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CITY RECORDS CATALOGUED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 03) - A new catalogue of the records of the City of Yellowknife deposited in the Northwest Territories Archives was presented last week to Mayor Michael Ballantyne.

In making the presentation, Minister of Justice and Public Services George Braden said the finding aid will help to make the collections of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre more accessible to the people of the NWT.

"The fiftieth anniversary of the City of Yellowknife in 1984 also acted as a stimulus to preserving and cataloguing the City's records," Braden noted.

Before being transferred to the Archives of the Northern Heritage Centre, the city records were deteriorating as a result of improper storage.

Once the records were deposited in the Archives, they were examined by a conservator and placed in a climatically-controlled environment.

When their condition stabilized, the records were organized according to standard archival procedures to make them easily accessible to researchers.

This finding aid, prepared by former Territorial archivist Dr. Edwin Welch, lists the individual files in the collection, the subjects they deal with and the dates they were active.

The records held at the Northern Heritage Centre contain Council minutes from 1940 to 1971. As well, there is a large number of financial records, by-laws, correspondence dealing with the day-to-day business of the City, and information on other diverse subjects such as the Children's Christmas Pary and the Chamber of Commerce.

The publication also includes a short history of the municipal government of Yellowknife.

The acquisition of the Yellowknife City records is an extremely important one for the Northern Heritage Centre as Yellowknife is the first municipality in the North to make its records available to researchers, the minister said.

"Using this finding aid, people can now trace the development of the City from its beginnings to the present."

This publication, City of Yellowknife Records, is the third in the series "Sources for NWT History", produced by the Northwest Territories Archives.

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**1984 DRIVERS' LICENCES AND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
GO ON SALE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - This year's drivers' licences and vehicle registrations go on sale January 16 in local issuing offices across the Northwest Territories.

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 them early," he said.

Drivers' licences and vehicle registrations will be on sale at the Yellowknife issuing office in the Courthouse building during regular business hours until February 29. Business hours during the month of March will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. "The extended hours should help many people avoid last-minute rushes and line-ups," added Quirke.

Stickers will be issued to NWT motorists for the next two years. The 1983 licence plates with stickers will be valid on all vehicles, except motorcycles, until 1986.

Motorcycles will use the new 1984 "bear" licence plates instead of stickers. This licence plate will be valid until 1986.

New licence plates for all vehicles will be issued in 1986.

There will be no increase in the price of licence plates, vehicle registrations or drivers' licences this year.

Renewal applications for drivers' licences are found inside last year's drivers' licences while vehicle registration applications are found inside last year's vehicle registrations. 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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**R.M.S. NASCOPIE BELL LEFT TO NORTHERN HERITAGE
CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has received the ship's bell from the R.M.S. Nascopie.

Leader of the Elected Executive Council George Braden presented the bell to Dr. Robert Janes, director of the Heritage Centre, last month.

The bell was a bequest of the late Alex Stevenson, a past administrator of the Arctic.

"When the Nascopie ran aground and sank on July 21, 1947, it marked the end of an old way of life in the north," said Braden.

The Nascopie was a Hudson's Bay Company supply ship which annually transported food, clothing, trade goods, medical and dental services to the Inuit and whites in the Eastern Arctic.

Stevenson, a representative of the Department of Resources and Development, was instrumental in saving the library of rare Arctic books that was aboard the Nascopie at the time of the wreck. He was presented with the ship's bell as a reward for his efforts.

Until his retirement as administrator of the Arctic in June 1982, Stevenson had travelled and lived in many parts of the NWT including Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay where he worked with the Hudson's Bay Company in 1936.

Stevenson was also appointed Co-ordinator of the Inuit Language Commission in the mid-1970's and was named the first chairman of the Northwest Territories Historical Advisory Board.

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**INFORMATION CENTRE RECORDS OVER 6,000 VISITORS IN
'83**

FORT SMITH (Jan. 5) - Over 6,000 visitors from all over the world signed the guest book at the 60th parallel Visitor Information Centre in 1983.

The majority of Canadians visiting the NWT from May to September 1983 were from Alberta. The provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Saskatchewan followed Alberta respectively.

Over 800 visitors from the United States signed the guest book, with the majority of tourists hailing from the State of Washington. American visitors from Minnesota, California, Arizona, Colorado and Oregon also were registered at the Visitor Centre.

Residents from Germany, Australia, Switzerland, South Africa and England also visited the NWT last summer. Over 200 foreign tourists signed the guest book.

While many tourists still detest our mosquitoes, roads and dust; the people, scenery, good fishing, extra daylight, natural beauty and national parks are still their top reasons for visiting the NWT.

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(Released on Behalf of the Big River Travel Association)

BIG RIVER TRAVEL ASSOCIATION PLANS FOR '84

FORT SMITH (Jan. 5) - The "Year of Tourism is 1984" and the Big River Travel Association is planning to make a special effort this year.

In August 1983, Vicky Latour was hired as the co-ordinator for the Big River Travel Association. Vicky has lived in the North for 25 years, initially in Aklavik. The Hay River resident comes to the zone association with lots of writing experience, as she has worked for 'The Hub' and was also owner of 'Tapwe'.

Big River Travel Association has been allotted \$20,000 'tourism infrastructure' funding from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Fort Smith Region.

Three projects have been approved by the Big River Zone for funding and are already underway. These include:

1. Polar Lake, Pine Point Wildlife and Wilderness Club for the construction of a camp kitchen, water wells and barbecue pits.

2. Aurora Marketing, Fort Providence for expansion of the trailer park, picnic site and boat launch.
3. Deninoo Community Council, Fort Resolution for construction of picnic sites, parking area and outhouses.

With the formalization of the Economic Development Agreement, the Big River Travel Association is now working on a tourism strategy, as are the five other travel zones, with assistance from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The placement of kiosks (information signs) is another project that is planned by the Big River Travel Association. The kiosks could be seen in different locations throughout the Big River Country as early as the 1984 summer season.

With the tentative opening of the Liard Highway in June 1984, the zone is anticipating many new tourists, all coming to visit this exciting zone with its shining waterways, vast skies, clean air, mountains, plains and its sweet-smelling forests.

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LAL APPOINTED QUEEN'S COUNSEL

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 5) - George Braden, Minister of Justice and Public Services, has announced Deputy Minister Stien Lal's appointment as a Queen's Counsel of Canada.

Lal's appointment was issued December 30, 1983 by federal Justice Minister and Attorney-General for Canada Mark MacGuigan.

A lawyer is accorded the title of Queen's Counsel by the government of a province or of Canada in recognition of his or her merit and ability as counsel.

"Mr. Lal has provided excellent legal advice and professional service to the Government of the Northwest Territories and I am very pleased that he has been honoured with this appointment," said Braden.

Lal, who has served as Deputy Minister of Justice and Public Services for the past 2 1/2 years, has been with the Territorial Government since 1977.

He was first called to the Bar in London, England in February 1965 and was admitted to the Canadian Bar in Nova Scotia in 1977.

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FUNDING PROVIDED FOR SINGLES HOUSING

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 09) - The Territorial government has approved additional funding to build housing for young single people and couples this year.

In announcing the funding, Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation Arnold McCallum said the program will answer a special need for housing for people living in regional centres where employment opportunities are greatest.

"Accommodation for this group of people has always been a problem and we hope this program will help to alleviate the problem", the minister said.

The Territorial government will contribute \$4.37 million to the joint program with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to design and construct 8-unit bachelor and one-bedroom apartment complexes.

Three buildings will be constructed in Frobisher Bay and Inuvik; two buildings in Cambridge Bay, Tuktoyaktuk and Rankin Inlet; and, one each in Coppermine, Aklavik, Fort McPherson and Baker Lake.

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GNWT PROVIDES CULTURAL FUNDING FOR ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 10) - The Territorial government will make a contribution of \$30,000 to the cultural program of the 1984 Arctic Winter Games.

The contribution to the Yellowknife (1984) Arctic Winter Games Host Society was announced today by Minister of Culture James Wah-Shee.

"Originally funding was requested from the Federal Government's Secretary of State for these programs but when this was not granted, the Territorial government made this assistance available to ensure a full cultural program at the Games", the minister said.

The proposed cultural program includes a major display of northern arts and crafts along with demonstrations featuring well-known northern artists and craftspeople.

The performing programs will highlight song and dance of the aboriginal peoples of the NWT as well as professional and non-professional northern performers.

Two major evening concerts are proposed to bring together all the performers. A program of northern song and dance will also be part of the opening ceremonies.

Performances by individual groups will be scheduled as part of competitive events such as Arctic sports and noon-hour performances will be presented at various locations around Yellowknife.

A selection committee made up of representatives of the Arctic Winter Games Society, the GNWT and community groups will be established to identify northern performers and craftspeople who will be invited to participate in the cultural programs.

The Territorial government's contribution will cover transportation costs and honoraria for visiting performers and artists while the host society will provide accommodation and meals.

The GNWT will also provide staff to assist with the planning and organization of the cultural program.

"These programs will demonstrate to visitors, athletes and residents the richness and diversity of our northern culture", Wah-Shee said. "As Games hosts, it is particularly important for the NWT to have an exciting, informative and educational cultural celebration".

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COMPUTER AIDS INUKTITUT INFORMATION FLOW

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 11) - A computer program that changes Inuktitut syllabic symbols into the English alphabet will save considerable work for the NWT Language Bureau.

The translation program was written by Kirk Computers of Yellowknife for the Territorial government's department of information.

Inuktitut uses two written forms - syllabic or symbols in the Keewatin, Arctic Coast and eastern Arctic regions and the Roman Orthography, or English alphabet, in the central and western Arctic regions.

The program, developed in consultation with the department's Inuktitut linguist Betty Harnum, allows for any syllabic computer disk files to be automatically changed into the Roman Orthography.

Once that process has occurred, interpreter-communicators of the Language Bureau will only have to use the computer's word processing software to revise the text into the suitable local dialect and then call for a high speed print out.

The Language Bureau is responsible for servicing the native language needs of the Territorial government and the Legislative Assembly of the NWT.

By far the heaviest demand on its Inuktitut section is in the area of written translations, the majority of which are being produced in the syllabic form.

"The transliteration program," Harnum stated, "will result in a more balanced approach to translated materials."

She said plans are underway to inventory legislation that has already been translated into the eastern form and convert it into orthography. Other materials will be converted as they are completed.

Harnum said the new program, in addition to earlier revisions that have allowed for the display of Inuktitut syllabics on the department's micro computers and subsequent syllabic printout on a letter quality printer, has introduced further efficiencies to the bureau's production capability.

"It's a matter of introducing state of the art technology and programming to maximize the talents of the professional native interpreter."

The transliteration program is based on the standard writing system for syllabics and Roman orthography developed by the Inuit Cultural Institute's Language Commission in 1976. The western writing system is not completely standardized yet, but the program has been adapted to use the ICI spellings and may be further adapted to accommodate the irregularities of other western spelling systems through a user-friendly revision process.

"We hope eventually to develop the program further to take into account certain regional variations," Harnum said.

ICI, the federal department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Ottawa and departmental regional offices, all have the same computer system and are now able to network or transfer Inuktitut translations between them.

Harnum added that the program will also eventually allow communication using Greenlandic and Alaskan dialects to be written in either syllabic or Roman orthography.

"As well, we see a use for the program in testing the skills of interpreters, translators, teachers and anyone else working in both written forms," she said.

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The following is a statement released today by the Northwest Territories Status of Women Office:

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 13) - The Status of Women Office announced today its support of the Canadian Coalition Against Media Pornography announcement calling for a nation wide demonstration on January 18 at noon local time, to protest the lack of action by the federal government in regulating the content of pay television programming.

Exactly one year ago thousands of Canadians rallied in nineteen cities across the country to protest the introduction of Playboy programming on pay t.v. In Yellowknife the Native Women's Association organized petitions and a public meeting protesting the introduction of the Playboy channel into the N.W.T. The Legislative Assembly passed two unanimous motions supporting that position.

At that time, First Choice stated that its "adult" programming would not be pornographic and assured the CRTC that the programs chosen would be in "good taste" (Ottawa Citizen 27/1/83) and "in the spirit of the CRTC call" (First Choice application for pay t.v. license, 20/7/82).

One year later, pay television firms are broadcasting adult programming like:

- "The Story of O, showing cold eyed sadists raping and whipping a naked woman for the fun of it - their goal being to bring her to tears", (Sunday Star 8/1/84);
- the late night Playboy program in which every minority is viciously attacked through the guise of humour;
- and the movie The Cheerleaders in which a 13 year old girl, made ashamed of being a virgin, allows herself to be gang molested by the highschool football team in the locker room in order to become a cheerleader.

Is this what pay television calls in good taste and what the CRTC calls in the spirit of its call?

The CRTC's new rules for pay television indicate that the answer must be yes, since they have moved to minimize, not maximize, the regulatory environment for pay t.v. and have indicated a committment "to a light regulatory hand" (CRTC 5/1/84).

The Status of Women supports the coalition in its concern that Mr. Bureau, newly appointed Chairperson of the CRTC, in his concern for the fragility of this evolving new industry will allow it to survive at the expense of the human rights of women and the dignity of humankind.

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MOTION 9-83(2)

Introduction of PAY TV in N.W.T.

WHEREAS Yellowknife will be the first community in the Northwest Territories to receive PAY TV, including the Playboy channel via the public air waves this fall;

AND WHEREAS this could set a precedent for other NWT communities;

AND WHEREAS, at present, there are no legal measures available to regulate the content of such PAY TV services;

AND WHEREAS Minister of Communications, Francis Fox, indicated his intention to propose changes to the Broadcasting Act which would protect women and children in media portrayal and to empower cabinet to give broad policy direction to Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission on "ethical matters";

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Communications has asked CRTC to draft guidelines for self regulation on sex role stereotyping and violence without public involvement;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly endorse these two initiatives of the Minister of Communications to safeguard the contents of television in Canada and further that we recommend that there be public involvement in the establishment of CRTC guidelines for sex-role stereotyping and violence against women and children on television.

Date of Notice: September 7, 1983
Date of Introduction: September 9, 1983
Disposition:
Carried:

Lost:

Moved by: Mr. Patterson
Seconded by: Mr. MacQuarrie
Ruled out of Order:

MOTION 8-83(2)

Criminal Code of Canada Amendment

WHEREAS the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice, is proposing to introduce a bill to amend and strengthen section 159(8) of the Criminal Code of Canada to redefine obscenity to include degradation of the human person;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has formed a committee to look into pornography and prostitution and make recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support Justice Minister MacGuigan's initiative to strengthen obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code;

AND FURTHER that this Assembly urge that the Committee formed by Mr. MacGuigan to examine pornography and prostitution consult with the Northwest Territories so as to include the special concerns of the N.W.T. in their final report.

Date of Notice: September 7, 1983

Moved by: Mr. Patterson

Date of Introduction: September 9, 1983

Seconded by: Mr. Braden

Disposition:

Carried:

Lost:

Ruled out of Order:

84-011

WCB/ST. JOHN SIGN FIRST AID TRAINING AGREEMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 13) - The NWT Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has signed an agreement with the Council of St. John to provide funding of \$60,000 for first-aid training for NWT workers.

Under the agreement, signed recently, the WCB will make the funding available to offer accident prevention and treatment instruction to workers free-of-charge.

In 1983 the Board financed first-aid training for 960 workers. The Board and St. John also participated jointly in a recent training program at Norman Wells and funded Standard First Aid training for 180 northern workers from communities along the Mackenzie Valley.

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 again being given to training workers in construction and resource-related industries. As well, the Board wants to offer courses to workers in small businesses and communities, according to Al Collinson, manager of accident prevention services for the WCB. Board sponsored training is limited to Standard First Aid and Standard First Aid Instructor courses.

"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 to smaller employers".

Information on courses and applications are available from Al Collinson, manager, WCB Accident Prevention Services at (403) 920-8081 or write to Box 8888, Yellowknife, X1AS 2R3.

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NEW GOVERNMENT LEADER AND EXECUTIVE NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 17) - A new Government Leader and Executive Council were named during the opening session of the Tenth Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife last week.

Richard Nerysoo, MLA for Mackenzie Delta, was named Leader of the Elected Executive. Nerysoo was Minister of Renewable Resources and Energy, Mines and Resources during the last Assembly.

Two other ministers during the Ninth Assembly, Tom Butters and Dennis Patterson, will continue as members of the Executive Council. New Executive members are Tagak Curley, Bruce McLaughlin, Nick Sibbeston, Nellie Cournoyea and Gordon Wray.

The Executive was chosen during caucus meetings of all 24 MLAs. The Government Leader was named from among the Executive members.

In addition to his duties as Leader, Nerysoo will also be Minister of Justice and Public Services and minister responsible for the Executive Council office.

Nerysoo was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1979. Born at a camp on the Peel River near Fort McPherson, the new Leader was vice-president of the NWT Indian Brotherhood (now the Dene Nation) in 1975 and 1976. He then worked for the Territorial government for a year before he was elected vice-president of the Dene Nation, representing the Mackenzie Delta region.

New Executive Council responsibilities are:

Tom Butters (MLA Inuvik)
Finance
Government Services
Financial Management Secretariat

Tagak Curley (MLA Aivilik)
Economic Development and Tourism
Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat
Public Utilities Board

Bruce McLaughlin (MLA Pine Point)
Health and Social Services
Highway Transport Board

Nick Sibbeston (MLA Deh Cho Gah)
Local Government
Culture
Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional
Development Secretariat (Associate
Minister)

Dennis Patterson (MLA Iqaluit)
Education
Status of Women
Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional
Development Secretariat (Minister)

Nellie Cournoyea (MLA Nunakput)
Renewable Resources
Information

Gordon Wray (MLA Kivallivik)
Public Works
NWT Housing Corporation
Workers' Compensation Board

Commissioner John Parker retains responsibility
for the department of personnel.

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**NEW INFORMATION ON CARIBOU POPULATIONS ASSIST
BOARD IN DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WINNIPEG (Jan. 12) - Better information from a number of sources assisted the Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board in making substantial progress toward developing a management plan at its January 9-12, 1984 meeting in Winnipeg.

Since 1977, the NWT Department of Renewable Resources, in cooperation with the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Manitoba and Saskatchewan governments, has been developing a technique of counting caribou on the calving grounds through aerial photography. It now appears that the photographic technique, while not perfect, will provide a more accurate estimate of caribou populations than previous methods.

Previously used population estimates were based on visual observation surveys, but based on the new results it appears that observers have consistently underestimated the numbers of caribou. There have probably always been more caribou than reported, but the overall trend of decline, except for a recent and still unexplained jump in the Kaminuriak population in '82 and '83, remains unchanged.

The new figures, which the Board accepted as the best currently available estimates, are 150,000 to 240,000 animals in the Beverly herd and 180,000 to 280,000 in the Kaminuriak herd.

Board Chairman Jim Schaefer emphasized that the new figures do not reduce the need for education and communication, fire management and long-term protection of calving grounds in the context of land use planning.

"Despite the apparent increases, the overall trend is still one of decline", he said. "The new information on caribou populations and harvest will remove some of the guess work from our decision-making but there are still many gaps in what we need to know to manage the herds effectively."

As well, the problem of limited access to the herd by hunters in some Manitoba and Saskatchewan communities remains because in recent years the herds have not wintered significantly in the provinces.

The Board is currently considering research proposals, which may explain the 1982 and '83 Kaminuriak results. The main proposal, currently being discussed in user communities, involves tracking about 100 animals from the Kaminuriak and Wager herds through radio telemetry. The radio tracking would show any intermixing between the two herds, perhaps explaining the substantial fluctuations in the Kaminuriak population.

In other news, NWT Chief of Wildlife Management, Bob Bell delivered a message on behalf of former Renewable Resources Minister, Richard Nerysoo indicating that a regulation requiring those hunting on the Beverly herd range (Zones H1 and H3) to wait 12 hours after landing an airplane before hunting should be lifted soon. The good news for hunters, made in the context of current Board conservation and education programs, was in response to a Board recommendation.

Schaefer said that decisions such as the lifting of the 12-hour rule demonstrates the Board can be effective, but that will continue to depend on the responsiveness of governments to Board requests.

In other business, the Board:

- agreed to meet next in Rankin Inlet in April to consider two of its major programs, a management plan and its Schools Program.
- heard a summary report from the Keewatin Wildlife Federation on the caribou harvest in five Inuit communities west of Hudson Bay.
- approved the Caribou Protection Measures proposed by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs for 1984. The measures, which protect the caribou calving grounds and range from adverse industrial activity, are unchanged from 1983.
- saw video tape prepared for the Caribou Schools Program which will be used to prepare a pilot kit that will be offered to a few schools during the spring.

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CURLEY APPOINTS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 20) - Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley today announced the appointment of Chris Straw as his executive assistant.

Straw, a four-year resident of the Northwest Territories, has held several positions with the Legislative Assembly including assistant director of operations for the Division Plebiscite Office. He has also worked as the executive secretary to the Federal Electoral Boundary Commission and as an assistant to the federal fact finder for overlapping land claims.

"Mr. Straw's experience dealing with the various political organizations active in the Northwest Territories will be a definite asset to my office," said Curley. "I am very pleased he has joined my staff."

Straw studied sociology and philosophy at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario.

His appointment is effective immediately.

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PROTECTION FOR CANADA'S HERITAGE RIVERS

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 20) - Northwest Territories Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley, federal Environmental Minister Charles Caccia and Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro this week announced their joint participation in the new Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS).

This program, established by the federal government in co-operation with five provinces and two territories, will give national recognition to rivers which are significant examples of our natural environment, which have played an important role in Canadian history and which offer outstanding recreational opportunities.

Rivers included in the CHRS will continue to be owned and managed by the federal, provincial or territorial government having jurisdiction, in a way which will ensure that their distinctive heritage values are protected and opportunities are provided for public use and enjoyment.

The federal minister of the environment, the minister of Indian and northern affairs and the governments of the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick and Newfoundland have agreed to take part in the establishment of a Canadian Heritage Rivers Board and have expressed their intention to nominate rivers for inclusion in the System over the coming years.

Caccia said that he hoped the remaining governments would also soon join in this excellent example of federal-provincial-territorial co-operation.

A memorandum of understanding confirming the intention to work jointly and co-operatively in the implementation of this new program in the Northwest Territories had previously been signed by Munro and former Territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Arnold McCallum.

The federal government, through Parks Canada, will provide administrative and technical support and will carry out information programs to promote public awareness of the CHRS.

"Some of our rivers have changed little since man first saw them thousands of years ago, but many have been developed and exploited without thinking of the consequences," said Caccia. "The CHRS shows the growing recognition on the part of the governments of this country of the need to make wise use of our limited water resources."

"Our government is pleased to participate and co-operate with Parks Canada and Indian Affairs in conducting a survey of Northwest Territories' rivers for heritage purposes," said Curley.

"The Territorial Government will appoint a member to the CHRS board and will submit names of one or two NWT rivers for inclusion in the Heritage Rivers program," he added.

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HEARINGS ON AIR TRAVEL SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 30) - The Canadian Transport Commission is coming north to conduct two sets of public hearings on airfares and service - one set because the Territorial government convinced them they should.

The first hearing, March 27 in Yellowknife, will deal with north-south services provided by jet and large turbo-prop aircraft to Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal. A similar hearing will be held the day before in Whitehorse.

The second set of hearings - sometime in late spring or early summer - will be held in numerous remote northern communities and deal solely with local commercial air travel in those communities and their regions.

The hearings are being conducted by the CTC's Air Transport Committee.

It is this second set of hearings that are being held by the ATC because of representations made in the fall by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

"We feel the smaller communities of the north should be given as much of an opportunity to state their views as everyone else in Canada," said Minister of Government Services Tom Butters. "To the ATC's credit, they agreed with us."

The ATC has not yet announced what remote communities of the NWT it will visit.

Butters stated that northern communities could find themselves wanting to make two presentations - one at the hearing in Yellowknife and a second in their community or in the remote community closest to them in which the ATC decides to meet.

Residents of Cambridge Bay at the March 27 meeting in Yellowknife, for instance, could address PWA's jet service north-south and, in the community hearings, NWT Air's service in their Kitikmeot region.

As another example, Rankin Inlet could address NWT Air's service to Winnipeg at the March hearing and, in the community hearings, NWT Air's Yellowknife, to Rankin, to Frobisher service and Calm Air's Keewatin region service.

Likewise, Inuvik might address PWA's service to Edmonton in March and the air services from Inuvik to Whitehorse at the community meetings.

And Yellowknife could find itself appearing at both sets of hearings: addressing PWA's service south from Yellowknife and NWT Air's service to Wrigley at one of the community meetings elsewhere.

Butters said the Government of the Northwest Territories will make a presentation to the March meeting in Yellowknife. This presentation will discuss the general state of major air travel north to south.

Individual communities - especially the larger ones - are being encouraged to make their own presentations to the ATC if they wish the committee to focus on their special concerns. This includes the city of Yellowknife.

Meanwhile, Mr. Butters has written to the NWT Chamber of Commerce, NWT Association of Municipalities and the NWT Travel Association to advise them of the proposed hearing schedule.

If anyone wishes guidance on which set of hearings they should attend they can call the ATC or Norman Phillipot, chief, supply services, Department of Government Services, in Yellowknife at (403)920-8663.

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STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL TO MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 23) - The NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women will hold its first meeting February 11 and 12.

The Council was appointed in October 1983 but the nine members from across the NWT have not yet had an opportunity to meet, Minister responsible for the Status of Women Dennis Patterson said in announcing the meeting.

The agenda will likely include recommendations for the future direction of the Council and a statement regarding the President's position.

"I will request advice from the Council on certain issues but the members themselves will decide what they discuss at the initial meeting," Patterson said.

The minister also noted that he has been working with agencies and government departments to develop a co-ordinated approach on the urgent problem of wife battering in the NWT and wishes to discuss progress and receive advice from the Council on this important issue.

The meeting will be held in Yellowknife and the public will be invited to meet Council members before they return to their home communities.

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**BUDGET TOPS HALF BILLION
NO TAX INCREASES**

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 6) - Territorial Finance Minister Tom Butters today released budget plans of over one-half billion dollars for the Northwest Territories and also served notice that tax rates will not be increased.

The actual expenditure figure - \$550,700,000 - represents an 11.8 per cent increase over the 1983-84 budget year.

Butters, addressing the budget session of the NWT Legislative Assembly, said restraint measures introduced by the government last year have enabled it to hold the line on any tax increases.

"...our financial performance through these troubled economic times is, relatively speaking, amongst the best in Canada," he stated.

The minister, noting that tough economic times were not over yet, stated the budget is designed to continue the government's policy of economic stimulation and job creation. It also recognized the need for continuing restraint and stringent money management as Canada recovers from its worst recession in 50 years.

Budget estimates, tabled by the Minister, call for operating and maintenance expenditures of \$439,700,000 and capital expenditures of \$83,900,000.

The remaining \$27,100,000 is not voted on by the Legislative Assembly and represents money attached to programs or projects administered by the Territorial government on behalf of third parties - primarily the Federal Government.

Butters stated that government revenues, despite the freeze on taxes, will exceed planned expenditures by \$3,700,000.

He explained that \$1,500,000 of this amount - saved by applying restraint measures to the new budget - will be used to fund new priorities established by the Executive Council. The remaining \$2,200,000 will pay for uncontrollable program expenditures during the 1984-85 budget year.

"This very small cushion is less than four-tenths of one per cent of the year's budgeted expenditures, an indication of how carefully departments will be expected to manage their finances in the new fiscal year."

In addition to this reserve, Butters explained, a successful appeal to the Federal Government resulted in an amount of \$6.3 million being built back into the Territorial budget after the original estimates had been struck. Federal conditions attached to the money stipulate the Territorial government cannot draw supplementary funding from Ottawa during 1984-85.

"...the additional money has not been allocated to programs but must be set aside as a central reserve for unforeseen expenditures," members were told.

Despite the tight money situation, Butters indicated to the Assembly that there are several positive developments of "particular importance" to the territorial economy.

One is the steady increase of primary metal prices, up significantly from the previous year. On a national basis, the mining industry recently posted a profit for the first time since 1981.

In addition, major oil companies recently announced they are committed to spending almost \$3 billion for exploration in the Beaufort Sea. And last August, the Federal government announced the signing of exploration agreements that will result in investments of \$175 million in the Mackenzie Valley.

"This activity means a significant capital inflow to the NWT with associated spin-off business and employment opportunities for northern residents," he stated.

Meanwhile, the minister noted several major expenditure items associated with the proposed budget.

Included are a \$5.3 million Baffin Corrections Centre to be constructed in Frobisher Bay by the fall of 1985 and planning and development of senior citizen facilities in Yellowknife, Fort Rae, Fort Simpson, Inuvik and Fort Smith. A group home for handicapped children is also scheduled for Frobisher.

A major capital project to be undertaken by the department of health, members were told, is further work on the new Yellowknife hospital. Architectural plans have been finalized and completion of the complex is expected in the spring of 1987 at a total cost of \$16.3 million to the Territorial government.

In the area of local government, operating contributions to hamlets are to be increased by nearly \$2 million to ensure they are able to successfully deal with a rapid rise in operating costs. Capital spending in the area of recreation is to be increased by \$1.4 million.

Money spent on the operation of the Territorial education system will increase from \$72 million to \$78.2 million. Capital expenditures in education include the first phase of the \$16 million Keewatin Regional Education Centre.

Butters also noted the budget included operating and capital contributions of \$42.8 million for the NWT Housing Corporation.

Of this total, contributions to local housing authorities amount to \$31.2 million. An additional \$2.3 million has been set aside for public housing and \$3.3 million for home ownership programs.

Members were also told the government had reallocated \$3.8 million for a priority program to address the accommodation shortage in a number of northern communities. In conjunction with CMHC, a total of 16 complexes are scheduled for construction to house young single people and couples.

In closing, Butters reminded members that a budget must satisfy many goals.

"Difficult choices must be made between competing priorities and diverse strategies...I'm confident and optimistic about the course that is being set before the Assembly today," he stated.

"It is a budget that recognizes the realities and challenges facing the Northwest Territories, while at the same time dealing with them realistically and responsibly. It will help maintain our economy's solid base as we continue to gain greater political and economic independence in the months ahead."

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The budget and its detail, by department, is the main item of consideration during the assembly's winter session in this northern capital. The session is expected to last 5-6 weeks.

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YELLOWKNIFE FILM RECEIVES FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 3) - A film project, sponsored by the City of Yellowknife, will receive \$19,000 funding from the Territorial Government, announced Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley today.

The 30-minute film will focus on Yellowknife -- past and present and will be used to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary celebrations. The grant will provide assistance for the film's production costs.

"This film is an extremely worthwhile project, one our government is pleased to assist," said Curley. "It will not only play an important part in the city's anniversary celebrations but will also serve as a vehicle to promote Yellowknife and northern tourism."

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CONTRACT CANCELLED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 3) - As a result of numerous requests for assistance, Dennis Patterson, Minister of Education, today announced the cancellation of the contract with the Koe Go Cho Society who operated the hostel in Fort Simpson.

The administration of the hostel will revert back to the Government of the Northwest Territories until such time as the Society is ready to take it over again.

An operational review has been completed on the hostel and workshops with the Society are planned for the near future.

The Koe Go Cho Society has operated the hostel since 1974 and recently the Board of Directors requested a comprehensive operational review by the Territorial Government.

Concerns were expressed about the administration of the hostel, and in the best interests of the children the decision to terminate the contract has been made.

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COMMISSIONER CONGRATULATES NEW EXECUTIVE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 6) - Commissioner John Parker publicly congratulated the newly-elected members of the Executive Council in his opening address to the NWT Legislative Assembly on Friday.

"...your work will not be easy, nor your responsibilities light, but your positions and your tasks are of vital importance to the conduct of responsible government in the Northwest Territories," he told the ministers.

Congratulations were also given to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and other officers of the House for their "crucial but often unseen work."

Mr. Parker also urged native associations to exercise "great care to avoid creating differences and dissention among their groups and between individuals" while pursuing their individual land claims.

In discussing government projects slated for the coming year, the commissioner announced that Cambridge Bay, Fort Norman and Holman would receive hamlet status on April 1.

Other government projects he mentioned included the construction of new schools for Fort Franklin, Sanikiluaq, Snowdrift and the Hay River Reserve; construction of a new community Correctional Centre in Frobisher Bay; introduction of a Fine Options program in certain communities to provide an alternative to imprisonment; continued development of materials on alcohol and drug abuse and the changing of Wildlife Officers' titles to Renewable Resources Officers.

"The Housing Corporation will continue an active program of new rental construction, repair projects and homeownership assistance in 1984-85," he stated. These include construction of 78 public housing units; homeownership assistance through the Rural and Remote Homeownership Assistance Programs; rehabilitation of older rental units; construction of three warehouses and a program for repairs to homes of senior citizens.

Mr. Parker also announced that members of the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada would visit Yellowknife this September.

Two persons will receive the Commissioner's Award for Bravery at the highest level. Corporal Jim Rouse of the RCMP Inuvik and John Hamilton of Vancouver are being recognized for rescuing two children from the cab of a truck submerged in the Mackenzie River. Karen Joan Lassen of Calgary and Constable D.J. Lewchak, RCMP Inuvik will receive the Commissioner's Award for Bravery at the second level for their actions in the same incident.

Three bills will be introduced for consideration during this session of the Legislative Assembly, including an amendment to the Petroleum Products Tax Ordinance. New legislation will include a territorial parks ordinance and a young offenders ordinance.

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NWT REPRESENTED IN ALBERTA EDUCATION REVIEW

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum will represent the Northwest Territories in a major educational review planned by the Alberta government.

The announcement was made today in the Legislative Assembly by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

Alberta Education Minister David King released details of the junior and senior high school programs review today in the Alberta Legislature. Mr. King requested Territorial participation because the NWT follows the Alberta curriculum at the high school level.

"Like my colleague in Alberta, I see the need to make our high school system responsive to the needs of our increasingly complex society," said Patterson. "A system which was designed in the 1970's must be reviewed in light of today's technology and the attitudes, knowledge and skills required for a productive life in our quickly changing society."

McCallum will be the NWT representative on a Policy Advisory Committee which will examine education issues and prepare a report for a major Alberta conference in October or November.

Major education policy changes are expected to be implemented in April 1985 with a new Alberta School Act ready for legislative approval in September 1985.

"Mr. McCallum's significant experience as an MLA, his experience as a former Minister of Education and as a former NWT high school teacher and principal will guarantee excellent representation for the NWT in this major educational review," stated the minister.

His representation will ensure that, until we develop our own high school curriculum, changes to the Alberta high school programs will be made with participation from the NWT and will accommodate our specific needs, Patterson noted.

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COPE SETTLEMENT JUST --- PATTERSON

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 9) - The Territorial Government fully supports the land claims agreement between Canada and COPE in the Western Arctic, but acknowledges the question of overlapping native claims remains to be resolved.

Dennis Patterson, minister for aboriginal rights and constitutional development, told the Legislative Assembly here today that while the government's Executive Council supports "speedy approval" by the federal Cabinet of the final agreement with COPE, at the same time it agrees with the Dene and Metis "that their concerns on the matter of overlap (of land claims) have not been adequately addressed."

Commenting that the Inuit of the east also are concerned, Patterson said it is now up to the minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to honor his stated commitment to the Dene and Metis that the final COPE agreement will not be approved by the federal government until this problem of overlapping claims is settled.

"The Executive Council takes the position that the Minister must honor this commitment so as to be fair to both the Dene/Metis and COPE," Patterson said.

Meanwhile, Patterson told the Assembly, the final agreement between the federal government and the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement is "just and fair to all parties and will provide an impetus to the other two claims which remain to be settled."

The minister said COPE is to be congratulated for its "leadership, courage and determination" in pursuing this agreement, while the Legislative Assembly should be proud that "the agreement could not have been achieved without the positive and constructive participation of the Territorial Government..." The government participated in the lengthy negotiations as a member of the federal negotiating team.

Several issues of concern to the Territorial government have been satisfactorily addressed in the final agreement, Patterson explained, including community access to sand and gravel at reasonable prices, freedom of movement through COPE lands by non-Inuvialuit, and acceptance by the federal government that it will compensate the Territorial government for the additional costs it will incur in meeting its obligations under the agreement.

The minister also spoke of the controversy that has arisen over the 10 per cent business preference in favor of the Inuvialuit that is part of the agreement.

"Much of the controversy around this issue arises from a misinterpretation of the intent of the provision, namely that it required third parties such as oil and mining companies operating in the area to give a 10 per cent preference to the Inuvialuit," he said.

The Inuvialuit's 10 per cent preference would only apply to federal government contracts and purchasing, and contracts and purchasing by agents of the federal government.

And the preference will apply in the case of joint ventures where Inuvialuit individuals or companies have at least a 51 per cent interest or higher, which means that non-Inuvialuit businessmen will also be able to benefit directly from the preference.

"The economic spin-off from any increase in Inuvialuit business enterprises will surely have a positive impact on the entire business sector," Patterson said.

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SOUTH NAHANNI POSSIBLE HERITAGE RIVER

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 10) - The South Nahanni River has been nominated as one of the first rivers for inclusion in the Canadian Heritage River System (CHRS), Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley announced today.

The joint federal-provincial-territorial project was established to give national recognition to outstanding examples of the Canadian river heritage and to ensure future management which will conserve their significant heritage values and provide opportunities for public appreciation and recreational enjoyment of the heritage.

Both the Nahanni and Athabasca Rivers were nominated for inclusion in the system at a recent Canada Heritage Rivers Board meeting. Assistant deputy minister for Economic Development and Tourism Lee Horn, the NWT representative to the Board, attended the meeting along with representatives from the federal, Yukon and five provincial governments.

The Board recommended to Federal Environment Minister Charles Caccia that the South Nahanni and Athabasca Rivers be accepted as candidate heritage rivers, after determining both rivers met CHRS guidelines.

The South Nahanni River travels through Nahanni National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site.

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"The South Nahanni is an excellent choice as a Canadian heritage river, as it has already gained world renown," said Curley. "The river provides numerous recreational opportunities and is a main tourist attraction for the area."

The CHR Board will meet again in July to consider the inclusion of three or four additional rivers to the heritage river system.

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FIRST NWT PHYSIOTHERAPY CONFERENCE FEB. 21-23

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 13) - The first physiotherapy conference in the NWT will be held February 21-23 in Yellowknife, Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin announced today.

The three-day conference, organized by the Territorial department of health, will provide an opportunity for NWT physiotherapists to meet, share common concerns and continue their professional development.

Guest speaker Sandy Rennie, a specialist in sports physiotherapy, is an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, University of Alberta. He will discuss the prevention and treatment of sports injuries at a lecture open to the public on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Northern United Place.

"This lecture will be of interest to athletes, coaches, teachers, trainers and health care professionals," according to the Minister.

Rennie's wide knowledge and experience in sports physiotherapy includes working with the Edmonton Eskimos football team and with athletes in many disciplines at international sporting events.

Other lectures during the conference include a series on electrotherapy given by Rennie and the assessment and treatment of the respiratory system presented by Sylvia Slosel, staff physiotherapist at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

Specialized equipment for the practical electrotherapy sessions is being provided by several medical equipment suppliers. The suppliers are also making the equipment available for treatment purposes at the hospital until the Arctic Winter Games are over in March.

Physiotherapists attending the conference from Fort Smith, Hay River, Inuvik and Yellowknife will also tour the Dr. Otto Schaefer Health Resource Centre and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Physiotherapy, a growing profession in the NWT, is directed at the prevention and reduction of movement dysfunction as a result of accident or injury, disease, birth defects, aging or psychological or social stress. Physiotherapists work in close co-operation and consultation with other health care professionals, as well as the patients and their families.

Physiotherapists work at hospitals in Fort Smith, Hay River and Inuvik. The chief physiotherapist at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital is a consultant to the Territorial department of health.

Physiotherapists are also involved in the clinical education of undergraduate physiotherapy students from across Canada. Stanton Hospital has been participating in this program for several years and, in April, the first of two students assigned for this year will begin.

The NWT Physiotherapy Conference is a milestone, not only for physiotherapists here, but in the health care of all northerners, McLaughlin noted.

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'OTTAWA SHOULD CLEAN UP NCPC NOW' - CURLEY AND NERYSOO

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 14) - Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley says Ottawa should stop studying the Northern Canada Power Commission and do the obvious - move it north and make it efficient.

"It's difficult to be patient with a federal government that continues to study a problem when they already have the answers," the minister told the Legislative Assembly here today.

As Curley addressed the assembly, Government Leader Richard Nerysoo was presenting somewhat the same message in Ottawa to the federal government's standing committee on Indian affairs and northern development.

Curley told members that Ottawa has been studying NCPC for years, yet despite the excellent recommendations of the Penner Inquiry, two years ago, it still hasn't resolved the utility's problems.

"The time for study is over," he stated. "Ottawa should do the obvious - move the power commission north and make it financially accountable to northerners."

The Penner Inquiry recommended NCPC be split between the NWT and Yukon, moved north, run and be regulated by the north and that its \$200 million debt be forgiven.

The same position is held by the Legislative Assembly and the Executive Council. Both believe that if Ottawa cannot forgive the debt, it should at least reduce the interest burden on NCPC by converting the debt of the commission into equity.

Curley said it was difficult to see why the federal government will not accept the NWT's recommendations on NCPC. They are essentially the same as those of the Penner Inquiry.

"They are well thought out and represent the only reasonable long-term solution to the difficulties of NCPC. Sooner or later the federal government will have to recognize the wisdom of our recommendations."

Meanwhile, Nerysoo told the standing committee in Ottawa that the Territorial government was "somewhat taken aback" when the federal government (after the Penner Inquiry had concluded) announced the National Energy Board would conduct another set of hearings. The NEB recommended that NCPC stay relatively the same.

Nerysoo was accompanied for his Ottawa presentation by Yellowknife South MLA Lynda Sorensen, representing the Legislative Assembly.

He told the committee the NEB recommendations were simplistic, misleading and simply not acceptable. On the other hand, the Penner Inquiry was "a fine piece of analytical and theoretical work."

In conclusion, Nerysoo called on the minister of Indian and northern affairs to discuss his current views on NCPC with the elected leaders of the Northwest Territories.

"We should then direct our officials to work together to develop a plan that is acceptable to both parties."

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CRUISE BRIEFINGS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 20) - Three northern communities are to be briefed by the Department of National Defence on the cruise missile tests to be conducted next month in the NWT.

The briefings, in Yellowknife, Fort Simpson and Fort Good Hope, were requested by the Government of the Northwest Territories after the communities asked for them.

Tentative arrangements call for a DND briefing team to visit Fort Simpson Feb. 27 and Fort Good Hope around the same time. The team will hold public meetings with the Deh Cho Regional Council in Simpson and the Dene Community Council in Good Hope.

In Yellowknife, tentative arrangements are for the briefing team to meet Feb. 28 with the Territorial government's Executive Council in the morning, hold a press conference at DND Northern Region headquarters in the afternoon, and attend a public information program in the evening. This public program is being arranged by the City of Yellowknife.

City Hall in Yellowknife will announce the time and place of the public meeting.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO STUDY HOUSING

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - The Legislative Assembly will set up a Special Committee to study housing in the NWT.

Members of the Assembly approved a motion during debate last week calling for a special committee to review the operation of the NWT Housing Corporation.

In presenting the motion, Ludy Pudluk (MLA, High Arctic) said "the provision of housing is a high priority and it appears that the needs of communities are not being met by the NWT Housing Corporation."

The Housing Corporation was formed in 1972 and it now appears time to review the effectiveness of the present Housing Corporation, Pudluk added.

The special committee is to be made up of three members from the eastern Arctic and three members from the west. Committee members will be named during this session of the Assembly.

A report with recommendations from the committee is expected to be ready for the fall session of the Assembly.

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HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARDED TO HAY RIVER FIRM

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - Public Works Minister Gordon Wray today announced the awarding of a three-year highway maintenance contract to Rowe's Construction Ltd. of Hay River.

The \$652,242 contract commences on April 1, 1984 and includes maintenance of the highways in the Fort Simpson area from the east side of the Liard River to the Mackenzie River near Camsell Bend and access roads to Fort Simpson and Four Mile House.

The contract also includes winter maintenance operations from Camsell Bend to Kilometre 680 on the Mackenzie Highway #1 which is approximately 16 kilometres south of Wrigley.

To meet contract requirements, Rowe's Construction Ltd. will construct a new shop and station a resident superintendent in Fort Simpson. The contractor also plans to employ local people to fill the various heavy equipment operator and labourer positions available.

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(Released on behalf of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women)

STATUS OF WOMEN ADVISORY COUNCIL ELECTS EXECUTIVE

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - In a statement released in Yellowknife, February 12 following it's first meeting, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women for the Northwest Territories announced the election of an executive.

Bertha Allen of Inuvik was chosen as President, and Helen Adamache of Coppermine and Janet Armstrong of Pangnirtung were chosen as Vice-Presidents.

The Advisory Council was formed to advise the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women on matters of concern to NWT women. The Council members bring a wide variety of skills, abilities, perceptions and opinions to their positions.

The Council statement identified education, communication and affirmative action programs for women as the first priorities the group intends to tackle. They also indicated support and encouragement for the activities of the Government of the NWT's internal Status of Women mechanism which the Council statement refers to as the "Women's Bureau", in dealing with the issues of wife assault and pornography.

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In addressing the Advisory Council meeting Mr. Patterson, the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women said he considers the Advisory Council "a very important source of advice regarding priorities and direction" and encouraged members to be 'critical, challenging and demanding."

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MLAs CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF BRITISH PRODUCTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 21) - Members of the Legislative Assembly yesterday approved a strongly worded motion urging NWT residents and other Canadians to stop consuming the products of countries boycotting Canadian fish.

The motion is in response to actions taken by supermarket chains in Britain which are refusing to purchase fish products to protest the Canadian seal hunt.

"A large number of commercial enterprises in the United Kingdom are choosing to ignore the relevant information available to any responsible party or good corporate citizen wishing to ascertain the truth and are acting irresponsibly by instituting a boycott of Canadian fishery products," Nunakput MLA and Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea said in making the motion.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare is advocating the boycott and "threatening the livelihood, dignity and human welfare of many Canadians who depend upon harvesting seals and other marine species," Ms. Cournoyea said.

"In England hunting is a rich man's sport and they do not realize that the harvesting of animals in the Northwest Territories among the aboriginal peoples is not a rich man's sport. It is very much a part of life that enables you to survive or not," the minister said during debate on the motion.

"It has been scientifically demonstrated that the health of Arctic peoples is dependent upon the nutritional value of fresh meat from seals and other marine mammals," she added.

The motion calls on the Federal government to strongly protest these boycotts to the government of the United Kingdom.

MLAs also recommended that the Fur Institute of Canada and other provinces affected by the boycott or sympathetic to the problem participate in this boycott of British products as a first step in an escalating series of boycotts directed at the foreign countries or companies refusing to purchase Canadian fish products.

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MLAs ASK FOR NORTHERNER ON PWA BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 22) - The Legislative Assembly will ask Pacific Western Airlines (PWA) to appoint an NWT resident to its board of directors.

Members of the Assembly approved a motion Friday requesting that representation be made, through the Government Leader, to Premier Peter Lougheed of Alberta and the chairman of the PWA board.

Sponsor of the motion Lynda Sorensen (MLA, Yellowknife South) noted that there are no northerners on the airlines' board, the policy-making body.

"For sometime now, the Yellowknife City Council, consumer groups and community councils have been calling for representation," Mrs. Sorensen noted. "There is a need for northern citizens to have direct input on policy regarding this airline."

The PWA board of directors meets again in April when it is expected to consider the Legislative Assembly's request.

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FT. SIMPSON STUDENT WINS NATIONAL POSTER CONTEST

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 23) - For the second time in three years, an NWT student has won first prize in the National Wildlife Week poster contest.

Gerald Hardisty's award for his entry in the 1983 contest, "Management: a wise investment", was announced recently. Gerald is a student at Thomas Simpson School in Fort Simpson.

Gerald and a companion will travel to Saskatoon in June to attend the Canadian Wildlife Federation's annual convention where a presentation will be made to him. As well, his poster will be featured in the April issue of Ranger Rick magazine.

Two other students from the NWT were among the nine national runners-up. Todd Davidge, also from Thomas Simpson School, was named for his poster "Wildlife Management: game for the future" and Raymond Aggark of Kreterklerk School in Eskimo Point for a poster entitled "We're in the same boat."

Each runner-up will receive a copy of "The Art of Robert Bateman", a large illustrated book featuring the work of this famous Canadian wildlife artist.

The three prizes to northerners mean that NWT students won more awards than any other province or territory, duplicating the results of the 1981 contest when the NWT took three of the 10 national awards, including first prize which went to Tina Steen of Tuktoyaktuk.

The contest is co-ordinated by the Canadian Wildlife Federation and run in conjunction with National Wildlife Week each April. Last year's theme was "wildlife management".

The NWT portion of the contest is conducted each year by the Territorial government's department of renewable resources. Last year 1800 entries were received from students across the NWT. Sixteen winners were selected and each received a prize of \$100, with their entries going on to compete in the national contest.

National Wildlife Week in 1984 is April 8-14. The theme of the poster contest, open to all NWT students, will be "Wildlife and Wetlands".

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RENEWABLE RESOURCE POLICIES CONSULTATIONS BEGIN

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 27) - Community consultations have begun on a draft Renewable Resources Compensation Policy, Renewable Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea announced this week.

The Compensation Policy is designed to protect the interests of hunters, trappers, fishermen and others who depend on the renewable resource base for their main source of food and income from the effects of resource development.

Community consultations have also been started in Mackenzie Valley and Delta communities on the Department of Renewable Resources' Draft Strategic Plan.

The Draft Strategic Plan outlines the goals and objectives of the Department of Renewable Resources over the next several years. The purpose of this plan is to help guide resource management programs and to assist the department in meeting the challenges of rapid change and non-renewable resource development.

These community consultations are being held to solicit input from community residents in formalizing policies and guidelines regarding long term renewable resource use and conservation and to inform the public of work now in progress on these issues.

RENEWABLE RESOURCE POLICIES: PAGE 2

Community consultations are on-going in the Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot regions.

Both the Compensation Policy and the Strategic Plan were released late last year. Written summaries in Inuktitut and taped summaries in the Dene languages have been distributed in communities.

Renewable Resource Officers in the communities can provide further information, schedule of community meetings and summaries of both documents.

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NEW SECRETARY NAMED FOR COMMISSIONER'S AWARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 27) - Commissioner John Parker today announced the appointment of Don Johnston as Secretary to the Commissioner's Award Committee.

The Commissioner's Award program was developed to recognize persons who have distinguished themselves by acts of bravery or through exceptional public service. As Secretary, Johnston will receive applications for recommendations for the Award and will co-ordinate their review by the independent committee which is established for this purpose.

Awards are announced by the Commissioner, usually during a Session of the Legislative Assembly, and presentations are made at a suitable time by the Commissioner.

In appointing Johnston to this position, Commissioner Parker stated that he wanted the Territorial Government's Regional Offices to gain a better appreciation and understanding of the award program so all deserving Territorial residents may be considered for it.

Johnston, who is the Executive Council's Secretary for Regional Operations, succeeds Norm Macpherson who will soon retire from government service.

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(Released on Behalf of the National Parks Centennial
Citizen's Committee)

CANADA TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE CENTENNIAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 27) - In 1985, Canada will celebrate 100 years of heritage conservation. It was a century ago that the federal government set aside a parcel of land at Banff, to be designated as a national park. Since then, heritage preservation has developed across the country through government parks and historic sites, private restoration projects, and activities by heritage conservation groups.

The centennial is being marked by Parks Canada, but the celebration is destined to become more widespread. A National Parks Centennial Citizens' Committee has been appointed by the Minister of Environment to encourage all Canadians to celebrate "Heritage '85", and to participate in the preservation of our heritage for future generations.

The committee, made up of 12 private citizens representing each province and territory, is seeking worthwhile heritage projects from interested groups and individuals. Having established a foundation, the committee will solicit donations from the private sector to fund those projects that have been approved.

Projects can range from major urban restoration programs to exhibits at local fairs, and everything in between. Communities across Canada are also being encouraged to develop centennial activities, to celebrate the individual flavour of their own heritage.

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All Canadians are invited to participate,
before our legacy is lost forever. For more
information on the heritage centennial, you can contact
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WESTERN ARCTIC NORTHERN GAMES FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 01) - A \$25,000 grant was given to the Western Arctic Northern Games Association this week by Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston.

This contribution will assist in covering the costs of the 1983 summer games held in Inuvik last July. Over 200 participants from communities in the Delta region, Holman, Sachs Harbour and the Great Bear region were involved in the games which were held in conjunction with the town's 25th anniversary celebrations.

"Our government is pleased to provide continuing and increasing support to the Northern Games Associations which promote native culture and traditions," said Sibbeston. "Funding for these regional games has increased from \$14,000 five years ago to today's funding of \$125,000."

Funding was also provided in 1983 for the Keewatin, Kitikmeot and Baffin regional games and for the Dene games in Fort Resolution. Over 1000 people were involved in the Northern and Dene games.

The next Western Arctic Northern Games are tentatively scheduled for July 21-22 in Aklavik. Other regional games are also in the planning stages.

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MLAs NAMED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 01) - Six members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly have been named to a Special Committee on Housing.

Arnold McCallum (Slave River), Eliza Lawrence (Tu Nede), John T'Seleie (Sahtu), Ludy Pudluk (High Arctic), Joe Arlooktoo (Baffin South), and Red Pederson (Kitikmeot West) were appointed to the Special Committee last week by the Assembly. Named as alternates to the Committee were Sam Gargan (Deh Cho), Michael Ballantyne (Yellowknife North), Elijah Erkloo (Foxy Basin) and Michael Angottitauruq (Kitikmeot East).

The Special Committee on Housing will review the operations and effectiveness of the NWT Housing Corporation which was formed in 1972.

A report with recommendations from the committee is expected to be ready for the fall session of the Assembly.

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(Released on Behalf of the Northern Frontier Visitor's Association)

NORTHERN FRONTIER VISITOR'S ASSOCIATION ZONE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 02) - With 1984 being the 'Year of Tourism' and the 50th anniversary of Yellowknife, Northern Frontier Country is heading into a very special year.

The Zone was officially incorporated on August 2, 1983 under the Societies Ordinance of the NWT. Its full title is Northern Frontier Visitor's Association with Albert Eggenberger as president and Dave Speakman as general manager.

In 1983 Northern Frontier was allotted \$20,000 'Tourism Infrastructure' funding from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's Fort Smith region. Projects undertaken include improving the Zone's signage, community attractions (picnic areas in Rae and Detah), trail improvements and reconstruction of a cabin in Yellowknife's Old Town where local arts and crafts will be displayed and retailed.

The formalization of the Economic Development Agreement has Northern Frontier Visitor's Association working on a tourism marketing strategy, as are the five other zones, with the assistance of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

In September 1983, a group of travel writers visited the Zone after taking part in a federal government sponsored tour of the Liard Highway. Zone operators co-operated to provide an entertaining and comprehensive program for the writers.

VISITOR'S ASSOCIATION: PAGE 2

With homecoming celebrations beginning June 23, 1984, in conjunction with Yellowknife's 50th anniversary, Northern Frontier Visitor's Association is anticipating many former Yellowknifers and visitors to their Zone for social, sporting and historical events.

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DEMEULE APPOINTED FORT SMITH EDUCATION SUPT.

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 02) - George Demeule has been named superintendent of education for the Fort Smith region.

His appointment, effective March 19, was announced today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Demeule is a long-term northern resident with extensive experience in education in the NWT. He presently holds the position of area superintendent of education in Fort Simpson, responsible for the nine area schools.

Before being appointed to that position in 1982, he served as principal of schools in Fort Resolution, Nahanni Butte, Lake Harbour and Grise Fiord. Demeule also spent several years as a teacher, principal or administrator in communities across the north.

He holds Bachelors degrees in French and anthropology.

Demeule replaces William Stapleton as Fort Smith region Superintendent. Stapleton was recently named director of Thebacha College. Peter Grimm, assistant superintendent of education in Frobisher Bay, will replace Demeule.

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MULDERS NAMED EXPO 86 CO-ORDINATOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 02) - Gerard Mulders has been appointed co-ordinator of the Northwest Territories' pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

His appointment, effective April 1, was announced today by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley.

As Pavilion Co-ordinator, Mulders will be responsible for the administration and management of the design, construction and operation phases of the project, under the direction of Pavilion Commissioner George Braden.

Mulders has been director of the Territorial government's Keewatin Region in Rankin Inlet for the last 1 1/2 years. An NWT resident since 1960, he first came north as a teacher and principal in the Western Arctic. He was then named chief of school services in Yellowknife.

From 1970-74 he was superintendent of education in the Keewatin Region. Following a year's education leave, Mulders returned to Yellowknife in 1975 to take up special duties in the Executive Secretariat before being appointed assistant deputy minister of the department of education in 1976.

The NWT Pavilion at Expo 86 will represent government and several major industrial corporations. The pavilion, covering an area of 1200 square metres, will be located close to the main entrance at the southeastern corner of the Expo 86 site on False Creek in Vancouver. Included in plans for the pavilion are a restaurant, boutique selling northern arts and crafts, theatre and display areas.

Expo 86 is an official World Exposition, focussing on the themes of transportation and communication. Participants already include thirty countries, six provinces, both territories and a number of domestic and international corporations. The world exposition will also feature international conferences, seminars and cultural events.

More than 19 million visitors are expected to visit the fair which runs from May 2 to October 13, 1986.

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INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE FUNDING APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 02) - Funding totalling more than \$815,000 for community projects involved in the research and development of indigenous language programs was announced today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

During 1984 20 projects across the NWT will share in this financial assistance provided under a special fund - the Indigenous Languages Development Fund - established by the Executive Council in 1982.

During the past 1 1/2 years this fund has sponsored the development of school programs and materials in Dene, Inuktitut and Inuvialuktun languages. Activities have also included linguistic research, program development, the publishing of books and the training of people involved in language work.

Similar objectives have been set by groups receiving funding during this third and final year of the fund, the minister said.

Language centres in Fort Providence, Fort Franklin and Fort McPherson will continue to receive support for language research and development. Also funded are projects to support school language programs in Fort Resolution (Chipewyan), Fort Simpson (Slavey immersion), Lac La Martre (Dogrib) and Aklavik (Loucheux).

The Athabaskan Language Steering Committee will receive funding for the ongoing investigation of Dene language concerns and to provide literacy and other training workshops.

In the Inuktitut area, the Keewatin Regional Education Authority will receive support for projects in Baker Lake and Rankin Inlet and ongoing assistance will be provided for projects in Gjoa Haven, Broughton Island, Igloolik, Pond Inlet and Frobisher Bay. Two new projects are to be established in Pangnirtung and one in Clyde River.

The Committee for Original Peoples Entitlement has offered language instructor training and conducted Inuvialuktun language program development over the past two years. This work will continue to be funded along with the publication of two Inuvialuktun dictionaries in the Uummarmiut and Siglit dialects.

The fund is administered by the department of education and language specialists from the department assist various groups in the work they are carrying out.

"Ultimately, these materials and the research being conducted will result in full language programs for students in all language groups in the Northwest Territories," Patterson said.

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MEETINGS TO DISCUSS NORTHERN JUSTICE ISSUES

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 05) - People involved in delivering justice services across the North will meet in Yellowknife March 11-16 for a series of seminars and workshops on Circuit and Rural Court Justice in the North.

The program is sponsored by the Northern Conference, an education and information network dealing with northern justice issues. The Conference has representatives from the NWT, Yukon, Alaska and the northern and rural areas of the provinces.

The Northern Conference provides resources to deal with common issues among professionals, paraprofessionals and communities interested in developing locally-based justice services.

The Yellowknife program will feature workshops on the involvement of native people in circuit court services; the dynamics of the circuit court; the role of public legal education; and, strategies for community involvement in the delivery of justice services.

The program also includes two short skills courses on techniques of project planning and fundraising and mediation and sessions on special topics and policies affecting northern justice.

About 150 delegates are expected to attend the week-long conference.

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TRUCKING ON NWT HIGHWAYS TO BE MONITORED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 05) - The department of government services has increased patrols on NWT highways, resulting in two recent convictions of a southern trucking company for carrying excess weight.

Minister of Government Services Tom Butters said his department is stepping up enforcement of the large vehicle control regulations which include weight restrictions and the public service vehicle ordinance which controls trucking operations in the NWT.

"The number of large vehicles travelling on the Liard Highway particularly has increased as a result of oil and gas development in the area", the minister said.

In addition to increased patrols on the highway, the department is also planning the construction of additional weigh scales where vehicles carrying large loads will be required to stop.

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CHANGES IN WILDLIFE REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 05) - Several changes in Territorial hunting regulations were announced today by Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea.

A new Dempster Highway Corridor has been defined where restrictions on hunting can be imposed at the discretion of the minister. Restrictions could make the transport of caribou by vehicle illegal and establish a mandatory check station on the highway. The new system is the same as that used in the Gordon Lake area northeast of Yellowknife, the minister said.

Two changes affecting hunting of caribou within the Beverly herd range have also been implemented at the recommendation of the Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board.

General hunting licence holders in some northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba communities may now export the meat of all game they have killed legally in the NWT. The previous limit of 50 kilograms per year remains in effect for all other general hunting licence holders.

Communities affected by this change are Camsell Portage, Uranium City, Fond du Lac, Stoney Rapids, Black Lake and Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan; and, Lac Brochet, Brochet and Tadoule Lake, Manitoba.

The twelve-hour waiting period for hunters who have used aircraft has also been removed in the southern portions of the Beverly range.

These amendments are the result of extensive community consultation in the areas affected and are in effect immediately, the minister said.

For further information on the Wildlife ordinance or regulations, contact Chief, Field Services, Department of Renewable Resources in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7181 or local renewable resource officers.

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STUDY OF HAY RIVER RECREATION CENTRE FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 06) - The Territorial government has made a contribution of \$20,750 to the cost of an engineering study on the B.G. Sivertz Recreation Centre in Hay River.

In announcing the funding today, Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston said the pre-design study has provided an assessment of the renovations and repairs required on the arena.

The Town of Hay River has also contributed funding of \$35,000 for feasibility studies and engineering reports on the complex.

The studies have shown the need for extensive repairs to the building and confirmed that not undertaking these repairs could lead to further deterioration of the facility.

The assessment was necessary before funding could be considered for major renovations and repairs to the recreation centre, the minister added.

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FT. SIMPSON NURSE RECEIVES AWARD FOR SERVICE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 06) - Maureen McEwan, director of nursing at the Fort Simpson Cottage Hospital, will receive the Territorial government's first annual award for outstanding contributions in the health care field.

The award to Ms McEwan was announced today by Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin.

"We hope to present this award annually and are very pleased that Maureen McEwan will be the first recipient," the minister said. "Her work in the community and the high level of nursing care she has provided to the people of Fort Simpson have added greatly to the quality of life there."

Ms McEwan was nominated for the award by a resident of Fort Simpson.

She has been director of nursing at the Fort Simpson hospital since 1977. A native of Liverpool, England, she obtained her nursing diploma while serving with the Royal Air Force from 1962-68. After completing a course in midwifery, she came to Canada in 1969.

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For several years Ms McEwan was assistant head nurse at Toronto's East General Hospital and then, in 1974, came north to work at the nursing station in Cambridge Bay. Before transferring to Fort Liard in 1975, she completed the clinical training for outpost nurses at the University of Alberta.

The official presentation of the award to Ms McEwan will be held in Yellowknife shortly.

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LOWER INTEREST RATES FOR BUSINESS LOANS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 06) - The Territorial Government will lower the interest rates on loans issued by the Business Loan Fund to 14 per cent beginning April 1, 1984.

The announcement was made last week by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

This decision will affect, in particular, loans issued by the government between 1980 and 1982 when interest rates were as high as 22 1/4 per cent.

"Obviously it is difficult to do business with the overhead costs that accompany such high rates of financing," stated the minister. "Lowering the interest rate will provide immediate relief to 79 of our client businesses and longterm support for small business in the NWT."

In past years, many northern business people had to obtain loans at high rates of interest and were locked into these high rates for the full term of the loan, creating serious hardships for their businesses.

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"I hope that the banks, the Federal Business Development Bank and other lending institutions follow our lead in establishing lower interest rates," said Curley. "These institutions must recognize that the day of the 15 to 20 per cent loan is passed, hopefully forever."

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES MISSION STAFF APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 06) - The appointment of a seven-member mission staff to assist the NWT team at the 1984 Arctic Winter Games was announced today by the Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston.

"Members of the mission staff are responsible for the welfare and safety of athletes and coaches and for ensuring our team members are the best possible ambassadors of the NWT," said the minister. "An attempt was made to have mission staff from all parts of the Northwest Territories."

The mission staff assists coaches and athletes and enforces a proper code of behaviour. As well, each member takes a regular shift at the Mission desk, open 24 hours a day.

The appointments were made by the Minister on the recommendation of the Executive of the Sport North Federation and the Department of Local Government.

Appointed to the mission staff are:

- Dave Hurley of Yellowknife, Executive Director of Sport North, responsible for the implementation and administration of the Federation's programs.
- Will Kunder of Frobisher Bay, second vice-president of Sport North and games co-ordinator for the Baffin region.

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- Lorne Kusugak of Rankin Inlet, a member of the NWT Arctic Sports team at the 1978 Arctic Winter Games.

 - Ted Blondin of Rae-Edzo, president of the NWT Snowshoe Association and coach of the NWT Snowshoeing team at the 1980 and 1982 Arctic Winter Games.

 - Clara Allen, born and raised in Inuvik and an active player and organizer of local sports in the area.

 - Carol Gregson of Cambridge Bay, recreation development officer and games co-ordinator for the Kitikmeot Region.

 - Don Antoine of Fort Simpson, an active organizer of community recreation activities and chairman of the Dene Games Association. Don is a Band Council member.

The Sport and Recreation Division of the Department of Local Government and Sport North work closely in selecting, preparing and managing the NWT team. The GNWT has delegated major responsibility for management and co-ordination of the team to Sport North.

Organizers expect the NWT to field a full team of athletes participating in all 13 sports. The games will be held March 18-24 in Yellowknife.

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POPE TO VISIT FORT SIMPSON, NWT

FORT SIMPSON (Mar. 07) - The leaders of the four national native organizations, the Assembly of First Nations, the Native Council of Canada, the Inuit Committee on National Issues and the Metis National Council, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have announced that His Holiness Pope John Paul II will visit with native Canadian's in Fort Simpson on September 17th.

A day has been added to the papal tour so that the Pope can participate in a native celebration hosted by the Dene Nation and the chief of the Fort Simpson Dene band Jim Antoine.

The Pope had indicated to the Canadian organizers his interest in meeting with native people in their own homeland and on their terms. Unlike the rest of the tour which is being organized by just church officials, the CCCB has asked the national leaders to take the lead role in organizing the celebration.

Chief Jim Antoine says he expects the visit of the Pope to be one day in a three day spiritual celebration. The chief says, "its an important event in all the lives of Dene people and native people. We expect the Pope will give a message to the world about the struggle of native peoples in Canada and North, Central and South America. We are confident that he will speak on behalf of native people's struggle."

Fort Simpson has a population of about 1,000 people. It is situated on an island at the mouth of the Laird River on the Mackenzie River. The president of the Dene Nation, Steve Kakfwi supported a proposal from the Deh Cho Region for Fort Simpson because of its central location. It is linked to the Yukon, Northern British Columbia and Northern Alberta by the Liard and the Mackenzie Highway for the people in the Delta and in the Mackenzie Valley, the river provides a natural transportation route.

Mr. Kakfwi says, "the Dene, most of whom are members of the Catholic faith, are prepared to host an assembly at which the aboriginal peoples of the area, people of faith, would directly express to him (the Pope) our hopes, fears and aspirations."

The community leaders say committees will be formed to plan out the details to receive the huge crowds that are anticipated for the celebration. Although the village has limited accommodation facilities, Mayor Jim Villeneuve says, "the town will do everything possible to deal with the crowds." He says campsites will be organized in the village for the visitors. The mayor says, "we feel deeply honoured to have been chosen as the site over other native communities in the country. It is a once in a lifetime occurrence and we are going to do our best to make sure everything is arranged to go smoothly."

People in the community have reacted with both enthusiasm and disbelief that Fort Simpson has been chosen.

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES EVENTS AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 8) - During the Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife March 18-23, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will have on exhibit the S.M. Hodgson trophy.

The trophy is presented at each Arctic Winter Games to the team demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship. The award was given to the AWG Corporation in March 1978 by former NWT Commissioner Stuart Hodgson.

Made of a narwhal tusk decorated with Inuit drawings, the trophy rests on a soapstone carving of a walrus curved around the base which is a burl slice.

As part of the Arctic Winter Games cultural program, traditional northern sports will be displayed and crafts will be demonstrated on the main floor of the Centre Monday to Friday March 19-23 from 10:30 to 5:00.

The Northern Heritage Centre is sponsoring a film series at Northern United Place from 6:30 to 10:00 Thursday evening. Children's films will be shown from 6:30 to 7:30 followed by adult films from 8:00 to 10:00, all about games in the North.

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Also during the week of the Games, the Centre's concession will be open in the mezzanine to serve light lunches and snacks to visitors.

The Northern Heritage Centre is open daily during the Games from 10:30 to 5:00.

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CULTURAL PROGRAM FEATURE OF ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 08) - Visitors to the 1984 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife March 18-23 will be able to see a full program of cultural events along with the sports competitions.

AWG cultural committee chairperson Vicky Paraschak says the program includes northern arts and craft displays, demonstrations featuring well-known NWT artists and craftspeople and performances by musicians from northern and southern Canada.

"The program of events will show visitors and residents the wide variety and richness of the northern culture," Paraschak noted.

Among the events scheduled daily during the Games is lunch hour entertainment at the Elk's Hall, where a variety of performers will appear over the noon hour. At the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, there will be an exhibit of traditional games implements and artists will demonstrate crafts daily.

From Monday March 19 to Wednesday March 21, a craft sale at the Elk's Hall will include demonstrations of traditional Dene crafts such as snowshoe making, drum making and moosehair tufting.

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Children's programs at the Yellowknife Public Library Tuesday and Thursday and at Northern United Place Wednesday afternoon will include performances by some of the visiting artists and craft lessons.

Evening cultural events include a coffee house at the Miners Mess of the Yellowknife Inn Monday and Tuesday evenings and a drum dance at Northern United Place Monday night.

The new Northern Arts and Cultural Centre will be the scene for two evenings of the True North Concert, sponsored by the CBC in conjunction with the AWG cultural committee. The concerts feature performers from both northern and southern Canada Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Outreach concerts have been arranged featuring visiting performers for hospital patients, senior citizens and inmates of Yellowknife Correctional Centre. A group of performers will also visit Detah.

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MEETING TO DISCUSS FUTURE OF FT. SIMPSON HOSTEL

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 09) - A special meeting of the Koe Go Cho Society and representatives of the Territorial government will be held next week in Fort Simpson.

Deputy Minister of Education Brian Lewis and Fort Smith Regional Director Mike Stilwell will present the government's position at a public meeting in the hostel dining room Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Barbara O'Neill, John Mageean and Marvin Marykuca, the three members of the operations review committee that prepared a report at the request of the board of directors, will present their recommendations at a workshop.

Following the workshop, the board will meet to decide the order of recommendations and take steps to begin their implementation.

The purpose of the meetings is to prepare the Society to resume operation of the student residence after acquiring a thorough knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of both the government and the Society.

By involving Society members, government representatives and the public of the Deh Cho Gah region, areas of concern about the operation of the Society will be discussed and clarified.

It is anticipated that the outcome of the meetings will be to return the contract to operate the student residence to the Society, with the knowledge and expertise required to continue a successful operation.

Parents of students presently living in residence and community representatives are being contacted regarding the meeting and arrangements are being made to transport people from the settlements.

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NEW TOURISM SEMINARS UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 12) - Two new training seminars for people involved in the travel industry are being held this month in Rankin Inlet and Hay River.

These tourism marketing seminars are among the first projects organized in the NWT under the Canada Department of Regional Industrial Expansion's Industrial and Regional Development Program (IRDP).

The seminars are a co-operative venture of the Federal government, the Territorial government and the NWT Tourism Industry Association.

The first seminar in Rankin Inlet March 5-9 brought together 25 participants involved in the tourism industry in several Central Arctic communities, the Baffin Region and Yellowknife.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley opened the Rankin Inlet seminar on March 5. At a dinner the final evening of the course, the Minister also presented Certificates of Achievement to all participants completing the course.

A similar course in Hay River March 12-16 will include representatives of the Northern Frontier Visitors Association, the Big River Travel Association and the Territorial government.

The seminars cover topics including an introduction to marketing; sources and uses of market research data; the role of marketing in the operation of a travel business; and, the role of government and other sectors of the travel industry in marketing.

The courses are taught through a combination of lectures, workshops and recommended readings. Evaluation of the seminars following their completion will include a survey of the participants.

The seminars are conducted by the Economic Planning Group of Canada, tourism and recreation consultants based in Toronto.

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GORDON LAKE HUNTING RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 12) - Restrictions on the hunting of caribou in the Gordon Lake corridor north of Yellowknife will be lifted at midnight, Wednesday March 14.

In announcing the change, Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea noted that the Bathurst caribou herd which had been migrating through the area has now moved on and no longer requires the protection of the regulations.

When the restrictions are lifted, it will again be legal to transport caribou by vehicle. As well, the check station at the south end of Gordon Lake will be closed and vehicles will no longer be required to stop there.

The Minister noted that public response had been good when it became necessary to impose the restrictions and thanked hunters for their co-operation. She particularly thanked the people of Fort Rae and Detah who ensured that their community hunts were completed by the time the restrictions went into effect.

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NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMING

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 14) - An automated communications system is being introduced to help the Territorial government agency responsible for emergencies respond more rapidly to them.

The system has been purchased for the Territorial Emergency Control Committee, the inter-department, inter-government agency responsible for the management of emergencies in the NWT.

Government Leader Richard Nerysoo, minister responsible for emergency planning in the NWT, made the announcement today.

The \$9,000 system, involving a telephone tape recorder and 12 telephone pagers for members of the TECC to carry at all times, should be operational by the end of the month.

"This will provide the government with a very efficient method of responding to emergencies as quickly as is humanly possible," Nerysoo said.

Under the new system, people phoning the NWT's Emergency Services telephone number after office hours to report an emergency - such as a community power outage or a chemical spill - will now have their conversations automatically recorded. The emergency reporting number - 873-7554 - is located in Yellowknife and can be phoned from anywhere in the NWT.

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Once an emergency is recorded, a button will activate the telephone pagers carried by three key members of the TECC. They will then call in to receive the recorded message. If necessary, they can then activate a second button. This button will alert the other nine members of the emergency committee - individually or collectively - and tell them to immediately gather at TECC's emergency operations centre in the Laing Building here.

Emergency calls won't normally be recorded during office hours since Emergency Services staff will be on duty and will answer the phone. However, the telephone pager system will operate around-the-clock.

Under the old system, members of the TECC had to be contacted by ordinary phone.

The weakness of this kind of alert system was pointed out on a weekend in December when the TECC took part in Operation Pingo/Nanook Lark, an imaginary power outage at Fort McPherson. While the exercise was a success, it took over two hours to contact the complete TECC team by ordinary phone.

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KRISTENSEN NAMED TO THEBACHA COLLEGE BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 15) - Fort Smith businessman Ib Kristensen has been appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Governors of Thebacha College.

Kristensen's appointment as the Fort Smith representative on the Board was announced today by Minister of Education Dennis Patterson.

Kristensen, a bookstore owner, has been a resident of Fort Smith since 1971. He has been active in community affairs and is presently a member of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and a town councillor. He is also chairman of the July 1st Committee for the NWT.

In the past he has been a member of the Fort Smith Centennial Committee and president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1978. From 1976 to 1983 he was also on the Board of Directors of the NWT Housing Corporation.

Thebacha College, the NWT's community college, has an enrollment of 300 students at its Fort Smith campus. The college also delivers off-campus programs in several Mackenzie Valley communities.

Its Board of Governors is made up of representatives from across the NWT.

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EMERGENCY POWER INSTALLED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar.20) - The Territorial and federal governments are jointly spending over \$150,000 to install emergency generators in eight Inuit communities.

The generators are one of the ways in which the Territorial government, with Ottawa's help, is combatting the most frequent cause of emergencies in the north: power outages.

Government Leader Richard Nerysoo, minister responsible for emergency planning in the NWT, made the announcement today.

Two fixed emergency generators at a cost of \$100,000 are being installed in schools at Hall Beach and Pangnirtung, while nine portable generators costing a total of \$52,000 are to be stored in government buildings in six other communities. Four of them will be located in Cambridge Bay and one each in Coppermine, Holman Island, Gjoa Haven, Spence Bay and Pelly Bay.

"It's important - because of weather, isolation and the frequency of power outages, that every community in the north be self-sufficient," Nerysoo said.

The emergency generators are being funded under the Joint Emergency Planning Program (JEPP). Up to 75 per cent of the cost is paid by Emergency Planning Canada, the remainder by the Territorial government.

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Meanwhile, in an allied move, the Territorial government agency responsible for emergency planning is promoting the identification of emergency reception centres in every community in the NWT.

The Territorial Emergency Control Committee (TECC), through the government's five regional headquarters, is encouraging communities to identify suitable buildings for emergency housing and feeding. Usually this is the school gym or community hall.

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BILINGUALISM MUST BE HANDLED BY THE NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 20) - Government Leader Richard Nerysoo said today the Territorial government is "sympathetic" towards a bilingual Canada and is prepared to provide French language services in the Northwest Territories.

But rather than have bilingualism imposed on it from Ottawa, his administration would be developing its own program. The issue of bilingualism in the North would be placed before the Legislative Assembly in May in order to seek the direction of the House.

"The matter of introducing French as an official language of the North is a matter that falls within the jurisdiction of the Northwest Territories," he stated. "It is not something that should be arbitrarily imposed by the Federal Cabinet.

"We are fully prepared to discuss and negotiate the money that will be required by the Territories to implement bilingualism. At the same time, there has to be recognition of the north's priority requirements in the area of funding the development of aboriginal languages."

Nerysoo's response follows a meeting with Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munro and the government's Executive Council (cabinet) in this northern capital Sunday.

At that meeting, Munro revealed for the first time that a bill amending the Northwest Territories and Yukon acts would be placed before Parliament this week. The amendment would apply the Official Languages Act to both territories.

Nerysoo said such an amendment was not necessary. He would ensure that appropriate territorial initiatives are taken and presented to the Assembly. Those initiatives would include legislative considerations.

"We don't consider ourselves a mere institution of the Federal government," he said. "We can accept the responsibility for bilingualism, but it has to take place within our own constitutional framework."

Any form of arbitrary action on the part of Ottawa - through such devices as Munro's planned amendment to the NWT Act - would be viewed by the Territorial government as a "serious infringement" to its evolving constitutional authority, the minister noted.

Nerysoo said the Territorial government will apply to intervene in a case now before the Yukon Supreme Court involving Whitehorse resident Daniel St. Jean who is contesting the legality of a parking ticket he received that was written in English only.

The Territorial government would take the position that under the charter it has the same obligations and privileges as a province and any requirement for bilingualism has to be incorporated into the charter in the same manner as the province of New Brunswick.

The Yukon Territorial Court had earlier dismissed the St. Jean case, stating that the government of that territory (unlike the federal government) was not required under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to provide bilingual services.

The matter of aboriginal language rights has been a high priority with the Territorial government for many years. As a result, what limited resources it has managed to negotiate from Ottawa have been used to assist in the development of native language services and culture.

The government presently provides simultaneous interpreting services to the Legislature in Inuktitut and has embarked on a similar program to provide the same services in any of the five Dene languages of the NWT.

Recognition of French as an official language in the North, would add a seventh language to the House - more than what is provided for at the United Nations.

Meanwhile, Nerysoo said that he and his executive colleagues are looking forward to a round of serious negotiations with the Federal government on the "entire question of languages, their development and use, and the degree to which Ottawa will assist financially without redirecting or adjusting the North's already lean budget base.

In his announcement Sunday, Munro told a press conference that it is clear that there is a real priority in the NWT in terms of native languages and that the Francophone minorities are quite small."

"I've indicated to the Territorial government that we would be prepared to sit down with them and talk, on an urgent basis, and show them the political will to back them with the resources necessary to markedly upgrade the native languages here in the territories," he said.

Nerysoo said that is just what the Executive has been waiting to hear. Development and provision of services in native languages of the North has been a top priority here for a number of years, but the process has been slowed because of limited financial resources.

"I'm encouraged by Munro's remarks on native languages," he said. "But Ottawa should be aware that the north is looking for a long-term commitment, not an arrangement that will be here today gone tomorrow."

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TIME RUNNING OUT FOR 1984 REGISTRATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 20) - With less than two weeks left in March to apply for 1984 driver's licences and vehicle plates or stickers, less than half of Territorial drivers have renewed their registrations.

"People should come in now to avoid the time-consuming and frustrating line-ups which traditionally occur the last week of March and into April," says registrar of motor vehicles Judy Collard.

The Motor Vehicles office in Yellowknife opens early - at 8:00 a.m. - and closes at 6:00 p.m. during the month to allow additional time for registration. This year, the final date for renewal is Friday, March 30 at noon, since a half-day holiday will be proclaimed for Caribou Carnival that day.

"We are doing everything we can to encourage people to renew early but it seems to require a lot of convincing," Collard says.

At midnight March 31, all vehicles not carrying 1984 stickers or motorcycle plates can be convicted and fined by police.

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The fine for not having 1984 stickers or plates or for driving with an expired driver's licence on April 1 is \$25. Both vehicle registrations and driver's licences expire March 31.

Licences and registrations have been on sale since January 16.

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ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS TOUR NORTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 20) - A group of European environmental ministers will tour the Northwest Territories and Yukon this week.

The ministers, who are attending the Canadian-European Conference on Acid Rain in Ottawa March 19 and 20, travel to the north to visit resource development areas and meet with Federal, Territorial and municipal government officials.

The group of 20 visitors, representing the governments of West Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Sweden, Norway and France, arrive in Yellowknife from Ottawa March 22. Following a meeting with the Executive Council, they will attend a dinner hosted by Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea.

The next day the group travels to Norman Wells to tour Esso Resources' facilities; to Inuvik to meet with GNWT officials and Mayor Jim Robertson; and, to Tuktoyaktuk where they will visit Dome Petroleum's Beaufort Sea development.

On Saturday March 24 the ministers move on to the Yukon for a two-day visit to Dawson City and Whitehorse before returning to Europe.

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KEEWATIN REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 21) - Gerry Tanner has been appointed Regional Director for the Keewatin Region.

The appointment, effective April 9, was announced today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo and was made in consultation with the region's two MLS's, Gordon Wray and Tagak Curley.

Tanner, a 16-year resident of the Northwest Territories, began his public service career in Baker Lake in 1968 where he worked for the federal government's department of Indian and northern affairs.

He joined the Territorial Government in 1970 as an administrative officer and later settlement manager in Baker Lake. He has also worked as a regional development officer in Fort Smith and as Inuvik regional superintendent of local government. Tanner was named assistant regional director for the Inuvik region in 1976 before returning to Yellowknife where he has worked as senior development advisor for the department of local government and most recently as administration and personnel manager for the NWT Housing Corporation.

He replaces Gerard Mulders who was recently appointed co-ordinator of the Northwest Territories' pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Tanner and his wife, Sheena, have three children.

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EXPO 86 CONCESSIONAIRE NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 21) - A consortium of three northern companies will operate the concessions at the NWT Pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley announced today that Galaxy Marketing Services has been awarded a contract to operate a restaurant, arts and crafts boutique and travel service.

Galaxy is made up of three long-established northern businesses - Outcrop Limited of Yellowknife, Siniktarvik Limited of Rankin Inlet and A and A Distributing, also of Yellowknife.

As concessionaire, the group will be responsible for constructing and operating a high quality restaurant selling indigenous northern foods. As well, they will operate an arts and crafts area selling northern crafts, books, slides, records, souvenirs and a travel booking service promoting and selling travel in the NWT.

Marion Lavigne, president of Outcrop, noted that the group "is pleased to receive the contract and we look forward to receiving proposals from people interested in having their arts and crafts, and other northern products sold at Expo 86."

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"This will be an excellent opportunity for our businesses to increase their sales and test new northern products in the marketplace," the minister added.

Expo 86 is an official World Exposition, running from May 2 to October 13, 1986.

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NWT AND MANITOBA JOINTLY PROMOTE NORTHERN TOURISM

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 22) - The Government of the Northwest Territories and the province of Manitoba are teaming up to promote the tourism potential of the Keewatin Region and the Hudson Bay lowlands of Manitoba.

NWT Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley and Samuel Uskiw, Manitoba's minister of business development and tourism, today announced three initiatives designed to increase the tourism industry in both the lowlands of northern Manitoba and the Keewatin region. The announcement was made at a Keewatin Chamber of Commerce meeting in Rankin Inlet.

"These initiatives will benefit both Manitoba and the Northwest Territories by promoting Winnipeg as the gateway to northern Manitoba and the Keewatin," said Uskiw.

Included in the initiatives are plans for a Keewatin destination zone tourism strategy study and an integrated Manitoba-Keewatin tourism strategy zone. The studies are designed to identify tourism opportunities for both areas.

The Keewatin study will increase Keewatin residents' awareness of the tourism industry and available tourism opportunities while the integrated study will encourage the development of Manitoba-Keewatin vacation packages and promote Winnipeg and Churchill as destination and departure points for northern holiday packages.

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PAINTINGS OF NORTHERN LIFE AT HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 22) - The people and land of Colville Lake are the subjects of an exhibition of paintings by Bern Will Brown at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Brown, who has lived in the north for 35 years, paints the faces of the people and landscapes of the community he knows well.

Of the 16 paintings on exhibit, half are portraits of the people of Colville Lake and Fort Franklin, including four generations of one family.

The remainder of the paintings are scenes of the land and wildlife of the North.

Brown first came to the NWT in 1948 and has lived in the small settlement of Colville Lake for over 20 years. The people of the community still live much of their lives in the traditional way captured in Brown's paintings.

Several of his paintings were purchased by former Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson, including one which was presented to Prince Charles when he visited the NWT.

The exhibit will be at the Northern Heritage Centre until the end of April.

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Tour North 2, the second in a series of planned 'buyer-seller' travel trade marketplaces to promote the tourism potential of the Northwest Territories, will be held in May. A joint venture between Travel Manitoba and the GNWT, Tour North 2 will provide U.S. and international wholesalers with the opportunity to visit Churchill and the Keewatin and to meet face-to-face with northern travel operators.

The third initiative is a joint marketing program between the NWT, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba called Adventureland Canada. It will promote the outdoor/adventure and fishing products in each region through advertising in key U.S. markets. Under this program, the NWT will promote itself as Canada's newest adventure destination, easily accessible by air from the major gateways of Edmonton, Alberta and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"Tourism is one of the most important economic resources in the Northwest Territories," said Curley. "Through these joint programs, with Manitoba and the other western provinces, we can provide substantial growth in our tourism industry thereby providing much needed employment and business opportunities for northerners."

"I am very pleased to have this opportunity to work with Travel Manitoba and have every reason to believe these initiatives will be very successful in increasing tourism in both the Keewatin region and the Hudson Bay lowlands of Manitoba," added the minister.

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DEH CHO REGIONAL COUNCIL BRIEFED ON POPE'S VISIT

HAY RIVER (Mar. 22) - The visit of the Pope to Fort Simpson in September was compared by the President of the Dene Nation to the Berger Inquiry. Steve Kakfwi told the Deh Cho Regional Council in Hay River yesterday (March 21) that there is nothing in the history of the Dene to compare what the impact will be. He said, "if you could condense the whole experience of the Berger Inquiry into two hours you might begin to have an idea."

Mr. Kakfwi explained to the delegates that the Dene Nation was hosting the visit of the Pope on behalf of all aboriginal people in Canada. Both the NWT Metis Association and the Government of the NWT have given their support.

Chief Jim Antoine, who is the co-ordinator for the Dene Nation, told the meeting that it was a great honour for the Dene. Both leaders emphasized the need for people of all communities to be involved in the planning of the celebration. He pointed out that in the south planning has been going on for the last year.

Chief Jim Antoine recommended that each community make their own preparation to come to Fort Simpson. He said that camping areas will be designated for each group.

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The Chief of Fort Providence, Jim Thom, told the meeting that a community buffalo hunt was being planned to provide food and that they will be travelling by boat down the Deh Cho (Mackenzie River) to the celebration. During the visit, the Pope will be given the opportunity to meet elders and groups of people. He will also meet privately with the leaders of the four national organizations and address the gathering.

Chief Antoine said, "the leaders are confident that Pope John Paul will speak about the issue of aboriginal rights. Through media coverage the world will know about our struggle and our way of life."

The Papal visit will be part of a native spiritual celebration which is expected to last two or three days.

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(Released on Behalf of the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories)

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 26) - Members of the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories have agreed to the primary objective and 11 principles which will guide their negotiations on a boundary for division of the NWT. This agreement was reached during a two-day meeting of the Alliance here this weekend.

The Constitutional Alliance consists of the members of the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums and has a mandate to reach a consensus on and oversee a public ratification process for the establishment of a boundary for division. It was set up on February, 1982 just before the plebiscite in April, in which a majority of NWT voters supported in principle division of the Territories.

Attending the meeting on behalf of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum were: Dennis Patterson, Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development and chairman of the NCF; John Amagoalik, President of the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada; Nellie Cournoyea, MLA Nunakput; Charlie Hoagak, Vice-President of the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement; Bob Kadlun, President of the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut; Elijah Erkloo, MLA Foxe Basin; Peter Ittinuar, MP Nunatsiaq. Attending the meeting on behalf of the Western Constitutional Forum were: Nick Sibbeston, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development and chairman of the WCF; Steve Kakfwi, President of the Dene Nation; Bob MacQuarrie, MLA Yellowknife Centre and Vice-Chairman of the WCF; Larry Tourangeau, President and Harold Cook, Vice-President, of the Metis Association of the NWT.

The Constitutional Alliance has agreed to the following as its major objective for division and the selection of a boundary:

"It is agreed that northern residents represented by the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories, and guided by the attached principles agreed upon by the Constitutional Alliance, shall determine a boundary for dividing the Northwest Territories into two viable public government jurisdictions that have the political and economic potential to evolve towards provincial status, and it is agreed that the fair resolution of this issue shall be a priority of the Constitutional Alliance."

The members of the Constitutional Alliance believe positive progress was made during their two-day meeting and are anxious to get on with the next step. The Alliance members are hoping to meet within one month to discuss the process for selecting a boundary.

The principles for the selection of a boundary which have been agreed to are not exclusive and may be added to or amended during further discussions.

The 11 principles agreed to so far are as follows:

1. New Territories will have substantial numbers of aboriginal peoples.
2. Opinions of those affected should be taken into account.
3. The new territories should have reasonable prospects for eventual economic viability over the short and long term, considering land mass and renewable and non-renewable resources.
4. Historic, linguistic and cultural communities of interest should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
5. Traditional and continuing land use and occupancy should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
6. Geographic features and existing and potential transportation and communications should be taken into account in determining a boundary.

7. Existing electoral, administrative and other boundaries should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
8. Existing and potential infrastructures and accessibility to government services, should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
9. Proposed forms and styles of government and the distribution of power between local, regional and territorial levels of government should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
10. Existing and potential economic development areas should be taken into account in determining a boundary.
11. It is essential that the new boundaries try to satisfy the best interests of the people of the Northwest Territories and that the boundary be determined, first, by a tentative decision by the Constitutional Alliance through negotiations and discussions which will form a consensus based on careful consideration of all the above principles, and secondly, by agreed-to form(s) of public ratification concluding with some form of territory-wide ratification.

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WAGE INCREASE HELD TO 5 PER CENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Mar. 27) - Government Leader Richard Nerysoo said today the Territorial government will be providing a 5 per cent salary increase to members of the NWT Public Service Association effective April 1 and the NWT Teachers' Association effective September 1, 1984.

The increase is in line with the Territorial compensation restraint legislation introduced in 1983.

He said there are no plans to extend "mandatory" wage controls beyond the existing two-year programs and that 1985 is expected to "see a return to the collective bargaining process."

Nerysoo predicted wage settlements resulting from the next round of bargaining will be "fiscally responsible" and that they would contribute further to the fight against inflation. He stated future settlements would "continue to encourage increased productivity and improved job performance."

The Territorial government will enter into collective bargaining for 1985 with both employee associations at an early date.

Nerysoo said the government intends to keep its total compensation package in line with settlements being reached in the various provinces.

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NORMAN WELLS CURLING RINK FUNDED

NORMAN WELLS (Mar. 31) - Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston presented a \$5,000 contribution to the Norman Wells Hamlet Council today.

The grant will be used to renovate the clubhouse of the Norman Wells curling rink. The clubhouse will be open all year and will be available for use by community groups.

An initial grant of \$20,000 was previously given to the Hamlet to cover costs of building the new curling rink. The total cost of the work was \$152,500. The community contributed \$15,000 and considerable volunteer time. Other community groups provided cash grants and services in lieu of grants totalling \$101,000.

The official opening of the Norman Wells Curling Club is being held today.

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**TWO REGIONAL HUNTERS' AND TRAPPERS' ORGANIZATIONS
FUNDED**

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 2) - Funding for two regional hunters' and trappers' organizations was announced this week by Renewable Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

The Kitikmeot Hunters' and Trappers' Association, established in 1982, will receive a \$25,000 contribution to assist in providing services to its membership. This organization acts as a umbrella group for individual community hunters' and trappers' associations in the region. Its main responsibility is to represent the interests of resource harvesters in the area by providing and participating in various renewable resource programs including management programs. The association also monitors land use activity and reviews renewable resource legislation.

A \$15,000 contribution will also be given to the Inuvialuit Game Council (IGC) to assist in work undertaken on behalf of hunters' and trappers' associations in the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta area.

An interim agreement to support and consult with the IGC was signed by the Department of Renewable Resources and the Inuvialuit Game Council in 1981.

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ACID RAIN STUDY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 2) - The department of renewable resources has begun work on a study to assess the sensitivity of soils and bedrock in the NWT to acid rain.

"We recognize that lake and river systems are sensitive to acid rain," Nellie Cournoyea, minister of renewable resource, said, "and this study will measure the potential of soils and bedrock in the watersheds to reduce the acidity of rainfall before it enters the water."

A map showing the sensitivity of soils and rock in the NWT will be prepared, along with a map showing how natural vegetation may be affected by acidity.

The department will work with the Western Canada Long Range Transport of Airborne Pollutants Committee and its Task Group on Soils and Geology Sensitivity Mapping to ensure that similar study and interpretation methods are used throughout western Canada.

The study is jointly funded by the department of renewable resources and the Science Advisory Board of the NWT.

"This study will complement national efforts to solve the problem of acid rain," Cournoyea said.

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The participating countries in a Canadian-European Conference on Acid Rain in Ottawa last month endorsed a decision made in Geneva last June to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions by 30 per cent by 1993, based on 1980 emission levels.

The European ministers toured the NWT and Yukon following the conference and met with the minister and other Territorial government officials.

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MINING REPORT RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 3) - A statistical report on metal mining operations in the Northwest Territories was released jointly this week by Economic Development Minister Tagak Curley and Terry Daniels, executive director of the NWT Chamber of Mines.

The report, prepared by Price Waterhouse Associates for the GNWT and the Chamber of Mines, provides comprehensive statistical information on metal mining operations in the NWT during 1981 and 1982. It supplements similar reports prepared for the years 1975 through 1980.

Eight mining companies and 18 exploration and development companies operating in the Northwest Territories provided information for the report by completing a comprehensive questionnaire and supplementary interviews.

"The report verifies in statistical terms what mining experts and others had already known," said Curley, "that the mining industry declined steeply in 1981 and 1982 in the Northwest Territories because of a world wide recession. However, both this government and the mining industry are hopeful that this trend has reversed and that metal prices will continue to rise."

According to the report, gross mining revenues for both 1981 and 1982 were \$403 million, down considerably from the \$421 million recorded in 1980 and \$442 million in 1979.

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During 1982 one mining company ceased operations but two other companies began production, states the report. Echo Bay stopped silver operations at Port Radium but began production at their Lupin gold mine. Cominco also began production at the Polaris zinc-lead mine during the same year.

"It is through studies and reports such as this that we can gain insight into trends affecting the mining industry and begin to forecast upswings and increased production," said the minister. "These reports provide a beneficial insight into a major resource industry affecting the livelihood of many northerners."

Copies of the mining report are available from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the NWT Chamber of Mines Office.

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GNWT RECEIVES SKILLS GROWTH FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 4) - The Territorial Government will receive \$1.704 million from the National Skills Growth Fund to upgrade facilities at Thebacha College, Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

The National Skills Growth Fund, administered by Employment and Immigration Canada, provides funding for the establishment, conversion or expansion of facilities used for training in occupations of national importance. These are occupations which the federal government has determined are beneficial to the economic security of the entire country.

An expanded facility to house the plumbing, welding and millwright programs at Thebacha College was identified by the Territorial Government in its application for funding. Therefore the skills growth grant will be used to offset construction costs of an addition to the Thebacha College Trades Complex and to purchase equipment required for the three programs.

"This project is a good example of two levels of government, federal and Territorial, working together towards a common goal," said Patterson.

Construction of the Trades Complex addition, housing shops for the plumbing, welding and millwright programs, classrooms and a resource/study centre, will begin this December.

"The importance of first rate facilities for the training of northern tradesmen cannot be underestimated," said the minister, "and I must commend Slave River MLA Arnold McCallum for the hard work and assistance he provided towards this project. Without his support and behind the scenes work, this project would not have moved ahead so quickly."

The welcome support from the federal government will allow the department of education to use territorial capital funds to address the urgent need to develop the Territorial College system at both the Thebacha campus and in other areas of the NWT, he added.

The estimated cost of the Trades Complex addition is 2.7 million dollars and it is expected to be completed in October, 1985.

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE GETS TRAINING FUNDS

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 9) - School children and adults in communities across the NWT will receive first aid training as a result of a grant of \$25,000 to St. John Ambulance.

The contribution was announced today by Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin.

St. John Ambulance will provide instruction and educational material to elementary school children to increase their awareness of first-aid.

Training courses in health care, first-aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will also be provided in Aklavik, Frobisher Bay, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Gjoa Haven and Inuvik.

"The program of health care education and emergency first-aid training provided by St. John is an important health care resource", the minister said.

St. John Ambulance is a non-profit organization providing emergency care, treatment and training. St. John has been operating in the NWT for over 40 years.

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APRIL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 9) - One of the most widespread health problems affecting children today is dental disease.

Recent surveys show that five per cent of one-year old children and ten per cent of two-year olds have dental decay.

The problem increases as the child gets older. By five years of age, 55 per cent of children need dental care and, at six years, 75 per cent have tooth decay averaging four cavities in their baby teeth.

By age 10, over 85 per cent have dental decay with an average of three cavities in their permanent teeth.

"Inadequate nutrition and dental care during childhood can affect health in future years", Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin said.

Dental health is the focus of Dental Health Month during April. Parents and children are encouraged to contact their nursing station or community health centre for information on dental care and health.

In Yellowknife and Detah, a dental hygienist will be visiting daycare centres, schools and libraries to encourage dental health among young people.

Children will also be invited to trade in their old toothbrushes for new ones at a toothbrush exchange. The first exchange, Wednesday April 18, will run from 3:30 to 5:30 at Scotia Mall while the second on Saturday April 21 in the YK Mall runs from 2:00 to 4:00.

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SENIOR ECONOMIC PLANNER APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 9) - Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley today announced the appointment of Eric Christensen as the department's senior economic planner.

Christensen, a 31-year resident of the Northwest Territories, assumed his new duties on April 2.

He operated his own economic consulting practice in Yellowknife for the past three years and has extensive experience in small business development and program and economic policy analysis. He has also lived and worked in Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Hay River.

His new duties will include establishing short and long range economic development plans for the department as identified by the minister.

Christensen holds an honours degree in Economics from Notre Dame University in British Columbia.

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SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE ON NCPC JURISDICTION

YELLOWKNIFE (April 10) - The Northwest Territories Supreme Court will determine whether the Public Utilities Board has any jurisdiction over the Northern Canada Power Commission.

The Territorial Government has requested the Court, through the Legal Questions Ordinance, to decide if NCPC must comply with a Board decision to hold a full public review of its rate policies.

NCPC increased its rates by six per cent last year and intends to impose a five per cent increase this year. The Commission has to date refused to bring either increase before the NWT Public Utilities Board.

"The Commission's actions have made it impossible for the public to comment on the service received or for any regulatory board to ensure that public interest is preserved," said Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley.

"Not only is it improper in principle that a monopoly proceed with across-the-board increases in this way," he added, "but the \$6.8 million profit made by NCPC in the Northwest Territories in 1982-83 demands that consumers have the opportunity to comment."

Since early February, Mr. Curley has been telling the federal government of the acute need for a public review into the 1983-84 and 1984-85 NCPC rate increases, but to date this critical matter is still unresolved.

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"Our position has always been that NCPC must be accountable to the people of the Northwest Territories," said the minister. "If it is impossible to ensure this accountability through discussion and agreement, then we must take whatever other action is open to us to ensure that a public review takes place."

"We have chosen to put the matter before the courts to clarify the jurisdiction of the NWT Public Utilities Board," he added.

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC MONITORING CONSIDERED FOR BEAUFORT AREA

INUVIK (Apr. 11) - The Territorial Government is considering producing a regular, wide-ranging report on socio-economic conditions in the Beaufort area.

Tagak Curley, minister of energy, mines and resources, told the Legislative Assembly earlier this year that he had directed his staff to take a hard look at the Territorial Government's socio-economic monitoring work and to identify ways to make it more effective.

This week, as part of the review process, a number of Territorial Government staff along with representatives from the federal department of Indian and northern affairs, Health and Welfare Canada and industry are meeting here to discuss a consultant's report calling for an annual overview of socio-economic conditions in the Beaufort area.

The report, prepared by Michael Carley of the school of community and regional planning at the University of British Columbia, was jointly funded by the GNWT and DIAND. It points out that while some useful work is being done to identify the impact of individual company's activities and specific government programs on the Beaufort area, it would be useful to bring available data together to provide a total picture of what's happening. Without such a picture, states the report, it is difficult for either government or industry to keep their programs and activities abreast of changing socio-economic conditions.

The Carley report outlines a method for developing an overview report on a regular basis.

Joe MacEachern, Inuvik regional director, opened the workshop yesterday by re-emphasizing the minister's determination to make the GNWT's socio-economic monitoring activities relevant and effective. He expressed his hope that the workshop participants would be able to come up with firm recommendations on how best to develop a regular system for reporting on socio-economic conditions in the Beaufort area.

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JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE FORMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 13) - Government agencies sharing responsibility for occupational health and safety in workplaces across the NWT have formed a 'Joint Safety Committee'.

One of the main objectives of the committee is to identify the causes of accidents and to develop methods of relaying this information back to workers and employers.

Members of the committee include:

- Robbie Robinson, chief, Safety Division, department of justice and public services, GNWT;
- Erland Bengts, chief mining engineer, GNWT justice and public services;
- Maurice Thomas, chief environmental engineer, Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration, Government of Canada; and,
- A. C. Collinson, manager, accident prevention, Workers' Compensation Board (WCB).

Each agency operates under its own act or ordinance but members of the committee will pool knowledge and expertise to prevent accidents. The committee hopes to develop an awareness of occupational health and safety and accident prevention practices among northerners.

One way in which this committee will function is through the WCB's Safety Incentive Program. This new program has paid out over \$2.3 million to employers in the past three years. Safety enforcement agencies and the Board were concerned that this amount was paid to employers using a mathematical formula, without consultation with safety agencies on how safe the employer really is.

Through the Joint Safety Committee, the WCB will confer with safety agencies to establish an employer's safety program and decide the safety incentive to be paid. "By working together we can ensure the employer deserves the safety incentive and we can assist them in getting even larger safety incentives in the future", according to Al Collinson, of the WCB.

Employers with a poor safety record and program will be helped to improve their safety standards to an acceptable level. Employers who do not co-operate could, as a last resort, be levied an additional assessment by the Board.

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EDUCATION SOCIETIES APPROVED FOR THREE COMMUNITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 18) - Three more NWT communities will now have education societies, giving them increased control over schools in their areas.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson today announced approval of the formation of education societies in Tungsten, Rankin Inlet and Repulse Bay.

A society gives the community a greater voice in management and financial decisions in their schools and increased control of programs. Although a society cannot hire its own teachers, it is consulted on any teaching appointments.

"This step will give these three communities a much more meaningful role in all aspects of their children's education", the minister said.

An education society is formed when a community education committee petitions the minister of education for increased status. Residents of the three settlements have undergone a training program given by local education development officers and the communities have agreed to accept the increased responsibility that goes with formation of education societies.

There will now be 15 community education societies across the NWT.

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Jim Norris will chair the society in Tungsten and Elizabeth Kusugak the Rankin group while Octave Sivanertok will be chairman of the new Repulse education society.

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GNWT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 19) - St. John Ambulance of the NWT will receive an operating grant of \$15,000 from the Territorial government.

The funding was announced today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

The contribution will assist St. John Ambulance with administration and staff costs during 1984-85.

St. John Ambulance is a non-profit public service organization providing community-level health care education and emergency medical services across the NWT.

The work of St. John Ambulance in the North dates back to the 1940s. Last year, the organization provided programs and services to over 4,000 northerners.

The Territorial government provides an operating grant to the organization each year.

"The activities of St. John Ambulance support the work of health care and social service professionals and provide an important service in many communities across the Territories", Nerysoo added.

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NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 19) - The Territorial government will provide operating funds of \$115,500 for the Native Women's Association of the NWT this year.

The funding was announced jointly today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo and Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women.

The money will assist with the association's head office expenses, including salaries and office costs.

The Executive Council has provided financial support to the Native Women's Association since 1979.

The organization provides social, educational and cultural programs for native women of the Western Arctic.

"The Association has made a significant contribution towards helping native women in the NWT improve the quality of their lives", Patterson said. "We're happy that we are able to help them continue this important task".

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GIRL GUIDES GET GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 19) - The NWT Council of the Girl Guides of Canada will receive a Territorial government grant of \$15,000 to cover operating and office costs for 1984-85.

The organization provides programs for young girls across the NWT, emphasizing community service. In the past year, guide troops have been organized in six additional communities.

"The Girl Guide movement provides girls and young women with opportunities to become responsible and resourceful members of society and we are pleased to provide continued support for their programs", Government Leader Richard Nerysoo said today.

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FROBISHER BAY TO GET NEW FACILITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 24) - The Executive Council has approved a contribution of \$72,000 to assist with the construction and development of a new museum in Frobisher Bay.

This additional funding brings to \$258,000 the total GNWT contribution to the Nunatta Sunaqtangit Museum Society.

Development of the Frobisher museum is a major aspect of the Territorial museums program which calls for a network of strong regional museums, Minister of Justice and Public Service Richard Nerysoo said in announcing the contribution.

The Territorial government's funding, along with a contribution of \$100,000 from the Federal Special Program of Cultural Initiatives, will produce a facility which meets professional museum standards, the minister said.

Nerysoo also noted that Frobisher Bay MLA Dennis Patterson's efforts had assisted in successfully getting the new museum project underway.

The Territorial government's department of public works for the Baffin Region is providing architectural services and will supervise construction of the new facility.

The Museum is presently housed in the GNWT's Baffin Region liquor warehouse but must move out of the building this year.

The Hudson's Bay Company has donated a two-story wooden warehouse to the Museum Society and the Town of Frobisher Bay is providing a site for the building. The warehouse was moved from its original location at Apex, about four miles from Frobisher Bay, along the beach to its new site in town last fall.

The cost of moving the Bay building was covered by a contribution from the Territorial government through its Program of Contributions to Community Museums.

Materials for renovation and restoration of the building will be brought in on this summer's sealift and construction will get underway later in the summer, with completion scheduled for 1985.

Along with a new building, the Museum now also has a professional director, Joanne Bird, hired in July 1983. Her salary is also funded through the Program of Contributions to Community Museums. Previously, the museum was operated by volunteers.

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GNWT DROPS NCPC COURT CASE

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 24) - A Supreme Court proceeding to determine whether the NWT Public Utilities Board has jurisdiction over the Northern Canada Power Commission was dropped today by the Territorial Government.

The court proceedings were initiated last month after NCPC had refused to comply with a Board decision to hold a public review into their 1982-83 and proposed 1983-84 rate increases.

NCPC increased their rates by six per cent last year while recording a \$6.8 million profit in the NWT in the previous year. A five per cent increase was scheduled for this year. However on April 19, NCPC announced that the utility rate increase would not be implemented in the NWT this year. Additional NCPC profits for 1983-84 are expected to be announced soon.

"We felt very deeply that the residents of the NWT had to be given a chance to comment on the scheduled five per cent increase because it was highly questionable based on what we knew about NCPC's profits for the same period," said Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley. "As this increase has now been cancelled, there is no longer a need for NCPC to submit to a review."

Beginning next year, NCPC's rates will automatically be reviewed by the National Energy Board.

"It appears our efforts have paid off in terms of cost saving to the public," added the minister. "This does not however extinguish the requirement that NCPC eventually be accountable to the Public Utilities Board. We have not accepted that National Energy Board regulation is appropriate in the NWT."

The minister stated that he would continue to press for regulation of the utility commission by the NWT Public Utilities Board.

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FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICES FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 26) - Minister of Social Services Bruce McLaughlin today announced a contribution of \$46,000 to the NWT Family Counselling Services.

The funding will meet a major portion of the agency's 1984-85 operating costs.

In announcing the agreement, the minister complimented Family Counselling Services on their excellent services to families and individuals across the NWT.

"There is a growing need for professional counselling services to deal with a variety of financial, marital and family problems faced by northerners", McLaughlin added.

The N.W.T. Family Counselling Service (formerly Yellowknife Family Counselling Service) originally established in 1979 is a non-profit community agency which provides professional individual, family and marital counselling.

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NWT REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL TOURISM SHOW

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 26) - Outdoor/adventure vacation opportunities in the Northwest Territories were highlighted at a major international tourism trade fair in West Berlin last month.

TravelArctic was one of the 1,896 exhibitors from around the world who participated in the 18th Annual International Tourism Exchange (ITB), one of the largest and most important tourism trade fairs in the world.

"Creating an awareness of the many outdoor adventure vacation opportunities in the Northwest Territories among European and world travel wholesalers, retailers and media representatives is just one of the benefits derived from our participation in this tourism show," said Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

As a result of TravelArctic's participation in this show, two major European wholesalers are expected to visit the NWT this summer to investigate travel package deals, according to the minister.

Participation in the show also allows TravelArctic to develop working arrangements with major travel operators throughout the world while identifying future avenues for promotional efforts thus maximizing the NWT's tourism potential in Europe and around the world.

Recreational travel, health resorts and adventure travel are the main focus of ITB. Through its participation, TravelArctic now has a number of contacts and company profiles available for follow-up by individual northern operators and can provide technical advice on how to approach these international travel markets.

"World media and travel writers expressed much interest in the Northwest Territories during the Berlin show," added the minister. "It is our understanding that the international media will be providing a wide range of coverage on the NWT, including television coverage, over the next few years."

Over 16,000 trade visitors from more than 100 countries attended the international tourism trade fair.

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THEBACHA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT FULL STRENGTH

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 27) - The recent appointment of two new members has brought the Thebacha College Board of Governors up to full strength again.

Mel Benson of Norman Wells and Peter Akkingark of Gjoa Haven were appointed to the board this month by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

"This board will face a number of challenges in the near future," stated the minister, "including the expansion of the Fort Smith campus and the possible addition of a satellite campus in the Eastern Arctic."

The present Board of Governors will also be responsible for implementing the Thebacha College Strategic Plan which is now being reviewed by the Executive Council. Highlights of the strategic plan include the need for physical activities, revision of the college's organizational structure and priorities for adult education in the Northwest Territories.

"I have complete confidence that this Board of Governors can meet all the challenges facing our college system today," added Patterson, "and that they will more than adequately represent the interests of the residents, industry and labour in the Northwest Territories."

Membership on the Thebacha Board of Governors includes regional representation. Representatives from the student body and the college staff are also appointed to the board.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: PAGE 2

Each of the 13 board members serve a two-year term. The terms of office are staggered.

Other members of the Board of Governors include chairman Fern Denault, Ted Blondin, Larry Gordon, Bob Hanson, Ib Kristensen, Dan Langille, Nancy Lindell, Hugh Lloyd, Solomon Voisey, Trevor Teed and college director Bill Stapleton.

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DOG MUSHERS LICENCES AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 30) - Visitors to the Northwest Territories will now be able to prove that they have gone to the dogs or at least to dog mushing.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has introduced the Northwest Territories Dog Musers Operator's Licence, a certificate which will be available to all tourists who take a ride in a dog sled.

"Dog teams and mushers are a part of the mystique of the North," said Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley. "These licences will be a good promotional tool for northerner tour operators who use dog teams as part of their service to tourists."

The original suggestion for the licences came from Jacques Van Pelt, a tour operator who offers dog sled trips in the Fort Smith and Wood Buffalo National Park area. Van Pelt also operates a dog sled taxi service between the Fort Smith airport and the town.

The licence includes a dog mushers' competency check list which acknowledges a musher's skill, behaviour, knowledge and ability in a number of areas such as hitching of dogs, dog commands, dog care on the trail, preventative medicine and bedding down in outpost camps.

DOG MUSHERS: PAGE 2

Dog mushers operators' licences are now available from TravelArctic in Yellowknife and regional tourism officers.

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**EDA FUNDING APPROVED FOR FORT SMITH MUSKRAT
HABITAT PROGRAM**

YELLOWKNIFE (Apr. 30) - The Hon. John Munro, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, NWT Minister of Renewable Resources, have announced the approval of a \$67,145 grant to the Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association under the Economic Development Agreement.

The funding, granted under the Natural Resources Development subsidiary agreement of the EDA, will allow the association to study five sites in the Fort Smith area which might be suitable for damming in order to enhance the muskrat habitat.

The population of muskrat, one of the most numerous and economically valuable fur-bearing animals in the North, is greatly influenced by water levels on streams and creeks. Water levels have been decreasing in the Slave River drainage basin, affecting muskrat habitat.

The bio-engineering feasibility study to be done by the association is the first phase of a two-phase project. Phase two would involve building dams at three sites to make sure winter water levels are high enough to ensure that the muskrat survive the winter.

The study, to be completed by August 31, involves assessing the five sites from both engineering and ecological perspectives, selecting the three dam sites, estimating construction costs and locating materials for dam construction, and assessing effectiveness of the habitat and habitat enhancement.

In making the announcement, Mr. Munro said the funding demonstrates concern by both levels of government that the renewable resource base of the Northwest Territories be protected and enhanced where possible.

Ms. Cournoyea said: Projects of this nature are extremely valuable in maintaining and supporting the livelihood of those NWT residents who continue to pursue a traditional lifestyle of hunting and trapping.

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FUNDING PROVIDED FOR TOURISM PROGRAMS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 2) - Several programs will be funded this year to help develop a healthy and profitable tourism industry in the NWT.

The Territorial Government will spend \$400,000 implementing the first phase of the recently approved tourism development and marketing strategy, Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley announced today.

"This strategy is a blueprint for the proper growth of tourism in the NWT, especially in our smaller communities," Curley said. "It has the full support of the major participants in the industry."

Fifteen programs will be funded. These include:

- contracting the services of creative people to produce written and audio visual materials promoting tourism;

- funding the government's tourism service, TravelArctic, in cost-shared national and international marketing ventures with Tourism Canada and several of the neighbouring provinces;

- producing self-help handbooks to help tourism operators improve their marketing skills.

As well, under the strategy, travel associations and tourism operators in the NWT will be able to apply for funding for their own promotional and development programs. These programs include providing in-community tour packaging services, travel information services and promoting community attractions and events.

Funding also will be provided to hotel operators to help them train their staff. Travel associations too can receive funding to help them travel to trade shows and defray the cost of bringing travel writers and travel trade wholesalers to their regions.

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PHOTO RELEASE

Health Minister Bruce McLaughlin presented Maureen McEwan with the Territorial Government's first annual award for outstanding contributions in the health care field at a banquet held in her honour in Yellowknife last week. Ms. McEwan is director of nursing at the Fort Simpson Cottage Hospital.

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DPW SENIOR STAFF HAS MINISTER'S CONFIDENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 3) - Public Works Minister Gordon Wray today confirmed his complete confidence in Deputy Minister Larry Elkin and Assistant Deputy Minister Bob Doherty in their handling of the Fort Simpson arena project.

The problems raised publicly by Mayor Jim Villeneuve had not been discussed with either the minister or any of the department's senior staff prior to the mayor's recent complaint.

Last fall the Territorial Government approved a grant of one million dollars for the new Fort Simpson arena.

At a Fort Simpson meeting on Thursday, April 26, Mr. Wray confirmed his department's commitment and requirement to review the drawings and specifications for the new arena before the project was tendered. This would ensure that the project meets the necessary technical and building code requirements and can be constructed within the funding available.

The minister apologized for the internal project management report which had been written in frustration by a DPW project officer when the necessary information to permit the department to undertake the review and approval required by the Executive Council was not forthcoming.

DPW SENIOR STAFF: PAGE 2

The recent meeting in Fort Simpson has now cleared the way for the review to be completed and the project to be tendered in the near future with the full co-operation of the village of Fort Simpson and the Department of Public Works, added the minister.

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SPORT NORTH RECEIVES FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston today presented a \$147,400 cheque to Bob Jenkins, president of the Sport North Federation.

The cheque, the first installment of a \$294,800 contribution, was presented at the federation's annual general meeting.

In addition the minister signed the annual agreement between the Territorial Government and Sport North and the Sport North lottery agreement.

The Sport North agreement outlines the terms and responsibilities the federation assumes on behalf of the Territorial government and includes financial details and the 1984/85 budget.

Sport North delivers a number of programs and services to sport groups and organizations in the Northwest Territories.

The lottery agreement allows Sport North to continue, for another year, as the Territorial marketing agency for Western Canada lotteries. Sport North uses the money collected for managing the lottery to finance their annual programs.

SPORT NORTH: PAGE 2

The Sport North budget consists largely of lottery funds and the GNWT contribution of \$294,800.

"I am pleased to sign both these agreements which will allow Sport North to continue to provide programs and services to sport groups and organizations in the NWT," said Sibbeston.

Sport North co-ordinates its activities with the sport and recreation division, department of local government when carrying out its programs, services and lottery duties.

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GAGNON APPOINTED CHEF-DE-MISSION FOR CANADA GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - Roland Gagnon has been appointed chef-de-mission for the 1985 Canada Summer Games.

Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston announced the appointment today at the Sport North Federation annual general meeting.

The 1985 Canada Games will be held in St. John, New Brunswick from August 11-24 and NWT sport bodies are now training and preparing teams to compete in volleyball, softball, swimming and track and field.

The chef-de-mission is the supervisor of the mission staff, responsible for the welfare of the NWT contingent. He assists in the team selection process and organizes equipment and personnel for the mission.

"He will head up a mission of staff which could include six members," said the minister. "Particular attention will be paid to regional and native participation in the selection of the mission staff."

Mr. Gagnon, a 24-year resident of Yellowknife, has been active as a player, coach and official in softball, hockey and bowling. He was a member of the 1983 Canada Summer Games mission staff and speaks both French and English.

His appointment was recommended jointly by the department of local government and Sport North officials.

"The chef-de-mission's position is very important during the Games," stated Sibbeston. "We depend on him to ensure that our team members' needs and requirements are met and that they are good ambassadors for the NWT."

An NWT organizing committee for the 1985 Canada Summer Games has been established and a NWT Canada Summer Games handbook has been prepared as a guide for athletes, coaches, sport groups and individuals. The guide will be distributed soon.

Sport North and the sport and recreation division, department of local government co-operated on production of the handbook and will continue to work closely, assisting the chef-de-mission in preparing and managing the team.

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FORT PROVIDENCE RESIDENTS TO ATTEND PEARSON COLLEGE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - Two Fort Providence residents have been chosen to attend Lester Pearson College in British Columbia next fall, announced Education Minister Dennis Patterson today.

Michael Nadli and Richard Lafferty, grade 12 students at Paul Kaeser High School, will spend two years studying at the world college. Both students live at Grandin Hall Student Residence in Fort Smith.

"I am very pleased with the selection of these two students," said the minister. "I am confident that not only will they learn a great deal at the college but that they will be able to teach other students and staff about our unique northern culture and tradition."

Pearson College, located on Vancouver Island, is one of six 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 sponsor Michael while Richard will be sponsored by the McMillian Trust, a fund established to support programs to assist native people in northern Canada. Tuition, accommodation fees and travel costs twice a year for two years are covered by the sponsorship.

The students are chosen by a selection committee, appointed by the minister. The committee bases its decision on students' academic performance, contribution to their school and/or student residence and their expectations for the two-year experience.

"Both Michael and Richard have already experienced living in a multi-cultural community," added the minister. "This will help them as they meet and live with students from throughout the world."

All schools in the Northwest Territories are invited to submit student applications for sponsorship to Pearson College but only students who complete grade 12 are sponsored.

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MAY AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - An exhibit of 45 graphics by late Cape Dorset artist Etidlooie Etidlooie will open this month at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Etidlooie's drawings range from typically Inuit subjects including animals, people and mythological figures to more contemporary elements such as apartment blocks, helicopters and elephants.

A hunter, Etidlooie was born in 1910 and grew up near Cape Dorset where he lived a traditional Inuit way of life. His work depicts his knowledge of the north and the Inuit way of life.

The exhibit will open May 6 and run until June 11.

Special events are planned for May 13 as the Heritage Centre celebrates Mother's Day and International Museums Day. Children are invited to bring their mothers to Heritage Centre to show them "what old really is".

Other feature exhibits at the Heritage Centre this month include a display of a shaman costume and West of West, an exhibit depicting the history of Irish monuments.

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**HERITAGE CENTRE CELEBRATES MOTHER'S AND MUSEUMS
DAY**

YELLOWKNIFE (May 4) - Children are invited to bring their mothers to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre on Sunday, May 13 to show them what old really is.

On May 13, the Centre will be celebrating International Museums Day and Mother's Day.

Events scheduled during the day include films for children and teens, a visit from Ramona the Raven and free juice and cookies. A special program has been planned to help children tour the south gallery and "show their moms what old really is".

The first International Museums Day was held in May, 1978. The International Council of Museums (ICOM) established the special day to recognize museums as important means of culture exchange, enrichment of culture and development of mutual understanding, co-operation and peace among people.

ICOM, a professional organization founded in 1946, is dedicated to the improvement and advancement of the world's museums in every discipline including science and technology, ethnography, art, history, natural history and archaeology.

MOTHER'S AND MUSEUMS DAY: PAGE 2

International Museums Day activities at the Heritage Centre will begin at 1:00 on May 13. Call the Northern Heritage Centre at 873-7551 for more information.

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**PROPOSALS FOR YELLOWKNIFE LIQUOR STORE OPERATION
REQUESTED**

YELLOWKNIFE (May 7) - The Territorial Government will request proposals for the operation of a central retail liquor agency in Yellowknife this week, Government Services Minister Tom Butters announced today.

This follows a review of a previous request for proposals to operate two liquor outlets in the capital city. The review of the proposals demonstrated that a second liquor store would not be feasible.

"The Government of the Northwest Territories could lose between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year supporting a second retail liquor agency in Yellowknife," said Butters.

"I realize there has been some criticism from individuals and companies who submitted a proposal for two liquor agencies," he added. "However, following standard government procedure, the first request for proposals clearly stated that the Territorial Government had the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or part."

"Those people who prepared proposals certainly should feel free to participate in this second call for proposals to operate a central retail liquor outlet." Proposals will be accepted until May 30, 1984.

The contract arrangements with the current liquor store operator will be extended for six months, the minister added.

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GNWT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR AIR CADETS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 7) - The NWT Zone Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada will receive an operating grant of \$1500 from the Territorial Government.

The funding was announced today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

The Committee promotes the air cadet movement in the Northwest Territories and represents the NWT at the national level. There are three air cadet squadrons in the NWT - Yellowknife, Frobisher Bay and Cambridge Bay.

"The air cadet program is a valuable human resource in the NWT," said the minister. "It teaches young people such important social skills as leadership, self-reliance and group participation."

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GNWT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR STOREFRONT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 7) - Storefront for Volunteer Agencies in Yellowknife will receive an operating grant of \$25,000 from the Territorial Government.

The funding was announced jointly today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo and Health Minister Bruce McLaughlin. The Department of Health and the Executive Council provide equal grants of \$12,500 to Storefront.

The contribution will assist Storefront with administration and staff costs during 1984-85.

Storefront for Volunteer Agencies is a non-profit organization which provides administrative and other support services to the volunteer sector.

Storefront now serves 54 member agencies from all areas of the volunteer sector.

"The territorial government recognizes the valuable role Storefront plays in assisting and supporting volunteer agencies in Yellowknife," said Nerysoo, " and commends the organization for its hard work."

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EASTERN ARCTIC TO GET COLLEGE CAMPUS

YELLOWKNIFE (May 9) - The Territorial government has approved the establishment of an Eastern Arctic college campus at Frobisher Bay.

The announcement was made today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

An assistant college director, reporting to College Director Bill Stapleton, will be hired for the Eastern Arctic campus. The assistant director's duties will include providing recommendations on a name for the campus and developing a long range plan for the college campus detailing program, financial, staff and accommodation requirements.

No immediate expansion is anticipated until the college plan is devised, stated the minister.

Current programs offered at Frobisher Bay will continue. These include the Eastern Arctic teacher education program, the housing maintenance servicemen program and employment training programs such as cooking and academic upgrading.

"This campus provides a training centre closer to home for Baffin, Kitikmeot and Keewatin students and trainees," said Patterson, "and will be in a position to respond to unique needs of the residents of the Eastern Arctic."

The assistant director for the new college campus should be hired by July 1, 1984.

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BOY SCOUTS GET GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 10) - The NWT Council of the Boy Scouts of Canada will receive a Territorial government grant of \$10,000 to cover operating costs for 1984-85.

The organization provides programs for young boys across the NWT, emphasizing community service.

"For many young men in the north the scouting movement is not only fun but an important part of growing up," Government Leader Richard Nerysoo said today. "It's world-famous program of life skills and character-building has helped thousands of youngsters in the north develop into responsible adults."

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ARMY CADET LEAGUE FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 10) - The Territorial government will provide operating funds of \$1,500 for the Army Cadet League of the Northwest Territories.

The funding was announced today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

The contribution will be used to promote the activities of the Cadet League Corps throughout the NWT.

There are about 450 young people involved in the Cadet Corps throughout the Northwest Territories.

"The Army Cadet League serves as a civilian monitoring group while teaching young people leadership skills," said Nerysoo. "We are pleased to continue to offer support for the organization's activities in the north."

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COURT TO EXPAND SMALL DEBTS SYSTEM

YELLOWKNIFE (May 15) - It's going to be easier and cheaper for more people in the NWT to use the courts to settle their differences over goods and services.

Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Justice and Public Services, announced today that starting in June the Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories will expand its small debts procedures to include people with civil claims up to \$3,000.

The process is presently restricted to people whose claims do not exceed \$500.

"By hiking the limit to \$3,000," the minister said, "we're not only compensating for inflation but also making the courts accessible and convenient for a great many more people."

Besides disputes over goods and services, the small debts procedures also can be used for a variety of contract disputes.

Court administrators expect that the new \$3,000 limit will mean two to three times the number of people will now use the small debts system. The \$500 limit has been in effect since the 1940s.

The limit will be raised June 11 when the Small Debts Rules are abolished and the new Civil Claims Rules are introduced.

The main attraction of the simplified small claims litigation process is that the various legal forms involved are easier to understand and complete, some complex legal procedures are not required, and the parties involved need not employ a lawyer - neither in completing the paperwork nor representing themselves in court - if they don't want to do so.

"The regular court system sometimes baffles and intimidates the average citizen without meaning to do so," said Nerysoo. "This system and the raised limit makes it less expensive and more convenient to deal with the courts."

The small debts system is especially useful in the NWT with its widely-scattered communities. If a case is undisputed, it can be completed by mail.

Meanwhile, in contested cases, the Territorial Court will sit to hear it as it does any action where the parties disagree. For example, if a contested case involves someone in Rankin Inlet, the court will hear the case the next time it's there.

Examples of the kinds of cases small debts adjudicate include:

- recovering a \$250 deductible cost from the offending driver in an auto or snowmobile accident;
- a landlord recovering rent, or a tenant a damage deposit.

On the other hand, some disputes are not allowed to use the small claims process - for example, disputes over land.

SMALL DEBTS SYSTEM: PAGE 3

An information kit which includes the forms required to go through the small claims process and an explanation of how the system works is available by contacting: Territorial Court, Box 550, Courthouse, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2N4, telephone (403) 873-7600 or Territorial Court, Box 1276, Hay River, NWT, X0E 0R0, telephone (403) 874-6509.

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(Released on behalf of the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories)

CONSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCE MEETING SCHEDULED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 14) - Members of the Constitutional Alliance of the Northwest Territories will meet in Rankin Inlet June 8-10 to continue discussions on a boundary for division of the NWT.

The date for the meeting was set during a conference telephone call last week.

At its last meeting in late March, the Constitutional Alliance agreed to the objective of division as the creation of two new public government jurisdictions with equal economic and political potential for eventual provincehood. The Alliance also agreed to 11 principles which should be considered in reaching a tentative decision on a boundary. The Alliance members said that a fair solution to the boundary question will be a priority of the group.

The Constitutional Alliance was set up in 1982 and consists of the Nunavut and Western Constitutional Forums. The Alliance has a mandate to negotiate among its members a tentative boundary for division, while the two Forums work at developing new public governments for the two territories which will be created if division takes place.

This is the first meeting of the Constitutional Alliance to be held in the Eastern Arctic. Other meetings have been held in Yellowknife and Ottawa.

The Alliance has agreed that any new boundary "try to satisfy the best interests of the people of the Northwest Territories and that the boundary be determined, first, by a tentative decision by the Constitutional Alliance and secondly, by agreed-to form(s) of public ratification concluding with some form of territory-wide ratification".

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HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 16) - The Mackenzie Highway between Fort Simpson and Wrigley will be completed by late 1986 at a cost of \$13 million.

Announcement of the project was made today by Gordon Wray, minister of Public Works, and Nick Sibbeston, minister of Local Government and MLA for Deh Cho Gah.

The project, to begin this summer, will involve finishing work already begun on the first 208 km of the road and undertaking and completing the last 14 km into Wrigley. The road surface will be gravel, two lanes.

The construction will provide maximum benefits to northerners, particularly in the Simpson and Wrigley areas, in employment, training and business opportunities.

Announcement of the project was made after the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs received approval from the federal Treasury Board to complete the highway.

John Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, has confirmed the project will be undertaken with the co-operation of the Territorial government.

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NWT BUSINESS DIRECTORY RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 16) - A comprehensive business directory outlining the full range of goods and services available in the Northwest Territories was released last week by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

The 1984 NWT Business Directory, a joint publication of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the NWT Bureau of Statistics, contains detailed listings for over 70 per cent of operating Territorial businesses.

"This directory highlights opportunities for Northern business and provides a guide to those goods and services now available in the Northwest Territories," Curley said.

Basic information on contracts and employment is included in the directory which contains a main business listing and index, company index, community index and business classification.

All information contained in the business directory is kept on computer and will be updated on an ongoing basis through such sources as telephone listings, Workers' Compensation and business registration, added the minister.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY: PAGE 2

"I am confident this business directory will be used as a major vehicle to develop and enhance opportunities for northern businesses," he stated.

The 1984 Business Directory will be mailed to all listed businesses, Chambers of Commerce, municipalities, resource companies, federal and Territorial government departments as well as other buyers.

Any businesses not listed in the directory can register for the next publication by contacting the Business Development Division, Department of Economic Development and Tourism in Yellowknife.

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NWT BUSINESS COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 16) - The establishment of a NWT Business Council to advise the Territorial government on economic matters was announced last week by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

"The Executive Council has agreed that we require broad based economic advice from the private sector," said the minister. "This organization, composed of business sector representatives, will advise the government and myself on ways to improve the Territorial economy."

The NWT Business Council will consist of up to 12 members, appointed by the minister, and two GNWT representatives. Each member will serve a two-year term and a chairman will be selected from among the members.

"The main duties of the Business Council will be to investigate, plan and recommend practical measures which will foster the general economic growth of our economy," added Curley. "As a senior advisory group, the council will also be asked to assess government programs and policies and recommend changes to further economic development within the Northwest Territories."

The council will meet at least twice a year and, when required, will hold public meetings. The organization will also prepare an annual report on its activities to be submitted to the minister of economic development and tourism.

The minister also announced appointments to the NWT Business Council in the Legislative Assembly. The following business people have been appointed to the council: Jim Robertson (Inuvik); James Arreak (Clyde River); Leo Hardy (Norman Wells); John Todd (Rankin Inlet); Jacques Belleau (Frobisher Bay); Mark Kalluak (Eskimo Point); Andrew Clark (Yellowknife); Harry Deneron (Ford Liard); Charlie Evalik (Cambridge Bay); Don Ferguson (Hay River); Marion Lavigne (Yellowknife) and John Willson (Yellowknife).

The first meeting of the council is scheduled for June.

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NEW GROUP HOME FOR FROBISHER BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (May 17) - Funding to construct a group home for multiple-handicapped children in Frobisher Bay was recently approved by the Territorial Government.

Social Services Minister Bruce McLaughlin announced the \$100,000 contribution this week to make up the \$701,000 estimate for the completed building.

"Children in the Baffin Region suffering from more than one handicap or physical disability will be cared for in this home," the minister said.

Construction of the new one-storey building will begin in mid-July after the materials arrive on the annual sea-lift, he added.

The new group home will be designed to accommodate wheelchairs. It will contain a large therapy room, bathroom with a raised tub, outdoor porch, wide hallways, storage areas for wheelchairs and a workshop where wheelchairs and other equipment can be repaired.

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GNWT ESTABLISHES SPOUSAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 17) - The establishment of a Task Force to examine and outline the nature, extent and attitudes towards spousal assault in the Northwest Territories was announced last week by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women.

The Task Force on Spousal Assault will be hearing community views and gathering community-based data on the problem. This information will serve as a guide for the development of a co-ordinated and effective strategy to deal with spousal assault in the Northwest Territories.

"There is no question that spousal assault, particularly wife battering, is a serious problem both in the NWT and across Canada," said the minister. "With statistics indicating that one out of every 10 women in a relationship is beaten, it is imperative that this government develop a comprehensive strategy to deal with the problem."

Formation of a task force was recommended by a Ministerial Committee on Spousal Assault, established last December by the minister. The ministerial committee, consisting of senior representatives from concerned departments of federal and Territorial governments, the justice system and women's groups, will review the task force's final report and forward recommendations to the minister.

In preparing the report the Task Force on Spousal Assault will:

- examine the experiences of spousal assault victims.
- examine the needs of community groups and law enforcement agencies providing services to battered spouses and their families.
- request input from community residents and agencies on effective ways to deal with spousal assault.
- identify ways to communicate, in a sensitive manner, the needs and concerns of victims to the public.

The task force, made up of a chairperson and representatives from both the eastern and western NWT, will initially visit six communities to interview spousal assault victims and professionals and agencies providing services to the victims.

"I hope the work of the task force will lead not only to a positive and effective strategy to deal with spousal assault," added Patterson, "but will also increase the public's awareness and sensitivity to this very serious problem."

Members are expected to be appointed to the Task Force on Spousal Assault shortly.

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NATIVE WOMENS' ASSOCIATION RECEIVES CULTURAL GRANT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18) - Participants in a re-enactment of the historic meeting between Akaitcho and Sir John Franklin will look authentic thanks to the Native Womens' Association and the Territorial government.

Minister of Culture Nick Sibbeston today announced that a \$5,000 grant will be given to the Native Womens' Association to assist with costs related to production of clothing for the event.

The association is designing and sewing ten complete caribou hide outfits for Akaitcho, Franklin, their guides and women.

"The meeting between Akaitcho and Franklin is a major event in the history of the Dene people," said the minister, "and I am pleased to assist in this project."

The re-enactment of the Akaitcho/Franklin meeting will be held July 1 at the Yellowknife River.

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KEEWATIN AND INTERNATIONAL TOURISM REPS MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (May 22) - A travel trade marketplace held May 5 and 6 in Eskimo Point enabled Keewatin tourism operators to meet international travel wholesalers.

Travel wholesalers from Germany, Sweden, Minnesota and Ohio attending Tour North 2 met face-to-face with northern tourism operators during their visit to the Keewatin Region.

The seminar was designed to promote the Keewatin and northern Manitoba as tourism destination areas with Winnipeg as the gateway to the region. It also gave NWT and Manitoba operators an opportunity to meet and develop integrated package tours.

"Tour North 2 successfully highlighted the many and varied tourism opportunities available in the Keewatin Region," said Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley. "As a result of the seminar, development of NWT-Manitoba integrated package tours has now started."

Mayor Mark Kalluak and local residents, attired in traditional dress, welcomed the seminar participants to Eskimo Point and entertained at community and drum dances. Dogsled and skidoo rides around the community were also provided for the guests.

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Briefings on the Northwest Territories, Keewatin and Baffin Regions, the Dempster Highway and the Big River Tourism Zone were given during the two-day seminar. Participants also viewed Inuit cultural films and met with tourism operators from Repulse Bay, Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Eskimo Point.

Southern and international wholesalers toured Rankin Inlet during a scheduled stop-over on the return trip to Churchill, Manitoba.

Tour North 2 was organized by the Tourism and Parks Division of the GNWT in conjunction with the province of Manitoba.

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BEVINGTON REAPPOINTED TO HEALTH CENTRE BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (May 23) - Health Minister Bruce McLaughlin today announced the reappointment of Mrs. Angeline Bevington to the Fort Smith Health Centre Board of Management.

She has served two terms and is being reappointed to a third term at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

"Mrs. Bevington is a very valuable board member," said the minister, "and this third term appointment is made in recognition of her significant contribution to the operation of the Health Centre."

The Board of Management, established in 1977, manages, controls and operates the 25-bed health facility. The board is also responsible for managing the 45 staff who work at the Health Centre.

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NWT TRAVEL AGENT STUDY APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 23) - The possibility of establishing a unique tour and travel agency serving NWT destinations will be examined with assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Approval of the \$8,685 in funding for the feasibility study was announced today by John Munro, federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of David Smith, federal minister of Small Business and Tourism and Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Darlene Mandeville and Kim Warner of Yellowknife will co-ordinate the study, being prepared by Lutra Associates Ltd. of Yellowknife. The study will assess the viability of a travel agency offering NWT tour packages to southern and foreign visitors as well as the willingness of southern travel agents to use the service for booking and designing tour packages.

The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) will contribute \$7,816 in funding under the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement, with the Territories contributing the remaining \$869.

"With EDA assistance, these people will be able to make intelligent decisions on tourism development to the benefit of all industry operators in the Territories," Munro commented.

TRAVEL AGENT STUDY: PAGE 2

"This study marks the reversal of tourism development attitudes," Curley said, "with local operators looking to themselves rather than the south for service support."

The study will also examine fiscal requirements for setting up such an agency and proposes to inform all NWT tourist establishments of the outcome.

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CONSTRUCTION FIRM EXPANDS

FORT SMITH (May 23) - Funding to assist in the expansion of a Fort Smith construction firm under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA) was announced today by John Munro, federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of David Smith, federal minister of Small Business and Tourism, and Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

C and R Construction Ltd. will receive \$30,000 towards the purchase of a heavy wheeled loader under the Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement. The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) will provide \$27,000 of the funding, with the NWT Government making up the remaining \$3,000. C and R will finance the remainder of the more than \$100,000 purchase.

The new equipment will increase the efficiency and competitiveness of the construction business, thus reducing operating costs. Addition of the equipment is expected to create one person year of new employment in the Fort Smith area.

"This assistance fulfills the intent of the Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement," Mr. Munro said, "by stimulating the expansion of small businesses for more efficient delivery of services."

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"The economy of Fort Smith and the Territories benefit when individual businesses are able to compete more effectively," said Mr. Curley.

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INUIT MUSIC FESTIVAL FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 24) - A music festival promoting traditional and contemporary Inuit music will receive financial assistance from the Territorial government.

Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston today announced that a \$2,500 grant will be given to the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation (IBC) to assist in the production of the first Territorial Inuit music festival.

IBC will videotape local musical talent shows in Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake, Eskimo Point, Igloolik and Frobisher Bay for broadcast on the IBC network. Winners of the local music contests will go on to compete in a gala concert in Frobisher Bay later this spring or summer, which will be broadcast live throughout the north in a radio and television simulcast.

"The Inuit Broadcasting Corporation does an excellent job in promoting the traditions and culture of the Inuit people," said Sibbeston, "and I am pleased to assist in this new project which will encourage and promote Inuit music throughout the NWT."

All videotaping will be done at IBC production centres by IBC technical staff.

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ENVIRONMENT WEEK SET FOR JUNE 3-9

YELLOWKNIFE (May 24) - June 3 to 9 is Canadian Environment Week, a week set aside by an Act of Parliament for Canadians to think about the environment and what we can do to keep it healthy.

To kick off Environment Week activities in the NWT, Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea will officially proclaim June 3 to 9 as Canadian Environment Week.

In Yellowknife, an Environment Week open house will be held Wednesday June 6 with government departments, industry and public interest groups participating. The open house, in the Caribou Room of the Yellowknife Inn, will feature displays, talks and presentations.

Also in Yellowknife, an Environmental Film Festival will be held at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. On June 5 at 7 p.m., the festival features 'Three Above 60 N', the story of the Nahanni, Kluane and Baffin Island national parks along with a guest speaker from Parks Canada. As an added attraction, 'Litterbug' starring the ever-popular Donald Duck will also be shown.

On June 7 at 7 p.m., the Festival presents 'Caribou of Northern Canada' with a speaker from the Territorial government's Wildlife Service.

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In Inuvik, there will be an Environmental Open House on Wednesday June 6 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Family Hall.

Annual outdoor clean-ups, with the theme 'Burn it, bury it or bring it back', are being organized in Inuvik, Frobisher Bay and Yellowknife.

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WINNERS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (May 31) - A Yellowknife student is the winner of an NWT public speaking contest for French Immersion students held May 18.

The contest was organized by Denise Amyot, French language specialist for the Territorial department of education.

Derek Weir, a grade eight student at William McDonald Junior High School, won a trophy and the right to represent the Northwest Territories at a national public speaking festival in Ottawa May 30.

The national oratory contest in Ottawa, called Caoosec, is organized by Contact Magazine, a publication of Simon Fraser University. The contest is open to any students starting French immersion in grade two or later. The contest, held in each province and territory, was developed to stimulate anglophone students' interest in studying and learning French.

Yellowknife schools are the only schools in the NWT offering French immersion programs.

Second and third place in the public speaking contest went to two other William McDonald students, Collista Qubik and Jennifer Henry. Students at J.H. Sissons and William McDonald have been working on their presentations since November.

The Territorial contest was supported by Northwest Territorial Airways who provided return transportation between Yellowknife and Winnipeg for the winning student; the department of education; Canadian Parents for French Association; the French Cultural Association; the French Teachers' Association; and, William McDonald School.

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TEP GRADS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATION DEGREES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 1) - Bachelor of Education degrees from the University of Saskatchewan can now be obtained by graduates of Thebacha College's Teacher Education Program (TEP), with an additional two years of study.

Education Minister Dennis Patterson today announced that an agreement signed between Thebacha College and the University of Saskatchewan's College of Education provides full credit for the transfer of all TEP courses to a Bachelor of Education program at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Thebacha program has a field-based component similar to the University's extended practicum which provides students with the opportunity to integrate theory with practice under the close supervision of co-operating teachers and staff.

"We hope many of the TEP graduates will go on to pursue the requirements for the B.Ed. degree," said Lloyd Njaa, assistant dean of the College of Education. "This would increase the level of professional training among NWT teachers."

The two-year Thebacha program prepares students for teaching positions in the NWT. The College is now negotiating with the Territorial Government to extend the program to three years. If a third year is implemented, the additional courses will be evaluated for transfer to the University of Saskatchewan.

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"We see this process of obtaining university affiliation for college programs as a priority," said Patterson. "Over the next few years our college system will be moving in that direction and attempting to receive university affiliation for other programs.

The Eastern Arctic Teacher Education Program is affiliated with McGill University in Montreal.

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JOHNSTON NAMED GOVT. SERVICES ADM

YELLOWKNIFE (June 5) - Long-time Territorial government employee Don Johnston has been named assistant deputy minister of government services, Minister of Government Services Tom Butters announced today.

Johnston's appointment is effective the end of June.

He has held the position of senior advisor to the Executive Committee for regional affairs since 1980. For two years prior to that, he was assistant director of the Inuvik Region and, from 1975 to 1978, was Executive Assistant to the Commissioner.

Johnston first joined the Territorial government in 1969 and has worked in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Broughton Island.

He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Sir George Williams University in Montreal. Johnston is married with three sons.

In announcing the appointment, the Minister noted that "Mr. Johnston's knowledge of the north and his varied experience with the Territorial government will be valuable assets to our department."

Johnston replaces Richard Ares who resigned recently to enter private business in Edmonton.

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PATTERSON ATTENDS STATUS OF WOMEN MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (June 5) - Status of Women Minister Dennis Patterson represented the Territorial government at the third annual meeting of Federal/Provincial/Territorial ministers responsible for the Status of Women held recently.

The NWT is a full participant in this forum where discussions centered on spousal assault, daycare, sex stereotyping in education and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The meetings were held May 28-30 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Federal minister Judy Erola, in a statement at the meeting, commended Patterson for his "outspoken support of initiatives dealing with the issues of pornography" and, in particular, for leading the January 18 march in Yellowknife protesting relaxation of CRTC guidelines on the content of pay television programming.

Patterson reported to the ministers at the meeting that the CRTC has now accepted the need for regulatory rather than voluntary guidelines for cable television content, a recommendation of the NWT Legislative Assembly last year. A recent letter to Patterson from Andre Bureau, CRTC chairman, indicated the Commission has submitted proposed content regulations to the Federal government for approval.

The NWT joins Saskatchewan as the only provincial or territorial government making submissions to the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution, holding hearings later this month in Yellowknife.

The minister also supported a recommendation made at the meeting that daycare be a major focus for the coming year. "I have made a commitment that the NWT will be a full participant in a federal/provincial/territorial working group on child care to be established," he said.

He acknowledged the need for revising the Canada Assistance Program (CAP) and correcting inequities in the taxation system so that communities in the NWT receive adequate incentives to establish much needed daycare centers.

Patterson also suggested that the ministers at the meeting discuss the issue of reinstatement of rights of native women through an amendment to the Indian Act. He encouraged Mrs. Erola and her colleagues to take into consideration the political, financial and moral support native women will require as a result of the Federal government's intention to grant band membership to women requesting it.

"I was encouraged by the thorough discussion which took place and feel hopeful the government will make the necessary assistance available to the individuals and bands requiring it."

As well, the minister reported on recent initiatives taken by the NWT in the area of spousal assault and said he expects a full report on further action will be tabled at the next meeting of the ministers.

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(Released on Behalf of the Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation)

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME REPAIR PROGRAM EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 5) - A home repair program providing assistance to senior citizen homeowners will be extended for another year.

Gordon Wray, minister responsible for housing, today announced the extension of the Senior Citizens' Home Repair Program. Funding for the program is provided through a \$100,000 Territorial government capital grant. The program was first offered by the NWT Housing Corporation in December 1983.

"This program allows senior citizens to make repairs or improvements to their homes," said the minister. "With this assistance, senior citizens can upgrade and continue to live in their own homes and are not forced to move into rental housing."

Approved applicants of the program will receive a \$5,000 grant. Only one grant per household will be approved.

Applicants for the Senior Citizens' Home Repair Program are available at any district office of the NWT Housing Corporation.

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HAMLET FUNDING RULES RELAXED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 6) - Changes to funding arrangements for hamlets will result in more autonomy for hamlet councils, Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston announced today.

In the past, Territorial government grants to hamlets were made up of both conditional and unconditional funds. Conditional funds must be spent in a particular way while unconditional funds can be spent according to the wishes of the hamlet council. But beginning next year, all funding granted to hamlets will be unconditional.

"The level of funding for hamlets will not change," said the minister, "but hamlet councils will now be able to set their own spending priorities."

Under the funding arrangements, hamlet councils will be able to use surpluses to offset deficits. For example, if a hamlet budgeted \$125,000 for Environmental Health Services but ended up spending only \$100,000 in that area, the \$25,000 surplus would be available for use in another area.

"Over the past three years since formula financing has been introduced, it has not been necessary for the territorial government to tell hamlets how to spend their money," added Sibbeston. "Now it is time for hamlet councils to take responsibility for their own money decisions."

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**CANADA-NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AGREEMENT ON THE
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN EDUCATION**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 6) - The Minister of Education of the Northwest Territories, the Honourable Dennis G. Patterson, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Mr. John H. Parker, and the Secretary of State, the Honourable Serge Joyal, signed a three-year Agreement for the official languages in education.

The objectives of the Agreement are to provide opportunities for members of the French-language community to be educated in their own language and opportunities for members of the English language community to learn French as a second official language. During the three years of the Agreement, Canada will contribute a minimum of four hundred thousand dollars to defray the additional costs incurred by the Northwest Territories in addressing these objectives.

There are 3,561 students enrolled in French as a second official language courses and immersion programs in the Northwest Territories.

For 1983-84, the first year of the Agreement, Canada's contribution for the teaching of French as a second language and for the French immersion programs totalled \$163,000.

According to the Agreement, support is provided within four broad program expenditures categories:

Infrastructure Support

Support is provided to defray the costs associated with the organization and co-ordination of the core French and immersion programs, for services related to French as a second language and for the purchase of teaching resources for the new immersion programs as well as materials for the school libraries.

Program Expansion and Development

The Government of Canada financially participates in the development of immersion programs sponsored by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Teacher Training and Development

Support is provided for bursaries and programs and activities for the professional training and development of teachers.

Student Support

Support is also provided for bursaries for post-secondary students, and for activities to enhance language learning outside the formal classroom setting.

Mr. Joyal, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Parker noted the progress made in the Northwest Territories in the area of official languages in education and they agreed that the new three-year Agreement will help the Northwest Territories to maintain and develop further the programs and services in this regard.

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FASHION BOUTIQUE ASSISTED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 6) - A fashion alternative for northern businesswomen will soon be available in Yellowknife with assistance under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Approval of \$20,000 funding for the Rhubarb Patch Boutique was announced today by federal minister of Indian and Northern Development John Munro on behalf of David Smith, federal minister of Small Business and Tourism, and Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Specializing in office and evening wear, the women's boutique will attempt to attract clients now shopping for much of their formal wear in southern centres.

The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion is contributing \$18,000 in funding under the EDA's Small Business Assistance Program, with the Territorial government contributing the remaining \$2,000.

It is expected that one full-time and one part-time job will be created by the business, which will occupy newly-built retail space in the city's Frame Lake South development area. The shop is expected to open this fall.

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"This assistance realizes the intent of the Small Business Assistance Program," Munro observed, "by helping create employment while diversifying retail markets."

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FORT SIMPSON FIRM RECEIVES FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (June 6) - Funding to assist in the expansion of a Fort Simpson trucking business under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA) was announced today by federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs John Munro on behalf of David Smith, federal minister of Small Business and Tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

J and L Holdings has accepted an offer of \$20,700 for expansion of its truck transport operations. The business is being funded under the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement. One new job is expected to be created as a result.

The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion is contributing \$18,630 and the Territorial government is providing \$2,070.

"This project fulfills one of the main thrusts of the EDA Domestic Market Sub-Agreement," Munro said, "which is to stimulate the expansion of small northern businesses to better assist in the delivery of services."

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GNWT ASSISTS WITH COMPLETION OF ESKIMO POINT ARENA

YELLOWKNIFE (June 7) - The Territorial Government has made a contribution of \$150,000 to complete the combined curling rink and arena in Eskimo Point.

Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston and Kivallivik MLA Gordon Wray presented a cheque for the Territorial contribution to the hamlet council during a tour of the Keewatin region last week.

The funding will assist the community with completing its new recreation facility. The natural ice arena and curling rink was built in the summer of 1983 by the Eskimo Point council using hamlet funds and local labour.

The building is now in use and an inspection by Department of Public Works and Local Government officials found the building to be very well constructed.

Following construction of the basic facility, the community council requested assistance from the GNWT to add additional facilities to the building such as a lobby, change rooms and washrooms.

Of the total cost of almost \$500,000, the community's contribution to the construction was \$298,000. As well, the Federal Government provided assistance of \$40,000.

"The people of Eskimo Point have shown a great deal of initiative in building their arena," Sibbeston said, "and we are pleased to help them complete it."

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NAHANNI BUTTE SCHOOL RENAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - Charles Yohin School is the new name of the Territorial school in Nahanni Butte.

An Executive Council decision to rename the school was announced today by Education Minister Dennis Patterson.

Charles Yohin, born in 1896, lived in the Nahanni area until his death earlier this year. A respected elder, medicine man, hunter and trapper, he was a strong supporter of education for young Dene and progress for his people. His cabin still stands at Netla River, about 30 miles from Nahanni Butte.

The Nahanni Butte Local Education Authority requested the name change on behalf of community residents which was supported by Deh Cho Gah MLA Nick Sibbeston.

District schools are usually named for prominent people in communities or local place names.

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(Released on Behalf of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum)

NCF OPENS OTTAWA OFFICE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) - The Nunavut Constitutional Forum opened an office in Ottawa at the beginning of June. NCF will continue to maintain an office in Yellowknife for administration, co-ordination and liaison.

"We decided to establish a presence in Ottawa," said NCF Chairman Dennis Patterson, "because we believe we have an adequate presence in the North but need to step up communication with members of parliament, federal civil servants and the national media. It also happens that NCF members are frequently in Ottawa and can as readily do business there as in Yellowknife."

The Ottawa office will be managed by Lynn Jamieson-Clark, who has extensive experience in the federal government and on Parliament Hill. Most recently Ms. Jamieson-Clark worked on the government response to the Penner Report on Indian Self-Government and is a former advisor to Nunatsiak MP Peter Ittinuar.

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YELLOWKNIFE ARTISTS AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 12) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre will celebrate Yellowknife's 50th Anniversary with the opening of exhibitions by two local artists June 17.

'Yellowknife Then and Now', a collection of old and new photographs by Gary Milligan, will be on exhibit until August 31.

A show of paintings, 'Forty Below and Other Yellowknife Days', by well-known northern artist Sheila Hodgkinson also opens the same day. Ms. Hodgkinson's paintings will be on view until the end of September.

"We are very pleased to be able to exhibit the work of these two northern artists during this exciting time in the City's history," Minister of Justice and Public Services Richard Nerysoo said in announcing the shows.

Yellowknife Mayor Don Sian will open the exhibitions, in conjunction with an Open House at the Northern Heritage Centre Sunday June 17. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. visitors will be able to see behind the scenes at the museum and tour areas normally closed to the public.

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The open house will also feature live entertainment and free refreshments.

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EDA FUNDING APPROVED FOR BAFFIN GYRFALCON RESEARCH

YELLOWKNIFE (June 12) - The Hon. John C. Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, NWT minister of Renewable Resources, have announced the approval of an \$86,750 grant to the Baffin Regional Council under the Economic Development Agreement.

The funding, granted under the Natural Resources Development Sub Agreement and cost shared 90/10 by the federal and Territorial governments respectively, will provide for the collection of baseline data which will assist the council to study the feasibility of future commercial harvesting of gyrfalcons in the Baffin region with the Department of Renewable Resources.

The live capture and sale of young gyrfalcons is allowed under the Territorial Wildlife regulations, and the rare birds can bring prices of up to \$25,000 each from international buyers. A falcon hunt in the Kitikmeot region in 1983 brought a price of \$35,000 (U.S.) for two birds.

In putting forward the proposal, the Baffin Regional Council said that harvesting gyrfalcons seems to have the potential to bring significant economic benefits to individual communities in the region.

The grant covers the first year of a proposed three-year study. Beginning May 1 and ending July 1, 1985, two survey crews of three people each will survey gyrfalcon nesting sites in Frobisher Bay, Pangirtung and Broughton Island. The second and third years of the study also will include Clyde River, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Igloolik and Hall Beach.

Information on nesting sites obtained by the surveyors will be kept confidential to reduce any possibility of poaching. The results of the study will be kept confidential and will be turned over to the federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

In making the announcement, Munro said the funding demonstrates concern by both levels of government that the renewable resources of the Northwest Territories be protected and used where feasible to assist the Territorial economy.

"This inventory, combined with the on-going work of my department, will be of great importance in determining the potential value of the gyrfalcon harvest to the NWT economy and the communities that will be involved in the hunt," Ms. Cournoyea said.

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**EDA FUNDING APPROVED FOR FORT GOOD HOPE TRAPPER
TRAINING PROGRAM**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 12) - The Hon. John C. Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, NWT minister of Renewable Resources, have announced the approval of a \$90,700 grant to the Fort Good Hope Hunters and Trappers Association under the Economic Development Agreement. The contribution is being cost shared 90/10 by the federal and territorial governments respectively.

The funding, granted under the Fur Industry Support Program of the Natural Resources Sub Agreement of the EDA, will allow the association to train unemployed or seasonally-employed young people to be self sufficient and successful trappers.

The training program will take place in four phases, including a summer bush camp, fall trapping and fishing, winter trapping and hunting and the spring hunt. Six trainees will learn the skills needed to trap and live off the land. During the spring, fall and winter seasons, each trainee will join an experienced trapping family; during the summer bush camp, two married couples will alternate as camp instructors.

Skills to be taught or learned on the job include hunting, trapping, pelt handling, fishing, equipment maintenance and repair, care of dogs, bush living and survival skills, camp skills, water safety, firearms safety and first aid.

The Fort Good Hope Hunters and Trappers Association hopes the program, which begins June 1 and ends on March 31, 1985, may serve as a prototype for other northern communities which want to help their young people live off the land.

"Our program will prepare people who are now in need of training and those who are seasonally employed in short-term non-renewable resource development jobs and leave them with long term on the land occupations," the association said in its proposal.

In making the announcement, Munro said the funding demonstrates concern by both levels of government that the renewable resource sector of the Northwest Territories' economy be protected and enhanced where possible.

"This program will be very valuable in teaching the skills necessary to enable young NWT residents to pursue a traditional lifestyle of hunting and trapping," Cournoyea said.

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NWT BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 13) - The first meeting of the NWT Business Council was held in Yellowknife June 11-12.

The 12-member council represents the views and concerns of the private sector in all regions of the Northwest Territories. The business council reports to the Executive Council through the Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, Tagak Curley.

In his opening remarks, the minister welcomed council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve on this important body.

"The Executive Council is committed to consulting with the private section on all matters affecting the business community," said Curley. "This council has been needed and a long time in the making. No longer will decisions be made without the input of the business community. The Territorial government looks forward to the positive and important contributions which each member will be making."

Finance Minister Tom Butters and Public Works Minister Gordon Wray also attended some of the council's deliberations.

Council members elected Jim Robertson of Inuvik to serve as co-chairman, along with the minister.

The NWT Business Council's decisions and recommendations will be communicated to the Executive Council by the minister. A second meeting is scheduled for September.

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GNWT TO TAKE OVER CHRONIC CARE COSTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 14) - The Territorial government will take over responsibility for the full cost of nursing home care for chronically-ill patients between the ages of 19 and 65.

Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin announced the Executive Council's decision today.

"This will relieve the financial burden on the families of grown children requiring full-time care," the minister said.

Until now, parents or guardians have been required to make a contribution of between \$10 and \$19 a day for care, depending on the family's ability to pay.

This move is the result of a recommendation made by Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie during a recent Legislative Assembly session. He suggested Territorial Health Insurance regulations be amended so that a parent or guardian's responsibility for contributing to the care of an institutionalized child ends when the child reaches 19.

Parents of guardians of children under the age of 19 will still make contributions for the care of these children, if they are financially able, but these payments will be comparable to the rates paid by the department of social services for foster care.

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outline for business council pic

YELLOWKNIFE (June 14) - Members of the NWT Business Council held their first meeting here on June 11 and 12. As a senior advisory group, the Council advises the Territorial government on economic matters and assesses government programs and policies. Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley and Inuvik businessman Jim Robertson co-chair the Business Council.



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SPOUSAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE MEMBERS NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - Yellowknife lawyer John Bayly will head up the Territorial government's Task Force on Spousal Assault.

His appointment as chairman of the task force was announced today by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women. Also appointed to the three-member task force are Margaret Vandell of Fort Providence and Iris McCracken of Frobisher Bay. Named as alternate members are Geela Giroux of Frobisher Bay and Lena Kikoak of Tuktoyaktuk.

The task force is responsible for examining and outlining the nature and extent of spousal assault in the NWT and will seek advice on how this problem might be better dealt with. A final report, which will serve as a guide for the development of a co-ordinated and effective strategy to deal with spousal assault, will be prepared by the task force.

The three task force members will initially visit six communities to interview spousal assault victims, members of the general public and professionals and agencies providing services to victims.

The final report will be submitted to a Ministerial Committee on Spousal Assault, consisting of senior representatives from concerned departments of the federal and Territorial governments, the justice system and women's groups, for review this fall.

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GNWT TO ASSIST NATIVE ART SHOW

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - The Territorial government will provide a grant of \$970 to the NWT Metis Association to assist with the cost of an exhibition of Dene and Metis art.

The exhibition will run from June 25 to 27 at the Yellowknife Public Library during Homecoming Week. The show is sponsored by the Metis Association.

The Dene/Metis Art Exhibit is being held to give native artists an opportunity to show their work publicly and to allow an assessment of their art in order to improve their skills and techniques.

In announcing the funding, Minister of Culture Nick Sibbeston said "the grant is given in recognition of the valuable service the Metis Association is performing in encouraging and developing the talents of the native people of the NWT".

Several native artists have been invited to submit up to three works each, including paintings, sculptures and sketches.

The Territorial government grant will assist with the advertising and administrative costs of staging the show.

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FUNDING PROVIDED FOR FOLK ON THE ROCKS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) - Minister of Culture Nick Sibbeston today announced a contribution of \$16,000 to the Society for the Encouragement of Northern Talent.

The funding will assist with the costs of staging the 1984 Folk on the Rocks music festival in Yellowknife June 22-24.

"This festival has made a major contribution to the development of northern performing artists", the minister said in announcing the government's contribution. "Folk on the Rocks is providing a forum for northern artists to learn and develop skills in a musical exchange with southern performers".

The grant will assist with travel, administrative and hosting costs for the festival.

Folk on the Rocks is an annual music celebration, held in Yellowknife each year since 1980. The three day event brings together performers from across the north and folk artists from southern Canada.

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NATIONAL/TERRITORIAL TOURISM AWARDS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) - Keewatin businessman John Todd was recently awarded the Canadian Tourism Medallion recognizing his outstanding contributions to tourism in Canada.

The Canadian Tourism Medallion program was established in 1983 as a national award for outstanding service to Canada and world tourism. National awards were presented to 16 other recipients from several provinces and the Yukon Territory.

Todd, a NWT resident for over 17 years, has been influential in promoting the Keewatin region's involvement in tourism. As a member of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, he has lobbied government to consider new and innovative approaches to tourism in the region.

Awards are also presented on a regional level. This year Jack Sigvaldason and Robert Engle, both of Yellowknife, have been selected to receive regional awards recognizing their contributions to tourism in the NWT.

Sigvaldason, owner and publisher of the Yellowknifer and News/North newspapers, has increased public awareness of the tourism industry in the NWT through the reporting, editorials and special summer tourism inserts contained in both publications. He is also a founding member of the World Championship Dog Team Race in Yellowknife and a past director of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce.

Engle, chief executive officer and president of Northwest Territorial Airways, has made substantial contributions to the NWT tourism and travel industry through his involvement in business and aviation associations. NWT Air's routes have greatly improved the access of the Northwest Territories for tourists and the in-flight magazine, Northwest Explorer, serves as an excellent promotional item for the NWT. He is the founding and current president of the Northern Air Transport Association, a director of the Air Transport Association of Canada and a director and NWT representative for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

The regional awards will be presented at the Yellowknife Homecoming opening ceremonies on June 23.

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**EDA FUNDING APPROVED FOR IDC BIG GAME OUTFITTING
IN WESTERN ARCTIC**

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) - The Hon. John Munro, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, NWT minister of Renewable Resources, today announced approval of a \$33,251 grant to the Inuvialuit Development Corporation (IDC) under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA). The contribution is being cost shared 90/10 by the federal and Territorial governments respectively.

The funding, granted under the Natural Resources Development Sub-Agreement of the EDA, will allow IDC to develop advertising and publicity strategies in connection with big game outfitting. The Territorial government will also work with IDC to enhance the guiding and outfitting services available in Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyatuk and Holman Island.

The program, which runs from April 9 to December 31, 1984, promotes big game hunting ventures within the Beaufort Sea region. This eventually will provide greater income to the hunters and trappers as well as the communities at large.

In making the announcement, Mr. Munro said the funding demonstrates concern by both levels of government that the renewable resource sector of the Northwest Territories' economy be protected and enhanced where possible.

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"Big game outfitting programs allow resident hunters and trappers to use their skills to provide additional income for both themselves and their communities," said Ms. Cournoyea.

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TOURISM BUSINESS SURVEY COMPLETED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) - The tourism and travel industry generates over fifty million dollars annually for NWT tourism-related businesses states a survey recently completed for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The survey, conducted by Vancouver research firm Canadian Facts, was conducted to generate information on the activities of various businesses and the impact of the tourism and travel industry in the Northwest Territories. The survey was conducted during June, July, August and September 1983.

Other survey findings were:

- two types of businesses are involved in tourism -- accommodation and transportation operations,
- most tourism-related businesses have been in operation for about 12 years,
- locations of tourism-related firms is broad and no one city or community contains more than 20 per cent of the firms,
- local NWT resident travellers account for 15 per cent of all revenues received by NWT tourism-related businesses,
- tourism-related businesses stimulate the NWT economy through employment,
- most owners and operators of tourism firms expect their volume of business to increase over the next five years.

Questionnaires were sent to owners and operators of hotels, lodges, outfitting companies, restaurants, bars, air charter companies, service stations, some retail stores and boat rental companies.

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INUVIK SOCIAL SERVICES BEGIN FINE OPTIONS PROGRAM

INUVIK (June 25) - Community organizations and non-violent offenders stand to benefit from a new Fine Options program being introduced by the Government of the Northwest Territories Social Services department in Inuvik.

Inuvik regional social services superintendent Paul Donnelly says the experimental program is the first of its kind in the Northwest Territories and is designed to keep non-violent offenders out of jail.

Under the Fine Options program non-violent offenders will be given the option of paying assessed fines, going to jail, or working to pay the fines off. Should the offender choose to work in order to pay off his fine he will be assigned work by the agency in charge of the program.

The program in Inuvik will be administered by the Ingamo Hall organization, although GNWT social services in Inuvik will act in a supervisory capacity. The regional Social Services department will pay the organization a set fee for each fine worked off through the program.

The program is unlike community service orders, Donnelly said, in that it is done completely on a voluntary basis. "With community service orders you're quite often left with someone who does not want to work," he said. "This program is strictly on a voluntary basis."

The Fine Options program is open to any offender of legal working age who has not been given a jail sentence, but will deal only with fines of less than 1,000 dollars. Only in certain cases will applicants be rejected, said Donnelly.

Under the system the supervising agency attaches a formula to paying off the fine. The worker will be credited with the minimum wage for each hour worked until his fine has been paid of under the program. Specific details on how the fines may be worked and/or paid off are available from the supervising agency.

Donnelly emphasized the jobs assigned will not take away work from anyone else. "Much of the work will be done for community organizations, so they will benefit."

Donnelly noted similar programs in other areas of Canada - particularly Saskatchewan - have proven to be extremely successful.

Currently in the Inuvik region, about 30 per cent of offenders who receive fines end up in jail for non-payment of those fines.

"We think we can eliminate the majority of those 30 per cent in Inuvik," Donnelly said.

The program is expected to be in operation by the beginning of July.

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YELLOWKNIFE LIQUOR OUTLET CONTRACT AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 25) - Yellowknife Developments Limited has been awarded the contract for operation of a central retail liquor agency in Yellowknife.

The Executive Council decision was announced today by Government Services Minister Tom Butters.

"Yellowknife Developments offered a new facility and the best deal for the government," said the minister. "The firm was one of eight proponents who submitted a proposal."

The contract to operate the liquor agency will run for 10 years and the terms and conditions of the new contract are now being worked out between the Territorial government and the proponent.

The new liquor outlet will be located on 48th Street and is expected to be operational by November, 1984.

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GNWT TO SET UP BOARDING HOME FOR BAFFIN PATIENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (June 26) - Patients from the Baffin Region travelling to Montreal for hospital and health care will soon be able to stay in a boarding home operated by the Territorial government.

Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin today announced funding of \$417,000 has been approved to purchase and equip a boarding home in the city to serve patients from the Eastern Arctic.

Baffin patients referred to Montreal for hospital care or to attend clinics become the responsibility of the Territorial government when returning to their homes and this will now include boarding services in the south, the minister explained.

The Montreal home will be similar to one operated by the Territorial government in Winnipeg for Keewatin patients.

"The boarding home will be staffed by people sensitive to the needs of patients from the Baffin Region. This will greatly improve referral services in the city," McLaughlin said. The home is expected to be ready for use by October.

Presently patients are boarded in private homes in Montreal.

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Last year, 589 patients were evacuated from Frobisher Bay to Montreal and their average stay was 14.5 days. It is estimated that the new facility will be used an average of 5,000 patient days a year, the minister added.

The costs of operating the home when it is completed will be shared with the Federal government.

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OFF-OIL STUDY RELEASED

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - Hay River and possibly Inuvik could save considerable money switching to fuels other than oil, but not Pine Point or Yellowknife.

These are the results of a consultant's study of propane and natural gas fuels in communities of the NWT.

Finance Minister Tom Butters released the study today in the Legislative Assembly on behalf of Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley. The Assembly is meeting here.

Highlights of the study, commissioned by the federal government and the Territorial government's energy, mines and resources secretariat, include:

- A natural gas pipeline into Hay River from Cameron Hills near the Alberta border could save the community about \$5.3 million in today's dollars in the first 10 years, and more after that.

- Propane could be shipped by rail to Hay River and distributed by a network of underground pipes, and at a cheaper price to the consumer than oil. The community could save \$2 million in energy costs in the first 10 years and more after that.

- A natural gas pipeline into Inuvik could save the community about \$9.6 million in today's dollars in the first 10 years and more after that, providing the gas from Parsons Lake could be processed economically. At first glance it appears that it could be.

- On the other hand, it would cost Yellowknife, Tuktoyaktuk and Pine Point consumers more to get off oil since alternative fuels would have to be priced higher to pay for delivery costs.

The consultants focussed on the five communities mentioned because they represent the major markets in the two areas they studied - the Mackenzie Delta and the Great Slave Lake areas.

They also found that four other communities - Enterprise, Fort Providence, Rae-Edzo and Detah - might be served economically if a pipeline serving one of the major markets was routed close to their borders.

Meanwhile, the study did not determine the economics of serving Fort Resolution, Fort Smith, Arctic Red River and Fort McPherson.

In calculating whether a switch to fuels other than oil was practical in these communities, the consultants considered three prime factors: the expected price of fuels, the cost to convert, and whether or not a private utility could be expected to build a delivery system and make a fair return on its investment. In cases where these factors weren't practical, they judged how much government would have to invest to make the proposition attractive to a utility and consumers.

Past studies in the Inuvik area have been contradictory on the economics of switching, while in Hay River the consensus up to now has been that large government grants would be required to make alternative fuels economic.

In the case of Hay River, however, the consultants found a switch to propane is reasonable, and that the cost to consumers of propane would be cheaper than oil even when the cost of converting to it is included. And after three years of conversion costs, the propane cost to them would drop even more.

Meanwhile, in order to serve Tuktoyaktuk from the same natural gas source as Inuvik, government would have to put up an estimated \$6.5 million to make the project economical. And no matter what alternative fuel Yellowknife selected, government would have to invest anywhere from \$44 million to \$69 million to attract a private utility and make consumer prices competitive.

Copies of the full study are available from the Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat, Government of the Northwest Territories, Laing Bldg., Yellowknife, X1A 2L9.

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GNWT TO RESEARCH BEAUFORT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - Ottawa is expected to give the NWT government more than \$8 million over the next four years to help both governments get ready for the major oil and gas development anticipated in the Beaufort Sea in the 1990s.

The development is very significant, because it means that for the first time the Territorial government will be able to undertake critical planning and research projects which nobody has done and which the Territorial government has not up to now had the money to do it itself.

The work was announced today in the Legislative Assembly by Finance Minister Tom Butters on behalf of Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley. The Assembly is meeting here.

The planning and research is part of the federal government's \$130 million, seven-year Northern Oil and Gas Action Program announced recently. NOGAP is to lay the groundwork for commercial production and transportation of oil and gas from the Beaufort and to ensure that it proceeds orderly, safely and with respect for the people and their environment.

"The projects we are going to do under NOGAP are especially important to the people of the north," says Secretary Al Zariwny of the Territorial government's Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat. "They will focus on the effects of Beaufort development on people, animals and the land, and how we can prevent or minimize the negative impact of industrial development on all three."

The Territorial government will get \$1.2 million of the money this year for 13 projects to be completed by its energy secretariat and three government departments - Renewable Resources, Social Services and Local Government.

These projects will include a study of the industrial boom/bust phenomenon, development of a monitoring system to track the socio-economic impacts of development, and gathering of wildlife harvesting statistics.

The federal government will re-evaluate the seven-year program after four years, then determine what has to be done during the last three years.

A major assumption of the NOGAP approach to preparing for the Beaufort boom is that oil and gas will be transported to the south either by ice-breaking tanker through the Northwest Passage or by small-diameter pipeline up the Mackenzie Valley.

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FUNDING FOR KEEWATIN SUMMER GAMES

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston today announced a contribution of \$25,000 to the Keewatin Summer Games Association.

The funding will assist with the costs of staging the 1984 Summer Games in Baker Lake August 7-10.

Total budget for the Games is \$37,000, with the balance being raised by the local Games Association.

In announcing the Territorial government's contribution, the Minister said he was pleased with the Association's careful financial planning last year which resulted in a small surplus to be used for this year's Games.

The plans for the 1984 Games are well-advanced, the Minister noted, and the schedule of events includes traditional Inuit games, entertainment such as dancing and drumming, and contests in the traditional skills of bannock-making and tea boiling.

Each community in the Keewatin Region will send an official delegation of between 6 and 10 competitors with a total of up to 300 guests and participants expected.

The Keewatin Summer Games Association has sponsored the Games annually since 1982. Forerunner of the Games was the Keewatin Summerfest first held in 1979.

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DENE ARTIST TO ATTEND OLYMPIC POW-WOW

YELLOWKNIFE (June 27) - The Territorial government will make a contribution to the Native Women's Association to assist in sending artist Archie Beaulieu to the Jim Thorpe Memorial Pow-Wow in Los Angeles.

Minister of Culture Nick Sibbeston announced the \$1500 funding today.

"Mr. Beaulieu is a well-known Dene artist. This event is an exciting opportunity for his work to receive international exposure," the minister said.

The Pow-Wow and Native Games, to be held in Los Angeles July 19-22, is one of the events leading up to the 1984 Summer Olympics.

The Pow-Wow will bring together native people from across the U.S. and Canada. Events planned include fine arts and crafts exhibitions, native games, speciality dancing and traditional ceremonies.

Mr. Beaulieu's paintings will be entered in a fine arts show organized as part of the Pow-Wow. Entrants will be competing for medals and ribbons in various categories of arts and crafts.

The four-day Pow-Wow and games tournament honours Jim Thorpe and other native Americans who have competed in the Olympics.

Thorpe won gold medals in both the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm. Shortly after the Games, the Amateur Athletic Union ruled he was ineligible to compete because he had played professional baseball. Thorpe died in 1953.

In 1982, the International Olympic Committee posthumously restored his two medals ending a 69-year dispute.

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PIPELINE REVIEW UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (July 3) - A multi-million-dollar proposal by Polar Gas to build a pipeline from the Mackenzie Delta to Alberta will be "very carefully and very thoroughly" examined by the NWT government.

As well, Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley said today, it is imperative that both his government and the federal government and its agencies ensure their reviews of the massive gas pipeline project are not only comprehensive but also co-ordinated.

On Friday, Polar Gas filed an application with the National Energy Board for permission to build a 36-inch pipeline 1,333 miles from the Delta to Alberta at a cost of \$3.3 billion. Construction would begin in 1987 and finish in 1991.

"It is also essential," the minister said, "that both governments in their review of this proposal ensure they recognize the concerns of affected communities and native organizations, their concerns both about employment and business opportunities in the project and for the environment."

Curley said additional factors that will influence the NWT government's review will be the lessons to be learned from the development of Norman Wells and the upcoming report of the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Review Panel (EARP) on oil and gas development in the Beaufort.

"Since construction, if approved, would not begin for three years," the minister said, "both we and the federal government have the time to properly plan and complete responsible assessments of the project."

Curley said he was encouraged by Polar Gas' willingness to consult with community councils in the Mackenzie Delta and Mackenzie Valley. Meetings have already been held and it is understood consultations will continue.

"Obviously the concerns of the affected communities and native organizations will play a large role in determining what the NWT government's position on the project will be," Curley said.

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NEW ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 4) - A new program, designed to encourage energy conservation in private businesses in the NWT, will begin this year.

The Business Energy Conservation Incentive Program (BECIP) will be allocated \$140,000 in 1984-85, Minister of Public Works Gordon Wray announced today.

Under this program, funding will be available for improvements or modifications to buildings, industries and manufacturing operations designed to cut down on energy use.

The costs of the projects funded by BECIP will be shared equally by the Territorial government and the owner of the business, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Before applying, the business owner must have completed a study showing the amount of energy used during the previous year and estimated savings resulting from the project. BECIP will provide assistance to implement the recommendations of the energy audit.

The federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources will provide these energy studies free under its Canada Energy Audit Program to all businesses and institutional organizations in the NWT.

The Territorial government's energy policy emphasizes increased user responsibility for the cost of energy, Wray said. "This program encourages NWT business owners to cut back on their energy consumption. The result should be a permanent reduction in the cost of operating a business in the NWT."

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MINES, ENERGY MINISTERS TO MEET

YELLOWKNIFE (July 4) - Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley will host and the Territorial government will sponsor the annual conference of provincial mines ministers next month.

The Council of Provincial Energy Ministers also will meet during the conference.

The important three-day gathering in Yellowknife starting Aug. 7 is expected to attract 180 delegates, including provincial mines and energy ministers from all over Canada, along with Yukon's mines and energy minister, and leading Canadian executives in the industry.

Yellowknife was chosen as the site of this year's gathering because the city's mining community is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Yellowknife's selection also is a recognition of the NWT's growing responsibility for mining and energy matters in the north.

Briefs will be presented by national mining industry and labor groups and discussions will include such questions as whether or not governments can assist the mining industry in its marketing and, if so, how.

"I anticipate that valuable progress will be made in government-industry relations," Curley says, "and we are looking forward to informative and progressive presentations from the mining industry."

The minister will chair the provincial mines ministers' sessions.

The provincial energy ministers are expected to discuss Canadian energy policy, including the place of Arctic resources in Canada's energy future.

NWT Commissioner John Parker will address the opening night banquet. He has a bachelor of science degree in engineering geology from the University of Alberta and is a former president and senior partner of Precambrian Mining Services.

The ministers are expected to tour oil and gas facilities in the Beaufort, the Norman Wells project and remote mine sites.

Sessions of the conference and the council are traditionally closed to the public.

The NWT Chamber of Mines will host a reception for the delegates Aug. 6 and the city a luncheon Aug. 8.

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SUMMER SWIMMING PROGRAMS IN OPERATION

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - The Territorial government's summer aquatic program is underway in 11 communities across the NWT.

Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston today announced the GNWT will be supporting the programs with contributions of \$2,340 to each community.

The department's contribution provides half the pool supervisor's salaries for the 13-week season the pools are in operation. Each community provides the remainder of the supervisor's salaries as well as the maintenance costs of the pools.

The pool program teaches water safety skills to community residents, trains local people as pool supervisors and provides an additional sport and recreation facility for summer activity.

"Many communities have traditional areas where children and young people go to swim", the minister said. "The summer pool program, however, ensures that young swimmers are supervised in a safe and centrally-located facility".

The pools are semi-permanent structures, built above ground with heavy vinyl liners about 1 metre deep. The Territorial government owns the pools and provides replacement parts and chemicals as required.

The 11 communities participating in the program this year are Inuvik, Aklavik, Fort McPherson and Fort Good Hope in the Inuvik Region; Rae-Edzo, Fort Providence, Fort Simpson and Fort Resolution in the Fort Smith Region; and, in the Keewatin Region, Repulse Bay, Baker Lake and Chesterfield.

The department of local government is also providing a grant to the Town of Fort Smith for the operation of its own above-ground pool.

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PINE POINT STUDENT WINS ESSAY CONTEST

YELLOWKNIFE (July 5) - Dean Van Cleemput, a student at Matonabee School in Pine Point, is the overall award winner in an essay contest designed to promote safety awareness.

The contest is sponsored by the Safety Division of the Department of Justice and Public Services.

Dean's essay, 'How Important is Safety to Me', stressed the need for safety in the home, work place and other areas. "It is essential for governments and large corporations to stress safety as their number one priority as this results in a happy, contented work force and accelerates production", he wrote.

"We cannot be too safe when it comes to the lives of workers and their families. Commercial and industrial progress demands respect and caution and it is our responsibility to become more aware of environmental factors", the essay added.

As overall award winner, Dean will receive a personal trophy and a large trophy for his school.

Medal winners are from Deninoo School in Fort Resolution. Entering essays in the contest were Carey Broadhead, Barry Sanderson, Sharon Balsillie, Ralph Beaulieu, Kim Broadhead, Cecile Mandeville, Shelly Bearard, Alida Poitras and Carol Collins.

Certificate awards were presented to Rob Schumann of Paul Kaeser School in Fort Smith; Robert Nayally, Gordie Isiah, Wally Antoine and Floyd Grossetete of Thomas Simpson School in Fort Simpson; Sandra Sanford and Peggy Squires, students at Sir John Franklin School in Yellowknife; and Jason Davies, Bobby Armstrong, Doug Stade, Nelson Salter, Susan Stuparyk and Greg Colthorp who attend Matonabee School in Pine Point.

The essay contest is held each year to increase awareness of the importance of safety among young people.

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INUVIK TOURISM RECEIVES \$125,000 BOOST

INUVIK (July 6) - More than \$125,000 will be spent by the GNWT Department of Economic Development and Tourism in Inuvik to boost tourism in the Inuvik Region.

Funding for the projects was announced by GNWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley.

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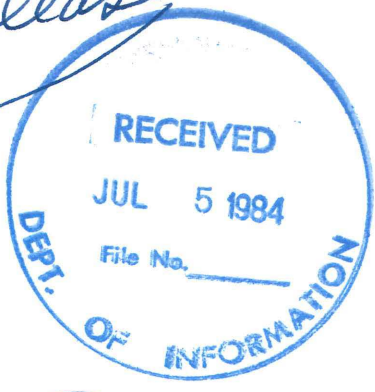
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Mr. Sorenson,

Enclosed is a press release which I would like to have sent out over your telex service this week. It gives tourists and other regions a general idea of some of the things going on in this area to promote tourism.

This release has already been approved by the Inuvik Regional Director and the Superintendent of Economic Development and Tourism for the Inuvik Region.

As I will be in Whitehorse from July 4-10, I have already distributed this release locally. I don't think you'll have any difficulties with it.

Looking forward to meeting with you next week.

Yours truly,

Reid Masson
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FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 6) - Financial assistance for Northwest Territories residents enrolled in post-secondary correspondence courses will be available this fall, Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

"Regulations to provide reimbursement for correspondence courses, which will be included in the Student Grants and Bursaries Regulations, are now being developed," the minister stated. "While the detailed regulations are not yet approved, financial assistance will be available during the 1984-85 academic year for residents enrolled in correspondence courses offered by approved institutions which will lead to or enhance employment opportunities."

NWT residents enrolled in correspondence courses will receive reimbursement of tuition fees and book costs upon successful completion of the courses. Examples of courses which may be eligible include Certified General Accountant's courses, courses offered by Athabasca University or any degree program courses.

"Some northern residents for various reasons do not wish or cannot leave their community to pursue advanced and professional development studies but they still require financial assistance to complete their education," observed Patterson. "Family obligations, employment requirements or personal preference restrict some residents from relocating to post-secondary institutions to meet their education needs and it is this group of people we are seeking to assist."

Requests for assistance will be handled by the Student Financial Assistance Fund, he added.

Further information on assistance for correspondence courses will be available after September 1, 1984 from the Manager of Student Services, Department of Education in Yellowknife (Telephone: 873-7195).

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MACMILLAN TRUST AIDS NORTHERN STUDENTS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 10) - Four northern students are being sponsored at Lester B. Pearson College in British Columbia by the H.R. MacMillan Northern Canada Trust Fund.

This year the MacMillan Trust, established to support programs assisting northern Canadians, will provide \$60,000 for students attending the world college. The funding covers the cost of accommodation fees for two years of study and travel costs twice a year for the same period. The Territorial government pays tuition fees for northern students attending the college.

Lester B. Pearson College is one of six United World Colleges dedicated to the concept of international understanding through education.

Only northern students who complete grade 12 are sponsored at United World Colleges.

Two Fort Providence students, Michael Nadli and Richard Lafferty, have been chosen to attend Pearson College this year. Dorin Whelly of Fort Smith and Tracy Bond of Hay River will enter their second year at the college this fall.

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EDA AIDS STORE EXPANSION

FORT SMITH (July 12) - North of 60 Fashions will soon be expanding its business space with assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Announcement of the \$22,290 offer was made today by federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Doug Frith on behalf of David Smith, federal minister for small business and tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of economic development and tourism.

The funding, to be used to help expand the retail outlet in Fort Smith, is being provided jointly by the federal department of regional industrial expansion (DRIE) and the Territorial government. DRIE will contribute \$20,061 with the Territorial government providing \$2,229, while North of 60 Fashions will finance the remainder of the almost \$100,000 expansion.

One new full-time job is expected to be created by the expansion.

The funding is being provided under the Small Business Development Incentives Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

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The program provides joint funding for up to 30 per cent of the cost of facility expansions, to a maximum of \$50,000. Businesses with annual sales of less than \$2 million are eligible under the program, which also provides funding for new facility establishments by NWT residents.

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EDA HELPS HIRE OFFICE MANAGERS

INUVIK (July 12) - Two local businesses will benefit from new management expertise with assistance totalling \$27,480 provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Raven Enterprises Inuvik Ltd. and Westec Electric Ltd. have accepted offers of \$12,480 and \$15,000 respectively under the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement to supplement the salaries of new office management personnel.

Announcement of the assistance was made today by federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Doug Frith on behalf of David Smith, federal minister for small business and tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of economic development and tourism.

The federal department of regional industrial expansion (DRIE) will provide \$24,732 of the total funding, \$11,232 to Raven Enterprises and \$13,500 to Westec Electric. The Territorial government will contribute the remainder, \$1,248 to Raven Enterprises and \$1,500 to Westec Electric.

Two new full-time jobs are expected to be created. Raven Enterprises intends to hire an office manager/accountant, while Westec Electric will hire an assistant office manager.

The Sub-Agreement's Small Business Intern Program provides assistance to businesses in need of personnel trained to improve productivity and efficiency. Program funding provides up to 50 per cent of the salary of the new managerial personnel for a period of 12 months. Firms with annual sales of less than \$2 million creating new managerial positions are eligible under the program.

"This funding puts Canadians to work while encouraging the expansion of firms in the critical growth stage of the small business," Frith said of these first approvals under the Small Business Intern Program.

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YELLOWKNIFE CONVENTION CENTRE STUDY FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12) - The possibility of establishing a year-round convention centre and resort in the capital city area will be examined with funding provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Yellowknife residents David Talbot and Albert Eggenberger have accepted an offer of \$22,500 under the Opportunity Identification Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Doug Frith on behalf of David Smith, federal minister for small business and tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of economic development and tourism.

The federal department of regional industrial expansion (DRIE) is contributing \$20,500 towards the cost of the study, with the Territorial government supplying \$2,000 and the prospective developers providing the remainder of the funds.

The study will assess the viability, benefits, market and a suitable location for a 30 to 40 room resort and convention centre within 20 km of the city.

A preliminary design concept and determination of necessary funding sources for construction will also be examined.

The potential developers envisage a complex capable of accommodating conferences, seminars and conventions, summer and winter resort guests and evening dining and entertainment trade.

The Economic Planning Group of Canada, a Toronto-based consulting firm, will be contracted to carry out the study, expected to be completed by November of this year.

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NEW PRESCRIPTION FEES SET FOR 1984-84

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12) - Pharmacists' fees for filling prescriptions increased from \$6.60 to \$6.90 on July 1.

Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin today announced an agreement with the NWT Pharmacy Association, giving pharmacists a 4.5 per cent increase in dispensing fees.

"Apart from some minor changes in the agreement, this was the only negotiating point with the Association," the minister said. "We are very pleased an agreement could be reached so quickly."

The fee is negotiated with the Pharmacy Association each year. The new fee schedule will be in effect until June 30, 1985.

The NWT Health Care Plan's Pharmacare program covers the cost of most prescription drugs for NWT residents over the age of 65 and for people under 65 who require regular long-term treatment for certain diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis and epilepsy.

NWT residents not covered by the Pharmacare program are responsible for their own drug costs.

Pharmacists in the NWT fill an average of 26-27,000 prescriptions annually.

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TUNGSTEN TO RECEIVE GNWT MEDICAL SERVICES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12) - The Territorial Government has signed an agreement to provide health care services to residents of the mining community of Tungsten.

Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin announced today that effective July 1 the costs of health services will be shared by the Territorial government and CanTung Mining Corporation Limited.

Until now, the company has been providing health care to both employees and other residents of the community. Under the new agreement, the GNWT will assume responsibility for the delivery of health services and the financial responsibility for non-employees while CanTung will still be financially responsible for the health care of its employees.

"The company's portion of the costs will be determined through a formula based on a ratio of employees to residents," the minister said.

Additional services provided by the GNWT to non-employees will include the costs of prescriptions provided to persons eligible under the Pharmacare program, medical transportation (less the deductible) and extended medical benefits. The GNWT has made arrangements with Medical Services, Health and Welfare Canada, for the delivery of Nursing Services in the community.

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Community facilities will include a public health centre, medical clinic and the services of a physician. "The company will cover the cost of the doctor's salary as the department of health does not normally provide a full-time doctor for a community of this size," McLaughlin added.

The mine is providing space for the medical clinic and public health centre.

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MATURE STUDENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 13) - Three grants, totalling \$30,000, will be available for mature students this fall, Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

"The Department of Education is committed to encouraging northerners to further their post-secondary education and to assisting capable students regardless of their age," said the minister.

Mature student grants are made available annually at the discretion of the minister of education.

Applicants for the \$10,000 grants must be 21 years of age or over, two-year residents of the NWT, Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and must be registered with an approved post-secondary educational institution.

Applications currently on file with the Department of Education for mature student grants will be considered along with new applicants.

Applications for the grants can be obtained from the Manager of Student Services, Department of Education in Yellowknife. All applications must be submitted before the end of July.

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FUNDING GRANTED TO UPGRADE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (July 16) - Arenas, outdoor skating rinks and playing fields in several NWT communities will receive facelifts this summer.

Local Government Minister Nick Sibbeston today announced that \$250,000 funding has been approved for 23 projects under the Additional Recreation Facilities program.

Under the program the Territorial government provides 60 per cent of construction costs for indoor or outdoor "additional" facilities. These facilities could include outdoor skating rinks, shelters for outdoor rinks, equipment for playgrounds, baseball and soccer fields or construction of curling rinks. Communities are reimbursed upon expenditures.

"This is the case of where a program, using a relatively small amount of government funding, creates worthwhile projects and local employment while providing better recreation facilities for NWT residents," said the minister.

Seven projects in the Baffin Region, six in both the Fort Smith and Inuvik Regions and two projects each in the Kitikmeot and Keewatin Regions were approved and work on the majority of the projects will begin this summer.

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Attch: List of the approved projects.

1. Fort Smith: Insulation of dressing rooms and concession area and construction of heated viewing area in the arena.
2. Yellowknife: Renovation of Gerry Murphy Arena including construction of new storage room for ice resurfacers.
3. Fort Simpson: Development of community playfield with two baseball diamonds.
4. Jean Marie River: Development of ball field and extension of outdoor skating rink.
5. Fort Providence: Development of ball field.
6. Detah: Development of ball field.
7. Inuvik: Development of major community sports field.
8. Sachs Harbour: Complete construction of outdoor arena.
9. Aklavik: Renovation of above ground pool.
10. Tuktoyaktuk: Construction of playground.
11. Norman Wells: Construction of playground.
12. Fort Norman: Renovate community hall for above ground pool.
13. Grise Fiord: Lighting for outdoor arena.
14. Igloolik: Lighting for outdoor arena.
15. Arctic Bay: Construction of outdoor arena.
16. Pangnirtung: Development of playground.
17. Clyde River: Construction of outdoor arena.
18. Cape Dorset: Development of outdoor arena.
19. Pond Inlet: Renovation of arena.
20. Coral Harbour: Development of ball diamond.
21. Rankin Inlet: Development of ball diamond.
22. Coppermine: Purchase playground equipment.
23. Cambridge Bay: Feasibility study on arena.

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WILDLIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 28) - Four NWT students received honourable mentions in the 1984 National Wildlife Week poster contest. A total of 12 honourable mentions were awarded nationally.

Six-year old Etona Hardisty of Wrigley, 12-year old Linda Magaknak of Gjoa Haven, 14-year old Robbie Wilson of Hay River and 17-year old Rosemary Moses of Yellowknife were all honoured for their posters on "Wildlife and Wetlands".

Each student will receive a special certificate, a one-year membership in the Canadian Wildlife Federation and a gift. The schools that each student attends will receive a plaque and the posters will be included in the March/April issue of International Wildlife Magazine.

First prize in the national contest was won by a British Columbia student. NWT students won first prize in the 1981 and 1983 contests.

The poster contest is co-ordinated by the Canadian Wildlife Federation and run in conjunction with National Wildlife Week each April. The NWT portion of the contest is conducted each year by the Territorial government's department of renewable resources.

WILDLIFE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED: PAGE 2

The theme for the 1984 contest was "Wildlife and Wetlands" and over 1800 posters were submitted by NWT students. Ten Territorial winners were chosen and each received a prize of \$100, with their entries going on to compete in the national contest. The 10 winners were: Etona Hardisty and Gloria Hardisty of Wrigley; Rosemary Moses and Brenda Chalifoux of Yellowknife; Gordie Clark of Fort McPherson; Robbie Wilson of Hay River; Linda Magaknak of Gjoa Haven; Fabrizio Berton of Fort Smith; Mary Parr of Cape Dorset and Monica Nuqunag of Broughton Island.

In the Territorial portion of the contest, eight NWT schools were awarded a special prize for general participation and overall excellence of entries and received an engraved plaque and the Audubon Society Encyclopedia of North American Birds. The schools were: Ilitsijaqturvik, Baker Lake; Pitseolak, Cape Dorset; Atausiuna Suarniq, Coral Harbour; Indian Village, Hay River; Attagutaluk, Igloolik; Mezi Community, Lac La Martre; Inualthuyak, Sachs Harbour and Territorial School, Tungsten.

National Wildlife Week in 1985 is April 7-13. The theme of the poster contest, open to all NWT students, will be "The Key to Conservation--Responsible Stewardship".

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HEAD OF NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE HONORED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 24) - Dr. Robert Janes, Director of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife, has been named a Fellow of the Arctic Institute of North America.

Dr. Janes, an archaeologist, was chosen to honor both his scientific research and his work in directing the Centre. "This well deserved recognition for Dr. Janes is also a recognition of the achievements of our central museum, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre," noted Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Justice and Public Services.

Mr. Nerysoo referred specifically to the retrieval of northern material from institutions in the south; the development of archaeology programs to protect and study northern sites; the establishment of an archaeology field school for native students; the provision of technical and financial assistance to community museums, and the production of traveling exhibits which are sent throughout the NWT.

The Arctic Institute, which is associated with the University of Calgary, is a research and educational corporation dedicated to the improvement of knowledge of the North in all scientific disciplines.

Biologist Ben Hubert of Boreal Ecology Services Limited is another northerner who has just been made a Fellow of the Institute.

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BUSINESS INCENTIVES POLICY ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - A revised Business Incentives Policy, designed to further develop and strengthen the northern business community, has been approved by the Territorial government.

The revised policy, which is effective immediately, was announced today by government Services Minister Tom Butters.

This new policy replaces the previous Business Incentives Policy and incorporates several major changes recommended by the NWT Business Council.

"The main thrust of the policy is encouraging the development of a competitive business community in the Northwest Territories, while ensuring that value for money is obtained for goods and services purchased by the Government of the Northwest Territories," the minister stated. "We want to ensure that all firms doing or competing for business with the Territorial government will be treated fairly and consistently," he continued, "while also ensuring that standards of performance will apply equally to all businesses providing service to the Government of the NWT."

The major change under the revised policy is the definition of a northern contractor or supplier. The new policy defines a northern contractor or supplier as either: a limited company owned 51 per cent by northern residents; a co-operative with 51 per cent of its voting shares owned by northern residents; a sole proprietorship with a northern resident as proprietor, or a partnership with majority interests owned by a northern resident. A northern resident is defined as a person who has been ordinarily resident in the NWT for the past three years.

Non-resident businesses or firms which have carried out business in the NWT for 10 years are also considered as northern contractors under the policy and are eligible for business incentives. All eligible businesses must maintain a resident manager and a bonafide office in the Northwest Territories.

Under the revised policy, northern suppliers and contractors may receive an incentive of 20 per cent on contracts of less than \$5,000. On larger contracts, a fixed percentage will be applied to that portion of the contract that will be carried out by northern contractors. On contracts valued at \$1,000,000 or less, a 10 per cent incentive will be available to a maximum of \$100,000. For contracts exceeding \$1,000,000 and up to \$2.5 million, a preference of five per cent will be available over and above the 10 per cent for the first \$1 million. This will provide a maximum adjustment of \$175,000 which is the maximum available under the policy. Contracts exceeding \$2.5 million will provide for a maximum of \$175,000 benefit.

The previous policy limited tendering on those contracts of less than \$5,000 to the north only. The new policy enables tenders to be made available both to northern and southern firms but offers a 20 per cent incentive to those who qualify as northern contractors and suppliers under the policy.

The new policy will be applied to all Territorial government contracts. The only exceptions are legal services contracts and architectural and engineering contracts. The latter are now covered by an existing Department of Public Works and Highways directive.

Qualification committees will be established in each of the Territorial government's regional administrative centres as well as in Yellowknife to review all business applications and qualify those who meet the criteria of the new policy. Eligible businesses will have their bids adjusted by the appropriate amounts when bids are being considered by the Territorial government.

The Department of Government Services is presently contacting the more than 600 businesses which had qualified under the previous policy and providing them with a copy of the new policy and an application form for registering under it.

The new policy will be applied effective December 17 on an individual transaction basis until all businesses have been able to seek qualification under the new policy.

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EDA FUNDS TWO FEASIBILITY STUDIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - Two NWT organizations examining new business opportunities will receive \$20,900 in assistance under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The funding was approved under the Opportunity Identification Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Andre Bissonnette, Federal Minister of State (Small Businesses), and by Tagak Curley, NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Photo Script Ltd., of Inuvik is receiving \$14,400 to study the avenues of expansion for the photo finishing and camera supply business. Consultants Archtech Services Ltd., of Inuvik will review the existing business, examine potential business opportunities, operating returns and competitive changes in markets and identify funding sources for possible expansion. The study is expected to be completed by December 31 of this year.

Subarctic Wilderness Adventures Ltd., of Fort Smith will receive \$6,500 to examine expansion of its present community-based tourism attractions.

The study will evaluate present and potential improvements to the product and future promotion. Jacques van Pelt, owner and operator of the "dogsled limousine" service for tourists, expects the study to be completed this year.

The Opportunity Identification Program provides up to 90 per cent of the approved costs of consulting services to examine new business opportunities. Individuals, businesses, organizations and government departments are eligible to apply for funding.

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EDA AIDS PETRO SUPPLY STORE

INUVIK (Dec. 21) - A new petroleum products supply store will be opening in Inuvik shortly with \$36,500 in assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The funding to PM Supply and Service Ltd., is being provided under the Small Business Development Incentives Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Andre Bissonnette, Federal Minister of State (Small Businesses), and by Tagak Curley, NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

PM Supply and Service owner Al Pluim is applying the funding to the purchase of an office and warehouse, equipment, initial inventory and a computer for stock control.

The outlet will supply hydraulic and lubrication supplies and custom-made fittings and hosing for heavy equipment and vehicles.

One full-time and one-part-time jobs are expected to be created by the business, opening in March of the new year.

The Small Business Development Incentives Program will provide up to 40 per cent of the cost of establishing a new business, to a maximum of \$100,000. All NWT residents are eligible to apply.

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FREE FIRST AID TRAINING

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - The NWT Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) has signed an agreement with the Council of St. John to provide free first-aid training to workers.

Gordon Wray, minister responsible for the WCB, announced the agreement today.

Under the agreement, the WCB will make available funding of \$60,000 to offer accident prevention and treatment instruction to workers, free-of-charge. The same program last year financed first-aid training for more than 850 workers across the NWT.

The Board administers applications for the courses for 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.

Training workers in first-aid helps to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents, Collinson said.

"The larger employers know this and budget for their own training needs, but we need to provide more assistance for smaller workers."

Information on courses and applications are available from Al Collinson, at (403) 920-8081 in Yellowknife.

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SAFETY PRACTICE PAYS OFF

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 21) - Good safety practices paid off for 900 employers in the Northwest Territories this week.

The Minister for the Workers' Compensation Board, Gordon Wray, announced today cash dividends of \$1,600,000 will be distributed to employees who qualify for the Workers' Compensation Board's Safety Incentive Plan.

Employers qualify for the Incentive plan on the basis of their accident records over the past three years. There are over 3,000 employees paying WCB assessments.

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

Employers with good safety records could receive a rebate as much as 30 per cent of their total yearly assessment.

This is the fifth year rebates have been paid. These rebates apply to the 1983 assessment year. The program is open to all WCB employers paying annual assessments of more than \$100.

"The program encourages employers to see the dollar value of safe operations," says Al Collinson, the Board's manager of accident prevention services.

"A safe workplace and good safety practices pay off with smoother operations and less time-lost accidents. With the Safety Incentive plan, the employer sees just how much safety can earn him and prompts him to look for ways to avoid accidents," Collinson says.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE COMPLETES BUDGET REVIEW

YELLOWKNIFE (December 15, 1984) - Michael Ballantyne, chairman of the Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Finance, announced today the committee has concluded its formal hearings to review the 1985/86 estimates of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

During the two weeks from December 3-14, the Committee reviewed in depth the proposed budgets of 15 government departments, four secretariats (Financial Management, Energy Mines and Resources, Status of Women and Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development) and the Highway Transport, Public Utilities and Workers' Compensation Boards.

The standing committee conducts an annual review of the government's operations and maintenance expenditures and capital projects. As well, the committee examines the financial implications of all new and existing programs.

The 1985/86 budget presented to the Standing Committee is indicative of the government's own internal restraint measures, Mr. Ballantyne said. This budget has been developed for the first time within the new fiscal regime established under formula financing.

A number of significant issues have been addressed by the government through the priorities exercise. Priority funding has been allocated in the broad areas of housing, economic development, community infrastructure, language and culture. Details of specific programs and priorities will be debated by the Legislative Assembly during its budget session beginning February 6.

One major area of concern expressed by the Committee has been the Government's monitoring of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of its programs. The Standing Committee on Finance will be submitting a report on its review of the 1985/86 estimates to the Assembly.

Members of the committee are MLAs Michael Ballantyne (chairman), Arnold McCallum, Samuel Gargan, Red Pedersen, Eliza Lawrence, Pauloosie Paniloo, Ludy Pudluk, John T'Seleie, James Wah-Shee and Ted Richard.

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TRAVEL SALES PROPOSALS WANTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 17) - The Territorial government is now soliciting applications from northern travel businesses to operate a travel sales desk in the NWT pavilion at Expo '86 in Vancouver.

The deadline for proposals is January 31, 1985.

The purpose of the travel desk will be to promote and sell travel to and within the Territories, including pre-packaged tours.

The successful proponent will be required to furnish the travel operation, staff it and complete a 10-day training program operated by Expo '86.

The NWT pavilion expects more than 17,000 visitors a day while Expo is open between May 2 and October 13, 1986. Overall, four million people are expected to visit the fair.

The NWT pavilion will house a theatre, exhibits, information desk, travel sales desk, arts and crafts boutique, restaurant/lounge, live-performance stage and a business centre/VIP lounge, as well as an outdoor stage for live performances and demonstrations.

The pavilion, located near the main entrance, will contain major displays developed by the government and selected corporations active in the NWT. The displays and programs will focus on the unique character of northern culture, landscapes and resources.

For further information about the travel desk proposal contact Don Weisbeck, Chief of Tourism, Government of the NWT, Yellowknife, X1A 2L9, or phone 873-7903.

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(Released on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board)

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LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVED FOR FORT SMITH GARDEN LOUNGE

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 17) - The Liquor Licensing Board has approved an application for a cocktail lounge license by Gardtal Holdings Limited of Fort Smith, for their "Garden Lounge" located in the new bowling facility.

The decision was made after public hearings in Fort Smith on December 12, which were held because the Board had earlier received five objections to the application in the mail.

Thirty concerned residents attended the meetings, and all residents who spoke up were in favour of the bowling facility, but the licensing of a cocktail lounge under the same roof was a different matter.

Deep concern was expressed by some people about the consequences of adding another liquor outlet to the existing ones, while others felt the addition of a small quiet lounge could set an example that liquor can be consumed in a mature and responsible manner.

When the Board's chairman, Mr. Mike Stevens, polled those attendants who had not yet voiced their opinion, the result was almost an even split between those favoring the licence and those objecting to it.

Under these circumstances the Board faced a very difficult decision.

The Board reconvened the following morning in Yellowknife and decided to approve licensing of the "Garden Lounge" cocktail lounge with the condition of relocating the entrance to the lounge to a location on the outside wall of the building furthest away from the entrance to the bowling alley in order to effectively separate both facilities.

The approval is further contingent to the submission of building plans approved by the municipal building inspector, the fire marshal and the health officer of the region.

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SOME CABBAGE PATCH IMITATORS REMOVED FROM SHELVES

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 17) - The Product Safety Branch of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada announced last week that certain imitation Cabbage Patch dolls are being removed from the market under the authority of the Hazardous Products Act.

Laboratory analysis of the dolls, which resemble the original Cabbage Patch dolls in design, has revealed the stuffing in the dolls contains kerosene or a similar petroleum product.

As a result, not only do the dolls emit an unpleasant smell, but may cause a skin irritation or make the dolls burn very rapidly if they are exposed to heat or fire.

It should be noted the original Cabbage Patch dolls manufactured by Coleco Incorporated, and some other imitators are not hazardous and do not contain any petroleum-type substances in their stuffing.

Some of the Cabbage Patch imitators have been sold in the NWT and consumers are being warned to check their dolls for any suspect odours. If it does smell like kerosene, the doll should not be given to a child, it should be returned to the store or destroyed.

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PATTERSON MEETS WITH FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT MINISTER

EDMONTON (Dec. 14) - Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald met on December 13, 1984, in Edmonton with Dennis Patterson, Minister of Education, Northwest Territories to discuss co-operation action on employment and training policies and programs, as part of a process of consultations with her provincial and territorial counterparts.

"This consultation and the others I will be undertaking during the next few months indicate the federal government's commitment to a cooperative approach in developing an employment and training strategy that improves job opportunities for Canadians," said Miss MacDonald.

The Minister tabled a Consultation Paper on Training in the House of Commons on December 6, 1984. It serves as the basis for discussion on key training issues such as: co-operative education, skill development, leave and other measures to support a renewed federal-provincial partnership with the private sector in ensuring that Canadians get effective skills training.

Mr. Patterson welcomed the federal government's initiatives in these areas, and added, "We are pleased Miss Macdonald has used this early opportunity to begin consultation to address the unique development issues facing the North." Mr. Patterson presented for consideration such northern priorities as the establishment of a community college system, the development of a training strategy to prepare residents of the Eastern Arctic to administer their own territory and the training of northerners for employment in the Beaufort.

A one-year extension to the federal-territorial training agreement under the National Training Act was signed by Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald and Education Minister Dennis Patterson. This ensures that skills training programs continue, pending further consultation on developing a lasting foundation for human resources development in Canada.

Under the extension, effective April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission will contribute funds towards institutional training courses given in Thebacha College and other training centres in the Northwest Territories.

Full-time trainees who are sponsored under the program will have their tuition paid and will be eligible to receive UI benefits or a training allowance during the time they are taking the training course.

In 1984-85, some \$5.1 million in federal funds was allocated to the Northwest Territories for the purchase of training and about 1,400 residents of the Northwest Territories are expected to participate in the program. The allocations for 1985-86 have yet to be determined.

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INDUSTRY GETS SUBSTANTIAL TOURISM FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 14) - The NWT travel industry is getting \$481,000 from the federal and Territorial governments for tourism marketing and hospitality awareness programs.

The money, from the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA), is to be shared by the Travel Industry Association of the NWT and its six allied zone travel associations.

"This support demonstrates the federal government's commitment to the NWT tourism industry," said Tom McMillan, federal Minister of State for Tourism. "We know the Territories and its people have an exciting future in tourism. The potential for continued growth is tremendous.

"This is the first major government contribution to the travel industry for program development," said Tagak Curley, Territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. "It represents a major co-operative effort and should precipitate significant growth in the industry here at home."

The tourism development portion of the EDA is funded 90 per cent by the federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) and 10 per cent by the Territorial government.

Today officials of the Territorial government's tourism marketing arm, TravelArctic, and the TIA signed an agreement setting out how the money is to be divided and spent in the next 12 months.

Almost half of it--\$195,000--is going to the TIA itself. It will use the funds much like the six zone associations--to market tourism in the NWT and, through hospitality awareness programs, help northern entrepreneurs and communities to develop and improve their tourist services.

"In my meetings with the tourism industry in Fort Smith I was impressed with the energy and imagination of the people involved," McMillan commented. "Tourism in the NWT is in good hands."

Most of the money under the agreement will be spent in the NWT.

Based on the success of the one-year program, a three-year funding agreement will be negotiated with the TIA and its allied associations.

"We appreciate the confidence that the two governments have placed in the industry," said Bette Palfrey of Rankin Inlet, president of the TIA.

"The money will allow us, for the first time, to develop promotional programs that should go a long way toward expanding and improving tourism in the Territories," Palfrey said.

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EDA FUNDING AIDS BUSINESS EXPANSION

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 13) - Four northern businesses will be expanding or modernizing their operations with 130,570 dollars in assistance under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The funding was approved under the Small Business Development Incentives Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Andre Bissonnette, federal Minister of State (Small Businesses), and by Tagak Curley, NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Wolverine Air Ltd., of Fort Simpson is receiving 50,000 dollars in EDA assistance towards the purchase of a Turbo-Beaver eight-passenger aircraft. The company will use the new aircraft to expand its wilderness and fish camp fly-in service, stimulating local guide, outfitting and hotel trade.

The Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is providing 45,000 dollars towards the more than 270,000 dollars purchase, with the Territorial Government contributing 5,000 dollars. One new full-time job is expected to be created by the acquisition, to be completed by January 31, 1985.

Northern Sound Productions Ltd., of Yellowknife is receiving 50,000 dollars to acquire business premises and new audio-visual equipment. The funding will enable Northern Sound owner Al Bagelman to end his reliance on rental equipment from southern suppliers and expand his audio-visual production and conference support services.

DRIE is providing 45,000 dollars towards the more than 175,000 dollars expansion and acquisition, with the Territorial Government supplying 5,000 dollars.

Kivalliq Freighting of Eskimo Point is purchasing a larger boat with 19,500 dollars in EDA assistance. Kivalliq owner Johnny Kareteak is buying a 27 gross tonne freighter to meet the demand for haulage between Churchill, Manitoba and the Hudson Bay communities of Whale Cove, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet and Eskimo Point. The larger craft will enable Kivalliq to increase hauling capacity to carry the estimated 363 tonnes of shipments originating in Churchill annually.

DRIE is providing 17,550 dollars towards the 65,000 dollars purchase, refitting and delivery of the vessel, with the Territorial Government contributing 1,950 dollars. Two full-time and two part-time seasonal jobs are expected to be created by the expansion. The vessel will be refitted over the winter for service in the summer shipping season.

Active Service and Maintenance of Yellowknife will expand its mechanical repair shop with 11,070 dollars in EDA assistance. The automotive repair shop business will be purchasing two new car hoists and electronic engine analysis equipment to increase its customer and contract repair service.

DRIE is providing 9,963 dollars towards the more than 37,000 dollars expansion, with the Territorial Government supplying 1,107 dollars. Four new full-time jobs as well as apprenticeship opportunities for local residents are expected as a result of the expansion, scheduled for completion at the end of this year.

The Small Business Development Incentives Program provides financial assistance for the modernization and expansion of commercial enterprises. Firms with annual sales of less than 2 million dollars may apply for up to 30 per cent of the eligible costs of expansion or modernization, up to a maximum of 50,000 dollars. The equity contribution of the applicant must represent a minimum of 20 per cent of the eligible costs of the proposed project. All NWT residents are eligible to apply under the program.

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EDA ASSISTS FOUR NEW BUSINESSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 13) - Four new businesses in the Northwest Territories will be established with assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The \$214,000 in total funding was approved under the Small Business Development Incentives Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Andre Bissonnette, federal Minister of State (Small Businesses), and by Tagak Curley, NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

A six-lane, 1,400 square meter bowling alley is being established in Fort Smith by Gardtal Holdings with \$100,000 in EDA assistance. Fort Smith resident Park Ang is developing the facility which will also feature a snack bar, lounge and video games room. It is estimated that 310 league bowlers will use the facility as well as casual customers.

The Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is providing \$90,000 towards the more than \$350,000 development with the Territorial Government contributing \$10,000. Two full-time and one part-time jobs are expected to be created by the business, scheduled to open in February.

The EDA is providing \$67,200 to Baker Lake resident Al Lahure to open Baker Lake Contracting and Supplies Ltd., a construction contracting and building supply store. The outlet will offer lumber, hardware and furniture sales, housing repair, maintenance and emergency call-out service as well as accepting contracts for new building construction.

DRIE is providing \$60,480 towards the more than \$160,000 total cost of the new outlet with the Territorial Government contributing \$6,720. Three full-time and one part-time jobs are expected to be created, as well as apprenticeship opportunities for local residents employed in construction, maintenance and service contracts.

The outlet is expected to be open by the end of this year with inventory and building supplies arriving by sealift.

Yellowknife Traders Ltd., will open a coffee shop and confectionary in the city's Latham Island district with \$40,000 in EDA assistance. The 180 square metre, log construction store will offer light lunches and convenience items year round, with additional arts and crafts sales offered during the summer tourist season.

DRIE is providing \$36,000 towards the more than \$180,000 development with the Territorial Government supplying \$4,000. Two full-time and three part-time jobs are expected to be created by the store, scheduled to open January 31, 1985.

Arctic Bus Service of Arctic Bay is being established with \$6,800 in EDA assistance. Community resident Euan McKay is purchasing a new club wagon to renew taxi service between Arctic Bay and the nearby Nanisivik Airport. McKay will also offer charter tours to the Nanisivik Mine and townsite, providing one new part-time job for a local resident.

DRIE is contributing \$6,120 towards the approximately \$17,000 acquisition with the Territorial Government providing \$680.

The Small Business Development Incentives Program will provide up to 40 per cent of the cost of establishing a new business, to a maximum of \$100,000. All NWT residents are eligible to apply under the program.

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POP RADIO FOR HAY RIVER

HAY RIVER (Dec. 13) - Commercial radio will begin broadcasting in Hay River in the new year with assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The \$24,000 in total assistance will assist Yellowknife's CJCD Radio in setting up a Hay River studio and transmission equipment for rebroadcast of the station's Yellowknife programming. Morning programming and advertising will be produced at the outlet's Hay River studio.

Announcement of the assistance was made today by Andre Bissonnette, federal Minister of State (Small Businesses), and by Tagak Curley, NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is providing \$21,600 towards the almost \$80,000 expansion under the Small Business Development Incentives Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement. The Territorial Department of Economic Development and Tourism is providing the remaining \$2,400 in assistance.

CJCD owner Charles Dent is awaiting approval from the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for rebroadcast of the signal over NorthwesTel lines to the Hay River market.

One new full-time job is expected to result from this expansion of the five-year old radio station.

The EDA's Small Business Development Incentives Program will provide up to 30 per cent of the eligible costs of business expansions, to a maximum of \$50,000. All residents are eligible to apply.

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1985 EXPLORERS' GUIDE OUT

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 12) - For the first time in its 16-year history, the Territorial government's popular Explorers' Guide is in full colour.

Some 150,000 copies of the 1985 Guide are now being distributed in Canada and around the world to governments, the tourism industry, trade shows, travel organizations and agents, and tourists.

"The Explorers' Guide is a very succesful promotional tool for the NWT," said Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

The minister said that as an indication of its popularity, the Guide is being released this month instead of next February or March because of the demand for it from the international travel industry.

This year's 96-page edition, as always, contains general travel information about the Territories and advice on travel contacts. It is published by TravelArctic, the government's tourism promotional arm. The first Guide was released in 1970. For the past two years it has been published on behalf of the government by northern private enterprise.

A special supplement for the travel industry is being published along with the Guide. This contains specific information for travel agents on accommodations, attractions and travel options.

Copies of the 1985 Guide can be obtained from TravelArctic in the Nova Building in Yellowknife, or by phoning 873-7200.

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**TASK FORCE ON NORTHERN CONSERVATION RELEASES
REPORT**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 12) - Michael Kusagak, a member of the Task Force on Northern Conservation, today presented the Task Force's report to Renewable Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

The report will also be presented to the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Yukon Minister of Renewable Resources.

The 48-page report contains seven major recommendations all of which, the Task Force believes, can be implemented within the next two years provided the political will is there to do so.

"The recommendations," the Task Force states, "are straight forward and practical and should be implemented as a package if the twin goals of balanced, integrated resource use of most of the Yukon and Northwest Territories and the establishment of a network of areas requiring special protection are to be achieved."

The Task Force on Northern Conservation was established by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in the fall of 1983. Its formation was in response to a recommendation made by participants to a Workshop on Northern Conservation initiated by DIAND and held in Whitehorse earlier in that year.

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The Task Force reviewed 18 written submissions which it received from native groups, industry, conservation and other interest groups across Canada. As well, it reviewed an additional 70 documents and reports prepared largely by government departments and agencies.

The eleven member Task Force chaired by Dr. Roger Schwass of York University, includes six residents of the Yukon and Northwest Territories and reflects a broad spectrum of northern interests. Jim Bourque, deputy minister of renewable resources, was the other Northwest Territories member of the Task Force. During the nine (two to three day) sessions that they met, members examined the issues from virtually every perspective--native people, oil, gas and mining sectors, conservationists and territorial and federal governments.

"As a result," the Task Force says, "the document we are presenting to the three ministers is not a single-purpose document with a purely conservation orientation but rather reflects diverse political, economic, social and environmental views. For this reason we hope that the pragmatic approach taken in the report will provide an impetus to all three governments to adopt a northern conservation ethic and implement an effective conservation strategy."

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LABOR SURVEY UNDER WAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 6) - The Territorial government is undertaking a survey of the labor force to determine unemployment levels in all NWT communities and the size and nature of the skilled labor pool.

The survey--being conducted this month by government employees in the communities--is to be completed in January.

The results will help both government and communities to plan job-creation projects and affirmative-action programs, while the information on the skilled labor force will be used to encourage employers, especially southern employers, to make more use of local labor.

"The information will be utilized by us and by others to help create more and better jobs for residents of the Territories," said Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

People from age 15 to 64 will be asked a series of questions, including their job qualifications and work for the past year.

The identity of individuals will be kept confidential. As well, the information they individually supply will not be disclosed.

"Southern contractors are not making optimum use of labor when it is available," Nerysoo said. "This survey will help us determine not only the extent of this problem but also how to deal with it better."

The survey is being planned by the government's Bureau of Statistics. Meanwhile, it will be up to the government's five regional directors to co-ordinate it and to see that their employees in all communities carry it out.

The survey forms have been developed by the Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with the departments of Education, Local Government, Social Services and Economic Development and Tourism.

After the information is collected, it will be analyzed by the Bureau. The resulting statistics, and the analysis of them, will be available to the regions for their use in helping communities and individuals plan their futures.

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**CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL AT NORTHERN HERITAGE
CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 6) - It's going to be a very merry Christmas at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre this year.

Heading the list of attractions is a children's film festival that runs in the auditorium from 2 to 4 P.M. daily, December 28, 29 and 30. Admission is free.

More than a dozen films will be shown in all, including "Mary of Mile 18", "Gran's Magic Gift", "Amelia and the Angel" and "The Story of Christmas".

Children--and adults--will also enjoy the Christmas tree in the lobby, which has been decorated by students from the Abe Miller Workshop with ceramic ornaments that they made themselves.

Three special exhibits will also be on display during the holiday season. **"Christmas in the Big Igloo"** illustrates the stages in publishing a book, using materials from Kenn Harper's highly successful book on Christmas in the North. The display covers the entire process, from manuscript to finished product, with special emphasis on illustration and design. The drawings of Yellowknife's John Allerston are featured.

"Atlantic Visions," a free-spirited display of crafts from the Atlantic provinces, and **"Contemporary Indian Art at Rideau Hall,"** a show that includes works by many major native artists, both continue on display throughout December.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre is open from 10:30 to 5 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 12 to 5 on weekends. It is closed all day Wednesday.

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"CHRISTMAS IN THE BIG IGLOO" GOES ON DISPLAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 6) - **Christmas in the Big Igloo**, Kenn Harper's popular book on Christmas in the North, is being featured in a new display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

The book, which according to publisher Ronne Hemming of Outcrop, is "one of the few books published in the North about the North," has also been chosen as a Book of the Month Club Alternate Selection and as a recommended selection by specialists at the Children's Book Centre.

The show at the Northern Heritage Centre will focus on how the book was put together, from the original manuscript to the finished publication, with an emphasis on illustration and design. The drawings of Yellowknife's John Allerston, who illustrated the book, will be featured.

The author, Kenn Harper, is well known as an authority on Inuktitut and northern history. A long-time resident of Arctic Bay, he is presently living in Greenland.

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The show will be displayed at the Northern Heritage Centre from December 12 to January 30.

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ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR KITIKMEOT NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 3) - Commissioner John H. Parker has announced the appointment of Danny O'Neill as Assistant Regional Director of the Kitikmeot Region. He replaces Roger Connelly, who is now Assistant Regional Director for the Inuvik Region.

Mr. O'Neill joined the GNWT in 1973 as a settlement-manager trainee and subsequently served as settlement manager in Lac La Martre and development officer for Coppermine. In 1976-77 he moved on to become an area and then a regional development officer in Inuvik. After a brief period of employment with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in 1978-79, he became the regional superintendent for Local Government at Inuvik. In 1981, he became the regional superintendent of economic development and tourism, also at Inuvik, a position he held until his current promotion.

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RESULTS OF SMOKING SURVEY CIRCULATED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 30) - Copies of a study that shows an alarming rate of tobacco use among students in the NWT are being widely circulated by the Department of Health.

"We want to get this information to as many people as possible," said Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin. "The long-term implications for the health of northerners are very disturbing."

According to the Department's research, which was conducted in 1982, smoking rates among school students in the NWT are among the highest ever recorded in Canada. Smoking starts in the early years of elementary school and by the late adolescent years (15 to 19) 49% of boys and 53% of girls are regular smokers.

The rates are slightly higher for native than non-native students, but they are well above average for all ethnic groups.

The problem is especially serious among girls, since they are more likely to smoke, start younger and tend to smoke more than boys. "What will happen as these girls get older?" wonders Jim Peterson, tobacco officer with the Department of Health. "We know that smoking by the mother increases the likelihood of underweight and premature babies and still-births."

He also predicted a high incidence of cancer, heart disease, stroke and emphysema in the general population due to tobacco use. The effects on people who do not smoke--but who are forced to sit in smoke-filled rooms--will be almost as bad as for smokers, he said.

The high rate of smoking among students reflects the generally high rate of smoking in the NWT. "In southern Canada, two out of three people do not smoke," Mr Peterson pointed out. "In the NWT, two out of three people do smoke."

People who want to help reduce tobacco use in the NWT have a number of options, Mr. Peterson said. "The first step is obvious. If you smoke, quit." He also suggested that people lobby for the creation of non-smoking areas in public buildings.

Copies of the smoking survey are being sent to nursing stations, schools, church groups, major native organizations, settlement and hamlet councils, community service groups and the media.

Extra copies or additional information are available from Mr. Peterson at 920-8946 in Yellowknife.

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AID PROGRAM LAUNCHED

YELLOWKNIFE (Dec. 03) - Impressed with the spirit of the Inuit community of Eskimo Point, the NWT government today said it will introduce a program to aid the famine-stricken peoples of Ethiopia.

Government Leader Richard Nerysoo said the government is prepared to match local contributions, from any community in the Northwest Territories, up to a maximum of \$1 for every person in the community.

The money will be provided to Oxfam Canada for its famine relief fund.

Nerysoo stated that ministers of the government understand and appreciate the desires of the Eskimo Point Hamlet Council to donate some \$48,000 out of its reserve funds.

"However the effect of such a large donation, from a community of that size, could create undue strain on its financial reserves."

Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston said the government's approach, approved at a financial management board meeting today, will allow all northerners as well as the government to share in a single assistance program.

"I have nothing but respect for residents of Eskimo Point, Frobisher Bay and other communities in the NWT who are attempting to do all they can to help the Ethiopian situation," he stated.

Sibbeston explained that historically the Inuit people know what it means to be confronted with difficult times and periods of starvation. He added that they obviously have very profound feelings about what the Ethiopians are going through.

Eskimo Point's hamlet council had earlier written a cheque to Oxfam Canada for \$48,000 drawn from its reserve funds. When it was determined that the council required the government's approval to make a grant of this size, the cheque was placed on hold and the matter was referred to the Territories' Executive Council.

The government could not approve use of the hamlet's reserve fund for the contribution, favoring instead the introduction of the matching grant program which, in the long run, could provide a greater financial contribution to Ethiopia.

Minister of Public Works and Highways Gordon Wray (MLA, Kivallivik) said his constituents at Eskimo Point should be commended for their initiative.

"I'm proud to be able to represent them. It's not everyday that a people who are in need themselves are prepared to go without in order to help someone less fortunate."

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AWARD FOR PCL

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 28) - An award of appreciation has been presented to Poole Construction Limited (PCL) by the NWT Housing Corporation. A plaque, thanking PCL for its special concerted effort was presented during official ribbon - cutting ceremonies opening 18 new residential units in Cambridge Bay last week.

The Cambridge Bay units for single-persons and small families are the first of 144 such units being built in a number of NWT communities this year. The units in Cambridge were constructed by PCL in the shortest period of time - 11 weeks.

Fast work and quality construction were important factors in building the nine-plex units. The construction of 144 new housing units, designed and managed overall by the firm of Ferguson, Simek and Clark of Yellowknife, is a special Housing Corporation project to provide needed housing to communities within a fast-track twelve months. The Corporation was given the mandate to build from the Government of the NWT last December, and all of the units will be completed by the new year.

In announcing the award for PCL, the Vice-president of Construction for the Housing Corporation, Norm Ridgely, said the plaque was a show of appreciation for a job well-done.

There was no competition for the award, Mr. Ridgely explained. It was a special presentation to commemorate PCL's "great work" on the Cambridge project, he said.

Gary Jaeb, chairman of the Board of Directors of the NWT Housing Corporation, presented the plaque to Fred Russel, general manager of PCL.

Gary Dahl, project superintendent for the Cambridge Bay operation, received a briefcase which was presented by Dick Bushell, project coordinator for the Housing Corporation.

Special thanks were also given to Ferguson, Simek and Clark, who designed the nine-plex units, tendered the building contracts and oversaw all construction throughout the NWT, under the direction of the Housing Corporation.

Mr. Ridgely said the firm had done a "wonderful job" in meeting the difficult project deadline.

The other nine-plexes scheduled to open before the new year are in the communities of Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Coppermine, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake and Frobisher Bay.

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MORE FISH EXPECTED IN LOCAL STORES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 28) - Local fish should become more available in NWT retail stores, thanks to changes in the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation's regulations.

And commercial fishermen too could end up benefiting.

The corporation has changed its regulations so that licensed commercial fishermen can now sell freshwater fish directly to northern retailers.

Announcement of the change was made today on behalf of the FFMC by the Territorial Government's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"This should be good news for consumers and fishermen alike," said Economic Development Minister Tagak Curley.

Retail outlets in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River have been asking the FFMC for the change in regulations.

Up to now, commercial fishermen were required to sell all their catch to the corporation, with headquarters in Winnipeg. The FFMC then marketed it exclusively. This meant, for example, that fish caught on Great Slave Lake had to be sent to the corporation in Hay River or Winnipeg, then sent back to northern communities.

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Retailers will require from the corporation a special dealer's license to buy directly from any licensed commercial fishermen. These licenses are available free from the FFMC on request.

Interested retailers should contact the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in Yellowknife at (403) 873-7391.

Retailers in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River have been notified already of the change.

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(Released on Behalf of the Beverly and Kaminuriak
Caribou Management Board)

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CARIBOU BOARD MEETS IN SASKATOON

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 27) - The Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board held its ninth meeting in Saskatoon on November 20-22.

Provincial, federal and Territorial governments and native representatives, the latter from communities in northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, met to iron out a caribou management plan and to review progress on several board-sanctioned projects.

Board chairman Jim Schaefer said it was extremely useful for the eight native representatives to consolidate their viewpoints on aspects of the management plan which are causing frustration because of seemingly research-oriented rather than project-oriented approaches.

"It is encouraging that the board was able to clear the air about content and process for this important plan," Schaefer stated. "There is now better understanding about how users want long-standing concerns about impact of forest fires and wolves on caribou addressed in the plan."

The board asked the users to prepare a position paper on specific concerns about forest fires for use in the final drafting of the plan, and for presentation to the various governments.

Board members, in reviewing the draft plan and making detailed comments to a drafting committee, assigned top priority to production of a document for public review targeted for the summer of 1985.

The board was pleased to have Allen Maghagak, chief land claims negotiator for the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut attend its proceedings, added Schaefer. "This confirms the importance the board attaches to maintaining links with the appropriate Inuit organizations."

In addition to dispensing with administrative matters, the board also heard and discussed presentations on 1984 land use permits in critical caribou areas of the Northwest Territories, on commercial use of wildlife with reference to barren-ground caribou and on the caribou schools program.

It also reviewed educational film and video presentations for use primarily in caribou-using communities.

The next meeting of the management board is slated for Baker Lake in April 1985.

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EDA FUNDS WESTERN ARCTIC PROJECTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 27) - Self-sufficiency in the areas of food production, fur harvesting and wool garment marketing is the aim of three Western Arctic community projects funded by the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Beaufort Food Services of Canada Ltd., in Tuktoyaktuk, the Mackenzie Delta Regional Council in Inuvik and the Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Association received a total of \$85,000 through the Natural Resources Subsidiary Agreement, sponsored by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development David Crombie, and the Territorial Minister of Renewable Resources Nellie Cournoyea. All projects are cost-shared 90/10 by the federal and territorial governments respectively.

The Beaufort Food Services project involves a feasibility study into the production of fresh food in the Beaufort region using greenhouses and waste or surplus heat from Northern Canada Power Commission diesel generators.

The Mackenzie Delta Regional Council in Inuvik is focusing on the fur industry of the Mackenzie Delta, supported by EDA funding of \$73,150. The GNWT is providing supervision for the project by personnel within the department of renewable resources. The four-part project includes:

1. An examination of hunting and trapping operating costs to identify ways to make the fur industry more efficient.

2. A survey of secondary activities and products presently dependent on hunting and trapping for raw materials.

3. An overview of how these activities now relate to the Canadian fur industry and the Indian crafts market at large.

4. Selection of several clusters of small scale industries based on the fur industry for a pre-feasibility study.

In Sachs Harbour the Hunters and Trappers Association conducted a pilot project to identify the feasibility of a local cottage industry based on muskox wool (quiviut).

The association used EDA funding of \$4,256 to hold training workshops for local women in cleaning, carding, spinning, dyeing and knitting quiviut into marketable garmets.

Participants in the project said it was very successful and they are planning further workshops on the uses of the warm, versatile wool.

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FRESHWATER FISH CORPORATION HAS GOOD YEAR

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 26) - Commercial fishermen in the NWT are getting their best price in five years for three species of fish.

The announcement was made today by Tagak Curley, Territorial minister of economic development and tourism, on behalf of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp.

The high prices - for char, inconnu, and trout - cover the corporation's 1983-84 marketing year. It ended in April.

The minister also disclosed a successful year for the corporation. It made a profit of about \$6 million in its 83-84 marketing year. These profits will be distributed to fishermen.

The result this year is that NWT fishermen in December will be getting a final payment totalling \$220,000.

"Considering there was a glut of fish on the world market during this period (and still is) the corporation has done a very good job for NWT fishermen and others," the minister said.

The way the corporation operates, it is not known until the end of the operating year what fishermen will get in total for the fish they send to the corporation during that year.

Fishermen early in the year get 80 per cent of what the corporation predicts the price will be. Then at the end of the year they get a final payment adjusted for actual market price per pound.

The final payments are as follows: char-an additional 83 cents a pound; pickerel-51 cents; inconnu-50 cents; trout-35 cents; pike-16 cents and whitefish-an additional four cents.

"Whitefish continues to present a marketing problem," said the minister.

Meanwhile, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism has hired a consultant to examine the char market in the NWT. The consultant is to recommend ways to expand the market and to increase prices to fishermen.

The Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp., with headquarters in Winnipeg, markets all commercially-caught freshwater fish in Canada. NWT fishermen send their catch to corporation facilities in Hay River and Winnipeg, from where it is marketed domestically and internationally.

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FIRST EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTING FOR NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 25) - How can you identify a small computer? By the crowds of young people who have gathered around it.

That light-headed suggestion comes from the guidebook to "Bits and Bytes," a series of twelve entertaining half-hour programs on microcomputers that is currently running on CBC North. Produced by TVOntario, the programs have been purchased by NWT Department of Education for use in the Territories.

"This series is useful to teachers, students and the general public," Minister of Education Dennis Patterson points out. "We are very pleased to make it available to northerners. In the future, I am hopeful that we will be able to expand our involvement in educational broadcasting."

The one factor that limits what the Department can do in this area is money. "Educational broadcasting is very expensive," says Dennis Crane, manager of Media Development for the Department of Education. "Our eventful goal is to produce some of our own programs and, at some time in the future, to see the development of a whole channel for educational and public television.

"At present, we have two options. We can buy programs produced elsewhere and have them copied for schools throughout the Territories. We can also buy broadcast rights and make the programs available to the public through some agency such as the CBC.

"The agreement we made for the broadcasting of "Bits and Bytes" is a first both for us and for CBC North. We hope there will be other opportunities for such cooperation in the future. Northerners have a right to the best in educational TV."

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SURVEY REVEALS DEMAND FOR HEALTH EDUCATION IN NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 23) - "How soon can we have this curriculum in the schools?"

That was the question most frequently asked by parents during a Territories--wide survey into the need for health education in the NWT.

In all, about 3,000 people--students, parents, teachers, school administrators and members of LEAs--were consulted either by questionnaire or interview during the six-month-long study.

In releasing the study results, Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin said he was especially gratified by the large number of parents who took part in the survey and by their generally enthusiastic support for the idea of health education.

At present, there is no formal health curriculum in the NWT, but a new school health program is being developed by the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and Social Services.

"Developing a comprehensive school health program--from kindergarten to grade 12--is the best kind of preventive medicine we can practice," Mr. McLaughlin said. "It was encouraging to discover that the general public shares our excitement about this approach."

In addition to assessing public support for health education, the study was also designed to identify specific topics that should be emphasized in the curriculum. It was discovered, for example, that elementary students are curious about their bodies, how they grow and how they work. But even at this young age, they are also interested in alcohol and drugs. Family life, safety and first aid, physical fitness, disease prevention and mental health were other subjects of interest to the youngsters.

With older students, family-life education was the major priority: getting along with their parents, child abuse, dating, sexually-transmitted diseases and teen pregnancy. As one student put it, "Fight tooth and nail (for this)--those girls who do not learn end up pregnant." The use of alcohol and other drugs was also a major concern of these students.

A few parents objected to the inclusion of family-life education in the health program. "Obviously, parents should be allowed to opt out of these areas if they want to," Mr. McLaughlin said.

"But our study suggests that most parents want family-life education for their children. Their concern is that the subjects be taught with compassion, tact and knowledge."

The school health curriculum is expected to be complete and ready for classroom use by 1987. The first two units--one on alcohol and other drugs and the other on mental health--will be available next year.

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TURNING THE KEY ON NWT HOUSING SHORTAGE

CAMBRIDGE BAY (Nov. 22) - As part of a major 13 million dollar project to ease housing shortages in Northern communities, two multiple-dwelling units were officially opened here today.

Gordon Wray, minister responsible for Housing, Red Peterson, MLA for Kitikmeot West and Gary Jaeb, chairman of the NWT Housing Corporation Board of Directors, officiated at the opening ceremony.

The ceremony, which unlocked the door on two nine-plex units for the community, marked the completion of the first residential units to be built under the housing corporation's new fast track/turn key construction program.

The operation was developed in response to a request from the Government of the NWT last December to provide single-person and small-family accommodation in a number of communities within the year.

A total of 144 new units, in 9 communities, will have been designed and constructed in 10 months under the fast track method of construction.

Mr. Wray emphasized, that without the support and rapid approval of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the project would not have been a reality. CMHC contributed 75% of the funds.

In opening the units, Mr. Jaeb said that, "given the difficulty of this task, the housing corporation feels a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment."

The fast-track system compresses the time it usually takes to develop, design and construct new homes in the North. The people involved in the operation concentrate entirely on the project, "and we don't stop until we turn the key over to the housing association," explained Dick Bushell, project manager for the corporation.

For this operation, the design sketches for the new homes were begun on February 1, 1984, construction tenders were let March 15, and all of the units are scheduled to be completed by mid-December. The Cambridge Bay units were completed in the shortest length of time. Construction took 11 weeks.

The system does not affect the quality of the homes. "We do the same amount of work," Bushell said, "just in a shorter period of time."

The two nine-plexes opened in Cambridge Bay now provide the community with 16 one-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom units.

Other nine-plex units, now under construction, will provide 27 new units in both Inuvik and Frobisher Bay, 9 each in Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Coppermine and Baker Lake and 18 each in Rankin Inlet and Tuktoyaktuk.

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PIK MAGAZINE - A NORTHERN CONTRIBUTION TO
CHILDREN'S LIT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 19) - This week, November 17 to 24, is the national Children's Book Festival, and it seems a perfect time to recognize one of the NWT's own contributions to the world of children's literature.

PIK, a magazine published by the Department of Education, is distributed free to all elementary schools in the Territories four times a year. "It's one of the Department's success stories," says Education Minister Dennis Patterson, "a northern magazine for northern students."

Despite a print-run of 6,000 copies teachers and students are constantly asking for more. In fact, requests have come from as far away as British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

"The kids like it and the teachers like it," says Riette Daniels, who has edited the magazine for seven of its fourteen years. "It seems to be working."

In one school, the magazine is so popular that the teachers declare "PIK day" whenever a new issue arrives. In another, PIK was used for many years as a prize to encourage good attendance.

While PIK is definitely educational, it is also fun.

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"PIK is a learning magazine, not a teaching magazine," Mrs. Daniels says. "Teachers obviously can use it in their classrooms. But if children thought it was just another school book, they wouldn't tackle the work games or math puzzles with anywhere near the amount of enthusiasm they do when they discover them by themselves."

In addition to the articles, crafts, puzzles and games devised by Mrs. Daniels, PIK also publishes writing and artwork by its young readers, most of whom are in grades 4-6. "Seeing their work in print is one of the major attractions of the magazine," Mrs. Daniels says.

"PIK also gives the children a chance to tell one another their news. When the school burned down in Pine Point, the kids all wrote to tell me. When there was an earthquake in Wrigley, a class wrote in-in Slavey."

Although the basic language for the magazine is English, PIK also carries stories in the native languages and in French. "We want to reflect the cultural and linguistic diversity of the NWT."

Most issues of PIK are designed around a central theme--something important to children. In the past, themes have ranged from animals to artifacts and from Christmas to sealift. Upcoming issues will feature the International Year of Youth and Expo 86, among other topics. "There's no end of possibilities," Mrs. Daniels says. "PIK people are interested in almost everything."

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STORIES OF MEMORABLE CHRISTMASSES SOUGHT

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 19) - There are only 35 more thinking days before Christmas.

Only 35 more days in which to remember the story of your best northern Christmas and send it to the people at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Actually, they don't just want to hear about the best Christmases. They also want to hear about the worst, the most unusual, the most interesting, the most memorable.

You may either write your story or put it on tape.

Why does the Northern Heritage Centre want to hear from you? Two reasons, really. One is that recording northern history is part of their responsibility. Your story is part of that history. The other, more immediate reason is that they are producing a tape of northern Christmas stories to be used on radio during this festive season. This year, they are using stories from books and newspapers in the Northwest Territories Archives. Next year, they'd like to be able to use stories contributed by people like you.

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LOCAL AUTHOR TO VISIT SCHOOLS DURING BOOK FESTIVAL

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 16) - "When we have special expertise in the Department, we like to be able to share it."

That comment, from Minister of Information Nellie Cournoyea, explains why a member of the Department's staff will be visiting several Yellowknife classrooms during the Children's Book Festival, November 17th to 25th.

Candace Savage, who joined the Department in September as a Public Affairs Officer, is also author of three books: **A Harvest Yet to Reap** (a history of prairie women), **Our Nell: a scrapbook biography of Nellie L. McClung**, and **Wild Mammals of Western Canada**. Her next release will be **The Wonder of Canadian Birds**, which is scheduled for publication in the fall of next year.

Ms. Savage has also worked as a book editor and publishing consultant and has written for newspapers, magazines, radio and television.

"For too long, most of what has been written about the North has come from outsiders, people who come here for six days and consider themselves experts," Ms. Cournoyea noted. "When we read their books, we start seeing themselves with their eyes."

"Encouraging our own people to write is an important step in maintaining our sense of ourselves as northerners. School visits by authors are one way of assisting this process."

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Another Yellowknife writer who will be in the schools during the Children's Book Festival is Erica Tesar, well known locally for her stories, essays, plays and poetry. Her school visits are sponsored by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre as part of a month-long "museums in the school" program.

Ms. Savage will visit St. Pat's and J.H. Sissons, while Ms. Tesar will be at Sissons, Mildred Hall, and St. Joe's.

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CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TO VISIT SEVEN NWT COMMUNITIES

HAY RIVER (Nov. 15) - Children's author Robert Munsch will launch his NWT tour November 19 with a teachers' workshop and public reception at the Frobisher Bay Centennial Library.

During his eight-day tour, part of the Children's Book Festival activities, Munsch will also visit Spence Bay, Cambridge Bay, Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River and Inuvik. The Children's Book Festival, which runs from November 17-24, is a national event sponsored by the Children's Book Centre and the Canada Council. The NWT tour is being coordinated by Northwest Territories Public Library Services.

School readings at Nagasuk School, an informal meeting with local residents and a public reading at the library will be held in Frobisher Bay on November 20. The following day, Munsch will give a school reading at the Gordon Robertson Education Centre before travelling to Spence Bay for a public reading and reception at the school.

On November 22, Munsch will give another school reading in Spence Bay before travelling to Yellowknife. While enroute he will make a 30-minute stopover in Cambridge Bay to meet local school children. A public reading will be held at the Yellowknife Public Library that evening. The following day school readings will be held at the Yellowknife library before Munsch leaves for Fort Smith where he has two school readings and a public reading and reception at the Northern Life Museum scheduled.

On November 24 he will travel to Hay River for a public reading and reception at the NWT Centennial Library. Students from the Indian Village school will be conducting a videotape interview with Munsch which will include his storytelling session.

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Munsch will visit Inuvik on November 26 and give school readings at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School followed by an evening public reading, storytelling and autograph session. The following day, before leaving Inuvik, he has more school readings scheduled.

Munsch's books include David's Father, Mud Puddle and Murrel, Murrel, Murrel. Books will be available for sale at each public reading throughout the tour.

In addition to the tour, a videotape of Munsch's readings will be produced and made available in schools and libraries throughout the Northwest Territories.

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FERRY SERVICE RESUMES AT PROVIDENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 15) - Ferry service at the Highway 3 Fort Providence crossing resumed yesterday.

"Every possible effort will be used to maintain the ferry service until the ice crossing is capable of full highway limits," said Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon Wray.

"However, service could be disrupted or discontinued at any time due to unforeseen environmental problems," he added. "Residents and business people relying on the ferry should plan accordingly and expedite shipments."

Ferry service was disrupted November 4 when high water caused a breakup of ice in the Beaver and Lower Great Slave Lakes. Since that time the ferry has been breaking a channel across the river, often encountering several heavy pressure ridges which took many hours to clear.

"The ferry will operate on a 24-hour basis for the time being," added the minister. "This will ensure that the backlog of heavy truck traffic to the Rae Edzo and Yellowknife areas can be cleared."

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FOUR DIRECTORS NAMED TO WCB

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 9) - Four directors have been named to the Workers' Compensation Board of the NWT.

The minister responsible for the compensation board, Gordon Wray, announced the appointments today in Yellowknife.

Three of the directors have been reappointed for another two-year term on the board. The new member, John VanBrunt, is the manager of Cominco Mine in Yellowknife. VanBrunt fills a vacancy designated for a representative of the mining industry.

The other three appointments are: Willie Adams, Secretary-Manager of the Coral Harbour Housing Association; Arnold Hope, member of the Fort Simpson Band Council and Mike Zubko, resident of Inuvik and owner of Aklavik Flying Services.

The appointment of the four men to the Workers' Compensation Board was approved by the Legislative Assembly yesterday in Yellowknife.

The Workers' Compensation Board is an independent agency made up of representatives of management, industry and labour. The WCB is responsible for providing compensation to employees who are hurt or disabled while on the job.

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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES PRIORITIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 9) - Economic renewal and stability, strengthening culture and community, and addressing the severe housing shortages will be the main priorities of the Government of the NWT in the next three years.

Government leader Richard Nerysoo announced the priorities to the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife yesterday.

Nerysoo said the message he keeps hearing from Northerners is one of uncertainty, "of people not knowing what the future holds for themselves and their families."

"This uncertainty is a result of several factors, some of which are not within our control," he said, "but we have an obligation to ensure those concerns are addressed, that solutions are found and the uncertainty removed to the extent that it is possible for us to do so."

A total of 30 million dollars has been allocated for the next three years to help address these issues, Nerysoo told the Assembly.

"This should indicate," he said, "the importance and seriousness that the government attaches to these priorities."

For example economic, the governmental plans to promote northern business initiatives and to make more capital available, particularly to small businesses. Training and development of skilled Northern workers is included in the package, "so we can stop relying on southern based companies and workers to provide the skills we need to turn the economic wheels in the North," Nerysoo told the members.

As well, the renewable resource industry will be given additional financial and administrative support through the Hunters and Trappers Associations of the NWT. New markets will be sought for the products of the renewable resource industry and new approaches to marketing will be used, he said.

To address the question of housing in the North, the government has allocated 5.8 million dollars to the construction of public housing in 1985-86 which will result in 200 new units in the next year.

An additional 3 million dollars will be spent in the next year on private home ownership, Nerysoo announced. Some 500 thousand dollars of this money will be used as low interest loans to help individuals construct their own homes, 600 thousand dollars will provide interim financing for individuals, and an additional 1.3 million dollars will be added to the home ownership assistance program.

The minister also stressed the government's concern with fostering a strong and stable society in the North. "We must ensure that our communities become as self reliant as possible and that their special concerns and problems are addressed through solutions developed specifically for individual communities" he said.

"In order to revitalize our communities and make them reliant, we must provide for enhancement of their languages and culture. There must be support for these education programs and the very acute problems associated with youth."

The Minister for Culture, Nick Sibbeston, will soon be announcing new plans to continue to promote Northern culture, Nerysoo told the House, and Education Minister Dennis Patterson will be addressing the issue of having grade ten in a number of communities, and providing business training for Northern men and women.

"With a view to enhancing the healthy lifestyles of our residents, the Honourable Bruce McLaughlin will shortly be announcing the initiatives he will be taking," he added.

Nerysoo said the special problems of the aged and disabled, family health and the incidence of suicide will be addressed. As well, pilot projects in eight communities will be initiated to attempt to resolve the social problems and promote community stability, he said.

In announcing the government initiatives, Nerysoo added that the government has not been able to tackle some issues because the responsibility rests with the federal government, "rendering us impotent to act in those areas."

Because of this situation, the Territorial government plans to do a thorough audit of the division of power between the two governments, "so that this government can seek and obtain those powers which normally reside with the provinces," he said.

Nerysoo added however, that "such initiatives will not be taken without substantial consultation with leaders of aboriginal organizations, and on the assurance that no such initiatives will have adverse effects on the aboriginal rights settlement process."

Details of the plans to address the priority areas will be announced by individual ministers in the next few months, Nerysoo said, and discussed at the budget session of the Assembly early in the new year.

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1984-85 WINTER ROADS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 8) - All winter roads, except those in the Mackenzie Delta, will have a firm closing date of March 20 this season announced Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon Wray today.

"While the Government has a responsibility to provide community access and freight haul access by winter road, we also have a responsibility to protect the environment used for the roads," said the minister. "We know most environmental damage takes place between March 15 and the first week of April, therefore the roads will be shut earlier to protect the road beds and stream crossings from damage."

"Operation of the winter roads over the past three years also has shown that it is costly, dangerous and often physically impossible to use these roads after March 20," he added.

All roads, except those in the Mackenzie Delta, will be permanently closed on March 20, 1985. Stream crossings will be removed, maintenance equipment will be withdrawn and physical barricades will be erected so access to and travel on the winter roads system will be impossible. Users are advised to arrange their scheduling accordingly.

The minister further advised that if weather and environmental conditions dictate, some winter roads may have to be closed before March 20.

Ice roads will be constructed between Inuvik, Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk under three separate construction and maintenance contracts. These roads should be open to traffic from early January, 1985 through mid-April.

Winter roads into Nahanni Butte and Jean Marie Village should be open to traffic from January 20 to March 20.

The winter road to Trout Lake should be open to traffic by February 1 and will remain open to March 20.

The Lac La Martre winter road should be open January 10, and the portion from Lac La Martre to Rae Lakes should be open by January 20. The routes to both communities should remain open until March 20.

A winter road north of Wrigley to Fort Norman and Norman Wells with a link to Fort Franklin will be constructed. The road should be open to traffic by January 20 and will be permanently closed for the season on March 20. The construction and maintenance of these roads will be broken into three separate contracts as in previous years.

For more details on the winter roads program, contact the Highways Offices in Hay river at 874-6972.

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ICE PACK STYMIES FERRY SERVICE

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 8) - Stoppage of ferry services at the Fort Providence crossing have nothing to do with engine problems that were encountered by the MV Merv Hardie.

"We just can't deal with the pack ice...that's the killer right now," Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon Wray told executive members of the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce today.

Wray stated the government is intent on resuming services at the Mackenzie River crossing rapidly as ice or water conditions will permit. Once that happened, he was hopeful the service can be continued into at least January of next year.

The meeting was requested by chamber officials to clear up recent speculation concerning stoppage of the ferry service. There had been suggestions that the service had been disrupted because of engine failure.

That is not the case, the chamber was told. The Merv Hardie has four engines in order to maximize its ability to manoeuvre in a narrow channel situation. All four, working at the same time, are not required to cross the river.

"...Even with the fourth engine in top working order, it would have been impossible to break through the pack ice," Wray stated.

Regardless, the engine has now been replaced and was to be in operation today. It will be required once river and ice conditions return to normal.

The Merv Hardie made its last run at midnight Saturday in open water conditions. Overnight the river jammed with pack ice and water levels rose three feet because of the damming effect of the ice.

According to assistant deputy minister Gordon Barber, the pack ice runs from the mouth of the Horn River, down past the ferry crossing to Beaver Lake. There is a small open area a short distance from the crossing, near Fort Providence, "but that's it."

"It would be futile to blast the ice at this time," he explained. "It's loose and would not be impacted by the shock waves.

Meanwhile, Wray stated there are only two options open to the department in respect to resuming the ferry service - both depend on the environment or weather conditions and there can't be any guarantees.

The first involves waiting for the pack ice to move on, which would be normal this time of year. The second involves waiting for it to set so that attempts can be made to break a channel.

The Chamber estimates its members are facing some \$250,000 in extra freight costs because of the suspension of services. This might be eased a bit should conditions on the river change as rapidly as they occurred.

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EDA AIDS FROBISHER'S FIRST DRUG STORE

FROBISHER BAY (Nov. 6) - A prescription drug store will soon be opening to serve the needs of Frobisher Bay and area residents with assistance provided under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The \$25,000 in assistance to establish the Eastern Arctic's first drug store is being provided under the Small Business Development Incentive Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by David Crombie, federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of Andre Bissonnette, federal minister for Small Business, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Pharmacist Nader Barsoum of Inuvik will be opening the retail outlet by January 31, 1985. The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is contributing \$22,500 towards the more than \$230,000 development, with the Territorial government contributing \$2,500.

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The funding will assist in the construction of the 93 square meter store and the purchase of equipment, inventory and fixtures. The business will supply prescription and non-prescription drugs and pharmaceutical supplies to patients now being supplied by the pharmacy of the Baffin Regional Hospital and the general public.

One new full-time job is expected to be created, as well as training for local residents in pharmacy retailing.

The Small Business Development Incentive Program provides funding assistance for up to 40 per cent of the cost of establishing new businesses, to a maximum of \$100,000. NWT residents are eligible to receive the funding for viable business ventures.

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EDA ASSISTS TWO BUSINESS EXPANSIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 6) - Two NWT businesses will be expanding their operations with assistance provided under the Canada NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The \$35,600 in total funding was approved under the Small Business Development Incentive Program of the EDA's Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement.

Announcement of the funding was made today by David Crombie, federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, on behalf of Andre Bissonnette, federal minister of Small Business, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Edzo Air Ltd. of Fort Rae will receive \$29,000 towards the lease-purchase of a Cessna 206 aircraft with wheel-skis. The federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) is contributing \$26,100 towards the almost \$140,000 acquisition, with the Territorial government providing \$2,900.

Edzo Air expects to lower parts and maintenance costs by disposing of its present Cessna 180 aircraft, increasing the profitability of the charter operation.

Anderson Mills Ltd. of Fort Simpson will receive \$6,600 to expand production and facilities at its present sawmill operation. DRIE will contribute \$5,940 towards the almost \$22,000 expansion, with the Territorial government providing \$660. Sawmill owner G. Allan Anderson intends to upgrade his equipment capacity and erect roofing for winter lumber storage.

Assistance is available under the Small Business Development Incentive Program for up to 30 per cent of the eligible costs of business expansion, to a maximum of \$50,000. All NWT residents are eligible to apply under the program.

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NO NEED FOR ALARM ON MENINGITIS - McLAUGHLIN

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 7) - Parents in the Northwest Territories should be alert to the possibility of meningitis infections in their children, but there is no reason for alarm, according to NWT Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin.

"The chances of a child in the NWT contracting meningitis are slight, and the chances of serious complications are slighter still," he said.

Mr. McLaughlin was responding to recent press reports, based on research done by the Northern Medical Unit of the University of Manitoba, that Inuit children in the NWT have a higher-than-average rate of meningitis.

Dr. David Kinloch, Regional Medical Officer with Health and Welfare Canada, seconds Mr. McLaughlin's opinions. "There is nothing new or startling in the research results. Health care workers in the North have long been aware of the meningitis situation and are constantly on the alert for the disease."

In the NWT, meningitis occurs primarily in infants and young children. "Parents should watch for signs of ill-health in their little ones. Loss of appetite, irritability, fever, vomiting - all of these are signs that something is wrong. Usually the problem will turn out to be minor. But if your baby has any of these symptoms, it is always wise to check with a doctor or nurse."

Even if a child does have meningitis, he or she is unlikely to suffer permanent harm, Dr. Kinloch said. "We have made great advances in the treatment of meningitis in the past few years. Nowadays it is very uncommon for anyone in the Territories to be disabled by the disease. In the old days, people often suffered some permanent harm--epilepsy, brain damage, even death."

Dr. Kinloch attributed the improvement to early identification and prompt treatment of the disease.

Dr. Kinloch emphasized that there is no new outbreak of meningitis in the NWT. "In fact, the number of cases so far this year is exactly the same as for the corresponding period last year - 18.

"In the future, we can look forward to seeing this number reduced," Dr. Kinloch said. "Researchers think they may shortly have a vaccine that could eliminate one strain of the disease."

Meningitis is an infection of the brain and spinal cord which can have serious consequences if not treated promptly. No one knows why meningitis is unusually prevalent in the North. Doctors used to attribute it to over-crowded housing, but researchers have now concluded that this is not a factor.

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HOUSING CORPORATION RECEIVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 1) - Two hundred new public housing units will be built in the Northwest Territories next year, announced Housing Minister Gordon Wray.

"The Executive Council, after careful reconsideration of available resources, has approved additional funding of \$5.8 million for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation," Wray told the NWT Legislative Assembly here today.

This decision brings planned expenditures for the housing program across the Territories to \$54 million for the 1985-86 fiscal year with the Territorial government providing \$17.8 million.

"The decision means that in two years time our Public Housing Program will have built homes to accommodate more than 1,300 northerners," said the minister.

"Housing is both a major concern of the people of the Northwest Territories and a priority of this government," he added. "And we are looking forward to the Special Committee on Housing's final report and recommendations on housing in the north to deal with long term problems."

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ROPE-SKIPPING MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 1) - Rope-skipping is not just child's play. It is also a means of preventing heart disease. That is why increasing numbers of school students in the NWT are learning how to "Jump Rope for Heart."

"Heart disease is the number one cause of death in Canada," notes NWT Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin. "But so much of it could be prevented through regular exercise."

"Jump Rope for Heart" is a school-based program sponsored by the the Alberta Heart Foundation. Its aim is to get children into the habit of exercising regularly by making it so much fun they can't resist. Students also take part in annual "skipathons" through which they can raise money for their school and earn individual prizes.

One enthusiastic supporter of the Jump Rope for Heart program is Clara Sulz, physical education teacher at J.H. Sissons School in Yellowknife. Ms. Sulz has attended two Jump Rope for Heart training workshops with assistance from the Department of Health.

"Skipping is ideally suited to our climate," Ms. Sulz points out. "You can do it indoors, in very little space, and with no equipment except a piece of rope."

"If a school signs up for the program, they don't even have to buy their own ropes. They're part of the kit supplied by the Alberta Heart Foundation."

In Jump Rope for Heart, skipping becomes both a dance form and a competitive sport. Children learn to do tricks with names like "wounded duck" and the "double twister."

"At first, the boys are a little suspicious," Ms. Sulz says, "but we talk about the fact that boxers use skipping in their training. Then they try it and find out that many of the tricks are hard. They like the challenge of it. I have as many boys as girls taking part."

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IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUK TECH ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 1) - Thebacha College's "Tuk Tech" will not have to be split between Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik as previously planned, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson announced today.

The location of the Tuk Tech vocational-training program came into question earlier this fall when Dome Petroleum decided to close its base camp for the winter. Tuk Tech had used the camp during the off-season for the past four years.

"Without Dome's facilities, we originally had trouble finding enough classroom space in Tuk for the entire program," Mr. Patterson explained. "That is why we suggested moving several courses to Inuvik.

"Now, thanks to the combined efforts of Gulf and Esso, we have been able to locate the facilities we need to keep the program in Tuk."

Keeping the program together will be of benefit to the students, Mr. Patterson said. "The teachers will be able to collaborate to improve their courses, counsellors will be available at all times, and recreational programs can be planned."

The availability of suitable living accommodation for those involved in the program is another advantage of keeping the program in Tuk, where Gulf and Esso will provide space for 40 students and 8 staff in their camps.

"In Inuvik, students would have had to stay in the hotel. It would have been very difficult for them to study and learn under those circumstances.

First Course to Start November 19

The first course in Tuk Tech's winter season--basic office practices--will start on November 19. The next three--pre-employment cooking, bridge watchkeeping and fourth-class marine engineering--begin on January 14. Career orientation, a "work experience" course that introduces students to a variety of occupations, begins on February 4. All five classes end on April 26.

The academic upgrading component of Tuk Tech has been transferred to Sachs Harbour, the only community in the region that didn't have such a program. Both Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik already have academic upgrading. The Department of Education also offers driver training and a course for clerk receptionists in Inuvik.

Power engineering, a course that was originally scheduled for Tuk Tech, has been cancelled due to a lack of students.

For more information about Tuk Tech courses, interested people can contact the nearest Canada Employment Centre or their local adult educator.

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION RULES AMENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Nov. 1) - Qualified teachers who were not included when teaching certificates were introduced in the NWT have been given one year in which to apply for permanent certification.

In making the announcement, Education Minister Dennis Patterson explained that the exclusion of qualified teachers from the original certification provisions had been an oversight. "I am satisfied that this amendment will set the situation right," he said.

The transitional provision expires on October 19, 1985.

Teacher certification was introduced in the NWT on May 2, 1983. Every qualified teacher who was then employed by the GNWT or by a school board in the Territories was granted a certificate.

But teachers who were not then in teaching jobs did not receive certificates.

To qualify under the amended regulations, a teacher must have been ordinarily resident in the Territories when the original certification regulations went into effect. He or she must also have successfully completed two consecutive years of teaching at a school in the Territories between June 1, 1969 and May 2, 1983.

Teachers with two years of non-consecutive experience will be granted certificates at the direction of the Registrar. Substitute teaching and employment under a Letter of Authority will not be considered in determining a teacher's eligibility for certification.

For more information, teachers should contact the Registrar, Department of Education, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T., X1A 2L9.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEES MEET BY CONFERENCE CALL

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 31) - Earlier this month, health and safety committee representatives from four Kitikmeot Region communities met, via telephone, with the Safety Division Chief and each other to discuss safety issues and concerns.

For the first time, health and safety committee members from Cambridge Bay, Coppermine, Gjoa Haven and Spence Bay discussed safety concerns with each other and headquarters staff by conference call. Participants were Public Works and Highways employees.

"All government departments should have health and safety committees," says Safety Division Chief Robbie Robinson. "And it is particularly important for the Department of Public Works and Highways to establish local committees because employees are working in a shop environment with power equipment."

During the conference call, representatives discussed a number of issues concerning their individual shops such as equipment and shop safety, restocking of first aid kits, uses of mechanical/furnace rooms in schools and requirements for wearing safety boots.

"It is very worthwhile to hold these conference calls," adds Robinson, "because it gives everyone a better understanding of communities' safety problems.

The local health and safety committee arranged the conference call under the direction of Harold Conrod, public works and highways superintendent for the Kitikmeot Region, and Carl McLellan, chairman of the health and safety committee. The Safety Division was involved to answer specific questions and provide advice and assistance to committee representatives.

"Each item we at Safety Division identified as problem areas were the same ones the committee representatives raised," says Robinson. "We are noticing a major change in safety attitudes. The awareness of safety has risen dramatically over the past few years and the workers are much more aware of their own safety problems and how to correct them."

The Kitikmeot Region is planning to hold their joint health and safety committee conference calls every three or four months.

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THIS YEAR'S CAREERS SHOW IS BIGGEST EVER

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - You can see everything from a 3.5 billion year old rock to the latest in computer technology at this year's Yellowknife Careers Show.

The show, which is now in its eighth year, will be held on Wednesday November 7 in the Katimavik Room of the Explorer Hotel from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Admission is free.

There will be 50 exhibitors in all, more than ever before. "They come from almost every conceivable branch of business, industry, government and education," says Mike Rodger of the Training Services division of the Department of Education, who is organizing the show.

Exhibitors include mining and oil companies, resort operators, nurses, accountants, engineers, and the RCMP. The Federal Business Development Bank will be there with information on going into business for yourself. Among the educational institutions that plan to be present are Thebacha College, NAIT, Grant MacEwan Community College, Camrose Lutheran College, the University of Saskatchewan, and the Banff School of Fine Arts.

The 3.5 billion year old rock is part of a display on museum work put on by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

"The emphasis is on a hands-on approach," Mr. Rodger says. "You can meet people working in areas that interest you; you can talk to them. You can see some of the equipment they use. A careers show gives you an exceptional opportunity to explore new options."

Last year, the Careers Show attracted 2,000 visitors. Mr. Rodger is hoping for an even bigger turn-out this year.

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WORKSHOP DISCUSSES GYRFALCON HARVEST

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 29) - More research studies are needed to assess the gyrfalcon harvesting program for the Northwest Territories, according to participants of a gyrfalcon workshop held here recently.

The workshop, held October 16 - 18, was chaired by wildlife biologist Dr. Ian Newton and attended by zoologists, raptor biologists, Renewable Resources and Canadian Wildlife Service personnel from the NWT, Yukon, Alaska, Alberta and Manitoba. Dr. Newton is a scientist at the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at the Monks Wood Experiment Station in England.

During the three-day workshop, participants discussed how to establish a harvest level for juvenile gyrfalcons in the NWT, consistent with conservation principles.

Gyrfalcons are highly-prized for their hunting abilities and routinely sell to Middle East falconers for more than \$10,000 a bird. The Territorial government is now developing a comprehensive gyrfalcon study program to complement its management of the harvest.

Recommendations for research studies, suggested at the workshop, included determining:

- the mortality rate of adult birds, and their nesting patterns;

- the eating habits of gyrfalcons and the effects, if any, that fluctuation in prey species population has on the gyrfalcon population;

- the migration pathways of young birds and their nesting patterns;

- if there is a surplus of birds for harvest, and

- the sex ratio of gyrfalcons.

Workshop participants also recommended that an expanded population survey, which would give an accurate population estimate, be designed and implemented.

Recommended research and management techniques included trapping and banding adult birds, feather analysis, establishing an artificial population in the wild for experimentation, and harvesting of younger birds.

A detailed summary of the workshop proceedings and its conclusion, prepared by Dr. Newton will be submitted to the Territorial government in January.

The Department of Renewable Resources will review the workshop conclusions and recommendations for use in developing a comprehensive gyrfalcon management program.

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NEW DIRECTOR FOR ABORIGINAL RIGHTS SECRETARIAT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - Angus MacKay, 36, has been appointed as executive director of the Territorial government's Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat.

The announcement was made by Dennis Patterson and Nick Sibbeston, the Minister and Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development respectively.

Mr. MacKay replaces Dwight Noseworthy, who left the position to go into private business.

The Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Secretariat was established in 1980 to represent the Territorial government in negotiating outstanding land claims and in protecting aboriginal rights. It also identifies and presents options for political and constitutional development in the NWT. It was instrumental in the development of both the Western and Nunavut Constitutional Forums and continues to work closely with both bodies.

Mr. MacKay has lived in the North since 1967, when he arrived in Frobisher Bay as an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company. Between 1973 and 1977 he worked for the Department of Local Government, first as area development officer in Cape Dorset and then as a regional development officer based in Rankin Inlet. Subsequently, he went south for university studies but moved north again in 1980 to work for Local Government as a policy and planning officer in Yellowknife.

Since 1981, he has been with the Aboriginal Rights Secretariat as a political development advisor and, most recently, as GNWT negotiator for the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut land claim.

Mr. MacKay and his wife Domina have four sons.

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MAJOR INDIAN ART EXHIBIT SHOWN IN NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 26) - Works by many of the major Indian artists in Canada will go on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre on November 1.

The show entitled "Contemporary Indian Art at Rideau Hall," includes 34 pieces by such people as Benjamin Chee Chee, Norval Morrisseau and Daphne Odjig. Twenty-two artists are represented in all.

"It is a pleasure for us to receive a show of this calibre," said Richard Nerysoo, Minister of Justice and Public Services.

A full-colour catalogue, including high-quality reproductions of eight works, will be available free of charge. Copies are being sent to every public library in the NWT.

All the works in the show are from the permanent collection of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. The exhibition originally opened at Rideau Hall in May of 1983.

An official opening has been arranged for 2 P.M. on Sunday, Nov. 4. Free refreshments will be served.

The show remains on display in the Mezzanine Gallery until January 9.

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EXCITING CRAFT SHOW AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - "The diversity of crafts makes the exhibition sing."

That's how one of the jurors described 'Atlantic Visions', a craft show from the four Atlantic provinces which will go on display in the Feature Gallery of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre on October 31.

The show, which consists of 141 carefully chosen pieces, includes everything from pottery and woodwork to clothing and toys. Works range from purely functional--a finely crafted wooden chair--to simply beautiful--a painting on silk entitled "Dawn". There's beadwork and basketry, quilting and weaving, carving and leatherwork, stained glass and batik, and much more. Caribou-hide moccasins and Labrador tea dolls are exhibited alongside contemporary hangings and high-tech jewellery.

The show was organized by the Atlantic caucus of the Canadian Crafts Council, with the support of the four Atlantic provinces, the Confederation Centre Art Gallery and Museum in Charlottetown, the National Museums of Canada Museum Assistance Programme, and Mobile Oil Canada.

It is presently on a cross-Canada tour and will be in Yellowknife until January 9.

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\$100,000 FOR HEPATITIS STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - An additional \$100,000 has been allocated to complete a study of hepatitis B in the NWT, Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin announced today.

"The hepatitis B program will have real and lasting benefits for people in the North," Mr. McLaughlin said. "It takes us one large step closer to eradicating one of our major public health problems."

Hepatitis B is a serious viral disease that is especially prevalent in the North. It is linked to blood-vessel damage and liver disease, including a type of liver cancer. Although it cannot be cured, it can now be prevented through the use of a new vaccine.

The problem is to decide who needs the vaccine. While it is very effective, it is also expensive--about \$150 per person.

"The vaccine is not needed by everyone--only by people who are most likely to get infected with the virus," according to Dr. Bryce Larke of the Boreal Institute at the University of Alberta, who is conducting the research. "People sharing a household with an infected person or the people living in a settlement with many infected people should definitely have it.

"It is also very important to protect younger people and pregnant women, since an infected mother can pass the disease to her baby at birth."

The only reliable way to detect the hepatitis B virus is through blood-testing. Once infected, people can carry the virus for many years without feeling sick and can unknowingly pass it on to others in their families and communities.

The \$100,000 grant will be used to analyze blood samples collected from about 4,500 people in 22 western Arctic communities.

The research was initiated two years ago with a \$350,000 grant from the Donner Canadian Foundation. To date, about 8,000 people in the Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot Regions have been tested for the disease.

Once the study is completed, Health and Welfare Canada will use the findings as a guide in administering the vaccine.

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GRAEME NAMED TO HEAD WOMEN'S SECRETARIAT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - Toni Graeme of Yellowknife will be the first permanent executive director of the Territorial government's Status of Women Secretariat.

Her appointment was announced today by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the status of women.

As executive director, Ms. Graeme will work under the guidance of the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women and will assist the Council in carrying out its mandate. She will also advise the minister on issues of importance to women and will serve as a focal point within the government for women's concerns.

Ms. Graeme is presently an employment counsellor with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. Since 1981, she has also served on the NWT Trades Qualifications Board, where she represents women's interests. Her past accomplishments include drafting amendments to family law legislation in the Yukon and playing a central role in the establishment of the Whitehorse Women's Transition House.

"Ms. Graeme has a consistent record both as an administrator and a women's advocate," Mr. Patterson said. "She is ideally suited to her new role."

Sheila Keet, who was on contract to oversee the status of women office during its first year of operation, has left the post to go into private business. It was during her term that both the Advisory Council and the Women's Secretariat were established. "Ms. Keet was invaluable in guiding us through the intial year," Mr. Patterson said.

Ms. Graeme takes up her new duties on Nov.5.

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SCIENCE INSTITUTE BENEFITS NORTHERNERS

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - Scientific and technological research undertaken by northerners to benefit northerners is one of the main objectives of the NWT Science Institute.

The Science Institute was established last spring by the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly to replace the NWT Science Advisory Board.

The non-profit territorial corporation, with at least seven and not more than 13 members, will report through the Minister of Renewable Resources. The majority of the Institute's members, appointed by the minister to three-year terms, will be northern residents who have an interest in science, engineering and technology.

Working out of administrative headquarters in Yellowknife the NWT Science Institute will fulfill the following four functions:

- assess scientific, engineering and technological requirements and potential of the NWT to help solve social, health and economic problems and to achieve the social and economic goals of Territorial residents;

- initiate scientific, technological and engineering investigations;

- recommend research and development programs for the NWT;

- advise the Legislative Assembly on scientific and research matters.

"An NWT Science Institute will promote the awareness and involvement of northern people in scientific activities, create employment and training opportunities and, hopefully, stimulate the motivation of northerners to follow technical and scientific career paths," says Renewable Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

There is a growing interest in, and a need to know, about the environment, social and economic impacts of large scale resource development by NWT residents, she adds. "An independent Science Institute will help northerners to participate in formulating research objectives, programs and scientific activities and will provide a northern focus on science as an essential element of the social, environmental and economic assessment process."

Funding for the institute will be sought from government agencies such as Environment Canada and the National Research Council and granting councils such as Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Medical Research Council.

The Science Institute's first project, a study of the Rayrock Mine site, has already started. This is a joint project with the Dene Nation.

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EDA FORMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 23) - An advisory committee made up of representatives from the Keewatin and NWT chambers of commerce, the Nunasi, Inuvialuit, Dene and Metis development corporations and the NWT Travel Industry Association has been established to provide input to the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Formation of the advisory committee was announced by the co-chairman of EDA Policy Committee, Jim Britton, deputy minister of Economic Development and Tourism with the Territorial government, and Hiram Beaubier, director general of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's NWT Region.

The decision to establish the advisory group came after various interest groups called for greater public involvement in the 21 million dollar agreement. They were concerned that policy and funding decisions were being made by government officials without community input.

As the Agreement's terms of reference provide for such an advisory body, the policy committee moved to set up the committee.

The EDA provides money for the development of business, natural and human resources in the Northwest Territories. It is jointly administered and funded under three sub-agreements by the Territorial government and three federal government departments: the Department of Regional and Industrial Expansion, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Employment and Immigration Canada.

The newly-formed advisory committee will advise the policy committee, which sets overall policy and priorities for the Agreement, as well as providing overall management. The advisory committee also will advise the management groups, which approve projects and manage the sub-agreements, and will work with the steering committee, which was established to co-ordinate the evaluation of the success of the individual sub-agreements and the overall Agreement.

Members of the advisory committee will meet twice a year with the policy committee to:

- review the operation and management of each subsidiary agreement;

- review budget allocations of the subsidiary agreements;

- provide on-going advice on improvements in co-ordination between participating government departments;

- give advice on public perception of EDA, and how to improve that perception.

As well, members of the advisory committee will meet quarterly with each subsidiary agreement's management group to review the guidelines which determine whether or not an applicant qualifies for funding and provide advice for change, where appropriate, to ensure the intent and terms of the EDA have been followed.

Members of the advisory committee may be invited to attend management group meetings over and above the four meetings agreed to in the terms of reference.

In addition, the advisory committee will have full membership status on the steering committee, charged with steering the evaluation of the Agreement.

EDA funds will cover costs associated with travel for advisory committee members, as well as paying honoraria to unsalaried members.

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"CAREER SHOWS ARE FOR EVERYONE"

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - "It doesn't matter if you're in elementary school, a homemaker, or an experienced professional. Anyone can benefit from a career show."

That's the opinion of Mike Rodger, senior employment development officer in the Department of Education. He is also organizer of the eighth annual Yellowknife Careers Show, which takes place in the Katimavik Room of the Explorer Hotel on November 7th.

Similar shows, on a smaller scale, are held from time to time throughout the Territories with assistance from the Department of Education.

"Attending a career show is one of the best ways of getting a hands-on introduction to careers outside your occupation. It can also give you an idea of where you can go (through training, for example) with your present line of work."

"I work in careers everyday. But when I go to a show, I'm still awestruck by the numbers of different things people can choose to do, and the places they can go for training."

Even people approaching retirement can learn something useful, Mr. Rodger says. "Maybe they'd like to go into business for themselves. A career show can teach them how."

This years's Yellowknife Careers Show is the largest event of its kind ever organized in the Territories. There will be fifty exhibitors, including mining and oil companies, professional organizations, educational institutions, and others.

Last year's show, which had fewer exhibitors, attracted 2,000 visitors. There is room for another thousand or so this year, and Mr. Rodger is hoping for a capacity turn-out.

The Yellowknife Careers Show will be open from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. There is no admission charge.

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RECORD-SETTING ROCK FOUND IN NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 22) - To tell you the truth, it looks like an ordinary rock, the kind you might kick with your foot and never give a second thought.

So why has it been placed in a special case and put on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife?

The answer is its age. This chunk of rock, which was found last summer in the Acasta River area near Great Bear Lake, is one of the oldest in the world. It may be the oldest ever found in North America.

On the basis of isotopic tests, scientists say the rock (which they describe as "feldspar augen gneiss") is about 3.5 billion years old. By contrast, the first abundant fossils were formed about 600 million years ago, and human beings have been around for less than 2 million years. The planets in our solar system are thought to be about 4.5 billion years old.

No one knows very much about what the Earth was like 3.5 billion years ago, but it was probably very unlike the planet we live on today. Scientists speculate that it was a ball of hot, plastic material rolling through space, with a poisonous, methane atmosphere, and a great deal of volcanic activity. The Acasta River rock was part of the first crust that formed on Earth.

Very few rocks of this antiquity have ever been found.

The 3.5 billion year old rock will be on display in the Mezzanine Gallery at the Heritage Centre until November 30.

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LIBRARY SERVICES RECEIVES "SPACED-OUT" DONATION

HAY RIVER (Oct. 22) - A science buff and avid book collector, Manfred Pape, has enriched the Territorial public library's holdings with a gift of several hundred titles from his personal collection.

Pape recently donated a collection of paperback and hard cover books, which he collected over a number of years, to the NWT Public Library Services. Authors represented in the science fiction collection include Issac Asimov, Robert Silverberg, Judith Merrill, Frederick Pohl, A.E. Van Vogt, Robert A. Heinlein, Kurt Vonnegut, H.P. Lovecraft, Fred Hoyle and Marion Zimmer Bradley.

"This increasingly popular genre of science fiction should appeal to a wide readership," says Library Services Chief Marion Pape. "I hope this donation will form the nucleus of expanded holdings in science fiction and fantasy literature and that it will attract similar donations from other book collectors."

Once processed, the books will be circulated to the 21 member libraries in the Northwest Territories and be available through the book request service offered by the libraries.

Donations of current popular books can be made at any community library. All donations are sent to library services headquarters in Hay River for processing and distribution. Donations also can be made directly to the NWT Public Library Services in Hay River.

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"ATTACK HEART ATTACK" FORUM NOVEMBER 1

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 19) - Do you know the signals of a heart attack and the actions to take for survival?

The education co-ordinator of the Alberta Heart Foundation will speak on these and other topics at a public forum on heart health and cardiovascular disease, to be held at Northern United Place on Thursday November 1, 1984 at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting, which is cosponsored by the NWT Department of Health, will also feature a skipping demonstration by students from J.H. Sissons school. "Jump Rope For Heart" is a unique school program that informs school children of the importance of heart health and introduces them to a motivating and fun fitness activity.

The meeting is part of the Heart Foundation's campaign to convince Canadians that "A healthy heart is a family affair."

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"The hardware is in place. The next step is to assist, however we can, with the development of program packages that reflect northern issues and concerns - particularly in radio."

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GNWT SHOULD CONTROL WATER RESOURCES - COURNOYEA

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 16) - Responsibility for all aspects of water resources management in the Northwest Territories must be transferred to the Territorial government, says Renewable Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

Cournoyea presented the GNWT's position on water resource issues to the Pearse Commission, the Federal Inquiry on Water Resources. The Commission, established by former federal environment minister Charles Caccia to examine and report on the federal role in water resources, is holding hearings here today.

"Our government is now conducting legal and environmental research and working with the NWT Water Board and other concerned groups and agencies to develop a comprehensive water resources policy," Cournoyea told the Commission.

The Territorial government is recommending, as an interim measure, a phased transfer of responsibility based around the strengthening of the Water Board and the establishment of concurrent jurisdictions shared by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Territorial Renewable Resources Minister.

In the Northwest Territories, all water is controlled, managed and administered by INAC through the Northern Inland Waters Act, which covers both water allocation and water quality. The NWT Water Board was established under this act to determine the terms and conditions under which water use licenses may be issued. The Water Board also can hold public hearings and make recommendations to the INAC minister.

"Virtually every aspect of our northern lifestyles and economic livelihood depend upon our rivers and lakes," stated Cournoyea. "Transportation, mining, tourism and native peoples' subsistence economy is heavily dependent upon our water resources therefore it is imperative that the northern peoples through their government take control of these resources."

Other recommendations presented by the Territorial government included:

- amending the Northern Inland Waters Act to make the Water Board responsible to both levels of government;

- transferring INAC staff working with the Water Board to the GNWT;

- providing the GNWT with a wider range of province-like water resource planning and management functions;

- active assistance by INAC, other federal agencies and land claims settlement implementation groups in developing a NWT water resources policy;

- increasing the network of flow and quality monitoring stations in the NWT;

- proceeding, as soon as possible, with northern land use planning including water resources;

- federal recognition of the high priority of water resource management agreements for the Mackenzie River system;

- provision of greater security for downstream territorial water users from the effects of upstream water projects (e.g. hydro-electric, oil and gas) in the provinces;

- an equitable arrangement for sharing benefits and costs before commitments are made for use of interjurisdictional waters;

- provision for federal arbitration if management agreements cannot be established between jurisdictions;

- compensation for any damages suffered by water users in downstream jurisdictions.

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MINISTER SUGGESTS WAYS TO EASE HOUSING SHORTAGE

BAKER LAKE (Oct. 12) - Gordon Wray, Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, has identified increased funding for public housing and incentives for home ownership as keys to easing the housing shortage in the NWT.

Addressing the Special Committee on Housing, which met in his home community of Baker Lake, Mr. Wray acknowledged that there is a general shortage of housing in the NWT.

"A very high percentage of the NWT's population simply cannot provide their own shelter without some sort of assistance and the capital budgets assigned to the NWTHC for both assisted rental and assisted homeownership have been inadequate," Mr. Wray said.

He pointed out that 200 new homes are required each year for the next five years if needs are to be met. But only 62 will be built next year, unless additional funds are found.

The Corporation is asking the GNWT for a significant increase in its capital budget, Mr. Wray said. If its requests are not approved, the housing shortage will continue to get worse.

In addition, he said, a further \$12.7 million is being sought from the federal Treasury Board to improve funding to local housing associations, so they can do a better job of maintaining existing homes. At present, only \$6.6 million has been allocated for operations and maintenance in 1985.

"We are paying for less than half the job we expect to be done," Mr. Wray said. "The less than satisfactory result should not surprise us."

Turning his attention to the encouragement of home ownership, Mr. Wray announced several new programs including a fuel subsidy as part of the Rural and Remote program and a proposed Home Owner Shelter Allowance.

A number of other new and old programs to stimulate the production of private housing cannot be implemented because of a lack of funds, Mr. Wray said.

Among the advantages of home ownership mentioned by Mr. Wray are reduced cost to the taxpayer and increased independence and satisfaction for the residents. Rents in public housing must remain high enough to provide an incentive for home ownership, he said.

Mr. Wray rejected complaints that the Corporation's structure makes it unresponsive to public input. "We possess one of the oldest and most decentralized bodies for program delivery in the NWT - the housing association."

He advanced the idea that housing associations might be brought under the auspices of community councils, as a means of further increasing local control. Coupled with this, he recommended that the associations be given more leeway in making decisions and managing funds.

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**RADIO/TV INSTALLED - AT JEAN MARIE RIVER AND
NAHANNI BUTTE**

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 16) - Jean Marie River and Nahanni Butte are now receiving radio and television services through satellite equipment provided by the Territorial government's Department of Information.

The south Mackenzie communities went on-air last week and bring the number of locations serviced under the department's northern satellite communications program to 24.

Minister of Information Nellie Cournoyea noted the addition of the two communities completes the installation phase of the department's program.

The program, which began six years ago, saw the establishment of radio/TV satellite equipment in every community in the NWT with a population of less than 500 - as long as it had a commercial power supply. Communities over 500 are serviced by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Territorial program allows community broadcasting societies local access to the radio and television transmitters. During the past four years some 16 community broadcast groups have taken advantage of this capability to establish their own stations. There are now 32 remote community radio stations in the NWT

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ENERGY PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 11) - Northern business people have six months left to take advantage of 1984-85 funding from an energy program designed for the private sector.

The Business Energy Conservation Incentive Program (BECIP) provides funding for improvements or modifications to commercial buildings or operations designed to reduce energy use.

Costs of approved BECIP projects will be shared between the Territorial government and the business owner, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Before applying, the business owner must complete an energy audit. An energy audit documents the amount of energy used during the previous year and estimates savings resulting from improvements in buildings or operations. BECIP funds the recommendations of the energy audit.

Energy audits are provided free of charge under the Canada Energy Audit Program, operated by the federal department of Energy, Mines and Resources. All businesses and institutional organizations in the NWT are eligible for this program.

BECIP encourages NWT business owners to reduce their energy consumption, which represents an on-going reduction in the cost of operating their businesses.

Applications for the program are available from the Energy Conservation Division, Department of Public Works and Highways in Yellowknife.

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**AUTHOR'S TOUR SCHEDULED FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK
FESTIVAL**

HAY RIVER (Oct. 9) - Canadian children's author Robert Munsch will visit the Northwest Territories during Children's Book Festival, November 17-24.

The book festival is a national annual event sponsored by the Children's Book Centre and the Canada Council. The theme for the 1984 festival is "The Storymakers."

"This year we are celebrating the dedicated and talented people who write children's books," says Marion Pape, chief of the NWT Public Library Services. "We are very pleased that Robert Munsch will be available to tour the NWT during the festival which is held to promote the reading and writing of children's books."

Munsch was born and educated in the United States. He worked as a day-care and orphanage worker and migrant farm labourer before beginning his writing career. He now lives in Guelph, Ontario with his wife, Ann, and their two children and works half-time as an assistant professor at the Family Studies Department of Guelph University. His books include David's Father; Jonathan Cleaned Up - Then He Heard a Sound or the Blackberry Subway Jam; Mud Puddle; Murrel, Murrel, Murrel and Mortimer.

"Munsch includes children in all his performances," says Pape. "He usually begins by reading two or three of his published stories and then involves the children in an impromptu story with their ideas forming the plot."

Communities unable to host Munsch can still participate in the Children's Book Festival by ordering the festival kit and setting up their own activities, says Pape. Kits are available from the NWT Public Library Services in Hay River.

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1-	84-163	CURLEY - GOVT FUNDS TRAINING	ECDEV	08/18 BC
2-	84-164	CURLEY - GNWT TO PROTECT JOBS	ECDEV	08/18 BC
3-	84-165	NERYSOO - HOMECOMERS	JUST	08/18 AT
4-	84-166	COURNOYEA - MARINE RESCUE	RENEW	08/18 JM
5-	84-167	CURLEY - GSL FISHERY	ECDEV	08/20 BC
6-	84-168	WRAY - DPW GETS NEW NAME	DPW	08/23 JM
7-	84-169	WRAY - HIGHWAY CONTRACT	DPW	08/23 JM
8-	84-170	CURLEY - BEAUFORT DIZ FUNDING	EMR	08/24 BC
9-	84-171	BUTTERS -TRANSPORT COMMISSION	GOVTS	08/26 JM
10-	84-172	KEETS -AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	SOFW	09/31 JM
11-	84-173	CURLEY -BUSINESS GRANTS	ECDEV	08/31 JM
12-	84-174	CURLEY -BEAUFORT REPORT REVIEW	EMR	08/31 JM
13-	84-175	MCLAUGHLIN -SR. MEDICAL TRAVEL	HSS	09/01 AT
14-	84-176	MCLAUGHLIN -YNG OFFENDERS	HSS	09/02 AT
15-	84-177	SIBBESTON -TUK ARENA	LGOVT	09/07 RM
16-	84-178	COURNOYEA -EDA FUNDING	RENEW	09/09 JM
17-	84-179	PATTERSON -SKILLS FUNDING	EDUC	09/13 JM
18-	84- 18	BUTTERS -NAPTHA ASSISTANCE	GOVTS	09/15 JM
19-	84-181	WRAY -FERRY SERV FOR POPE	DPW	09/15 JM
20-	84-182	PARKER - YK SOUTH ELECTION	COMM	09/16 AT
21-	84-183	CURLEY -BUSINESS DIRECTORY	ECDEV	09/20 BC
22-	84-184	COURNOYEA - CARIBOO MEET	RENEW	09/21 JM
23-	84-185	CURLEY - BEAR WARNING	ECDEV	09/23 JM
24-	84-186	CURLEY -BUSINESS LOAN POLICY	ECDEV	09/24 JM
25-	84-187	CURLEY -EDA ASSISTANCE	ECDEV	09/24 JM
26-	84-188	CURLEY - EDA BUSINESS STUDIES	ECDEV	09/24 JM
27-	84-189	NERYSOO -CREE ARTISTS	JUST	09/28 AT
28-	84-190	BUTTERS -FORMULA FINANCE	FIN	09/28 BC
29-	84-191	MCLAUGHLIN -YK HOSPITAL	HSS	09/29 AT
30-	84-192	BUTTERS - UNIFORM GAS POLICY	GOVTS	09/30 --
31-	84-193	KEET - EQUALITY OF WOMEN	SOFW	09/31 JM
32-	84-194	SIBBESTON -REG COUNCIL FUNDING	LGOVT	09/31 --
33-	84-195	NERYSOO - NORRIS APPOINTED	JUST	09/05 BC
34-	84-196	PATTERSON -STUDENT GRANTS	EDUC	09/05 CS
35-	84-197	WRAY - FERRY REBUTTAL	DPW	09/10 AS
36-	84-198	COURNOYEA -CARPENTER FUR INST	RENEW	09/10 --
37-	84-199	COURNOYEA - FIRTH GRANT	INFO	09/10 AS
38-	84-200	NERYSOO - FREEDOM TO READ WK	JUST	09/11 JM
39-	84-201	KEET -DAY CARE TASK FORCE	SOFW	09/11 CS
40-	84-202	CURLEY -EXPLORERS GUIDE READY	ECDEV	09/12 JM
41-	84-203	PATTERSON -TUK TECH AGREEMENT	EDUC	09/12 CS
42-	84-204	PATTERSON -PAPAL HOLIDAY	EDUC	09/12 CS
43-	84-205	PATTERSON -NCF REG COUNCILS	NCF	09/13 --
44-	84-206	NERYSOO -MUSEUM GRANT	JUST	09/14 CS
45-	84-207	PATTERSON -COLLEGE HEAD NAMED	EDUC	09/14 CS

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6-	84-208	CURLEY -WEISBECK APPOINTED	ECDEV	09/17 BC
7-	84-209	CURLEY -NEW BLACKSTONE CENTRE	ECDEV	09/18 BC
48-	84-211	CURLEY -BUSINESS BOOST TOURISM	ECDEV	09/18 BC
49-	84-212	PATTERSON -ED MINISTERS MEET	EDUC	09/18 CS
50-	84-213	CURLEY -ADVISOR APPOINTED	ECDEV	09/19 BC
51-	84-214	CURLEY -DIRECTORY WINS AWARD	ECDEV	09/21 BC
52-	84-215	NERYSOO -JAMES BAY ARTISTS	JUST	09/24 CS
53-	84-216	PARKER -CONNELLY APPOINTED	COMM	09/24 BC
54-	84-217	SIBBESTON -YK WATER/SEWER	LGOVT	09/25 JM
55-	84-218	NERYSOO -LANGUAGE PRIORITY	JUST	09/28 AS
56-	84-219	PATTERSON - GILBERG NEW DM	EDUC	10/02 CS
57-	84-220	CURLEY - BUSINESS COUNCIL	ECDEV	10/03 --
58-	84-221	WRAY - COMMUNITY WHARVES	DPW	10/04 JM

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COMMUNITY WHARVES STUDY UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 4) - A two-phase study of community wharves and docks is now being conducted in the Northwest Territories.

It was initiated in response to local concerns about community wharves stated Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon Wray in announcing the study.

"Under existing legislation the federal government has major responsibilities for public harbours and port facilities in Canada," said the minister. "As a result the Territorial government has not been extensively involved in this area."

The first phase of the study will include a comprehensive view of pertinent federal legislation, an inventory of existing facilities and discussions with federal representatives. This phase will result in policy and program alternatives and will be completed by the end of the year.

The second phase will begin in early 1985 and will address user concerns about dock facilities and will result in a program alternative.

"It is essential that a way be found for the Government of the Northwest Territories and communities to have direct input into community dock programs," said Wray.

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COUNCIL ADVISES GOVERNMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct.03) - The NWT Business Council is proposing the Territorial government turn over some government functions to private business.

As a result, the Council has recommended a process by which the government can identify these functions and develop a turn-over plan within a reasonable time.

The Council, meeting here last weekend, also reviewed the government's policy on incentives to northern business. It developed a set of recommendations to ensure that northern business gets every opportunity to benefit from government purchasing.

The Council's recommendations go to the Territorial government's Executive Council.

The business Council also discussed the bonding needs of small contractors, particularly in the eastern Arctic. It says these needs are "urgent", and it recommends government and the construction industry co-operate to resolve them.

Chairman Jim Robertson, meanwhile, said the Council commends Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Tagak Curley for his recent efforts to encourage the banks to expand their operations and their credit facilities in the north.

"We're already seeing an expansion in private banking services as a result of the minister's efforts," said Robertson, an Inuvik-based businessman.

The business Council was recently formed to provide private-sector advice on economic development to the government. It meets again in January.

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NEW DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (Oct. 2) - Larry Gilberg, 41, has been named the new Deputy Minister of Education for the NWT. He replaces Brian Lewis, who is leaving the post to oversee planning for enhanced native language services in the Territories.

In making the announcement, Education Minister Dennis Patterson drew attention to Mr. Gilberg's strong background in education and his extensive northern experience. "He has been in the North for nearly fifteen years and in that time has lived and worked in almost every region of the Territories," Mr. Patterson said.

Mr. Gilberg came north in 1970 and subsequently served as principal in Spence Bay and Aklavik; as Assistant Superintendent of Education for the Keewatin; and as Regional Superintendent of Education at Fort Smith.

In 1978, he became Assistant Regional Director for the GNWT's Fort Smith Region. He has also served as Regional Director for the Fort Smith Region and, in 1982-83, as Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

After a six-month interruption of work for medical reasons, Mr. Gilberg returned to the Territorial civil service on special assignment. Most recently, he has been senior advisor on regional affairs.

The announcement of his appointment was made jointly by the Minister of Education and by Commissioner Parker. Mr. Gilberg will assume his new position on October 3.

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NERYSOO PLANS MAJOR LANGUAGE PUSH

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 28) - The first phase of a "major initiative" that will determine the nature and approach to delivery of expanded native language services and programs in the Northwest Territories was announced today by Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

The initiative, to take the form of a senior-level priority project, will be headed up by Brian Lewis who is presently deputy minister of education for the NWT government.

Lewis' appointment is effective October 5. His replacement as deputy minister of education has yet to be named. In his new role, Lewis will report directly to Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

Nerysoo stated the priority project will result in establishment of "firm directions and concrete plans" for the enhancement of languages both within and outside of the GNWT.

"Lewis has a sound knowledge of the North and its people and the type of work experience necessary to lead this project," Nerysoo said.

The project will involve public consultation on the matter of languages, their use, revival, preservation and enhancement. It will review existing government language services and programs and recommend an action plan leading to organizational changes and improved coordination of delivery systems.

It will also include the discussions and finalization of work plans necessary to implement French language services in the NWT by 1988.

Earlier this year, Nerysoo negotiated an agreement with the Federal Secretary of State to provide some \$16,000,000 (over a five-year, period) to enhance the status of aboriginal languages and language

services in the NWT.

The agreement followed a federal government insistence that English and French be legislated as official languages of the Territories and resulted in approval of a NWT Languages Ordinance by the Legislative Assembly last May.

Initially, Ottawa had intended to arbitrarily change the NWT Act to make the Territories bilingual. The GNWT, however, insisted the matter fell within a "territorial or provincial jurisdiction" and drew up its own legislation in a manner that also ensured recognition of northern native languages.

The ordinance, besides legally declaring English and French as Official Languages of the NWT, recognizes seven official aboriginal languages - Chipewyan, Cree, Dogrib, Loucheux, North Slavey, South Slavey and Inuktitut.

"As soon as possible," Nerysoo said, "this government wants the native languages to be recognized in the Canadian Constitution as Official Languages of the NWT, along side both English and French."

But before this can happen, writing systems must be developed or improved for several of the native languages. In many cases, new words will have to be developed as well so that legal terms can be translated, he added.

"The special priority project, headed by a senior official of this government, will develop the work plan that will help to make this possible."

Nerysoo noted that as native languages develop, their use will become increasingly common in every aspect of life - at home, in schools, in business, in government and in the courts.

"That is what both the people and this government want to see," he stated.

The matter of languages and culture formed a large part of the government's Executive Council discussions during its annual priority setting exercise and review held recently at a lodge near Snowdrift.

"There's a lot of work to do...a lot of pioneering. But we came away from that meeting with a pretty positive feeling that it can be done in a manner that the rest of this country can use as a model,"

Nerysoo stated.

Over the summer months government departments, with responsibilities in the area of language services and programs, identified various options that might be undertaken to take advantage of the new federal monies. The options, supplemented by detailed financial and operational information, will provide the necessary background material needed to get the priority project off to a fast start.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education Dennis Patterson said he expects to name a new deputy minister of education as soon as possible. Staff of the department were briefed Thursday afternoon on Lewis' new responsibilities.

"He is going to be difficult to replace. The direct contributions he has made to education in the NWT since assuming the responsibilities of deputy minister eight years ago have been dramatic - perhaps the most significant of any departmental head of education," Patterson said.

"I say this with the greatest of respect for his predecessors. They made major strides as well, but certainly not against the type of political and community pressures that have existed in recent years."

Lewis, 48, was appointed deputy minister of education in December of 1976. His northern career began in 1963 as principal and area administrator at Cape Dorset. Since then he has been principal of the school in Igloolik and regional superintendent of Education in Frobisher Bay.

In 1974 he was appointed principal of the Teachers' Education Program at Fort Smith, a position he held until moving to Yellowknife as chief of the department's curriculum division.

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WATER/SEWER FINANCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 25) - The Territorial government is footing the bill for most of the upgrading now being done to the capital city's water and sewer systems.

Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston announced today the government is giving the city \$1,247,000 for eight water and sewer projects currently under way.

Most of the projects started in mid-summer, with the contractor digging up the streets in the downtown core and replacing aging trunk water mains with new and larger ones. The work is on-going.

The two largest projects by far are the upgrading of the water mains in the downtown area and booster pumps to increase pumping capacity in Forrest Park. The Territorial government is giving \$990,000 to the cost of the mains and \$220,000 for the booster pumps.

The new water mains are very significant in Yellowknife's development. The downtown area was originally a residential area, but it is now the central business district of the city. This has required a corresponding upgrading of the water distribution system.

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The new mains will mean higher water pressure, something that firefighters can use to better combat fires in tall downtown buildings. It also will mean the reservoir serving Frame Lake South will be better able to meet the peak demands that will be placed on it as more development occurs.

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CONNELLY MOVES TO INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 24) - A man who has spent the last 15 years in the Arctic has been named assistant regional director of the Territorial government's Inuvik region.

Roger Connelly of Cambridge Bay, now assistant regional director of the Kitikmeot region, takes up his new position in Inuvik Oct.27.

Announcement of the move was made today by Commissioner John Parker.

Connelly replaces Dan Norris in Inuvik. Norris has been promoted to regional director.

Connelly came to Canada from Northern Ireland in 1969 and worked until 1972 with The Bay as a manager/trainee and manager at Fort Chimo in Arctic Quebec, Bay Chimo, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet and Resolute.

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Connelly then joined the Territorial government. He was area economic development officer in Coppermine from 1972-74, then moved to Cambridge Bay in the same position. He then became area superintendent, Economic Development and Tourism, and regional superintendent. He was appointed assistant regional director in 1981.

No decision has yet been made on a replacement for Connelly in Cambridge Bay.

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JAMES BAY ARTISTS FEATURED BY MUSEUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 24) - The work of seven remarkable young native artists remains on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre until the end of October.

Together, the artists are known as Weneebaykook, a Cree word meaning "around the shores of James Bay." Weneebaykook is also the name of the group's combined studio-workshop-gallery facility in Moosonee, Ontario.

The show consists of 33 richly colored silk-screen prints. Organized and distributed by the Thunder Bay National Exhibition Centre and Centre for Indian Art, the exhibition is designed to introduce the best work of the group to a larger public.

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About the Photos

Even when reproduced in black and white, the art of **Weneebaykook**, a group of seven young artists from James Bay, has an impact. Add color--rich oranges, reds, and browns--and they're more impressive yet. Thirty-three silkscreen prints by members of the group are on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre throughout October. Shown here are *The Hunter and His Wife* by Dorothy Morrison and *Chay-Ka-Pish and Companion* by Richard Kamalatisit.

The show was arranged by the Thunder Bay National Exhibition Centre and Centre for Indian Art.

Which picture is which?

Two heads with geese: *The Hunter and His Wife* by Dorothy Morrison

Dog/wolf and person: *Chay-Ka-Pish and Companion* by Richard Kamalatisit

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GOV'T DIRECTORY WINS AWARD

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 21) - The NWT Business Directory, a Territorial government publication, has been judged the best of its kind in Canada by the country's Industrial Developers Association.

The award was announced at the association's 16th annual conference this month in Vancouver.

The NWT Business Directory is published jointly by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the government's Bureau of Statistics.

The Directory was judged best in class among business directories. There were 14 entries from across Canada. The judges said it was an interesting, easy-to-read and informative publication.

John (Jack) Lamoureux, manager of Economic Development's new Yellowknife resource centre, accepted the first-prize ribbon on behalf of the publishers.

"Our people work hard to put out the directory," said Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism. "It is nice to see their efforts recognized."

The 300-member Industrial Developers Association is made up of practitioners of industrial, economic and business development in Canada.

The NWT Business Directory, now in its second year, lists about 2,000 businesses in the north and is circulated to over 3,500 clients in northern Canada and the south.

At the conference, Lamoureux, an IDAC director, also received a certificate for completing a two-year economic development program conducted by the University of Waterloo in conjunction with IDAC.

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ADVISOR APPOINTED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept.19) - A government manager from the eastern Arctic has become a senior official of the Territorial government's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Robert Trudeau has been named senior advisor for policy and planning to Deputy Minister Jim Britton.

Announcement of the appointment was made today by Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

Trudeau was regional superintendent for the department in the Baffin region from 1980-83. He then took a nine-month leave-of-absence for independent research before assuming his new position this month.

Trudeau replace Don Weisbeck, who has become chief of tourism and superintendent of parks in the same department.

Trudeau has been involved in marketing and business consulting ever since he graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa with a B.A. in 1970. He has been a consultant to the Indian Association of Alberta, a management consultant to the Fort Hope, Ont. band, and a business consultant to the Alberta Indian Education Centre.

ADVISOR APPOINTED: PAGE 2

Last year Trudeau was the co-author of a book published by University of Toronto Press, When Freedom is Lost. It is a review of the impact of federal policies and programs on the Indian people and the Fort Hope band. He also is the author of many feasibility studies, most of them dealing with tourism development.

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EDUCATION MINISTERS MEET IN YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18) - Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today that the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada visited Yellowknife on September 15 and 16.

As a participant in the work of the council since 1981, Mr. Patterson has collaborated with provincial ministers of education on matters regarding interprovincial cooperation and liaison with the federal government.

During the visit, Mr. Patterson provided the ministers with an orientation to northern issues.

He also took the opportunity to informally address the ministers and their staff as minister of constitutional development and urged them to now give the NWT and Yukon full membership in the council in recognition of the fact that territorial jurisdiction in education is almost identical in all respects to that of the provinces. The two Territories at present have observer status in the council.

Mr. Patterson said he was very pleased with the ministers' response and, in particular, a statement from the chairman of CMEC, Nova Scotia Education Minister Terence Donahoe that he personally felt the NWT would soon achieve membership in the Council.

There was also an exchange of information among the ministers on teacher contracts.

Meetings took place at the Explorer Hotel.

At a special northern buffet dinner hosted by Mr. Patterson and Marie Uviluq, the ministers, several MLAs, and members of the Yellowknife City Council were entertained by "Grizzly" Frank Metcalfe and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Panigoniak of Eskimo Point.

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BUSINESSES TO BOOST TOURISM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18) - Nine tourism businesses from the Keewatin and Western Arctic go to Red Deer, Alta., next weekend to promote travel and adventure at TourCan '84.

TourCan, an annual Canadian travel trade marketplace, brings those businesses in the NWT with tourism products and services to offer face-to-face with buyers from across Canada.

Also attending TourCan will be a promotional delegation from the Territorial government's tourism section, TravelArctic.

The nine businesses and TravelArctic will have an opportunity to sell northern tourism to as many as 80 southern Canadian travel wholesalers at the four-day event.

After the show, 12 southern wholesalers will come north for a four-day tour of the Western Arctic. They will visit Yellowknife, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and several scenic spots. They also will meet with the Travel Industry Association and Northern Frontier Visitor's Association.

The nine northern businesses attending TourCan are: Raven Tours of Yellowknife; Bathurst Inlet Lodge; Lynx Tundra (Camps); Nonacho Lake fishing camp; YK Inn/Ptarmigan Inn; Explorer Hotel; Kitikmeot Arctic Tours, and two airlines: Calm Air and Liard Air.

Travel marketplaces are a prime method of promoting northern tourism and increasing sales in many related businesses, including arts and crafts, accommodations, food and beverages, transportation, sales and distribution outlets and attractions and events.

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BLACKSTONE COULD SET RECORD

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 21) - If this summer is an indication, the Territorial government's newest and largest park could set attendance records when it officially opens next summer.

Even though Blackstone territorial park on the banks of the Liard River is still under construction, more than 500 people visited it this summer by boat or road. The park is 150 km south of Fort Simpson and 120 km north of Fort Liard, adjacent to the Liard highway.

The total attendance was probably higher, says Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism, because the only method of estimating attendance is from the visitor's book, and not everyone signs it.

Visitors to the park came from as far away as Germany and Switzerland.

Blackstone is spread over 1800 hectares of the Liard Valley. Much of it is high stands of poplar, spruce and birch trees. The Territorial government has spent about \$900,000 developing it over the past four years.

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VISITOR CENTRE GOING UP AT BLACKSTONE

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 18) - A \$133,000 visitors information and interpretive centre made out of logs will be constructed this year at the Territorial government's newest and largest park.

A Fort Liard contractor, using workers from the Jean Marie River, Wrigley and Liard bands, will put up the building between now and December at the Blackstone Territorial park on the banks of the Liard River. The park is 150 km south of Fort Simpson and 120 km north of Fort Liard adjacent to the new Liard highway.

The contract to Great White North Expediting and General Contracting of Fort Liard was announced today by Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

The information and interpretive centre will feature displays of the park and of the communities along the Liard and Mackenzie highways, explanations of the land, resources and culture of the area and several audio-visual shows, including one of the nearby Nahanni national park.

Blackstone Park, under construction for several years, officially opens next summer. It takes in 1800 hectares, much of it large stands of spruce, birch and poplar.

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When the park opens about June of next year it will feature a log-construction visitors information and interpretive centre, trailer parking for more than 19 vehicles, hiking trails and a dock for both boats and float planes.

A special feature of Blackstone will be an outfitters' compound. This will allow tourists to charter directly by air or by boat into nearby Nahanni National Park and up the Nahanni River. Blackstone is only about 20 miles from the national park.

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WEISBECK HEADS TOURISM/PARKS

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 17) - An 11-year public servant has been appointed head of the Territorial government's tourism and parks operations.

Don Weisbeck, who has worked for government since 1973 and the Territorial government since 1975, has been made chief of tourism and superintendent of parks in the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Announcement of the appointment was made today by Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

The department's division of tourism and parks is in charge of all government tourism activities, planning, promotion and marketing. Tourism generates about \$60 million a year in the NWT and is its largest industry next to mining. The division also plans and operates 50 parks, campgrounds and day-use outdoor facilities in the north.

Weisbeck takes over the division from Alan Vaughan, who has been seconded as pavilion co-ordinator of the NWT pavilion at Expo 86 in Vancouver.

Until his new appointment, Weisbeck was senior advisor, policy and planning, in Economic Development. He started with government in the north in 1975 as a research officer with the department. Then, in 1978, he became an evaluation economist with the Department of Planning and Program Evaluation. In 1980 he was named chief of planning and resource development in Economic Development.

Weisbeck graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1973 with a bachelor of arts in honors economics. He received his master of arts in 1976. He began working for government in 1973 as a budget analyst with the Government of Saskatchewan.

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HEAD NAMED FOR NEW COLLEGE IN FROBISHER BAY

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 14) - An administrator with extensive experience in the North has been chosen to oversee the new Frobisher Bay campus of Thebacha College.

Mark Cleveland, 32, of Frobisher Bay, comes to the post after four years as Assistant Superintendent of Advanced Education in the Department of Education. Prior to that, he spent several years as an adult educator, first with Frontier College and then with the Department of Education.

In making the announcement, Education Minister Dennis Patterson drew attention to Mr. Cleveland's success in administering adult education programs and to his detailed knowledge of community education in the Baffin and Keewatin regions.

"Mr. Cleveland's appointment is a milestone," Mr. Patterson said, "the culmination of years of effort to bring education closer to the people of the Baffin and Keewatin."

Creation of a Frobisher Bay campus was approved by the Executive Council in early summer. The prime focus of the campus will be to bring programs to the communities, so that people don't have to travel long distances to continue their education.

In addition to coordinating the extension programs that are currently being offered by Thebacha College in Frobisher Bay and other communities in the Baffin and Keewatin regions, Cleveland is also charged with developing a plan for the future development of the Frobisher Bay campus, both in terms of course-offerings and facilities.

He must also find a name for the new campus.

Thebacha College is the only post-secondary institution in the NWT. The establishment of a campus in Frobisher Bay is the first step in the development of a community college system in the Territories.

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\$50,000 ANNOUNCED FOR FORT SMITH MUSEUM

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 14) - The Northern Life Museum and National Exhibition Centre in Fort Smith will receive \$50,000 from the Territorial government to help cover its operating budget for 1984-85.

In making the announcement, Richard Nerysoo, the Minister of Justice and Public Services, praised the museum for the professionalism of its programs and the quality of its collections.

The museum, which is second-largest in the NWT, focuses on the history of the western Arctic, with special attention to the Slave River area. It also hosts visiting exhibitions from all over Canada and the world.

The \$50,000 comes from the Program of Contributions to Community Museums, which is administered by the Museums Advisory Service of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

The total annual budget for the Fort Smith museum is about \$80,000. Additional funding is provided by the National Museums of Canada and the Town of Fort Smith.

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(Released on Behalf of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum)

POLICY ON REGIONAL COUNCILS SET BY NCF

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 13) - Members of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum (NCF) and representatives of Baffin, Keewatin and Kitikmeot Regional Councils and C.O.P.E. area developed a set of principles to guide ongoing discussions on the role and responsibilities of regional bodies in Nunavut. The principles were developed at a Regional Councils Workshop held at Cambridge Bay over the weekend.

The meeting was sponsored by NCF in response to the Regional Council's request for an opportunity to discuss their future in a Nunavut Territory.

Attending the meeting on behalf of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum were: Dennis Patterson, Minister Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development and Chairman NCF; John Amagoalik, President I.T.C.; Elijah Erkloo, MLA Foxe Basin; Charles Haogak, Vice-President C.O.P.E.

Attending on behalf of the Regional Councils and the COPE area were: from Baffin Regional Council, Iola Metuq, Mark Evaluarjuk and Ron Mongeau; from Keewatin Regional Council, Jack Anawak, Lucassie Nakoolak and Peter Katorka; from the Kitikmeot Regional Council, Frank Ipakohak, Steve Alookey, Edna Elias and Kelvin Ng; and from the proposed Western Arctic Regional Municipality, Howard McDiarmid.

POLICY ON REGIONAL COUNCILS: PAGE 2

The NCF extended an invitation to all regional bodies present to appoint a representative to attend future NCF meetings. NCF agreed to send a member to Regional Councils meetings whenever possible.

Participants also agreed to continue discussions on the role of regional bodies in Nunavut leading towards a position to be presented at the Nunavut Constitutional Convention.

Dennis Patterson, Chairman of the Nunavut Constitutional Forum said, "We are looking forward to working in close cooperation with the regions in developing Nunavut."

A copy of the principles is attached.

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NUNAVUT CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM
CAMBRIDGE BAY, NWT - SEPT. 9, 1984

PRINCIPLES

1. Support for continuing work on the creation of Nunavut.
2. Recognition of the need for strong central authority vested in a Nunavut Legislative Assembly in territorial program and policy decision.
3. Recognition of the need for responsive structures to represent the special needs of the regions of Nunavut and, where regional council determines it is appropriate, implementing those programs and policies through program delivery and administration.
4. Recognition of the need for further ongoing consultation between NCF and Regional Councils and COPE in respect of regional structures in Nunavut.
5. Recognition of the need for limiting excessive bureaucratic growth and multiplicity of organizations in Nunavut.
6. Recognition of the need for a smooth and orderly transition to new government to maintain service levels.
7. Recognition of the need for training as a high priority to meet the manpower needs of structures in Nunavut.
8. Recognition of the need for maintaining flexibility in the future in order that the development of regional government can progress and to permit possible variations among various regional government structures.
9. Recognition of the need to consider these questions in relation to emerging federal proposals and legislation respecting aboriginal self-government.
10. Recognition of the need for improved measures to ensure that public servants are responsive to regional interests.

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STUDENTS TO OBSERVE PAPAL VISIT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - Students in Fort Simpson will get a holiday next Tuesday, so that they can attend the ceremonies marking the Pope's visit to that community.

Elsewhere in the Territories, schools will be open as usual, but attention will focus on the television instead of on school texts.

Minister of Education Dennis Patterson has asked Superintendents of Schools throughout the Territories to arrange for students to watch the ceremonies on TV during school hours.

In making the request, Mr. Patterson noted that the Pope is an important world leader. "His visit to the NWT should be viewed by students as an important historic event," Mr. Patterson said.

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AGREEMENT REACHED ON TUK TECH

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - Tuk Tech, the vocational program that has been operating for the past 4 years out of Dome Petroleum's soon-to-be closed base camp at Tuktoyaktuk, will fortunately be able to continue this winter in other facilities, Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

Agreement has been reached after intensive efforts over the past month among Gulf, Esso Resources, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, and the Government of the Northwest Territories to house the classes in a number of locations in Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik.

Courses in nautical marine engineering, bridge watchkeeping, cooking and academic upgrading will be held in Tuktoyaktuk, while power engineering, trades orientation, stenography, and academic upgrading will be taught in Inuvik.

There will be space for 24 students at Tuktoyaktuk and 44 in Inuvik. These interim arrangements will allow the Institution to operate for the 1984/85 winter season, and a study is being undertaken to locate alternative facilities for the future.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON TUK TECH: PAGE 2

Tuk Tech was initiated in 1979 as a joint effort of the oil industry and the Federal and Territorial Governments to train Northerners for work in the Beaufort Sea oilfields. The requirement for Dome to close their base camp for the 1984/85 winter season, after absorbing a major share of the operating costs of Tuk Tech over the past 4 years, has meant that the program has to be located elsewhere.

The Minister points to the contribution of Dome, Esso, and Gulf in concert with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Government of the Northwest Territories as an outstanding example of the excellent cooperation required to maximize training opportunities in the North for northern people.

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1985 EXPLORERS' GUIDE READY FOR DECEMBER

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 12) - The 1985 Explorers' Guide, produced in full colour, will be ready for distribution by December 7, 1984.

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.

"This year's Guide will be expanded to 96 full colour pages and will continue to carry advertisements from northern tourism operators and retail businesses," said Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley. "Ads allow northern business operators to buy into a total marketing program which receives both national and international coverage."

Outcrop Ltd., a Yellowknife advertising and communications company, will research, design and produce the Guide which will highlight regional travel zones. Production will be handled through a partnership between TravelArctic and the NWT Travel Industry Association.

The industry supplement, the Travel Trade Manual, which accompanies the Guide will also be redesigned and expanded. The 1985 Manual will be 24 pages in length with a full colour cover to make it more appealing and competitive in the domestic and international marketplace.

Licensed NWT operators who wish to receive a free listing of their products and/or services should contact Outcrop.

TravelArctic is also collecting current slide photos for use in a variety of promotional brochures and audio-visual shows. Any operators who have photos of their facilities or area including general scenic and/or specific tourist scenes and would like to receive free promotion are asked to send them to TravelArctic for duplication.

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DAY CARE HEARINGS TO BE HELD IN NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 11) - The Federal government's Task Force on Day Care will hold hearings in Frobisher Bay on Friday, September 21. This will be the only meeting of the Task Force in the Northwest Territories.

All interested individuals and agencies in the NWT are invited to present their views, either verbally or in writing. Written submissions may be sent to Catherine Moore, President, Baffin Women's Association, Frobisher Bay, NWT or to Sheila Keet, Women's Secretariat, GNWT, Yellowknife, NWT.

No funds are available to subsidize travel to the hearings. However, the Women's Secretariat of the GNWT has hired one person to coordinate arrangements and solicit input.

The meeting is being cosponsored by the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the Baffin Women's Association.

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FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

HAY RIVER (Sept. 11) - September 16-23 is Freedom to Read week in the Northwest Territories and across Canada.

The week is sponsored by the Freedom of Expression Committee of the Book and Periodical Development Council (BPDC). The BPDC is an association of writers', editors', publishers', booksellers' and magazine distributors' organizations.

The week has been organized to alert Canadians to the increasing pressure for censorship of information and reading material.

"While the Northwest Territories does not face the pressures southern centres face regarding censorship, we can use this week to promote the many services our NWT Library system offers," says Library Services Chief Marion Pape. "We want residents to see our libraries as broad-based community information centres offering material on a variety of topics."

The NWT Library Service includes 21 member community libraries. Libraries participating in Freedom to Read week are located in Hay River, Yellowknife, Frobisher Bay and Rankin Inlet.

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FIRTH TO REPRESENT NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 10) - World class skier Sharon Firth will be representing the Northwest Territories during this winter's North American cross-country ski competitions.

Her tour is being financed by a \$31,500 Territorial government Executive Council grant, announced today by Minister of Information Nellie Cournoyea.

Firth's schedule involves 21 competitions and training camps in numerous United States and Canadian locations. It ends in early April at Calgary, Alta., where she is entered in the 5, 10 and 20 km races to determine North American championships.

Cournoyea said that during her travels Firth will also fill the role of a northern ambassador - promoting the north and the excellent opportunities it presents for outdoor activities, both summer and winter.

"This government is delighted to support this type of youth initiative," she said. "Sharon has set herself a pretty rough schedule, but with her determination and Olympic experience I know that she will do well for the North."

Sharon and her sister Shirley, now married and living in France, have been ranked as two of the best 25 world-class skiers, year after year, and the two best cross country skiers in Canada for the past 14 years.

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Sharon Firth

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CARPENTER APPOINTED TO FUR INSTITUTE POSITION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 10) - Les Carpenter of Inuvik has been appointed to the Public Information Committee of the Fur Institute of Canada.

"Mr. Carpenter was selected because of his knowledge of and interest in the fur industry," Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources Jim Bourque said today. Bourque is a director of the fur institute.

The Public Information Committee will co-ordinate all information about the activities of the fur institute and compile accurate information about the Canadian fur industry. The committee will also carry out studies where data is incomplete.

The Public Information Committee will also provide assistance to other committees of the institute so the public is kept well informed of program results.

By working closely with other pro-fur organizations such as the Fur Council of Canada and native organizations, the institute hopes to convince Canadians and others of the importance of the fur industry to our economy, Bourque said.

Carpenter was born in Fort McPherson, attended high school in Inuvik and studied journalism in Ontario. Through his work with the CBC and other employers, he has lived in Yukon, Frobisher Bay, Rankin Inlet and Sachs Harbour.

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FERRY SERVICE MISUNDERSTOOD

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 10) - Concerns voiced by Yellowknife residents and local newspapers about ferry operations during the Papal visit this month appear to reflect a misunderstanding of the situation, according to Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Works and Highways Gordon Barber.

Ferry service at Fort Providence will not be disrupted at any time, he said.

The MV Louis Cardinal, now moored at Providence, will be placed into service before the MV Merv Hardie moves to Fort Simpson for the period September 12 to 21.

The ferry could possibly return to Providence sooner if traffic at Fort Simpson is cleared earlier than now projected. The Hardie is expected to be away from Fort Providence for a shorter period than originally anticipated because of lower than expected traffic projections.

Barber stated he is aware of local concerns that low or falling water levels in the Liard River may prevent the Merv Hardie's return to Providence before freeze up.

However, he noted that water levels are being monitored daily and dredging of the Liard River ferry channel is in progress. If water levels begin to drop, the Hardie would be immediately returned to Providence. Water levels in the Liard are presently described as "high" and conditions look good.

Barber explained that the MV Louis Cardinal will operate from 6 am to midnight at Fort Providence during the absence of the Hardie.

It would also operate beyond the normal midnight shutdown as long as vehicles are waiting at the ferry approaches. No vehicle arriving on either side of the river by midnight would be left behind.

"In addition, every effort will be made to ensure that vehicles carrying perishables do not experience significant delays," Barber said.

The Merv Hardie and the Louis Cardinal are essentially the same. They have the same deck space for vehicles, the same structural capacity, can operate at the same speed and can both cross the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence in about 10 minutes.

Barber said they differ only in that the Louis Cardinal has a ramp at one end while the Merv Hardie has ramps at both ends. The latter allows drive-on, drive-off operation while vehicles must back on and drive off the Louis Cardinal.

"This type of operation will require some additional loading time, but lengthy delays are not anticipated," he said.

Meanwhile, records indicate traffic at Fort Providence in 1984 is about five per cent greater than 1983. Barber says the Louis Cardinal has adequate capacity to handle this normal increase as well as short-term peak traffic which could result because of the Papal visit.

Drivers wishing to up-date information about ferry service at Fort Providence and Fort Simpson at any time, and especially this month, should call Zenith 2010 (toll free) from communities on the highway system or 873-7799 in Yellowknife.

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MATURE STUDENT GRANTS AWARDED

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 5) - Five mature student grants, totalling \$40,000, have been awarded for the 1984-85 academic year, Education Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

This is a record number of awards, reflecting a record number of applications from students in masters and doctorale programs.

Full grants of \$10,000 each have been awarded to:

- Alice Hill of Inuvik, PhD in Economics at Harvard
- Judith Donaldson of Frobisher Bay, PhD in Biology, also at Harvard
- William Erasmus of Yellowknife, MA in Anthropology at the University of Alberta

Awards of \$5,000 go to:

- Lynn Hall of Yellowknife, Masters in Business Administration at the University of Saskatchewan
- Hugh Lloyd of Igloolik, MA in Canadian Studies at Carleton.

When the grant program for 1984 was announced, three grants of \$10,000 each were offered, but the fund was increased due to the number and calibre of the applicants.

MATURE STUDENT GRANTS: PAGE 2

Mature student grants are awarded annually at the discretion of the minister. Recipients must be at least 21 years of age and have resided in the NWT for a minimum of two years.

In making the awards, preference was given to students in post-graduate programs whose studies were judged to be of the greatest potential benefit to the NWT.

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NORRIS TO HEAD INUVIK REGION

YELLOWKNIFE (Sept. 5) - A native northerner has been appointed director of the Territorial government's Inuvik region.

Dan Norris - the first native person in the Territorial government to head a region - takes up his new duties Sept. 30.

The appointment was jointly announced today by Commissioner John Parker and Government Leader Richard Nerysoo.

Norris, a Metis, was born at a trading post about 22 miles south of Inuvik in 1935. He has been assistant regional director in Inuvik for the past four years.

Norris replaces Joe MacEachern, who is to become manager of the Yukon region for Northern Canada Power Commission (NCPC).

"We are sorry to lose Mr. MacEachern, but taking over the region is an equally valuable senior manager with years of experience in the Inuvik area," said Commissioner Parker.

"I am personally delighted at Mr. Norris' appointment," said Nerysoo. "He has the full support of the Executive Council."

Norris has spent all his life in the region. For five years he was office and base manager for an air charter company. He then worked four years in Inuvik, beginning in 1962, as manager of an agency office for the federal Department of Citizenship and Immigration. This was followed by three years as a personnel and administration officer for Indian and Northern Affairs.

Norris then began his long association with the Territorial government. For three years he was administrative officer to the regional executive offices. In 1972 he became regional personnel officer, then regional superintendent of personnel. In 1980 he was appointed assistant regional director.

Norris and his wife, Margaret McLeod Norris, have three children.

Joe MacEachern was regional director for three years. He came north in 1971 to teach high school at Frobisher Bay. In 1974 he became principal at Coral Harbour, then principal at Fort Providence, and from 1976-78 was area superintendent of education. From 1978-81 he was assistant regional director in Fort Smith. He became regional director in Inuvik in 1981.

"The government appreciates Mr. MacEachern's years of excellent service to the people of the north," said Commissioner Parker. "He is highly regarded in the Inuvik area and elsewhere in the NWT."

A decision has not yet been made on Norris' replacement as assistant regional director.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL FUNDING APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - Minister of Local Government Nick Sibbeston today announced funding for regional and tribal councils across the NWT.

Funding for the various councils was recently approved by the Executive Council and is made up of the following amounts:

Baffin Regional Council	\$250,000
Beaufort/Delta Council	125,000
Deh Cho Regional Council	135,000
Dogrib Tribal Council	115,000
Keewatin Regional Council	168,500
Kitikmeot Regional Council	160,000
Shihta Regional Council	95,000
South Slave Council	85,000

These contributions will provide funding for the councils' operations for the next year, the Minister said.

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WORK UNDERWAY ON GNWT PLAN OF ACTION FOR WOMEN

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 31) - Work has started on preparing a plan of action to ensure the equality of women within the Territorial government's civil service.

A group of senior government officials met August 29 with Dr. Lindsay Niemann, senior advisor on international affairs for Status of Women Canada, to begin development of a plan.

Development of the action plan was endorsed by the Executive Council in July. Plans are being developed by all provinces and territories in conjunction with the Canadian government's submission reviewing and appraising the achievements of the United Nations' Decade for Women.

The Decade for Women will end in 1985 with an international conference in Nairobi, Kenya in July. In 1979, one of the major recommendations of the world plan resulted in formulation of an international standard aimed at eliminating discrimination against women.

A decision was made by the Canadian government in October 1981 to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and as a result, governments are now required to comply with these obligations.

A questionnaire has been developed and sent to all member countries of the UN for response. This questionnaire provides a database to evaluate and assess each government's records on rights for women. All responses will have input into the global document which will be produced by the July 1985 End of Decade conference.

Information will be collected from GNWT departments in response to the questionnaire. Each department will also be asked to outline strategies and recommendations for action.

"How our plan develops will depend on the data collected from these departments," Sheila Keet, acting executive director of Status of Women Secretariat, told the meeting.

When the information has been collected, a draft action plan will be produced and presented to the Executive Council for approval in principle. The draft document will then be made available to the public to collect input from groups and individuals across the NWT.

A consultant has been hired to assist in collecting the information and drafting the plan. The first stage in development of the plan - completion of the UN survey - is expected to be finished in mid-October.

"It is very important to develop effective action plans within government to provide strong role models for the private sector," Dr. Niemann said.

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GNWT DEVELOPING UNIFORM NAPHTHA PROGRAM

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 30) - The Territorial government is developing a uniform pricing system for naphtha.

The Department of Government Services provides naphtha in communities which have a government petroleum contractor. The program now operates in the western, central and eastern Arctic. The program is not operated in communities which have gas stations run by private enterprise.

Naphtha is used as a heating and cooking fuel by many NWT residents.

In the western and central Arctic, Government Services sells naphtha in 45-gallon containers which is then pumped from the drum into 5-gallon cans. In the Eastern Arctic naphtha is now offered in 4 litre cans at a set government price.

Two western Arctic communities now also have naphtha available in 4 litre cans. In Sachs Harbour and Paulatuk, naphtha can be purchased from a government contractor at \$6.99 per can.

By 1985, naphtha will be available in 4 litre cans in all communities served by the Department of Government Services.

"Our existing inventory in 45 gallon drums will be sold before we start using the 4-litre cans in each community," said Government Services Minister Tom Butters. "However, for the year it will take to deplete our inventory, my department is reviewing the drum product prices and any price changes for this type of product will be announced in October after the sealift supply."

The Territorial government has used the 45-gallon drum system for naphtha for a number of years.

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YK HOSPITAL PLANS ON SCHEDULE

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 29) - Plans for the new 135-bed Stanton Yellowknife Health Centre are proceeding on schedule.

Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin and hospital board chairman Larry Babiuk today said working drawings for the \$36.8 million facility are progressing well. Tenders for the project will be requested early in 1985.

Construction will begin next spring and is expected to be completed in 1987.

"Senior department officials and I will be viewing the plans with the architect this coming week to ensure their completion by January," the minister said.

McLaughlin thanked the hospital's board of directors and Babiuk for their hard work and dedication, in co-operation with the Territorial department of health.

Babiuk added that "without the substantial support of all parties involved, the project would probably not have progressed to this stage. The City of Yellowknife, local MLAs and the Western Arctic Member of Parliament have all played a role in lobbying the Federal government to secure their portion of the funding for the facility".

The new health centre will have 105 acute care beds, 10 psychiatric beds, 20 extended care beds and several specialist physicians' clinics. The health centre will provide services for residents of both Yellowknife and other NWT communities.

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NEW FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERRITORIES ANNOUNCED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 28) - NWT Minister of Finance, Tom Butters announced today that the Federal Treasury Board of Canada has approved a new funding mechanism for the Territories.

The new fiscal arrangements called formula-based financing replace the current negotiation method by which annual grants are determined for the Territories.

Butters emphasized that the new funding arrangement is critical to the development of responsible government in the north. The principle of formula financing was recommended in the Drury Commission Report and promotes management accountability and fiscal responsibility.

"This new arrangement means that northerners will not only have more freedom to determine where their government money is spent but it also means that they will bear increasing responsibility for fiscal planning and management that goes with this increased independence," Butters said.

The formula was developed by an intergovernmental task force and has been under discussion for four years. Butters acknowledged the considerable support of the former minister of DIAND, John Munro, and his colleague, Herb Gray, president of the Treasury Board, who in his trip to the North two years ago agreed that a revised approach to funding the Territories was necessary.

Most recently, Douglas Frith, minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, was instrumental in expediting federal approval of formula financing, said Butters. He also acknowledged the excellent work done by Frith's department.

The introduction of formula-based financing is a significant political accomplishment, because unlike the current funding arrangement the NWT has with Ottawa, it gives the Territories more latitude to allocate the money it receives, it provides an opportunity for improved fiscal planning, and it allows the Territories to raise other revenues without decreasing the federal funds it gets.

Under the old system new policy issues required separate federal approval of both policy and funding and supplementary funding could also be requested. Under the new system, most new policy initiatives will not need federal approval and the Territorial government will have the power to allocate funding for them from existing or new revenues, but supplementary funding won't be an option.

The decision of Treasury Board would permit implementation in the 1985-86 fiscal year.

While some technical aspects of the new arrangement are incomplete, the three year formula financing agreement will still allow the NWT to obtain federal financial assistance in the areas of resource-related mega development, federally-initiated programs, land claims and constitutional development and in the transfer of federal programs to the Territorial government.

As well, the NWT Government understands that separate proposals are under development to allocate discretionary revenues to the Territories to deal with costs related to resource development.

The minister hailed this as a major achievement in the political and constitutional development in the North, noting that it will foster increased financial responsibility and independence for the Territories.

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CREE ARTISTS' SHOW AT NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

YELLOWKNIFE (August 28) - Weneebaykook, an exhibition of the work of seven printmakers from the James Bay area, opens September 5 at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Based in Moosonee, Ontario, the artists are all Cree from the southwestern coast of James Bay. "Weneebaykook", a Cree word meaning 'around the shores of James Bay', is also a facility in Moosonee housing the artists' studios, a print workshop, business offices and art gallery.

"The art of Weneebaykook conveys a sense of place - of James Bay - that makes these individual artists a distinctive group. James Bay permeates their art", according to Elizabeth McLuhan, curator of the Thunder Bay National Exhibition Centre and Centre for Indian Art, who are organizing and circulating this travelling exhibit.

"The human values and spiritual qualities necessary to survival within this environment are portrayed and the life cycle is described in an unpretentious but eloquent style," McLuhan explains.

The silkscreen prints of Oliver Davey, Leo Etherington, Richard Kamalatisat, Allan Linklater, Alec McCauley, Dorothy Morrison and John Reuben are included in this show which will be in the Mezzanine Gallery of the Northern Heritage Centre until October 31.

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EDA AIDS BUSINESS STUDIES

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 24) - Three NWT organizations examining new business opportunities have accepted offers of assistance totalling \$80,924 under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement.

Funding for the feasibility studies is being cost-shared under the Opportunity Identification program of the Domestic Market Sub-Agreement, with the federal Department of Regional and Industrial Expansion (DRIE) providing \$72,832 and the Territorial government \$8,092.

Announcement of the funding was made today by federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Doug Frith on behalf of David Smith, federal minister for Small Business and Tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The feasibility studies will assess the benefits, viability and costs involved in expanding or establishing three business enterprises.

The Native Communications Society of the Western Arctic will receive \$35,406 to assess the possibility of expanding its present video tape production and markets.

DRIE is providing \$31,866 of the total funding, with the Territorial government contributing \$3,540 towards the approximately \$40,000 study.

Issues addressed in the study will include the potential and market for increased video production, the nature and cost of equipment, the organizational structure required and the possible training opportunities available for native participants.

The Native Communications Society now produces video tape productions and wishes to expand its operations to include more commercial contract work and perhaps drama and children's shows.

In their application for funding, the society said the basic intent of the expansion would be to "promote communications between native and non-native people" while putting the society in a better earning position.

Yellowknife consultants Adams, Mann, Hinchey and Company will carry out the study, expected to be completed by December 31, 1984.

The Mackenzie Delta Regional Development Corporation Ltd. will receive \$36,518 to assess the feasibility of expanding service by acquiring the assets of Ram Air Ltd. of Inuvik. Acquisition of Ram Air's assets would augment the development corporation's present air operation, Antler Air Ltd., with improved equipment and licensing to add scheduled air service to the present Antler charter operation.

The feasibility study will assess the cost of the amalgamation, determine the viability of the proposed merger and examine means of financing the purchase.

Avcon Aviation Consultants of Calgary and Adams, Mann, Hinchey and Company of Yellowknife will carry out the study jointly, with completion expected December 31 of this year.

Andy Carpenter of Sachs Harbour is receiving \$9,000 to assist in the summer operation of the community's White Fox Inn. DRIE is providing \$8,100 of the funding with the Territorial government contributing \$900.

The funding will assist in the summer operation of the tourist inn, practically assessing the viability of the hotel for future seasonal operation. By trial operation, Carpenter will determine the adequacy and condition of the facility, repair and operating costs, staff requirements and expected trade. A Canadian Executive Services professional volunteer will provide managerial assistance and operations monitoring. Profits from the summer's operation are expected to be applied towards purchase of the White Fox Inn. The trial season ends October 31.

The Opportunity Identification program is designed to assist in studies of commercial prospects in a broad range of industries, from tourism to resource harvesting.

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EDA PROVIDES \$100,000 TO THREE BUSINESSES

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 24) - Three NWT businesses establishing or expanding operations have accepted offers of assistance totalling \$101,564 under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

The assistance is cost-shared under the Small Business Development Incentive Program of the Domestic Market Development Sub-Agreement, with the federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) providing \$91,408 and the Territorial government \$10,156.

Announcement of the funding was made today by federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Doug Frith on behalf of David Smith, federal minister for Small Business and Tourism, and by Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

One new business is being established.

The Beaufort Inn in Tuktoyaktuk is re-opening with the assistance of \$94,350 in funding. DRIE is contributing \$84,915 to Tuk resident Jean McLeod, while the Territorial government will contribute \$9,435. Mr. McLeod's almost \$250,000 investment will purchase the property, renovate facilities and repair equipment to provide a year-round, quality hotel, dining room and take-out, fast-food service. The hotel consists of two motel trailer units comprising six rooms and a permanent wooden structure on pilings consisting of eight hotel rooms, a kitchen, dining room, laundry and utility rooms with equipment. The hotel will cater to local dining trade, oil crews, tourists and business stop-over clients. Four to five full-time jobs and one part-time job are expected to be created.

Two other businesses will be expanding their operations. They are:

- L and C Enterprises of Chesterfield Inlet receiving \$5,314, with DRIE contributing \$4,783 and the Territorial government \$531. L and C owner Leonard Putilik will apply the funding to his more than \$17,000 purchase of a new club wagon to be used to expand his taxi service for residents and tourists. One permanent part-time job is to be created by the expansion, with truck delivery expected on this year's sealift;

- The Upholstery Shop in Yellowknife receives \$1,900, with DRIE contributing \$1,710 and the Territorial government providing \$190. Owner Steven Freeland will apply the funding to increasing his inventory, buying new sewing equipment and repairing his business vehicle. With additional private financing, Freeland will be able to expand to provide the only car stereo installation service in the city and car accessory sales.

Businesses with annual sales of less than \$2 million are eligible for assistance to expand, modernize or establish facilities under the Small Business Development Incentive program. The program provides up to 40 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$100,000 for the establishment of new facilities, and up to 30 per cent for the expansion or modernization of facilities or equipment. The businesses must be predominantly owned by NWT residents, who must provide a minimum of 20 per cent of the eligible costs of any project.

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BUSINESS LOAN POLICY APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 24) - A new Territorial Business Loans and Guarantees policy, which will provide financial assistance to northern entrepreneurs, has been approved by the Executive Council.

Approval of the new policy was announced today by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

"This new policy will result in faster service, easier and more direct contact between businessmen and the loaning agency," stated the minister. "My department is already working on the new ordinance and regulations needed to make the policy law."

Under the new policy, a NWT Business Loan Board will be established. This board will be chaired by the deputy minister of economic development and tourism with members from each of the five regions and five members from the Eskimo Loan Fund Board. The loan board will have the authority to consider applications of up to \$500,000 for NWT business enterprises.

Five Regional Loan Boards will also be set up with the regional superintendents of the department of economic development and tourism as chairmen. These boards will have the authority to consider applications of up to \$50,000 for any business enterprise.

According to the policy, business enterprises can apply directly to the GNWT for loans if they cannot obtain a loan from a commercial lending agency at reasonable terms and conditions. Loan guarantees can be applied for by a financial institute as a condition to providing loan assistance to a business enterprise. Guarantees are intended to permit the borrower to establish a credit rating for future needs, to allow for a variable line of credit and to expose the client to the banking system.

Loan and loan guarantees will be approved if the following criteria are met:

- loan is not available from a financial institute at reasonable terms and conditions;
- loan is for a legitimate business venture;
- there is a reasonable certainty of repayment of principal and interest;
- reasonable security requirements are met;
- a minimum of 10 per cent equity is provided unless waived by the appropriate Business Loan Board.

Certain financial conditions will be attached to each loan depending on the amount and terms of the loan. Under the new policy, interest rates for new loans or renegotiated loans will be set quarterly - January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

Businessmen receiving loans and loan guarantees will be subject to accountability and audit requirements and must maintain, and make available for inspection, records, files and books. For loan guarantees, applications must be checked by a financial institution and the borrower must be consulted regarding terms and conditions.

Information required for the applications include proof of NWT business registration, purpose and amount of financial assistance, effect assistance will have on the business enterprise and financial data. Only NWT residents, who have lived here for at least three years, are eligible for loans under this policy.

Local Economic Development and Tourism offices
will provide and process applications for loans and
loan guarantees.

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PARKS DIVISION ISSUES BEAR WARNING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 23) - Campers heading out to Territorial campgrounds in the next month are advised to watch for bears.

"There have been numerous black bear sightings in several of our Territorial parks, particularly in the Yellowknife area," says Don Moir, supervisor of Parks for the Tourism and Parks Division. "We want campers to know that bears have been sighted in parks and what precautions to take when they see a bear."

He advises all campers to be aware of the danger from bears. When a bear is sighted, campers should stay clear of the bear and notify the park officer. If the park officer is not available, campers should vacate the park and inform Wildlife Services or Territorial Parks officers of the sighting on their return to town.

Park officials also request that campers don't leave food in tents, around their campsite or on picnic tables. Campers should burn what garbage they can and dispose of the rest in a proper manner. This means bagging and sealing it, and placing it in the garbage containers provided in the park. Some parks have bear-proof garbage areas. Campers should also close or put garbage can lids on the containers. If there is no garbage can in the park or the garbage can is damaged, campers are asked to report this to the parks officer.

The Tourism and Parks Division is now working on a major bear program for the 1985 season, says Moir.

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"We want campers to enjoy their stay in our Territorial parks but we don't want them to minimize the danger of bears," he added.

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(Released on behalf of Beverly and Kaminuriak Caribou Management Board)

MANAGEMENT PLAN MAIN TOPIC OF CARIBOU MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 21) - The latest draft of a plan for management of the Beverly and Kaminuriak caribou herds was the focus of the Caribou Management Board meeting held in Fort Smith from August 14-17. Members of the Board discussed the audience for which the plan was intended and agreed that it should be for the benefit of users, decision makers and as direction for resource managers, in that order of priority.

Members agreed that for the plan to be effectively received it would need to be provided in different formats and at different levels of detail, depending on the particular audience. "It is most difficult to have one plan that is all things to all people," said James Schaefer, Board Chairman. "I think it was important at this meeting for the Board to evaluate the progress with the plan and give a strong commitment to working hard for a next draft."

The original drafting committee was expanded to include increased user representation and directed to produce a revised draft of the plan for the next board meeting to be held in Saskatoon from November 20-22.

The Board reviewed in detail an important part of the plan entitled, Information, Education and Communication, and ratified plans for immediate action.

Members heard several reports that contribute information for other parts of the plan, including a preliminary report on the native harvest of wildlife in the Keewatin (prepared for the Keewatin Wildlife Federation). This was a major endeavour of the Inuit in the Keewatin Region and will be extremely valuable to the Board's understanding of caribou ecology. Copies of the report are available by contacting the Keewatin Wildlife Federation office at Rankin Inlet (645-2481). An Inuktitut version will be available in October. The board also received a summary of the 1984 Caribou Protection Measures (from Indian and Northern Affairs), and a report on the physical condition of the Beverly herd in March 1984 from Don Thomas, a biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service.

The Board reviewed a video tape made to introduce its Barren Ground Caribou Schools Program and approved the shipment of Unit 1 of the program to distribution centres for onward transmission to schools in caribou-using communities, where they will be provided to teaching staffs as a valuable resource tool.

In a busy schedule of meetings over four days, the Board:

- met with Hiram Beaubier, Regional Director-General of the Northern Program, Indian and Northern Affairs, to discuss their concerns about inadequate fire protection of the caribou range and to hear his views on the relationship between the Board's activities and those of the NWT Fire Management Committee;
- was urged, at a public meeting with Fort Smith residents, to support the transfer of fire fighting responsibilities from the federal government to the NWT government;
- discussed a pilot project, to take place in November, during which biologists will place radio collars on adult female caribou in the Kaminuriak herd. The pilot project will test ways of capturing the animals, allow a check on the operation of the transmitters, and will provide valuable training to the team that will conduct the full-scale program beginning in 1985;

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- elected Ross Thompson, the Manitoba government's representative on the Board, to the position of Vice-Chairman. Mr. Thompson replaces Rick Goulden, also of Manitoba, who withdrew from the Board because of the pressures of other business;
 - asked its Chairman, James Schaefer, to represent the Board at a caribou workshop to be held in Quebec province in October;
 - heard that initial analysis of a survey of reproduction in the Beverly and Kaminuriak herds showed there was a good survival of calves to yearling age during the winter of 1983-84. Detailed results will be available in the fall.

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NEW BUSINESS DIRECTORY COMING

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 20) - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the NWT Bureau of Statistics are preparing the 1985 Business Directory.

Questionnaires are now in the mail to businesses to ensure they're listed in next year's Directory, due to come out in January. The listings are free.

The current Directory contains detailed listings of over 70 percent of Territorial businesses.

"The Directory is proving very successful among business people", says Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism. "They use it not only to promote their own goods and services but also as an information source of what goods and services in the NWT others have to offer them".

The questionnaires in the mail are going to all businesses listed in the 1984 Directory, in order to update the information, plus other businesses identified since the first Directory was published.

"Our aim is to have all eligible businesses in the Northwest Territories listed in the Directory", says Pam Pirie of the business development division.

Businesses that do not receive a questionnaire by the end of August are asked to contact the business development division, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Government of the Northwest Territories, Laing Building, Yellowknife, X1A 2L9 or telephone collect: (403) 873-7383.

The new Directory will be mailed to all listed businesses, Chambers of Commerce and municipalities, resource companies, federal and Territorial government departments and other buyers.

In order to publish the '85 issue next January, the department has to have its business listings compiled by October.

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WRIT ISSUED FOR YK SOUTH BY-ELECTION

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 16) - NWT Commissioner John Parker today issued an order authorizing a by-election October 15 in the constituency of Yellowknife South.

The by-election was made necessary by the resignation of Lynda Sorensen, the member who has represented the constituency since 1979. Mrs. Sorensen resigned in order to be a candidate in the Federal general election.

Nominations for candidates in the by-election close September 10. Enumeration will be carried out between September 10 and 15.

Polling will take place on Monday October 15 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

To be eligible to vote in the by-election, voters must be Canadian citizens, 19 years of age or older, have lived in the Northwest Territories since at least August 16, 1984 and be residents of the constituency of Yellowknife South.

Returning officer for the election is Ruth McKendrick. Her telephone number is 873-8804 and her office is in Room 818 of Northern United Place.

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FERRY SERVICE TO INCREASE AT FORT SIMPSON

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 15) - During the Pope's visit to Fort Simpson in September, the Department of Public Works and Highways will supplement regular ferry service at the Liard River by moving the Merv Hardie ferry from the Mackenzie River crossing at Fort Providence for a period of about 15 days.

Ferry service at Fort Providence will be maintained by the M.V. Louis Cardinal which has been used in the past at this crossing on a temporary basis.

The ferry now in operation at Fort Simpson, the M.V. Johnny Berens, can carry about 500 automobiles in one direction in 24 hours. The Merv Hardie ferry can carry 10 automobiles at once and has ramps at both ends which allows drivers to drive on and off. Together these two ferries will be able to carry about 50 automobiles per hour in one direction. Both will operate continuously 24 hours a day or as traffic warrants and will be able to move 1,200 automobiles a day into Fort Simpson. Total ferry capacity may be below this figure because some visitors will be driving cars with trailers or motorhomes.

The water level in the Liard River is now higher than normal, but September is traditionally a low water period. Dredging of the Liard River is now being done so that both ferries will be able to operate safely and efficiently. The water levels in both the Mackenzie and Liard Rivers will be monitored daily. Any noticeable drop in the Mackenzie River water level during September will be a signal to return the Merv Hardie to Fort Providence. Freeze-up is not expected before the end of September after the Merv Hardie has been returned to Fort Providence.

The department examined several options to increase vehicle access to Fort Simpson during the Pope's visit including a temporary fixed or floating bridge, with an estimated cost of \$1 million, and a tug/barge system. Both these options were considered unsuitable. The Louis Cardinal ferry could not be used at the Liard crossing because it has turbine motors which are susceptible to major damage if operated in a river which contains a lot of sand and sediment.

The Louis Cardinal ferry can carry nine automobiles at once and has a ramp at only one end which means drivers must back on and drive off. This ferry has been in operation at Arctic Red River for the past five years and no significant problems with this type of back-on, drive-off operation have been reported. Backing on requires slightly more time than driving on and minor delays should be expected.

The Louis Cardinal is wider than the M.V. Hardie and is long enough to carry a vehicle of the maximum legal length such as a tractor plus two trailers with a total length of 24.4 metres.

Drivers crossing at Fort Providence are likely to be more experienced northerner drivers, including many professional transport drivers, who will be able to manoeuvre a tractor plus one trailer in reverse onto the ferry. Enlarged turning areas at both Fort Providence ferry approaches will be installed this month so large vehicles will have enough room to reverse safely and back onto the ferry. Temporary parking/storage areas will be provided on each side of the Mackenzie River so that tractor trailer drivers can drop one trailer if necessary. This should affect double trailer units only, particularly fuel tankers.

While there will be no interruption of service at Fort Providence, businesses which receive goods from the south should be aware of these arrangements and perhaps consider stockpiling any commodities such as fuel which may be more difficult to transport on the M.V. Louis Cardinal.

GNWT staff are working closely with the trucking industry to insure any problems which may arise from these temporary arrangements can be handled quickly and easily.

Meetings with representatives of the NWT Motor Transport Association and other interested parties will be scheduled as necessary to insure that ferry service at both crossings run smoothly.

In order to handle the major traffic flow to and from Fort Simpson, this temporary arrangement will be in effect from approximately September 10 to 25.

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GNWT ASSISTS NAPHTHA USERS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 15) - Residents in the Baffin and Keewatin regions will be able to purchase naphtha this fall at a lower, set government rate.

Proposed government prices for naphtha were announced today by Government Services Minister Tom Butters. The proposed prices, per four litre can, are \$6.61 in the Keewatin region and \$7.18 in the Baffin.

"The high cost of naphtha in these regions, where it is used extensively for heating and cooking purposes, warrants this special assistance," said the minister. "Concerns raised by both MLA's and residents about the costs prompted our entry into the naphtha business."

Last year residents in Baker Lake paid \$11.08 for a four litre can of naphtha while in Igloolik it sold for \$10.56 at the Bay and \$7.88 at the Co-op.

Naphtha, at government prices, will be available from local petroleum products contractors in each community.

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CANADA-NWT SKILLS GROWTH TRAINING AGREEMENT SIGNED

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 13) - Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of transport, on behalf of John Roberts, federal minister of employment and immigration, and Dennis Patterson, NWT minister of education, today announced the signing of an agreement under the Skills Growth Fund between the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) and the government of the Northwest Territories.

Under this agreement, CEIC will contribute \$1,704,000 to the expansion of Thebacha College's trade complex to provide adequate housing of shop and equipment facilities in the millwright, plumber/pipefitter and welding trades. These facilities will serve the college's apprenticeship and pre-employment students.

The Territorial government will contribute \$1.2 million to the program's completion.

"This is the first joint project funded under the Skills Growth Fund provision contained in the Training Agreement between Canada and the Northwest Territories," noted Mr. Patterson. "This co-operative effort will enable my department to provide training for northerners wishing to enter the workforce."

"Thebacha College is the primary post-secondary institution in the Northwest Territories," said Mr. Axworthy. "The joint involvement of CEIC and the Territorial government will help the college meet the expected training needs in the north."

The agreement was signed by Northwest Territories Commissioner John H. Parker, NWT Education Minister Dennis Patterson, Reg Gates, Director General of CEIC for Alberta/NWT Region, and Horace Crozier, Director of CEIC in the Northwest Territories.

The Skills Growth Fund was established under the National Training Act to improve the capacity of Canadian training institutions to train people for occupations that will be of high demand in the future and to meet the training needs of special groups.

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EDA FUNDING APPROVED FOR THREE RENEWABLE RESOURCES PROJECTS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 9) - An experimental yak-raising venture in Fort Simpson, a study into a silver fox ranch in the Hay River/Enterprise Corridor and expansion of a big-game outfitting business in the Western Arctic are the three latest projects to receive funding under the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Grants totalling more than \$75,000 were announced today by the Hon. Douglas Frith, federal minister of Indian affairs and northern development, and the Hon. Nellie Cournoyea, NWT minister of Renewable Resources.

The funding is granted under the Natural Resources Development subsidiary agreement of the EDA.

Here are some details of the three projects approved:

- Experimental yak-raising project in Fort Simpson - O. Watsyk.
Four cows and one bull will be purchased from Alberta.
Total cost of project - \$17,500
INAC share - \$15,750
GNWT share - \$ 1,750
Potential benefits: meat production, breeding stock, tourist attraction, northern research into alternate meat source.

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- Study into feasibility of establishing a silver fox operation in Hay River/Enterprise Corridor - Warren and Nancy Magrum.
Boreal Ecology Services Ltd. will be contracted to do a feasibility study based on financial and biological assessments.

Total cost of project - \$25,000

INAC share - \$22,500

GNWT share - \$ 2,500

Potential benefits: Final document will be available to all interested parties; a viable silver fox ranch in the NWT.

- Expansion of the big-game outfitting business in the Western Arctic - Inuvialuit Development Corporation. A marketing and promotional campaign will be developed and new hunt packages designed to appeal to a wider range of clientele.

Total cost of project - \$33,251

INAC share - \$29,926

GNWT share - \$ 3,325

Potential benefits: Increased work for local hunters and guides, plus eventual self-sufficiency of hunters and trappers' associations in managing the outfitting business without assistance of Guided Arctic Expeditions management service.

In making the announcement, Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Frith said he was pleased with the quality of applications being received under the Natural Resources sub-agreement.

"They demonstrate a willingness and keenness on the part of northerners to plan for their future and to be self-sufficient within the NWT," he said.

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TUKTOYAKTUK ARENA MAY BE REBUILT

INUVIK (Aug. 07) - Government of the Northwest Territories officials in Inuvik have recommended closure of the Tuktoyaktuk arena after studies disclosed structural defects in the building's foundations.

Charles McGee, Superintendent of Local Government for the Inuvik Region, said that while a final decision has not yet been made on the future of the facility, the likely course of action would be to dismantle the structure and then reconstruct it once the foundations have been rebuilt.

"We would like to dismantle the arena this fall, stack the materials on site, and then rebuild the facility in the summer of 1985," McGee said, adding final approval must first be given by the GNWT's Financial Management Board.

The arena was constructed by the community in the early 1970s with the assistance of a grant from the GNWT. However, due to the nature of the shifting soil on the site, there have been problems with the foundation almost from the time the building was opened.

In 1978 the GNWT recognized there were foundation problems with the building due to the nature of the soil and invested about \$250,000 to repair the foundations. However, while the 1978 repairs have stood up for almost seven years, it now looks as if the foundations will have to be completely rebuilt.

"There have been unforeseen problems with the nature of the ground on that site," the Regional Superintendent of Local Government said. "The community wasn't aware of the severity of the substructure of that ground back in the early 70s, so they built a normal foundation and it didn't hold."

The arena was not used by the community at all during the winter of 1983-84 and has seen only limited use for the past several years. Improvements which will be made to the facility when it is rebuilt should allow it to be used more often. Plans for radiant heaters and bleachers for spectators are in the works for the reconstruction.

The hamlet's newly-constructed community hall, which is attached to the arena, would not be affected by the dismantling.

"The community hall would remain open while the work on the arena is being done," McGee said. "It (the hall) was designed as a totally separate structure with an interconnecting walkway."

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NWT/CANADA SIGN YOUNG OFFENDERS FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 02) - The Solicitor General of Canada Robert Kaplan and NWT Minister of Social Services Bruce McLaughlin announced today the Northwest Territories and the Federal government have signed an agreement for Federal financial support for juvenile justice services in the NWT.

Similar agreements have been signed with all provinces and territories except Ontario and Quebec.

The agreement provides for an annual federal contribution to the NWT of 50 per cent of the costs of alternative measures programs, custodial services and bail supervision. In addition, the Federal government will share in any new or additional costs associated with the community-based sentencing provisions of the Young Offenders Act, including innovative programs such as fine options, restitution services and community work orders.

As well, the NWT will receive outright a grant of \$500,000 to assist the Territories in implementing the new legislation which came into force April 2. This grant is part of a \$25 million grant to assist each province and territory in responding to its unique implementation needs and priorities.

Kaplan stated the financial arrangement that has been established by this agreement meets, and expands on, the Federal government's previous commitment to share in the costs of custodial services, but more importantly provides for significant new financial assistance in support of community-based programs.

Programs such as alternative measures and restitution services are being designed to meet the needs and concerns of the young person, the victims of crime and the community at large, Kaplan said.

"We specifically want to encourage the provinces and territories to develop programs and make full use of the alternatives to incarceration provided for in the new offenders act," said Kaplan.

The Solicitor General also noted that the Federal government has made funds available to support the development of innovative programs, research and other activities related to implementation of the act. These funds, totalling more than \$20 million, are in addition to the implementation grants and the cost-sharing arrangements.

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GNWT TO COVER MEDICAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR SENIORS

YELLOWKNIFE (Aug. 01) - The Territorial government will now pay the total cost of airfare for senior citizens whose medical travel is the responsibility of the GNWT.

Until now, NWT residents 65 and over whose medical transportation is not covered by Health and Welfare Canada have been required to make a contribution of \$50 for a one-way or \$100 for a return trip, Minister of Health Bruce McLaughlin said in announcing the recent decision.

This medical travel for Dene and Inuit residents will continue to be covered by Health and Welfare Canada.

The new policy covers the cost of airfare for patients when travel is required to the nearest centre where treatment or hospital care can be obtained, the minister said.

"Senior citizens, in most cases, are living on fixed incomes and are high users of health services. This additional payment had placed a financial burden on seniors trying to cope with the high cost of living in the North," the minister explained.

"Eliminating the payment will provide a direct benefit to these senior citizens," McLaughlin said.

The move will affect approximately 400 NWT residents.

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GNWT TO REVIEW BEAUFORT REPORT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 31) - The Territorial government will review and evaluate the 300-page Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Panel report released today.

Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Tagak Curley has directed an interdepartmental committee to review the report, its recommendations and conclusions to assess what planning, financial, economic and political implications it may have for the Northwest Territories and for the government. The review also will identify any recommendations or conclusions which do not support GNWT policies.

Over the past year, the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Panel conducted an extensive review of the oil industry's development proposals for the Beaufort Delta region.

In a submission presented to the panel last December, former Energy Minister Richard Nerysoo outlined the Territorial government's position and recommendations regarding development in the region.

The submission stated that the Territorial government supports small scale development for the area and use of small diameter pipelines to transport Mackenzie Delta oil rather than ice breaking oil tankers.

GNWT recommendations to the panel included increasing human and financial resources to deal with expanding industrial activity; improved monitoring of socio-economic impacts of projects; increasing training and adult education programs in the affected areas and development of long term business opportunities. Nerysoo also recommended that the GNWT be consulted on all development project decisions.

"I have only briefly looked over the report and was pleased to see that the panel recommendations supported small scale developments," said Curley. "This reinforces our position that smaller projects are more likely to respond to the needs and concerns of community residents."

"I appreciate and support the efforts made by Panel members and their secretariat to discuss the report with community and government representatives," he added. "I hope the report recognizes the concerns and recommendations put forward by the Government of the Northwest Territories on behalf of northern residents."

The GNWT interdepartmental committee review of the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Panel report is expected to be completed by the end of August.

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SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (July 31) - Small businesses in the NWT facing temporary or minor financial difficulties will now receive help from the Territorial government.

The establishment of a new Small Business Grants program was announced today by Economic Development and Tourism Minister Tagak Curley.

Grants, up to \$2,500, will be available to NWT residents, establishing or maintaining a business, who cannot receive financial assistance from any other source at reasonable terms or conditions.

"These grants will help entrepreneurs to develop viable businesses and assist in building a healthy and diverse economy for the Northwest Territories," said the minister.

The grants will cover developmental and extraordinary operating costs. These could include feasibility studies, market surveys, emergency equipment repairs or professional legal and tax advice and services.

Applicants must show that credit or other financial assistance is not available at reasonable terms or conditions and outline the purpose, amount and effect of the financial assistance required.

"We realize that businesses requiring these grants will need them quickly so approval authority will rest with Economic Development and Tourism regional superintendents," added Curley. "This will speed up the approval procedures and allow local entrepreneurs to receive the grants when they really need them."

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(Released on Behalf of the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women)

STATUS OF WOMEN COUNCIL HOLDS SECOND MEETING

YELLOWKNIFE (July 31) - Women should be included in the Territorial government's proposed Affirmative Action Plan, the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women recommended at its recent meeting.

Meeting in Yellowknife July 17-19, the Council presented a detailed proposal to Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Dennis Patterson calling for affirmative action for both native people and women. The Council criticized the GNWT for failing to include women in the proposed plan to increase participation in the Territorial civil service.

"The proposal demonstrates that women are as disadvantaged as men, but one well-planned program with political and bureaucratic commitment can target both groups equally," Council vice-president Janet Armstrong said.

The Advisory Council also recommended responsibility for affirmative action be assigned to an elected member of the Executive Council. The Advisory Council also requested input during development of the program and later in monitoring it.

During its meeting, the Council met with a number of groups to discuss common concerns and establish working relationships, including the Yellowknife-based Society Against Family Abuse, the NWT Child Care Association, the Canadian Daycare Advocacy Association, the Secretary of State and the Task Force on Spousal Assault.

Other recommendations to the Minister following the meeting include:

- holding a Charter of Rights conference to coincide with 'Persons Day' October 19. The conference will examine the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms to determine whether it will improve the unequal status of women. April 1985 is the deadline for ensuring discriminatory statements are removed from ordinances and regulations and the Territorial government's progress in updating NWT statutes will also be reviewed at this conference;
- training childcare workers through community colleges such as Thebacha and its Frobisher Bay campus. The Council recommended a 'mobile' team of early childhood educators to travel to communities with daycare centres. A combination of theory and practical experience could be combined to obtain a recognized college-level certificate, the Advisory Council recommended. Other items discussed were daycare centre standards, financing and the lack of adequate childcare facilities in many communities;
- revising the Municipal Ordinance to reflect the need for communities to have authority to regulate pornography. This recommendation was based on suggestions from the Inuit Women's Association;
- and, formulating a Territorial government policy providing non-sexist language guidelines for all departments.

The meeting was the second the Council has held since its appointment in October 1983.

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CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION NEEDS NORTHERN REPRESENTATION - BUTTERS

FROBISHER BAY (July 26) - The Canadian Transport Commission should appoint a northern resident and establish a northern office, Government Services Minister Tom Butters recommended today.

Butters presented the Government of the Northwest Territories submission to the Air Transport Committee at its public hearing on domestic air pricing and related issues held here today.

"Northern residents rely heavily on air transport for passenger travel, freight and charter services and have the undisputed right of representation on any government committee or agency overseeing the quality of these services," said the minister.

Other recommendations included in the submission were:

- the establishment of a federal subsidy program to cover and provide to northern consumers differences in southern and northern transportation costs;
- insure that all NWT communities have safe airport facilities by keeping the joint federal/Territorial government Arctic Air Facilities policy;
- increase the Arctic Air Facilities policy to include installation of improved navigation and approach aids;
- select Pangnirtung as a test location for the Microwave Landing System;
- eliminate the passenger tax assessment against northern travellers.
- Revenue Canada consider reducing the amount of taxes assessed on fuel consumed in the North in providing transportation services.

This is the second submission the Territorial government has made to the Air Transport Committee. The first submission was presented at a public hearing held in Yellowknife on March 26.

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BEAUFORT-MACKENZIE DELTA DIZ GROUP FUNDED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 24) - Tagak Curley, NWT minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Douglas Frith, federal minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, and senior executives of Dome, Esso and Gulf today announced that the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta Development Impact Zone Group will receive \$277,345 to fund their 1984 work program.

After consulting with industry in Dec., 1983, the Territorial and Federal governments agreed to recognize and jointly support the Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta DIZ Group as the primary point of public contact.

The two governments also agreed to use the DIZ Group as the focus for public consultation and feedback on regional resource development issues. In addition, they agreed to establish a Sponsor's Funding Committee (SFC) to review workplan and budget proposals and make recommendations to government and industry in respect to DIZ funding requirements.

On reviewing the society's workplan and budget proposal, Mr. Frith said: "I am pleased to support this important regional initiative. I am convinced that the DIZ Society will provide the vehicle which will help the people of the region to come to grips with the very great challenges, the realities and the opportunities presented by current and future developments. I look forward to a very production relationship with the society and the people it represents."

"The Sponsor's Funding Committee involves key parties in oil and gas development in the Beaufort area," said Mr. Curley. "I believe all companies, organizations, agencies and people involved in resource development in the region will benefit by the committee's work."

During March and April the SFC, with representatives from the Territorial government, DIAND, Dome, Esso and Gulf, worked closely with the DIZ Group to review and make recommendations on their annual workplan and budget.

The final 1984 workplan and budget were approved and funding responsibilities will be split equally between the Territorial government, Indian and Northern Affairs and the industry in the impact zone: Dome, Esso and Gulf.

This year's funding will be used to:

- sponsor quarterly meetings with industry, federal and territorial governments to review resource development activities;
- tour industry's operations to learn first-hand about technologies and northern social and environmental effects;
- provide information using various mechanisms and techniques to community residents relative to industry and government programs;
- involve northerners using their expertise, in environmental research programs such as oil spill exercises, wildlife monitoring, identifying environmental conditions and impact assessment,
- and provide a forum for communities to have input into industry and government socio-economic policy and programs.

The Beaufort-Mackenzie Delta DIZ Group has hired a general manager and set up an office in Inuvik. It also recently sponsored a successful regional small business development seminar.

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Sponsoring industries and governments contribute not only money to the DIZ Group but also provide contributions in kind, such as technical expertise, communications assistance and logistical support.

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MACKENZIE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 23) - Nogha Enterprises Ltd. will continue to provide maintenance services on the Mackenzie Highway in the Fort Simpson area.

Renewal of Nogha Enterprises Ltd.'s three-year highway maintenance contract was announced today by Public Works and Highways Minister Gordon Wray.

Nogha Enterprises is a private company controlled by the Fort Simpson Dene Band Council.

The company's current contract expires in October and will be renewed until October, 1987, stated the minister. Under the contract, Nogha Enterprises is responsible for maintaining the highway between km 187.49 and km 350.

"By renewing this contract, we are assisting in the further development of the Fort Simpson company," said Wray. "In the next three years, Nogha Enterprises expects to pay for all their equipment while continuing to provide much needed employment and training for local residents in the area."

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PUBLIC WORKS GETS NEW NAME

YELLOWKNIFE (July 23) - The Territorial Department of Public Works will now be known as the Department of Public Works and Highways.

The announcement of the department's name change, effective immediately, was made today by Public Works Minister Gordon Wray.

"The Highways Division of the Department of Public Works is often viewed and referred to as a separate entity," explained the minister. "All residents should be fully aware that the Territorial government has the major responsibility for road programs in the Northwest Territories and that the Highways Division is an integral part of the department."

The name change will simply clarify the department's responsibilities for NWT residents and will not require any major changes within the department, Wray added.

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FISHERY COULD BE MORE EFFICIENT - STUDY

YELLOWKNIFE (July 20) - The troubled Great Slave Lake fishing industry will try to save \$30,000 a year by getting its catch to market more efficiently.

The Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp. - which processes and markets the lake fish - will be implementing one of the recommendations of a Task Force initiated by the Territorial government to look into the industry.

A 90-foot boat picks up the catch twice a week in summer from three lake stations and delivers it to a processing plant in Hay River on the southern side of the lake.

But the Great Slave Lake Fishery Task Force says that with efficient scheduling the pick-up system could function adequately using only two stations at a time.

This saving - which amounts to 1 1/2 cents a pound - will be built into the 15-cent-a-pound subsidy the fishermen are to get from the Territorial government for this summer's catch of whitefish.

Among other recommendations of the Task Force in its first interim report:

- Some of the commercial fishermen should receive training in business management. It is presumed some of them are operating inefficiently because of the wide variance in their incomes.
- Communications between the fishermen and the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp., should be improved, including election of an ombudsman among the fishermen for each lake station.
- The corporation should examine its credit policies. Some fishermen are heavily in debt to it.
- The Task Force should examine alternative credit arrangements for the fishermen.

This summer the Task Force will study the operation of the pick-up and delivery boat. In the fall it hopes to examine the fishery's processing system.

The interim report will be studied by the Territorial government's Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the federal government's Fisheries and Oceans, and the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp.

On the strength of the Task Force's recommendation, the Territorial government announced earlier this week that it is contributing over \$400,000 this summer to the Great Slave Lake price-support program.

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**YELLOWKNIFE RESCUE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES
ASSISTANCE**

YELLOWKNIFE (July 18) - Assistance for the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary, Yellowknife Unit #71, is being provided by the Territorial Government.

Assistance to the rescue organization was announced jointly today by Acting Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea and Yellowknife North MLA Mike Ballantyne.

The group will receive two surplus 35 hpr outboard motors from the Department of Renewable Resources and a \$1,500 grant from the Department of Justice and Public Works, stated Cournoyea.

"The Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary provides an invaluable service for Yellowknife residents and all northerners using the waterways around Yellowknife," she added. "We are pleased to assist this group in its endeavours to provide additional safety services in the area."

"With increased float plane and boat traffic in Back Bay and on Great Slave Lake, the services provided by this rescue organization are greatly needed," said Ballantyne.

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The Yellowknife unit, which was established two years ago, is the only Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary now operating in the Northwest Territories.

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HOMECOMERS ADD TO YK HISTORY COLLECTION

YELLOWKNIFE (July 18) - Yellowknife's 50th Anniversary celebrations have proved to be a boon to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

During Homecoming, the Centre received a donation of John Tetso's violin. Tetso, a Slavey trapper and author of 'Trapping is my Life', built the fiddle during the winter of 1953. He used it frequently when he played with his own band.

The violin was presented to the museum by Ted Bleiler, a former school principal in Fort Simpson.

As well, people visiting Yellowknife for Homecoming have lent their photograph collections to the Heritage Centre in order that staff can copy historical photos before returning them to their owners.

In other cases, visitors have been able to give the museum further information and details on photographs and artifacts already in the collection.

"Not only has the Northern Heritage Centre received a very valuable gift, but visitors have also provided a great amount of information and background material on the history of Yellowknife," Minister of Justice and Public Services Richard Nerysoo said.

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"We want to thank all the Homecomers who offered their time and knowledge to enhance the Northern Heritage Centre's local history collection," Nerysoo added.

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GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT JOBS

YELLOWKNIFE (July 18) - The Territorial government will help keep the Great Slave Lake fishery alive by contributing over \$400,000 to the price commercial fishermen get for their catch this summer.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

"It is essential that we help the northern fishing industry at this time," the minister said. "We must protect these jobs."

The Great Slave Lake fishery employs 220 fishermen and 51 other workers.

The money - \$421,940 - will be administered by the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corp., which runs the Great Slave processing plant at Hay River and a lake pickup and delivery system. It also markets the catch.

The Territorial government's contribution is based on a combination of a guaranteed basic price per kilogram to the fishermen and a per/kilogram subsidy to the corporation to offset the cost of operating the pickup and delivery boat. The boat picks up the catch at three locations on the lake for delivery to the processing plant in Hay River.

The Territorial government has supported the fishery every year since 1976.

The problem for the commercial fishermen is that their costs have increased every year for the past seven years but the market price for their catch hasn't.

This summer's price support applies only to whitefish since market prices for lake trout have improved.

"Even with these subsidized prices, the income of the fishermen this summer is expected to be marginal at best," Curley said. "However, with the number of jobs at stake, it is imperative that government do everything reasonable to help the fishermen keep going."

The commercial season on Great Slave Lake is June - October.

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GOVERNMENT FUNDS TRAINING

YELLOWKNIFE (July 18) - The Territorial government is funding an industry-run training program for lumber graders in the NWT.

The NWT Grade Stamping Agency - the association of Territorial lumber producers and distributors - is to receive up to \$7,000 from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to train a dozen employees as certified lumber graders.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Tagak Curley, minister of economic development and tourism.

The training, which began this week at the Slave River sawmill at Fort Resolution, involves one week's instruction in the classroom and a second week on the job. A certified lumber grader from British Columbia will provide the instruction.

At the end of the course the students - all of whom are employed in the lumber industry now - will write an open-book exam and become certified lumber graders if they pass it. The certification is recognized across Canada.

The training sessions will be videotaped so that others in the industry can utilize them.

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