festival, held annually in New York.

The Last Mooseskin Boat, a co-production of the National Film Board, the NWT Native Communications Society and the Territorial government's department of information, traces the journey of a traditional mooseskin boat from the Mackenzie Mountains down the Keele River to Fort Norman.

In 1981, elders of Fort Norman undertook a project to recreate and preserve a mooseskin boat, a design used by the Mountain Dene of the area west of the Mackenzie River in the late 19th century but no longer built by the people.

The second film, Summer of the Loucheux, records the lifestyle of four generations of the Andre family of Arctic Red River. Each summer the Loucheux family moves to their fish camp at Tree River where they continue to live off the land, using traditional skills. Filmmaker Graydon McCrea of Edmonton will be in Yellowknife for the showing of his film.

Yellowknife resident Alex Czarnecki's production, Where the Rivers Meet, will also be shown at the festival. Filmed in Fort Good Hope, the production contrasts Dene spirituality with non-native beliefs as expressed by George Barnaby of Fort Good Hope and Father Rene Fumoleau.

Admission to the film series is free. All the films in this fall's series will be shown at the Northern United Place auditorium, while an addition to the Northern Heritage Centre's archives is under construction.

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NWT YOUTH HEAVY TOBACCO USERS, STUDY SHOWS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 18) - A survey, completed recently for the department of health, shows the smoking rate among students in the NWT is one of the highest in Canada.

The study, Tobacco Use Among Students in the NWT 1982, was conducted for the department by Health and Welfare Canada.

As a result of the study's findings, the department of health is following up with two programs aimed at reducing the high incidence of smoking among young people.

A health education curriculum is currently being developed for NWT schools from kindergarten to grade 12 to meet the specific health needs and concerns, including smoking, of northern students. The curriculum will be ready for testing in schools by 1984.

As well, Health and Welfare Canada has provided a co-ordinator on contract for the next four months to arrange community workshops aimed at increasing awareness and distributing information on the Canada-wide programs Generation (aimed at preventing smoking in youth) and Time to Quit (a self-help program to decrease smoking among adults).

The co-ordinator will also prepare a report identifying the key groups and individuals across the NWT concerned with smoking problems.

Smoking starts early in the elementary school years, the survey found, and native young people begin smoking earlier than non-natives. By late adolescence, 58 per cent of Inuit young people and 45 per cent of Dene and Metis youth are smokers. Among non-native adolescents the smoking rate is 42 per cent. The smoking rates for all three groups are double the national levels.

In all ethnic groups, the prevalence of regular smoking among young people over the age of 10 is higher for girls. In the 15-19 age group, 61 per cent of Inuit, 49 per cent of Dene and Metis and 47 per cent of non-native girls are regular smokers. In the same age group, 55 per cent of Inuit boys, 39 per cent of Dene and Metis and 36 per cent of non-native boys smoke regularly.

The researchers also found that girls are likely to smoke more than boys. Among regular smokers, 20 per cent of girls smoked over 60 cigarettes a week compared to 17 per cent of boys.

About nine per cent of NWT students use chewing tobacco or snuff. The largest group using tobacco or snuff is Inuit, Dene and Metis boys aged 10-14.

The survey, conducted in November 1982, confirmed that smoking is related to four factors - age, smoking behaviour of friends, smoking habits of brothers and sisters and parental smoking habits.

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CAREERS SHOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 19) - More than 40 exhibitors will be at the seventh annual Careers Show November 8 at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife.

The Careers Show is held each year to give people looking for employment or a career change a chance to discuss career and training opportunities with representatives of industry, business, education and government.

Among the exhibitors at the show are five colleges; several resource companies including Dome Petroleum, Esso Resources and Gulf Canada; and, the Yellowknife diving company Arctic Divers.

Visitors to the show will also be able to participate in demonstrations by two computer companies and hear on-the-spot broadcasts by both Yellowknife radio stations, CBC Mackenzie and CJCD.

The Careers Show is presented each year in conjunction with Career Week across Canada. The theme of Career Week November 7-13 is "Career Decisions - One Step at a Time".

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The show will be held in the Katimavik Room of the Explorer Hotel from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Exhibits will be closed from 12:00 to 1:00 and 5:00 to 7:00.

The Careers Show is sponsored by the Territorial government's department of economic development and tourism. For more information, contact the department in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7301.

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FUNDING PROVIDED FOR FRENCH INSTRUCTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 19) - The Territorial government's department of education will make a contribution of \$5,500 to provide a tutor for French students in Pine Point.

The grant, announced today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson, matches funding from Cominco Limited. This will allow the Pine Point Community Education Committee to provide assistance and tutoring for students who are presently studying French by correspondence.

Recently, students at Matonabee School went on strike to demand the appointment of a French teacher. When the Pine Point Mine closed last year, 11 teaching positions were cut in anticipation of a drop in enrollment.

This fall, with the reallocation of teaching assignments, the position of French teacher was not retained.

Students in Grades 7 to 12 are now enrolled in French correspondence courses through the Alberta department of education. Grade 12 students require credit in French for entrance to some university courses.

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WINTER ROADS PLANNED FOR NAHANNI AND TROUT LAKE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 24) - Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum today announced plans for the construction of winter roads to the communities of Trout Lake and Nahanni Butte.

The roads will be completed and ready for use by late January 1984 and will remain open until the end of March.

Opening of the winter roads to these two communities will allow re-supply of staple dry goods, POL products and equipment at a substantial savings compared to the cost of delivery by river barge or aircraft, the minister explained.

The road to Nahanni Butte will be built and maintained by Beaver Enterprises through an existing maintenance contract with the Territorial government. Construction and maintenance of the Trout Lake road will be completed by Nogha Enterprises who also have a maintenance contract with the GNWT. Total estimated value of the two contracts is \$95,000.

"In the future we plan to include these roads in annual budgets so that potential users won't have to wait until the fall of each year to see if winter travel and freight hauls to the communities will be possible", McCallum said.

Further information about these roads is available from the highways division, department of public works, in Hay River at 874-6972.

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LIARD HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 24) - A contract for the maintenance of 145 kilometres of the Liard Highway has been awarded to Beaver Enterprises of Fort Liard.

The three-year \$1.7 million contract was announced today by Minister of Public Works Arnold McCallum.

The contract, which began Oct. 1, covers maintenance of the highway from the BC/NWT border north to the Blackstone River.

"Awarding this contract to Beaver Enterprises is in keeping with our commitment to the people of Fort Liard to allow them opportunities to participate economically in the development and maintenance of the Liard Highway", the minister said.

Although the contract begins this month, the Federal government will still be completing the final stages of construction on gravel surfaces, bridges and bridge approaches. The grand opening of the highway is scheduled for June 1984.

While the road will be open to traffic on a permanent basis from now on, motorists may encounter construction, particularly at bridge sites.

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LIQUOR PRICES INCREASED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 25) - Liquor prices in the Northwest Territories will be increased October 26 announced Government Services Minister Tom Butters today.

The new prices are the result of a 13.3 per cent increase in federal excise tax due to tax indexing, variations in supplier prices and currency adjustment factors.

The net effect of these complex changes will produce average increases of 7.2 per cent for domestic spirits, 5.4 per cent for imported spirits and 2.2 per cent for wines.

The last general price increase on October 6, 1982 reflected a 15 per cent federal excise tax increase.

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WCF MEETING OCTOBER 28

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) will meet here October 28.

Members will discuss administrative details of staffing and establishing a Yellowknife office before discussing preparations for joining the Kitikmeot Region tour of the Nunavut Constitution. Preparations for a Constitutional Alliance meeting will also be discussed.

WCF members include Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Minister James Wah-Shee, Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie, Dene Nation president Steve Kakfwi and Metis Association vice-president Larry Tourangeau.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Dene Nation boardroom.

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LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 27) - Peter Baril of Frobisher Bay and Gordon Campbell of Inuvik have been appointed members of the Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board.

Their appointments, effective immediately, were announced today by Justice and Public Services Minister George Braden.

Baril, a resident of Frobisher Bay since 1976, is a self-employed businessman.

Campbell, a longtime resident of Inuvik, is a self-employed businessman and Inuvik Town Councillor.

The Liquor Licensing Board is responsible for granting, renewing, transferring, cancelling or suspending liquor licences. The board is also responsible for inspecting licensed premises and granting special occasion liquor licences.

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SHOOTING CLUB RECEIVES EXECUTIVE GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 01) - A \$15,000 executive council grant was presented last week to Yellowknife Shooting Club president Bruce Bannister by George Braden, leader of the elected executive.

The shooting club will use the grant to assist in the renovation of two bunkhouses, acquired last summer from Giant Yellowknife Mines, into a combined shooting range and home for the 825 Elks Air Cadet Squadron and the 273 Army Cadet Corps. The completed facility will house a first class shooting range, drill area, special classrooms, recreation area and office space. The project is jointly sponsored and shared by the Yellowknife Shooting Club and the City's army and air cadets. Giant Yellowknife Mines has given the group a 25 year lease on the buildings.

"The executive felt this project was worth supporting because of the large community involvement in providing a new recreational facility for the capital city," said Braden. "We also felt this facility would be useful to out-of-town students living at Akaitcho Hall who could use it for shooting practice and firearms safety courses."

This new shooting range will provide an excellent facility for the Arctic Winter Games being held in Yellowknife March 18-23, 1984.

SHOOTING CLUB RECEIVES GRANT: PAGE 2

"Once the project is completed," said Bannister, "we will have one of the best equipped cadet facilities and shooting clubs in the country."

The group has also received a \$20,000 grant from the Arctic Winter Games Corporation.

Renovations are now underway and the facility is expected to be operational by January in time for the Arctic Winter Games trials.

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PERFORMING GROUPS RECEIVE \$8000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 01) - Contributions to three NWT performing groups were announced today by Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee.

The grants, totalling \$8000, will go to the Yellowknife Choral Society, the Society to Encourage Northern Talent (SENT), and Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik, the legal services board for the Baffin region.

The Yellowknife Choral Society will use its \$2000 contribution to assist with the cost of bringing nine professional musicians from Winnipeg for its production of H.M.S. Pinafore December 1 to 4. The operetta will involve a cast of 41 local singers and 4 local musicians.

The contribution of \$4,000 to SENT will pay some of the travel costs of a tour of Kitikmeot communities by poet Jim Green and musician Pat Buckna. They will be accompanied on the tour of Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Pelly Bay by local performers.

Maliiganik Tukisiiniakvik will receive a contribution of \$2000. This grant will offset the costs of a two-week theatre workshop in Frobisher Bay to train five actors to produce and perform plays on common legal problems. Following the workshop, the theatre troupe will travel to Cape Dorset, Pangnirtung, Nanisivik and Arctic Bay.

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Organizers of the workshop hope that the program will upgrade legal education in the region, train people in theatrics and expose community residents to theatre, many for the first time.

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SUPPORT FOR BAFFIN GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 01) - The Territorial government will make a contribution of \$21,500 to the Baffin Regional Northern Games, to be held in Pangnirtung November 4-6.

The grant was announced today by Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee.

This contribution, along with an earlier grant of \$3,500, brings to \$25,000 the total funding given to the Baffin Regional Recreation Committee, a committee of the Baffin Regional Council and organizers of the Games.

This is the first time separate regional northern games will be held in the Baffin, the minister noted. This year, Games will have been held in every region of the NWT.

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**ENERGY BOARD REPORT ON NCPC "UNACCEPTABLE" SAYS
NERYSOO**

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 01) - Major recommendations of the National Energy Board inquiry into the operations of the Northern Canada Power Commission are "unsubstantiated, suprisingly superficial and unacceptable" to northerners, says Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo.

"We can do nothing but reject the Board's recommendations concerning the regulation and location of the Commission and its operations. These are an incredible affront to the ability and aspirations of northern residents," said Nerysoo.

Nerysoo made the statement in response to the NEB's recommendations released last Friday. The report was submitted to the federal Minister of Northern Affairs, John Munro, in response to his call for the inquiry last spring.

In its report, the NEB has recommended that NCPC should remain a federal Crown Corporation without any change in its present structure or relocation of its head offices to northern Canada. The recommendations also state that regulation of the Commission's rates and capital additions should remain with a federal agency or board and not with either of the two territories' Public Utility Boards.

These recommendations are in direct conflict with findings of the Penner Inquiry which held hearings into the operations of NCPC last year. As well, the NEB report ignores several recommendations put forward by the GNWT in its submission to the inquiry, said Nerysoo.

The GNWT recommended that the Commission be split into two separate companies; one serving the NWT, the other serving the Yukon. It also called for the relocation of the Commission's head offices to the north, the conversion of NCPC's debt into equity and regulation of NCPC by residents of the NWT through the NWT Public Utilities Board.

"It is obvious the NEB has set aside the needs and abilities of northern residents to control a utility which is so vital to development and general well-being," said Nerysoo.

In criticizing the report Nerysoo also stated that while the NEB supported the GNWT's ideas concerning financial restructuring, the board's recommendations were incomplete. "In this regard they seem to be going in the right direction, but seem confused as to how significantly past losses affect the current rate-setting and costs to the consumer," he said.

In concluding his remarks, Nerysoo said he will be issuing a statement to Mr. Munro concerning the inadequacies in the Energy Board report.

"We will urge the Minister of Northern Affairs to disregard these recommendations and take a more logical approach to modifying the structure and accountability of NCPC to better meet the needs of northern residents," said Nerysoo.

**PENNER/GNWT/NEB
RECOMMENDATION COMPARISONS**

PENNER INQUIRY
MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
APRIL 1982

1. The Federal Government should enter into discussions with the Territorial Governments for the purpose of creating separate territorial crown corporations to assume present NCPC responsibilities.
2. The NCPC should be relocated in the north if the alternative of complete federal devolution of NCPC's responsibilities to the territorial government is not quickly accepted.

The existing debt of NCPC to the Government of Canada should be written off in the Accounts of Canada.

3. All electrical power utilities in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories should be fully subject to regulation by their respective Public Utilities Boards.

GOVERNMENT OF THE NWT
MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEB
JUNE 22 1983

1. NCPC should be split into two autonomous agencies one serving the NWT, one serving Yukon.

The GNWT recommends that it take over the responsibility for NCPC in a manner consistent with the political devolution of the NWT, once NCPC becomes financially viable.

2. The GNWT recommends that NCPC transfer its head offices and managerial operations to the NWT.

NCPC debt writeoff is preferred, however, in the event that this option is not considered possible by the Federal Government, a complete debt to equity conversion is recommended. (Debt now stands at almost \$200 million).

3. NCPC immediately become fully regulated by an expanded NWT Public Utilities Board.

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD
MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA
AUGUST 1983

1. NCPC should continue to operate as a single entity owned by the Federal Government.

2. The head office should remain in Edmonton.

The debt amounting to \$9.2 million, which exists because of prior losses, should be forgiven.

The working capital loss of \$7.5 million should be converted to equity.

Outstanding loans, incurred in respect of assets which are no longer "used and useful", should be forgiven.

3. The regulation of NCPC, including the approval of rates and of the public convenience and necessity of major capital additions, should be assigned to a single federal regulatory agency.

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**INUIT ART COLLECTION LEFT TO NORTHERN HERITAGE
CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 04) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has received a bequest of a collection of 77 pieces of Inuit art.

The collection has been left to the Northern Heritage Centre by Malvina Bolus of Victoria. Miss Bolus retired in 1977 after 14 years as editor of The Beaver, the magazine published by the Hudson Bay Company.

This is a "remarkable collection", according to curator of collections Barbara Winter, and includes sculptures, prints, paintings from across the north and three woven grass baskets from Inoucdjouac in Northern Quebec.

Many of the carvings are from the 1950's and 60's and include early works by well-known artists such as Kiakshuk of Cape Dorset, Noolookie, Pudloo and Pauloosie.

One small carving by Munarmee of Cape Dorset has been identified, by Inuit art expert Dr. George Swinton, as a portrait of the artist Parr.

Some of the ivory and soapstone sculptures in the collection were first purchased by Bishop A.L. Fleming when he lived in the NWT and Arctic Quebec.

Several of the pieces have been exhibited at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

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NORTHERN HEALTH CONFERENCE NOV. 21-23

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 07) - The first conference sponsored by the Northern Rural Health Program, planned for Yellowknife November 21-23, will bring together doctors from remote northern communities and noted medical experts.

The Northern Rural Health Program recruits physicians for communities in the NWT. The program, which has been operating for two years, is managed and administered by the Territorial government's department of health on behalf of Health and Welfare Canada.

As well, the Yellowknife medical community has been invited to the conference to facilitate an exchange of information among all NWT doctors and decrease the isolation experienced by medical staff in remote communities.

Keynote speaker for the conference is the Honourable Mr. Emmett M. Hall, Q.C. Hall will be speaking on rural health topics at a banquet November 22.

Other speakers during the three-day conference include Dr. Peter Sarsfield, district medical officer in Cambridge Bay, who will discuss local control of health services. Dr. Bill Bowie, associate professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia, will present a seminar on sexually transmitted diseases while Dr. Rick Mathias, also of UBC, will discuss the control and management of infectious diseases.

Dr. E.J. Niedhardt will conduct workshops on the behavioral treatment of various disorders. Long-time northern physician Dr. Otto Schaefer will describe his own experiences in bringing medical services to the north.

The conference will also include planning sessions to develop goals and objectives for the Northern Rural Health Program.

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AGENDA

NORTHERN RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 21-23, 1983

Monday, November 21

- 08:30-12:00 Session A (Closed)
Northern Rural Health Program Planning
Meeting. Program Staff Only
- 0900-1200 Session B
Dr. E.J. Niedhardt. Workshop on
"Treatment of insomnia, smoking cessation
and chronic pain, combining hypnosis and
a behavioral approach. (Room: TBA)
- 1315-1515 Session C
Dr. R. Mathias. "Control and Management
of Selected Communicable Diseases".
(9th floor boardroom, Precambrian Bldg.)
- 1530-1700 Session D
Dr. C. Moisey. "Respiratory Disease in
the Young Inuit and Dene Child."
(9th floor boardroom, Precambrian Bldg.)
- 1900-2200 Session E
Dr. E.J. Niedhardt. Workshop on
"Treatment of Stress Related Disorders".
(5th floor training room, Precambrian)

Tuesday, November 22

All sessions in 9th floor training room, Precambrian Bldg.

- 0830-1200 Session F
Dr. W.R. Bowie. "Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Beyond the Cervix".
- 1315-1430 Session G
Dr. P. Sarsfield. "Local control of Health Services".
- 1445-1700 Session H
Dr. O.Schaefer. "Bringing Medical Services to the North - a personal experience".
- Dinner Banquet
Keynote speaker: The Honourable Mr. Emmett Hall, Q.C.
The Caribou Room, Yellowknife Inn

Wednesday, November 23

All sessions in 9th floor training room, Precambrian Bldg.

- 0900-1000 Session I
Dr. Jean Soo-Chun Ng. "Practicing Medicine in the Baffin".
- 1015-1200 Session J
Mr. Justice D. Marshall. "Selected Legal Issues and their Relation to Northern Medicine".
- 1315-1415 Session K
Teleconferencing - Presentation and Discussion.
- 1430-1700 Northern Rural Health Program - Summary and Future Directions.

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NWT GETS ENERGY POLICY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 10) - The GNWT Executive Council has approved the NWT's new energy policy.

In announcing the new policy today, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Richard Nerysoo called it a "major step" to help northern residents deal with the high cost of energy and bring that cost down.

The energy policy has three major thrusts - conservation, identification and development of new sources of energy and regulation and control of energy use and development. Nerysoo said the policy will serve as a guideline for all government departments to design new programs that will be carried out under the GNWT Energy Program Plan.

"What we have done," he said, "is define the GNWT's strategy and set out the goals clearly to enable the development of programs that best meet the needs of northern residents now."

Under the conservation portion of the policy, the government will examine education programs to develop consumer attitudes, including instruction of children through the education system. Technical assistance will also be provided to NWT residents, businesses and industry to assist them in identifying and reducing unnecessary energy use.

The construction of energy efficient homes and buildings will also become a priority with the development of new specifications and standards for new building construction.

Utilization of NWT energy resources will be considered through planning, investigation and orderly development of energy supply for the NWT. New sources of energy to replace fuel oil for electricity generation and heating will be identified through a community by community assessment. The results of all energy studies will be combined and used to determine priorities for energy sources and regional development.

In addition, companies proposing large scale development of NWT energy resources will be encouraged to contribute to the planning process by determining how NWT residents could receive energy supplies from the planned projects. Any new energy projects will be judged on the basis of input received from community leaders, their long-run ability to provide secure sources of energy at the lowest possible price and their ability to provide other economic benefits. The Executive Council will approve only those projects that meet the defined criteria.

"Through the implementation of this policy," said Nerysoo, "our efforts will be to help northern residents identify and correct problems relating to energy use to help develop new sources of energy, using whatever resources communities have at their disposal."

Nerysoo indicated the various GNWT departments will be directed to submit program proposals for the Energy Program Plan for approval by the Executive Council.

"Within the financial constraints this government has today, we will do our utmost to install energy programs to meet the needs of northern residents," said Nerysoo.

ENERGY POLICY

BACKGROUND

In November 1981, the GNWT released a document called "Energy Strategy for the Northwest Territories, 1980 - 2000." This paper provided a number of facts on northern energy consumption that became the drive behind the NWT Energy Policy.

Energy costs, directly and indirectly, consume almost one-quarter of the Gross Territorial Product or about \$5,000 per person each year. A change in the availability or price has a direct and immediate effect on the standard of living and could cause major shifts in the northern economy.

The NWT currently relies on refined petroleum products for about 90 per cent of its energy needs. Residents of the NWT and Yukon use roughly 40 per cent more energy than the Canadian average, including seven times more diesel fuel and two-and-a-half times more fuel oil. Most of this fuel oil is shipped from southern Canada.

Given these statistics, "off-oil" solutions must be found to meet northern energy requirements. Less expensive indigenous sources of energy must be developed where possible. This is the motivation for the following principles of the GNWT Energy Policy.

PROVISIONS
GNWT ENERGY POLICY

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CONSERVATION

The energy costs of NWT residents will be reduced through promotion of the efficient use of energy.

(a) Education

To assist in the development of responsible consumer attitudes, school children will be educated in the nature, use and cost of energy, and the means available to them to conserve.

(b) Technical Assistance

Territorial residents, business and industry, will be assisted to identify and reduce unnecessary energy use. Technical material and advice will be provided on a direct and personal basis.

(c) Efficiency in Buildings

The construction of energy efficient homes and buildings will be promoted through the development and promulgation of new building standards. These standards will incorporate the considerable experience gained through past experimentation and will be based on the principle of life cycle costing.

The standards will be prepared in cooperation with the appropriate agencies of the Government of Canada.

All new buildings constructed by the GNWT will adhere to the specifications of the new standards.

When leasing space in new buildings, the GNWT will not assume full responsibility for energy used unless the building has been constructed according to the new standards.

(d) Consumer Responsibility

Increased consumer responsibility for energy purchases will be fostered in the NWT in order to promote care in energy use.

Employers in the NWT will be encouraged to adjust employee benefit packages to compensate employees for high Northern living costs in a way other than direct energy subsidization.

Programs will be developed that increase the responsibility of public housing tenants for the payment of their energy purchases.

Government of the NWT employee benefit packages will be redesigned so that employees pay for heat and power directly to the supplier, on a consumption basis at the going community rate.

Power utilities will be invited to assist the development of consumer responsibility by the development of billing practices that allow for flexibility in the individual billing of customers.

(e) Equitable Electricity Pricing

Equitable electrical prices will be fostered by apportioning to each customer or class of customers a share of the total generation cost that is considered fair and reasonable.

(f) Town Planning

Town plans will be drawn with a view to maximizing the energy efficiency and minimizing the future energy costs of new construction.

Major consideration will be given to:

- (i) the various energy sources within the community such as waste heat from diesel generation, and the nature of the supply system.

- (ii) the natural topography of the land which may give relief from prevailing winds or maximize solar gain.

and new construction will be placed to achieve a reasonable balance between energy considerations and other desirable criteria.

(g) Government of the Northwest Territories

Energy conservation will be actively encouraged within the GNWT with a view to reducing government consumption by a preset target amount.

New government office space lease provisions will be developed that provide an incentive to builders to construct energy efficient buildings.

Individual units in multiple-unit accommodation will be separately metered for electricity and hot water, wherever it is economically reasonable to do so.

Capital plans involving new construction will be reviewed with heat and power suppliers at an early stage of development to allow consultation on the best means to supply the future energy demand.

The GNWT will continue to upgrade the energy efficiency of its homes and buildings where such work can be shown to have a reasonable payback period.

UTILIZATION OF NWT ENERGY RESOURCES

An energy supply that is more dependable and reasonably priced will be pursued through the development and increased use of renewable and non-renewable NWT energy sources.

(a) Planning

Energy use in the NWT will be monitored and tabulated on a continuing basis in sufficient detail to permit the development of well considered energy programs and policy.

(b) Investigation

New sources of energy to replace fuel oil for electricity generation and heating will be identified through a community by community assessment.

The conduct of investigative studies by the GNWT will be coordinated with those performed by the private sector and the Government of Canada and its agencies.

The results of all energy studies will be combined and used to determine priorities for energy source and geographic area development.

The priorities will be formed in consultation with community leaders and major producers or consumers of energy.

(c) Large Scale Projects

Companies proposing the large scale development of NWT energy resources shall be encouraged to contribute to the planning process by determining how NWT residents could receive supply from their projects.

(d) Orderly Development

Projects proposed to supply energy to NWT residents will be analyzed in relation to the current supply system and other opportunities for the area in question.

Projects will be judged on the basis of:

- input received from community leaders
- their long run ability to provide a secure supply of energy at the lowest possible price
- their ability to provide other economic benefits.

Projects will be approved that are in the best long term interests of territorial residents.

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NERYSOO PLEASED WITH STOKES POINT DECISION

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 07) - Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Richard Nerysoo today said he is pleased with the federal government's decision not to proceed with Gulf Canada's proposal for developing a harbour at Stokes Point or Peter Kiewit Sons' proposal for a quarry at King Point, at this time.

"While I am quite pleased with Mr. Munro's decision," said the minister, "it is unfortunate the federal government's decision was not made some time ago, thereby avoiding the large amount of confusion in the communities and effort and money spent by both industry and government to come to this conclusion."

"The present decision," he added, "will give all parties concerned additional time for reassessment and negotiations on future industrial development in the Beaufort Sea area as was initially requested by the GNWT."

"However, the Territorial Government will continue to support the establishment of a harbour facility at McKinley Bay, NWT," said Nerysoo. "We will encourage the federal government to centralize harbour development in the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta area which will be beneficial to NWT residents."

"One such consideration the federal government will be asked to examine is for all industry to develop a McKinley Bay use plan which will be agreeable to all parties," he said.

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GNWT TO RELEASE AGRICULTURAL LAND

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 15) - The Territorial government will make agricultural land available soon to market gardeners in the Hay River area.

In letters to Hay River MLA Don Stewart and Ben Greenfield, president of the Paradise Valley Association, Minister of Local Government James Wah-Shee has assured residents that they will be able to have title to land they presently lease for market gardening.

In his letter, Wah-Shee explained that regulations are being prepared to control development in the area. When that is completed within the next few weeks, sale of land to the present leaseholders will begin.

In a separate letter to Hay River Mayor Walter Kudelik, the minister explained why the Territorial government is not prepared to delay this process. The Town Council of Hay River had asked that the regulations not be put in place until the question of annexation had been settled between the Municipality of Hay River and residents of the corridor area.

"In my view", Wah-Shee said, "those negotiations could go on for some time and it would not be reasonable to delay the question of land ownership, which was strongly supported by the local MLA."

"I wish, however, to assure the Town of Hay River that the Territorial government's regulations would be revoked if the corridor development area to be included in the Municipality. It would then be up to Town Council and corridor residents to set rules for development of the corridor by passing by-laws in the usual way."

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WCF MEETS NOVEMBER 25

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 22) - Members of the Western Constitutional Forum (WCF) will meet here Friday to discuss proposals on boundary research and community liason.

Three new members of the WCF Secretariat staff will also be introduced at this meeting. The new staff members are community liason co-ordinator Aggie Brockman, research co-ordinator Deborah O'Connell and secretary Janet Snider.

Proposals for an approach to boundary research and for the community liason function over the next three months will be outlined and discussed.

WCF members include Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Minister James Wah-Shee; Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie; Dene Nation president Steve Kakfwi and NWT Metis Association president Wally Firth.

Members will meet at 9 a.m. in the Dene Nation boardroom.

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SAFE DRIVING WEEK DECEMBER 1-7

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 25) - "None for the Road" is the theme of Safe Driving Week, December 1-7, in the Northwest Territories and the rest of Canada.

Safe Driving Week was started 27 years ago to alert Canadians to the risks of death and injury resulting from traffic accidents.

"The theme, None for the Road, is appropriate for the Northwest Territories because of our reputation for having one of the highest traffic fatalities records in the country," says Judy Collard, the Territorial government's registrar of motor vehicles. "And our statistics don't indicate a reversal of this trend."

Risks of traffic accidents are significantly increased when drinking and driving are involved. In the Northwest Territories, drivers must be aware of oncoming vehicles and road conditions to react properly and avoid accidents. This is even more important this year, adds the registrar, with the increase in traffic, especially large trucks, on NWT roads and highways.

"Drinking and driving are a bad combination at any time," says Collard, "but the danger of drinking drivers is always higher during the holiday season." She advises drinking drivers to get into the habit of using cabs and encouraging their friends and family to use them also.

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Literature on the effects of drinking and driving is available, at no charge, from the motor vehicles division.

Drivers should also remember winter driving conditions 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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PILOT PROJECT ASSESSES FAMILY LIFESTYLES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 25) - NWT residents are participating in a pilot project to test a new program created by Health and Welfare Canada to help families assess their present lifestyles and plan new health and lifestyle goals.

The project, Family Challenge - A Lifestyle Adventure, is jointly sponsored by the Territorial department of local government's sport and recreation division and the department of health's health promotion section.

Participants have been selected from several Territorial government departments in Yellowknife, Health and Welfare Canada and, in Tungsten, from members of the Flat River Recreation Association.

Family Challenge is a communications game which encourages families to participate in suggested activities in each of seven lifestyle categories - safety, relaxation, nutrition, general health, mental activity, physical activity and breaking free (from smoking or other habits).

The Family Challenge package consists of a passport styled on a Canadian passport, an imaginative wall map and a series of stamps for the passport. The aim of the project is to reach goals in all seven areas within six months.

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On successful completion of the series of activities, the family will receive formal recognition through a Certificate of Achievement awarded by Health and Welfare Canada and the Territorial government.

This pilot phase of the project is being undertaken as part of a cross-Canada plan to test the Family Challenge within companies, governments and hospitals. The project in the NWT began November 14 and runs until May 14, 1984.

Once the six-month pilot phase of Family Challenge has been completed, its success will be assessed. If demand is great enough, Family Challenge will then be available to a wider group of participants.

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EXERCISE TO TEST EMERGENCY PLANS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 29) - A fake power and communications blackout in Fort McPherson this weekend will test the ability of the community and territorial and federal governments to respond to a domestic emergency.

About 50 people in McPherson, Inuvik and Yellowknife will participate Friday to Sunday in Exercise Pingo/Nanook Lark.

The disaster simulation also will involve seriously-injured firefighters and electrical workers, medical assistance, transportation for the injured and the setting up of emergency communications when traditional communications fail.

"Disaster plans are worthless unless they're tested," said Joe MacEachern of Inuvik, the Territorial Government's regional director and head of the region's emergency response team. "This exercise will help us improve the various interlocking emergency plans in place at the community, regional and territorial levels."

Participants will include community officials in McPherson, the Territorial Government's emergency response team in Inuvik, Department of National Defence, Health and Welfare Canada, and the Territorial Government organization with overall responsibility for civil emergencies in the NWT - the Territorial Emergency Control Committee. It is made up of territorial and federal civil servants, RCMP and NCPC.

TEST EMERGENCY PLANS: PAGE 2

Exercise Pingo primarily will test the competence of the emergency response plans at the three levels and the winter capability of DND communications.

"We hold an emergency exercise in a different community at least once a year," said the Territorial Government's Mike Hewitt of Yellowknife, assistant deputy minister, Justice and Public Services, and chairman of the Territorial Emergency Control Committee. "When it comes to emergencies, there is no such thing as too much practise."

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TRAVEL INDUSTRY SURVEY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 29) - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is conducting a survey to determine the contribution of the tourism and travel industry to the economy of the Northwest Territories.

TravelArctic began distributing questionnaires to northern tourism businesses this week. The questionnaire, designed by a Vancouver research firm Canadian Facts, is divided into four sections. Businessmen are asked to identify their type of business; years and seasons of operation; revenues; employment; expansion plans and the future outlook of their operation.

"This survey will serve three purposes," said Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum. "It will assess the significance of the travel industry to the NWT economy; the current health of the industry and it's prospects for growth."

Questionnaires have been sent to businessmen who operate hotels, lodges, outfitting companies, restaurants, bars, air charter companies, service stations, some retail stores and boat rental companies.

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"The survey also provides an effective way for northern businessmen to have direct input into policy planning, marketing activities and development for their area," stated the minister.

While TravelArctic will distribute and collect the completed questionnaires, the evaluation and preparation of a report on the survey will be done by Canadian Facts.

All questionnaires will be handled in a confidential manner.

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GNWT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPO '86

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - The Territorial government has agreed in principle to develop and operate a pavilion at the 1986 World Exposition in Vancouver.

Expo '86 is an official World Exposition, sanctioned by the International Bureau of Expositions, and the first world exposition on transportation to be held outside Europe.

In announcing the decision to proceed with planning for Expo '86, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum said the NWT pavilion will jointly represent government and industry.

The proposed pavilion includes government and industry display areas, a theatre area for showing films and slides, an area for the promotion and sale of NWT arts and crafts and an outdoor restaurant selling food indigenous to the North.

The process of selecting a concessionaire to operate the restaurant and arts and crafts outlet will get underway soon. As well, steps are being taken to appoint a pavilion commissioner to direct and manage the project on behalf of the Executive Council.

A group of NWT artists, athletes and craftspeople will also be selected to give live performances and demonstrations during the fair.

In announcing the NWT's participation in Expo '86, McCallum noted that it will benefit the NWT in several ways.

"Our participation will increase sales of crafts, tourism services, renewable resource products and NWT-produced souvenirs. As well, we hope to stimulate investor interest in the non-renewable resource sector and increase awareness of the need for research into northern transportation and communication problems.

"We see it as an opportunity to add to non-northerners' knowledge of our land, lifestyle, political aspirations and cultural heritage and increase awareness of the value of our renewable resource harvest. It will also increase our residents' pride in the NWT," the minister added.

The theme of Expo '86 is 'Man in Motion', focussing on transportation and related communications. The exposition has already attracted 30 countries, eight provinces and two domestic corporations. Between the opening May 2 and closing ceremonies October 13, approximately 16.5 million visitors are expected.

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NEW THEBACHA COLLEGE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 2) - William Stapleton has been named director of Thebacha College in Fort Smith.

His appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Stapleton replaces Jack Witty who has been the College director for the last 1 1/2 years. Witty is returning to private business in B.C.

The new director was educated in England but did post-graduate work in educational administration at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Stapleton first came north in 1960 to open the new school in Resolute Bay. During the 1960s he worked with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in Borneo in adult education and teacher in-service training.

He was named assistant superintendent of education in Yellowknife in 1971 and from 1973-1975 was regional superintendent of education in the Baffin region. He has been regional superintendent in Fort Smith since 1978.

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BAFFIN REGION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 2) - A program, designed to qualify Inuit public servants for managerial positions within the Territorial government, has been developed by the Baffin Regional Management Committee and the Department of Personnel, Staff Development and Training Division.

This program, two years in the planning, will assist GNWT personnel of Inuit origin to assume supervisory responsibilities in the Baffin Region. Half of all GNWT employees in the region are of Inuit origin.

"This program is very timely," said Iqaluit MLA and Executive Council member Dennis Patterson. "With division of the Territories a political reality, the need for trained and experienced government managers becomes one of the most important requirements for a Nunavut government."

Six trainee positions will be available and candidates will be selected for the three-year program through an internal competition. Successful candidates will have several years of working experience with the Territorial government and a proven work record.

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The training program will be directed by a Management Development Co-ordinator and be based in Frobisher Bay. Management trainees will be required to enroll in university correspondence courses, receive management training courses and be assigned to government departments for on-the-job training. Individualized study courses will also be developed to take advantage of the skills and knowledge each candidate brings to the program.

Trainees will be qualified for middle management positions in any government department following completion of the program.

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MCPHERSON "SAVED" IN EXERCISE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 07) - Fort McPherson had a grim time last weekend. Fortunately, not many people there knew it, even though their NCPC plant and Hudson's Bay store "burned" and the settlement had to be "evacuated" to Yellowknife and Inuvik.

That, at least, was the scenario which unrolled as Government of the Northwest Territories, community and federal officials coped with an imaginary civil emergency code-named Exercise Pingo/Nanook Lark.

Exercise Pingo was designed to test the effectiveness of Territorial, federal and community agencies to deal with a real crisis of the sort which could occur in a northern community in winter.

The exercise involved community officials in Fort McPherson, the Territorial government's emergency response team in Inuvik, the Department of National Defence, Health and Welfare Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Territorial Emergency Control Committee (TECC).

TECC is made up of Territorial and federal civil servants, the RCMP and Northern Canada Power Commission officials. It has overall responsibility for civil emergencies in the NWT.

"We had our problems," said R.A. Robinson, chief, safety division, Department of Justice and Public Services, who was TECC chairman for the exercise. "But the end result was that the injured were all treated and all those left in 30 below weather were evacuated to safety...and that was the job which had to be done."

TECC was notified Friday morning that there had been an "explosion" and "fire" at the NCPC powerhouse in Fort McPherson and that several people had been "injured". And Exercise Pingo was off and running.

Communications proved the first stumbling block. They'd been knocked out by the "power failure" caused by the "fire". DND, called in by TECC, quickly established a radio network to fill that gap, although amateur radio operators had to set up the initial communications network until army communicators could reach Fort McPherson.

"I was really impressed with the job the ham operators did," said Assistant Deputy Minister of Justice and Public Services Michael Hewitt, normally TECC chairman but, for the exercise, the man who dreamed up most of the nasty things which happened.

By Friday night, and through most of Saturday, the Inuvik response team was able to handle most of the emergency without help. Then on Saturday, with all the burn cases "evacuated" to Edmonton, emergency generators in place and the sick and elderly safely "evacuated" to Inuvik, the problems mounted.

There were 850 people in Fort McPherson who suddenly found themselves without a food supply when the Bay store "burned" to the ground. And when, early Sunday, the emergency power failed too, they were really in trouble.

Inuvik rushed to their rescue, "evacuating" 450 people by plane and bus down the Dempster Highway. But with its resources swamped, Inuvik had to turn to TECC for help.

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By 3 p.m. Sunday the situation was under control. TECC had marshaled a fleet of Twin Otters and DC-3s to get the rest of McPherson to Inuvik, where a PWA 737 and an NWT Airways Electra were "waiting" to bring "evacuees" south. Temporary shelter was available in school auditoriums in Yellowknife, and Yellowknifers were being "asked", via radio, to offer accommodation in their homes.

"We learned some lessons," said Mr. Robinson. "That was the whole idea...to make TECC as effective an organization as possible and to give the other organizations experience in this type of situation."

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DENE ARTS SHOW CLOSES THIS MONTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 08) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre's highly successful exhibition of Dene women's art closes at the end of this month.

This major exhibition features Dene decorative arts and crafts, on loan from the National Museum of Man in Ottawa and from the collections of the Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith and the Northern Heritage Centre.

It includes many pieces collected in the early 1900's by visitors to the north. One of the oldest items of clothing is a pair of women's beaded leggings in Fort Rae and taken south by ethnologist J.A. Mason.

The show also includes contemporary clothing designed by Tim Sikyea, formerly of Fort Resolution, using traditional crafts such as moosehair tufting, beading and quill work.

The show has been very well received and attended during its six months at the Northern Heritage Centre, according to curator of collections Barbara Winter. The Centre has also received a request to show the exhibition at the MacDonald-Stewart Art Centre at the University of Guelph, Ontario. Negotiations are presently underway with the opening tentatively set for April 1985, Winter said.

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LAL REMAINS WITH NWT GOVERNMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services, has announced that the Deputy Minister of the Department, Stien K. Lal, will continue in that position. After careful consideration, and for personal reasons, Mr. Lal has decided not to take up the position of Deputy Minister with the Yukon Government.

Mr. Lal has been with the Government of the Northwest Territories since 1977, serving as Deputy Minister of Justice and Public Services for the past 2 1/2 years.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Lal has decided to remain with us. He has provided excellent service and I am sure he will continue to make a valuable contribution in the public service of the Northwest Territories," said Mr. Braden.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO MOVE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - The NWT Legislative Assembly has accepted in principle a proposal from the Yellowknife Inn to provide new quarters for the Assembly.

The agreement was announced today jointly by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Don Stewart and Arnold McCallum, minister of public works.

"An increase in the number of members of the Assembly and improved services has meant a need for more space," the Speaker noted.

The Yellowknife Inn will provide offices for staff and MLAs year-round and part-time accommodation as required for the Chamber, meeting and caucus rooms and offices for support staff. The contract is for approximately five years.

The Yellowknife Inn's proposal was selected from several received by the department of public works.

Construction and renovation of the space is expected to begin shortly, with the work scheduled for completion by the Fall 1984 session of the Legislative Assembly.

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COMMITTEE FORMED TO DEAL WITH WIFE ASSAULT

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - A ministerial committee has been formed to develop a co-ordinated approach and improve services dealing with the problem of wife assault in the NWT.

In announcing formation of the group, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Dennis Patterson said, "We recognize wife assault as a major problem in the North. Statistics show that one in 10 women in a relationship is beaten".

"Women's groups and agencies providing services to families have also identified violence as a major problem facing women in the NWT", the minister added.

The committee, chaired by Sheila Keet, co-ordinator of the GNWT's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, includes representatives of the RCMP, judicial system, health, social services, community groups and people who work with battered women.

The committee will be responsible for initiating a plan of action to deal with the problem and soliciting input from the public, the minister said.

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"In light of Federal Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan's direction that police lay charges in cases of wife assault, it is important to bring together representatives to develop a program to deal with the problem in the North particularly", Patterson said.

"Native women have a 33 per cent chance of dying a violent death as compared with seven per cent of the general Canadian population", he noted.

The committee, which met for the first time this week, will hold another meeting in January when short-term measures will be identified and a task force will be formed to encourage public participation to assist in developing a long-term plan of action.

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TAXATION OF BENEFITS REMISSION EXTENSION WELCOMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 9) - Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters has welcomed the federal government's announcement that the special tax remission for housing and travel benefits in Northern Canada will be maintained.

The announcement was made today by Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro on behalf of Federal Minister of Finance Marc Lalonde at a press conference in Yellowknife.

Mr. Butters said that an estimated 15,000 employees in the Northwest Territories could have been affected by the taxation scheme that was scheduled to begin on January 1, 1984.

"We appreciate the recognition by the federal government that increased taxation at this time would have caused unnecessary hardship in a part of the country where costs are already substantially higher than elsewhere," said Mr. Butters.

"While we will continue to press for a fair and equitable taxation system, such as proposed in the Bird Report on taxation of northern allowances, we will gladly participate with federal officials and others to further explore the issue.

"I offered our continuing support to Mr. Lalonde, including support services from our staff who could work together with federal finance department officials in developing an improved scheme," said Mr. Butters.

"We are open to fresh approaches that could come out of such consultation. The important thing is to arrive at equitable tax treatment for all Northern residents, while continuing to encourage permanency, economic development and entrepreneurship in the North."

Mr. Butters said that the Government of the Northwest Territories shared the federal government's concern for sustaining more permanent communities in the North.

"We feared that 'fly-in and fly-out' operations could result if taxation of northern allowances proceeded as scheduled and made strong representations on that issue," said Mr. Butters.

Mr. Butters also paid tribute to the many individuals and groups from industry, labour and the municipal level of government, who contributed in presenting the case for a change in the planned taxation scheme.

These included: the Northern Benefits Taxation Committee of industry and labour representatives chaired by Shirley Carr, vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress; Professor Richard Bird and his associate N.E. Slack and the committee of northern residents representing business, labour, native associations and municipalities that provided valuable in-put into the Bird Report; Lynda Sorensen, MLA Yellowknife South and Bob MacQuarrie, MLA Yellowknife Centre, who both made strong representations to the Federal government.

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PROGRESS MADE ON HUMAN RIGHTS CODE - BRADEN

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 09) - The Territorial government has prepared a package of draft provisions which could form the basis of a human rights code for the NWT, Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden announced today.

The completion of the preliminary program comes at an auspicious time as December 10 is the 35th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the minister said.

"As executive member responsible for the protection of human rights under the Fair Practices Ordinance, it gives me pleasure to announce that progress has been made toward enhancing that legislation with a modern human rights code," Braden said.

The Yukon and Northwest Territories are the only jurisdictions in Canada which do not have codes to protect their citizens against discrimination.

Earlier this year, the Executive Council authorized a consultant to begin work on development of a human rights code, using project funds provided by the Federal Department of Justice. "Our hope was that by borrowing from the experiences of the provinces while drawing on northern democratic traditions, we could create a code appropriate to the North," Braden said.

The consultant's paper outlines draft provisions which could form the basis of a human rights code and it is hoped this document will lead to wide discussion and comment from MLAs and the public, he said. "It will be the task of the recently elected representatives to decide the final form of the legislation."

The consultation paper also discusses the creation of a human rights commission based in the NWT to ensure the provisions of the law are followed. "A locally based commission could be more responsive to northern views about the most appropriate ways to resolve conflicts," the minister said.

Currently, complaints against individuals are handled by a Territorial government official and allegations against the GNWT are dealt with by the Edmonton office of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The project to develop a human rights code is timely, according to Braden, because the NWT is required to comply with the Canadian Charter of Rights by April 17, 1985. The Charter deals with fundamental issues such as freedom of speech, constitutional development and aboriginal rights while the Territorial government is responsible for preventing discrimination among private citizens and between government agencies and individuals.

"Our goal is to recognize and enhance the human rights of everyone with a code and commission suited to the contemporary needs and customs of the NWT," Braden said.

"This progress toward our own human rights code is another important step in assuming greater responsibility for self-government in the NWT," he added.

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PILOT NAMED TO NEW EXECUTIVE POSITION

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 12) - The appointment of Robert S. Pilot as Deputy Minister of the Executive Council was announced today by Commissioner John Parker and George Braden, leader of the Elected Executive.

The appointment of Mr. Pilot to this new position, the Territorial government's senior public servant, is effective today.

"This role will strengthen the administrative and operational side of the Executive Council Office, serving the new executive of the Tenth Assembly", Commissioner Parker said. Mr. Pilot will also act as Secretary to the Executive Council.

"We are pleased that Mr. Pilot, with his proven administrative abilities and long northern experience, will be undertaking this new responsibility", the Commissioner added.

Mr. Pilot will continue to carry out the residual duties of the Deputy Commissioner's position until alternate arrangements are made for a Deputy Commissioner to act only in Mr. Parker's absence. This duty has been carried out by the Deputy Commissioner until now.

The role of Deputy Commissioner as an Executive member was scheduled to disappear following the November Territorial elections, to be replaced by an eighth elected Executive member. The new Executive Council will be named in January.

Mr. Pilot has been Deputy Commissioner since November 1979.

The new deputy minister has been a northern resident since 1953 when he was an RCMP officer stationed in Frobisher Bay. During his 12 years with the RCMP, he served in several other detachments in the Eastern and High Arctic.

Mr. Pilot left the RCMP in 1965 to join the then Federal Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources as a northern service officer in Broughton Island and Pond Inlet.

He joined the Territorial government in 1969 as assistant regional director in Fort Smith and was named regional director in Frobisher Bay in 1971, senior executive assistant to the Commissioner in 1975 and, in 1976, director of the Executive Offices.

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NEW MEASURES RESPOND TO BEAUFORT CONCERNS

INUVIK (Dec. 10) - In response to concerns raised by Beaufort Sea communities about oil and gas development, the federal and territorial governments and industry have agreed on new approaches designed to improve coordination and enhance community participation in dealing with their problems. Details of this approach were announced today by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister John Munro and Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

As a first step, the existing Development Impact Zone (DIZ) Group has been recognized as the primary point of contact between governments and communities in the Mackenzie Delta and on the Beaufort coast. The DIZ will advise directly the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the G.N.W.T. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources according to their respective areas of authority and responsibility. This regional organization, which has already gained considerable acceptance by the constituent communities, will now be known as the Beaufort Mackenzie Delta Development Impact Zone Society. Both levels of government have agreed to use the Society as the focus for regional issues and as a means of coordinating government support to regional initiatives. This would not change any responsibilities vested in local governments but should facilitate a bottom-up approach to socio-economic development.

The Ministers emphasized that the Mackenzie Delta Beaufort DIZ Society as an entity responsible to the constituent communities, will be able to represent the views of local communities to government, rather than simply offer another consultative mechanism. We expect it to coordinate and focus local government and community opinion, so that government can respond to the Society as the communities main spokesman. They cautioned, however, that this is a unique solution to a specific set of concerns, which is not necessarily appropriate to other regions. This Society is not a form of regional government as it will have no administrative powers other than to represent its constituent local governments.

The Ministers also announced their willingness to establish a Mackenzie Delta Beaufort Sea Coordinating Office, to be located in Inuvik, as a means of focusing government response to and interface with the Society. Subject to terms of reference being jointly established, the office would be headed by a special facilitator/coordinator, whose activities will be jointly funded by both levels of government. This individual, having no program responsibilities, would liaise with both levels of government and industry in responding to issues raised by the Society, and he would act as a trouble-shooter to resolve particular concerns.

The recent EARP hearings identified problems in how Beaufort communities were coping with the impact of change brought on by many factors, including hydrocarbon development. Many of the problems can only be solved by adopting special measures and procedures which start at the community level and which are focused in a manner that governments and industry can adopt by working cooperatively with Beaufort communities. Through consultations with industry and community leaders, a consensus was developed that new initiatives were needed to ensure that each community had a voice in the development taking place. The Beaufort communities recognized that they have the central role in identifying and managing problems in their settlements and we are ready to support their initiatives in the appropriate manner. The offer to create a Coordinating Office, and the recognition of an expanded role for the Mackenzie Delta Beaufort Sea DIZ Society are designed to support community needs.

The Ministers concluded by saying that while most communities basically support progressive change and industrial development, much more has to be done to maximize gains and minimize adverse impacts. Special circumstances warrant special action and all parties have reached agreement on these initiatives. They represent an innovative although unique solution to the needs and concerns of Beaufort communities, and augur well for future development in this region.

Mr. Munro stated that the newly established Northern Benefits Committee is a particularly important body for ensuring that Northerners gain maximum benefit from resources, exploration and development. As a result, Mr. Munro said, "I am requesting the Northern Benefits Committee to become involved in reviewing the exploration agreements at an earlier stage and that direct links be established with the approvals process in C.O.G.L.A."

"In addition, I am inviting the Government of the Northwest Territories to join the Committee as Co-Chairman in recognition of their responsibilities in the area of social and economic development."

Both Ministers have encouraged strong links to be developed between the Northern Benefits Committee and the Beaufort Mackenzie Development Impact Zone Society in order that Northerners directly impacted by exploration activities have a role in determining local opportunities.

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PRINCIPLES

1. The Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta Development Impact Zone Society, hereafter referred to as the DIZ, will advise directly the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the GNWT Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources according to their respective areas of authority and responsibility.
2. The DIZ will be the primary regional public advisory group used by both the GNWT and INAC to review and advise on issues of resource development.
3. The GNWT Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources will jointly consult with the affected parties prior to approval of DIZ membership.
4. The DIZ will involve, in its deliberations, Permanent Representatives from GNWT, INAC and industry, who will serve as resource persons in order to advise effectively the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the GNWT Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.
5. The DIZ overall mandate is to advise both Ministers in accordance with their respective jurisdictions and policies.
6. The DIZ will serve to fulfill all requirements for public involvement and consultation as stipulated in Section 5(6) of the Canada Oil and Gas Act and be supported in that role by the GNWT and INAC.
7. A Funding Sponsor Committee will be established comprising four members which will include one member from the DIZ Executive, the GNWT, the INAC and industry who will review funding submissions and make recommendations to INAC, the GNWT and industry in respect of funding requirements.
8. The GNWT and INAC will co-ordinate their respective program responses on matters related to all developments, utilize the DIZ as the single public advisory group, and jointly advise the relevant regulatory agencies including COGLA, according to the principles noted herein.
9. The principles noted herein are applicable solely to the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta Development Impact Zone Society. However, they will be used on a case-by-case basis, if so decided by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the GNWT Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, where public consultation mechanisms, joint INAC and GNWT involvement and review activities need to be enacted for other resource development activities in the NWT.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEETS IN JANUARY

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 14) - The first session of the 10th NWT Legislative Assembly will begin at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1984, Commissioner John Parker announced today.

While writs of election for the 24 MLA's will be returned by the end of December, Commissioner Parker felt it would be impractical to call members together before the New Year's holiday.

"Members have been invited to meet in caucus in Yellowknife before the opening of the session to discuss membership on the Executive Council and to choose a new Speaker for the Assembly," said the commissioner. Eight Executive Council members will have to be selected.

The MLA's are expected to meet in formal session for a few days and then recess to allow the new Executive Council members to assume their responsibilities.

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NEW TERRITORIAL PARK REQUESTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 16) - The Government of the Northwest Territories has asked the federal government to designate about 200 square miles of land near Inuvik as a Territorial Park.

Economic Development and Tourism Minister Arnold McCallum has sent a letter to John Munro, federal minister of Indian and northern affairs, requesting the land near Campbell Hills be transferred to the Territorial Government.

"Establishing a Territorial park would allow our government to regulate visitor uses and activities, collect user fees if necessary, actively manage natural resources in the area and use our funds for capital improvements and operation of park facilities," explained McCallum.

The proposed park is bordered on one side by the Dempster Highway and includes two regionally unique features of the Mackenzie Delta - Campbell Lake and the dolomite Campbell Hills.

Local residents now use the area for many outdoor recreational activities including hiking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing.

"Our plan for the proposed park would support recreational activities by providing nature trails, shelters, boat launches and easier access to the area," stated the minister. "Picnic areas, primitive campsites, trails and interpretive facilities would be developed on the fringes of the park to serve the increased tourism traffic along the Dempster Highway."

The significant amount of wildlife, especially the breeding habitat for peregrine falcons and a colony of rare flora, found in the proposed park area will receive full protection and management, said McCallum. "The proposed park would not interfere with any traditional uses of the land such as hunting, trapping or domestic fishing."

The area will also be subject to all terms of settlement of land claims as laid out in a recent amendment to the Territorial Parks Ordinance, he added.

Future oil and mineral exploration and extraction would not be affected by the proposed park. "This request for park land concerns surface rights only," stated the minister, "and there are no valid land leases, land use permits or mining claims in the proposed park area."

Approval for the proposed park has been received by the Western Arctic Visitors Association, the Town of Inuvik and the Inuvik Ski Club.

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BUILDING TO BE NAMED AFTER STUART HODGSON

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 19) - The Territorial Government's new government services building in Yellowknife will be named the Stuart M. Hodgson Building.

Commissioner John Parker announced today that the Executive Council had approached Mr. Hodgson and he was pleased to agree with the use of his name.

"The Executive felt that Stuart Hodgson's major contribution to the Northwest Territories as the first resident Commissioner and his long time service should be recognized by the naming of a major government building in the capital city of Yellowknife," said Mr. Parker.

"This will be an appropriate recognition of a long lasting nature," he added.

Mr. Parker pointed out that a precedent was set when the Arthur Laing Building was named after the former Minister of Northern Affairs after he had left that portfolio.

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The new building will be occupied and in use by early February, 1984. It will house most sections of the Department of Government Services, including the government's computer operations.

Commissioner Parker said that a suitable official naming ceremony will be held some time in the new year.

Stuart Hodgson was appointed Commissioner of the Northwest Territories on March 2, 1967 and moved the Territorial Government north to Yellowknife on September 18, 1967. He served as Commissioner for 12 years, until mid-April 1979.

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PLANNING TO PROCEED ON NEW YELLOWKNIFE HOSPITAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - Minister of Health Kane Tologanak today announced that the Executive Council has approved plans to proceed with development of working drawings for the new Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

In announcing the project, Tologanak noted that the \$37 million project was advancing at a satisfactory pace for a construction project of this size and complexity. Working drawings, costing approximately \$1 million, are expected to be completed and ready for tender by December 1984.

Construction, expected to take two years, should be completed in 1987, the minister said.

The new facility will have 135 beds with 115 for acute care and 20 for chronic and extended care patients. Development of the working drawings will begin when plans for the interior layout of the hospital have been finalized.

The Minister commended the Hospital Board on their efforts to date and noted that a good working relationship had been established among the Hospital, department of health and department of public works.

Discussions with the Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Health and Welfare Canada and the Treasury Board will begin shortly now that firm figures on the size and cost of the facility have been obtained, Tologanak added.

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NEW EXHIBITION SHOWS NORTHERN LANDSCAPE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 29) - During January and February, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will feature an exhibition of paintings, drawings and engravings depicting the northern landscape.

"The Northern Landscape", on exhibit in the mezzanine gallery, features items from the Centre's permanent collection, including several never shown before and some recent acquisitions.

Four paintings by Yellowknife artist Donald J. Cardinal are included. Two - Dog Team and Berry Pickers - were painted in 1978 and two are new paintings, Spring at Gros Cap and Trapper's Cabin, both completed in 1983.

Another Yellowknife resident represented in the exhibition is Sylvia Fulton, art teacher at Sir John Franklin High School. Her two watercolours of Aklavik were painted in 1957.

Four watercolours by Winnifred Petchey Marsh, painted in Eskimo Point between 1933 and 1944, illustrate the landscapes and the activities of the Padlimiut people of the area in different seasons.

A record of early Polar exploration is shown in three engravings by William Heysman Overend illustrating the expedition of 1875-76, commanded by Sir George Nares.

Exploration of the subarctic regions is depicted in three engravings by Captain Back and one by E.N. Kendall. "Winter View of Fort Franklin" and three scenes of boats along the Mackenzie River are included.

Other artists represented in this exhibition are Albert Hochbaum, R.D. Wilson and geologist and painter Maurice Haycock.

The show runs until the end of February.

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WOOD-FIRED BOILER OPERATING IN FORT SMITH

FORT SMITH (Dec. 29) - A wood-fired boiler facility which heats the domestic water supply for the Town of Fort Smith was officially opened this month.

The wood-chip boiler system replaces the oil-fired system previously used by the town. The project has several advantages including the use of a local renewable fuel resource and providing a means of local employment and a savings to taxpayers.

Currently the town of 2,300 people consumes 394 million litres of water yearly, with 160 million litres used during the winter. To prevent water lines freezing, 167,000 litres of fuel oil are consumed annually at a 1983 cost of 38 cents per litre, a total of \$63,500.

It is estimated that 290 cords of wood per year will be required for the system resulting in an annual operating savings of \$34,000. Energy conservation officials predict that the system will pay for itself in six years.

Total cost of the project was \$209,685 with the Canada/NWT Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Program contributing \$109,685.

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The project will be monitored over the winter and a final report on the system will be distributed to municipal and government groups and the public.

Participating in the official opening were Bishop Piche, Fort Smith Mayor John Vogt, Department of Public Works deputy minister Larry Elkin and federal Energy, Mines and Resources official Jim Cumming.

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COMMISSIONER APPOINTED FOR EXPO PAVILION

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 30) - George Braden has been named Commissioner of the Northwest Territories' pavilion at Expo '86.

His appointment was announced today by Commissioner John Parker and Arnold McCallum, minister of economic development and tourism.

Braden will begin this contract position when his term is completed in January as leader of the Territorial government's Elected Executive and minister of justice and public services.

"The primary role of the pavilion commissioner will be to ensure all phases of the project are completed cost-effectively", McCallum said.

As well, Braden will be responsible for directing the development and operation of the pavilion on behalf of the Executive Council and keeping Executive members up-to-date on the status of the project.

He will represent the GNWT on the Expo '86 College of Commissioners; in negotiations with the Commissioner General of Expo, the Expo Corporation and the corporations that will also be involved in the NWT Pavilion; and, at formal functions during the fair.

"We are fortunate that Mr. Braden, with his proven diplomatic ability, has agreed to take on this most important project on behalf of the Territorial government", Commissioner Parker noted.

The NWT Pavilion will jointly represent government and industry and plans include display areas, a theatre, a restaurant selling northern foods and an area for the sale and promotion of arts and crafts.

The Pavilion is located on a prime site on False Creek, close to the entrance to the Expo '86 grounds.

Expo '86 is an official World Exposition with the theme 'Man in Motion', focussing on transportation and related communications. The fair will run from May 2 to October 13, 1986 and is expected to attract more than 16 million visitors.

Braden was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1979 and has held the portfolios of economic development and tourism, energy, and justice and public services. Before his election, he was a policy analyst for the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Constitutional Development in the NWT C.M. Drury.

Earlier this year, Braden announced his decision not to run again in the November Territorial elections.

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