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- 89-220 Circumpolar Cultural Connections - NWT in Greenland
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1	89-225	Acting Assistant Superintendent Named	Nov 8, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-226	USSR Arts & Crafts Producers	Nov 9, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-227	Dep't of EDU increases student allowances	Nov 10, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-228	Fuel Dispensing Training Program	Nov 10, 1989	GS	McLeod
1	89-229	NWT no longer the last frontier	Nov 14, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-230	DM named for C&C	Nov 16, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-231	Pulp Mill shouldn't proceed as planned	Nov 16, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-232	Technician Training Program	Nov 17, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-233	Workshop on Family Violence	Nov 20, 1989	SS	McLeod
1	89-234	Ministerial Changes Announced	Nov 21, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-235	Arctic Science Exchange Program	Nov 21, 1989	DPW	Heath
1	89-236	Baffin Writers' Project	Nov 21, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-237	YK Band Council receives award	Nov 23, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-238	Input Sought on Status of Women	Nov 27, 1989	SOW	F. Babiuk
1	89-239	Delury to help with land claims	Nov 29, 1989	AR&CD	Sorensen
1	89-240	Radio play released on World Aids Day	Nov 30, 1989	HEA	P. Hannan
1	89-241	Harvest to put Muskox on southern tables	Nov 30, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-242	Tanner announces his retirement	Dec 6, 1989	PERS	Sorensen
1	89-243	Recipient of Science and Technology Scholarships	Dec 13, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-244	Tourism Marketing Council Established	Dec 14, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-245	Drum Crushing Program	Dec 18, 1989	GS	McLeod
1	89-246	Kinloch named ADM	Dec 19, 1989	HEA	Heath
1	89-247	HC Vice President Named	Dec 20, 1989	HC	McLeod
1	89-248	Justice Minister requests investigation	Dec 21, 1989	JUS	Sorensen
1	89-249	No more line-ups	Dec 21, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-250	Bison Ranch receives funding	Dec 22, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-251	Travel & Tourism Act	Dec 28, 1990	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-252	Cournoyeva welcomes NOGAP funding	Dec 28, 1989	EM&R	Casimirri
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1	89-193	Patterson next chair of Northern Studies	Oct 5, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-194	Residents get rid of household hazardous wastes	Oct 6, 1989	RR	J. Bourque
1	89-195	Oscar Coincides with Launching of videos	Oct 6, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-196	Ice Road to Link Fort Good Hope	Oct 6, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-197	Soviet Know-how to be used Ice Crossing	Oct 6, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-198	New Commissioner Sworn In	Oct 6, 1989	CO	McLeod
1	89-199	Recipients of Women's Initiative Grants	Oct 11, 1989	SOW	Heath
1	89-200	Receipient of MACA internships	Oct 12, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-201	Reg. Mgm. Dev. Program Coordinator Hired	Oct 12, 1989	EDU	L. Sorensen
1	89-202	Impact of GST on Transportation	Oct 12, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-203	Judge Bruser stationed in Inuvik	Oct 13, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-204	Lake named after Max Ward	Oct 13, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-205	GNWT Training Firearm Safety Instructors	Oct 16, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-206	Renewable Resources Video wins honour	Oct 17, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-207	Contribution supports consumer advocacy	Oct 17, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-208	NEB's gas export decision is encouraging	Oct 19, 1989	EM&R	Casimirri
1	89-209	Ft Franklin Exhibit Presented to ?Ehtseo Ayah School	Oct 20, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-210	MACA honours Community governments	Oct 24, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-211	GST means northern residents will pay more	Oct 24, 1989	FIN	Sorensen
1	89-212	Kiggavik Intervenor Funding Increased	Oct 26, 1989	EM&R	L. Matthews
1	89-213	Environmental Action Plan	Oct 25, 1989	RR	Sorensen
1	89-214	Committee to examine teaching issues	Oct 27, 1989	EDU	C. Fennell
1	89-215	Patterson Encouraged on Meech Lake Accord	Oct 27, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-216	GNWT Responds to Foothills Filing	Oct 30, 1989	EM&R	Casimirri
1	89-217	Final Report on Spousal Assault Tabled	Oct 31, 1989	WS	Heath
1	89-218	Markets Sought for Arctic Sharks	Oct 31, 1989	ED&T	Sorensen
1	89-219	Energy Agreement Signed	Nov 2, 1989	EM&R	Sorensen
1	89-220	Circumpolar Cultural Connections	Nov 2, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-221	Children's Book Week	Nov 2, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-222	Public Service Vehicles Act	Nov 6, 1989	HTB	Heath
1	89-223	Rental Officer Appointed	Nov 7, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-224	Kakfwil eliminates confusion	Nov 7, 1989	EDUEDU	L. Sorensen



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1	89-161	International Initiatives Supported by Clark	Aug 30, 1989	IA	G. Braden
1	89-162	Appointments Announced	Aug 31, 1989	GLO	Casimirri
1	89-163	Strategy for Transportation Infrastructure	Sep 1, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-164	Jury Act Amendment Comes into force	Sep 5, 1989	JUS	Heath
1	89-165	Dep't to administer funds under renewed agreement	Sep 6, 1989	EDU	D. Daniels
1	89-166	Sustainable Development Policy	Sep 7, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-167	Browne, Bruser named Territorial Judges	Sep 7, 1989	JUS	Heath
1	89-168	Historical Center opens in Norman Wells	Sep 8, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-169	Literacy Projects across NWT receive funding	Sep 8, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-170	NWT residents honoured for contributions to Literacy	Sep 8, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-171	Silence then sound for peace	Sep 11, 1989	GLO	McLeod
1	89-172	Bob McLeod appointed ADM	Sep 12, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-173	Child Sexual Abuse	Sep 12, 1989	SS	Casimirri
1	89-174	Timber Harvesting Permit Approved	Sep 12, 1989	RR	Sorensen
1	89-175	Apprentices to be honored	Sep 14, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-176	Review of Labour Standards Act Begins	Sep 14, 1989	SAPS	Casimirri
1	89-177	Libraries Launch French Language Collections	Sep 14, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-178	Handling and disposal of Sharps	Sep 18, 1989	SAPS	H. Greene
1	89-179	Record Forest Fire Season	Sep 20, 1989		Casimirri
1	89-180	Petroleum Shortage Plan Developed	Sep 22, 1989	EM	McLeod
1	89-181	Separate Womens' Centre Studied	Sep 22, 1989	SS	Sorensen
1	89-182	WCB responds to review panel recommendations	Sep 25, 1989	WCB	Sorensen
1	89-183	NWT Chamber of Mines Receives \$25,000	Sep 25, 1989	ED&T	K. Spence
1	89-184	Notorious Slave River Link Remembered	Sep 27, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-185	Heritage Training Begins	Sep 28, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-186	Amazing Sundays return	Sep 28, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-187	NWT, Alberta to preserve historic resources	Sep 29, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-188	First-ever coaching conference held	Sep 29, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-189	Community Government Week	Oct 2, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-190	Intervenor Funding Available	Oct 3, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-191	Fort Liard Visitors' Complex	Oct 4, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-192	MACA's Igal Roth Scholarship	Oct 5, 1989	MACA	Heath



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1	89-129	New ADMs named	Jul 13, 1989	MACA	Heath
1	89-130	Table Saw Guards Recalled	Jul 20, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-131	MDA Supports Gold Recovery Project	Jul 20, 1989	EM&R	M. Irving
1	89-132	Agreement on Dispensing Fees Signed	Jul 20, 1989	HEA	M. Pontus
1	89-133	Students Learn RCMP Work	Jul 21, 1989	JUS & EDU	McLeod
1	89-134	NWT Forest Fire Crews helps Manitoba	Jul 25, 1989		Casimirri
1	89-135	Nursing Assistant, MLA Honoured for Bravery	Jul 26, 1989		Heath
1	89-136	NWT Highlighted at Jeux Canada Games	Jul 26, 1989	C&C, ED&T & M.	McLeod
1	89-137	Heritage Centre re-opens	Jul 26, 1989	C&C	G. Lopatka
1	89-138	Mine Training Programs to be Assessed	Jul 27, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-139	Forest Fire Pamphlets Released	Jul 28, 1989		Casimirri
1	89-140	Labour Force Survey Released	Jul 31, 1989	GLO	D. Stewart
1	89-141	Reciprocal Maintenance Enforcement Agreement	Aug 1, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-142	Grise Fiord Meets Energy Reduction Target	Aug 2, 1989	DPW	Heath
1	89-143	Unsafe Apartment Building closed by Fire Marshal	Aug 3, 1989	SAPS	W. Skelly
1	89-144	Computer Links Tourism Inquiry Systems	Aug 4, 1989	ED&T	M. Ridgely
1	89-145	Sounds of the North at Jeux Canada Games	Aug 9, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-146	Daniels Named to University of Alberta Senate	Aug 4, 1989	EDU	Heath
1	89-147	Greater Involvement re Pulp Mill Review Demanded	Aug 4, 1989	GLO	McLeod
1	89-148	Training for Rankin Inlet Runway Extension	Aug 8, 1989	EDU	K. Lovely
1	89-149	Transportation Commissions Study	Aug 11, 1989	TRANS	Heath
1	89-150	Efforts to Bring Forest Fire Under Control	Aug 14, 1989		Casimirri
1	89-151	Students are aware of funding assistance	Aug 14, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-152	Patterson Attends Premiers' Conference	Aug 17, 1989	GLO	George Braden
1	89-153	HC helps tenants find new accommodations	Aug 18, 1989	HC	Heath
1	89-154	Cape Christian Military Site Clean-Up Begins	Aug 22, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-155	Qaummaarviit Historic Park Opens	Aug 22, 1989	ED&T	K. Trumper
1	89-156	Appointments made to Business Loan Boards	Aug 22, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-157	Appointment to pulp mill review panel announced	Aug 23, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-158	Sexual Assault Allegation at YCC Investigated	Aug 24, 1989	SS	Casimirri
1	89-159	Wage Order Agreement Signed with BC	Aug 25, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-160	Arctic Contaminants	Aug 29, 1989	EM&R	G. Nicholls



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1	89-097	Occupational Health and Safety Wk	Jun 1, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-098	Labels affixed to Hazardous materials	Jun 1, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-099	Appointment made to WCB	Jun 2, 1989	WCB	Casimirri
1	89-100	EDA Funds Crop Development Project	Jun 5, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-101	Explorer Hotel to Expand	Jun 5, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-102	Nineties belong to the North	Jun 6, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-103	Poster Contest Winners Selected	Jun 7, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-104	Time for Investment is Now	Jun 7, 1989	ED&T	Heath
1	89-105	Federal Funds for Rankin Inlet and YK	Jun 8, 1989	EM	McLeod
1	89-106	Fed. Gov't urged to redirect special initiatives fund	Jun 7, 1989	SS	Casimirri
1	89-107	Mackenzie River Exhibit opens in YK	Jun 9, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-108	GNWT Supports Recycling Project	Jun 9, 1989	RR	N. Thompson
1	89-109	Bob Overvold named Principal Secretary	Jun 9, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-110	Lightning Fires Anticipated this week	Jun 12, 1989		Casimirri
1	89-111	Summer Hiking Trails built	Jun 13, 1989	ED&T	M. Ridgely
1	89-112	Lynx Garage Door Openers recalled	Jun 14, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-113	Ft. Simpson Student awarded scholarship	Jun 15, 1989	EDU	Heath
1	89-114	Government Against Low-Level Flights	Jun 15, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-115	Thelon & Kazan Rivers Named to Can. Her. Rivers	Jun 15, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-116	LSB can order Ers to provide bonds	Jun 20, 1989	SAPS	G. Cyr
1	89-117	Seniors Residence Opens in Ft Simpson	Jun 23, 1989	HC	J. Soderberg
1	89-118	Gilday Named ADM	Jun 23, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-119	Lagoon Expansion to meet future needs	Jun 26, 1989	DPW	Heath
1	89-120	Fuel Storage Facilities Expanded, Upgraded	Jun 26, 1989	DPW	Heath
1	89-121	Public Works to Salvage Stringer Hall	Jun 28, 1989	DPW	R. Given
1	89-122	Archaeologists at work in the NWT	Jun 30, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-123	Oral Tradition Program Workshop	Jun 30, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-124	Mine Training Program Announced	Jun 30, 1989	EDU & EM&R	K. Lovely
1	89-125	Jack Pine voted Territorial Tree	Jun 30, 1989	RR	M. Vieweg
1	89-126	Interim Child Care Program Modified	Jul 10, 1989	SS	Casimirri
1	89-127	Fire Precautions Increased	Jul 10, 1989		McLeod
1	89-128	Appointments made to WCB	Jul 12, 1989	WCB	L. Sorensen





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1	89-065	Firefighting Contract Awarded	Apr 7, 1989	RR and GS	McLeod
1	89-066	Motorists to get licence renewal reminders	Apr 10, 1989	TRANS	McLeod
1	89-067	Greenland to Participate in Games	Apr 17, 1989	MACA	Sorensen
1	89-068	Canda Youth & Aids Study Released	Apr 19, 1989	HEA & EDU	R. Tremblay
1	89-069	Tourism Associations gets funding	Apr 19, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-070	GNWT gives funding to Winter games hostess	Apr 21, 1989	MACA	Jewison
1	89-071	NLAB to tour NWT	Apr 20, 1989	C&C	M. Pape
1	89-072	Hay River Teacher wins award for innovation	Apr 20, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-073	Students Participate in International Arts Festival	Apr 21, 1989	EDU	M. Farrow
1	89-074	Literacy Coordinator hired	Apr 25, 1989	EDU	J. McLean
1	89-075	GNWT supports ICC Conference	Apr 26, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-076	DPW awards contracts worth \$6.1 Million	Apr 26, 1989	DPW	McLeod
1	89-077	Quirke named DM of SAPS	May 1, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-078	Interpreter/Translator Assoc. Urged	May 3, 1989	C&C	E. Lawrence
1	89-079	Light Fixture, Hair Dryer Recalled	May 1, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-080	Official Tree to be Chosen	May 4, 1989	RR	M. Vieweg
1	89-081	National Safety Code Agreement Signed	May 8, 1989	TRANS	J. Bunge
1	89-082	Spelling of Lake's Name Changed	May 9, 1989	C&C	Casimirri
1	89-083	Disaster Assistance Policy	May 10, 1989	MACA	McLeod
1	89-084	NWT Aids Program	May 10, 1989	HEA	E. Berthelet
1	89-085	Tourism Associations get \$320,000	May 17, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-086	Sustainable Development	May 17, 1989	RR	Casimirri
1	89-087	Schools built under DPW contract	May 18, 1989	DPW	R. Given
1	89-088	San Francisco Gallery Promotes Inuit Art	May 19, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-089	Mtl Art Gallery gets funding for Elisapee Ishulutak S	May 19, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-090	Halifax named Chief Territorial Court Judge	May 25, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-091	NWT captures international recognition	May 25, 1989	ED&T	A. Kaylo
1	89-092	GNWT Supports National Access Awareness Week	May 30, 1989	SS	D. Robinson
1	89-093	Fires at Garbage Dumps a problem	May 30, 1989		D. Mahussier
1	89-094	A. Y. Jackson Sketches Donated	May 31, 1989	C&C	B. Winter
1	89-095	Winners named in essay contest	Jun 1, 1989	SAPS	McLeod
1	89-096	Eye, Hand & Back Injuries Common in Workplace	Jun 1, 1989	SAPS	McLeod



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1	89-033	EDU & SOW Ministers meet	Feb 21, 1989	SOW	F. Babiuk
1	89-034	Western Teacher Education Program	Feb 24, 1989	EDU	Jewison
1	89-035	New Energy Department Planned	Feb 24, 1989	EM&R	Sorensen
1	89-036	Arctic Contaminants	Feb 27, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-037	New Public Utilities Act Introduced	Feb 27, 1989	EM&R	Peter Hart
1	89-038	NWT Student chosen for Polar Expedition	Mar 2, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-039	WCB review planned	Mar 2, 1989	WCB	Sorensen
1	89-040	Tourism Cttee gets heritage award	Mar 7, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-041	Commissioner appoints Chairman of Board	Mar 6, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-042	Joint Venture Company Formed	Mar 8, 1989	DPW	G. Barber
1	89-043	Reconstruction of Rae Access Road	Mar 8, 1989	DPW	McLeod
1	89-044	Giant donates A.Y. Jackson paintings	Mar 9, 1989	C&C	Jewison
1	89-045	Wood Bison to be released	Mar 9, 1989	RR	C. Gates
1	89-046	Parts Dealership gets \$45,000	Mar 13, 1989	ED&T	B. Heron
1	89-047	Commercial Fisherman gets \$39,931	Mar 13, 1989	ED&T	A. Beck
1	89-048	GNWT supports natural Gas Licences	Mar 14, 1989	EM&R	P. Alvarez
1	89-049	Inuit Cultural Institute to get Art Collection	Mar 15, 1989	C&C	C. Stephens
1	89-050	Deadline for Health Bursaries	Mar 15, 1989	HEA	Mardy Bodie-Atki
1	89-051	McDermid presents Jackson Paintings	Mar 15, 1989	C&C	Jewison
1	89-052	Agriculture Canada Testing for Rabies	Mar 15, 1989	HEA	Jewison
1	89-053	Gas Pipeline is no threat to northern goals	Mar 16, 1989	EM&R	P. Alvarez
1	89-054	No Change in Diet	Mar 16, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-055	Tourism Operators to Study Incentive Travel	Mar 17, 1989	ED&T	K. Wilson
1	89-056	Cabinet Changes announced	Mar 20, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-057	Taxi service established	Mar 21, 1989	ED&T	L. Muktar
1	89-058	New ATV Regulations	Mar 20, 1989	GS	R. MacDonald
1	89-059	Opening of Arts & Crafts Centre	Mar 23, 1989	ED&T	K. Robinson
1	89-060	Smoking among youth has dropped	Apr 3, 1989	HEA	Rick Tremblay
1	89-061	Divisional Board of Education Formed	Apr 2, 1989	EDU	L. Lovlin
1	89-062	Environmental protection is priority	Apr 6, 1989	EM&R	P. Alvarez
1	89-063	Municipal Financing	Apr 7, 1989	MACA	G. Vanderhaden
1	89-064	Arctic College gets EDA funding	Apr 7, 1989	ED&T	L. Boyer



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1	89-001	Don Ellis Appointed RD	Jan 11, 1989	GLO	Sorensen
1	89-002	Hazardous Materials	Jan 12, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-003	Amazing Sundays	Jan 16, 1989	C&C	Jewison
1	89-004	Coleman Powermate Recalled	Jan 16, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-005	Maintenance Enforcement Program	Jan 17, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-006	Amendments to Safety Act	Jan 17, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-007	Coroners Act Proclaimed	Jan 17, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-008	NB Meech Lake Hearings	Jan 18, 1989	AR&C	McLeod
1	89-009	Donation of A.Y. Jackson Paintings	Jan 18, 1989	C&C	Jewison
1	89-010	Buffalo Airways gets funding	Jan 18, 1989	ED&T	J. McBryan
1	89-011	DPW&H Contracts	Jan 18, 1989	DPW	McLeod
1	89-012	Emergency Communications Equip.	Jan 23, 1989	MACA	McLeod
1	89-013	Experimental Horticultural Project	Jan 20, 1989	ED&T	L. Boyer
1	89-014	Changes planned to appeal regulations	Jan 24, 1989	PERS	Sorensen
1	89-015	Vera Roberts retires	Jan 25, 1989	HEA	Jewison
1	89-016	Chief Medical Officer named	Jan 25, 1989	HEA	Jewison
1	89-017	Meech Lake Amendment	Jan 26, 1989	AR&C	McLeod
1	89-018	Health & Safety Committees	Jan 26, 1989	JUS	McLeod
1	89-019	Law Student Awarded Bursary	Jan 26, 1989	JUS	J. Gilmour
1	89-020	NWT Products to be shown	Jan 31, 1989	ED&T	McLeod
1	89-021	Northern Sculpture Planned	Jan 31, 1989	Clegg Comm.	Clegg
1	89-022	Enforcement of Seatbelt use	Feb 2, 1989	GS	McLeod
1	89-023	NWT Students Win Scholarships	Feb 7, 1989	EDU	L. Lovlin
1	89-024	NWT AIDS Materials Adapted	Feb 7, 1989	HEA	P. Cullen
1	89-025	Devolution of Gov't	Feb 8, 1989	CO	Sorensen
1	89-026	Commissioner Recognizes Residents	Feb 8, 1989	CO	Sorensen
1	89-027	NWT Dissapointed by Fed. decision	Feb 10, 1989	EM&R	P. Alvarez
1	89-028	Rehabilitation of Historic Build.	Feb 13, 1989	C&C	Jewison
1	89-029	Budget to stimulate NWT Economy	Feb 14, 1989	FIN	Sorensen
1	89-030	Archaeological resources	Feb 16, 1989	C&C	Jewison
0	89-031	No PR issued under that number.			
1	89-032	Transportation Fund Established	Feb 19, 1989	DPW	Sorensen





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## DON ELLIS APPOINTED REGIONAL DIRECTOR

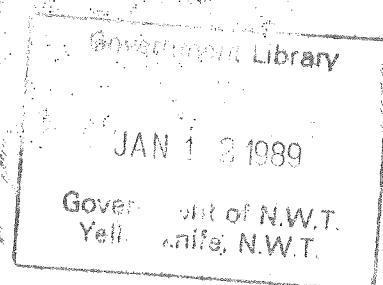
**YELLOWKNIFE (January 11) - Don Ellis has been appointed Regional Director of the Fort Smith region. Government Leader Dennis Patterson announced today. He was appointed Acting Regional Director in June, 1988.**

Mr. Ellis holds a bachelor's degree in General Arts from the University of Toronto, with further education in management and public administration.

He first came north in 1970, to work on the DEW line and started his career with the territorial government in 1972 as a petroleum, oil, lubrication clerk. After a stint in the construction industry, he returned to the government in 1977 to work as a transportation clerk. He later became a development officer for the Department of Local Government in Broughton Island, and continued to work for the department in Iqaluit, Yellowknife and Fort Smith.

He worked as a regional development officer in Fort Smith from August, 1981, until January, 1984. He was then appointed regional superintendent of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs in Fort Smith, the position he held when he was appointed Acting Regional Director.

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## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS LEGISLATION PASSED IN NWT

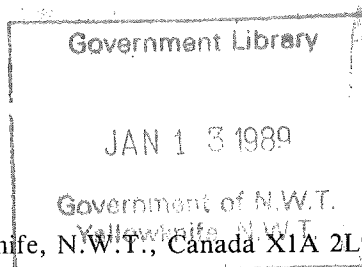
**YELLOWKNIFE (January 12) - Legislation for an information system on hazardous materials in the workplace, was proclaimed yesterday under the Safety Act by Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne.**

Under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), employers must ensure the proper labelling of hazardous materials, carry material safety data sheets on hazardous materials, and deliver worker education and training.

Employers who stock hazardous materials received before October 31, 1988, when WHMIS came into effect nation-wide, have until April 1 to affix work site labels to the products. Work site labels can be handmade and must bear the product's name, safe handling instructions and reference to a material safety data sheet.

Work site labels can be used until October 31, 1989, when a supplier label listing product name, supplier, reference to a material safety data sheet, hazard symbol, risk phrase, precautionary statements and first aid measures must be affixed. These labels are available from suppliers.

The Safety Division will provide information and assistance to employers in adopting WHMIS regulations. Workshops on the information system will be held by the division.



"Although responsibility for WHMIS rests ultimately with the employer, these regulations were introduced to enforce workers' right to know," said Mr. Ballantyne. "I hope to see workers taking a strong interest in WHMIS regulations, especially in the area of worker education."

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## AMAZING SUNDAYS RETURN TO NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 16) - Amazing Sundays return to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, with "A Robert Burns Celebration" on January 22, starting at 2 p.m.**

"A Robert Burns Celebration" will give the whole family a chance to participate in a tribute to Scotland's Immortal Bard, whose birthday is celebrated by Scottish immigrants and their descendants throughout Canada. The Northern Heritage Centre's festivities will include the piping in of the haggis, with poetic toasts, and an opportunity for visitors to taste the delicacy. Other highlights will be a short concert by the NWT Pipe Band and a performance of Scottish country dancing.

The Northern Heritage Centre runs Amazing Sundays during the winter. The program is designed for a family audience, although the weekly activities have appeal for a wide range of people. The program starts at 2 p.m. each Sunday. Other topics lined up for this season are:

**February 5 Welcome to the Year of the Snake**

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with Chinese folk tales, games and a showing of the award-winning video "They Look A Lot Like Us".

**February 12 A Little Love Song/Une Petite Chanson d'Amour**

For Valentine's Day, some animated films about love and romance, including a French Canadian folk song and the 1988 Academy Award Nominee "George and Rosemary".

**February 19 Yellowknife's Heritage**

A close look at aspects of the city's past, developed with the Yellowknife Heritage Committee.



**February 26 Time Travel in the Mackenzie Delta**

A slide presentation by Chuck Arnold, showing how archaeology and oral histories are being used to reconstruct prehistory.

**March 5 Arctic Games**

Demonstrations of traditional northern games, and the opportunity to try them yourself.

**March 12 Who is the Silly Goose?**

The fantastic secret life of a NWT bird, presented by naturalist Jacques Sirois.

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## **COLEMAN POWERMATE MODEL PM3000 GENERATORS RECALLED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 16) - Owners of Coleman Powermate Model PM 3000 electric generators should discontinue their use, the Department of Justice's Safety Division has advised.**

"Coleman Powermate, Inc. is recalling the generators because of potential fire hazards which may exist," said William J. Burr, chief electrical inspector with the Safety Division. "The company and the Canadian Standards Association have asked the division's assistance in cautioning consumers on these generators being used in the Northwest Territories."

Powermate Model PM 3000 generators manufactured by Coleman Powermate and its predecessor, Ag-Tronic, Inc., between December 1983 and September 1988, are subject to the recall. Powermate Model PM 3000 generators with a serial number 193180 and higher have been corrected at the factory.

Investigation by Coleman Powermate revealed vibration from the generator's engine causes the fuel hose to rub on the engine shroud's edge. After extended use, the fuel hose can break and leak gasoline, presenting a fire hazard.

Two incidents of broken hoses have been reported, neither resulting in fire or personal injury.



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Coleman Powermate Inc. will replace the problem parts with a new fuel hose and redesigned engine shroud. For further information on recall and rework procedure, contact Mr. Roger McHugh, Coleman Powermate, Inc., c/o The Canadian Coleman Supply Company, 15 North Queen Street, Toronto, Ontario, M8Z 2C6. (416) 252-6161.

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## MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM STARTS

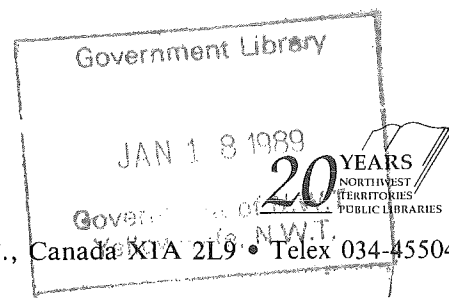
**YELLOWKNIFE (January 17) - Child and spouse maintenance payments may be monitored and enforced through a program which began this month, Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne has announced.**

Under the Maintenance Enforcement Program anyone with a Maintenance Order for child or spousal support can register as a creditor. A Maintenance Order may be part of a Divorce Judgment or other Supreme Court order, or it may have been made in Territorial Court. Written Agreements may also be enforced through the program.

"The Maintenance Enforcement Program has been introduced to ensure individuals live up to their responsibilities in providing for family members, even though the family may no longer be together," said Mr. Ballantyne. "It will ensure, where possible, that those who are entitled to maintenance receive their payments on time."

When an order is filed with the program, the person required to pay is notified and advised to make all further payments to the program. The payments are in turn, forwarded to the creditor. All payments will be recorded.

In the case of non-payment, the debtor will be contacted to see what arrangements can be made to bring the payments up to date. Payments may be deducted from the debtor's wages. Action may be taken against property owned by the debtor. The debtor may also be taken to court.



The program will attempt to enforce orders against debtors living any place in Canada.

Maintenance Orders made by a Northwest Territories court after January 3, 1989, will be filed with the program. A registration and information kit will then be mailed to the creditor. Creditors with orders made prior to January 3, 1989, may also register their orders.

Individuals wishing to enrol in the Maintenance Enforcement Program can call 920-3378 in Yellowknife or toll-free 1-800-661-0798 from elsewhere in the Northwest Territories. They can write the Maintenance Enforcement Program, at P.O. Box 1859, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2P4.

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## AMENDMENTS TO SAFETY ACT ANNOUNCED

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 17)** - Amendments to the general safety regulations of the Northwest Territories Safety Act, were proclaimed January 11, by Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne.

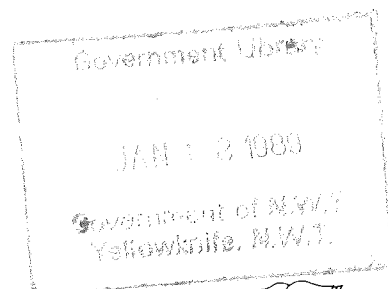
Changes to the regulations include a new definition of construction site, that includes "any work site where a building or structure is being erected, altered, repaired, wired fitted with pipes, painted, dismantled or demolished." It also covers "land that is being cleared, graded, excavated, trenched, drilled or blasted, or covered with tarmac or cement."

Personal protective equipment has been more precisely defined to refer to any clothing, device or other article required to be worn or used by a worker to prevent injury. The circumstances under which protective footwear and headgear must be worn have been broadened, and the responsibility of worker and employer for the use of personal protective equipment is clearly outlined.

"These amendments were made to allow better enforcement of the Safety Act by the Safety Division," said Mr. Ballantyne. "The division will be stringent in ensuring the changes are observed, and violators of the Act will be subject to prosecution."

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## NEW CORONERS ACT PROCLAIMED

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 17) - A new Coroners Act was proclaimed December 31, 1988, by Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne.**

"The new statute reflects the modern role of the coroner in investigating sudden or unexplained deaths," said Mr. Ballantyne. "It also gives coroners the powers of entry, search and seizure, in conformity with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

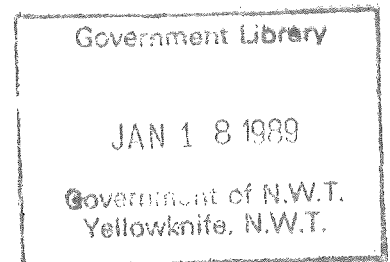
Under the Act, the tenure of coroners has been changed from a lifetime appointment, to a term of three years. Coroners have been given authority to enlist assistance from people other than police officers, for investigations or inquests. The Act provides the Chief Coroner with power to establish coroner training programs, to issue public reports, to publish guidelines for performance of coroner's duties, and to make recommendations to the minister for the appointment and removal of coroners.

When coroner's inquests are held into deaths that occur at work sites, co-workers of the deceased will no longer be summoned for jury duty.

The new Coroners Act replaces the previous Coroners Act which had remained largely unchanged since 1952. There are approximately 85 coroners in the Northwest Territories.

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## **MINISTER, MLA TO SPEAK AT NEW BRUNSWICK MEECH LAKE HEARINGS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 18) -** The territorial government's viewpoint on the Meech Lake Accord will be presented in Fredericton, by Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Titus Allooloo and MLA Pine Point Bruce McLaughlin, January 26.

"Mr. Allooloo and Mr. McLaughlin will speak out on the Accord and the fact that the Northwest Territories was excluded from discussions on it," said Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne, who has coordinated efforts to amend the Meech Lake Accord. "They will also be lobbying for territorial participation in any future talks relating to the Accord."

The minister and MLA will speak for about an hour before the New Brunswick legislature's Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord. They will also answer questions on the government's position.

Territorial representatives have made an ongoing effort to seek support for changes to the Accord that would better protect the interests of Northerners. Representatives have spoken at hearings of the Joint Committee of the House of Commons and Senate, and the Ontario legislative assembly's Select Committee on Constitutional Reform.

Under the Accord, any province could block the Northwest Territories and Yukon from achieving provincial status. Parliament and the ten provinces could agree to extend provincial boundaries, into the two territories, without input or consent from the legislative assemblies of the Yukon or Northwest Territories.



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Representatives of the two territories would be excluded from annual constitutional conferences by the Accord, and territorial governments could not nominate candidates for appointments to the Supreme Court.

The Accord also fails to define the role of the territories in submitting lists of Senate candidates for vacant positions.

To become law, the Meech Lake Accord must be ratified by all provinces. New Brunswick and Manitoba are the only provinces yet to adopt the resolution.

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## **ELDORADO NUCLEAR DONATES A.Y. JACKSON PAINTINGS TO HERITAGE CENTRE**

YELLOWKNIFE (January 18) - Eldorado Nuclear Ltd. of Ottawa has donated 10 A.Y. Jackson paintings, which depict scenes around Great Bear Lake and Yellowknife, to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

"It holds special significance for the people of the Northwest Territories that an artist of A.Y. Jackson's stature recognized the beauty of the North, and chose to put his feelings on canvas," says Titus Alloo, Minister of Culture and Communications. "His paintings not only play an important role in the history of Canadian art, but teach people across Canada and around the world about the beauty of the Northwest Territories."

An official presentation ceremony will be held at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre within the next two months, and the paintings will be available for public viewing at that time. Details of the ceremony will be announced once plans are made final.

A.Y. Jackson, a founding member of the Group of Seven, returned to the Northwest Territories in September of 1949 as the guest of William Bennett, then President of Eldorado, and at the invitation of Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, then federal Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources. Nine sketches of the Port Radium area and Yellowknife were made during this and subsequent trips in the 1950s. They are done in oil paint on small wooden panels. The donation also includes one full-sized painting of the Great Bear Lake area.



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The Group of Seven was founded in 1920 by seven artists living in Toronto who rebelled against the naturalism of the 19th century. Instead of painting scenes exactly as they appeared, members of the Group of Seven emphasized feelings and impressions in their works. Light and shadow was used to define form and create shape, developing a new impressionistic style for Canadians.

The paintings will become part of the Northern Heritage Centre's fine arts collection, which is comprised of more than 4,000 items. The Executive Council owns seven other A.Y. Jackson paintings.

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## **BUFFALO AIRWAYS RECEIVES \$90,000 FROM SPECIAL ARDA**

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 18) -** A regional air carrier in Hay River will receive \$90,000 from the Canada/NWT Special ARDA to help with the purchase of a Douglas DC-3 airplane and operating licence.

Buffalo Airways (1986) Ltd. will use the airplane to serve the NWT's resource industry. The ARDA funding was announced by federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism and Minister of State for Indian Affairs and Northern Development Bernard Valcourt and Government of the NWT Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.

The project is expected to create three jobs and result in increased sales of \$2,195,000 over the next three years.

The Canada-NWT Special ARDA is a joint federal-territorial affirmative action program, designed to stimulate native economic development.

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## OFFICES RENOVATED UNDER DPW&H CONTRACTS

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 18)** - Office space will be renovated in Rankin Inlet and Inuvik, under contracts awarded by the Department of Public Works and Highways, in December of last year.

B.A.T. Construction Ltd. will perform renovations to the Mack Travel Building in Inuvik. Work outlined in the \$145,504 contract includes offices for the Safety Division, Court Registry and chambers for a second judge. The renovations will be completed by early March.

Renovations will be made by Tapiriit Developments Ltd. of Rankin Inlet on its new office complex, under a \$225,000 contract. Offices will be constructed for the Keewatin Regional Health Board and the regional departments of Personnel and Social Services. Work on the building in Rankin Inlet is to be completed by early April.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the tools used for data collection.

3. The third part of the document presents the results of the study, including a comparison of the different methods and techniques used. It discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each method and provides a summary of the findings.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the study and provides recommendations for future research. It highlights the need for further investigation into the effectiveness of the different methods and techniques used.



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**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FUNDED FOR FORT SMITH**

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 23)** - Emergency communications equipment is being provided to the town of Fort Smith, under the federal-territorial Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.

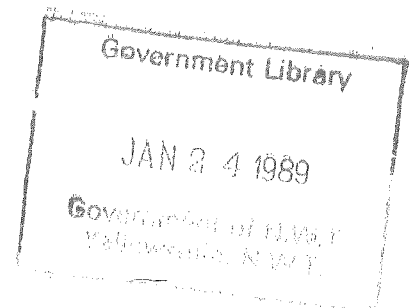
A repeater, base station and VHF interconnect will be purchased by the town's emergency committee with \$19,270.17 from the federal government. Funding will also go toward nine mobile and five portable radios, for use in an emergency.

All equipment purchased will be compatible with territorial-wide emergency measures organization frequencies.

Jim Hoffman, regional director of Emergency Preparedness Canada for the Alberta/NWT region, presented a cheque for the project to Al Menard, deputy minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, January 17. Under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program, the federal government provides 60 per cent of project costs to provinces and territories, to enhance their emergency preparedness capabilities.

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## **EXPERIMENTAL HORTICULTURAL PROJECT FUNDED BY EDA**

**NORMAN WELLS (January 20) - New methods for producing horticultural crops north of sixty will be examined by a project funded by the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).**

The \$20,000 in total assistance is being provided under EDA's Renewable Resource Sub-Agreement. The federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will cover 70 per cent of the total and the territorial Department of Economic Development and Tourism will supply 30 per cent.

Announcement of the funding was made today by federal Minister of Northern Affairs Bill McKnight and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.

The project will test the effectiveness of using solar ray collectors and fibre optic cables to transmit sunlight from the outdoors into opaque buildings. The technology, developed in Japan in 1980, makes it possible to bring the sun's natural light and heat into structures without windows.

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture Engineering at the University of Alberta, will be undertaking the two phase project. The first phase will take place at the University of Alberta where a prototype device, to collect and transmit photosynthetically active radiation via fibre optics, will be built under the guidance of experts. The device will then be shipped to Norman Wells for the second phase of the project where it will be evaluated on how well it irradiates plants grown in an opaque insulated structure.

A number of factors made Norman Wells an appropriate site for the project. The community is easily accessible from Edmonton, making the shipment of equipment and expertise somewhat less expensive and difficult than other communities. An Environment Canada weather station capable of measuring hourly solar radiation, sunshine and temperature is located in Norman Wells, so data will be more qualitative. A greenhouse operation presently exists in the community, making it possible to compare the greenhouse method of horticulture with the proposed method of crop production.

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The harsh environment, limited growing season and high price of energy are all factors which previously inhibited economical production of horticultural products. Proponents of the experiment believe the new technology will be superior to anything previously tried because all indications suggest a great reduction in heating and electricity costs.

If the technology proves to be successful in this experiment new applications may be generated. People in Canada's most northerly environment will be able to enjoy fresh, economical produce grown in their own community.

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# News Release

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## CHANGES PLANNED TO APPEAL REGULATIONS

**YELLOWKNIFE (Jan 24)** - Minister of Personnel Jeannie Marie-Jewell said today that she is taking steps to amend the government's staffing appeals regulations.

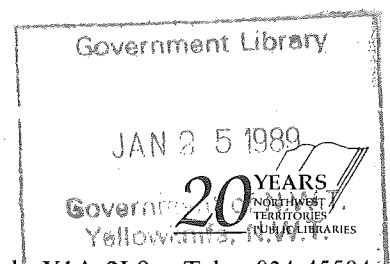
Mrs. Jewell said she had no other options in light of the continuing refusal of the Union of Northern Workers to participate in the appeals process. Union President Darm Crook advised her of the union's final decision on the matter January 16.

The minister stated she will move to delete any reference to union involvement in the appeals regulations and replace that wording with "applicant's representative."

The staffing appeals regulations, among other things, establish who is eligible to sit on the appeals committee to hear the appeals of candidates who are not satisfied with the decision on a government job competition.

Mrs. Jewell said she views the appeals process as an important check on government staffing actions to ensure that "policies, procedures and guidelines are followed and that candidates are treated in a fair and reasonable manner when they apply for government positions."

She added that she has instructed her officials to continue a "consultative process" with the union should it decide at a future date that it would like to participate on the appeals committee."



The union withdrew from the appeals process after the minister failed to uphold one of the committee's recommendations. Instead, she confirmed the appointment of the successful candidate who she considered eligible under the government's Native Employment Policy.

Since January of 1986, ministers of personnel have upheld 97 out of 100 appeal committee recommendations.

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# News Release

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## VERA ROBERTS RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 25)** - Vera Roberts, the Department of Health's Assistant Director of Nursing Services, Projects, is retiring after 34 years of service in the North.

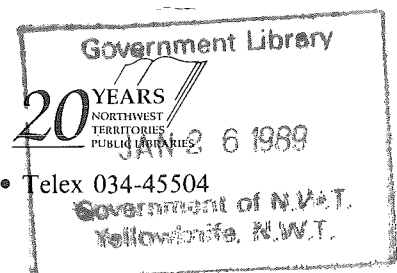
"Miss Roberts will be missed by the department, and the many people she cared for during her years in the North," says Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea. "Her dedication to her profession and to the Northwest Territories sets an excellent example."

Miss Roberts trained in England, and came to Canada in 1954 to work in Sault Ste.-Marie, Ontario. While there, she heard that St. Luke's Hospital in Pangnirtung was looking for nurses, and she moved there the following year.

"I had no plans or dreams about living in the North. I just heard there was a job to be done, and decided I would try to do it," Miss Roberts says. "But you know what they say -- once you live in the North for a year, you always return to it."

Over the years she worked in Hall Beach, Moose Factory, the Yukon and Inuvik, and was the Nursing Officer for the Baffin region from 1972 to 1986. She has worked in Yellowknife since 1986, first as Assistant Regional Nursing Officer, Special Projects, for Health and Welfare Canada. Since the transfer of health care services to the territorial government in April, 1988, she has been Assistant Director of Nursing Services. During her career, she has returned to school to finish her nursing degree and to study health administration.

Miss Roberts has seen enormous changes in northern lifestyles and in the northern health care system, particularly in the past 15 to 20 years.



"We've gone from receiving supplies once a year -- if the ship managed to get in -- to fresh foods every week; from the arrival of a plane being a great occasion to three scheduled flights a week in most communities; from shortwave radios to direct-dial telephones via the Anik satellite; from the people living in isolated hunting camps to established communities with a full range of government services; from the traditional hunting lifestyles to 9-to-5 jobs," she says.

Miss Roberts was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada in 1987 for her contributions to maternal and child health care and the development of public health nursing in the North. She also received the Gold Medal of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada the same year for her service in the North.

She will be retiring to Elliot Lake, Ontario.

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# News Release

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89-016

## DR. IAN GILCHRIST APPOINTED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

**YELLOWKNIFE (January 25)** - Dr. Ian Gilchrist has been appointed Medical Director and Chief Medical Officer for the Northwest Territories, Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea announced today.

"With the transfer of responsibility for health care to the N.W.T. last April, Dr. Gilchrist becomes the territorial government's first chief medical officer," says Ms. Cournoyea. "His wide range of experience will be an asset in providing quality programs and services to the people of the Northwest Territories."

Dr. Gilchrist was born in Halifax and took his early schooling in Canada and Angola, where his parents worked as missionaries. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in pre-medical sciences from Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B.; a Doctor of Medicine degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax; a Diploma in Tropical Medicine from University Lovanium in Zaire; a Diploma in Public Health from the University de Montreal; and a Master of Philosophy in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University in New York.

Dr. Gilchrist has worked in health systems in Saskatchewan, Ontario, the Maritimes, Massachusetts, Angola, Sierra Leone, Zaire and Cameroon. He was acting Medical Officer in Charge of the Moose Factory Zone for Health and Welfare Canada from 1965 to 1968, District Medical Health Officer for the New Brunswick Department of Health and Welfare from 1969 to 1970, and Regional Director of Public Health, southeastern region, for the Government of New Brunswick from 1975 to 1987.

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## **DR. IAN GILCHRIST APPOINTED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

Most recently, he has worked in the Department of Community Medicine of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Gilchrist has also worked as a university professor, lecturer and consultant on various health matters. His articles have appeared in a number of professional publications.

Dr. Gilchrist speaks English, French, Umbundu and Portuguese fluently. He also speaks some Cree.

The Chief Medical Officer is responsible for providing direction to the Minister and regional health boards on health matters in the territories, recommending programs and strategies to address the health needs of territorial residents, administrative and legislative matters, health promotion and the monitoring and control of diseases.

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# News Release

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## MEECH LAKE AMENDMENT SNUBS NORTHERN ASPIRATIONS

FREDERICTON, NB (Jan. 26) - The Meech Lake Accord is a snub to the Northwest Territories, a Select Committee of the New Brunswick Legislature was told today by two northern politicians.

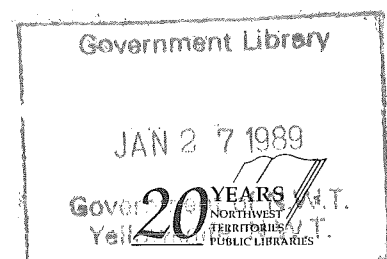
"It's not good enough for the provincial or federal governments to say that they will look after our affairs," said Associate Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development Titus Allooloo.

"We elected our own government in the Northwest Territories to do just that for us."

Both Allooloo and Bruce McLaughlin, a member of the Northwest Territories Legislature, were here to lobby for changes to the Accord. They want better protection of northern interests. New Brunswick and Manitoba have not yet joined the other provinces in ratifying the constitutional amendment.

"We have said it before and we say it again, unless this Accord is amended, Canadians will have to check their rights at the Northwest Territories' border," McLaughlin stated.

Both the Northwest Territories and the Yukon were left out of the talks that created the Meech Lake Accord. Despite continuing protests, the two territories have been unable to secure a place at the next round of discussions among the ten provincial premiers and the Prime Minister.



Territorial concerns include lack of participation in constitutional talks with First Ministers; the requirement for unanimous approval of all ten provinces for a northern territory to become a province; the ability to extend provincial boundaries north without territorial consent; the lack of clarity in the selection of Senators representing the territories; and the provisions for appointments to the Supreme Court which discriminate against residents of the two territories.

"Residents of the Northwest Territories and Yukon deserve to receive the same degree of representation in national affairs as all other Canadians," Mr. McLaughlin told the committee adding that First Ministers should take immediate steps to remove contentious provisions of the Meech Lake Accord.

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89-018

## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEES TO BE REVIEWED

**YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 26)** - A review of territorial health and safety committees will be conducted by the Safety Division as part of a national study, Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne has announced.

The effectiveness, continuity and composition of the committees will be reviewed by Robbie Robinson, Director of the Safety Division and Chief Safety Officer. He will be meeting with health and safety committees, industry representatives and workers to gather information for the study.

"The approximately 60 health and safety committees in the Northwest Territories play an important role in monitoring safety in workplaces," said Mr. Ballantyne. "Mr. Robinson will be looking at new ways to help them perform as efficiently as possible."

As part of the study, the Safety Division, NWT unions and industry management will develop a listing of committee responsibilities. The duties of health and safety committees are not defined in the Northwest Territories Safety Act.

Mr. Robinson will be submitting his findings to the national Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) committee of the Canadian Association of Administrative Labor Legislators (CAALL). As chairman of the OSH group, Mr. Robinson will also be presenting national results of the study to CAALL, in September.

Health and safety committees act as hearing boards for workers with safety concerns on the job. The committees, comprised of management and workers, must report to the territorial government's Safety Division at least once every three months.



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# News Release

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89-019

## FORT SMITH LAW STUDENT AWARDED BURSARY

YELLOWKNIFE (January 26) - A Fort Smith resident attending law school at Queen's University has been awarded a \$1,000 bursary by the Department of Justice, Minister of Justice Michael Ballantyne has announced.

Paul Grundy was awarded the bursary on the basis of his academic achievements, community involvement and financial need. His application was reviewed by officials from the departments of Justice and Education.

The first-year law student made the honour roll during his 1985-86 and 1986-87 school years at Queen's University and maintained high marks throughout his scholastic career. As a summer student in Fort Smith, Grundy worked as a lifeguard at the swimming pool, for a river rafting company, and as a leader and counsellor for the Wood Buffalo National Park Junior Naturalist Program.

The Department of Justice Bursary was established last fall to provide incentive to students entering Canadian law schools, and encourage more Northerners to consider careers in law.

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# News Release

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## NWT PRODUCTS TO BE EXHIBITED

**YELLOWKNIFE** (January 31, 1989) - Products from across the Northwest Territories will be showcased in Yellowknife, February 14, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has announced.

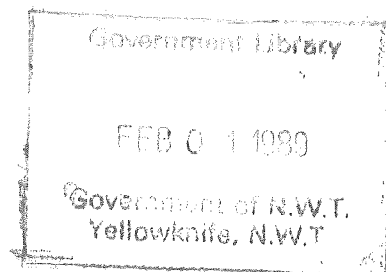
"NWT Industry in Action will feature over 80 products made in the Northwest Territories," said Mr. Wray. "It will give members of the public an opportunity to see what is made here, and to understand the potential that exists for northern-produced items."

Crafts, seal leather products, lumber, food, canvas goods, computers and clothing are a few of the varied goods to be displayed at the Yellowknife Inn's Assembly Annex Conference Centre. NWT Industry in Action opens to the public at 8 p.m.

A live fox, from Magrum Fox Farms of Hay River, will be one of the more unusual exhibits. There will also be a display on current Tourism and Parks projects.

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# News Release

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89-021

## NORTHERN SCULPTURE PLANNED

**YELLOWKNIFE** (January 31, 1989) - Five northern artists are teaming up to create a national snow sculpture - one of the highlights of Ottawa's annual Winterlude Festival.

The sculpture, called Nunatsiaq, will be unveiled as part of the festival's opening ceremonies February 4. The festival's theme is the Arctic Circle.

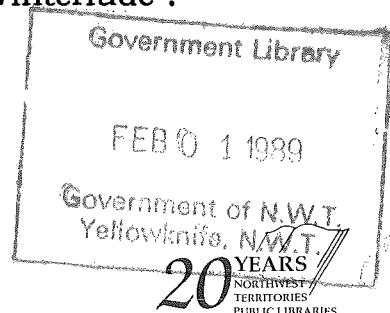
Northern artists collaborating on the sculpture, under co-captains Sonny MacDonald of Fort Smith and Manasie Akpaliapik of Toronto (formerly of Arctic Bay, NWT), are Dolphus Cadieux of Hay River, Wesley Heron of Fort Smith, and Bart Hana of Igloolik.

The national sculpture project began in 1985 by inviting sculptors from a different province or territory to carve a snow tribute to their home. It has become a strong attraction at the main entrance of the Jacques Cartier Park in Hull, Quebec, an official site of Winterlude devoted to children and to snow related activities and sports.

"This kind of project," according to Minister of Culture and Communications, Titus Allooloo, "encourages the exchange of cultural and social ideas while promoting the art of snow sculpting.

"The Northwest Territories is honoured to have been chosen to create this year's sculpture. It also gives us the chance to promote our activities and interests through other displays at Winterlude".

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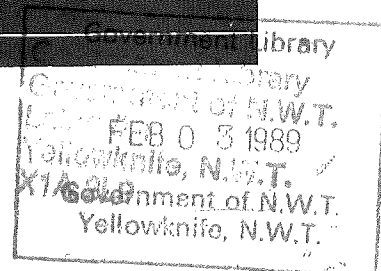






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## ENFORCEMENT OF SEATBELT USE TO BEGIN APRIL 1

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 02, 1989) -- Enforcement of seatbelt use will begin in the Northwest Territories April 1, Government Services Minister Tom Butters announced today.**

"NWT residents have been given time to get familiar with seatbelt use, since regulations were put into effect last spring," said Mr. Butters. "However, motorists and passengers not wearing seatbelts will be subject to fines, beginning April 1."

The Motor Vehicles Division of Government Services will be launching a public awareness campaign over the next several weeks. Brochures, newspaper and magazine ads, bumper stickers, Anik Info spots, colouring books and buttons will be used to encourage people to buckle up.

The campaign's slogan, "seatbelts are a cinch," will remind NWT residents that buckling up is simple to do, and will protect them in event of an accident. Statistics show the chances of being severely injured or killed in a crash are reduced by 50 per cent when seatbelts are used.

Under the Motor Vehicles Act, children as well as adults, must use a restraint system while riding in a vehicle. Children, depending on their size, may be secured by seatbelts, or in approved safety seats.

Motorists with medical certificates stating they are unable to wear seatbelts, will be exempted from the law. Workers whose jobs require them to leave and re-enter their vehicle frequently, and do not drive over 40 km/h will also be excluded.



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# News Release

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89-023

## **NWT STUDENTS WIN CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 07)** - Ten NWT students currently studying in southern universities have been awarded Canada Scholarships by the Ministry of State for Science and Technology.

Neil Baldwin of Fort Smith, Peter Boogers of Fort McPherson, James Burr, Catherine Curtis, Daniel Dragon, Robert Gau, Catherine Lowing and Keith Mercredi of Yellowknife, Lyall Thody of Hay River and Judith Williams of Iqaluit each received a \$2,000 scholarship for the 1988-89 school year.

"These students' records and the national scholarships reflect on the credibility of our education system," Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi said when announcing the awards.

We must continue to stress sciences in our schools, to prepare today's students for the increasingly technological world of work," he added.

The students were awarded the scholarships on the basis of their academic achievements and the relevance of their studies in the science and technology fields.

The Canada Scholarships are intended to encourage students from across the country to enrol in science and technology degree programs.

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# News Release

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89-024

## **NWT AIDS MATERIALS ADAPTED IN OTHER REGIONS OF CANADA.**

**YELLOWKNIFE (FEBRUARY 07) - AIDS public education materials created by the Northwest Territories' Department of Health are beginning to turn up in other regions of Canada as they're adapted for use by various government and community AIDS groups.**

"We're very pleased that other parts of Canada see our material as being strong and effective," Minister of Health Nellie Cournoyea said. "We're also pleased to be able to play a role in creating materials that can be used - particularly in the northern regions of the provinces - to get the very important messages about AIDS across to people."

The province of Nova Scotia approached the Territorial Department of Health for broadcast rights to the NWT AIDS Program's "Dominoes" television spot in early December. That request has been granted as part of the Department's progressive policy of making AIDS education materials produced in the NWT available to other areas of the country. Nova Scotia expects to begin broadcast of the commercial within the next year.

Additional inquiries about use of the NWT AIDS television commercials have come to the Department of Health from AIDS programs in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Yukon has officially requested, and received permission, to use the concept and design of the NWT AIDS Program's initial AIDS poster as the basis for their first major AIDS poster. The design features a human face cropped to highlight the eyes and the slogan "Stopping AIDS is up to you."



Requests for use of the NWT's second AIDS poster "Stopping AIDS is up to us" have come from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The poster, which depicts an Inuk, a Dene and a non-native person discussing an AIDS brochure, was distributed in November 1988.

"We think this type of information exchange is very healthy," Minister of Health Nellie Cournoyea said. "If we're creating AIDS materials that other people think are worth using, then we're all for it. Rapid exchange of information, and effective public education, are the keys to addressing the AIDS problem."

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# News Release

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89-025

## **DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT TO BE EXAMINED OVER NEXT FEW YEARS, COMMISSIONER SAYS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 8) -** Development of public government will continue to be one of the most important issues to be faced over the next few years in the Northwest Territories, according to Commissioner John Parker in an opening address to the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly's budget session Wednesday.

With the settlement of aboriginal claims and the growth of regional bodies, boards and institutions, political and constitutional development of the NWT is at a crossroad, he noted.

"Just as various events in 1965 led to creation of the Advisory Commission on the Development of Government in the Northwest Territories, there is a renewed need for a consensus on the shape of public government in the North."

He noted the Territorial government recognized this fact when it placed a discussion paper on political and constitutional development before the legislature last fall. It plans to bring that paper back during this session in order to initiate debate on the matter.

Mr. Parker said public government in the north has developed at a rapid pace, particularly during the past 10 to 15 years.

The Legislative Assembly is responsible for this progress and has itself evolved into a legislature with a full system of committees, chaired by MLAs, similar to those found in other jurisdictions. During the same period, members of the Assembly and aboriginal organizations began working together, through the Constitutional Alliance, to develop



positions on the shape of government in the NWT. Various models of government have been developed and advocated by the Alliance, and aboriginal groups have advanced other models based on aboriginal self-government.

Many goals of aboriginal self government, however, are already in place within the present system of government in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Parker stated.

"At this point in time, our government believes there is a need to consolidate northern efforts, to review its present position and to achieve a clear consensus on northern self government.

"With careful discussion and planning a form of northern self government will emerge that protects aboriginal interests and embodies and strengthens municipal and territorial structures, and their decision-making authority."

The Territorial government, he said, wants to lead a public discussion on developing new social contracts between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people of the NWT.

"These new models of government will provide for the sharing of power and responsibility for our lives and our futures. At the community level, your government has a similar commitment - a commitment that is reflected in the Prime Public Authority Concept and the Charter Communities Act."

Mr. Parker explained it is this combination of the Prime Public Authority Concept and the Charter Communities Act, that represents the government's answer to aboriginal self government at the community level.

The government's Prime Public Authority Concept recognizes that community governments have evolved to the point where they must be fully and formally recognized as the "legitimate, representative, democratic and responsible bodies" acting on behalf of community residents. The concept is designed to strengthen and enhance the responsibilities and authorities of local governments.

The NWT Charter Communities Act, on the other hand, sets the legislative base for the design and development of local government structures to meet the needs of a particular community.

The concept is unique to the NWT and grew from the desire of chiefs and band councils in the Western Arctic to have aboriginal government structures recognized and incorporated into the public governing



structures at the local level. As a result, if the membership of a community is predominantly treaty Indian, the chief and council structure will likely form the nucleus of government structures, while allowances are made for the participation of community residents who are not.

Mr. Parker said that in seeking a public discussion and the direction of all members on political and constitutional development, the government recognizes that it will not be easy to reach consensus.

"The very nature of the task, and the various parties involved, will work against a speedy resolution. Regardless, the process must begin," he said.

As a result of the debates, Government Leader Dennis Patterson and his cabinet will develop recommendations on a process, framework and form for the shaping of a public government that best serves the interests and program needs of all northern people.

"Personally," Mr. Parker told members, "I believe that your deliberations will be successful and that your political abilities will ensure development of a northern public government that will serve us well as we move into the next decade".

The Commissioner's address was a departure from his traditional approach to opening a budget session of the NWT Legislative Assembly. Normally, he speaks about government program plans for the coming fiscal year and outlines major spending initiatives. Finance Minister Michael Ballantyne is scheduled to present the government's budget and spending plans Monday afternoon.

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# News Release

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## COMMISSIONER RECOGNIZES NORTHERN RESIDENTS

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 8)** - Commissioner John Parker recognized a number of individuals Wednesday who he said have made "particularly important contributions" to northern society.

The recognition came during his opening address to the annual budget session of the NWT Legislative Assembly. Among those recognized were:

- Hugh Ungungai of Baker Lake was installed by Governor General Sauvé as a member of the Order of Canada last November in recognition of his community service and leadership, particularly in bridging the life on the land and current business-oriented activities.
- Rosemarie Kuptana who was raised in Sachs Harbour was admitted as a member to the Order of Canada for her significant contribution towards the enhancement of Inuit cultural and traditional values as the first woman president of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation.
- Leah Nuteraq of Iqaluit, who is more than 100 years old, is to receive an honorary diploma from the Human Services Program of Arctic College Iqaluit Campus for her great contribution to the communities of Pangnirtung and Iqaluit. Deputy Commissioner Ann Hanson will present the diploma.
- Father Guy Mary-Rousselière of Pond Inlet was presented the Northern Science Award for 1988 by the minister of Indian Affairs last month for his important contribution to the scientific knowledge and cultural preservation of Inuit history through his archaeological excavations in many parts of the eastern arctic and his writing on these subjects.

Mr. Parker also noted that people of the Northwest Territories mourn the loss of several elders who have died since the time of the last sitting of this house.



"Our elders provide wise guidance and a sense of direction based on past history, and their passing leaves us with a great sense of loss," he said, paying tribute to six people whose public service he felt was particularly notable.

They are:

- Marie Celestine Mercredi died in Fort Smith January 6th at 80 years of age. She was a matron for the RCMP, she took in foster children and ran a medical boarding home for people from other communities. She had 16 children, 42 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.
- Charlie Charlo of Fort Simpson died recently at the age of 81. He had been a trapper, prospector and interpreter. Mr. Charlo had also been involved in the Fort Simpson Senior Citizens Committee as a resource person.
- Philip St. Pierre of Kakisa died in December at 89 years of age. He was a trapper for most of his life. He is survived by his wife Emilie.
- Lionel Angotingoar who died November 28 at 83 years of age. He was a respected elder who was the stepfather of Nunatsiaq M.P. Jack Anawak.
- William Joseph Tanitton Norman was born in Fort Franklin in 1898 and moved to Arctic Red River in 1923. He and his wife Clara celebrated 72 years of married life before her death last August. The Normans raised 10 children, and lived a traditional life on the land. William died January 20th just two months short of his 91st birthday.
- Only yesterday a funeral was held in Sachs Harbour for one of the beloved pioneers of Banksland. Susie Sydney died January 31st at the age of 78 years. She was born at Shingle Point and married her first husband, Fred Wolki, around 1927. Together they were very successful white fox trappers. Mr. Wolki died in 1940 and Susie carried on as a strong and capable trapper. She married Peter Sydney in 1950. The Panikpak Hall in Sachs Harbour carries Susie's Inuvialuit name. She was a half-sister of the late Fred Carpenter.

"Our sympathy," Mr. Parker said, "is extended to the families of each of these elders".

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## **TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT DISSAPOINTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REJECT THE NEPTUNE LOAN GUARANTEE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 10)** - Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Nellie Cournoyea said Thursday she regrets the federal government's decision not to provide Neptune Resources Corporation with a \$15 million loan guarantee for the development of the Colomac gold property near Indin Lake, 220 km north of Yellowknife.

The territorial government had earlier agreed to provide Neptune with a \$3 million loan guarantee, conditional on the federal government providing an additional \$15 million and finalization of a socio-economic agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the company.

Neptune needed the \$18 million working capital loan guarantee to borrow funds to purchase fuel and other supplies in the first three years of the mine's operation.

Last year's stock market crash and the resulting investment climate made it impossible for the company to raise all of the \$151 million for the project. The private sector has invested \$23 million in equity, \$20 million through a debenture, and \$90 million through a bank loan. Completion of financing, however, was dependant on the two loan guarantees from the territorial and federal governments.

A recent report on the socio-economic impact of the mine-mill project estimated direct northern benefits of 40 out of 200 jobs opportunities, and \$18.2 million in purchases during construction, and as much as 70 out of the 344 jobs, and \$11.5 million in direct purchases per year during production.



Dogrib communities such as Lac La Martre, Snare Lake, Detah, Rae Lake, and Rae-Edzo that stood to benefit from the project, currently have an unemployment rate of 31.1%.

Ms. Cournoyea said she is reviewing the situation to see if there are alternatives which would permit the development of the Colomac property.

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## **PROJECT COULD PAVE WAY FOR REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (February 13) - The rehabilitation of two buildings on the Negus Mine site in Yellowknife could pave the way for the preservation of other historic buildings in the Northwest Territories, says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Alloo.oo.

"Projects in other parts of Canada have shown that the best way to preserve historic buildings is to put them to use," the minister says. "Day-to-day use ensures the buildings are properly maintained, and makes a community's past a viable and visible part of its present."

The Department of Public Works and Highways is currently requesting proposals for the rehabilitation and lease of the manager's office and pumphouse on the Negus Mine site on behalf of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, which owns the buildings.

The office and pumphouse were built when the mine opened in 1938, and remained in use until it closed in the late 1940s. During the next few years a local company used them as warehouses, but they have been boarded up since the 1960s.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs assumed ownership of the buildings when the lease ran out, and donated them to the Heritage Centre in 1979. In 1982, the federal government turned over the land on which the buildings are situated to the territorial government.

Architectural staff of the Department of Public Works and Highways have been working with the Heritage Centre to ensure that rehabilitating the buildings is viable. The department will also handle the lease and administration.



"Although the buildings have not been in use for a number of years, they are built on bedrock and are still in good shape," says Nellie Cournoyea, Minister of Public Works and Highways. "The rehabilitation project will be of interest to developers, since the cost of renovations should be comparable to the cost of constructing new buildings. And since the structures were built to be functional, developers should have little problem adapting them to today's needs."

The successful developer will lease the buildings for \$1 a year, but must agree to a number of stipulations that will ensure the renovations do not change the essential character of the buildings.

"Historic buildings add to the atmosphere of our communities," Mr. Allooloo says. "Preserving these structures gives residents and visitors an increased sense of the history of the Northwest Territories."

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## **BUDGET DESIGNED TO STIMULATE NWT ECONOMY**

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 14) - Finance Minister Michael Ballantyne today presented a \$955 million budget designed to stimulate long-term economic growth and employment in the Northwest Territories.**

Ballantyne, in his budget address to the NWT Legislature, said the 1989-90 spending estimates also cover the cost of introducing new social initiatives while maintaining current levels of funding for existing programs.

The budget, he said, will create a small deficit of \$11.4 million. The deficit will be offset by the government's accumulated surplus, projected to be \$7 million at the end of the 1989-90 fiscal year.

Over \$470 million of the new budget will be spent to support programs and initiatives designed for northern families and individuals, particularly in the areas of health, social services, housing and education.

One of the initiatives is the promise of up to \$4.2 million in new money for child care. Of this amount, \$2.2 million will be available April 1 and the remainder will be held in reserve until the Canada Child Care Act is passed and cost-sharing negotiations are completed with the federal government.

Another is a commitment to deliver 300 new social housing units by the NWT Housing Corporation along with 100 northern rental houses to replace aging units in many northern communities.



In the area of education, more than \$22 million will be spent on capital, 80 per cent of which will go towards construction of new schools. An additional \$500,000 will be spent to provide access for the handicapped to northern schools and an increase of \$700,000 has been targeted for the student grants and the student loan program.

To tackle existing organizational shortfalls, the minister also announced government plans to create a Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, a Department of Transportation and a Department of Safety and Public Services.

The units are necessary, Ballantyne said, in order to provide the professional strength and focus needed to meet the NWT's emerging role in non-renewable resources, the north's transportation infrastructure requirements and to ensure the existence of safe workplaces for northern residents.

Long-term development of the economy and employment growth are seen to be the top priorities of government and the legislature, he said.

"Creating jobs is vital to solving many of the north's social problems."

Because of this, he said, the government is dedicating \$40 million of its accumulated surplus for expenditures that are essential to economic development in the NWT.

Over half of this amount, \$25 million, will be used to fund long-term expenditures on transportation infrastructure such as roads, airports and marine facilities.

"Without this infrastructure, we won't be able to develop a balanced economy in the north."

The remaining \$15 million, he said, is earmarked for other economic development initiatives. The money would give the government some flexibility in responding to the Legislature's special committee on the economy.

In addition to this fund, the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's budget will be \$37 million. It also has a further \$400,000 to re-introduce the Short Term Employment Program designed to provide training and experience for northern people wishing to learn basic skills or a trade.

Ballantyne, noting that 1988 marked an upswing in the Territorial economy, stated the trend is expected to continue this year. The growth in primary sector investment jumped about 15 per cent,

marking the first annual increase in the overall level of investment since 1982. Employment in 1988 increased by 7.1 per cent over the previous year, representing a gain of 1,300 jobs.

In addition, large scale oil and gas development and possible pipeline construction will create further employment for hundreds of northerners, he said. Oil and gas from the NWT will form an integral part of Canadian supply during the next century.

"Positive as they are, however, we have to be attentive to these developments. We must ensure that northerners participate meaningfully in resource development. Equally important is to ensure continued growth of our hunting and trapping industry - the most important renewable resource activities in the NWT."

Ballantyne described the recently signed Northern Energy Accord as one of the "single most important steps" towards provincial status and financial self-sufficiency. The accord, once negotiated, will transfer oil and gas revenues as well as legislative and administrative responsibilities for the oil and gas sector to the Territorial government.

The new Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is being formed in direct response to this pending transfer and in response to the government's growing responsibilities for minerals, he said.

The department, designed to replace a small secretariat that presently handles energy matters, will provide the government with the capability to "exercise future provincial-type powers and responsibilities for management of oil and gas and mineral resources" in the Territories.

Increased taxes are also part of the budget, but are being "kept to a minimum," the finance minister stated.

Higher taxes on cigarettes and, for the first time, on loose tobacco will fund a \$250,000 public awareness campaign on the dangers of smoking.

The addition of true freight costs to the price of beer, currently sold throughout the NWT at the landed cost in Hay River, will result in higher prices per dozen outside of that community and an additional revenue of \$1.9 million.

A large part of the increased revenue will be poured back into a new drug and alcohol awareness program for youth and to develop an alcohol and drug treatment rehabilitation strategy that will define program and treatment facility requirements.

Fuel taxes will also be adjusted. They are currently calculated on the cost of regular leaded gasoline in Yellowknife. Effective April 1, they will be based on the cost of slightly higher priced unleaded gasoline. The change is necessary in preparation of Canada's move to eliminate regular gasoline by January 1 because of its harmful effect on the environment.

Property assessments and tax rates for 1989 will also be changed outside of the Territories' seven tax-bases communities.

"The new rates will make the system fairer, because all taxpayers of a given class will now be paying the same tax on comparable assessed values," Ballantyne said.

Generally speaking, residents of communities where the government provides municipal services and who had a below average tax burden will pay more. Most of those who had a higher tax load will pay less.

In discussing taxation, the finance minister served notice the government was not prepared to support Federal Finance Minister Michael Wilson's national sales tax proposal unless it came with measures "to compensate" for the greater burden it would impose on residents of the Northwest Territories.

"We are concerned that a national sales tax, levied on the retail prices of goods and services, will cost northerners much more than other Canadians, because it will be based on higher northern prices. Residents of the NWT already pay more in federal taxes than southern Canadians," he said.

The Legislature is into its second week of sittings in this northern capital. Discussion of the government's budget is the main focus of the session, although the government has served notice that it also wishes to have a comprehensive debate on political and constitutional development in the NWT.

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## CLAIMS GROUPS MEET TO DISCUSS ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 16, 1989)** - For the first time, representatives of Northwest Territories land claims groups will meet with government officials to develop a long-range archaeological resource management plan, Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo said today.

"It has always been the intention of the territorial government to provide opportunities for aboriginal land claims groups to manage their own affairs -- especially in the areas of heritage and culture," the minister said. "These meetings will lay the ground rules for setting up archaeological resource management plans for land claims groups."

The Dene Nation, Dene/Metis Negotiating Secretariat, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut will be represented at the meetings, which began today.. Further consultation will involve the Dene Cultural Institute and the Inuit Cultural Institute. Talks will focus on federal and territorial discussion papers on archaeological resource management.

The federal government's discussion paper, produced by the Department of Communications, is the result of a review of its responsibilities for protecting and managing archaeological sites nationally and North of 60. It was written in response to concerns expressed by government agencies, professionals and the public, and is designed to encourage public comment on weaknesses in existing programs and recommendations for change.



The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has responded with a strategy for archaeological resource management. Their paper proposes that responsibility for archaeological resources be transferred to the territorial government, with new legislation designed to accommodate the interests of indigenous groups in managing their archaeological heritage.

"I am very pleased with the high level of interest the land claims groups have shown in this important issue," Mr. Allooloo says. "This week's meeting will be the first step in ensuring aboriginal groups can develop the framework necessary to manage archaeological resources."

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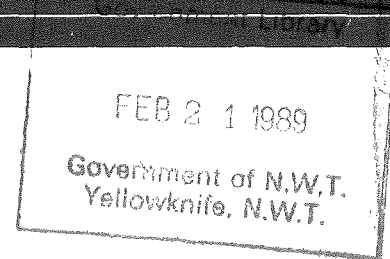


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## Transportation Fund Established



**YELLOWKNIFE (Feb. 19/89)** - The Territorial government has created a \$25 million fund to be used for development of transportation strategy and infrastructure in the Northwest Territories.

Nellie Cournoyea, speaking to the budget of a soon-to-be-formed Department of Transportation, said the fund is a demonstration of the government's commitment to tackle "long-term projects such as roads, airports and marine facilities" without which it would be impossible to stimulate the northern economy.

Cournoyea, Minister of Public Works, presented the department's spending plans to the budget session of the NWT Legislature. A minister of the new department will be named at a later date.

She said the special fund will signal to Ottawa that the Territorial government is committed to addressing transportation shortfalls. Such a commitment could prompt matching funds from the Federal government along with additional transfers of transportation programs. Discussions with Ottawa on federal participation and financial support has already begun.



The Territorial Department of Transportation, members were told, will become responsible for programs currently within the Departments of Public Works and Highways, Government Services and Municipal and Community Affairs.

They include the Arctic Airports Program, the Highways Program and the Motor Vehicles Program. In addition, enforcement activities dealing with the transportation of dangerous goods will be transferred from the Department of Renewable Resources.

Cournoyea said that bringing all of the transportation-related functions under the roof of one department will introduce a more coordinated and cost-effective approach.

"Programs delivered by the new department will have a major impact on all residents and communities in the NWT. Improvement of all types of transportation facilities is essential, if the Territories is to advance economically and socially," she said.

The department's proposed budget for 1989-90 is \$26.5-million for operations and maintenance and \$8.6-million for capital expenditures. The special fund is in addition to these amounts.

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## EDUCATION AND STATUS OF WOMEN MINISTERS MEET

TORONTO, ONT (February 21, 1989) - Education ministers and Ministers responsible for the Status of Women have agreed to address the obstacles that prevent women and girls from participating in the full range of educational courses and programs.

The joint ministerial meeting, first of its kind, took place during the 54th meeting of the Council of Ministers of Education and brought together 25 ministers and their officials from across Canada.

Co-Chairperson Barbara McDougall, federal Minister responsible for the Status of Women, stated at the close of the meeting that "Canada's prosperity in the 21st century will be determined by the capacity of all Canadians to adapt to a knowledge-intensive economy. Providing Canadian women the opportunity to develop fully and to utilize their talents and abilities will enable them to meet the challenge of the future."

Jeannie Marie-Jewell, NWT Minister for the Status of Women, reminded the other ministers that northern Canada has wider priorities. "We are bringing in a new program which supports childcare in order to help parents take advantage of employment and training opportunities," she said.

Mrs. Marie-Jewell told ministers that the Government of the Northwest Territories is actively encouraging girls and women to pursue their education.

"We are deleting artificial entrance barriers to Arctic College and encouraging women to seek non-traditional occupations. The NWT is trying to give women every chance to get ahead."



Ministers from across Canada agreed that individual jurisdictions would review policies and programs with a view to making necessary adjustments to improve access to education for women and girls and to promote equality for girls and women in math, science and technology.

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to work together to ensure equality in education and training for girls and women and agreed to report to the First Ministers on progress achieved in each jurisdiction.

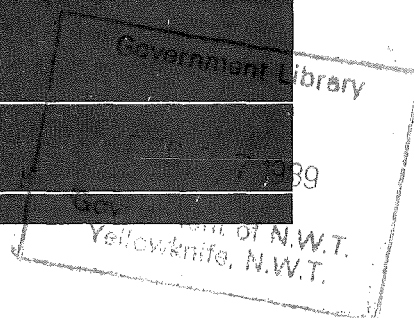
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## WESTERN TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE EXPANDED

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 24, 1989) - The Western Arctic Teacher Education Program will be expanded to include a campus-based program at Arctic College in Fort Smith, Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.**

Students will continue to have the option of taking teacher training through a field-based program.

"The revised format of the teacher education program is the result of a review carried out last fall and concerns I have heard from people in the communities. By offering both a field-based and campus-based component, we will allow increased access for people who wish to enter the area of teaching."

Under the new format, students will either study full-time on campus or will be given an option of spending the bulk of their time working as classroom assistants and take training courses on a regular basis. Whenever possible, students would be expected to study on campus for the second half of the program. After successful completion of an inter-session course at a southern university at the end of the program, they will receive their NWT Teaching Certificate.

The field-based program will also be revised so that students work as classroom assistants throughout most of the school year, and take theory courses either near the end of the school year or after the school year has ended -- they are currently required to travel to various communities throughout the year to study. Students in the campus-based program and the field-based program take the same theory courses.



"The new design will allow both bilingual and unilingual English-speaking native northerners a chance to participate. This will result in additional teacher trainees enrolling in the program," the minister says.

The Department of Education is currently examining alternatives for increasing teacher effectiveness in circumstance where children are at risk because of social problems in the home and/or community. Too often children need help in dealing with difficult situations because of alcohol problems, abuse, neglect or simply because parents don't know how to support them as they grow and mature. If schools are to become more effective, they must be staffed by teachers who have the best skills possible in identifying children who need help and ensuring they receive that support.

"Teaching in the North is not easy," the Minister says. "Hopefully a revised campus-based program can graduate teachers who are skilled in dealing with northern problems and also increase the number of northerners who choose teaching as a career."

Fort Smith was chosen as the site for this program because it has an excellent range of existing student services, including accommodations for married students, day care and a library, Mr. Kakfwi says.

The Eastern Arctic Teacher Education program at Nunatta Campus in Iqaluit will also be reviewed and revised.

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## NEW ENERGY DEPARTMENT PLANNED

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 24, 1989)** - A new department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources will provide a Territorial management regime for energy and non-renewable resources, the budget session of the NWT Legislature was told this week.

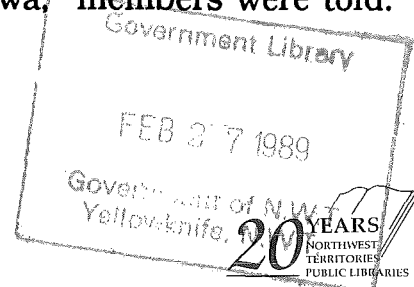
Nellie Cournoyea, minister of the new department, said it "will provide a powerful signal to northern residents, resource industries and to other Canadian governments" that the Northwest Territories is ready to manage these sectors for the benefit of all northerners.

She said the department will take the lead role in negotiating a Northern Energy Accord with the federal government and in working with aboriginal groups to ensure that "native land claim provisions are fully respected" with the transfer of responsibility. An agreement to negotiate an accord was signed last September by NWT Government Leader Dennis Patterson and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The accord, once in place, will provide the NWT with fiscal, management and legislative authority over onshore petroleum resources and a share in the management of offshore resources.

Cournoyea said the new department, with its \$1.8 million budget, will be formed out of the government's existing Energy, Mines and Resources Secretariat. It will be headed up by Deputy Minister Pierre Alvarez.

"We are committed to the principle that energy policy should be developed and set by northerners, not by Ottawa," members were told.



"Last week's refusal of the Federal government to provide a loan guarantee to the proposed Neptune Resources gold mine near Rae-Edzo in the Western Territories ...demonstrates that Ottawa is not really interested in the NWT mineral industry and the benefits it provides to northern residents," she said.

Because of this the new department will accelerate its planning for the transfer of federal mineral responsibilities. Northern native groups and communities will be involved in the development of management and regulatory arrangements. Industry and local businesses will also be consulted to ensure that new policies and programs serve to strengthen business opportunities and the investment climate.

These talks would form part of the discussions on petroleum resources that are already underway.

In addition, the new department will continue to work with the newly-formed NWT Power Corporation to ensure that it is properly established in the Territories. As part of the process, amendments to the Public Utilities Act are scheduled to be presented to the Legislature within the next few weeks.

The tasks undertaken by the new department will require expanded expertise.

"We must prove that we are capable of assuming the many and complex responsibilities which come with the management non-renewable resources," said Ms. Cournoyea. "Huge sums of money are risked on developments that could have a profound impact on the North's economy and society as a whole."

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## ARCTIC CONTAMINATES TO BE DISCUSSED

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 27, 1989) - Canadian scientists will brief the NWT Legislature on Arctic contaminants in early March.**

Government Leader Dennis Patterson said today the team of scientists will meet with his cabinet ministers and the members of the legislature March 9 and then appear as witnesses before a committee of the legislature the next day.

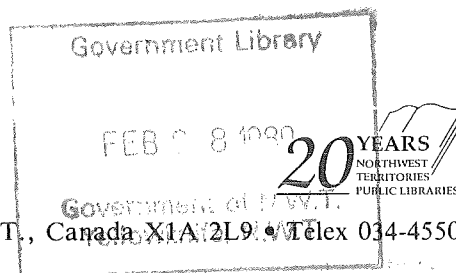
Representatives from the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, the Dene/Metis and the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, will be invited to participate in the discussions.

Mr. Patterson head of a cabinet sub-committee established to address the problem of contaminants, said the committee will be doing whatever it can to ensure development of a collaborative effort involving all levels of government and other jurisdictions in order to define and resolve the problem.

"Contamination of the Arctic is not just a Canadian problem. It's an international problem," Mr. Patterson said.

He said the scientific briefing will help the government to shape the directions it will be taking on behalf of all residents of the NWT. It would help cabinet to determine what health, economic and social impacts might result from further increases of contaminants.

"It is too early to draw categorical conclusions. Even though contamination is a slow process, we have to decide right now how to safeguard our future and the future of the northern environment. Pollution is not an irreversible process. With international cooperation it can be significantly reduced."



Research has discovered traces of toxic substances in many parts of the northern food chain, from bottom feeding sea organisms to seals, polar bears and in the blood and milk of Inuit mothers. PCBs - polychlorinated biphenyls - and the pesticides DDT and toxaphene have been found in fish and animals. Traces of radioactive Cesium 137, now on the decline, have been discovered in caribou meat since the 1960s.

Arctic contaminants, which originate from many sources particularly industrialized and developing nations of the world, pose a health threat to people whose diet is dependent on arctic wildlife and marine mammals.

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## NEW PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT INTRODUCED

**YELLOWKNIFE (February 27, 1989) - A new Public Utilities Act was presented for consideration by the NWT Legislative Assembly today by Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea.**

She said the new act provides a more comprehensive regulatory framework than current legislation that was put into place in 1963. Strengthening of the framework was needed because of the growing size and complexity of the northern economy.

"Good public utility legislation is extremely important," said Ms. Cournoyea. "Consumers look to the Public Utilities Board to ensure fairness in utility prices and the terms and conditions of service. Likewise, suppliers who must commit large sums of capital to projects for the supply of services depend on the board to provide a reasonable return."

The new act expands the role of the Public Utilities Board in regulating companies that have a monopoly on the supply of energy, including companies that sell electricity, natural gas or propane through a pipeline, and hot water for heating purposes. Those companies include Northland Utilities (NWT) Ltd., Stittco Utilities Ltd. and Esso Resources Canada Ltd. The new Northwest Territories Power Corporation will be regulated by the board, starting October 1, 1989.

Under the new act, each utility must establish a franchise agreement with the municipalities it serves. Since this is a new requirement for the corporation, the act provides a period of grace until October 1, 1991, to enable it to develop agreements with the 50 NWT communities which it serves and to complete the process of establishing its headquarters in Hay River. The move, which takes place in August, 1989, will bring 50 to 60 new jobs to that community.



## **NEW PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT INTRODUCED : Page 2**

The Minister referred to questions raised by members of the Standing Committee on Legislation regarding the possibility of an investor-owned company bidding against the power corporation for the right to serve a community in the future. While this act does not preclude such action, Ms. Cournoyea says that such a move would be highly unusual in a regulated industry and would run counter to the best interests of customers at this time.

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## **NWT STUDENT CHOSEN FOR POLAR EXPEDITION**

**IQALUIT, NWT (March 2, 1989) - A 17-year-old student from Lake Harbour, Pudloo Akavak, has been chosen as one of two young people who will represent Canada on an International Student Expedition to the polar region.**

The student expedition is part of the Ice Walk '89 Polar Expedition led by Robert Swan of Great Britain and will involve 21 young people from 14 different countries.

Swan's 8-person main polar expedition plans to leave from Cape Columbia on the northern tip of Ellesmere Island later this month to begin its two-month polar ski trek. Ice Walk '89 is being conducted to focus international attention on the need to protect the global environment.

The student expedition will be based at the Environment Canada Weather Station at Eureka, during the final weeks of the Ice Walk '89. The scientific studies they conduct have been developed with the assistance of Environment Canada.

As a member of the student expedition, Ms. Akavak will study levels of pollution in Arctic air and snow and learn about the impact of this pollution on the global ecology. Later, the group will become the focal point of the Ice Walk educational project to communicate with young people worldwide about the critical need for international cooperation and individual responsibility in order to prevent global environmental disasters through ozone depletion and the greenhouse effect.

The other Canadian member of the student expedition is Peter Hobart, 19, from Georgetown, Ontario. The announcement of the two Canadian team members was made today in Ottawa.



## **NWT Student Chosen for Polar Expedition: Page 2**

Government Leader Dennis Patterson said from Yellowknife that he "was delighted to learn of Akavak's selection, noting that it should be a strong signal to other youth in the NWT of the exciting challenges and the worthwhile projects that they can become involved in.

"Pudloo will be in a unique position to help the other members of the team to understand more about the Inuit concern for preservation of the land where they have lived and hunted for thousands of years. As a result of the expedition, she will also be able to carry a message of concern for the environment back to the other young people in her region."

South Baffin MLA Joe Arlooktoo, who represents the community of Lake Harbour, said he was proud that a student from his community will play a part in this important expedition.

"She comes from a respected family which still hunts, fishes and travels on the land whenever they have the chance. I know she will be able to help the other young expedition members to understand more about life in the North as it is today and the concerns we have about preserving our language, culture and environment."

Pudloo's father, Jawlie, works in maintenance for the local housing authority in Lake Harbour. Her mother, Naomi, is a former community social worker.

The experiments conducted by the students will parallel studies to be conducted by the main polar team during its journey. The results will be combined for publication and made available to scientists throughout the world by the United Nations Environment Program's computer database.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has provided logistical support to the Ice Walk '89 Expedition during two training sessions held in Iqaluit. The first took place last December and the second session will conclude March 11.

Another NWT resident, Angus "Kaerner" Cockney, is a member of the main expedition. The 32-year-old Inuvialuk from Tuktoyaktuk is a former junior Canadian cross country ski champion. He is employed as a Territorial government conservation education officer.

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION REVIEW PLANNED

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 02, 1989) - Operation of the Workers' Compensation Board will be studied by a review panel to be chaired by Letha MacLachlan.**

Ms. Cournoyea, minister responsible for the board, announced her plans to review its operations last December following criticism of increased assessment rates for 1989.

She said today the review will begin immediately and is expected to be completed by mid-April. Written submissions to the review panel will be accepted until March 15th and should be addressed to WCB Review Committee, Box 727, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2N5.

Other members of the review panel are Bob Stewart of MacKay Stewart Management Consultants Ltd, Yellowknife, and David Johnston, president of the Northwest Territories Federation of Labour.

Ms. MacLachlan chaired a previous review panel in 1986. That review of the Workers' Compensation Act recommended holding the line on assessment rates. Shortly after, the rates were reduced and have held steady until the recent announcement of increases for 1989.

In announcing the increases, the board said they were in direct response to meeting the financial requirements of increased accident claims in the Northwest Territories.

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## **PANGNIRTUNG TOURISM COMMITTEE RECEIVES HERITAGE AWARD**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 07, 1989) --** The Pagnirtung Tourism Committee was presented with a Canada Parks Service Heritage Award, by federal Minister of the Environment Lucien Bouchard, last month in Ottawa.

Chairman of the Pagnirtung Tourism Committee Sakiasie Sowdlooapik, and his wife Leetia, traveled to Ottawa to accept the award on behalf of the committee. The committee has provided much leadership over the past eight years for the organization of community and tourism attractions and services. It is now working directly with southern tour wholesalers to increase community visitation.

Canada Parks Service Heritage Awards honour individuals or groups whose work has helped to increase public appreciation of Canada's natural environment and cultural heritage. Government Leader Dennis Patterson attended the ceremony along with the tourism committee representatives.

"The Pagnirtung Tourism Committee worked closely with government agencies and funding bodies to help create two first-class heritage attractions for the NWT -- Kekerten Historic Park and the Angmarlik Interpretive Centre," said Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray. "It's encouraging to see the committee using tourism as a vehicle to strengthen, preserve and interpret the community's unique cultural heritage."

The Pagnirtung Tourism Committee, operating since 1981, is made up of guides, outfitters and others involved in the tourism industry. The committee's many duties include reviewing tourism development proposals, co-ordinating and implementing tourism programs, keeping



**Pangnirtung Tourism Committee Receives Heritage Award: Page 2**

the community informed of all tourism plans, promoting tourism opportunities and organizing local manpower, outfitting services and accommodation for tourists.

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## **COMMISSIONER JOHN PARKER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 6, 1989) -** The appointment of Commissioner John Parker as chairman of the board of directors for the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories was announced today by Government Leader Dennis Patterson.

Mr. Parker succeeds Dr. James M. Harrison who was appointed chairman of the former Science Advisory Board in 1982. Since that time, the role of the board expanded into that of Science Institute with responsibilities for research centres in Inuvik, Igloolik and Iqaluit.

Mr. Patterson said strong leadership is essential to the continuing success of the institute.

"Under Mr. Parker's guidance, the institute will continue to maintain a balanced approach to northern science and technology. His insight and credibility will enhance the institute's ability to respond to the diverse needs of the public, universities, business and government."

Mr. Patterson noting his appreciation for the "wise counsel and loyal service" of Dr. Harrison said the institute wouldn't be in the excellent position it is in today without his dedication and years of hard work.

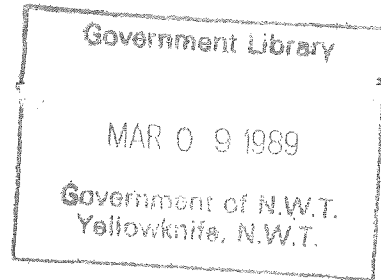
The Science Institute is an arms-length agency of the Territorial government. It reports, through the Government Leader, to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Parker's appointment is effective immediately. He becomes the first northern resident to be named to the chairmanship.



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## JOINT VENTURE COMPANY FORMED FOR DEMPSTER MAINTENANCE

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 08, 1989)** - A joint venture company has been formed to maintain the Dempster Highway from the Yukon Border to Arctic Red River, Mackenzie Delta MLA. Richard Nerysoo announced today on behalf of Minister of Public Works and Highways Nellie Cournoyea.

The Fort McPherson Incorporated Band Limited joined with North Star Service and Construction after the band had problems maintaining the road due to high staff turnover, equipment troubles and extraordinarily severe winter weather. The business agreement provides the band with additional management and operational skills.

"I am pleased that the joint venture will allow the band, through a close working relationship with North Star, to acquire a higher level of the necessary skills during the contract extension period," said Mr. Nerysoo. "This will enable the band to compete through the public tendering process for subsequent contracts."

The Fort McPherson Incorporated Band was established in 1983 to involve the community in highway maintenance in its area. It has held the contract for Dempster Highway maintenance between the Yukon border and the Mackenzie River at Arctic Red River, ever since.

North Star Service and Construction of Inuvik is an experienced, long-term northern contractor, and maintains the Arctic Red River to Inuvik section of the Dempster Highway.

The Fort McPherson Incorporated Band sought approval for the joint venture from the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, and the territorial Department of Public Works and Highways. The



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territorial government then agreed to transfer the current highway maintenance contract to the joint venture, and to extend the contract for a further two years.

"This cooperation between federal and territorial departments provides a firm base for the growth and development of the Fort McPherson Incorporated Band into a successful and viable contractor," said Ms. Cournoyea.

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## **RECONSTRUCTION OF RAE ACCESS ROAD TO BEGIN IN MARCH**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 08, 1989) -** The first phase of a \$5 million, three-year project to reconstruct the Rae Access road is scheduled to begin this month.

The announcement was made here today by Henry Zoe, MLA for Rae-Lac La Martre, on behalf of Public Works Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

The 11 km access road connects the community of Rae to the Yellowknife Highway, 96 km northwest of the Territorial capital. The project involves re-building the road to required standards.

Mr. Zoe noted that the existing road is in "very poor condition" and that the project will see sharp curves eliminated and the roadway widened and resurfaced.

"Road traffic between Rae and Yellowknife has always been heavy and the improvements will do a lot to improve safety standards for the travelling public."

Ms. Cournoyea said the government sees the project as a high priority for Rae residents and businesses and that the work is expected to be completed by the fall of 1991. Tenders have already been called for the gravel crushing phase of the reconstruction. Further contracts will be awarded in the spring for grade construction phases of the project.

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## **GIANT YELLOWKNIFE DONATES A.Y. JACKSON PAINTING**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 09, 1989) - Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited has donated an A.Y. Jackson oil painting of the Giant mine site to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. The painting was done in 1949 on one of Mr. Jackson's regular painting tours through the Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory.**

Robert Needham, Chairman of Giant Mines Limited, donated the painting to the Northern Heritage Centre on behalf of the company.

"It is with great pleasure that the Heritage Centre adds this work to its fine art collection," says Titus Alloo, Minister of Culture and Communications. "It will give northerners increased opportunity to see A.Y. Jackson's unique interpretation of the beauty of the Northwest Territories."

A.Y. Jackson was an original member of the Group of Seven, founded in 1920 by seven artists living in Toronto. Instead of following the 19th century style of painting scenes exactly as they appeared, the Group of Seven emphasized feelings and impressions in their works and developed a new style for Canadian art.

The Government of the Northwest Territories now owns 23 original A.Y. Jackson paintings and sketches.

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## WOOD BISON TO BE RELEASED AT NAHANNI BUTTE

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 09, 1989)** - The Department of Renewable Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Service are co-operating on a project to import 13 wood bison from southern Saskatchewan to the Nahanni-Liard area of the Northwest Territories.

"This is part of a long-range plan to increase the number of free-roaming wood bison that are free of disease," says Titus Allooloo, Minister of Renewable Resources. "The plan has already met with a measure of success now that the Committee on the Status of Wildlife in Canada has taken wood bison off the endangered species list.

Ten adult female and three adult male wood bison will be transported by truck from the Moose Jaw Wild Animal Park, and will arrive at Nahanni Butte on March 8. They will be kept in a corral for six weeks and fed good-quality hay until spring.

"It is hoped that after release they will remain in the area, adding to the small population of bison living in the Nahanni and upper Liard River drainages," says Mr. Allooloo.

The resident wood bison population, which consists of about 37 animals, is the result of a similar project in 1980. Twenty-eight bison were released then, but only half remained the following year. Losses resulted from accidents and bison wandering from the area as far south as Fort Nelson, B.C. The herd has been growing slowly at about 10 per cent each year. The addition of 10 mature cows will increase the total number of cows to 20, greatly improving the herd's viability.

Before shipment, the wood bison will be tested and certified free of serious diseases such as tuberculosis and brucellosis, which are a problem in bison herds in and around Wood Bison National Park.



**Wood Bison to be Released at Nahanni Butte: Page 2**

Beaver Enterprises of Fort Liard and the Nahanni Butte Dene Band are participating in constructing the holding facilities and supplying feed for the wood bison.

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### **PARTS DEALERSHIP RECEIVES \$45,000 FROM SPECIAL ARDA**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 13, 1989) - A wholesale parts dealership will be established in Fort Smith, with \$45,000 from the Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA.**

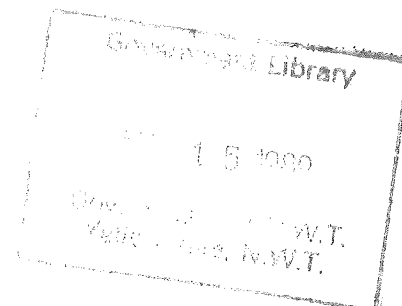
Tom Hockin, federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism, and Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, jointly announced the contribution to Barkley Heron who plans to set up a NAPA auto parts dealership.

Fort Smith's wholesale parts market has been served from southern communities, but local businesses have experienced delays due to the distance between the supplier and customer. NAPA will assist Mr. Heron with the set-up and fine-tuning of his inventory to meet local demands.

The Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA is a joint federal-territorial affirmative action program, designed to stimulate native economic development.

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### COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN RECEIVES \$39,931 SPECIAL ARDA CONTRIBUTION

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 13, 1989)** - A commercial fishing business will be established at Fort Resolution, with \$39,391 from the Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA.

Arthur Beck, an experienced fisherman, will use the money to purchase a 40-foot steel-hulled boat and hire a crew of four, announced federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism Tom Hockin, and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.

Mr. Beck will use his considerable experience to manage the fishing operation on Great Slave Lake. The project will create four seasonal jobs, starting in June and lasting until September.

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## **GNWT SUPPORTS APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS LICENCES**

**YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (Mar 14, 1989)** - Minister for Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Nellie Cournoyea announced today territorial government support for applications by Esso, Shell and Gulf for export licences for their gas reserves in the Mackenzie Delta. She states that northern people must prepare to take advantage of the opportunities associated with this major development.

The companies are seeking approval from the National Energy Board to export a total of 9.2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, beginning in 1997 for 20 years.

"The Government of the Northwest Territories will support a project that will maximize the benefits of development for its residents and minimize the environmental disruption," says Cournoyea. "Benefits will include optimizing pipeline access to territorial oil and gas reserves; resource revenues for our government; opportunities for employment, training and business development; advantages for northern energy supply and incentives for infrastructure development, such as a Mackenzie Valley highway.

"The Northwest Territories has undergone many changes since 1977 when Mr. Justice Tom Berger recommended a ten year moratorium on development in the Mackenzie Valley," Cournoyea told Members of the NWT Legislature.

She says the last few years have been used wisely to resolve many outstanding aboriginal issues. The Dene/Metis of the Mackenzie Valley have an Agreement-in-Principle with the federal government and expect a final agreement in 1991. In the Eastern Arctic, the Tungavik



## **GNWT SUPPORTS APPLICATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS LICENCES: PAGE 2**

Federation of Nunavut expect an Agreement-in-Principle in a few months. The Inuvialuit living in the area of the Beaufort Sea and Mackenzie Delta have settled their land claim which provides them with environmental screening, review mechanisms, and wildlife management authority.

Cournoyea went on to outline the credibility and growing responsibilities of the Government of the NWT. "We have a fully elected legislature with a majority of native members and Cabinet members of our own choosing. Our responsibilities differ little from those of the provinces, ranging from health care to forestry management.

"While much of the north has changed during the last 10 years, we all recognize that the deep concerns about development and its impacts have remained constant. Northern residents insist upon meaningful economic benefits. They have every right to expect maximum protection of the natural environment, our most precious resource of all. In addition, the need to ensure minimal social disruption is vital."

All phases of the industry activity over the last ten years have already been experienced according to Cournoyea. "From exploration to development to production, people in the Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort regions are becoming familiar with the challenges and impacts of the oil and gas programs."

The minister reminded MLA's that northerners have looked forward to assuming the control of northern resource management for many years. The framework for the Northern Energy Accord, signed in September 1988 with the federal government, provides for the future transfer of oil and gas management responsibilities.

"It is the Northern Accord and settled aboriginal claims that will give aboriginal peoples and northern government the opportunities and the resources to manage development to their benefit. It is the Northern Accord and settled aboriginal claims that will give the industry the stability and encouragement needed to undertake major development," says Cournoyea.

"In supporting the application of Esso, Shell, and Gulf, we are engaging the confidence of the people of the North in their own destiny."

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### **INUIT CULTURAL INSTITUTE TO RECEIVE LARGE PORTION OF ART COLLECTION**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 15, 1989) -** An agreement in principle has been initialled that will see a major portion of an Inuit art collection transferred to the Inuit Cultural Institute.

Pierre Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Titus Allooloo, N.W.T. Minister of Culture and Communications, made the announcement today. The collection belongs to the federal department.

Out of 3,600 pieces produced in the Northwest Territories, the institute will receive 1653 pieces, which it will display in Inuit communities throughout the NWT. ICI has been entrusted with the collection by seven other Inuit organizations, including the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut and the Inuit Regional Councils.

The National Gallery of Canada, Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Winnipeg Art Gallery will also receive pieces from the collection.

"This agreement will provide Inuit with greater opportunity to see some of the finest pieces of art produced by their own people. The works are strong symbols of the strength and vitality of Inuit society," says Mr. Cadieux.

"The agreement also ensures that parts of the collection will give other Canadians and international visitors to larger galleries greater insight into the unique culture and heritage of the Inuit," Mr. Allooloo added.

The collection, which consists of Inuit sculptures, prints, drawings, wall hangings and a large selection of crafts, has been purchased by DIAND over the past 35 years. Its primary purpose was to promote Inuit art nationally and internationally.

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The final agreement is expected to be signed in the next several months, after the recipient institutions have settled on final selection of the pieces.

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## DEADLINE FOR HEALTH BURSARIES APRIL 28

**YELLOWKNIFE** (March 15, 1989) - The application deadline for Health Training Bursaries is April 28, Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea said today.

"The bursaries are designed to help people further their training in the health care professions," the minister says. "This helps northerners gain advanced education and ensures a supply of skilled health professionals for the North."

Health Training Bursaries are available for full or part-time students in a variety of health care fields. Preference will be given to applicants who plan to work in professions needed in the North, such as medicine, nursing, x-ray technology, physio and occupational therapy and health education.

Those who receive bursaries will be required to work in the Northwest Territories for a period of time upon completion of their training.

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## MCDERMID TO PRESENT JACKSON PAINTINGS

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 15, 1989) - Federal Minister of Privatization John McDermid will be in Yellowknife March 18 to officially present 10 A.Y. Jackson paintings to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.**

The paintings were donated by Eldorado Nuclear Ltd upon the crown corporation's merger with the Saskatchewan Mining Development Corporation last fall.

Commissioner John Parker will accept the paintings on behalf of the people of the Northwest Territories. William Bennet, former president of Eldorado who acted as A.Y. Jackson's host on many of his trips to the N.W.T., will also attend the ceremony.

The paintings -- which include nine sketches done on small wooden panels and one full-size work -- depict scenes around Great Bear Lake and Yellowknife.

The paintings will become part of the Northern Heritage Centre's fine arts collection, which is comprised of more than 4,000 items.

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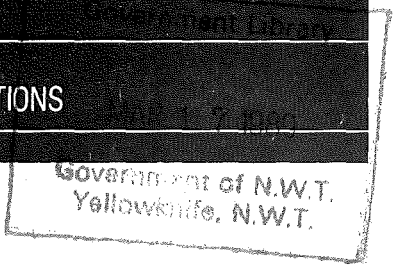




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## AGRICULTURE CANADA TESTING FOR RABIES

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 15, 1989)** - Two dogs in Yellowknife have recently been found to have rabies, and although specimens from several other animals have been submitted to Agriculture Canada for testing, they have all been negative to date.

A representative of the federal department has been in Yellowknife to determine which animals in Yellowknife may have come in contact with rabies, Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea said today.

"People should avoid coming into contact with stray dogs or animals -- wild or tame -- which are behaving strangely," Ms. Cournoyea said.

People who come into contact with a potentially rabid animal should call or go to the nearest public health unit or health centre to determine if they require treatment. Rabies spreads to humans through the virus-laden saliva of an infected animal. Normally this happens when a human is bitten by a rabid animal or when the infected saliva enters the body through a fresh break or wound in the skin.

Sick dogs or cats should be taken to a veterinarian for examination.

Rabies in dogs and cats can be prevented by regular vaccination. In the Yellowknife area, Bowspringer Kennels will vaccinate animals against rabies free of charge until March 18. A city by-law requires animals to be vaccinated annually against rabies.

Animal vaccination clinics will be arranged for Rainbow Valley and Detah. Times and places will be announced at a later date.



## **AGRICULTURE CANADA TESTING FOR RABIES: PAGE 2**

City of Yellowknife By-law Officers will continue to pick up stray animals. Owners of apprehended animals will be subject to an "at large" fee. To report stray animals, people should call the Bylaw Enforcement Department at 873-4729 or 873-4687.

The Departments of Health and of Renewable Resources will conduct a campaign to increase public awareness of rabies and its prevention.

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## LATEST GAS PIPELINE APPLICATION NO THREAT TO NORTHERN GOALS

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (March 16, 1989) - N.W.T. Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resource Nellie Cournoyea stated that she was not surprised by today's announcement by Foothills Pipe Lines Limited.

The company, based in Calgary, says it will pursue the construction of a gas pipeline along the Mackenzie Valley to connect with a further prebuilding of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System by filing with the National Energy Board later this year.

"There are already two other pipeline applications submitted to the National Energy Board dealing with the transportation of Delta natural gas reserves. Northerners saw the application for the Dempster Lateral route filed in 1979 and heard from Polar Gas in 1985. The National Energy Board has yet to consider either of these applications."

Ms. Cournoyea noted that the gas producers must first be granted their export licences through National Energy Board hearings before any transportation issues will even be considered. Next, Esso, Shell and Gulf have to spend some time securing markets for the gas at feasible prices and gaining regulatory approval in the United States for the imports.

Ms. Cournoyea stated that the territorial government's position on the export licences remains supportive but that before any pipeline development occurs, she expects the Northern Accord and the Dene/Metis land claim will be in place.



**LATEST GAS PIPELINE NO THREAT TO NORTHERN GOALS: PAGE 2**

"It is the final settlement of the Dene/Metis land claim by 1991 and the Northern Accord which will give aboriginal peoples and northern government the opportunities and the resources for the first time to manage development to their benefit."

She stresses that the aspects of the project dealing with benefits, social impact, and environmental protection will be most important to northerners.

"We expect that Foothills may indeed be ready to file an partial application in the near term," says Ms. Cournoyea. "Over the next several years however, many aspects of pipeline applications will have to be developed with the involvement of aboriginal groups and the GNWT.

The company now has a lot of work ahead re-establishing its understanding of northern people and issues. "

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# News Release

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## NO CHANGE IN DIET NEEDED

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 16, 1989)** - PCB contamination of traditional foods is not serious enough to suggest a change in diet for Inuit residents of Broughton Island, says Dr. David Kinloch of the federal Department of Health and Welfare.

The nutritional benefits of Inuit foods and breast milk to Broughton Island residents and infants outweigh any risk brought about by the contamination, he told the NWT Legislature.

Regardless, Government Leader Dennis Patterson cautioned members that the findings do not mean northerners should lessen their vigilance.

"As a matter of fact, it is imperative that we accelerate our efforts - through whatever means possible - to ensure that our environment is safe not only for ourselves but for future generations as well," he stated.

Mr. Patterson said the problem of Arctic contaminants will not be eliminated without strong, deliberate and coordinated action by all levels of government, industry, the scientific community and the support of the public.

"This is an international issue, an issue that has to be tackled by all governments of the world," he explained.

Dr. Kinloch and four other scientists appeared as witnesses before a committee of the Legislature to present the results of their scientific research into Arctic contaminants.

## **No Change in Diet Needed: Page 2**

He described the nutritional value of Inuit foods as being "extremely beneficial", noting that their high content of polyunsaturated fatty acids and omega fatty acid work together to protect against heart disease.

The foods are also rich in protein, protective fats, vitamin A, iron and zinc - nutrients that are not found in comparable levels in marketed food purchased off the shelf

Seven dietary surveys were undertaken in Broughton Island during a one-year period beginning in July of 1987. Some 3,002 dietary records were established for over 400 individuals. All of them were in the habit of consuming an average of 9 to 9.5 ounces of traditional food per day.

Dr. Kinloch said that only 12.3 per cent of the individuals surveyed had intakes of PCBs greater than or equal to one microgram per kilo of body weight per day. One microgram is considered to be a "tolerable intake" - a guideline used by Health and Welfare Canada that has a substantial safety margin built into it.

Professor Harriet Kuhnlein, director of the school of dietetics and human nutrition at McGill University's MacDonald College, said her group identified over 80 traditional foods in Broughton Island.

Wild berries, Arctic char, caribou, narwal, ring seal and walrus were the most popular traditional foods. The foods were tested for nutrient value and for contaminants.

"There is no question about the fact that we found that Inuit foods were nutritionally superior to the market foods consumed by the people of Broughton Island," she said. "There is a chance for real illness from nutritional deficiencies if the people do not eat their traditional foods."

Professor Kuhnlein said the dietary study also included a sampling of breast milk. Levels of PCBs in this milk were found to be in the range of levels contained in the milk of southern Canadian women.

"At the same time, we discovered that the breast milk of Broughton Island women contained protective fats in levels that were three to five times higher than women in the south."

### **No Change in Diet Needed: Page 3**

Garth Bangay, director of resource planning and coordination for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, told the Legislature earlier that contamination of the Arctic by man-made chemicals is of greatest concern to scientists.

These chemicals, particularly PCBs and the pesticides DDT, chloradane and toxaphene, are characterized by their persistence in the environment, their biological stability and their tendency to concentrate in the fat of organisms.

"As one animal eats another, the contaminants are passed on. This has a concentrating effect as they move from the lowest to the highest end of the food chain."

Mr. Bangay said levels of PCBs and pesticides being found in the North are relatively evenly distributed and that there is an absence of any particular hot spots or concentrations. This suggests that the sources are "distant from the Arctic" and are being carried here by air currents, river run-off and by ocean currents.

Communicating scientific findings on Arctic contaminants and the risk they pose to northern residents is a particular vexing problem for the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Patterson explained that it is becoming increasingly difficult to lessen public anxieties in light of current media attention and the tendency to report certain findings out of context to the overall reality.

"A recent Canadian Press report, for instance, began with a statement that PCB contamination in breast milk from mothers and in the blood of some Inuit on Broughton Island are at the upper limits of safety," he said.

The reality, Mr. Patterson noted, is that sampling of breast milk at Broughton Island indicates levels of PCBs similar to levels being encountered in southern Canadian women.

In another report, a geneticist from the University of Western Ontario took the findings of a research scientist and projected the data to conclude that toxins would result in extinction of the Polar Bear.

## **No Change in Diet Needed: Page 4**

Dr. Derek Muir, a research scientist for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans speaking to the Legislature, said the geneticist's calculations were discredited during a recently-concluded scientific forum in Ottawa. He had misread the scientific data and, as a result, came to an erroneous conclusion.

"I'm not trying to suggest that we don't have a problem," Patterson said. "We all recognize what has to be done but the type of superficial and, sometimes inaccurate information northerners are reading and hearing on the radio and television certainly isn't helping the situation."

The Territorial government has established a Cabinet sub-committee to deal with the matter of Arctic contaminants. The committee is chaired by Mr. Patterson and includes Minister of Health Nellie Cournoyea and Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo.

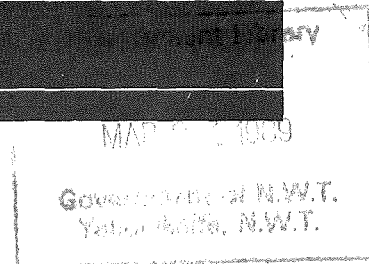
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## TOURISM OPERATORS TO STUDY INCENTIVE TRAVEL

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 17, 1989)** - The benefits of incentive travel will be introduced to tourism operators at a seminar held next month by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has announced.

The seminar will teach NWT operators what incentive travel is, and how it can help their businesses by attracting groups of visitors to the NWT. Suggestions on how to incorporate incentive travel into marketing strategies will be offered to operators.

Incentive travel is a modern management tool that motivates employees, salespeople, dealers and distributors, by offering them all-expense paid travel packages as a reward for outstanding performance. Few NWT tourism operators take advantage of the incentive travel market.

"Seminars like these bring new ideas to the tourism industry that can stimulate economic growth," said Mr. Wray. "Incentive travel offers excellent opportunities to increase visitor traffic to the NWT."

Professional incentive travel consultants from Universal Seminars, of Toronto, will present the program, which has been tailored to the NWT. Brainstorming sessions and a workshop will make up part of the seminar. The seminar will be held on April 25 and 26.

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## CABINET CHANGES ANNOUNCED

**YELLOWKNIFE** (March 20, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson today announced a number of changes to the portfolios of his eight-member Cabinet.

The changes, unless otherwise noted, are effective April 3. They are:

- The Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, Deputy Government Leader, will assume responsibility for the new Department of Safety and Public Services, and become responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board on June 1. He will retain the Education portfolio and responsibilities for Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

In keeping with his role as Deputy Government Leader and minister responsible for political and constitutional development within the NWT, Mr. Kakfwi will assume chairmanship of cabinet's Political and Constitutional Development Committee.

He has also been assigned responsibility for negotiations on the government's prime public authority concept in Dene/Metis communities. He will also take responsibility for GNWT participation in discussions with the federal government on delivery of services to native people in the NWT.

- The Hon. Gordon Wray will be responsible for the new Department of Transportation, and will retain responsibility for the departments of Economic Development and Tourism and Municipal and Community Affairs.



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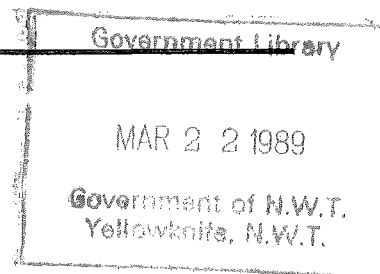
- The Hon. Nellie Cournoyea will become the minister of the new Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. She will retain her existing responsibilities for the departments of Health and Public Works and Highways and the NWT Power Corporation. Her responsibilities for the Public Utilities Board will be transferred to The Hon. Michael Ballantyne, who is also minister responsible for the departments of Justice and Finance.
- The Hon. Jeannie Marie-Jewell will continue as minister of Personnel. She also retains her responsibilities as minister of Social Services and has been assigned the leading role in the formation of new policies and programs to deal with pressing social issues, such as welfare reform, suicide, child sexual abuse and child care.
- The Hon. Tom Butters retains his existing responsibilities as minister of Government Services and as minister Responsible for the N.W.T. Housing Corporation.
- The Hon. Titus Allooloo retains his responsibilities as minister of the Department of Culture and Communications and the Department of Renewable Resources

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### TAXI SERVICE ESTABLISHED IN POND INLET WITH ARDA FUNDS

**YELLOWKNIFE** (March 21, 1989) - A native-owned and run taxi company has been established in Pond Inlet with \$13,000 contribution from the Special ARDA.

Leo Muktar Taxi provides a valuable service to this growing community on the northwest corner of Baffin Island. Previous to establishment of the business, Pond Inlet had been without a taxi service for over a year.

Tom Hockin, federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism, and Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, announced the contribution.

The taxi service provides year-round transportation for people travelling within Pond Inlet, to and from the airport, and for visitors wishing to tour the community of over 800 people.

The Canada-Northwest Territories Special ARDA is a joint federal-territorial affirmative action program designed to stimulate native economic development.

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## NEW ATV REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

YELLOWKNIFE (March 20, 1989) - New all-terrain vehicle (ATV) regulations will come into effect April 1, Government Services Minister Tom Butters has announced.

Under amendments to the All-Terrain Vehicles Act, drivers and passengers riding on three and four-wheel ATVs within a municipality, must observe the new regulations.

ATVs must now be registered and insured. Proof of this must be carried by the ATV rider and drivers must be at least 14 years old.

Other regulations include mandatory helmet use and a limit of two people on an moving ATV at one time. Infants in amautis, or similar carrying devices, may be transported on an ATV and are exempted from helmet requirements.

ATV registration may be obtained from local motor vehicles issuing offices or agencies, or from the Motor Vehicles Division in Yellowknife.

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### **OPENING OF PANGNIRTUNG ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE ANNOUNCED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (March 23, 1989) - An arts and crafts centre will be established in Pangnirtung, by the Pangnirtung Development Corporation, with funding from the federal and territorial governments.**

Federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism Tom Hockin and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray made the announcement.

The federal government has approved in principle \$352,000 Native Economic Development Program funding to assist the new corporation to expand and modernize the existing weave shop. The facility will be transformed into a studio where local artists, weavers, sewers, carvers and printmakers can work and receive specialized training.

The territorial government will provide a total of up to \$600,000, over five years, to cover architectural fees, working capital, inventory and equipment, and operating costs. Current budget commitments for the weave shop will provide a major source of funding for the corporation.

Pangnirtung's 140 artists own the Pangnirtung Development Corporation, which will be operated by a general manager, reporting to a seven-member board of directors.

Housing the community's printmakers, weavers and carvers in one building will conserve on building and overhead costs, and allow for professional management assistance for all three groups. A retail outlet will be built into the facility, to capitalize on growing tourism in the region.

## **Opening of Pangnirtung Arts and Crafts Centre Announced: Page 2**

"There is an international demand for carvings, prints, and tapestries produced in Pangnirtung, nevertheless, both printmaking and weaving operated at a loss," said Mr. Wray. "It's anticipated that over the next 10 years, this producer-owned facility will generate an estimated \$6.9 million in sales, \$4 million of which would go directly to producers."

"This project is an excellent example of the significant economic and business development taking place within Canada's aboriginal community," said Mr. Hockin. "The entrepreneurial spirit of the artists of Pangnirtung is to be commended."

Mr. Hockin emphasized that viable business ventures are the best means to promote economic growth and create long term jobs. Some 22 full-time workers will be employed in the building, and over 100 carvers could have access to the facility on a part-time basis.

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## SMOKING AMONG YOUTH HAS DROPPED, SURVEY SHOWS

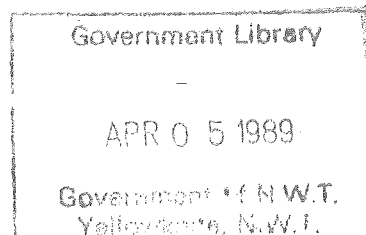
**YELLOWKNIFE (April 3, 1989)** - The percentage of young people in the Northwest Territories who smoke has dropped in the past five years, Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea announced today while releasing the results of a survey on tobacco use by N.W.T. youth.

"Among youth age 10 to 14, regular cigarette smoking declined from 13 per cent to 9 per cent. Among youth 15 to 19, regular smoking rates declined from 49 per cent to 41 per cent," the minister said.

The survey, conducted in the fall of 1987 by health promotion staff from Health and Welfare Canada and the N.W.T. Department of Health, was designed to monitor changes in tobacco use by N.W.T. school children since 1982. That year, a survey showed that the level of smoking and use of smokeless tobacco in the N.W.T. were among the highest ever reported for a Canadian school age population.

"After the 1982 survey, the Department of Health stepped up its tobacco education program. A full-time tobacco officer was hired to address tobacco use in the N.W.T. Departmental staff spearheaded the development of a school health education curriculum, part of which addresses the use of tobacco," Ms. Cournoyea said.

All schools in the Northwest Territories were encouraged to participate in both surveys. Ninety-four per cent took part in 1982, while 84 per cent participated in 1987. Results were gathered in three age groups: 5 to 9 years, 10 to 14 years and 15 to 19 years. The survey was administered by teachers, and the students were assured their answers were confidential.



## SMOKING AMONG YOUTH HAS DROPPED, SURVEY SHOWS: PAGE 2

As in 1982, the 1987 survey found that a higher percentage of female students smoke than do their male counterparts. Among youth age 10 to 14, 10 per cent of female respondents said they smoked regularly, compared to 8 per cent of the males. In the 15 to 19 age group, 45 per cent of females survey smoked regularly, compared to 37 per cent of males.

Smoking is most prevalent among Inuit youth, with 14 per cent of respondents in the age 10 to 14 group smoking regularly, compared to 6 per cent of Dene/Metis and 4 per cent of non-natives. In the 15 to 19 age group, 48 per cent of Inuit youth smoke regularly, compared to 38 per cent of Dene/Metis youth and 30 per cent of non-native.

The 1987 survey found that although the majority of students in all age and ethnic groups are aware of the harmful effects of tobacco, many smoke anyway, usually because of peer pressure.

The percentage of students who felt they would be smoking cigarettes in five years time is considerably lower in all ethnic and age groups than the current level of smoking. The distribution of those who felt they would still be smoking in five years is closely related to the current pattern of smoking.

"Unfortunately, 10 per cent of youth age 5 to 19 say they will be smokers in five years," the minister said. "That number is still too high, and means the Department of Health will have to pursue a more aggressive tobacco education campaign."

The 1987 survey results show that the percentage of young people using chewing tobacco has also declined between 1982 and 1987. In 1982, 15 per cent of males age 10 to 19 used chewing tobacco, compared to 12 percent in 1987. Little change was noted among Dene/Metis girls, 7 per cent of whom used chewing tobacco in 1987. The use of snuff has remained about the same -- 15 per cent for males in 1987, and 18 per cent for Dene/Metis females. The percentage of Inuit and non-Native females who use smokeless tobacco is too low to produce reliable data.

A newly introduced tax on tobacco products is intended to further reduce consumption of both regular and smokeless tobacco products by youth in the Northwest Territories.

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## **DIVISIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION FORMED**

**YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (April 2, 1989)** - The first Divisional Board of Education in the Western Arctic was established at special ceremonies on April 1, 1989.

The ceremonies, held in Norman Wells, officially proclaimed formation of the Sahtu Divisional Board of Education. The new board serves the communities of Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman, Norman Wells, Fort Franklin and Colville Lake.

"This event is an excellent example of how communities can share a vision for education; real control will now be exercised by the communities through the Sahtu Divisional Board," Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi said at the ceremony.

"I expect the success of this first divisional board in a Dene region will ease the way for establishing the remainder of the divisional boards in the territories," the minister, who is also MLA for Sahtu, added.

The board represents more than 400 students from kindergarten through grade 9 in the five communities. Its new director, Craig Hurst, begins his job on April 14th.

Special thanks was given at the proclamation ceremony to the education council members and acting chairman Lucy Jackson, for all its hard work developing the divisional board.

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# News Release

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION A TOP PRIORITY

**YELLOWKNIFE, NWT (April 6, 1989)** - NWT Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Nellie Cournoyea said today the Territorial government continues to ensure that "maximum environmental protection" is part of every Arctic oil and gas exploration and development program.

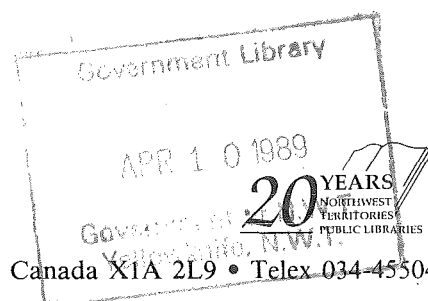
Cournoyea, and her colleague the Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooooloo, told the Legislature that the Alaskan oil spill has caused people to consider whether or not the same possibility would exist if and when Mackenzie Delta and Beaufort development proceeds.

"Northerners want to make sure that their support for the recent natural gas export licence applications by Esso, Shell and Gulf are conditioned by a renewed commitment to environmental protection", Cournoyea said.

According to the Minister, industry activities in the Beaufort are limited to exploration programs and oil production is many years off.

"Even at these early stages, however, Beaufort explorers continue to develop their oil spill response capability. We expect they will learn much from the terrible Alaska disaster". Cournoyea added that oil spill response equipment from the industry bases in Tuktoyaktuk has already been loaned to Alaskan officials.

"Throughout the Beaufort Sea Environmental Assessment Panel hearings, the Territorial government and northern people have clearly stated their support for the use of pipelines to transport Beaufort crude oil instead of tankers. This continues to be our position".



She says both her department and the Department of Renewable Resources will be checking the adequacy of the industry's contingency plans for next summer's drilling programs.

"This is one of the reasons that the Northern Energy Accord is so fundamental to acceptable development", Cournoyea stated. "We believe northern managers will have the political strength and will to establish rigorous standards and carefully scrutinize the operations of oil and gas companies". A final agreement for an Accord is currently under negotiation with the federal government.

The Ministers made it clear that the Government of the Northwest Territories remains committed to the ban of activities in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge and on the North Slope of the Yukon. "These areas are critical sites for the calving of the Porcupine caribou herd, for waterfowl nesting and for polar bear populations. They must not be sacrificed to development interests".

In terms of northern development, Cournoyea added that the review of gas export applications by the National Energy Board later this month is the beginning of a long and orderly process which will see the full involvement of the government of the NWT.

"We have the skills to ensure that development proceeds in a way that protects our northern environment and realizes long-lasting economic benefits for northern communities".

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# News Release

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## **DISCUSSION PAPER ON MUNICIPAL FINANCING TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 7, 1989) - A discussion paper on municipal financing will be distributed to all local governments, the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities and other interested parties, according to Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray.**

The paper outlines revised policies on funding assistance to local governments for capital projects and operations and maintenance. The revised policies have been developed over the past several years.

"Local governments across the North continue to face the challenges of meeting demand for municipal services with limited resources, of dealing with the demands of rapid population growth and responding to the need for general improvements in housing and services in their communities," Mr. Wray says. "I see the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs as a partner with community governments in meeting local needs."

During 1989/90, Municipal and Community Affairs will provide \$52 million in direct contributions to local governments. More than \$15 million of this is for capital funding, while \$37 million is for operations and maintenance.

The paper also outlines the elements of a new policy on pricing and financing for land development. It describes the department's commitment to property taxation as one means of raising revenue, and calls upon local governments which are not yet municipal taxing authorities to consider this option.

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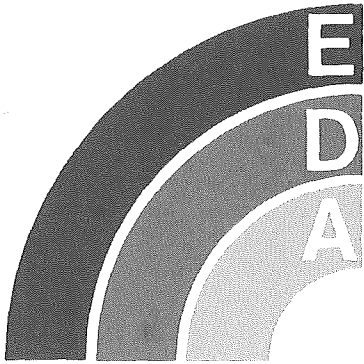
**DISCUSSION PAPER ON MUNICIPAL FINANCING TO BE  
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As an essential part of public consultation, a committee consisting of representatives of the N.W.T. Association of Municipalities, the N.W.T. Association of Municipal Administrators and staff of Municipal and Community Affairs will examine the proposals in the discussion paper in greater detail and make policy recommendations. This committee is expected to start work in April and finish in November.

"It is my hope that this two-fold approach to consultation will lead to many positive changes in municipal financing and a full understanding of the issues. This will lead to stronger and more effective local governments, and an enhancement of our partnership," Mr. Wray says.

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## **ARCTIC COLLEGE RECEIVES EDA FUNDING FOR CARVING WORKSHOP**

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 7, 1989)** - An antler carving workshop will be conducted by Hall Beach Adult Education, a division of Arctic College, with \$13,206 from the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Pierre Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development announced the contribution, in conjunction with Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The workshop will be held in Hall Beach's fire hall, over ten days. Approximately 15 local carvers will participate in the workshop.

The workshop's objective is to encourage young artists to explore new techniques associated with antler carving, while generally stimulating the carving sector of the Hall Beach economy. The instructor, Nick Sikkuark, a well known carver from Gjoa Haven, will instruct participants on the use of power tools as carving implements. Tools purchased for the workshop will be retained by Arctic College, in Iqaluit, for use in future workshops.

The carving workshop qualified for an EDA contribution under the Artist and Artisan Development Program. This program covers the hiring of artistic advisors, funds for travel to northern and southern workshops and support for sponsoring workshops in northern communities. Individuals, businesses and economic development organizations involved in the production and development of arts and crafts in the NWT are eligible to apply.

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## **FIREFIGHTING CONTRACT AWARDED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 7, 1989)** - An air tanker group and support personnel will be supplied to Department of Renewable Resources firefighting operations by Conair Aviation Limited, under a five-year contract.

Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo and Government Services Minister Tom Butters announced the contract award today.

Conair Aviation Limited will station support staff, and the air tanker group consisting of a DC6 air tanker and bird dog aircraft, in Hay River during the fire season. The Department of Renewable Resource's Territorial Forest Fire Centre, in Fort Smith, will dispatch or relocate the aircraft to any of six air tanker bases in the Western Northwest Territories.

The contract covers basing charges of \$3.8 million which include crew expenses, aircraft maintenance, and the aircraft's flights between a Conair base and Hay River. It also specifies hourly rates to be paid for the firefighting aircraft. Provisions for northern hiring, training opportunities and additional expenditures have been incorporated.

Conair has been providing aerial firefighting services to the Northwest Territories since 1973, and is highly specialized in aerial fire suppression systems. Based in Abbotsford, British Columbia, the company operates the world's largest fleet of air tankers for resource protection.

Conair's aircraft will complement the existing fire suppression fleet of 10 helicopters, and an air tanker group made up of two CL-215 aircraft and one bird dog aircraft. During a busy fire season,



**FIREFIGHTING CONTRACT AWARDED: Page 2**

Renewable Resources may employ over 500 people in firefighting operations.

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## MOTORISTS TO RECEIVE LICENCE RENEWAL REMINDERS

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 10, 1989) - Reminders to renew driver's licences will be issued to motorists by the Motor Vehicles Division, Minister of Transportation Gordon Wray has announced.

Beginning April 1, the reminders will be mailed out approximately four weeks prior to the expiry date shown on the licence. A brief letter will encourage motorists to renew their licences, before they expire, at their nearest issuing office.

"It is hoped these letters will help reduce the incidence of expired licences," said Mr. Wray. "Last year about 800 motorists required a re-test because their licences had expired."

During the current session of the Legislative Assembly, the Motor Vehicles Act was amended to allow motorists a period of one year to renew their licences before requiring them to be re-tested. Previously, motorists had to pass a driver's examination, if their licence hadn't been renewed within 90 days of its expiry date.

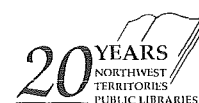
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## GREENLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES

**YELLOWKNIFE (APRIL 17, 1989)** - Greenland will send a delegation of up to 50 athletes and cultural performers to next spring's Arctic Winter Games, Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray said today.

Mr. Wray and Arctic Winter Games Corporation President Don Cooper met with the Greenland Sports Association last week, during a visit to that circumpolar country.

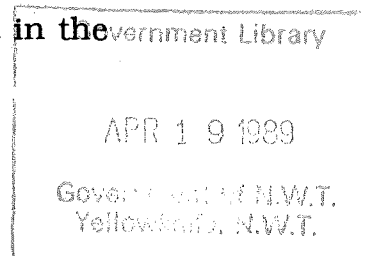
Greenland's agreement to participate in the games will add a new and exciting dimension to the bi-annual event. It's something that both myself and the corporation have been working towards for some time now," Wray said.

The minister noted that he was also continuing to discuss the possibility of a cultural delegation from Siberia, in the U.S.S.R., joining next year's event.

The games have traditionally involved competitors from the NWT, the Yukon and Alaska. They are scheduled for Yellowknife March 11 to 17, 1990.

Mr. Cooper said officials of both countries have to sit down and work out details of the Greenlandic participation. Athletes from that country are likely to enter the badminton, skiing, indoor soccer and volleyball competitions.

He added that the Greenland Sports Association's involvement in the games is supported by Greenland Premier Motzfelt.



GREENLAND TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES: Page 2

Meanwhile, Cooper said it is not likely the Arctic Winter Games Corporation would have entered into an agreement with Greenland without the "motivation and initiatives" taken by the Municipal and Community Affairs Minister and Government Leader Dennis Patterson.

"It was Wray who sold us on the idea. The games are truly becoming international in scope," he said.

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## CANADA YOUTH AND AIDS STUDY RELEASED

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 19, 1989)** - A national study on youth and AIDS prepared by researchers at Queen's University indicates young people across the country want and need more information and support from parents, doctors, nurses and their schools regarding sexuality and sexually transmitted diseases.

The Northwest Territories section of the report expands on the findings presented in the national study. The territorial report, which was done early in the life of the NWT AIDS Program and the new NWT School Health Program, will provide a relevant data base to compare changes in knowledge, attitudes and behaviours after the programs have been in operation for a period of time.

Like other young people across Canada, many of the North's young people are sexually active and are engaging in risky, unprotected sexual behaviours, the study says. It also says that information on prevention must be available before young people become sexually active.

The programs established by the NWT Departments of Education and Health over the past two years are necessary and appropriate, the study confirms. The study indicates that these programs should be aggressively pursued and enhanced, providing NWT students with more information on HIV infection leading to AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases and how to protect themselves.

The NWT School Health Program, instituted in the fall of 1987, includes seven units aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles. The Mental and Emotional Well-Being Unit is the central unit of the school health program, in which students learn and practice decision making, communications and coping skills, which they then apply in all other units.

HIV infection leading to AIDS is discussed in the Family Life Unit of the school health program. All schools are required to offer family life education, but parents decide if they want their children to take part in the family life classes. HIV infection is first addressed as a topic at the Grade Four level where it is identified along with other communicable, infectious diseases. It is then emphasized as a health program topic at the junior high school level.

The Department of Health's AIDS Program was established in the spring of 1987. The program has conducted a multi-media campaign to inform NWT resident about HIV transmission leading to AIDS, including television and radio announcements, newspaper advertising, posters, pamphlets, a toll-free telephone information line, a resource centre and community workshops.

The Department of Health has also established the Family Life Education program to increase awareness of health issues in the Northwest Territories. Family Life Education consultants respond to information requests in a number of areas, including sexuality, family violence and sexual assault. They provide information by telephone, by mail, or by travelling to communities to conduct workshops and presentations.

The Department of Health is further responding to the need for information with a new community health project. During 1989-90, trained workers will go door to door to discuss health care issues and leave packages which include information of AIDS, tobacco use and healthy lifestyles.

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## TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVE FUNDING

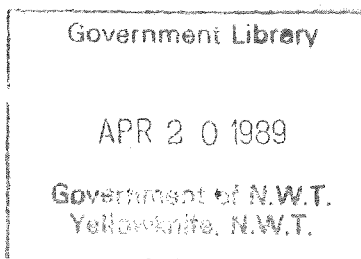
**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 19, 1989) - Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has approved the provision of \$29,233 to six tourism zone associations and their umbrella organization the NWT Tourism Industry Association.

Matching funds are provided annually by the department to supplement the core funding needs of the Tourism Industry Association (TIA-NWT) and the six zone associations.

"By maintaining their membership, and enlisting new members, the TIA and the zone associations are proving their validity," said Mr. Wray. "Their total revenue from memberships is up 17 per cent this year and the department's support has risen proportionately."

Funds will be provided to the following zone associations: Arctic Coast Tourism Association (\$2,890); Baffin Tourism Association (\$1,520); Big River Tourism Association (\$4,472.35); Travel Keewatin (\$7,100); Northern Frontier Visitors Association (\$7401.50); and the Western Arctic Visitors Association (\$3,900). TIA-NWT will receive \$1,950 to match its total membership dues.

Outfitters, and hotel and lodge operators usually join their zone association. Larger tourism operators that conduct business over a broad area, such as airlines, generally become members of the TIA-NWT.



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**TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVE FUNDING: Page 2**

The matching funds the tourism associations receive help supplement basic core funding supplied by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. Last April, \$285,641 was provided to the associations in basic core funding. Core funding is used for office rental and equipment, salaries and organization of meetings.

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## **TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FUNDING TO WINTER GAMES HOST COMMITTEE**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 21, 1989) - The Government of the Northwest Territories will contribute \$300,000 to the Yellowknife 1990 Arctic Winter Games Host Society, Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray has announced. Mr. Wray and Don Sian, President of the Yellowknife Host Society, will sign the formal agreement today.

The financial contribution will be supplemented with a substantial commitment for other goods and services such as subsidized housing and printing.

"The Arctic Winter Games are a valuable avenue for preserving and enhancing northern sport and culture," Mr. Wray says. "They play an important role in developing northern athletes and artists, and promoting increased understanding of northern heritage."

The 1990 Arctic Winter Games, to be held March 11-17, will mark the 20th anniversary of the Games, which are held every two years. While athletes from Alaska, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories compete in sporting events, performers from the same jurisdictions will take part in the Games' cultural program. Greenland has agreed to send a small contingent of athletes and performers; invitations have also been sent to Northern Quebec and the Province of Magadan in the Soviet Union.

The Host Society is responsible for providing accommodation, food and local transportation for more than 1,100 athletes, coaches and officials who will attend the Games in Yellowknife, March 11 to 17.

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The Host Society's budget is also supplemented with a contribution of \$275,000 from Sport Canada, as well as a contribution from the City of Yellowknife. The Host Society will also be approaching local, territorial and national businesses to raise additional funding to meet its budget of \$1.3 million.

In the Northwest Territories, the Sport North Federation, in co-operation with the Sport and Recreation Division of the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, has responsibility for selecting and preparing the team of 320 athletes and coaches.

Athletes will compete in 17 sports, including Arctic games, badminton, basketball, cross-country skiing, curling, dog mushing, figure skating, gymnastics, hockey, indoor soccer, silhouette shooting, ski biathlon, triathlon, volleyball and wrestling.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD TO TOUR N.W.T.

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 20, 1989) - Members of the National Library Advisory Board will travel throughout the Northwest Territories from May 1 to 5, while holding their spring meeting in Northern Canada.

"The board's tour will provide an excellent forum for northern residents to raise concerns about libraries, and to learn more about the National Library," says Titus Alloo, Minister of Culture and Communications. "It will also give board members a first-hand opportunity to hear from northerners."

The advisory board makes recommendations to the federal government regarding the National Library in Ottawa and National Library policies. The National Library is the central library of the country -- a library for libraries. Part of the board's function is to play a co-ordinating role in resource sharing and to assist in the implementation of international standards and protocols. Although the board is based in Ottawa, it often holds meetings across the country to explain its function and to hear the concerns of libraries in other regions.

For the NWT segment of the tour, the board will separate into small groups and will travel to Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet on May 1, and to Hay River and Inuvik on May 2. Public sessions will be held at each location and members of the community will have an opportunity to present briefs, ask questions and/or make comments, as well as learn about the National Library Advisory Board and the National Library.

Of current interest is The Report of the Canadian Polar Research Commission Study prepared by Thomas Symons, also Chairperson of the National Library Advisory Board. The commission, which was announced last August by the federal government, will play a key role in the development and dissemination of polar knowledge in Canada. It will monitor the general state of polar research and provide advice to government, industry and interest groups.

On May 3, the group will reconvene in Yellowknife to conduct a similar public session and hold its board meeting. The itinerary also includes a tour of Yellowknife libraries, a private dinner hosted by the Minister of Culture and Communications and a public reception.

NWT Public Library Services, Department of Culture and Communications, is co-ordinating the board's tour in the Northwest Territories, with library boards and local librarians co-ordinating details at the community level.

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## HAY RIVER TEACHER WINS AWARD FOR INNOVATION

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 20, 1989) - Bruce Green, a teacher at Diamond Jenness Secondary School in Hay River, has been awarded his second Hilroy Fellowship for innovations in teaching.

"The fact that Mr. Green has won two teaching awards says a lot about the high calibre of teachers employed in the Northwest Territories," says Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi. "His creative spirit sets an excellent example for his colleagues and his students."

John Rouble, president of the NWT Teachers' Association, presented Mr. Green with his award at a ceremony in Yellowknife on Saturday, April 15.

The Hilroy Fellowships were established by the Roy C. Hill Charitable Foundation in 1969-70 to reward the enterprise of teachers. The awards are given on three levels: one national award for outstanding merit, worth \$10,000; six national award for great merit, worth \$5,000 each; and 21 provincial/territorial awards worth \$2,500 each.

Mr. Green has received a provincial/territorial award for producing a series of seven natural history pamphlets of the Hay River area, in conjunction with the Big River Travel Association. The pamphlets include information on birds, the taiga (boreal forest), muskeg, geology and flowering plants.

"By co-operating with the travel association we were able to produce an attractive set of teaching materials, as well as provide tourists with interesting background information." Mr. Green says.

HAY RIVER TEACHER WINS AWARD FOR INNOVATION: Page 2

Mr. Green received his first Hilroy Fellowship in 1986 for the preparation of a herbarium. That project resulted in the discovery of some species of fungi previously unknown to science, and the discovery of some species that were not thought to grow in the area. The plants were collected by local high school students, and are kept at Diamond Jenness Secondary School for teaching purposes. The collection is currently being duplicated for the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 21, 1989) - Three students from the Northwest Territories have been invited to take part in the Arctic Song Festival in Cambridge, England late this month.

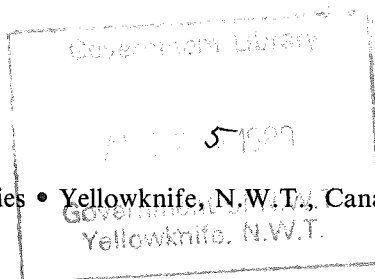
Patsy Klengenber from Helen Kalvak School in Holman, Benjy Louison from Chief T'selihye School in Fort Good Hope and Bernice Kootoo from GREC in Iqaluit will represent the territories at the international festival April 28 - 30.

Benjy and Patsy will join other young people from Alaska, Greenland, Iceland, northern Scandinavia and the USSR to display their artwork through the festival at the Scott Polar Research Institute. Along with drawing, painting and photographic exhibits, the three-day festival also includes several concerts and stage presentations by northern musicians and actors.

While in England, Patsy and Benjy have been invited to appear as guests on the BBC children's television show *Wide Awake*. They will also visit Stratford-on-Avon, Windsor and London. In London the pair will tour the indigenous Survival International (ISI) exhibition at the British Museum.

The Pond Inlet Theatre Group will also be representing the NWT and taking part in the festival. The popular NWT performing group includes Bernice Kootoo.

The arts festival will highlight several mediums and also feature a special "northern lights" laser light show, plays, a church service, music concerts, ballet, films and television documentaries for the participants



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A major one-day conference on the environment is being held in conjunction with the festival. Guest speakers will focus presentations on environmental issues affecting the global north.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HIRES LITERACY COORDINATOR

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 25, 1989)** - A coordinator has been hired to manage literacy programs across the Northwest Territories, Minister of Education Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

Lynn Fogwill of Yellowknife will begin the literacy coordinator's job May 1. She is a former coordinator of Continuing Education at Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton and has also worked as a consultant in adult education, planning and community and voluntary sector development.

As the coordinator for literacy programs, one of her first responsibilities will be to examine how non-government organizations and other community groups can participate in various literacy projects. Another key area to be addressed is native language literacy programs.

"The involvement of non-government community groups will be a key element in our literacy initiatives and I am confident Ms. Fogwill's experience and expertise at the community level will help the program meet its objectives," Mr. Kakfwi said.

During the next three years the Department of Education will commit \$1.9 million towards literacy training in the NWT. This includes a \$250,000 cost-sharing grant from the federal government.

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## GNWT SUPPORTS ICC CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (April 26, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson today said Cabinet has approved a grant of \$60,000 to help finance the 1989 annual Inuit Circumpolar Conference.

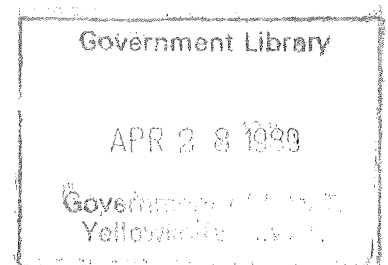
The conference is scheduled for July 24 to 28 in Sisimiut, Greenland. Among other matters, the conference is scheduled to discuss the problem of Arctic contamination and the need for international co-operation and an Arctic Policy.

In addition to the grant, Minister of Culture and Communications and Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo has promised to cover the costs of providing professional services to the conference.

The services include covering all costs to allow Rassi Nashalik, manager of the NWT Language Bureau's Inuit section, to sit on the ICC Canada Planning Committee, provision of five interpreter/translators for the conference itself, assistance with printing and a grant of \$5,000 towards the cultural program of the conference.

In addition, the Department of Renewable Resources is prepared to provide staff to ICC to assist with the drafting of an Arctic Policy.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS AWARDS MAJOR CONTRACTS WORTH \$6.1 MILLION DURING MARCH 1989**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (April 26, 1989) - The Department of Public Works awarded major contracts worth \$6.1 million between February 27 and April 5.

Under a \$104,295 contract, The Northwest Territories Power Corporation will provide power to Arctic Red River's water supply pumphouse via a 2.5 kilometre power line it will construct.

Back Bay Welding will construct a fuel dispenser building at Spence Bay's airport under a \$322,960 contract. The Yellowknife firm will replace two existing fuel cabinets with the new facility, which is scheduled to be in service by October. The building will provide protection from cold weather and drifting snow, making it easier to dispense fuel than in the past.

A maintenance garage previously used by DPW in Rankin Inlet will be converted into a facility for the Rankin Inlet campus of Arctic College, through a \$104,072 contract. Oomilik Enterprises of Rankin Inlet will build a carpentry workshop, boiler/furnace workshop and classroom inside the building. Work will be completed in April.

Two duplexes in Norman Wells will receive major interior renovations under a \$157,388 contract awarded to Aram's Construction. The local firm is scheduled to complete the project by the end of May.

A new school will be built in Tuktoyaktuk by PCL Constructors Northern Inc. of Yellowknife under a \$4,950,781 contract awarded by the Department of Public Works.

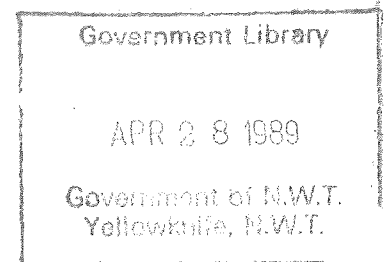
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Construction of the school will begin at the end of April and is scheduled to be completed for the start of the 1990-91 school year. The facility will have a large gymnasium and 18 teaching spaces, including a resource centre and classrooms for science, computer science, industrial arts and home economics.

Gravel to make a pad for Tuktoyaktuk's new school was transported to the site by E. Gruben's Transport of Tuktoyaktuk, under a \$440,800 contract. The work, which consisted of hauling and stockpiling the gravel, concluded in March.

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## QUIRKE NAMED DEPUTY MINISTER OF SAFETY AND PUBLIC SERVICES

YELLOWKNIFE (May 1, 1989)- John Quirke has been appointed Deputy Minister of the new Department of Safety and Public Services.

The announcement was made today by Government Leader Dennis Patterson.

Mr. Quirke, currently Deputy Minister of Government Services, will take on his new responsibility May 8. Assistant Deputy Minister of Government Services Don Johnston will be named acting Deputy Minister of the department at that time.

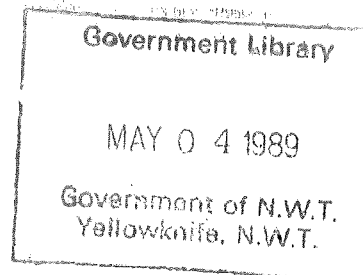
The new department, reporting to Deputy Government Leader Stephen Kakfwi, has responsibility for occupational health and safety programs, mines safety, consumer services, fire safety and labour standards. These activities were formerly grouped under various sections of the Department of Justice.

"Creation of the department led by experienced managers emphasizes the importance the government places on these activities. We intend to give them our highest priority," Mr. Kakfwi said.

Mr. Quirke has been Deputy Minister of Government Services since June of 1980.

He joined the government in 1971, working with the Department of Finance in various locations until his appointment as Assistant Regional Director in Iqaluit in September of 1977 - a position he held until he was appointed to his present position.

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## INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION URGED

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 3, 1989)** - Creation of an association to address the need for properly certified interpreter-translators is being encouraged by the NWT Language Bureau.

Minister of Culture and Communications Titus Allooloo said today that he felt such an association could "play a vital role" in setting standards governing the accreditation of interpreter-translators in the Northwest Territories.

Through the use of examinations and adoption of a code of ethics, it could also ensure that its members were properly accredited and were dedicated to working towards increasing levels of professionalism, he said.

The NWT Language Bureau was formed in 1973 to provide interpreting and translating services for the Territorial government. Since that time it has grown to include provision of simultaneous services to the NWT Legislature and to various non-profit organizations and community groups.

In recent years, however, the demand for services has far outstripped the bureau's capability to provide them. As a result there has been a growth in private sector firms and numerous freelance interpreters at the community level.

"The increasing number of requests for interpreter/translator services and the growth, in numbers, of private sector and freelance interpreters has underlined the need for properly qualified and certified interpreter-translators across the Northwest Territories." Mr. Allooloo said.

"The degree of professionalism and the need to have a body or association that promotes and develops standards in this area is extremely important. Interpreting and translating, in all languages of the NWT, is an exacting job if northern residents are to properly understand the many issues facing all of us today."

INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION URGED: Page two

The need for a NWT Interpreter-Translator Association has been brought to the attention of Language Bureau staff a number of times, most recently by interpreter/translator students at Arctic College in Fort Smith.

"The necessary research for forming this association has now been completed and it's time to take the next step," says Eliza Lawrence, Manager of Professional Services for the Language Bureau.

A meeting to discuss the formation of an association is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 5, in Annex Room B of the Yellowknife Inn for anyone who has been, or is presently, working in the field of interpretation and translation.

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## LIGHT FIXTURE, HAIR DRYER RECALLED

**YELLOWKNIFE** (May 1, 1989) - A wall-mounted Danbel light fixture and Braun Type 4591 hair dryer have been recalled by their manufacturers, the Chief Electrical Inspector of Safety and Public Services has advised.

Due to a potential shock hazard, Danbel Industries and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) are warning owners of Danbel incandescent wall-mounted fixtures, catalogue number WB-43, to stop using them immediately.

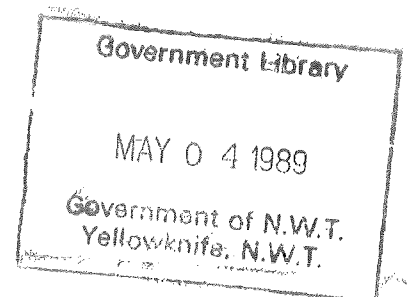
A potential for shock exists when the fixture is being fitted with a bulb. An insulating compound over the lead terminals located on the back of the lampholder was omitted during assembly.

Owners of these wall-mounted fixtures should disconnect the power before removing the fixture, package it securely and return it to the point of sale.

Braun Canada Ltd.'s Silencio Pro-1500 hair dryer is being recalled because it poses a potential fire hazard.

Testing by Braun and CSA revealed that if the hair dryer's heat switch is left in the low setting, and the fan switch is positioned between "0" and "1", one heating element may remain on without the fan operating. If the hair dryer is left in the nozzle down position, it may overheat and catch fire.

These dryers marked 4591 on the back of the handle should be returned for exchange to: Braun Consumer Exchange, P.O. Box 5049, Paris, Ontario, N3L 3W5.



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A replacement hair dryer will be sent by mail to the return address provided. Replacement hair dryers have a three-digit date code beginning with "9" marked on the handle beside the power supply cord entry. The recalled hair dryers are marked with a three-digit date code beginning with "7" or "8".

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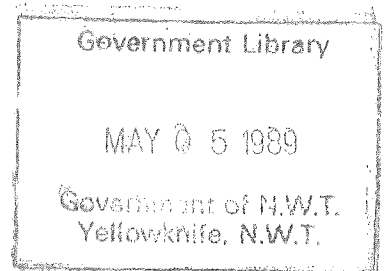
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## **OFFICIAL TREE TO BE CHOSEN DURING FORESTRY WEEK**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 04, 1989) -** The Department of Renewable Resources will ask the public to choose an official tree for the Northwest Territories during National Forest Week, Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo has announced.

National Forest Week, May 7 to 13, is held across Canada each year to increase awareness of Canada's forests and the importance of their careful management to meet present and future needs.

During National Forest Week, newspapers throughout the Western Arctic will carry advertisements with illustrations and descriptions of the species eligible to become the N.W.T.'s official tree. The ads include a ballot form, which can be filled out and mailed to the Department of Renewable Resources.

Elementary schools will also be sent classroom packages which contain class ballot forms, as well as classroom activities which focus on forest management. Participants who return the ballots will be entered in a draw to win one of three prizes for their participation.

National Forest Week is a do-it-yourself event during which individuals, groups and those involved in various phases of resource management are encouraged to do something special to emphasize their interests in forestry.

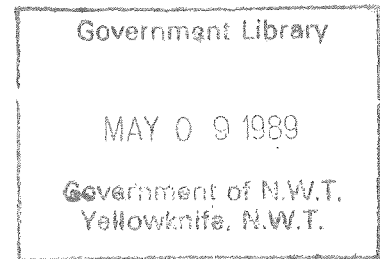
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## **NATIONAL SAFETY CODE AGREEMENT SIGNED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 08, 1989) - Federal Transport Minister Benoit Bouchard and Territorial Minister of Transportation Gordon Wray have signed an agreement to develop and enforce the new National Safety Code for bus and truck transportation within the N.W.T.**

The code's principal objective is national uniformity in provincial safety regulations in that sector of the transportation industry. The agreement was negotiated by Minister of Public Works and Highways Nellie Cournoyea before the new Territorial Department of Transportation was formed.

"This agreement with the N.W.T. is part of a program that commits the federal government to spending a total of \$23.6 million to help all Canadian provinces and territories get the National Safety Code in place," said Mr. Bouchard.

Mr. Wray said the agreement will provide the Northwest Territories with up to \$2,176,300. The monies would be spent on staffing and training additional inspectors and in restructuring the government's motor vehicle and driver registry system.

One of the major elements of the code regulates the number of continuous driving hour for the operators of trucks and buses. In southern Canada, drivers are limited to 13 hours after which they must take an 8 hour break. In the NWT they will be limited to 15 hours followed by an eight-hour break. Enforcement is expected to begin by the end of this year.

The federal, provincial and territorial governments adopted the National Safety Code for motor carriers, covering all aspects of commercial vehicle and driver safety, recently after consultation with the trucking industry, labour, safety groups, and other interested groups.

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A large part of the code is based on existing safety standards and practices. Besides hours of service, other significant additions to existing safety standards affecting highway operations are record-keeping requirements and daily trip reporting . Truck and bus terminal operations will be affected through facility audits.

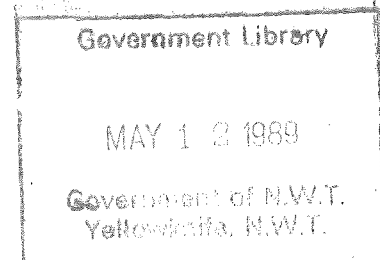
Many of the code's standards are now in place and, with few exceptions, all will be in place by the end of this year.

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## **SPELLING OF LAKE'S NAME OFFICIALLY CHANGED**

YELLOWKNIFE (May 09, 1989) - Qamanirjuaq Lake is the new, official name for a lake 150 kilometres south of Baker Lake, according to Minister of Culture and Communications Titus Allooloo.

"The lake was formerly called Kaminuriak Lake. Kaminuriak is also used to describe an important caribou herd in the Keewatin. It has no real meaning for the Inuit of the region," Allooloo says.

Individuals and organizations from the Keewatin lobbied the territorial government to have the lake's name changed to Qamanirjuaq Lake, which means "Big Lake." The Executive Council approved the name change April 12.

"Qamanirjuaq is what the people of Baker Lake, Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove and Arviat (Eskimo Point) have traditionally called the lake," Allooloo said.

The lake was officially named Kaminuriak by the Geographic Board of Canada in June, 1930, after it appeared on a map produced in 1897 by Joseph B. Tyrrell of the Geological Survey of Canada. Tyrrell conducted geological reconnaissance trips in the Keewatin region during the years 1893 and 1894.

During his trip along the Ferguson River, Tyrrell crossed a large lake that the local Inuit told him was called Kaminuriak. He spelled the name as he heard it, but his spelling has proven to be inaccurate.

The Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names is being informed of the Executive Council's decision and will change the name from Kaminuriak to Qamanirjuaq on federally produced maps.

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The name change isn't the first in the Northwest Territories. Through the territorial government's Toponymy (geographical renaming) program, Frobisher Bay was officially renamed Iqaluit after the majority of community members voted for the change in a plebiscite. And on June 1, 1989, Arviat will become the official name for the community of Eskimo Point.

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## **DISASTER ASSISTANCE POLICY IN EFFECT FOR FORT LIARD**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 10, 1989)** - Partial compensation for flood-damaged goods will be provided to residents of Fort Liard under the Disaster Assistance Policy, Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Gordon Wray announced today.

The Executive Council agreed Sunday, to put the policy into effect after hearing a report from the Emergency Measures Organization and the findings of Government Leader Dennis Patterson who visited the site last week.

The Disaster Assistance Policy provides financial assistance to people who have suffered loss or damage during a declared emergency, to help them re-establish their lives. Generally it covers only basic household and business items, but may provide more extensive coverage based on the situation.

"Under the conditions faced we couldn't expect property to be saved because the primary concern was to save children and elders," said Mr. Wray.

"The policy does not provide 100 per cent coverage and it can never completely undo the loss suffered but it is a fair policy and covers items related to livelihood."

A maximum of 80 per cent of the appraised value of damaged or lost goods is payable under the policy. Payments are made only on damage over a minimum established for the disaster. Maximum assistance payable is \$100,000.

A preliminary estimate has placed costs at over \$900,000 to restore Fort Liard to its pre-disaster condition. Floodwaters have damaged 37 out of 137 properties in the community. Severely damaged homes, that were moved off their foundation or had significant levels of floodwater, total 26.

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A Disaster Assistance Committee has been formed to establish an office in Fort Liard to register and review claims for damaged or loss. The committee also makes recommendations for payment to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Committee Chairman is Fort Simpson Superintendent of Municipal and Community Affairs John McKee. Also on the committee are Fort Simpson Superintendent of Economic Development and Tourism John Sheehan, Municipal and Community Affairs Finance Officer Rob Graham, Fort Liard Senior Administration Officer Fred Behrens and Hay River Area Services Officer Ron Whittaker. Jean-Marc Miltenberger, a plumbing contractor from Fort Simpson is also on the committee.

Flooding occurred in Fort Liard in the early evening of April 30, due to an ice blockage downriver from the settlement. Personnel and equipment were mobilized to build embankments but were unsuccessful.

Mayor Dale Hoose declared a local state of emergency at 11 p.m. By noon the next day, the river reached a high water mark of 12.7 metres. Residents forced from their homes by the flood have been staying in the local school, and with friends and relatives.

Clean-up efforts are now underway and a detailed tally of damage is being made by appraisers.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is seeking a cost-sharing agreement through federal disaster financial assistance arrangements.

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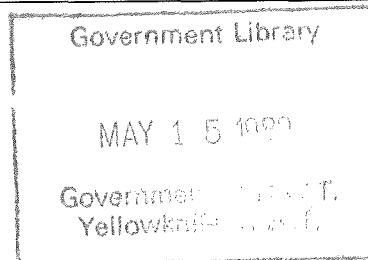
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## **N.W.T. AIDS PROGRAM TO HOST NATIONAL VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 10, 1989)** - The N.W.T. AIDS Program will host a nation-wide satellite videoconference called "AIDS in the Work Place" on May 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Annex Room D of the Yellowknife Inn.

"People still have many questions about AIDS, and setting policy on how to handle AIDS in the work place is an important task. It requires policy makers to be familiar with the many issues surrounding AIDS, as well as the most up-to-date medical information," says Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

The videoconference has been produced by the Videoconferencing Division of Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology in Oakville, Ontario, in association with the Federal Centre for AIDS (FCA).

"AIDS in the Work Place" is aimed at people who are responsible for developing AIDS policies for their companies or organizations, and is designed to give them an understanding of the issues surrounding AIDS in the work place. In the Northwest Territories, representatives from a range of government departments, private companies, non-profit organizations, labour unions, native organizations and professional associations have been invited to attend.

"A videoconference is an excellent means of giving northerners an opportunity to participate in discussions surrounding this important issue," says Ms. Cournoyea. "As many as 65 people will benefit from attending a national conference, without having to be out of their offices for more than three or four hours."

The conference will include case studies of people with AIDS and their experiences in the work place, as well as a roundtable discussion among the panelists. There will be a 30-minute break in the broadcast

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to give local participants an opportunity to discuss issues and raise concerns. The participants will be able to communicate these concerns to the national panel via a toll-free telephone number.

Broadcaster Adrienne Clarkson will moderate the conference and national panelists will include FCA Director Alastair Clayton, Dr. David Roy, founder of the Centre for Bioethics in Montreal and other representatives of business, industry and the law who are knowledgeable about AIDS policy. The broadcast will originate from Ottawa.

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## **TOURISM ASSOCIATIONS RECEIVE \$320,000 CORE FUNDING**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (May 17, 1989) - The Tourism Industry Association of the Northwest Territories (TIA-NWT) and six tourism zone associations will receive \$320,000 for their core funding needs, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has announced.

For the 1989-90 fiscal year, TIA will receive \$74,578; Western Arctic Visitors Association, \$34,359; Northern Frontier Visitors Association, \$44,176; Travel Keewatin, \$41,722; Big River Tourism Association, \$36,813; Baffin Tourism Association, \$56,447; and Arctic Coast Tourism Association, \$31,905.

The funding is being distributed among the industry associations according to a division recommended by the TIA board of directors. The TIA is the umbrella organization for the zone associations.

Core funding is used by the tourism associations for maintenance of offices, salaries, supplies, and to conduct regular board meetings and annual general meetings. It is provided annually to the associations by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

"This contribution best expresses the support of the territorial government for the work of the tourism associations of the Northwest Territories," said Mr. Wray. "With Economic Development and Tourism and the associations working together, the past year has been successful, and I look forward to our continued productive relationship."

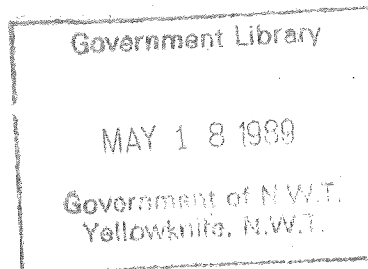
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## **GOVERNMENT MAKES FORMAL COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 17, 1989) -** The Territorial Government has made a formal commitment to pursue social and economic growth that's in harmony with both conservation and development goals, Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo announced today.

The Executive Council has endorsed the basic principles of a Sustainable Development Policy . It will provide a starting-point for building closer environmental and economic ties into government projects and will also provide leadership and direction for any other organizations involved in the management of natural resources in the Northwest Territories.

"All across Canada there is a new partnership forming between the environment and economy sectors," Allooloo says. "Here in the Northwest Territories we are in a unique position to apply the concept of sustainable development. As we prepare for the 1990s and beyond, a major challenge will be to develop our rich resource base while conserving the unmatched quality of our northern environment. I believe this Policy will be an important step towards meeting this challenge."

The Government's commitment to sustainable development stems from a wish to act on the recommendations of the United Nations Brundtland Commission on Environment and Development. The Commission called for closer cooperation between those responsible for conserving the environment and those who manage development.

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The NWT Government's Sustainable Development Policy will address a broad range of issues such as ensuring long-term benefits from resource development, establishing an efficient review process for resource development projects, and controlling transboundary environmental contaminants.

Allooloo says a public consultation process will take place from June to August to further develop the policy, along with an action plan outlining how it will be implemented.

"Our next job is to get further input from the public on what goes into this policy and where we should go from here," he said.

Final drafting of the policy will be co-ordinated by the Department of Renewable Resources, working jointly with the departments of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and Economic Development and Tourism.

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## **SCHOOLS BUILT IN HALL BEACH, CAPE DORSET UNDER DPW CONTRACT**

YELLOWKNIFE (May 18, 1989) - Schools will be built in Hall Beach and Cape Dorset under contracts awarded by the Department of Public Works, between April 6 and April 26.

A school will be built in Hall Beach by Hearn Stratton Construction of Edmonton under a \$4,818,791 contract. The facility will feature a large gymnasium, and 13 teaching spaces made up of an industrial arts room, a home economics room, a resource centre and 10 classrooms.

Construction is scheduled to start in mid May, for completion next summer for the 1990-91 school year.

Tower Arctic Limited of Iqaluit will build a school in Cape Dorset under a \$2,697,000 contract. The school will consist of six classrooms, a kindergarten and a resource room. It will be designed to allow for later addition of a gymnasium and an increase in the number of rooms.

Piles are being installed in May and construction is scheduled to start with barge arrival this fall. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1990.

A married student residence is being built for Arctic College's Nunatta Campus in Iqaluit, under a \$3,344,388 contract awarded to Jomanic-Can. Limited of Iqaluit. The residence will contain a day-care centre, 14 two-bedroom units, six three-bedroom units and six one-bedroom units.

Piles are being installed this month and construction is slated to start this summer after barge arrival. The residence is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1990.

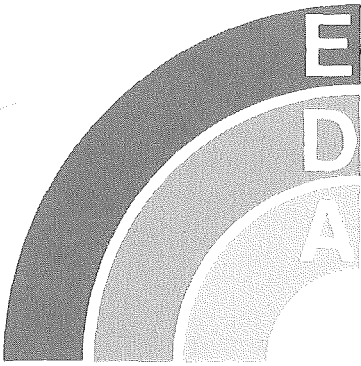
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Diamond D Contracting of Yellowknife has been awarded a contract for \$386,044 to build a two-bay firehall in Holman. Work is scheduled to begin this fall after barge arrival and completion is planned for January.

The mechanical processing systems in the Fort McPherson water treatment and distribution facility will be installed by N.C.L. Contracting of Edmonton under a \$829,560 contract. Work is scheduled to start in June and finish before freeze-up.

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## **SAN FRANCISCO GALLERY PROMOTES INUIT ART WITH EDA FUNDING**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (May 19, 1989) - A \$5,000 contribution from the Canada-Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA) will help the Albers Gallery in San Francisco promote an exhibition of Inuit carvings.

Pierre H. Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development announced the contribution in conjunction with Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The Albers Gallery will feature the work of Baker Lake's Iquliq family, from June 3 to July 14. Toona Iquliq and his children Camilla, Johnny and Louie will have a total of 40 to 45 carvings in the exhibition, ensuring valuable exposure for the artists.

The Albers Gallery qualified for an EDA contribution under the Dealer Support Program of the Arts and Crafts Development Sub-agreement. This program offers assistance to commercial galleries for the production of promotional materials and media advertising.

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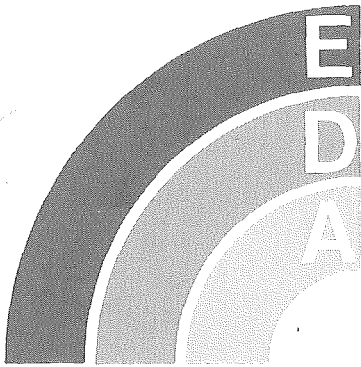
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### **ART GALLERY OF MONTREAL RECEIVES FUNDING FOR ELISAPEE ISHULUTAK SHOW**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (May 19, 1989) - An exhibition of works by Pangnirtung's Elisapee Ishulutak will take place in Montreal this summer with a \$8,176 contribution from the Canada Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Pierre H. Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development announced the contribution, in conjunction with Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The exhibition of sculptures, prints, tapestries and drawings and will take place May 20 to June 10. Although the artist has received wide acclaim, the Montreal showing will be Ishulutak's first solo exhibition.

Interviews with the press and Ishulutak's attendance at the show's opening will maximize public interest and subsequently expose a large number of people to various forms of Inuit art.

The Eskimo Art Gallery qualified for an EDA contribution under the Product and Market Development Program. This program covers catalogue production and advertising for specific shows, as well as travel costs for artists attending shows of their work. Commercial galleries are eligible to apply for funding.

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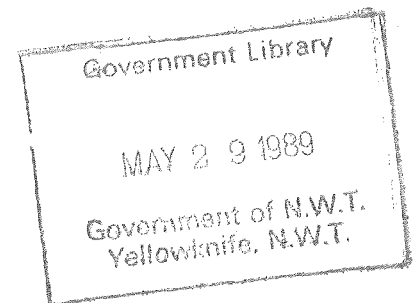
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## HALIFAX APPOINTED CHIEF TERRITORIAL COURT JUDGE

YELLOWKNIFE (May 25, 1989) - Judge Robert William Halifax will be appointed Chief Judge of the Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories effective May 31, Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne announced today.

Judge Halifax was educated at the University of Saskatchewan, and received his Bachelor of Law degree in 1972. He articulated with Searle, Finall, Sigler and Carter in Yellowknife, and gained admission to the Territorial Bar in 1973, and the Alberta Bar in 1974.

After practising law in Yellowknife and Hay River, Judge Halifax became a magistrate in Hay River, in 1977. He was appointed a Judge of the Territorial Court in 1978.

In 1987, Judge Halifax was appointed as Special Advisor to the Task Force on Justices of the Peace and Coroners.

The Honourable Mr. Justice M.M. de Weerdt, Senior Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, will conduct the swearing in of the new Chief Judge. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 31, at 2 p.m. in the Supreme Court Room, on the second floor of the Yellowknife Courthouse.

Judge Halifax replaces Judge James Slaven, who will continue his duties as a Judge of the Territorial Court until his retirement this fall.

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## **NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CAPTURES INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 25, 1989)** - A 30-second television advertisement, designed to increase awareness of sport fishing opportunities in the Northwest Territories, has received international recognition for excellence at competitions in Yugoslavia and New York.

"A Cast of Thousands", was sponsored by TravelArctic, the tourism division of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. It was produced as part of the government's comprehensive tourism advertising campaign, by Camp Associates Advertising of Toronto.

It won the Diploma award at the 1988, First Annual International Film and TV Festival of Travel and Tourist Films in Porec, Yugoslavia.

The advertisement also received a finalist award at the 1988 International Advertising Festival of New York. Founded in 1957, the festival honours excellence in communications media.

The advertisement has also won several other awards, including a Bronze Medal and Craft Award at the 1988 Canadian Television Commercials Festival, a Silver Medal at the Houston International Film Festival, and was named Best Canadian Commercial in 1988 by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

"We are pleased and encouraged by the continued recognition the TravelArctic campaign has received," says Gordon Wray, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. "These awards underscore the campaign's success in raising awareness of the Northwest Territories as an exciting tourist destination."

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During 1988, the TravelArctic campaign generated 110,000 inquiries, and indications are this figure will increase by 10 per cent in 1989.

"A Cast of Thousands" highlights the various species and sizes of fish found in the Northwest Territories. It is aimed at avid sport fishermen in the United States and is currently running on television sport fishing networks in the U.S.

The TravelArctic advertising campaign combines print, television and radio media to profile the N.W.T.'s attributes, including its exotic natural beauty, adventure and sporting opportunities, as well as the area's cultural uniqueness.

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## **GNWT SUPPORTS NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 30, 1989)** - Northern residents, organizations, businesses and government departments should ask themselves what steps they can take to ensure all people with disabilities are part of community life, says Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell.

National Access Awareness Week, beginning June 4, "provides a focus" for people to dedicate or re-dedicate themselves to the task of ensuring access is provided for the handicapped, says Marie-Jewell.

She notes that the Department of Social Services has been working in areas such as handicapped counselling services, day care and home support services for handicapped individuals and their families.

"But the responsibility doesn't lie with government alone. Everyone has to work together on this."

The programs offered by her department's Community and Family Support Services gives handicapped individuals and their families information about services available to them to ensure their needs for housing, treatment, education, rehabilitation and financial assistance are met.

The home support service helps handicapped people live as independently as possible in their homes. Temporary care for disabled or chronically ill individuals is also provided either in or outside the home to give regular caregivers a break.

"We're also working on legislation to protect aged and handicapped persons. Once drafted, it will be considered by the Legislative Assembly," Marie-Jewell says.

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The Department of Social Services supports the initiative of groups such as the NWT Council for Disabled Persons and the Fort Smith Society for Disabled Persons. Those groups and others across the territory have planned a number of events for National Access Awareness Week.

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## FIRES AT GARBAGE DUMPS A PROBLEM

YELLOWKNIFE (May 30, 1989) - Man-caused fires at garbage dumps in Hay River, Fort Smith and Detah burned a total of about nine hectares of land last week, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith reports.

The fires, located in the fire attack zone, were actioned immediately by crews in Fort Smith, Hay River and Yellowknife and were out within 24 hours. The most recent of the four occurred at the dump in Fort Smith and at the dump in Detah on May 26 at about 4:30 p.m. Both were caused by people burning garbage.

With warm and dry conditions predicted for the week, the Territorial Forest Fire centre is asking all residents of the Western Arctic to refrain from burning their garbage at local dumps. Disposal of garbage at the dumps is the responsibility of municipalities, not individual residents.

Officers from the Department of Renewable Resources plan to meet with both Fort Smith and Hay River town council representatives as well as the Chief of the Yellowknife B Band this week to discuss the problem and see what actions can be taken to prevent fires escaping the dumps.

On a more positive note, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre reports that there were no cottage lot fires over the weekend.

The fire weather index is moderate to high for all five districts (Fort Smith, Fort Simpson, Inuvik, Norman Wells and Yellowknife).

The two CL-215 air tankers stationed in Yellowknife which were sent to help action fires in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are now back in Yellowknife. They returned May 22.

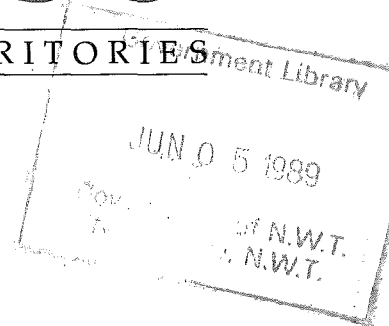
**FIRES AT GARBAGE DUMPS A PROBLEM: Page Two**

The Territorial Forest Fire Centre is gearing up for the season. It reported today that all six major air tanker bases (in Inuvik, Norman Wells, Fort Smith, Fort Simpson, Hay River and Yellowknife) are open.

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## **A.Y. JACKSON SKETCHES DONATED TO HERITAGE CENTRE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (May 31, 1989)** - Forty sketches by A.Y. Jackson have been lent to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. The pencil-on-paper drawings are from sketch books Mr. Jackson used during two trips to the Northwest Territories.

The sketches were lent to the Centre by Mr. Jackson's niece, Dr. Naomi Jackson Groves of Ottawa who will officially donate them next year. She wants to see them kept in the area where they originated, and because she felt they would be well used in making northerners familiar with A.Y. Jackson's art.

"Mr. Jackson made numerous trips to the Northwest Territories, and we are pleased that the results of those trips are being sent back to the area which inspired it," says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

The sketches are an addition to the Government of the NWT's current collection of 23 A.Y. Jackson paintings and oil sketches.

A.Y. Jackson was an original member of the Group of Seven, founded in 1920 by seven artists living in Toronto. Instead of following the traditional style of painting scenes exactly as they appeared, the Group of Seven emphasized feelings and impressions in their works and developed a new style for Canadian art.

During a trip to the north in 1928, Mr. Jackson travelled down the Athabasca River on the Northland Echo, then down the Slave River, across Great Slave Lake and back again. The trip originated in Edmonton, and took Mr. Jackson to Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Housen Island, Caribou Island, Yellowknife and Walsh Lake, before returning to Edmonton.

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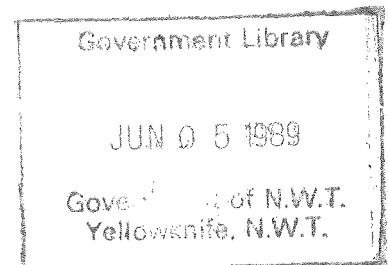
Another trip in 1951 resulted in sketches from the Yellowknife, Great Bear Lake, Bear River, Eldorado and Coppermine areas.

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## WINNERS NAMED IN SAFETY WEEK ESSAY CONTEST

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 1, 1989)** - A grade 11 student at Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife has received first prize in the Safety Week Essay Contest, Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

Kellie Mills received a \$300 prize for her essay, "Working Together to Prevent Accidents." The essay cited incidents in which the writer or her friends were injured as a result of poor safety practices.

"When safety is involved it's never a one way street," she wrote. "Awareness must come from both parties, in order to prevent accidents from happening."

Students were asked by the Department of Safety and Public Services to focus their essays on the theme, "Safety Works When We Work Together."

The second prize of \$200 has been awarded to David Notte, a grade 12 student at Sir John Franklin High School. Shawna Romolliwa, a grade 8 student at Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik, placed third in the competition.

"It's encouraging to see young people recognizing safety as a joint effort," said Mr. Kakfwi. "They'll be taking their knowledge of safe practices into the work force."

Approximately 112 students from across the territories participated in the annual contest, held every year in conjunction with Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week. This year Safety Week runs from June 18 to 25.

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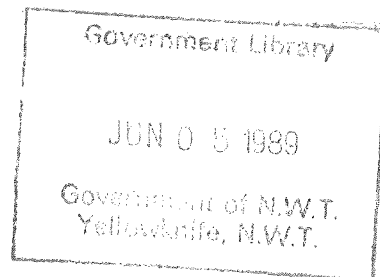
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## **EYE, HAND AND BACK INJURIES COMMON IN WORKPLACE**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 1, 1989) - Eye, hand and back injuries are preventable but continue to be the most common injuries in the workplace.

Eye injuries made up a total of 12 per cent of injuries in the NWT during 1988, the Workers' Compensation Board reports. There were 398 that year, 374 in 1987, 325 in 1986, 449 in 1985, and 363 in 1984.

Information gathered from across the country shows that 85 per cent of all eye injuries are preventable, but in many cases injured workers were not wearing eye protection, or were wearing the wrong equipment for the job.

In 1988 a total of 845 hand injuries were reported, including injuries to wrists and fingers. The figure amounts to 25 per cent of all reported injuries in the NWT and is consistent with the number of hand injuries over the last five years. Hand injuries totalled 755 in 1987, 831 in 1986, 798 in 1985, and 832 in 1984.

Gloves suitable for the job and protective creams can help protect hands from injury.

Statistics from the Workers' Compensation Board show that in 1988 there were a total of 550 back injuries reported in the Northwest Territories, compared to 472 in 1987, 528 in 1986, 563 in 1985, and 532 in 1984. They represent, on average, 16 per cent of all injuries reported to the board in those years.

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Back injuries commonly result from improper techniques of lifting heavy objects, or awkward, repetitive lifting. Before lifting an object, the worker should always assess the size of the load, and whether a lifting device or assistance from another person is needed. Workers can help prevent injury by lifting with their knees bent, and maintaining good posture.

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## **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WEEK: JUNE 18-24**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 1, 1989) -** The fourth annual Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week kicks off June 18, with the theme, "Safety for Life," Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

This year's theme stresses that employers and employees must make safety in the workplace a concern every day of their lives," said Mr. Kakfwi. "It also emphasizes that safety-consciousness can have a profound effect on our lives."

Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week is held each year across Canada to promote safety awareness on the job. It is sponsored by the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering, and promoted in the NWT by the Department of Safety and Public Services, and the Workers' Compensation Board.

This year an essay contest was held by the Department of Safety and Public Services in conjunction with Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week. Students were asked to explain how safety is a cooperative effort.

A mine rescue competition will be held prior to Safety Week. The competition, June 16 and 17, is sponsored by the Territories Mine Accident Prevention Association.

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## **WORK SITE LABELS MUST BE AFFIXED TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 1, 1989) - Work site labels must be affixed to hazardous materials used in the workplace, under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS), Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi has announced.**

The labels must be affixed to products received before October 31, 1988, which do not carry standard WHMIS supplier labels. Work site labels must list the product's name, safe handling instructions, and make reference to a Material Safety Data sheet, kept at the workplace.

Worksite labels can be handmade, and used until October 31 of this year. After this date, detailed supplier labels must be affixed to hazardous goods. These labels are available from suppliers.

"Proper labelling of dangerous goods is essential to the safety of Northwest Territories workers," said Mr. Kakfwi. "Workers have a right to know what they're handling, and how to protect themselves when using these materials on the job."

The Department of Safety and Public Services provides information on WHMIS and has held workshops on the regulations. Recently it published a WHMIS guide for NWT employers entitled, "A Right to Know and A Duty to Tell".

WHMIS legislation was passed in the Northwest Territories in January. It is part of a nation-wide system to ensure workers know what they are working with, and what precautions they must take when using, storing, moving or disposing of hazardous materials.

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## **APPOINTMENTS MADE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 2, 1989) -** Nellie Cournoyea, the Minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, today announced five appointments to the new WCB Board of Directors.

They are: Jo-Ann Allison and Dale Johnston of Yellowknife and John Todd of Rankin Inlet, who are returning board members, Grant Horseman of Yellowknife and Mike Mercredi of Fort Resolution.

Todd and Mercredi have been appointed to one-year terms, and Allison, Johnston and Horseman have been appointed to three-year terms.

The board Chairman is Grant Hinchey of Yellowknife. His appointment took effect on March 15 and is for three years.

The Workers' Compensation Act was amended during the April 1989 sitting of the Legislative Assembly to reduce the maximum Board size from 11 to 7 members. At that time the existing board was given notice that their appointments would end once a new board was appointed.

"The newly appointed board is well equipped to deal with the heavy agenda of operational and philosophical issues before it," says Cournoyea, who is responsible for the board until July, when Stephen Kakfwi is to take control of that portfolio.

Workers' Compensation Board is responsible for providing leadership and direction regarding the Accident Fund. Board members have a legal duty to act as trustees of the Fund and are accountable both to businesses which contribute to the fund and to injured workers.

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Members of the Legislative Assembly, Chambers of Commerce, the NWT Chamber of Mines, NWT labour organizations and the City of Yellowknife were asked to provide nominees for appointment to the Board. Twenty three applications were received.

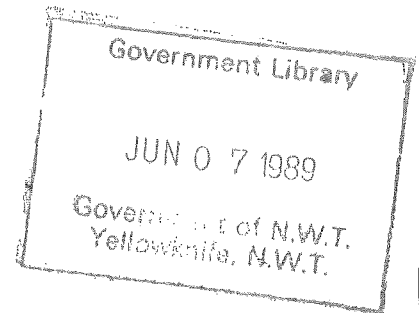
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## **EDA FUNDS NEW CROP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**HAY RIVER, N.W.T., (June 05, 1989) - A new crop development project conducted by the Territorial Farmer's Association is being funded under the Canada-Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA).**

The \$94,375 project was announced today by Pierre Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and by Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

The three-year project is scheduled to begin this month. The EDA will fund the first two years and the department of Economic Development and Tourism will fund the third year. Agriculture Canada will contribute funding and expertise over all three years.

There is growing interest in commercial farming and backyard gardening in the North, but previous attempts have been hindered by environmental constraints. With the exception of outdated information from the Fort Simpson Research Farm, there is very little current information on food production north of the 60th parallel.

This project attempts to provide new information on production techniques such as fertilizer placement, mulching techniques, cold frame techniques, pest control and transplant methods.

Public education and awareness is another important objective for the project. Information on the success of various experiments will be available to the public.

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Funding is being provided under the Renewable Resource Development Sub-Agreement's Product Development and Test Marketing Program. Assistance is available under the program for up to 90 per cent of approved costs of consulting services required for data collection and feasibility studies. All N.W.T. residents are eligible for assistance under the program.

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### **EXPLORER HOTEL TO EXPAND WITH EDA ASSISTANCE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 05, 1989) - The Explorer Hotel is being expanded with \$343,200 in assistance from the Canada-Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA).**

Funding for the hotel renovations is being supplied jointly under the Tourism Development Sub-Agreement, funded 70 per cent by the federal Department of Industry, Science and Technology Canada, and 30 per cent by the territorial department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Announcement of the funding was made today by Tom Hockin, federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism, and Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

Regency International Development Corporation Ltd. will use the funding to supplement the cost of expanding, upgrading and modernizing the existing Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife. The company plans on adding 11 new rooms, redesigning the interior layout and renovating the existing 74 rooms.

Upon completion of the project the company will employ an additional 10 full-time employees who will receive on-the-job training. An additional \$700,000 in wages will be generated during the construction phase of the project as well.

Regency International Development Corporation Ltd. hopes to complete the project by the fall of 1989.

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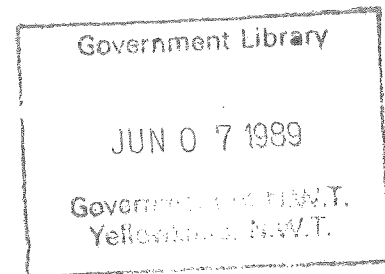
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The assistance is provided under the Product and Facility Development Program of the Product Development Sub-Agreement. Funding is available under the program for up to 30 per cent of eligible costs of expanding, upgrading and modernizing tourism related business enterprises. All NWT residents are eligible to apply for assistance under the program.

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## **NINETIES BELONG TO THE NORTH**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 6, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson says he agrees with organizers of a conference on the economy that "the nineties will belong to Canada's North."**

Speaking to a group of businessmen and investors here, he said his government was ready to contribute its part and asked if they were ready to do theirs.

The conference, organized by chambers of commerce throughout the Territories, has attracted businessmen and investors from throughout Canada. The meetings end Thursday.

"At the moment, we are at a crossroads," Patterson said . "A process of stabilization has been taking place and with this stability comes opportunity for economic initiatives and investments that were not possible 10 to 15 years ago.

At that time, most aboriginal people didn't want to deal with the Territorial government or its Legislature. They viewed both as "foreign" institutions, moved in from the south to maintain colonialism in the last frontier, Patterson explained.

Since then, the processes and attitudes of government have matured. Aboriginal leaders and their organizations are moving towards final resolution of land claims and public government has developed to the point where the Territories is now represented by a Legislature that has a native majority.

"The economy of the Northwest Territories is the top priority of my government. Every member of the Legislature who got elected to the current Assembly ran on a platform of economic development," Patterson said.



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Unfortunately, he noted, many Canadians, businessmen included, still think of the Northwest Territories as a "new", "virgin" or "barren" region despite the fact that Aboriginal people inhabited the Territories long before Canada was born.

"It's important to recognize and appreciate this fact. It is equally important to respect the rich cultural heritage of aboriginal people and to understand their current positions and ambitions. Knowledge of these factors is the key to unlocking the economic potential of the Northwest Territories."

Patterson said the government and legislature believes in local control and that they are moving as quickly as possible to resolve outstanding political and constitutional issues in the NWT.

"Meech Lake aside, I expect we will be a province in everything but name by the end of the 1990s."

These developments combined with settlement and implementation of the Inuvialuit Land Claim in the Western Arctic, an Agreement-in-Principle with the Dene/Metis and a similar instrument expected to be signed by the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut this year are already resulting in new partnership opportunities involving all sectors of the economy, participants to the conference were told.

"The Inuvialuit claim provides a concrete example of the positive approaches to northern development that can occur when control of that development is held by the people rather than by a remote institution," Patterson said.

"The business and investment initiatives of the Inuvialuit in the Western Arctic illustrates the positive forces at work in the NWT today. Each of these initiatives contributes, in one way or another, to our overall economy and are an example of the business-like atmosphere generated by finalization of the aboriginal claims."

Noting that resolution of the Territories' two remaining claims are a key component to the successful implementation of the government's social, political and economic strategies, Patterson explained that finalization of a Northern Energy Accord is another.

"The Accord is one of our single most important steps towards provincial status and financial self-sufficiency. Once negotiated, it will transfer oil and gas revenues and legislative and administrative responsibilities for the oil and gas sector to the Territorial government.





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"It is the Northern Accord and settled aboriginal claims that will give aboriginal peoples and northern government the opportunities and the resources to manage development to their benefit. It is the Accord and the claims that will give industry and business the stability and encouragement needed to undertake development."

Patterson said other key components required to realize the North's economic potential include down-sizing of government institutions, through privatization where possible, strengthening community government to ensure development of local initiatives, establishment of job creation incentives and training opportunities, import replacement and development of an expanded transportation infrastructure.

"Because of our recent successes in the North we can look forward to resolving our future problems in a spirit of harmony that was not possible a number of years ago.

Patterson noted that from a general perspective, the NWT has performed exceptionally well in recent times.

Gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 13 per cent between 1977 and 1986 and 1988 marked an upswing in the Territorial economy, a trend that is expected to continue this year, he said.

In addition, the growth in primary sector investment jumped about 15 per cent, marking the first annual increase in the overall level of investment since 1982. Employment in 1988 increased by 7.1 per cent over the previous year, representing a gain of 1,300 jobs.

"...and if an application to export gas from the Territories and a subsequent application to build a pipeline are approved, the impact on the NWT economy will be significant."

At the moment Esso, with its producing partners Gulf and Shell, expects the total investment in this project will be more than \$10 billion over a 20-year period.

"The spin-offs should be obvious to those of you involved in the service industry or who are wanting to develop new investment opportunities," Patterson told the conference.



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However, he cautioned that the overall picture, while very encouraging, does mask some serious contradictions. The seven largest communities in the Northwest Territories generate 75% of territorial income, with some fifty or more communities sharing the balance.

“Reliance on sheer market forces has had limited success in smaller towns and communities in the NWT. Private businesses tend to invest where incomes are high, where market access and services abound and where a skilled labour force can be found.”

Patterson said that in order to stimulate economic development in smaller centres, government support is required in the form of seed money and even direct investment where local experiences or funds are lacking. Opportunities exist, he noted, to develop renewable resources, arts and crafts, tourism and import substitution.

Earlier this year the Territorial government committed \$40 million of its accumulated surplus for expenditures that are essential to economic development in the NWT.

Over half of this amount, \$25-million, will be used to initiate funding of long-term expenditures on transportation infrastructure such as roads, airports and marine facilities.

“Without this infrastructure, we won't be able to develop a balanced economy in the north.”

The remaining \$15-million is dedicated towards other economic development initiatives including the need to respond to the recommendations of the Legislature's special committee on the economy.

“Our goal is to develop economically, politically and socially in a way that eliminates uncertainties and encourages northern people to participate fully in achieving self-reliance. We must find new avenues to strengthen our economy and to assert our pivotal role in Canada's future. ... while at the same time remembering not to forget our history or to abandon our strengths.”

Traditional lifestyles remain a vital part of our culture and society, and will be re-enforced by developing our renewable resource sector and by making innovative use of government resources to support hunters, trappers, fishermen, artists and entertainers, Patterson said.



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To forge a new and improved economy, the government needed the support and involvement of the Federal government, northern aboriginal organizations, community governments, the private sector, and all residents of the NWT, delegates were told.

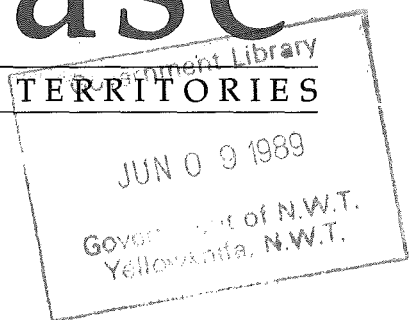
"We are ready to do our part and I would like you to leave here today asking yourself if you are ready to do yours," he said.

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## POSTER CONTEST WINNERS SELECTED

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 07, 1989) - Ten students from across the Northwest Territories won prizes of \$100 each in the 1989 Wildlife Week Poster Contest sponsored by the Department of Renewable Resources.

More than 1,700 drawings were submitted for the contest, an annual spring event held throughout schools in the Northwest Territories. The theme for this year's contest was "Act Today for Wildlife in the Year 2000."

"It is important that our children learn to conserve the wildlife and its habitat - to use it but use it wisely," says Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo.

"The level of participation in this year's contest and the work that went into the drawings indicates teachers, students, and community members are thinking about how their actions today will affect wildlife in the Northwest Territories in the future," Allooloo says.

The 10 winners are: Clara Noah, 12, from Ilitsijaqturvik School in Baker Lake, Ooleepika Saulu, 16, from Qikiqtarjuaq School in Broughton Island, Alieshia Smith, 7 and Bobby Drygeese, 17, from Kaw Tay Whee School in Detah, Pearl Wainewright, 11, from Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik, Carey Edda, 14 from Acho-Dene School in Fort Liard and four students from Diamond Jenness School in Hay River - Cheryl Wright, 17, Devon Kruggel, 15, Elizabeth Heinrichs, 17 and Michael Dyce, 14.

Their posters have been submitted to the National Wildlife Week Poster Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. Winners of that contest will be announced in June.

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In addition to the 10 individual winners of the NWT contest, two classes were presented with books in recognition of their outstanding participation and the quality of their artwork. They are Jeff Collins' Grade 6 class at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School in Inuvik and Simone Clark's Grade 1 class at Maani Ulujuk School in Rankin Inlet.

Four schools received awards of a framed photograph with an engraved plate in recognition of their participation. They are Chief T'Selihye School in Fort Good Hope, Acho-Dene School in Fort Liard, Umimmak School in Grise Fiord, and Helen Kalvak School in Holman Island.

Buttons depicting the northern habitat were sent to 76 students whose work was chosen for an honourable mention.

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## TIME FOR INVESTMENT IN NORTH IS NOW

YELLOWKNIFE (June 07, 1989) - Economic Development and Tourism Minister Gordon Wray today challenged southern and northern Canadians alike to strengthen both themselves and the N.W.T. by increasing their investment in the North.

"Success doesn't come to those who wait, but to those who seize opportunities when they become available. That time is now," Wray told delegates to the Prospects North '89 conference today.

"Investment in the N.W.T. can be rewarding and exciting. Although every new venture has its problems, the odds are more in your favor in the North."

Wray told delegates that high disposable incomes, a growing population, large reserves of natural resources, untapped markets and a government dedicated to the nurturing of a young and dynamic economy can only mean promising rewards for investors.

As for the effect of increased investment on the North, Wray said it will help address the imbalance between the have and have-not communities of the N.W.T.

"We are faced with two distinct economies. One is modern and vibrant and is based in larger regional centres," Wray said. "In these communities markets are well developed and rapidly expanding, average incomes are high, and unemployment almost non-existent."

The majority of the territories' smaller communities, however, are largely dependent upon renewable resources and are caught in a cycle of increasing unemployment and stagnation.

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Wray said he is convinced that the private sector alone will be unable to stimulate growth in the small communities and that the Government of the Northwest Territories must address this imbalance.

"Active government support and assistance will be necessary. We have to seriously look at creating a development corporation mandated to generate opportunities in small communities, joint venture with the private sector, and invest in the infrastructure necessary to private sector growth."

The minister added, however, that he does not view this corporation competing with the private sector but rather laying the basis for an expanding private sector which will act as the primary vehicle for development.

With annual imports from southern Canada at nearly \$1 billion, the N.W.T. needs investment and an infusion of new ideas. And while some specialized goods may never be produced or supplied within the N.W.T., Wray said the economic climate in the North is changing.

"If southern businesses want to take advantage of northern opportunities, they are going to have to invest in the North. As our economy grows, more and more products are being supplied locally."

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## FEDERAL FUNDS FOR RANKIN INLET AND YELLOWKNIFE

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8, 1989) - Federal and Territorial assistance has been provided to enhance emergency preparedness in Yellowknife and Rankin Inlet. The contributions fall under the federal government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.

The payments will support projects that include the purchase and installation of radio equipment and paging systems essential to effective emergency response. Funding of these projects was shared equally, with both governments contributing \$11,990 to Yellowknife, and \$21,832.89 to Rankin Inlet.

Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Pierre Cadieux presented the federal contribution of \$33,822 to the Government of the Northwest Territories on behalf of federal Minister Responsible for Emergency Preparedness Bill McKnight. The payments were presented to Gordon Wray, territorial Minister Responsible for Civil Emergency Measures.

Under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program, the federal government provides financial assistance to provinces and territories to enhance their emergency preparedness. Since the program started in the Northwest Territories in early 1983, expenditures have totalled over \$1.75 million, of which about \$920,000 has been provided by Emergency Preparedness Canada.

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## **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT URGED TO REDIRECT SPECIAL INITIATIVES FUND**

Yellowknife (June 7, 1989) - The federal government should use the \$100 million in the child-care Special Initiatives Fund to provide direct child care services to Canadians, say Social Services Ministers from across the country.

Jeannie Marie-Jewell, the Social Services Minister for the Northwest Territories, and her counterparts from the provinces and the Yukon, met in Whitehorse May 30 to June 1 for the annual Ministers of Social Services Conference.

They discussed a number of issues, including child care and what actions need to be taken in the face of the federal decision to not proceed with the national Child Care Act.

Besides redirecting the money in the Special Initiatives Fund, the Ministers want the federal government to review the tax credit component of the child care program.

"And we want to meet with the Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, Perrin Beatty, to directly communicate to him our concern that recent unilateral federal actions will have a negative effect on social services," says Marie-Jewell.

"At this point, a meeting with the federal Minister is necessary. All provincial and territorial ministers at the meeting in Whitehorse agreed to request an early meeting with Mr. Beatty," Marie-Jewell says.

During the meeting the provincial and territorial ministers responsible for social services also reviewed the income security reforms in various jurisdictions, where the emphasis is on assisting people to become independent.

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The ministers responsible for Young Offenders programs are writing a letter to Mr. Beatty expressing their concern about federal capping of funding for such programs.

The ministers also agreed to share information about cost-sharing agreements for Indian Child Welfare and to re-emphasize the responsibility of the Department of Indian Affairs to fully fund native programs.

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## MACKENZIE RIVER EXHIBIT OPENS IN YELLOWKNIFE

Yellowknife (June 9) - The mighty Mackenzie River, renowned for its length and respected by northerners for its beauty and importance, is being celebrated this summer at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

An exhibit, called **1789 Deh Cho, Nagwachoonjik, Guukpak, Fleuve Mackenzie River, 1989**, opens today and features stunning colour photographs of the river and how it is used and enjoyed by the people who have always lived near it.

The photographs, taken by northern photographers Rene Fumoleau, Gary Milligan, Tessa Macintosh, Wayne Spencer and Fran Hurcomb, are accompanied by excerpts from Alexander Mackenzie's journal accounts of his trip down the river 200 years ago.

Mackenzie left Fort Chipewyan on June 3, 1789, intent on finding a Northwest Passage to the Pacific coast. Instead, the 4,241 kilometre river, second-longest in North America, brought him to the Arctic Ocean.

"The exhibit is a vibrant mixture of past and present. It tells the story of one man's attempt to find the Northwest Passage and of a peoples' resolve to maintain traditional ties to the river, their lifeblood," says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

The captions accompanying the photographs are in Slavey, Gwich'in, Inuvialuktun, French and English.

The exhibit will be on display until August 6 at the Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife. Another version of the exhibit will tour the Mackenzie Valley this year for display in community libraries or schools in Fort Providence, Fort Simpson, Rae-Edzo, Inuvik and other communities.

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The Northern Heritage Centre has prepared two other exhibits for the Mackenzie Bicentennial celebrations. **Photographs in Denendeh**, a collection of striking black and white photographs from the Native Press Collection, will be touring the NWT, beginning in Fort Providence June 28. /

Another touring exhibit is **Dene Metis Portraits**, an informal exhibit of historical drawings and photographs including work by Henry Busse, Richard Finnie, Bishop Fleming, Reverend Jackson, Henry Jones and Father Petitot.

The Northern Heritage Centre library staff has prepared a bibliography of Alexander Mackenzie which is available on request.

In the fall the Centre will offer a hands-on activity program for schools based on the story of Mackenzie and English Chief, a Dene leader who accompanied Mackenzie.

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## GNWT SUPPORTS RECYCLING PROJECT

Yellowknife (June 09, 1989) - The Department of Renewable Resources is supporting a garbage recycling project in Yellowknife which could lead to the development of similar projects across the Northwest Territories.

The solid waste recycling demonstration project in Yellowknife is being run by Ecology North, a non-profit environmental organization. The project will begin this week to coincide with National Environment Week.

The project calls for 50 volunteer households to collect, separate and return recyclable solid wastes to a depot located beside the Yellowknife Co-op building. Wastes to be collected include aluminum cans, tin cans, plastic grocery bags and glass bottles. Members of the Yellowknife Co-op will also participate by returning recyclable wastes to the depot.

"The year-long project will examine the economics, feasibility and logistics of operating recycling programs in the Northwest Territories. The report and recommendations from this project will be of tremendous value in developing recycling programs in other communities," says Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo.

The Department of Renewable Resources is providing \$10,500 to the project.

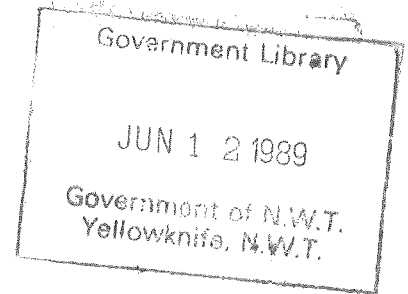
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## **BOB OVERVOLD NAMED PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 09, 1989)**- Government Leader Dennis Patterson today announced the appointment of Bob Overvold as his new principal secretary effective June 30.

Overvold replaces Mark Malone who will be taking leave from the government to undertake a number of academic and research projects in southern Canada and abroad. He has served in the position since November of 1987.

As principal secretary, Overvold will provide advice to the Government Leader, and through him to Cabinet, on the government's overall political direction and strategy. He will also provide political analysis of program and policy matters considered by Cabinet.

"Mr. Overvold brings a very good background and knowledge to this position, particularly in the area of aboriginal politics, northern self-government, political and constitutional development and the many other issues we are presently facing in the Northwest Territories," Patterson said.

"His involvement with the Dene and Metis organizations has exposed him to territorial, national and international issues."

Overvold has been an executive assistant to the Government Leader since August of last year. From September of 1983 to April of 1988 he was chief negotiator for the Dene/Metis Negotiations Secretariat - the negotiations arm of the Dene Nation and the Metis Association of the NWT.

He established that secretariat and as its chief executive officer ensured that research and development of negotiating positions were developed for consideration by the Dene/Metis leadership.

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Overvold had earlier worked as the chief negotiator for the Dene Nation and assisted in working out the differences between that organization and the Metis Association that led to both groups working together to establish the single negotiations secretariat.

At the time, he was also band manager for the Dene Community Council in Fort Good Hope, a position he held from 1980 to 1983.

Overvold graduated from Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife in 1969, obtained a teaching certificate from the NWT Teacher Education Program in 1970 and attended the University of Alberta where he worked towards a bachelor of education degree.

He taught school in Inuvik for the 1970-71 term and then taught in Hay River from 1971 to 1974. He joined the Metis Association as its executive director in 1974 and became director of aboriginal rights for the Dene Nation in 1978.

Overvold, 42, was born in Fort Norman and lives in Yellowknife with Lucy Ann Yakeleya and their three daughters.

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## LIGHTNING FIRES ANTICIPATED THIS WEEK

Yellowknife (June 12, 1989) - The 19 forest fires reported in the Northwest Territories so far this year have all been caused by human carelessness. This week, however, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith is expecting to have to tackle fires caused by lightning.

Winds and extremely warm temperatures, combined with lightning forecast for the South Mackenzie, have increased the Fire Danger Rating to extreme from last week's rating of moderate to high.

The Centre is expecting several lightning fires to start by Tuesday evening or Wednesday. "We're keeping our fingers crossed, but it appears that we're going to have to start fighting lightning fires by the end of this week," says Dennis Mahussier, Supervisor of Fire Operations at the Centre in Fort Smith.

The Centre is now preparing its fire suppression resources for initial attack in anticipation of the lightning fires. Mahussier says there is a possibility that resources from the Inuvik district, such as suppression crews, may be moved to the Fort Simpson district as early as Tuesday. The danger rating in Inuvik is now listed as moderate, while it is extreme for the districts of Fort Smith, Fort Simpson, Norman Wells and Yellowknife.

Eighteen of the 19 forest fires reported to date have been declared out. The remaining fire is under control. A total of 36 hectares have been destroyed as a result of human-caused fires, Mahussier says. He recommends people refrain from lighting any unnecessary campfires until the fire danger rating drops to moderate or low.

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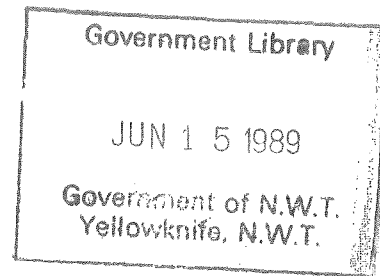
If anyone sees a forest fire, they are asked to contact their local Renewable Resources officer or call the toll free number at 1-800-661-0800.

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## **SUMMER HIKING TRAILS BUILT WITH EDA FUNDING**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 13, 1989) - The Yellowknife Ski Club will expand its trail system to offer summer hiking for visitors, with the help of a \$79,040 contribution from the Canada-Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA).**

The combination of cross-country ski and summer hiking trails will provide visitors with year-round fitness and recreation and will encourage them to stay in the area longer.

The announcement was made by federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism Tom Hockin and Northwest Territories Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.

The club will purchase bush-clearing equipment, extend and improve the trail system, and erect shelters, picnic tables, outdoor toilets and interpretive signs. The work is scheduled to take two years.

Funding for the project is being provided under the Product and Facility Development Program of the Subsidiary Agreement on Tourism Development, under the EDA. The EDA includes six cost-shared subsidiary agreements which cover most sectors of the Northwest Territories economy.

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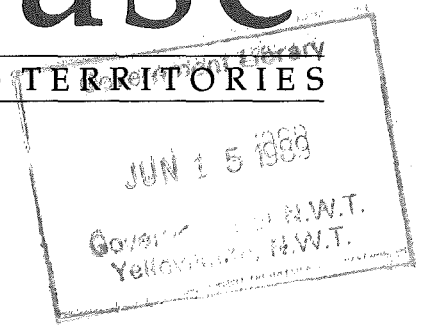






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## LYNX GARAGE DOOR OPENERS RECALLED

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 14, 1989)** - Owners of Lynx Automatic garage door openers should check to ensure the device's safety reversing feature is functioning, the Chief Electrical Inspector for Safety and Public Services has advised.

Investigation by the Canadian Standards Association has revealed that if the actuator arm of the safety reversing switch is bent, the door may not reverse if obstructed during the closing cycle. This defect contributed to the death of a five-year-old child who was trapped under a garage door.

Owners of opener models 455 and 460 should follow instructions in the installation manual when testing the reversing feature.

If when testing the unit, the garage door does not reverse, attempts should not be made to adjust the opener. Service should be arranged with Lynx Industries Incorporated, 175 Upper Edison Avenue, St. Lambert, Quebec, J4R 2R3. The company can be reached by phone at (514) 866-1068.

The Canadian Standards Association is warning owners of Lynx Automatic Doorman openers to keep children away from areas where the units have been installed. Children should also be prohibited from playing with the operating controls.

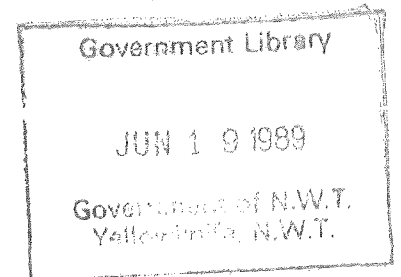
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## **FORT SIMPSON STUDENT AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 15, 1989) - A long-time resident of Fort Simpson is the recipient of the Lester B. Pearson College Scholarship for 1989-90, Minister of Education Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

Stacey Anne Wood of Fort Simpson, who graduates this year from Sir John Franklin Territorial High School in Yellowknife, receives a two-year scholarship to Lester B. Pearson College in Victoria, B.C.

Successful completion of the program will give Miss Wood an International Baccalaureate which provides admission to most universities world-wide.

Lester B. Pearson College is a member of the network of United World Colleges in North America, Europe, Asia, Britain and Africa. As a United World College student, Miss Wood will join a student body of young people from around the world. While academic achievement is stressed, there is also a strong "outward bound" component and requirements for community service work.

This year's scholarship is sponsored by Gulf Canada Resources Ltd. and the territorial Department of Education.

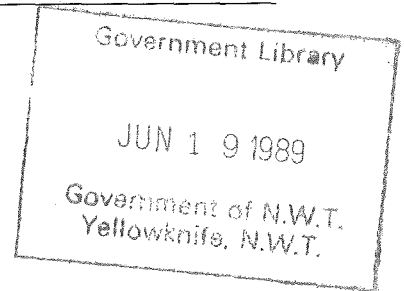
Territorial students currently attending Lester B. Pearson College on scholarships are Lara Lewis and Brian Poston of Yellowknife. Miss Lewis graduates this year, while Mr. Poston is finishing his first year.

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## GOVERNMENT AGAINST LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 15, 1989)**- Government Leader Dennis Patterson is disturbed over an announcement that the federal government has approved low-level bomber training exercises over part of the Northwest Territories.

"We really don't need this kind of provocation, particularly at a time when the land claim selection process is about to take place in the very region that the bombers will fly over," he said.

Patterson stated he respects the strong feelings of the Dene/Metis leadership on the matter of low-level bomber runs and that he hopes the exercises will not jeopardize claims discussions which are presently at such a delicate stage.

Defence Minister William McKnight announced approval of the flight route Wednesday. It begins east of Great Slave Lake and goes south to the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range, about 250 kilometres northeast of Edmonton.

Patterson said he talked with McKnight towards the end of May, but was not successful in getting the federal minister to change the proposed training missions so that the actual low-level portions of the exercises would begin outside of the NWT.

"When it come right down to it, we can talk all we want. But that's all it is ... talk! The real question we have to ask ourselves is whether or not anyone out there is listening," he said.

"Simply stated ... the Territorial government and the Legislature do not want cruise testing and they don't want low-level training exercises. Some members of the Legislature are completely against any form of military activity."

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The NWT route, which is one of two routes first proposed in May of 1985, was requested by the Headquarters North American Defence (NORAD) command to provide intercept training to both Canadian and U.S. defence forces.

Aircraft will fly at altitudes from 400 to 2,000 feet above ground level, depending on environmental concerns identified during reviews of the proposed route. The route is 830 miles long, 425 miles of it within the NWT.

In his announcement, McKnight said there will be four one-day exercises per year. They will occur in September, November-December, March and May-June.

A total of 15 bombers will participate in the exercises, with the exception of the May-June event when the number will be increased to 25. The maximum number of interceptors has been set at 12.

Meanwhile, Deputy Government Leader Stephen Kakfwi, who is also Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development, isn't any happier with the announcement.

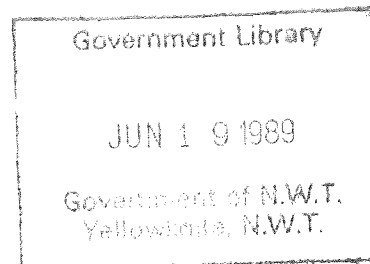
"They're planning military exercises where they think there is going to be the least amount of controversy," Kakfwi said. "They recently had bombers flying across the North at 30,000 feet. If it's 30,000 feet they could have it anywhere, so why don't they put them over Toronto or Ottawa?"

Kakfwi said no low-level exercises in the North should be approved until Canada and the Dene and Metis of the Mackenzie Valley reach a final agreement on a lands claim settlement.

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## **THELON AND KAZAN RIVERS NAMED TO CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVERS SYSTEM**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 15, 1989) - The Thelon and Kazan Rivers were named to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System today at a meeting of the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board, held near Sydney, Nova Scotia. The Canadian Heritage Rivers System is a federal, provincial, and territorial program which recognizes Canadian rivers of outstanding natural, cultural and recreational value.

The nomination was put forth by federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Pierre Cadieux, and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray, with the support of Baker Lake Mayor David Simailak.

A year of intense research by the community of Baker Lake went into documenting the rivers' significance. The federal Department of the Environment and the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Economic Development and Tourism provided financial support and staff assistance.

"The community should be applauded for its efforts over the last year," said Mr. Cadieux. "Community support and cooperation have been remarkable, and it marks the first time that such a nomination has been initiated by a community."

"For generations, we have lived and relied on these two rivers," said Mr. Simailak. "The waterways are an important part of our cultural heritage and today are used for fishing, hunting, trapping, travelling, and camping."

Both rivers have played a role in early Canadian exploration. Explorer Samuel Hearne and scientist J.B. Tyrrell both travelled the Kazan and Thelon area.

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The rivers, with the plentiful wildlife and evidence of past cultures, are also popular with wilderness canoeists. Excellent fishing for grayling, trophy-sized lake trout and Arctic char exists.

"These rivers represent unmatched tourism opportunities for the community which are compatible with our unique Northern lifestyles and traditions," said Mr. Wray. "With careful, sustainable development and management, the rivers will attract wilderness canoeists from around the world."

The two barrenland rivers are located in the Keewatin region of the NWT and flow via Baker Lake into western Hudson Bay.

The portion of the Thelon River designated as a Canadian Heritage River runs for 550 kilometres through the Thelon Game Sanctuary to the community of Baker Lake. The sanctuary, established in 1927, protects critical habitats, and species such as muskox, moose, wolf and grizzly bears.

The Heritage River section of the Kazan River flows some 600 km through the rugged Canadian shield of the Central Arctic. This river was the original home of the Caribou Inuit, the first people to live year round on the barrenlands. The area's archaeological record is rich and varied, showing many signs of past occupation.

A management plan for the two rivers will be developed over the next two years by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in order to finalize the designation of the rivers to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System. Extensive community consultations and input from other groups interested the area will be used in developing the plan.

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## **LABOUR STANDARDS BOARD CAN ORDER EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE BONDS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 20, 1989) - Employers who fail to pay employee wages could be ordered to provide a bond or other security to the Labour Standards Board of the Northwest Territories.**

The board announced today it is enforcing a section of the Labour Standards Act that gives it full discretion on when it may order an employer to provide a security, such as a bond.

Employers who could be ordered to provide the security for a maximum period of two years are those who have a record of failing to pay employee wages where they have been found to be due.

"While this section of the Act is not new, until now the Board has focused its attention to the recovery of past unpaid wages. This section will be enforced against more delinquent employers as a measure to secure future wages," says Gail Cyr, Chairperson of the Labour Standards Board of the Northwest Territories.

"By enforcing this section of the Act, we hope it will act as an incentive for employers to pay wages owed, and as insurance for future employees of a company or employer with a record of refusing to pay employees the wages they are owed," Cyr says.

Section 39.(10) of the Labour Standards Act states that "the Board may order an employer to furnish to the Board a bond or other security conditioned for the payment of all wages in amount and form, and for such period of time not exceeding two years, as may be satisfactory to the Board, and an employer shall comply with the order."

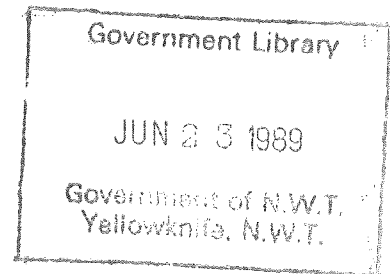
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The Labour Standards Board is mandated to review rulings of the labour standards officer, make decisions with respect to the confirmation of those rulings, and enforce confirmed certificates setting forth wages due to employees.

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## **SENIORS RESIDENCE OPENS IN FORT SIMPSON**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 23, 1989) - Ohnda Koe Seniors Residence was officially opened in Fort Simpson yesterday by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CHMC) Chairman Robert Jarvis, and Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation Tom Butters.**

Jointly funded by CMHC, the NWT Housing Corporation, and the territorial department of Social Services, the residence has 10 limited-care units, and 20 self-care units. Its capital cost was \$4 million, funded 75 per cent by CMHC and 25 per cent by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

"The federal government is pleased to assist in funding this residence for Fort Simpson's seniors," Minister of State for Housing Alan Redway said of the opening. "It is part of the Government of Canada's continuing effort to ensure all Canadians have access to suitable accommodation."

To keep rentals at affordable levels for occupants, the two governments will provide operating subsidies. The federal subsidy will total about \$673,000 per year while the annual territorial government subsidy will be about \$224,000.

Features of the new facility include garden plots, some of which are raised to allow access by the disabled, screened gazebos with barbecues and sheltered outdoor sitting areas. The self-care units have movable room partitions.

Input on the design and construction of the new centre was provided by the Fort Simpson Steering Committee on the Needs of the Aged, which undertook a study. The committee of representatives from local organizations and the Departments of Social Services and Health has been active since 1983.

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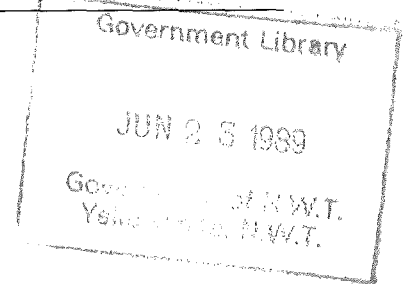
Ohnda Koe Seniors Residence is dedicated to Stanley Isaiah, who was a resource elder to the steering committee, before his death in 1984. Born in 1910, Mr. Isaiah spent much of his life on the land, was involved in community projects and provided spiritual guidance to the people of Fort Simpson.

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## **GILDAY NAMED ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 23, 1989) - David Gilday has been appointed an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Department of Culture and Communications.

Titus Allooloo, Minister of that department, made the announcement today. Gilday will be responsible for the communications side of the department.

He replaces Ross Harvey who is being seconded to Television Northern Canada (TVNC), currently based in Ottawa, as its Executive Director.

Gilday, Assistant Regional Director for the Baffin region for the past four years starts his new job in Yellowknife July 3. He has been working for the Northwest Territories government for the past 15 years, beginning in 1974 as a settlement manager in Fort Smith.

His work experience in the Northwest Territories includes terms as the executive assistant to the Regional Director for the Baffin Region from 1979-80 and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of the NWT from 1981-1982.

"Mr. Gilday will bring a regional perspective to the job because of his years of working in the various communities. That's important, especially in the communications area," Allooloo says.

The minister added that Harvey's secondment will assist TVNC - the new public broadcasting system for the NWT, Yukon, Arctic Quebec and Labrador - in putting together its network plans and infrastructure in order to meet a projected on-air date in the fall of 1991.

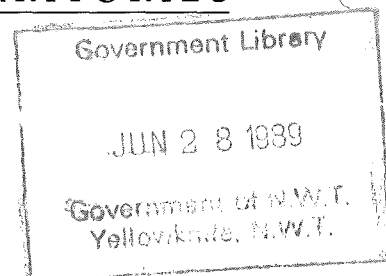
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Harvey was heavily involved in the initial discussions leading to formation of TVNC and has served as the chairman of its working committee for the past two years.

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## LAGOON EXPANSION TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 26, 1989)** - Expansion of Arviat's sewage lagoon under a contract awarded by the GNWT Department of Public Works will provide increased capacity sufficient to meet the needs of the Hamlet (formerly Eskimo Point) for the next 20 years.

The \$476,256 contract was awarded to Eskimo Point Lumber Supply and Airport Services of Arviat and will be fulfilled completely with local participation. Work is scheduled to begin in July and finish by November.

Davis Construction Limited of Inuvik has been awarded a \$649,575 contract to replace about 270 metres of the town's utilidor system. Work is scheduled to begin this month and should be completed by September.

A combined community water treatment and truckfill facility, for treating well water, is being built in Fort Liard. The \$597,998 contract was awarded to Gregory Construction Limited of Yellowknife. Work is slated to begin in July and finish by October.

A medium-size community gymnasium will be constructed in Resolute Bay under a \$986,422 contract awarded to PCL Constructors Northern Inc. of Yellowknife. Polaris Mines boosted the project with a \$100,000 donation.

Work is scheduled to start after the arrival of the sealift in July and is expected to be completed by next April. A second phase of construction will then begin, which includes the building of hamlet offices connected to the gymnasium.

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Clark-Bowler Construction of Yellowknife has been awarded a \$2,111,780 contract for the construction of an N.W.T. maximum secure facility in Fort Smith for young offenders. Work on the 14-bed facility for males is scheduled to start in June and finish by January of 1990.

Residents of Spence Bay will begin site preparation this summer in anticipation of a recreation complex to be built by Harpe Contracting Limited of Yellowknife under a \$1,682,800 contract. The complex will feature a medium-sized arena and a community hall. Construction is slated to start in September and finish by October of 1990.

Ferguson Simek Clark of Yellowknife has been awarded a \$168,750 contract to provide engineering and architectural design services for new heliport facilities in both Wrigley and Fort Norman.

The facilities are being constructed for the GNWT Department of Renewable Resources' Fire Operations Program. Construction contracts are to follow.

Older sections of the roofs at Sir John Franklin Territorial High School and Akaitcho Hall in Yellowknife will be retrofitted this summer while students are on vacation. The \$550,586 contract was awarded to Whiteknife Industries Ltd. of Whitehorse.

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## **FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES EXPANDED, UPGRADED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 26, 1989)** - Fuel storage facilities in Pangnirtung and Pond Inlet will be expanded and upgraded over the next three years to meet future community needs.

Nortuk Contracting Limited of Streetsville, Ontario, has been awarded the contracts by the GNWT Department of Public Works to expand and upgrade the fuel storage facilities. The Pangnirtung contract is valued at \$2,120,000, while the Pond Inlet contract is worth \$3,415,000.

Expansion of the existing bulk fuel storage facility in Pangnirtung, and Pond Inlet's bulk fuel storage facility and airport fuel facility are designed to meet the needs of both communities for the next 10 years. The work is also designed to allow for an additional 10-year expansion at the end of that decade. Both communities' facilities will be constructed to meet existing safety and environmental codes.

Construction in Pangnirtung is scheduled to begin this summer with site preparation, while new tank materials and equipment are scheduled to arrive by sealift in September. The new tank is scheduled to be erected in the fall and completed next summer.

Next summer will also see the relocation of the three existing tanks from their present site to a new one within the same area. A dispenser building and an operator's shelter will also be installed. Painting is scheduled for the summer of 1991.

In Pond Inlet, two new tanks will be constructed at the Hamlet's storage facility; one this summer and one next summer. The four-inch pipeline to the bulk facility, through which the sealift tanker off-loads fuel, will be replaced with a new six-inch pipeline.

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At the airport dispenser facility, the two existing fuel tanks will be relocated and a new dispenser building will be constructed in a more convenient location. Construction is scheduled for this summer and next with all work scheduled for completion by August of 1990. Painting will be done during the summers of 1989-91.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS TO SALVAGE STRINGER HALL**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 28, 1989) -** Parts of Stringer Hall, Inuvik's former student residence, will be salvaged this summer and the rest of it will be removed, Public Works Minister Nellie Cournoyea said today.

Salvage operations began today, with the final removal of the building scheduled to be completed by October.

Although the former Anglican student residence has been vacant since students were moved to Grollier Hall in 1975, the building's services and utilities had to be maintained because one branch of the town's utilidor system is located in a crawl space in Stringer Hall. The utilidor line is scheduled to be re-routed to the perimeter of the lot to allow for future development options, including a proposed recreation centre.

Subsequent studies to identify appropriate uses and tenants for the 60,000 square feet of available space were unsuccessful. Renovations to the building would not be cost effective, as more than \$5 million would be required to update the 30-year-old structure to current standards.

Extensive consultations regarding the demolition and possible uses for the salvaged materials were conducted with many local organizations, including the Inuvik Native Band, Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Association, Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee, Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre, Town of Inuvik, Inuvik Chamber of Commerce, Inuvik Community Corporation, Beaufort/Delta Divisional Board of Education, Local Education Authority and the Anglican Church.

The emphasis of the resulting project is to maximize opportunities for local employment and salvage of materials.

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"A local labour force of 12 people is expected to salvage up to 1,900 plywood sheets, 120 doors and 11,000 feet of dimensional lumber, which will be donated to residents in the Delta area. This material will be made available through an organized draw," Cournoyea said.

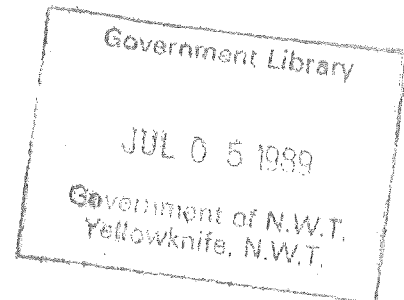
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## ARCHAEOLOGISTS AT WORK IN THE NWT

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 30, 1989) -** Summer houses built by Dorset people and Thule winter houses with whale bone roofs were among the many items uncovered by archaeologists in the Northwest Territories in 1988.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has released its fifth annual summary of all archaeological field projects conducted in the territory last year.

The summary outlines the range of archaeological research carried out in every region of the Northwest Territories, from the Belcher Islands in the south to Borup Fiord, Ellesmere Island in the north and from the Anderson Plain in the west to Ward Inlet in the eastern arctic.

The summary includes photographs of some of the finds, such as a house ruin with stone walls still standing almost one metre high in Esayoo Bay, Borup Fiord, and a fire place from an early site on Skraeling Island, eastern Ellesmere Island.

More than 20 archaeologists were issued permits to study the sites, after community councils were informed of the proposed research and given the opportunity to comment. Archaeologists were from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, universities from across the country and abroad, the Archaeological Survey of Canada and the Royal Ontario Museum.

Students of the Renewable Resources Technology Programme of Arctic College participated in the research project at Tsu Lake, north of Fort Smith. A systematic excavation of a collapsed log cabin and stone chimney was continued there under the direction of Margaret Bertulli and Carolynn Kobelka of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

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The annual summary is being sent to all schools, libraries, councils, hunters' and trappers' associations, and land use planning groups across the Northwest Territories, plus the scientific community and interested individuals. Copies can be obtained by contacting the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

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## **ORAL TRADITION PROGRAM WORKSHOP HELD IN YELLOWKNIFE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 30, 1989)** - Twenty people interested in preserving and promoting oral tradition research in the Northwest Territories gathered in Yellowknife this week for basic training in interviewing methods, use of audio equipment and accepted procedures for cataloguing and storing archival recordings.

The workshop was funded by the Cultural Affairs section of the Department of Culture and Communications, out of a \$100,000 Oral Tradition Program it established this year to support the collection of oral traditions in the NWT.

Workshop participants included groups and individuals who received funding under the program. Alestine Andre, for example, plans to interview the five most elderly native residents of Arctic Red River to record their life histories. The Dene Cultural Institute received a contribution for a pilot project to research traditional environmental knowledge of the Dene.

Other oral tradition research projects are taking place in Igloodik, Inuvik, Baker Lake, three communities in the southern Keewatin region, Cumberland Sound and Pangnirtung.

The workshop was designed to let participants know what is required of them under their contribution agreement with the territorial government. It was also an opportunity for people doing the same type of work to meet each other and share information and ideas.

"Recording information and stories from our elders is important, but it is just as important to ensure the information is saved properly and stored in a manner and place where it is accessible to others," says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo. The material

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collected by the researchers will be stored at the Territorial Archives at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

The Department of Culture and Communications is planning to hold the workshops annually to promote oral tradition research in the Northwest Territories.

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## MINE TRAINING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

**YELLOWKNIFE (June 30, 1989)** - Industry and the territorial government have joined forces to establish a training program designed to provide Dogrib communities with long-term employment in the mining industry.

The Colomac Training Program, involving two territorial government departments, was announced today by Minister of Education Stephen Kakfwi.

The \$511,000 program will offer training to 38 residents of the Dogrib region at the Northgate/Neptune Colomac Mine, located northwest of Yellowknife.

Funded by the Department of Education, Poole Construction Limited and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, training will be modeled on a very successful pilot training program funded by Canada Employment and Immigration last year.

Kakfwi described the training program as a unique opportunity to prepare residents for the benefits of long-term jobs by investing in training and by providing employment support services prior to the actual start-up of operations.

"Current success rates enjoyed by Northgate/Neptune and their contractors in employing native people can be enhanced even further by supporting the development of skills which are transferable to the operational phase of the mine," he said.

Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea said the project signifies a "new era of cooperation" between local people, industry and government.

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"We are breaking new ground, but I believe that with this type of program, we will be able to ensure that native northerners are better able to take advantage of the economic benefits resulting from mineral developments throughout the NWT."

More than 50 residents are working with Poole Construction on the construction phase of the project. However, most of their jobs are construction-related and will end when the mine goes into full operation. Without additional training, only short-term positions would be available.

Under the Colomac Project, training for long-term employment will be available in nine fields. Categories open to the trainees are air track driller, crusher operator, heavy equipment operator, heavy equipment maintenance service worker, carpenters, labourers, mechanical trades and maintenance, warehousing, and office and clerical.

In addition to job training, a life skills coordinator will be on site to work closely with trainees and to provide advice and assistance.

The life skills coordinator will also work closely with Education's Employment Development Officers in Fort Rae and Yellowknife to provide support and counselling for each trainee's family while he/she is away from home.

In addition, the Government of the Northwest Territories will provide further job opportunities by establishing a mine mill operator training program through Arctic College.

Successful completion of this program will prepare N.W.T. residents for jobs in any operating mine. Mill operators constitute about 15 per cent of the workforce in a mine, and the jobs are longer term and highly paid.

Meanwhile, Rae-Lac La Martre MLA Henry Zoe said by joining together to fund such programs, industry and governments will help Northerners overcome the major problem they've encountered in the mining industry; an inability to move out of labouring jobs and into higher-skilled and higher-income levels.

"These programs will have a beneficial impact on the economy of the Dogrib communities, will reduce the dependence on social assistance and will result in the development of job skills which will make the residents highly employable in the labour market," Zoe said.

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## **JACK PINE VOTED TERRITORIAL TREE**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (June 30, 1989) - The Jack Pine has been chosen as the official tree of the Northwest Territories, Renewable Resources Minister Titus Alloo announced today.

As part of national forest week, held May 7-13, the Department of Renewable Resources decided to have northerners select the tree they felt would best represent the Northwest Territories.

Ballots were printed in the major newspapers, and forestry activity programs containing ballots were distributed in the Western Region Elementary Schools throughout the week. This distribution enabled people to mark their choice and send it in for the count.

The response was excellent with 1,641 votes submitted. The Jack Pine and Tamarack led the contest with 679 people choosing the Jack Pine and 593 choosing the Tamarack. The Trembling Aspen came in third with 369 votes. Most of the ballots came from elementary students.

As part of the contest, a random draw of the entries was made on June 26, and three people each won a pair of binoculars. The winners are Leanne Toniton of Fort Franklin, Dollie Nahanni of Fort Simpson, and Dragana Stanojevic of Yellowknife.

The Department of Renewable Resources is pleased with the outcome and the public response. Legislation is now being prepared to officially designate the Jack Pine as the Territorial tree.

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## ARCTIC COLLEGE RECEIVES EDA FUNDING FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS DEVELOPMENT

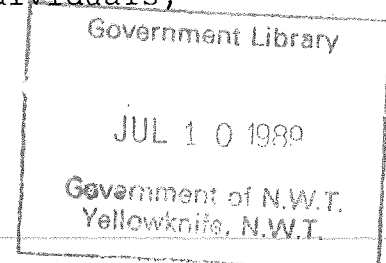
IQALUIT (July 4) - Arctic College will receive a \$400,000 contribution from the Canada-Northwest Territories Economic Development Agreement (EDA) to develop and deliver comprehensive arts and crafts training in the Northwest Territories.

Announcement of the \$400,000 contribution was made by Pierre H. Cadieux, federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Gordon Wray, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism. The Arts and Crafts Development Sub-Agreement is cost shared, 70 per cent by the federal government and 30 per cent by the territorial government.

Iqaluit's Nunatta Campus, a division of Arctic College, will initiate a significant training program for the improvement of technical and aesthetic skills in all major art and craft forms. The college will develop and deliver programming for artisans and potential craftpersons throughout the Northwest Territories. Courses in crafts, graphic arts and carving will be offered.

With the diminishing number of older artists involved in craft work, there is a growing need to develop and encourage a new generation of craftpersons. Arctic College will provide participants with educational access to local artisans, in a supportive environment, and access to artisans from outside communities.

The project qualified for an EDA contribution under the Artist and Artisan Development program of the Arts and Crafts Development Sub-Agreement. This program offers support for the hiring of artistic advisors, travel to northern and southern workshops, and support for sponsoring workshops in northern communities. The program covers all travel costs, food and accommodation while attending exhibitions. Individuals,



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businesses and economic development organizations involved in the production and development of arts and crafts in the Northwest Territories are eligible to apply.

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## INTERIM CHILD CARE PROGRAM MODIFIED

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 10, 1989)** - Two changes have been made to the territorial government's Interim Child Care Program to make it easier for non-profit groups or individuals to start up child care centres in the Northwest Territories.

Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell said today that government start-up funding will now be in the form of grants rather than contributions and will be indexed to reflect the varying costs of delivering child care in communities across the Northwest Territories.

The fixed rate system for start-up assistance has been scrapped. Now non-profit groups or individuals who plan to provide full-time licensed child care are eligible for a minimum of \$1,200 for each proposed space in a child care centre and a minimum of \$750 per space in a family day home.

"The new start-up assistance scale takes into account cost of living factors that are much higher in some of the more remote communities," Marie-Jewell says.

The maximum available for start-up assistance in the communities of Gjoa Haven, Pelly Bay and Spence Bay, for instance, is \$2,280 per space in a child care centre and \$1,425 per space in a family day home.

In addition to defraying the initial costs of equipment, insurance and other costs related to start-up, the change to grants from contributions means that the money can now also be used for minor renovations to bring buildings used as day care facilities up to standards.

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The year-long interim program, ending in March of 1990, is designed to do three things: increase the number of child care spaces in the territory to try to keep up with demand; provide support to low-income parents to enable them to maintain employment or enter into training programs; and, train child care providers to improve the quality of child care.

The \$2.2 million Interim Child Care Program, tabled in the Legislative Assembly earlier this year, represents the groundwork for the development of a long-term child care program, says Marie-Jewell.

"Each day we are learning. Parents are telling the government what they want and the government is listening and responding. A lot depends on discussions with the federal government, but while they continue we are working with the money and the program we have," she said.

"Child care is a shared responsibility between parents and government. Government is and will continue to do its part. Now it is up to parents and child care operators in the territory to take advantage of the money that is available this year and confirm the need for quality child care in the territories."

Application forms for start-up assistance or the user subsidy are available at the Child Care Section of the Department of Social Services in Yellowknife, or from social services offices across the NWT.

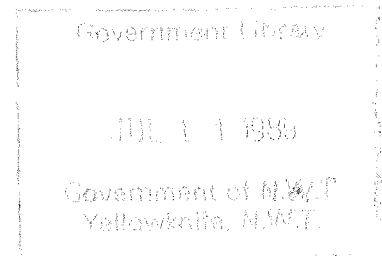
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## **FIRE PRECAUTIONS INCREASED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 10, 1989) - Fire suppression staff have stepped up precautions in the Western Arctic, in response to a high fire danger rating.**

Extra airtankers have been stationed in Norman Wells, Hay River and Yellowknife. Firefighting crews have been moved from Western Arctic communities to remote firefighting bases, in anticipation of lightning-caused fires.

Warm and dry weather patterns, which are expected to continue, are maintaining the high danger rating.

"Fire suppression staff are working on six fires, all of which pose no threat to communities and were naturally caused," says Dennis Mahussier, Supervisor of Fire Operations at the Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith.

Mahussier says he thanks NWT residents for using extreme caution with open campfires, and asks that they continue their vigilance.

To date about 255 hectares of land have been burned by forest fires, a figure considerably below average. There have been 65 fires this season.

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## APPOINTMENTS MADE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

YELLOWKNIFE (July 12, 1989) - Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board Stephen Kakfwi has announced three new appointments to the WCB Board of Directors.

Jim Evoy and Ron Williams Jr. of Yellowknife, and Joe Pameolik of Arviat will be joining Board Chairman Grant Hinchey, Jo Ann Allison, Dale Johnston and Grant Horseman. John Todd of Rankin Inlet recently resigned due to business pressures.

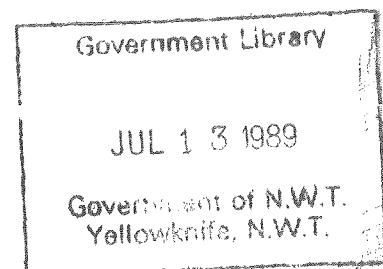
All have been appointed for three years. The Board was reduced in April from 11 to seven members and is now complete.

"My first priority, after assuming responsibility for the board on July 3, was to deal with the vacancies on the Board," said Mr. Kakfwi. "It wasn't easy but it's done and now we must move on."

The Workers' Compensation Board is responsible for providing leadership and direction regarding the Accident Fund. Board members have a legal duty to act as trustees to the fund and are accountable both to businesses which contribute to the fund and to injured workers.

The next meeting of the Board will be held July 18 in Yellowknife.

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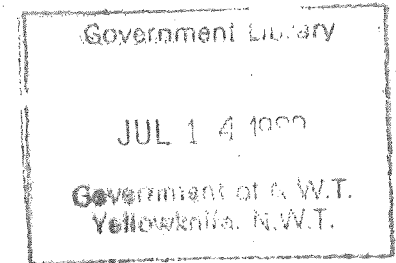




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## **NEW ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTERS NAMED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 13, 1989) - Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Gordon Wray has announced the appointment of two assistant deputy ministers for his department.**

They are Vern Christensen and Dennis L. Adams. Christensen will be responsible for planning and infrastructure development programs in the department, with Adams looking after the development and community services functions.

"The appointment of these experienced managers will maintain the department's ability to deliver programs and services effectively to local governments," Mr. Wray said.

Mr. Adams is responsible for programs in the department's Municipal Affairs, Sport and Recreation, and Surveys and Mapping Divisions. Before his appointment, he was Director of Sport and Recreation for the department, a position he held since September of 1979. Mr. Adams also held positions with the GNWT as a recreation officer and regional consultant between 1974 and 1976.

He graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Physical Education in 1971 and later returned to complete his Master's Degree in Physical Education. During two of his summers as a university student, he worked for the GNWT's Recreation Division as a Community Recreation Director in Pond Inlet.

A long-time resident of the North, Mr. Christensen is responsible for programs in community works and capital planning, community planning, lands management and administration.

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He had been Director of Community Works and Capital Planning with the department since September of 1985. He was manager of municipal engineering programs from 1984-1985, and the head of the water and sanitation section of the former Department of Local Government from 1976 to 1982.

Mr. Christensen, a product of the Hay River school system, graduated from Queen's University in 1984 with a Master's Degree in Business Administration, and from the University of Alberta in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering.

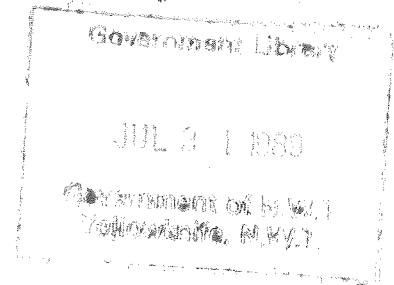
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## TABLE SAW GUARDS RECALLED

YELLOWKNIFE (July 20, 1989) - Owners of Sears Craftsman eight-inch and nine-inch table saws should discontinue their use, the Chief Electrical Inspector for Safety and Public Services has announced.

When the saws are used incorrectly, the guard may drop from the raised position onto the spinning blade, causing the guard hinge to break. The user could be struck by the thrown guard or make hand contact with the exposed blade.

A replacement guard has been designed for the saws, which are manufactured by Emerson Electric and sold by Sears Canada Inc. Owners of model numbers 113.221610C, 113.221611C and 113.241730C. should phone collect, 0-314-426-6500, to receive the new guard. The phone line is in operation 24 hours, seven days a week.

The table saws have been sold through Sears Canada retail stores and catalogues since September, 1984. Approximately 16,500 have been manufactured.

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## **MDA Supports Gold Recovery Project**

Yellowknife (July 20, 1989) - Energy, Mines and Resources Canada Minister Jake Epp and Northwest Territories Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Nellie Cournoyea today announced a \$69,000 contribution from the Canada-Northwest Territories Mineral Development Agreement (MDA) to Nerco Con Mines Limited in Yellowknife to assess the feasibility of recovering gold from mill tailings and other residues.

The total cost of the project at Nerco Con is \$136,000. MDA contributions will be \$50,000 this year and another \$19,000 in 1990-91. Nerco Con will contribute \$67,000 to the work.

This contribution marks the third of its kind under the Mineral Development Agreement's Northern Technology Assistance Program. The program funds projects aimed at developing new technologies to improve mining and processing operations.

At the Nerco Con mine there are an estimated 147,000 ounces of gold contained mainly in the 4.5 million tonnes of mill tailings. There is also gold in arsenic plant and calcine residues which have been collected over 50 years of operation.

Development of a process for recovery of the gold and production of a stable, environmentally acceptable residue, are the prime objectives of this work.

Pending positive project results, the mine will consider going ahead with a full-scale feasibility study. A full-time, temporary employee has been hired at the mine to carry out the laboratory work.

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EMR's Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology (CANMET) will provide scientific advice on the project.

A number of organizations will be involved in the metallurgical testing, including Sherritt-Gordon of Fort Saskatchewan, Giant Bay Resources in Vancouver, Surface Science Western in London, Ontario, and Loring Laboratories of Calgary.

Two other projects have previously been initiated under the NTAP: The first, the treatment of refractory gold ore at Giant Yellowknife Mines Ltd. is currently underway at a total cost of \$172 000 (MDA - \$135 000, Giant Yellowknife - \$37 000); the other, a project to study methods for recovering some of the 800 000 tonnes of ore remaining in underground pillars is in progress at Nanisivik at a total cost of \$227 000 (MDA- \$181 000, Nanisivik - \$46,000).

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## AGREEMENT ON DISPENSING FEES SIGNED

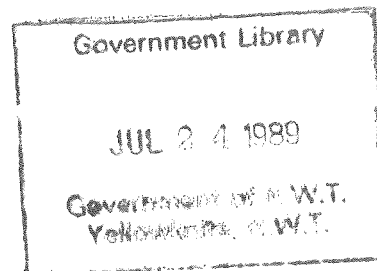
YELLOWKNIFE (July 20, 1989) - The Department of Health and the Northwest Territories Pharmaceutical Association have signed a three-year agreement on dispensing fees under the Pharmacare program, Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea announced today.

Under the new agreement, dispensing fees will increase four per cent each year for the next three years. Effective July 1, 1989, the dispensing fee increased to \$8.15; on July 1, 1990, it will be \$8.50, and on July 1, 1991, it will be \$8.85. The agreement expires June 30, 1992.

"The agreement allows pharmacists to direct bill the Department of Health for drugs dispensed to residents eligible for the Pharmacare program," the minister says.

The Pharmacare program pays the cost of medications for seniors, low income earners and people suffering from any of a number of specific chronic diseases, such as cancer or diabetes. The territorial government also provides pharmaceuticals to Status Indians and Inuit on behalf of Health and Welfare Canada.

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## STUDENTS LEARN RCMP WORK

YELLOWKNIFE (July 21, 1989) - Native students are gaining first-hand knowledge of law enforcement work through a special program involving two Territorial government departments and the RCMP.

This month, 16 native students joined RCMP staff at 12 detachments in the Northwest Territories. They will work closely with RCMP officers performing day-to-day duties.

The Department of Justice and the Department of Education each contributed \$25,000 to sponsor the program.

Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne said he considers it essential for aboriginal people to participate in the policing of northern communities.

"We hope this program will encourage greater native involvement by showing both students and community residents that police work is a viable career option."

The summer student program gives Inuit, Dene and Metis students an opportunity to observe police work and consider a career with the RCMP. Now, in its second year, it also enhances communication between the RCMP and the community.

Minister of Education Stephen Kakfwi noted that the program provides native students with valuable job training.

"It gives them a chance to learn new skills while broadening their career horizons," he said.

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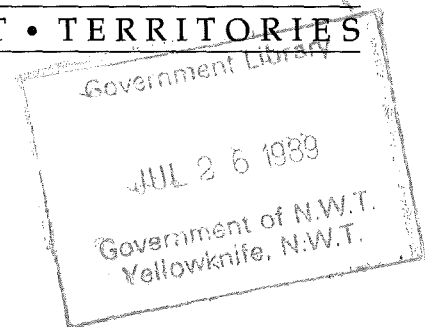
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## **NWT FOREST FIRE CREWS ASSISTING MANITOBA**

Yellowknife (July 25, 1989) - A CL-215 air tanker group and two medium-lift helicopters were sent from the Northwest Territories to The Pas, Manitoba, yesterday morning to help the province battle forest fires which have led to the evacuation of several communities. The province is in a state of emergency.

The CL-215 group, which includes an air attack officer, dispatcher and an Aerostar aircraft, as well as the two helicopters, are working under contract in the territory for the fire season.

The Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith is presently assessing the forest fire situation across the Western Arctic. The danger rating is high for the Sahtu district but moderate to low in other parts of the Western Arctic. Later this week it will be decided whether additional resources can be sent to assist Manitoba.

The CL-215 group and the helicopters will be engaged in fire suppression activities in the northern part of Manitoba. They are, however, available for immediate recall to the Northwest Territories.

The aircraft are being sent to Manitoba as part of the Mutual Aid Resource Sharing Agreement through the Canadian Inter-Agency Forest Fire Centre, of which the Northwest Territories is a member.

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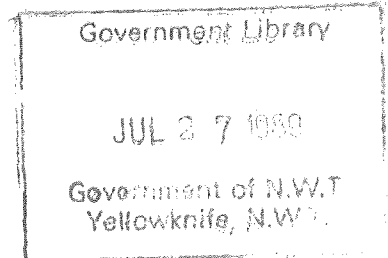
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## **NURSING ASSISTANT, MLA HONOURED FOR BRAVERY**

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 26)** - A certified nursing assistant and a member of the Legislative Assembly are being honoured by Commissioner John Parker for their acts of heroism.

Mrs. Edna Leader of Fort Simpson and Kitikmeot West MLA Red Pedersen are both to receive the Commissioner's Award for Bravery for risking their lives to save others.

On Sunday, October 2, 1988, Mrs. Leader was returning home from the Fort Simpson Hospital at about 8:15 a.m. when she noticed smoke billowing from the home of Peter Corneille.

As she approached the house, Mrs. Leader saw Mr. Corneille hanging halfway through a window, surrounded by heavy smoke and flames. Mrs. Leader, who is five feet tall, made several attempts to pull the six-foot, 180-pound Mr. Corneille from the window but was unable to do so because of his size and the fact that he was unconscious from smoke inhalation.

Mrs. Leader ran to the receiving home next door for help but failing to get an answer, returned to Mr. Corneille and somehow found the strength to pull him to safety. With the aid of passer-by Harvey Lewis, she then loaded Mr. Corneille into her truck and drove him to the hospital.

Two other people died in the fire and both the RCMP and hospital officials believe Mr. Corneille would also have perished if not for Mrs. Leader's courageous act.

On July 26, 1988, 16-year-old Annissa Ihumatak and a friend were swimming in the Coppermine River when the current swept them into deeper water.

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Mr. Pedersen was about to enter his Coppermine home when he heard someone screaming from the river. The Kitikmeot West MLA saw two people thrashing about in the water and realized immediately that they were in trouble.

Despite being unable to swim and having little or no canoeing experience, Mr. Pederson grabbed a canoe from the shore and proceeded into the river where by now only Miss Ihumatak was visible. He was able, however, to pull the young woman from the river, bring her to shore, revive her, and take her to the nursing station.

The Coppermine detachment of the RCMP say the speed of Mr. Pedersen's reaction was the difference between life and death for Miss Ihumatak, and add that his inability to swim and lack of canoeing experience means the Kitikmeot West MLA put his own life at risk to save Miss Ihumatak.

Mrs. Leader and Mr. Pedersen will receive their awards from the successor to Commissioner Parker at functions likely to be held this fall.

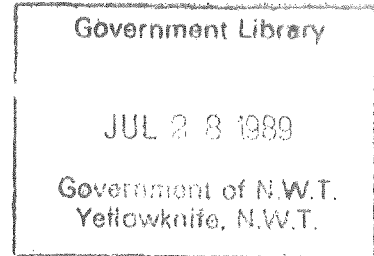
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## **NWT HIGHLIGHTED AT JEUX CANADA GAMES**

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 26, 1989) -** Southern Canada will be treated to the sights, sounds, feel and taste of the Northwest Territories during NWT Day, August 16, at the Jeux Canada Games in Saskatoon.

The cultural celebration is being coordinated by the territorial government's departments of Culture and Communications, Economic Development and Tourism, and Municipal and Community Affairs.

NWT Day will begin with a welcome from Richard Nerysoo (MLA Mackenzie Delta ) at the site's main stage. A complimentary lunch of northern fish soup and bannock will be served to those attending the Jeux Canada Games.

Musical performances by artists from across the NWT will follow throughout the day. Contemporary, country and traditional music, as well as the eerie sounds of Inuit throat singing, will be heard by approximately 5,000 people.

Visitors and the media will have a chance to see and participate in Arctic sports, unique performances of skill and endurance. Makabe Nartok, Jayko Neeveacheak, and Joanni Sallarina will demonstrate such sports as the one-hand reach, a feat in which the player balances his entire body weight on one hand, while the other reaches for a dangling target.

A feel for wildlife management and trapping will be provided through a hands-on exhibit by the Department of Renewable Resources, in the display tent. A renewable resources officer and a trapper will answer questions and discuss how man and animals share the vast North.

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TravelArctic, the marketing arm of Economic Development and Tourism, will highlight vacation travel in the Northwest Territories, while Metis artist Dolphus Cadieux will craft a soapstone sculpture.

A preview of the 1990 Arctic Winter Games, taking place in the Northwest Territories' capital of Yellowknife, will also be showcased. Officials from the Host Society will encourage visitors to attend the games, March 11-17.

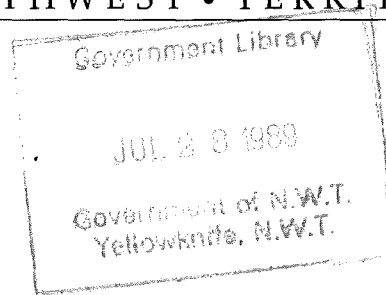
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## HERITAGE CENTRE RE-OPENS

Yellowknife (July 26, 1989) - The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has re-opened and is back to regular summer hours. The centre was closed from July 19 to July 22 while a temporary transformer was being erected to replace the one damaged during the July 18 thunderstorm.

The temporary transformer will continue to power the facility while a new permanent system is designed and installed this fall.

Although the need for a new system is necessary as a result of the recent damage caused by lightning, plans have been in the works for some time to replace the existing system with a new electrical power system that is easier to operate and maintain, says Chris Stephens, Director of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

"We apologize for any inconvenience experienced by anyone who had planned to visit the centre last week, but we are thankful for the support and assistance we received from individuals and businesses, support which allowed us to re-open in such a short period of time," Stephens says.

Staff at the Heritage Centre express their thanks to the individuals and businesses who helped locate and install the temporary transformer, including Canadian Airlines International, the territorial Department of Public Works, the Electrical Inspection Branch of the Department of Safety and Public Services, ICG, Giant Mines, Independent Electric and Ferguson, Simek and Clark.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre is open seven days a week, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m..

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## MINE TRAINING PROGRAMS TO BE ASSESSED

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 27, 1989)** - Mine training programs will be assessed across the Northwest Territories by the territorial government, Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

A Mines Inspector/Training Coordinator has been hired by the department to assess current mine training and upgrade mine rescue programs within the industry. Training courses will be examined according to such criteria as length, classroom and practical teachings, and records maintained of training.

"The department will look at each mine as a unique operation, and make recommendations as required under the Mine Safety Act," said Mr. Kakfwi. "Part of the department's goal is to develop accessible, accurate records on the training that mines personnel have received."

The decision to monitor training is based on an assessment of industry training needs, undertaken by a mining engineer on behalf of Safety and Public Services. The study, commissioned by the previous Minister Responsible for the Safety Division, Michael Ballantyne, is now being reviewed by mines management and the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Canada Association of Smelter and Allied Workers (CASAW) and the NWT Federation of Labour.

The report was prepared in consultation with mines management, safety and training personnel, miners, and members of occupational health and safety committees, the NWT Federation of Labour, CASAW, USWA, and the Ontario and Territories Mines Accident Prevention Associations.

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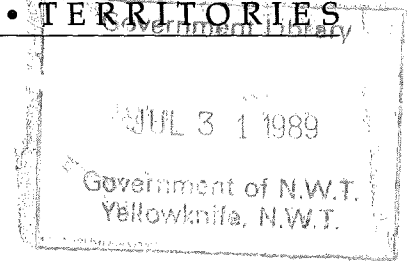
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## Forest Fire Pamphlets Released

Yellowknife (July 28, 1989)- The Territorial Forest Fire Centre has released two pamphlets on forest fires to help make this forest fire season a safe one for N.W.T. residents and visitors.

The green and rust-colored pamphlets are called "Reporting Forest Fires" and "Survival in the Bush." They will be available at Renewable Resources offices across the Western Arctic and at other locations such as tourist information booths and campgrounds.

"People in the territories have always been helpful when it comes to reporting forest fires, but they should be aware of the kind of information we need," says Bob Bailey, Director of the Fire Operations Division, Department of Renewable Resources.

The first pamphlet lists the kind of information people reporting a fire should be prepared to provide, such as their name, location where they can be reached immediately, location of the fire (relating it to roads, lakes, creeks, cabins, etc.), description of the fire, if any people or property are in immediate danger, and if any people are fighting the fire at the time of the report.

It also lists what can be done to prevent forest fires, such as smoking only near gravel bars, creeks or lakes, building a campfire at least one metre from any log, stump or tree, and ensuring the fire is out by feeling it with bare hands before leaving it.

Sometimes there may be no chance to avoid a forest fire. The second pamphlet lists safety procedures for this possibility, including remaining calm, proceeding cautiously, entering the burned area, regulating breathing and protecting against heat radiation.

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"It has been a fairly busy fire season so far, and we are hoping we can continue to count on people's cooperation," Bailey says.

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## LABOUR FORCE SURVEY RELEASED

**YELLOWKNIFE (July 31, 1989) - Results from the 1989 NWT Labour Force Survey were released today by Government Leader Dennis Patterson.**

The findings are based on over 16,000 interviews, with persons 15 years of age and over, in all NWT communities. The survey was prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, with input from territorial government departments and regional offices, and Statistics Canada.

"This type of labour market information is essential to much of the planning activity of the Government of the Northwest Territories," Patterson said.

The 1989 NWT Labour Force Survey provides valuable information on labour force activity among selected age groups, natives and non-natives, men and women, as well as from the communities.

The survey counted persons as employed, unemployed or not in the labour force. Residents considered unemployed included those who had sought a job in the previous four weeks, were starting a job within four weeks or were temporarily laid-off.

Comparisons were made with the 1984-85 NWT Labour Force Survey, and the 1986 federal census. The census was conducted in June, when employment levels reach their yearly peak.

The survey was partly funded by the federal-territorial Economic Development Agreement, which provided financial support for survey field operations and Statistics Canada participation.

### NWT-wide highlights include:

- In winter 1989, just over 20,300 NWT residents were working at a job, up 14 per cent from the winter of 1984-85 when the last NWT labour force survey was conducted. This figure was down three per cent from the June 1986 census, reflecting the shutdown of Pine Point and Tungsten mining operations and the armed forces base at Inuvik.

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- Native employment has increased 25 per cent, from just over 6,100 employed in 1984-85, to almost 7,700 working in 1989. During the same period, non-native employment grew by nine per cent, and is estimated at 12,700 persons for 1989.
- The NWT unemployment rate stood at 16 per cent for the winter of 1989, down slightly from the 17 per cent unemployment rate of winter 1984-85. It was up somewhat from the 1986 census figure of 14 per cent. The 1989 count of unemployed stood at 3,900 persons.
- The winter 1989 unemployment rate was 30 per cent for natives and five per cent for non-natives, figures comparable to those in the 1984-85 survey. Unemployed natives, defined as those who had sought work in the last four weeks, were temporarily laid-off, or were starting a job within the next four weeks, totalled 3,300. The corresponding statistics for non-natives was 600 unemployed.
- Among age groups analyzed, unemployment was highest for persons 15-24 years, at 27 per cent. In this group, approximately 1,500 young people were unemployed. Youth unemployment was highest in the Kitikmeot Region at 49 per cent, while it reached 34 per cent for the Baffin and 31 per cent in the Keewatin. The corresponding figure was 28 per cent for the Inuvik region, while youth unemployment in the Fort Smith area stood at 20 per cent.

### Regional findings of the 1989 NWT Labour Force Survey include:

- An estimated 3,145 persons were employed in the Baffin at the time of the survey. Another 854 persons were unemployed. The number of persons working had increased by four per cent since 1986, and by 35 per cent since winter 1984-85.
- In the Keewatin, 1,452 persons were employed and 394 were unemployed. Growth in regional employment was six per cent since the 1986 census and 27 per cent since the 1984-85 labour force survey.
- A total of 953 persons were employed in the Kitikmeot region, while 419 persons were unemployed. Employment was virtually unchanged since the 1986 census, and had displayed little growth since winter 1984-85.
- In the Inuvik region 3,123 people were employed and 685 were unemployed. Overall employment increased by seven per cent since winter 1984-85. Employment among natives grew by 37 per cent

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- In the Fort Smith Region, which includes Yellowknife, some 11,654 persons were employed at the time of the survey, while 1,570 persons were unemployed. This region had the lowest unemployment rate, at 12 per cent. Since the 1984-85 labour force survey, regional employment has increased by 11 per cent, and 31 per cent among native people. Non-native employment increased by seven per cent. Since the 1986 census, however, the region has experienced a five per cent decline in employment levels. This decrease of 621 persons is due mainly to the closing of mines at Pine Point and Tungsten.

Further reports on the 1989 NWT Labour Force Survey will be issued to cover such topics as education and language characteristics of the working age population, traditional activities, seasonal patterns of employment, industry and occupation, alternative measures of unemployment, and types of work or training wanted.

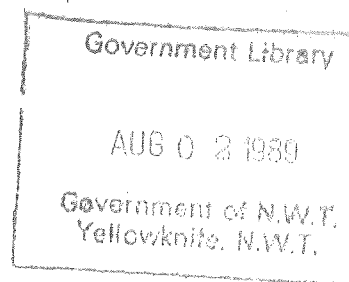
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## RECIPROCAL MAINTENANCE ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT REACHED WITH QUEBEC

YELLOWKNIFE (August 1, 1989) - A reciprocal agreement for the enforcement of maintenance payments has been reached by the Province of Quebec and the Government of the Northwest Territories, Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne has announced.

Court orders issued for payment of maintenance in the NWT will now be enforced in Quebec, if debtors move to that province. Similarly, the Northwest Territories will enforce maintenance orders made in Quebec courts, if debtors from Quebec live in the NWT.

"The reciprocal agreement will help ensure that residents from both jurisdictions, who are entitled to payments, receive them," said Mr. Ballantyne. "I'm extremely pleased this agreement could be reached."

With the establishment of the agreement, the NWT now has reciprocal provisions for maintenance enforcement with all Canadian provinces, and the Yukon.

In the NWT, orders for maintenance are enforced through the Maintenance Enforcement Program of the Department of Justice. If maintenance payments are not received, they may be deducted from the debtor's wages, action may be taken against the debtor's property or the debtor may be taken to court.

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## GRISE FIORD MEETS ENERGY REDUCTION TARGET

YELLOWKNIFE (August 2, 1989) - Awards totalling \$10,000 have been made to Grise Fiord for reducing its energy use by 11 per cent.

The awards were made on behalf of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR) Canada and the territorial Department of Public Works.

The Grise Fiord project, initiated last year under EMR's Remote Community Demonstration Program, called for a reduction of at least 10 per cent of community fuel use.

For its energy conservation efforts, Canada's most northerly community receives \$5,000 worth of equipment for its school gymnasium.

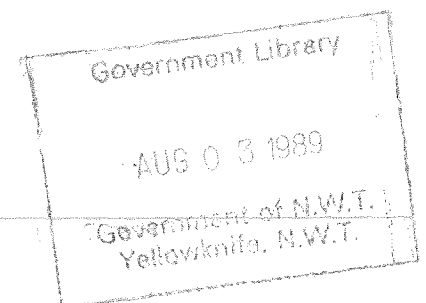
Individual prizes were awarded to the three residents who saved the most energy. Charlie Noah, who achieved an 18 per cent reduction, received a television and video-cassette recorder. Gamaliel Akeeagok was presented with a microwave oven for cutting his energy consumption by 16 per cent. A hunting rifle was given to J. Akeeagok for a 13 per cent energy saving.

Consolation prizes of a food basket and snowmobile accessories were awarded to Nathaniel Ningiuk and L. Flaherty.

The awards were presented by representatives of the N.W.T. Housing Corporation, Public Works, and Energy, Mines and Resources at a community feast held to celebrate the occasion. Cash prizes were also awarded to residents with the highest energy reduction every three months during the project.

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## **GRISE FIORD MEETS ENERGY REDUCTION TARGET: Page Two**

One of the most important factors that ensured the success of this project was the community's support for energy awareness and conservation. Through educational seminars for children and adults, the community was able to attempt a reachable and understandable goal. Participation by community members at all stages of the project ensured the cooperation and support needed to make the project a success.

Territorial Minister of Public Works Nellie Cournoyea said residents of Grise Fiord are continuing to practice their energy conservative habits developed during the competition, while developing new ideas to save energy in the community.

"Virtually all other N.W.T. communities have opportunities to use energy more efficiently and, as in Grise Fiord, the residents themselves can play a significant role in reducing community energy costs," she added.

A report submitted by Burdett-Moulton Architects and Engineers Ltd, consultants for the project, indicates that Baffin's 12 other communities could save more than \$300,000 each by reducing their energy consumption by five per cent.

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## UNSAFE APARTMENT BUILDING CLOSED BY FIRE MARSHAL

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 3) - A Yellowknife apartment building will be shut down August 31, after being declared unsafe, by Fire Marshal Kit Bell.**

Yellowknife Syndicate, owners of Lanky Court Apartments, were ordered July 31, to close the building to the public by 5 p.m., August 31. The building must remain closed until changes are made to improve fire safety precautions.

The firm was first notified on May 3, that the building presented a danger to occupants, in the event of a fire. The company received a letter from the Fire Marshal outlining what conditions had to be remedied, and was given until July 15 to submit a plan for improvements to the building.

No plan was received from the Yellowknife Syndicate.

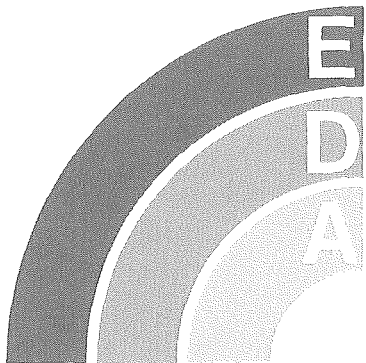
Residents of Lanky Court have been notified of the building closure, and have received a copy of the letter ordering the shutdown, and outlining 12 safety problems with the building. Out of 50 units, 26 were occupied August 1.

Changes required to the building include an upgraded fire alarm system, the installation of self-closing doors and smoke alarms for apartments, and reconstruction of fire walls.

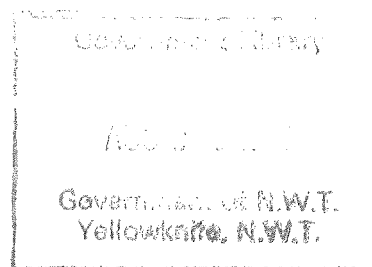
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## COMPUTER LINKS TOURISM INQUIRY SYSTEMS

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 4, 1989)** - Integration of the visitor inquiry systems of the Tourism Industry Association of the NWT (TIA-NWT) and the territorial government Department of Economic Development and Tourism, will take place with funding from the Canada-NWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA).

Federal Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism Tom Hockin, and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray announced the \$63,840 contribution.

Written and telephone inquiries received by the toll-free Arctic Hotline, the TIA-NWT, and the tourism zone associations, will be compiled with those received by TravelArctic, the marketing arm of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism. This integrated system will allow central and rapid processing of inquiries.

Inquiries will be answered in as little as 24 hours. The new system will also provide a comprehensive data base for analysis of inquiries, and follow-up on highly-specific inquiries.

Funding for the integration was provided under the Hospitality Awareness Program of the EDA Tourism Development Sub-Agreement. The program is cost shared on a 70/30 basis by the federal and territorial governments.

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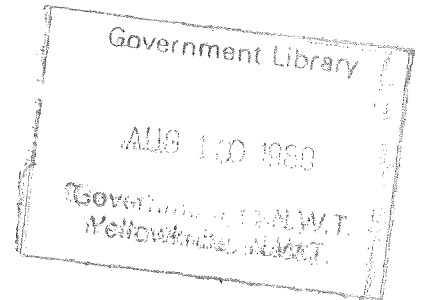




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## SOUNDS OF THE NORTH AT JEUX CANADA GAMES

**YELLOWKNIFE** (August 9, 1989) - Ten performers from across the Northwest Territories will be in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan this month to showcase the sounds of the North at the 1989 Jeux Canada Games.

Timangiak Petaulassie and Kaunak Mikkigak of Cape Dorset will be mesmerizing their audiences with the rhythmic, chanting sounds of throat singing. When they sing, their lips don't move. As they stand facing each other, dressed in traditional Inuit clothing, the sounds come from the back of their throats. Their chants are likely to end at any time, depending on who can keep a straight face the longest and not break down in laughter. Both women say they learned to throat sing by listening to others.

In Saskatoon, award-winning fiddler Frank Cockney of Tuktoyaktuk and guitarist David Evalik of Cambridge Bay will team up to show what Northerners like to dance to when they are ready to have a good time. They will be treating their audiences to everything from square dancing tunes to the two-step. The instrument Mr. Cockney will be using is a fiddle he bought in 1936 for \$10.

The trip to Saskatoon will mark the first time Mr. Evalik has performed at a cultural event in the south. Mr. Evalik, whose father was a square dance caller, plays the bass guitar. He says he loves playing music because it brings people together. His goal is to one day perform in Nashville.

Alfred Baillargeon, David Drygeese, Harry Crookedhand and Norman Sangris from Detah will be bringing along their drums made of stretched caribou skins to showcase the traditional drumming sounds of the Dene.

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Cousins Randy and Allen Daniels will be performing original country-rock tunes.

Jim Green of Fort Smith and George Tuccaro from Yellowknife will also be traveling to Saskatoon with the performers. Mr. Green will be recounting stories about the northern wilderness and Northerners, and Mr. Tuccaro will be acting as Master of Ceremonies, as well as doing a little fiddling, jigging, guitar playing and singing.

"These performers represent the diverse music interests in the Northwest Territories," says NWT Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo. "The Government of the Northwest Territories is proud to be assisting the performers through the Support to Northern Performers Program."

The program is administered by the Department of Culture and Communications and provides support to performers interested in participating in festivals and cultural events across the country and abroad.

The NWT performers will be at the games from August 13 - 16, but they plan to make August 16, which has been declared NWT Day at the Jeux Canada Games, a day for their audience to truly relish Northern charm and talent.

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## DANIELS NAMED TO UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA SENATE

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 4, 1989)** - A University of Alberta graduate from Fort Smith has been appointed to the university's senate.

Dan Daniels, Director of Certification and Student Assistance for the territorial Department of Education, succeeds Commissioner John Parker who served on the senate from July 1, 1986 to July 1, 1989.

"By appointing Mr. Daniels, the first northern-born native to sit as a representative of the territorial government, the University of Alberta has displayed its commitment to strengthening its ties with the North," said Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

A resident of Yellowknife, Mr. Daniels describes the senate appointment as "a good opportunity which will hopefully lead to more opportunities for education programs in the North."

Mr. Daniels will serve as a liaison between N.W.T. communities and the University of Alberta, and will help to develop overall direction for the university's involvement with the North.

"I would like to see the university, in conjunction with the Department of Education and Arctic College, investigate the use of electronic and technological developments as a means of bringing education closer to home for students who can't afford to travel off to school or who for whatever reason want to pursue their studies at home," said Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Daniels was born, raised and educated in Fort Smith. Upon graduating from high school in 1975, he studied at Lutheran College in Camrose, Alberta, for the first year of his Bachelor of Arts before transferring to the University of Alberta for the remaining three years of his degree.

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When he graduated from university in 1979, Mr. Daniels returned to Fort Smith to work as a child-care worker for the Department of Social Services. He subsequently transferred to the Department of Education and moved to Edmonton to work as a student counsellor.

In 1982, he returned to the University of Alberta to earn his Bachelor of Education. Since graduating in 1984, he's been employed by the Department of Education.

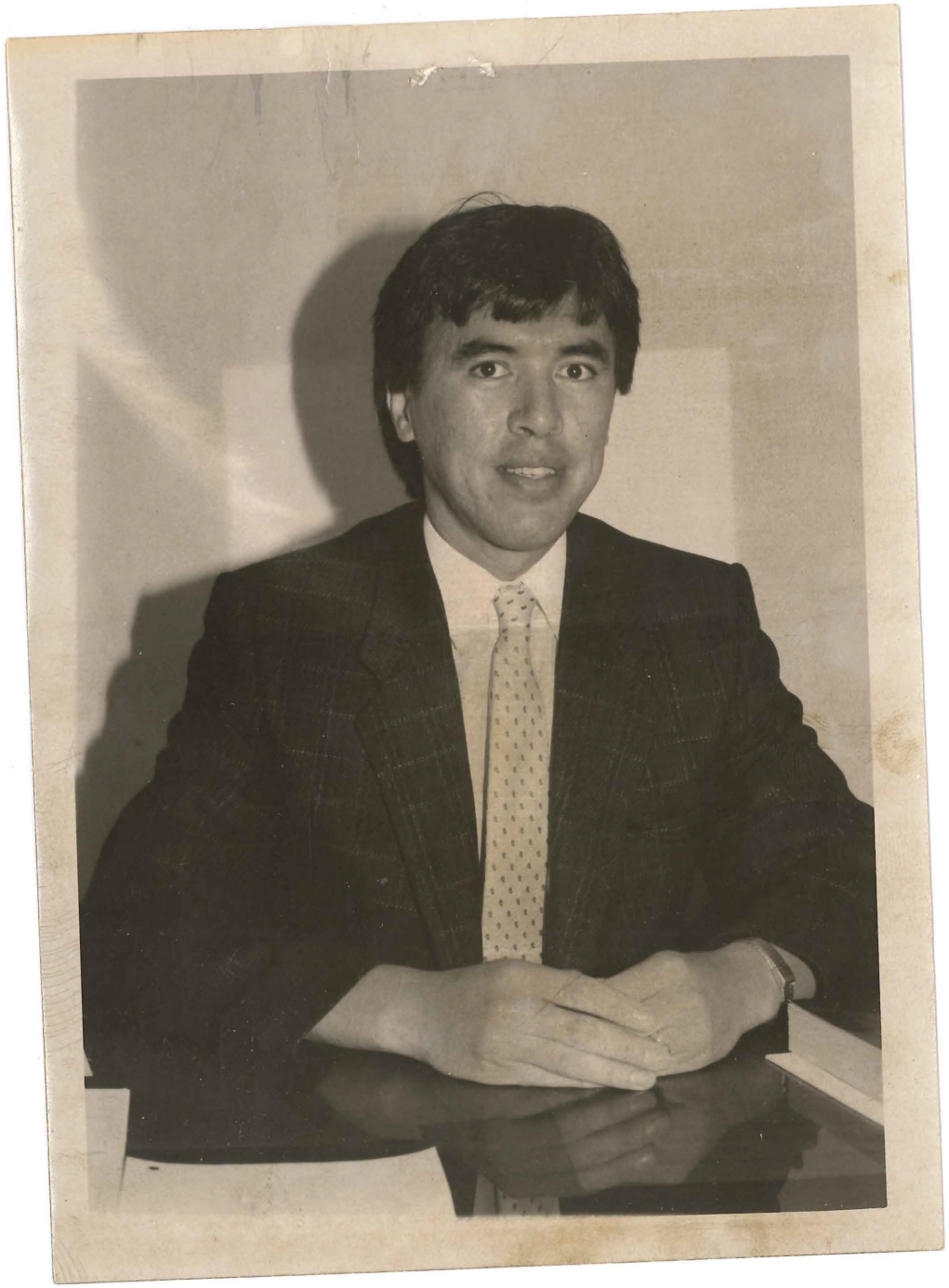
"Education is really a means of giving a person a lot of pride and self-esteem, a sense of accomplishment and it opens doors to many, many more opportunities."

A resident of Yellowknife for the past five years, Mr. Daniels is active with the Metis Reelers, and as a coach for the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association.

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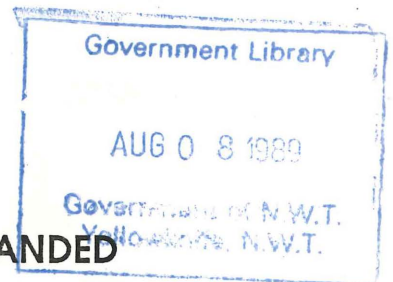


Dan Daniels of the NWT  
Department of Education has  
been appointed to the  
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## **GREATER INVOLVEMENT WITH PULP MILL REVIEW DEMANDED**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (August 4, 1989) - Greater territorial participation in the environmental impact review of the Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill is being demanded from the federal and Alberta governments, Government Leader Dennis Patterson announced today.

Mr. Patterson has sent letters to Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard and Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein, outlining five areas for greater territorial government involvement with the study.

The letters ask that the cumulative effects of the project be examined, and that Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office (FEARO) guidelines be adopted for the review, and public hearings be held in the Northwest Territories. Intervenor funds from the federal government must be provided to residents of the Northwest Territories, the letters state.

In addition, the territorial government has asked that the panel's territorial government nominee, will in practice, function as a full member. This includes the right to participate in all board meetings and discussions, full access to panel documents and input into the final report.

"Northern residents must have full opportunity to participate in the public review of proposed pulp and paper developments in Northern Alberta," says Mr. Patterson.

"If we do not receive a satisfactory response to these reasonable requests, from the federal and Alberta governments, legal routes to protect our environment may be pursued," says Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne.

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The review panel will examine the impact of industrial waste on the Peace-Athabasca river system. This Northern Alberta waterway flows into the Mackenzie River drainage system of the Northwest Territories.

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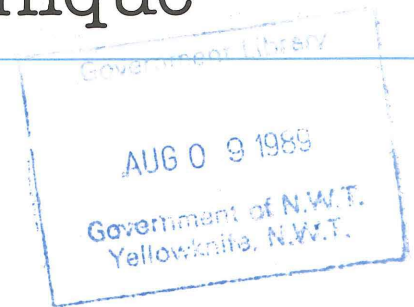
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## TRAINING FOR RANKIN INLET RUNWAY EXTENSION

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 8, 1989) - Residents of Rankin Inlet are being given an opportunity to train for employment on the Canada/U.S. North Warning System.**

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Education, St. Lawrence Construction of Quebec and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) have developed a training program which will help regional residents qualify for jobs on the construction of a Forward Operating Location (FOL) site at Rankin Inlet.

The program, developed by regional Advanced Education staff in conjunction with CEIC and St. Lawrence Construction, will provide 24 trainees with 16 weeks of training: three weeks theory, and 13 weeks on the job.

St. Lawrence Construction will supply equipment for the practical training and instructors for on-the-job training, while Advanced Education will contribute \$100,000 and CEIC \$90,000 for training course costs and on-the-job wage subsidies.

Work on the FOL site begins this month and is scheduled to continue until September as St. Lawrence Construction extends the Rankin Inlet runway by 305 metres (1,000 feet). The work requires industrial heavy equipment which requires operators with specialized skills and experience.

Rankin Inlet's hamlet council and chamber of commerce were originally concerned that local residents would not have adequate time to prepare for jobs at the FOL site following the announcement of the project by the Department of National Defence late last summer.

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"This comprehensive training plan quickly and successfully responded to those concerns and ensured excellent opportunities for local residents," says territorial Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

Advanced Education staff assessed the skills of workers in the Keewatin region and found that although none had the required qualifications, many had training and experience as heavy equipment operators and needed only upgrading to qualify for work on the project.

The next phase of work for the FOL site is the fine gravel surfacing and paving of the runway, as well as development of the facility pads and airplane parking areas.

"The training and experience gained by the trainees this year should prepare them for further work on the FOL sites in coming years," says Barbara McDougall, federal Minister of Canada Employment and Immigration. "Mining operations projected for the Keewatin region during the coming years will also require workers with these skills."

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONS STUDY OF EASTERN ARCTIC PORT FACILITIES

**YELLOWKNIFE** (August 11, 1989) - Transportation Minister Gordon Wray today announced a \$173,000 study of port facilities in 16 Eastern Arctic communities.

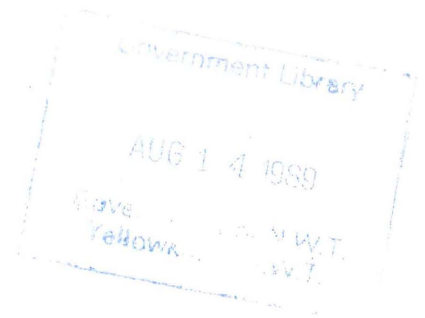
The study will establish the overall requirements and priorities for dock facilities in the coastal ports of Arctic Bay, Broughton Island, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Iqaluit, Lake Harbour, Nanisivik, Pangnirtung, Pelly Bay, Pond Inlet, Repulse Bay, Resolute and Sanikiluaq.

These communities depend heavily on water transportation for fishing, tourism and receiving supplies. In many cases, however, dock facilities in these communities are in poor condition or nonexistent.

The study will be conducted by the Yellowknife engineering and consulting firm of Reid Crowther and Partners Limited between now and January of 1990. Funding for the study is being provided by the territorial Department of Transportation and the federal departments of Indian and Northern Affairs, Transport Canada, and Fisheries and Oceans.

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## **EFFORTS TO BRING FOREST FIRE UNDER CONTROL CONTINUES**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 14, 1989)** - A forest fire burning in the Inuvik district since August 4 has reached a size of 37,100 hectares. Its size late last week was 8,000 hectares, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith reports.

The fire is located 17.5 kilometres west of Arctic Red River and 2.5 kilometres south of the Dempster Highway at Frog Creek. The fire, in the Fire Attack Zone, has now moved to within 20 kilometres of Fort McPherson. On August 11 it was 32 kilometres east of Fort McPherson.

More than 20 forest firefighters from the NWT will continue to try to bring the fire under control this week, with the help of 84 firefighters from Alberta. The Alberta suppression crews joined NWT firefighters on the fireline yesterday morning. The ground attack of over 100 firefighters is being supported by two CL-215 air tankers. Fire suppression action is being concentrated along the northern side of the fire, the side closest to the Dempster Highway and the communities.

Four northern fire specialists have arrived in Inuvik to assist the four-man overhead team brought in from the Alberta Forest Service on August 10. The Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith requested the assistance of the overhead team through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre in Winnipeg. Its assignment is to evaluate the fire and prepare a strategic plan to limit its spread northward.

The fire is one of the largest in the Western Arctic this season and is of concern because of its proximity to the communities of Arctic Red River and Fort McPherson and the Dempster Highway. The area has been veiled by heavy smoke during the past week. The area is not heavily used by local residents and the communities are not being threatened at this time.

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Some relief may be in sight this week. A cold front passed through the fire area last evening, bringing with it cooler, moister conditions. The winds are forecast to switch to the northwest from the southwest, meaning the fire will likely spread away from the communities and the highway.

A total of 317 forest fires have been fought in the territory to date, topping the 1973 record of 305 fires fought in a season. As of this morning, a total of 514 fires have been reported in the territory, beating the record of 492 fires reported in the 1973 fire season. A total of 258 fires have been reported in the Fire Attack Zone, 256 in the Observation Zone. A total of 296,755 hectares have burned in the NWT this fire season (51,654 hectares in the attack zone and 245,101 in the observation zone).

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## **PROJECT WILL ENSURE STUDENTS ARE AWARE OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 14, 1989)** - The Department of Education is contacting students who will be enrolling in their first year of post-secondary studies to ensure they are fully aware of the financial assistance available to them, and how they can access those funds through the Student Financial Assistance Program. The project will concentrate on native students, because many of them have not had any previous exposure to living independently in southern Canada.

The students will also be advised on key areas to help them adjust to living on their own, including how to budget money, and the special services provided by post-secondary institutions, including counselling and tutoring.

"This contact will ensure the students are fully aware of the financial assistance to which they are entitled and the services available to them to help them successfully adjust to post-secondary institutions," says Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi. "It is important we take a lead role in contacting the students, because counsellors in southern institutions are not always fully aware of the particular needs of northern students who are away from home for the first time."

Rosa Taddei of Yellowknife, a second-year student at the University of Calgary, has been hired to contact the students. There are 210 first-year students who have been approved for sponsorship during the 1989-90 school year, including 93 students in southern Canada and 117 students at Arctic College campuses. The students receive grants to help pay for tuition, travel, books and living costs.

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## **PATTERSON ATTENDS PREMIERS' CONFERENCE IN QUEBEC CITY**

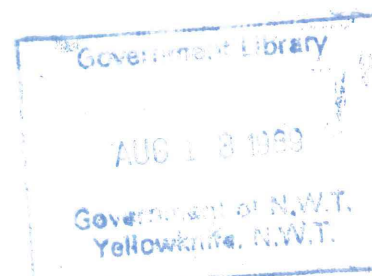
**YELLOWKNIFE (August 17, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson will join Canada's ten premiers and the Yukon's Government Leader at the 30th Annual Premiers' Conference next week in Quebec City.**

The agenda for this year's Premiers Conference, to be held on August 21 and 22, will address four general topics including the economy and commerce, social issues, environmental problems and intergovernmental cooperation.

Over the two days of meetings, Mr. Patterson will be invited to outline the views of the Northwest Territories. He will emphasize economic opportunities in the NWT and focus on arctic contaminants which are affecting northern residents and their environment.

The annual conference is considered an opportunity for the provincial and territorial leaders to privately their concerns and share information.

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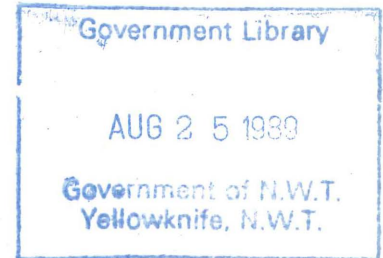




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## **HOUSING CORPORATION HELPS TENANTS FIND NEW ACCOMMODATIONS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 18, 1989)** - Nearly 40 per cent of residents from the Lanky Court Apartments in Yellowknife have found new accommodations with the aid of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

The Housing Corporation has taken a number of steps to assist tenants since Fire Marshal Kit Bell declared the apartment building unsafe on July 31 and ordered it closed by 5 p.m., Thursday, August 31.

As of Thursday, August 10, the Housing Corporation had helped 19 of 49 Lanky Court families to find new homes. Fourteen public housing tenants have moved to other public housing units in the city. Five families from the private sector have moved to Forrest Drive Manor.

The search for new accommodation for private sector families is being conducted on the basis of seniority. Those who have lived at Lanky Court the longest are being helped first.

Last week, the Housing Corporation issued a letter informing the remaining 22 tenants of further steps it's taking to help them find new accommodation.

The letter informed tenants the Housing Corporation is charging rent on a daily basis. Although tenants paid a full month's rent at the beginning of August, they will receive a refund if they vacate their apartments before the end of the month.

To enable tenants to use their security deposit refunds for deposits on new accommodation, the refunds will be issued by the Housing Corporation as quickly as possible.

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ACCOMMODATIONS Page 2**

The Housing Corporation has also waived all requirements for the standard written notice. This allows tenants to vacate their apartments before the Fire Marshal's August 31 deadline.

The Housing Corporation has also distributed a list of nine property management firms in Yellowknife to help tenants in their search for new accommodation.

The apartment building, owned by Yellowknife Syndicate, must remain closed until changes are made to improve fire safety precautions. Changes required include an upgraded fire alarm system, the installation of self-closing doors and smoke alarms for apartments, and reconstruction of fire walls.

The Housing Corporation, which operates the apartment complex, will continue all normal caretaking duties, such as cleaning of all common areas, on an ongoing basis despite the closure.

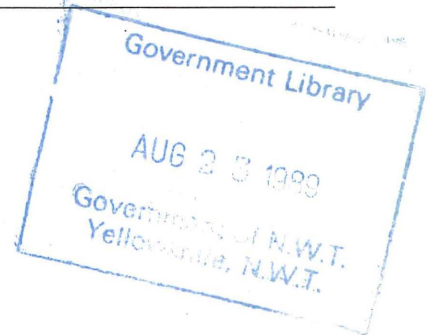
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## **CAPE CHRISTIAN MILITARY SITE CLEAN-UP BEGINS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 22, 1989) - An inventory and clean-up of hazardous materials at the Long Range Navigation (LORAN) station at Cape Christian will begin this month, Northwest Territories Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo announced today.**

Envirochem Services, a Vancouver-based company specializing in the management of hazardous waste and polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, has been awarded a \$27,500 contract from the Government of the Northwest Territories to conduct an inventory, spill survey and clean-up of hazardous materials at the site. The LORAN station was operated by the U.S. Coast Guard and abandoned in 1973. Cape Christian is located about 12 kilometres northeast of the hamlet of Clyde River.

The company will be conducting a survey to determine the location and extent of contamination in the ground, buildings and other materials resulting from spills and discharges of hazardous materials. Materials containing PCBs, or toxic or dangerous hazardous materials, will be collected and secured in a building at the site.

Envirochem Services and the Department of Renewable Resources will be meeting with the residents of Clyde River to explain the activities being undertaken at Cape Christian and the nature and risks of PCBs.

The project is being initiated by the territorial Department of Renewable Resources, with assistance from the federal departments of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Environment Canada.

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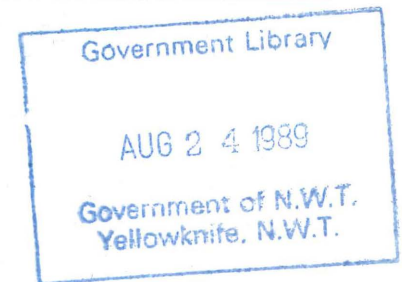
"Clyde River residents have been concerned about the site for some time," Mr. Allooloo says. "They have been asking that the site be cleaned up and we are taking action."

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## **QAUMMAARVIIT HISTORIC PARK OPENS**

**IQALUIT (August 22, 1989) - More than 700 years of Inuit history were commemorated in Iqaluit last week with the official opening of Qaummaarviit Historic Park, "the place that shines", by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.**

A crowd of about 600 visitors and residents were on hand for a community celebration and boat trip to the park hosted by Mr. Wray, on Tuesday, August 15. John Turner, Leader of the Federal Liberal Party, and about 160 Liberal Members of Parliament, senators and family members who were in town for a caucus meeting, were among the visitors at the opening.

At a tent village set up in front of the local Iqaluit Elder's Centre, women dressed in traditional clothing made tea and bannock for the crowd while local elders and young people entertained on an outdoor stage. Throat singers, drum dancing, northern musicians, traditional dancing and clothing contests and a community feast provided hours of continuous enjoyment.

During the official opening ceremony, Mr. Wray unveiled a trilingual plaque designating Qaummaarviit the NWT's third territorial historic park. In his speech, he acknowledged the assistance of local elders and the Iqaluit Town Council in making the creation of the park possible.

To commemorate the occasion, Mr. Wray also presented a caribou antler sculpture of a traditional Inuit camp scene to Akeeshoo Joamie, Chairman of the Iqaluit Elder's Society. It will be placed on permanent display in the Elder's Centre.

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On the high tide at 6 p.m., local outfitters began transporting elders, dignitaries and the public by boat to Qaummaarviit Park, which is located on a tiny island 15 kilometres from Iqaluit.

In front of a traditional sealskin tent, in a grassy area used hundreds of years ago as an arena for Inuit games, Mr. Wray told the gathered crowd, "This is Canadian history, not imported history. You can sense the presence of the ancient peoples who lived here. It's so beautiful, you can understand why people would live here."

John Turner, who accompanied Mr. Wray to Qaummaarviit, said "For centuries, this island was a traditional camping ground of the Inuit. It has now been dedicated to the children and future generations of the Inuit people forever. This park will be an inspiration and will preserve the traditions of the Inuit forever. We are in the Arctic, I represent a Pacific people and, therefore, I commend to the Inuit a saying of the Haida people 'We do not inherit this land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children'."

The Iqaluit Town Council held its regular meeting in a boat on the way to Qaummaarviit. At the site, Mayor Yvon Blanchette read a proclamation into the town records declaring the park "as an inspiration to us all, to render decisions that will enable us to live at peace with nature for generations to come."

No one knows exactly why, or even when, the Inuit first came to Qaummaarviit. Archeologists believe that ancient Inuit, the Thule people, settled there at least 750 years ago. The area was rich in game and unlike the edge of the sea ice, it provided a mixture of land and sea mammals to its residents.

At Qaummaarviit, visitors can see the remains of 11 Thule Inuit semi-subterranean stone winter houses, tent rings, kayak stands, meat caches and graves. In the summer, the park is covered in wildflowers and rich tundra vegetation. It overlooks a chain of tiny nearby islands. Its traditional name, "the place that shines" was given to it by Inuit because many of the rocks on the island contain mica and metal deposits which cause them to glisten in sunlight.

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Outfitters based in Iqaluit can be hired to take visitors to the site to picnic and explore the interpretive trails. Signs in English, French and Inuktitut, which include artist's renderings of what the site was like when people still lived there, help visitors to understand and appreciate the richness of Inuit heritage now preserved at Qaummaarviit.

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**Pronunciation Guide:**

**Qaummaarviit = COW-MAAHR-VEET  
Thule = TOO-LEE**

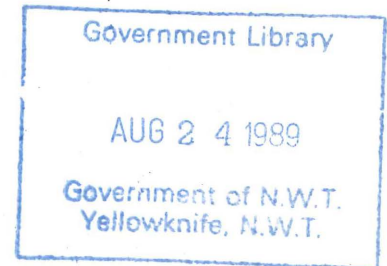




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## **APPOINTMENTS MADE TO BUSINESS LOAN BOARDS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 22, 1989) - Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has appointed 14 northern business people to business loan boards.**

The Territorial Business Loan Board membership includes four members whose terms have not expired, plus Mary King, part-owner of Kingland Ford, and past Mayor of Hay River; and Donald Havioyak, Assistant Senior Administration Officer with the Hamlet of Coppermine. They will be joined by Cambridge Bay's John Maksagak, President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and Central Arctic Meats, and a board member of the Nunasi Corporation.

Reappointed to the territorial board are Roderick Hardy, owner of Rod Hardy Industry Limited, and 50 per cent owner of Bear Lodge, who lives in Norman Wells; and Anthony Chang, owner of TC Enterprises, in Yellowknife. Robert Leonard, President of Leonard and Associates, a general contractor in Eskimo Point; and Tom Webster, President of Trigram Development and Baffin Kamutauvait Limited, have also been reappointed.

Anthony Chang, Robert Leonard, John Maksagak, and Thomas Webster make up the Eskimo Advisory Loan Board, along with Russell Newmark whose term has not expired.

The 14 appointments to regional loan boards bring the total membership to 21. Each regional board has three members, whose terms expire at different times.

Reappointed to the North Slave regional board are Anthony Chang, and John B. Zoe, Executive Director of the Dogrib Tribal Council, who resides in Rae-Edzo.

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Also reappointed are Roderick Hardy and Rita Pasiciel, manager/owner of Styles North and Rita's Craft Shop, in Inuvik, who will sit on the Inuvik regional board.

In the Fort Smith region, Park Ang, President and Manager of Gardtal Holdings Limited, and Mary King will sit on the loan board for their first time.

Donald Havioyak has been appointed to the Kitikmeot Loan Board, along with David Akoak, an Executive Service Officer and Observer/Communicator from Spence Bay. John Maksagak has been reappointed.

Robert Leonard has been reappointed to the Keewatin Regional Loan Board. Jimmy Ningeocheak, owner/manager of 11 Mile Trek Freight Haul, in Coral Harbour, has been appointed for the first time.

In the Baffin, Thomas Webster has been reappointed.

Land Selection Advisor with the Dene-Metis Negotiation Secretariat James Antoine will sit on the Deh Cho regional board with Simpson Air Owner Edward Grant. Both members live in Fort Simpson.

All new appointments, with the exception of Donald Havioyak's, will expire March 31, 1991.

Business loan fund boards consider applications from northern businesses seeking government funding, because the firms have been unable to obtain conventional bank financing. Regional boards may approve requests for up to \$50,000. Loans over this amount, up to a maximum of \$500,000, must be approved by the Territorial Business Loan Board.

The Eskimo Advisory Loan Board reviews applications from Inuit entrepreneurs, or corporations with 75 per cent Inuit shareholder participation. This board may recommend approval of applications for up to \$100,000 and refer requests over this amount, to the federal government.

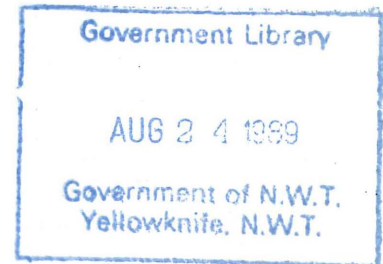
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## **GNWT MAKES APPOINTMENT TO PULP MILL REVIEW PANEL**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 23, 1989)** - The Government of the Northwest Territories will play an active role in the public review of the proposed Alberta-Pacific pulp mill in Northern Alberta.

After discussions between territorial Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo and the federal and Alberta environment ministers, assurances have been given that all of the previously expressed concerns of the Northwest Territories will be addressed in the review process.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has been assured that the review panel examining the environmental impacts of the proposed mill is committed to examining the cumulative effects of all pulp mill developments in northern Alberta, including their impacts on northern water quality and fisheries.

In addition, the territorial government has been assured that the panel will travel to Fort Smith to hear from Northwest Territories residents, and the Government of the Northwest Territories may name an "ex-officio" member to the panel.

Mr. Allooloo announced today that Cindy Gilday has been selected as the territorial delegate on the cooperative federal-Alberta panel.

Ms. Gilday, who grew up in Fort Franklin, Northwest Territories, has been involved in a number of high-profile projects to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy environment to the native and non-native residents of Canada's North.

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A graduate of the University of Alberta, Ms. Gilday taught in the North for 10 years before working for the Dene Nation on translation and language issues. While there, she was directed by the chiefs to help develop Indigenous Survival International, to create awareness of the importance of trapping to the native lifestyle. Later she was put in charge of developing the international profile of the organization.

"I recently spent a year living on the land and I know that the river doesn't stop at the boundary," says Ms. Gilday. "All up and down the Slave and Mackenzie River system people depend on fish and wildlife. People will continue to need the land and that's why this pulp mill review is critical."

"I'm looking forward to working with and hearing from people on both sides of the border," she says.

"Our government has been assured by Alberta Environment Minister Ralph Klein that our delegate on the panel will have full access to both private and public deliberations of the panel," Mr. Allooloo says. "Ms. Gilday will be listening to all the information presented during the hearings, and she will be able to bring a Northwest Territories perspective to the panel."

Mr. Allooloo adds that he is pleased that the federal and Alberta environment ministers have shown their willingness to act on the concerns of the residents and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The eight-member panel will begin public hearings in September. Included in its mandate is an examination of the impacts of effluent discharges from the pulp mill on the Peace-Athabasca River system. Both rivers drain into the Slave River.

"Water quality is crucial to the lifestyles and well-being of NWT residents," Mr. Allooloo says. "What happens in Alberta is of great interest to us. We need to ensure that our water quality is protected."

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Communities, groups or individuals in the Northwest Territories interested in making a submission to the panel will need to be prepared by mid-September to define their information needs, or requests for technical assistance, Mr. Allooloo says. He adds that intervenor funding from the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs has been requested so N.W.T. residents can prepare for the hearings. Additional information will be available from the Department of Renewable Resources.

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## **SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATION AT YCC INVESTIGATED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (August 24, 1989) - Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell has appointed three people to investigate sexual assault allegations made recently by a female inmate at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre.**

In addition to the appointment of the three investigators, three female correctional officers have been reassigned from the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre to the Yellowknife Correctional Centre to provide increased security for female inmates.

Conducting the investigation, under Section 50 of the territorial Corrections Act, are Tim Thimsem, an inspector with the Corrections Branch of the British Columbia Solicitor General's Department; Terry Epp, Coordinator of Community Corrections for the Northwest Territories Department of Social Services; and Anne Crawford, the Regional Superintendent of Justice for the Baffin region.

"When allegations of this nature arise, it is only reasonable that we conduct a thorough and prompt inquiry into the matter," Ms. Marie-Jewell says. "There is considerable value in correctional programs which include both male and female inmates, but this must be balanced with the system's ability to protect inmates' rights to personal security."

Mr. Thimsem, Mr. Epp and Ms. Crawford will also investigate the effectiveness of the current co-correctional program at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre, including aspects of personal security of inmates, and supervision and management within the centre. The program has been in place since August, 1986.

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The members will begin their work on August 28.

Ms. Marie-Jewell states that in addition to the investigation she has called, an R.C.M.P. criminal investigation is being conducted.

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## WAGE ORDER AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA

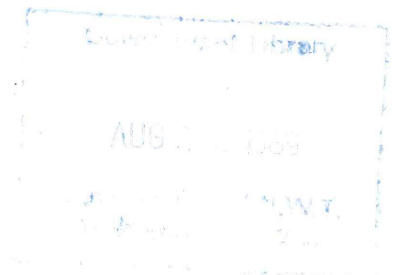
**YELLOWKNIFE** (August xx, 1989) - A reciprocal agreement for the enforcement of wage orders has been reached by the N.W.T. and British Columbia, Safety and Public Services Minister Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

Under the agreement, an employer who leaves the N.W.T. without paying employees and resettles in British Columbia, can be forced by court order to pay any wages owed. The NWT has similar agreements with Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Yukon.

"The intent of this agreement is to ensure that employees get their wages, and to alleviate the problem of employers leaving the N.W.T. to avoid paying wages," Mr. Kakfwi said.

If the N.W.T. Labour Standards Board files an order in court against an employer for wages owed in the N.W.T., and the employer moves to British Columbia without paying, the N.W.T. Labour Board can give its wage order to its provincial authorities, who will then adopt and enforce the order as if it originated there.

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In the past, the N.W.T. Labour Standards Board had little recourse when employers left the N.W.T. and there were no assets left behind which could be seized. Now the board can turn its wage orders over to B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan or the Yukon, and assets can be seized if necessary to satisfy the wage order.

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## COURNOYEA SPEAKS OUT ON ARCTIC CONTAMINANTS

TORONTO, Ontario ( August 29, 1989) - A work plan to address energy and the global warming trend, or the greenhouse effect, will be prepared for review by federal, provincial and territorial energy ministers in six months.

A meeting today in Toronto on "Energy and the Environment" reviewed ways to limit emissions of carbon dioxide, the largest contributor to the greenhouse effect. A proposal to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 20 per cent of 1988 levels, by the year 2005, was presented to the annual energy ministers conference.

Energy Minister Nellie Cournoyea noted the serious effects of global warming on the Northwest Territories despite the extremely small amount of contaminants created in the North.

"There is alarm in the NWT about pollutants" said Ms. Cournoyea. "Most of our pollution is from the provinces, the United States and the USSR."

Ms. Cournoyea warned the energy ministers that by allowing damage to the Arctic, there would be a severe loss to all Canadians. "As energy ministers, we bear responsibility for finding a part of the solution to the greenhouse effect by reducing emissions caused by the burning of fossil fuels such as oil, gas, coal and wood."

"I will discuss these concerns with Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo to make sure these plans are integrated in the make up of our government's sustainable development plan."

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL-TERRITORIAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF ENERGY

Communique

Toronto, Ontario  
August 28 p.m., 1989



COMMUNIQUE

1. Energy Ministers representing the federal, provincial and territorial governments met today in Toronto. Their discussions focused on the theme of Energy and the Environment. The meeting was co-chaired by the Honourable Lyn McLeod, Minister of Energy for Ontario, and by the Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada.

Energy and the Environment

2. At last year's meeting in Quebec City, the Energy Ministers established an intergovernmental Task Force on Energy and the Environment to review the energy recommendations of the June 1988 Conference on the Changing Atmosphere, particularly its recommendation that global carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions be reduced by 20 per cent of 1988 levels by 2005.
3. Ministers noted the growing international awareness of the need to protect the environment and to promote sustainable development. A growing concern is that emissions of greenhouse gases, produced mainly by human activities, are contributing to changes in the atmosphere. At the same time, they noted that while there is widespread agreement on the existence and potential importance of global warming, uncertainties remain about the role of the greenhouse gases, the magnitude and timing of this effect, and about the impact of atmospheric changes on the climate of individual countries and regions. The Ministers agreed that action is required of all nations and that Canada should lead by example, while recognizing there are limits to what it can achieve by acting alone.



4. The federal Minister reviewed the rapid evolution of international institutions dealing with growing global concerns about the environment. He noted Canada's important role in such key organizations as the UN-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and the International Energy Agency (IEA), which are developing a coordinated international response to the problem. The federal Minister recalled that environmental issues were prominent at the recent IEA ministerial meeting in Paris, and at the July Heads of State Summit. Ministers agreed that Canada should continue to work at the international level to develop a global response.

Report of the Task Force on Energy and the Environment

5. The Energy Ministers considered the report prepared by the Task Force over the past year. The report examines the issue of energy-related emissions of "greenhouse gases" (carbon dioxide, methane, nitrogen oxides and chlorofluorocarbons) in Canada. The report is being made public today.
6. The Task Force report found that the recommendation of the Toronto Conference on the Changing Atmosphere of a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to 20 per cent below 1988 levels is clearly ambitious. However, Ministers agreed that the consequences of inaction are unacceptable. Ministers encouraged everyone to work towards a reduction of 20 per cent. The Ministers agreed to pursue national and regional initiatives that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that would be socially, economically, and environmentally attractive to society. Initiatives include:





- increased conservation and energy efficiency measures;
- energy research and development;
- keeping options open to substitute other forms of energy for fossil fuels;
- examining sinks for CO<sub>2</sub>, especially if they have an economic base, such as reforestation and enhanced oil recovery;
- public education; and
- setting an example in governments' own use of energy.

Many measures will require active policies, programs and regulatory actions for their achievement.

7. Ministers agreed that transportation energy use is a key area. In recalling the proposal by Premiers last week, the Ministers agreed that a comprehensive approach to control of vehicle emissions and fuel characteristics, with improved vehicle fuel efficiency as the first step, is needed.
8. In addition, Ministers agreed that considerable work remains in order to understand better the "greenhouse effect", its regional impacts, and appropriate policy responses. They agreed that :
  - Canada should continue and expand its international relationships to address concerns on global warming;
  - Canada should keep longer term options open while taking near-term actions that are attractive on their own merits;
  - Canada should continue research on climate change and ways to adapt;
  - Regional assessments of emissions, potential for reduction, and impacts should be made; and
  - Broad consultations should be undertaken.



9. Ministers acknowledged that coal-fired electricity generation will remain an important component of Canada's energy supply mix. The challenge is to control the emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> and also to improve significantly combustion efficiency to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The emphasis on research and development into more efficient technologies will continue. Ministers noted the progress this past year under the IPACE Coal R & D Subcommittee of co-sponsored projects related to coal gasification combined cycle power generation.
10. The Ministers noted that while many near-term actions can and should be undertaken by each jurisdiction individually, there remains a need for joint action. The Ministers directed the Task Force to:
- co-ordinate regional assessments and consultations;
  - provide a forum for provincial/territorial input on international activities;
  - provide a forum for examination of other energy-related environmental issues, including vehicle emissions controls, fuel requirements, and utility combustion research;
  - extend analyses to include energy supply emissions;
  - consider implications of possible policy options.

Ministers agreed to reconvene at a special meeting in Ottawa in six months to consider energy and environment, including measures to address global warming. The Task Force will provide a further technical report for this meeting.

#### Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy

11. Ministers emphasized that conservation and alternative energy development are key elements of any comprehensive Canadian strategy of sustainable development.



12. Ministers reviewed the conclusions and recommendations of the report of the Conservation and Renewable Energy Sub-committee of the Inter-Provincial Advisory Committee on Energy and agreed that there are many significant opportunities to invest in energy efficiency and alternative energy. Ministers agreed that these areas offer the most cost-effective means to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and other emissions. Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to continue their own energy conservation and efficiency initiatives, to exchange ideas and information, and to pursue joint initiatives with industry and other governments.
  
13. Ministers agreed that the development and adoption of national energy efficiency performance requirements for energy-using equipment, including household appliances, is required. The energy, trade, consumer protection and environmental benefits are substantial. The Ministers noted the cooperation and progress that had been made in the last month, including new requirements adopted in Ontario. A joint working group has been established.
  
14. Ministers agreed that improved energy efficiency in buildings, because of their long operating lifetimes, is a high priority. They agreed to continue joint efforts to maintain and improve the influential "Measures for Energy Conservation in New Buildings" and to explore additional ways to encourage energy efficiency in new building design and construction. They expressed the hope that these measures would be broadly adopted by provinces and influence the provisions of provincial building codes.



15. Ministers underlined the key role of the electric and natural gas utilities in encouraging energy efficiency. In particular, they noted that there exists scope for significant action by utilities to develop demand management programs and welcomed the first steps of some utilities in this area. They strongly encouraged all utilities to develop aggressive programs in this area.

#### Energy Research and Development

16. Ministers affirmed that energy research and development would play a key role in Canada's efforts to enhance its energy options and to address the environmental challenges that lie ahead. Regional and industrial points of view should be taken into account in setting R & D priorities. Hydrogen research is an example. The Ministers considered a report prepared by an intergovernmental working group on energy research and development. The report indicated that progress had been made in understanding the nature of energy research and development activity now underway in Canada. The Ministers agreed that the working group should continue to promote information sharing, dissemination and other cooperative efforts and should report to Ministers as to its continuing role.

#### Additional Matters

17. The federal Minister noted that he has requested the House of Commons Standing Committee on EMR to review the Energy Options report, Energy and Canadians: Into the 21st Century. He intends to respond publicly to the report after it has been considered by the Committee in the spring or summer of 1990.



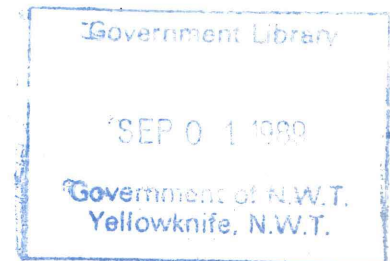


18. The Provincial/Territorial Energy Ministers expressed to the federal Minister the concerns of Alberta regarding the impact on the energy industry of the large corporation tax introduced in the last federal budget. The Provincial/Territorial Ministers urged that these views be brought to the attention of their respective finance ministers and the federal Finance Minister. The federal minister pointed out that this is not a discriminatory tax and was introduced to ensure that large corporations assume a fair share of the tax burden.
19. The federal minister reported on the status of deregulation of electricity exports and the federal government analyses of interprovincial electricity trade.
20. Provincial ministers reaffirmed the concerns expressed by the premiers on the proposed goods and services tax.
21. Provincial/territorial Ministers noted their concerns regarding the low levels of petroleum exploration in Canada. They also noted with concern the negative effects on the petroleum service and supply sectors and the overall objective of Canadian energy security. Provincial/territorial Ministers agreed that Alberta and Newfoundland should prepare proposed terms of reference to examine this issue and to report to Ministers at their next meeting.
22. The Honourable Harold Neufeld, Minister of Energy and Mines for Manitoba, will host next year's council of provincial energy ministers' conference.



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## INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY CLARK

OTTAWA (August 30, 1989) - In recognition of the Northwest Territories' growing role in international and circumpolar affairs, senior officials of the Department of External Affairs and International Trade will visit the N. W. T. in October to discuss areas of mutual interest with deputy ministers involved in international issues.

Recent international contributions by the N.W.T. Government received further support from Secretary of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark. At a recent meeting in Ottawa, Government Leader Dennis Patterson and Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne briefed Mr. Clark on several issues including the N.W.T. Government's involvement in circumpolar initiatives with the Soviet Union, Greenland/Denmark and Alaska.

Concerning the current Canada/U.S.S.R. Arctic Science Exchange Program, two out of four exchange program committees are chaired by Northwest Territories Government deputy ministers. As one result student and teacher exchanges between the Soviet Union and the territories have been arranged. N.W.T. specialists are designing a community for 1,200 people in the Komi Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic and in return the Soviets have designed a day-care centre for a northern community. In addition, some northern businessmen are discussing possible joint ventures in the Soviet Union.

"Mr. Clark supports all our initiatives and appreciates the positive efforts the Northwest Territories has had on Canadian-Soviet relations," Mr. Patterson states.

The recent N.W.T./Greenland agreement to exchange information and share resources in the areas of fisheries, wildlife, tourism, education and culture also received support from Mr. Clark. "He felt our work would reflect positively on the larger Canadian-Danish relations," says Mr. Patterson. Mr. Ballantyne approached the need for northern consultation on the delicate issue of the Canada-United States boundary in the Beaufort Sea.

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"Mr. Clark agreed there was an obvious need for close consultation with territorial people. Justice Department officials are already directly involved with External Affairs on this matter and we agreed this was the correct way to handle the situation," says Mr. Ballantyne.

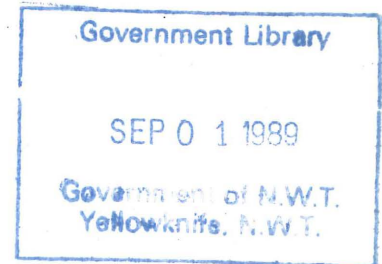
"In keeping with this positive note, we look forward to increasing our role in international affairs on northern issues," notes Mr. Patterson.

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## **APPOINTMENTS IN BAFFIN AND KEEWATIN REGIONS ANNOUNCED**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (August 31, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson announced today the appointment of Maureen Cochrane as the Assistant Regional Director for the Baffin and Marius Tungalik as the Assistant Regional Director for the Keewatin.

"Both Ms. Cochrane and Mr. Tungalik bring a strong educational background and extensive work experience to their new duties," says Mr. Patterson, who is also the Minister Responsible for the Executive.

Ms. Cochrane holds university degrees from both St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia and the University of British Columbia. She has been with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation since 1984, first in Yellowknife headquarters policy and programs area. For the past two years she has been based in Iqaluit as the corporation's district manager for the Baffin region.

Prior to coming to the territories, Ms. Cochrane worked for the British Columbia Housing Management Commission at the director level for nine years.

Mr. Tungalik was born and raised in Repulse Bay and attended schools in Repulse Bay, Chesterfield Inlet and Yellowknife. He studied business administration and political science at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec.

Mr. Tungalik worked for Arctic Co-operatives, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and the Arctic Bay Housing Association before joining the Government of the Northwest Territories in the Keewatin region in 1983. There he held several jobs

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in the personnel department, including regional superintendent in training. Since May, 1986, Mr. Tungalik has been the regional manager of the federal Public Service Commission in Iqaluit.

Ms. Cochrane will take up her duties in Iqaluit on October 2 and Mr. Tungalik on November 1 in Rankin Inlet.

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## **STRATEGY FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE DEVELOPED**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 1, 1989) - The territorial and federal governments will spend nearly \$500,000 to develop a transportation infrastructure strategy for the Northwest Territories, territorial Minister of Transportation Gordon Wray has announced.

The strategy will identify transportation needs and priorities, and assist the territorial and federal governments in directing their combined efforts in the most effective manner.

"Effective and efficient transportation services are crucial to the continued economic and social development of the North and it is the government's responsibility to provide the roads, airports and wharves necessary for the provision of these services," says Mr. Wray.

"The combined value of today's transportation infrastructure is about \$1.7 billion. Current and future economic and social development needs, however, will demand a doubling of this investment for new and upgraded roads, airports and wharves over the next 20 years," Mr. Wray predicts.

The project will include extensive consultation at the community level, as well as consultations with private sector carriers and their major clients. The work is scheduled for completion by the spring of 1990.

The strategy will also include the first overall examination of air, road and marine transportation services in the N.W.T.

Until now, planning and development of transportation facilities was somewhat fragmented, with a variety of federal and territorial programs and departments involved. Airports were handled by Transport Canada and the territorial Department of Municipal and

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Community Affairs, while roads were the responsibility of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the territorial Department of Public Works and Highways.

"It is for these reasons that the Northwest Territories Executive Council created a territorial Department of Transportation, as a focus for all transportation related programs and to develop a comprehensive transportation infrastructure strategy," says Mr. Wray.

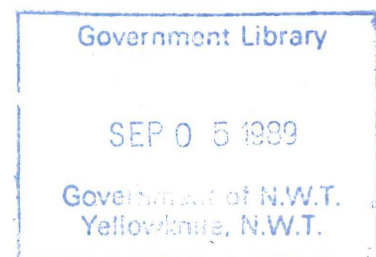
The project is jointly funded by the N.W.T. Department of Transportation and the federal departments of Transport, and Indian and Northern Affairs.

The Department of Transportation is being assisted by the territorial departments of Economic Development and Tourism, Renewable Resources, and Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and the federal departments of Transport Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs, and Fisheries and Oceans.

A consulting contract has been awarded to Stevenson Kellogg Ernst and Whinney of Edmonton, in association with MacKay Stewart Management Consultants of Yellowknife and Proctor and Redfern of Toronto.

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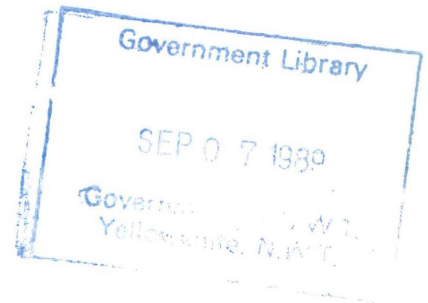




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## JURY ACT AMENDMENT COMES INTO FORCE

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 5, 1989) - The aboriginal languages amendment to the Jury Act came into force as of September 1, Minister of Justice Michael Ballantyne announced late last week.

This amendment allows persons who understand a native language, but who do not understand either English or French, to serve as jurors. In the past, all jurors, whether native or non-native, had to understand either English or French.

"This allows unilingual aboriginal persons to participate fully in jury trials," says Mr. Ballantyne. "It's particularly important to include this group of people as potential jurors since jury trials are the method by which accused persons can ask to be judged by their peers."

The aboriginal languages amendment was passed by the Legislative Assembly in 1986, but was delayed in order to allow for a thorough review by the N.W.T. Committee on Law Reform. The delay also permitted further training of aboriginal language court interpreters. Three training courses for court interpreters have since been completed with graduates from all major aboriginal language groups in the Northwest Territories.

The new provision will be implemented on a case-by-case basis, with the consent of all parties concerned in the trial.

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## DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER FUNDS UNDER RENEWED AGREEMENT

YELLOWKNIFE (September 6, 1989) - The Department of Education has received \$150,000 to administer the University College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEP) on behalf of the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the 1989-90 school year. Under the renewed agreement, the territorial government will administer financial assistance to students who are enrolling in college preparation programs.

"The Department of Education is pleased to play a role in this important program, which will enable 18 students to enrol in upgrading programs, leading to post-secondary studies," says Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

The UCEP Program provides allowances to status Indians and Inuit students to enrol in upgrading for one year. Students receive allowances to help pay for travel, books, tuition and living costs.

For more information and details on how to apply for the program, contact: Dan Daniels, Director, Certification and Student Assistance, Department of Education, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T., X1A 2L9, (403) 873-7395.

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## **NORTHERNERS ASKED TO COMMENT ON DRAFT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 7, 1989) - A discussion paper on sustainable development in the Northwest Territories has been released for public input, Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo announces.

Comments generated by the paper will be used by the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop a policy which will help guide its decisions on resource development and environmental conservation.

Sustainable development means using resources and the environment in ways that do not limit opportunities for their use by future generations. "The land is our bank. You don't keep withdrawing from a bank account without putting something back into it. That's what sustainable development is all about," says Mr. Allooloo.

The paper's release follows the government's announcement in May that it is formally committed to pursuing sustainable development. It now wants Northerners to provide feedback on the paper, entitled "Balancing Conservation and Development," to help prepare a Sustainable Development Policy.

"We have outlined our commitment and now we need Northerners to tell us whether they agree with the direction we plan to take, and how we should be implementing the sustainable development concept," says Mr. Allooloo.



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The Government of the Northwest Territories plans to implement sustainable development by: promoting an integrated approach to resource management; maintaining and enhancing environmental quality; establishing resource conservation areas; developing non-renewable resources in ways that contribute to a sustainable economy, and promoting cooperation in the management of trans-boundary resources.

Those five goals are discussed in detail in the paper, which was prepared as a cooperative effort among territorial departments with input from two public workshops.

A series of public workshops and meetings will be held to identify concrete ways of implementing the Sustainable Development Policy, once it is finalized.

"To make this policy work, it needs to be developed by Northerners and endorsed by government, industry, native organizations and other interest groups," Mr. Allooloo says. "Our aim is to promote a win-win situation in which both conservation and development interests benefit from this policy."

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## **BROWNE, BRUSER APPOINTED TERRITORIAL JUDGES**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 7, 1989) - Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne today announced the appointment of Beverley A. Brown and Brian A. Bruser as territorial judges.

Mr. Bruser, a resident of Yellowknife since March of 1986, and Ms. Browne were selected from a list of names submitted by the Judicial Council. The Council included, for the first time, a layperson, Jim Antoine of Fort Simpson.

Ms. Browne, a resident of Vermilion, Alberta, articulated and practised with the firm of Searle Sigler, in Yellowknife from July of 1975 to April of 1977 after graduating from the University of Alberta with a law degree in 1975. She was admitted to both the Northwest Territories Bar and the Alberta Bar in July of 1976.

Prior to her appointment as a territorial judge, Ms. Browne was self-employed for seven years with Browne and Associates, Barristers and Solicitors, in Vermilion. She was a partner of Freeland, Royal, McCrum and Browne, an Edmonton law firm from April of 1979 to July of 1982 and an associate with Wright, Chivers and Company, in Edmonton from April of 1977 to April of 1979.

Ms. Browne was president of the Northeast Alberta Bar Association from 1985 to 1987 and is presently a member of the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association, the Canadian Bar Association, and the Northeast Alberta Bar Association. She chaired the Continuing Education Committee of the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association from 1979 to 1982.

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She is a member of the board of directors of the Vermilion Association for the Handicapped, and assisted other professionals from the Vermilion area in an attempt to set up an incest rehabilitation program. Ms. Browne also taught Labour Relations at Lakeland College in nearby Lloydminster, Alberta, and gave regular lectures to community groups on legal-related topics. She has experience as a Crown Attorney and has extensive experience in Family Law.

In Edmonton, Ms. Browne was on the Edmonton Regional Legal Aid Committee for two years, and was a member of the board of directors of the Bissell Centre, an inner city mission, from 1978 to 1983.

Mr. Bruser has served in Yellowknife as a Crown Counsel for the federal Department of Justice since March of 1986.

During his stay in Yellowknife, Mr. Bruser was a cross-country ski instructor for the Jackrabbit program, served as vice-president of the Montessori School for Children in 1987-88 and helped form a local chapter of Parents for French in 1986.

Before moving to Yellowknife, Mr. Bruser was a Crown Counsel for the British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General from May of 1977 to October of 1979 and from December of 1981 to February of 1986. He was an associate lawyer with Asp, Morrice and Company in Smithers, B.C., from October 1979 to November 1981, returning to the Ministry of the Attorney General when the partnership dissolved.

Mr. Bruser graduated from the University of British Columbia with a B.Sc. in 1970 and a law degree in 1974. Upon graduating, he articulated and worked as an associate lawyer with Clancy, Pryke and Company in Dawson Creek, B.C., from April 1974 to December 1975. Prior to joining the Ministry of the Attorney General in 1977, he was an associate lawyer with Gibb and Syal in Dawson Creek.

Mr. Bruser is a member of the law societies of British Columbia (1975) and the Northwest Territories (1986). He is also a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

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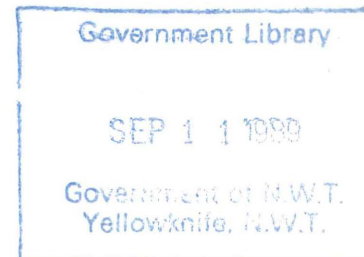


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## HISTORICAL CENTER OPENS IN NORMAN WELLS



YELLOWKNIFE (September 08, 1989) - The October 19 official opening of the Norman Wells Historical Center will mark the end of a 12-year effort by local residents, government agencies and non-government organizations to find a way to preserve and display the many artifacts of the Norman Wells area.

Members of the Northwest Territories Legislature have been invited to attend the official opening. They will be in Norman Wells for their fall session.

The center will interpret the development of the Canol Trail and will inform local residents and tourists of the area's history, including the importance of the petroleum industry to the region's development.

"The center will help restore local pride through community ownership of the artifacts," says territorial Culture and Communications Minister Titus Alloo.oo.

Historical exhibits will be displayed both inside and outside the facility. Inside, there will be several panels explaining the history of the construction of the Canol pipeline, among other local historical events. The pipeline, between Norman Wells and Whitehorse, Yukon, is referred to as one of the great engineering feats of the 20th Century. Built between 1943 and 1945, the \$134 million project was abandoned a few months after it was completed.

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The exhibits cover the period from 1789 to the present and tell the oil story, beginning with Alexander Mackenzie's observations that the Dene were using a residue gathered from pools to smear their canoes.

On the grounds of the historical center visitors can examine a paddle wheel from one of the original Mackenzie River boats, a tugboat with barge attached, a trapper's cabin and vehicles from the Canol project.

The center was built with the help of a \$211,528 contribution from the Canada-Northwest Territories Tourism Development Agreement, support from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, private citizens' donations, and the assistance of companies such as Esso Resources Limited and Interprovincial Pipeline Limited.

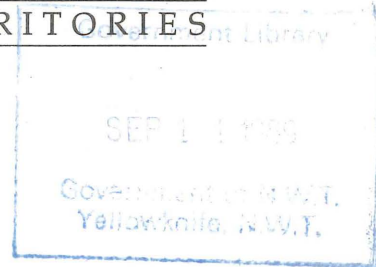
It will be managed by the Norman Wells Historical Society, a non-profit organization, and staffed by one full-time employee and volunteers.

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## LITERACY PROJECTS ACROSS N.W.T. RECEIVE FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (September 8, 1989) - The Department of Education has allocated \$214,885 to fund a number of literacy projects in the Northwest Territories, Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

He made the announcement to mark International Literacy Day. The United Nations has designated September 8 as a special day to draw attention to the need to improve literacy all over the world.

The projects are the first to be funded under the Department of Education's literacy initiative, announced by the minister during the last session of the Legislative Assembly. A total of \$1.9 million, including \$250,000 in cost-sharing from the federal government, has been designated to fund literacy programs across the Northwest Territories over three years.

"The literacy fund allows communities to set their own priorities in improving literacy, and design the programs and projects that will help them reach their goals," Mr. Kakfwi says. "This ensures the literacy projects are relevant to the people they are intended to serve."

Funding has been approved for the following projects:

- Project Change in Yellowknife will receive \$33,000 to help fund its program, designed to help young adults who have dropped out of school.

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- \$1,980 was awarded to Joan Cole-Heine in Inuvik to defray the costs of bringing a literacy instructor from Alberta and volunteer literacy tutors from Aklavik, Tuktoyaktuk and Fort McPherson into Inuvik for training. The 12 volunteers are now providing English literacy tutoring for adults in their communities
- The Community Education Council in Coral Harbour has been awarded \$19,600 to fund a six-month instruction and tutoring program for young adults 17 years and older. The program, which will begin this fall, is expected to attract 120 students.
- The Community Education Council in Arviat will use its grant of \$33,800 to hire two literacy coordinators, one for English and one for Inuktitut. These people will plan programs, develop materials and train tutors and instructors to help young adults with low literacy levels. These students will participate in a five-month program of instruction, supplemented by one-to-one tutoring.
- The Local Education Authority in Rae-Edzo will receive \$28,137 to conduct a five-month literacy project directed at people 16 to 25 years old, who dropped out of school before Grade 9 and need better skills to get a job or job training. The project will start in October.
- The Community Education Council in Holman will use its grant of \$4,500 to conduct monthly sessions with the parents of pre-school children, to stress the importance of reading to their children, and to learn different reading methods. Books will also be distributed to the parents to take home and read to their children.
- The Community Education Council in Coral Harbour has received \$14,950 for a five-month program in life skills and Inuktitut literacy directed at Adult Basic Education and job entry students, as well as young adults earning minimum wage.
- The Snowdrift Band Council will receive \$22,175 to conduct Chipewyan literacy classes for adults fluent in the language. This project will play a role in the development of literacy programs in the Dene languages.

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- The Mary Kaiser Library Board in Fort Smith will use its grant of \$15,900 to hire a coordinator to establish a tutoring program. Volunteers will be recruited and trained, then matched with learners. The program is designed to help young adults who have difficulty with, or are not eligible for, classroom-centred literacy programs.
- The Community Education Council in Fort Simpson will receive \$19,600 to provide one-to-one tutoring, small group tutoring and classroom instruction for young adults who are functioning below a Grade 8 level.
- The Community Education Council in Pelly Bay will be awarded \$12,775 to fund a three-month program, combining classroom instruction with tutoring. This project is the result of a petition signed by 27 young people in the community, requesting a literacy program. Ninety-five percent of the young people in Pelly Bay have not attended high school, and most have less than a Grade 6 education.
- The Community Education Council in Baker Lake will receive \$8,468 for a project to improve English literacy among parents and to prepare pre-school children for reading. The program will combine tutoring in the learners' homes with small group sessions in the library. This program is designed for homebound parents with young children.

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## **N.W.T. RESIDENTS HONoured FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO LITERACY**

YELLOWKNIFE (September 8, 1989) - Seven northern residents and the Tree of Peace received the Department of Education's first Literacy Recognition Awards today during a ceremony at the Yellowknife Public Library.

Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi made the presentations to mark International Literacy Day.

"Each of these recipients has made an important contribution to literacy in the Northwest Territories," the minister says. "Some of them have studied to improve their own reading and writing skills; others have spent much time and effort helping others. It is only through the commitment of people and organizations like these that we will improve literacy in the Northwest Territories."

"Through the funding of community literacy projects, the territorial government is providing increased support to people and groups working toward these goals," he added.

During the spring session of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Kakfwi announced that \$1.9 million would be spent on community literacy projects across the N.W.T. over three years.

The minister will continue to present Literacy Recognition Awards to teachers and learners throughout 1990, which has been designated International Literacy Year by the United Nations.

The Minister honoured the following on September 8:

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**Beulah Phillpot** of Yellowknife is the principal of the Learning Centre, an alternative school for learning disabled children which provides one-on-one instruction to help them enter the regular school system. She began the school in her own home, teaching six to nine children at a time. She is also on the board of directors of the Learning Disabilities Association which runs Project Change, an alternative school for young adults who have trouble with the regular school system. She was instrumental in sponsoring Vietnamese refugees and establishing English as a Second Language classes for them.

A joint award was presented to the **Tree of Peace** and **Florence Erasmus**. The Tree of Peace was founded in 1970 and was the first adult education centre in Yellowknife, with its first class in 1971. Mrs. Erasmus was one of the founders and has been a mainstay of the Tree of Peace ever since. For the past 17 years she has taught the centre's kindergarten program, which prepares children for the school system.

**Andy Cardinal** of Hay River was unable to attend school because he lived in the bush with his parents. Two and a half years ago, at the age of 20, he started studying at the adult education centre in Hay River. In that space of time he has reached a Grade 11 level. He has made many personal and financial sacrifices to reach his goals, including attending classes without sponsorship for more than a year. He is determined to be a lawyer.

**Alvina Lepine** of Hay River is in her early 60s and works part-time as a janitor at Camsell-St. Paul School. Last fall she went to Hay River's adult education centre because she wanted to learn to write letters to her grandchildren. She went to classes three mornings a week and completed the program in March. During the summer she continued her studies with a tutor and will be returning to classes this fall. With the help of her instructor, she has written her first letter to her grandchild. She now spends her spare time reading, instead of watching television.

A few years ago, **Joan Cole-Heine** came to Inuvik from the United States, where she had been involved with literacy work. Since that time she has been a dedicated literacy tutor and teacher -- occasionally paid, but mostly as a volunteer. She organized formal tutor training so that volunteers in the Delta could become certified tutors and was instrumental in forming an Inuvik Literacy Council.



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**John Oakoak** of Cambridge Bay decided to upgrade his reading and writing skills because he wanted a job with Cominco. He succeeded in developing his skills from a low level to Grade 10, then went on to apprenticeship training. He is now a certified journeyman heavy duty mechanic and is employed with Cominco on Little Cornwallis Island.

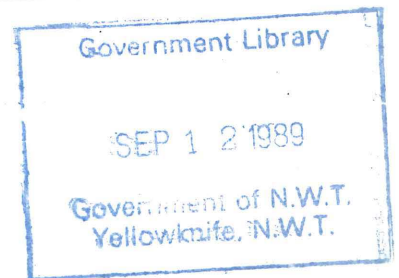
**Ishmael Naulalik** of Pangnirtung began to upgrade his literacy skills from a very low level. He finished his adult education and went on to complete the Teacher Education Program. He taught for many years in Igloolik and has just taken up his duties as the Assistant Principal at the Alookie school in Pangnirtung. He has published two books in Inuktitut.

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## SILENCE THEN SOUND FOR PEACE

YELLOWKNIFE (September 11, 1989) - Northwest Territories residents are encouraged to observe a minute of silence, then a minute of sound to mark the United Nation's International Day of Peace, at noon, September 19, Government Leader Dennis Patterson has announced.

"It's my heartfelt hope that on this day Northwest Territories residents will join in thoughts of world harmony," said Mr. Patterson. "The minute of silence unites us in hopes for peace, while during the minute of sound we celebrate our common humanity."

The rite has been held on the third Tuesday of every September, since it was declared in 1981. Invitations to take place in the symbolic gesture are issued across the world by the United Nations.

Canada was the first country to officially participate nationwide, and last year an estimated one million Canadians joined in the global ritual.

The United Nations International Day of Peace can be observed by individuals or groups. It can take place anywhere, whether at work, home, school or at a community gathering.

During the moment of silence individuals may meditate, pray or ask themselves what they can do for peace. The minute of sound is celebrated with uplifting noises such as bells, cheerful music or honking.

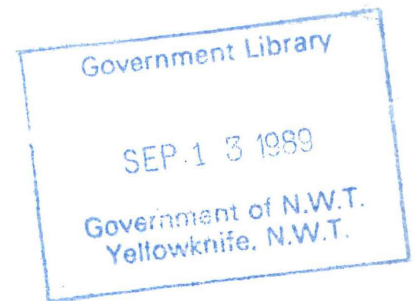
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## **BOB MCLEOD APPOINTED ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 12, 1989) - Bob McLeod is the new Assistant Deputy Minister (Management) with the Department of Renewable Resources, announces Titus Allooloo, the minister responsible for the department.

Mr. McLeod was formerly the Regional Director, Operations, for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Born and raised in Fort Providence, he completed his Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Alberta in 1976.

Mr. McLeod recently completed a one-year program of national and international studies for senior executives at the National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario.

During this year Mr. McLeod travelled around the world meeting with senior officials from government and industry in more than 20 countries.

"Mr. McLeod has an excellent background in administration gained from his years working in the Northwest Territories," Mr. Allooloo says.

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## HELPING COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 12, 1989) - Communities in the Northwest Territories interested in fighting child sexual abuse can now call Margaret Anne Gallagher for assistance.

Gallagher has been hired by the territorial government's Department of Social Services to research child abuse statistics in the territories and to develop programs for service delivery in the areas of investigations, treatment, staff training and community awareness and response.

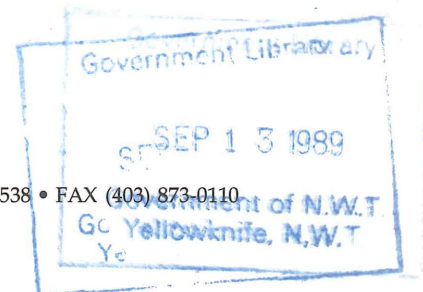
This is a major initiative on the part of the government and confirms Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell's strong commitment to develop programs to combat child sexual abuse.

Gallagher, who will be based in Yellowknife but work and travel throughout the territories, worked as the department's Area Supervisor in Coppermine for the past year. She has an extensive and varied background in the areas of child welfare, child sexual abuse, legal services and staff development and training.

"Miss Gallagher will be working with communities, government and non-government community organizations to develop a unified response to the serious problem of child sexual abuse," says Mrs. Marie-Jewell.

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## TIMBER HARVESTING PERMIT APPROVED

YELLOWKNIFE (September 12, 1989) - Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo has agreed with the recommendation of an arbitrator and has approved an application by Patterson Enterprises Limited for a five-year timber harvesting permit along the Mackenzie Highway.

Patterson Enterprises has operated a sawmill near Hay River for the past 25 years. It presently provides employment for 20 to 25 northern residents and generates revenues of more than \$1 million per year.

The area covered by the permit totals four square miles and is in addition to an existing permit in the Cameron Hills area that still has two years to run.

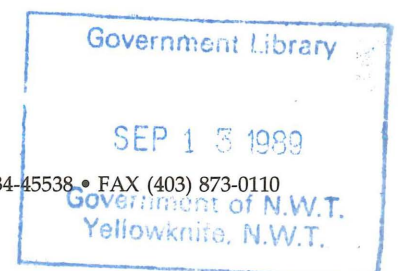
Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo said today that the decision to issue the permit was taken after careful consideration of all factors by Cabinet and that forest management information indicates that the proposed cutting of timber is well within the sustainable harvest of the forest.

The minister's decision follows an appeal by Patterson Enterprises over an earlier refusal by the forest management supervisor to issue the permit. That refusal was based on concerns raised by the Fort Providence Dene Band and the Deh Cho Regional Council that the land selection process would be affected.

Following the appeal, the minister appointed an arbitrator to review the decision. The arbitrator recommended the permit be issued.

In granting the permit, Allooloo recognized the concerns of the people in the area, pointing out that there are provisions for on-going community consultation. In addition, he noted that there is nothing in the licence that precludes the Dene/Metis from selecting the area.

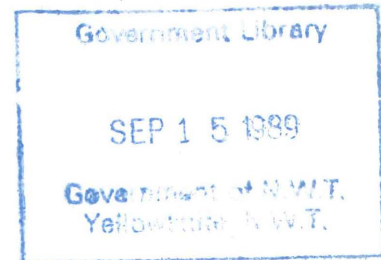
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## APPRENTICES TO BE HONORED AT AWARDS CEREMONIES

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 14, 1989) - Forty-seven apprentices will be honored at the 12th annual apprenticeship awards banquets held across the Northwest Territories, October 16 to 20.

Regional banquets, sponsored by the N.W.T. Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board, will be held in Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik, Cambridge Bay, Baker Lake and Iqaluit to honor the achievements of the apprentices during the past year.

This year's top overall graduating apprentice is Wallace Brenton of Yellowknife, an industrial mechanic (millwright) employed by Nerco Con Mine Ltd., in Yellowknife. Mr. Brenton also won the 1st Period Award in 1986, the 2nd Period Award in 1987, the 3rd Period Award in 1988 and the 4th Period Award in 1989.

Karen Conner of Hay River, a hairdresser with New Image Hair Salon, won the award for the Top Non-Apprentice to Obtain the Interprovincial Red Seal. The Interprovincial Red Seal ensures the tradesperson's journeyman status is recognized across the country.

The top non-apprentice to attain journeyman status went to Guy Pemberton, an Oil Burner Mechanic with Dowland Contracting Ltd. in Tuktoyaktuk.

Daniel Scobie, an Oil Burner Mechanic with Mercury Mechanical Ltd. in Yellowknife, has earned the award of top non-apprentice to attend theory training.

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Since 1989 marks the 25th anniversary of apprenticeship in the Northwest Territories, special plaques will be awarded to recognize the first person to receive a Completion of Apprenticeship in each region, and the first person to receive an Interprovincial Red Seal in each region.

Since its inception in 1964, the apprenticeship program has graduated 935 apprentices. It continues to grow each year, providing the North with qualified journeymen in a variety of trades.

While most of the theory training takes place in Alberta, more and more training is being offered at Arctic College campuses across the NWT. In addition to heavy duty mechanics, electrical, motor vehicle mechanics, housing maintainer and carpentry, this past year saw the provision of welding and plumbing programs at Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith.

There are currently 403 apprentices in 37 trades in the Northwest Territories.

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**Top Apprenticeship Awards  
1988/89 School Year**

1st Period Aircraft Maintenance Engineer  
**Marc Swanson**, Fort Smith

3rd Period Automotive Parts  
**Peter McQueen**, Yellowknife  
Mr. McQueen won the 2nd Period Automotive Parts Award in 1988.

1st Period Carpenter  
**Pat Bouska**, Baker Lake

3rd Period Carpenter -- Tie  
**Sylvain Girard**, Yellowknife  
**Didier Bourgois**, Yellowknife  
Mr. Bourgois won the 2nd Period Carpenter Award in 1988.

3rd Period Communication Electrician  
**Rondie Lee Scott**, Inuvik

1st Period Electrician (Construction)  
**Douglas Ouillette**, Yellowknife

2nd Period Electrician (Construction)  
**Steve Whitmore**, Iqaluit

3rd Period Electrician (Construction)  
**John Boudreau**, Inuvik  
Mr. Boudreau won the 2nd Period Electrician Award in 1988.

1st Period Floor Covering Mechanic  
**Benson Boudreau**, Hay River

2nd Period Floor Covering Mechanic  
**Bill McCaughey**, Yellowknife



2nd Period Glazier

**Bryan Rendell**, Yellowknife

Mr. Rendell won the 1st Period Glazier Award in 1988.

1st Period Hairdresser

**Lana Lewis**, Inuvik

3rd Period Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic

**Murray Ryder**, Yellowknife

Mr. Ryder won the 1st Period Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic Award in 1988.

4th Period Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic -- Tie

**Danny Bayha**, Hay River

Mr. Bayha won the 3rd Period Heavy Duty Equipment Award in 1988.

**Murray Ryder**, Yellowknife

Mr. Ryder won the 1st Period Award in 1988 and the 3rd Period Award for Heavy Duty Mechanics in 1989.

1st Period Housing Maintainer (Thebacha Campus)

**Ron Bonnetrouge**, Fort Providence

1st Period Housing Maintainer (Nunatta Campus)

**Alex Ishalook**, Arviat

2nd Period Part 1 Housing Maintainer (Thebacha Campus)

**David Matchim**, Tuktoyaktuk

2nd Period Part 1 Housing Maintainer (Nunatta Campus)

**Gabriel Kaunak**, Repulse Bay

2nd Period Part 2 Housing Maintainer (Nunatta Campus)

**Silasie Angnakok**, Broughton Island

2nd Period Part 2 Housing Maintainer (Keewatin Campus)

**Bobby Ulurksit**, Whale Cove

3rd Period Housing Maintainer (Thebacha Campus)

**Walter Pokiak**, Cambridge Bay

Mr. Pokiak won the 2nd Period Part 1 Housing Maintainer Award in 1988.





3rd Period Housing Maintainer (Nunatta Campus)  
**David Karlak, Arviat**

"Band G" Housing Maintainer (Nunatta Campus)  
(Minor Electric Appliance Repair)  
**Bobby Ulurksit, Whale Cove**

2nd Period Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)  
**Roderick Woods, Yellowknife**  
Mr. Woods won the 1st Period Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)  
Award in 1988.

3rd Period Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)  
**Jean Paul Blanchette, Yellowknife**  
Mr. Blanchette won the 1st Period Award in 1987 and the 2nd Period  
Award for this trade in 1988.

4th Period Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)  
**Wallace Brenton, Yellowknife**  
Mr. Brenton won the 1st Period Award in 1986, the 2nd Period Award  
in 1987, and the 3rd Period Award in 1988.

1st Period Industrial Warehousing  
**Stewart Makynen, Yellowknife**

3rd Period Industrial Warehousing  
**Colin Steed, Yellowknife**

1st Period Motor Vehicle Body Repair  
**Tracey Richard Schumann, Hay River**

1st Period Motor Vehicle Mechanic  
**Bernard Minute, Fort Smith**

2nd Period Motor Vehicle Mechanic  
**Brian Knutsen, Yellowknife**  
Mr. Knutsen won the 1st Period Award for Motor Vehicle Mechanics  
in 1988.

3rd Period Motor Vehicle Mechanic  
**Jean-Pierre Landry, Yellowknife**  
Mr. Landry won the 2nd Period Motor Vehicle Mechanic Award in  
1988.



1st Period Oil Burner Mechanic  
**Dennis Sibbeston**, Fort Simpson

1st Period Plumber  
**Raymond Lemieux**, Yellowknife

3rd Period Plumber  
**John Kennedy**, Yellowknife

4th Period Plumber  
**Darril Hilworth**, Hay River

1st Period Printing and Graphic Arts  
**Katy Serre De St. Jean**, Yellowknife

2nd Period Sheet Metal Worker  
**Guy Brunet**, Yellowknife

4th Period Steamfitter/Pipefitter -- Tie  
**Keith MacDonald**, Yellowknife  
**Henry Smith**, Yellowknife

Mr. Smith won the 3rd Period Steamfitter/Pipefitter Award in 1988.

3rd Period Welder  
**Robert Folk**, Yellowknife

Top Non-Apprentice to Attain Journeyman Status  
**Guy Pemberton**, Tuktoyaktuk  
Oil Burner Mechanic

Top Non-Apprentice to Attend Theory Training  
**Daniel Scobie**, Yellowknife  
Oil Burner Mechanic

Top Non-Apprentice to Obtain Interprovincial Red Seal  
**Karen Conner**, Hay River  
Hairdresser

Top Overall Graduating Apprentice  
**Wallace Brenton**, Yellowknife  
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)



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## REVIEW OF LABOUR STANDARDS ACT BEGINS

YELLOWKNIFE (September 14, 1989) - The Government of the Northwest Territories is reviewing labour standards law which sets out the minimum conditions of employment for almost all workers in the territory, Safety and Public Services Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

The Labour Standards Act review will be undertaken by a three-person panel beginning in October. The panel will also be reviewing the Employment Agencies Act and the Wage Recovery Act. It will determine the adequacy of the present acts as they relate to existing areas of protection for employees, areas where protection is lacking, and ways to improve the administration and enforcement of the acts.

Appointed to the Labour Standards Law Review Panel are: Gordon Carter, a Yellowknife consultant and former chairman of the NWT. Public Utilities Board; Yellowknife businessman Daniel Wilde, and James M. Evoy, Vice-president of the NWT. Federation of Labour. Mr. Carter will be the chairman of the panel.

The Territorial Labour Standards Act hasn't been subjected to a substantial review since 1976.

"There is a need to address the deficiencies of the present outdated Labour Standards Act and replace it with a new Employment Standards Act, which would include a consolidation of the Employment Agencies Act and the Wage Recovery Act," Mr. Kakfwi says. A number of groups in the territory, including the N.W.T. Federation of Labour, have been calling for such a review, he adds.

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"The act is deficient in many areas such as minimum wage, transportation from remote areas, general holidays, maternity leave, and security of employment," Mr. Kakfwi says. "The powers of the Labour Standards Board and the roles of the board and the Labour Standards Officer need to be more clearly defined."

The panel will conduct its review by inviting public input through written presentations and may also invite those who have submitted presentations to appear before it.

The panel will not be examining the function of labour relations, as this responsibility is covered under federal statute and Labour Canada will continue to administer labour relations in the Northwest Territories.

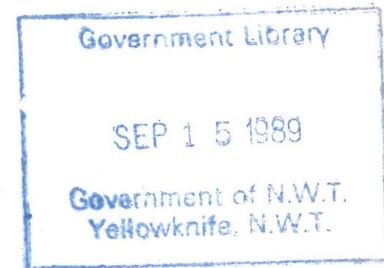
The panel is expected to have a report prepared for the Minister by March 31, 1990.

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## **LIBRARIES LAUNCH FRENCH LANGUAGE COLLECTIONS**

**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 14, 1989) - There will be more to browse through and borrow this fall at territorial public libraries as they begin building French language collections.

Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo has announced that six of the 22 libraries in the Northwest Territories will start putting French books on the shelves in the coming months. Patrons at three other libraries will be able to borrow materials from a rotating French collection by early next year.

Libraries in Yellowknife, Iqaluit, Fort Smith, Rankin Inlet, Hay River and Inuvik will each receive French books by the end of this year, says Mr. Allooloo. The number of books made available to each library will vary according to the number of francophones in the community.

The first batch of books will consist mainly of reference books such as atlases, dictionaries and encyclopedias for adults and children, but other fiction and non-fiction materials will eventually be added to the collections.

The NWT Centennial Library in Hay River, the first to launch its French collection, reported lending out 12 books the day the collection was put on the shelf.

"With the establishment of the collections, francophones across the Northwest Territories will have access to books in their mother tongue, and anglophones studying French will have reading and reference materials right in their own communities," Mr. Allooloo says.

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Libraries in Norman Wells, Fort Simpson and Nanisivik will be able to access the travelling collection of fiction and non-fiction books by early next year. A total of about 1,500 books will be available and distributed on a rotating basis, every four months, to those three libraries, plus libraries in Yellowknife, Iqaluit, Fort Smith, Rankin Inlet, Hay River and Inuvik.

By early next year videos and talking books will also be added to the French travelling collection.

Requests for French books not available through the collections in the communities will be forwarded to NWT Public Library Services, which will examine the request, ensure it corresponds to its selection policy criteria, and either buy the book or request it from other provinces through inter-library loan.

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## **LANCEMENT DE COLLECTIONS DE MATERIEL EN FRANÇAIS DANS LES BIBLIOTHEQUES**

**YELLOWKNIFE** - (le 14 septembre 1989) - Il y aura plus de matériel à feuilleter et à emprunter cet automne dans les bibliothèques publiques des Territoires, car celles-ci commencent à monter des collections de matériel en français.

M. Titus Allooloo, ministre de la Culture et des Communications a annoncé que six des vingt-deux bibliothèques des Territoires du Nord-Ouest commenceront prochainement à mettre des livres en français sur leurs rayons. Les habitués de trois autres bibliothèques seront en mesure d'emprunter des ouvrages à travers la collection itinérante de matériel en français, dès le début de l'année prochaine.

Les bibliothèques de Yellowknife, d'Iqaluit, de Fort Smith, de Rankin Inlet, de Hay River et d'Inuvik recevront chacune du matériel en français d'ici la fin de cette année, a annoncé M. Allooloo. Le nombre de livres disponibles dans chaque bibliothèque dépendra du nombre de francophones dans la communauté.

Le premier bloc de livres comprendra surtout des ouvrages de référence tels que des atlas, des dictionnaires et des encyclopédies pour adultes et pour enfants auxquels s'ajouteront par la suite des romans et des ouvrages généraux.

À la bibliothèque NWT Centennial de Hay River, la première à lancer sa collection de livres en français, on signale avoir prêté 12 livres la journée même où la collection a été placée sur les rayons.

«Avec la mise sur pied des collections, les francophones des Territoires du Nord-Ouest auront accès à des livres écrits dans leur langue maternelle et les anglophones qui étudient le français trouveront du matériel de lecture et de référence au sein même de leurs communautés», déclare M. Allooloo.

Les bibliothèques de Norman Wells, de Fort Simpson et de Nanisivik auront accès à la collection itinérante de romans et d'ouvrages généraux dès le début de l'année prochaine. Environ 1 500 livres seront disponibles et distribués sur une base rotative, tous les quatre mois, à travers ces trois bibliothèques ainsi qu'à travers celles de Yellowknife, d'Iqaluit, de Fort Smith, de Rankin Inlet, de Hay River et d'Inuvik.



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D'ici le début de l'année prochaine, la collection itinérante de matériel en français sera également dotée de vidéos et de livres cassettes.

Le Service des bibliothèques des T. N. -O. étudiera toute demande de matériel introuvable dans les collections locales et, tout en s'assurant que cette demande corresponde à sa politique de choix, achètera le matériel ou l'empruntera à une autre province par l'intermédiaire du service de prêt entre bibliothèques.

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## **GNWT IMPLEMENTS STANDARDS FOR HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF SHARPS**

YELLOWKNIFE (September 18, 1989) - The Government of the Northwest Territories is implementing standards for the handling and disposal of sharp instruments capable of causing cuts or puncture wounds.

The standards will apply to all dental, doctor and veterinary clinics in the Northwest Territories, Safety and Public Services Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

The instruments known within the medical profession as "sharps" include needles, scalpel blades, lancets, clinical glass and any other clinical object contaminated with body fluids which may cause a cut or puncture wound.

The standards have been prepared and are being implemented following an incident earlier this summer when discarded needles and vials were found in a back alley in the City of Yellowknife.

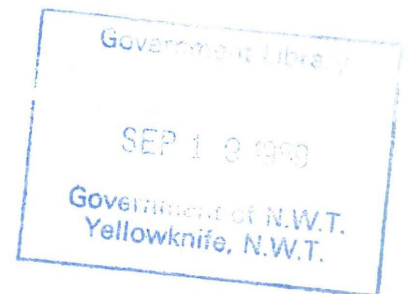
A report entitled "Standards of Accepted Practice for Handling and Disposal of Sharps" has been prepared for distribution to clinics. The report includes sections on how to properly handle and dispose sharps, what must happen when employees sustain a puncture wound from a contaminated sharp, and the employer's responsibility for ensuring that all employees are trained in the proper handling and disposal of sharps.

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"Sharps have to be safely handled and disposed to ensure the safety of the people who work in the clinics, and the public," Mr. Kakfwi says.

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## RECORD FOREST FIRE SEASON

**YELLOWKNIFE (September 20, 1989) - Forest firefighting operations are winding down in the Western Arctic as the record-breaking 1989 fire season draws to a close.**

Records were broken for the number of fires reported and fought in a season. The Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith says that a total of 603 fires were reported from May 23 to September 19, 1989. That's 111 more than the previous record of 492 in the 1973 fire season. A total of 354 forest fires were fought this season, 49 more than the 1973 record of 305.

Most of the fires reported were in the Fort Smith region (216). There were 129 fires in the Yellowknife region, 130 in the Fort Simpson region, 86 in the Sahtu and 42 in the Inuvik region.

A total of 449,170 hectares of land burned during the 1989 fire season, with the Fort Smith region topping the list at 219,370 hectares burned, followed by the Inuvik region at 106,502 hectares, Norman Wells at 45,287 hectares and the Fort Simpson region at 43,034 hectares. The Yellowknife region sustained the least amount of burning - 34,975 hectares. Ninety-one per cent of the fires were started by lightning.

The largest fire of the season occurred in the Inuvik region. Started by lightning on August 4, the fire burned a total of 75,480 hectares as of September 19. During the week of August 14, NWT firefighters and 84 firefighters from Alberta made a concerted effort to keep the fire from spreading north, toward the communities of Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River, and the Dempster Highway. At that time the fire had reached a size of 37,100 hectares and was reported to be 2.5 kilometres south of the Dempster Highway at Frog Creek, 20 kilometres east of Fort McPherson and 17.5 kilometres west of Arctic Red River.

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"Territorial firefighters and the firefighters from Alberta who were called to the NWT to help have to be commended for their efforts in trying to contain that fire," says Bob Bailey, Director of the Territorial Forest Fire Centre in Fort Smith. "It was a large fire with extreme fire behavior and it was a difficult fire to fight," Mr. Bailey adds.

Despite the record year, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre was able to assist firefighters in other provinces earlier in the season with the loan of air tankers, helicopters and air attack officers.

Staff at the various district offices in the Western Arctic are now in the process of checking the 152 fires which have not yet been declared out. "With the kind of weather we've been getting lately, those fires aren't spreading, but some might be smouldering," Mr. Bailey says, adding that the remaining fires are in remote areas, away from communities.

In addition to the regular seasonal contract and permanent fire staff, more than 700 extra firefighters were hired from territorial communities. Approximately \$800,000 in wages were paid to the additional firefighters.

Equipment is also being recovered from the field, repackaged and prepared for next year.

Fire suppression expenditures for this season will be about \$15 million, the Territorial Forest Fire Centre says.

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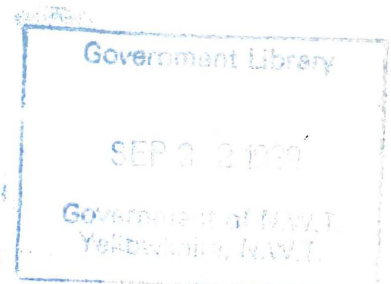
### PETROLEUM SHORTAGE PLAN DEVELOPED WITH JEPP FUNDING

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22, 1989) - A petroleum shortage plan will be developed by the Northwest Territories Emergency Measures Organization with \$10,333 in funding from the federal government, through the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program.

The Petroleum Contingency Plan will enable the territorial government to respond to petroleum shortages resulting from international, national, regional or local supply disruptions. It will also allow for better co-ordination of emergency measures with surrounding jurisdictions, in the event of a petroleum shortage crisis.

Gwynne R. McLoughlin, Assistant Regional Director for the Alberta/NWT Region of Emergency Preparedness Canada, presented a cheque for the project today, to Al Menard, Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. Federal contributions provided under the federal-territorial Joint Emergency Preparedness Program are negotiated for each project.

Ms. McLoughlin also presented a cheque for \$8,744 to help establish an alternate emergency communications system for Yellowknife and communities within a 50 kilometre radius of the city. Part of the funding will be used to purchase communications equipment and to support the Yellowknife Amateur Radio Society. The society provides communications support to the NWT Emergency Measures Organization in the event of an emergency.



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A third cheque for \$3,181 will go toward the purchase of a new facsimile machine to improve the day-to-day operations of the NWT Emergency Measures Organization.

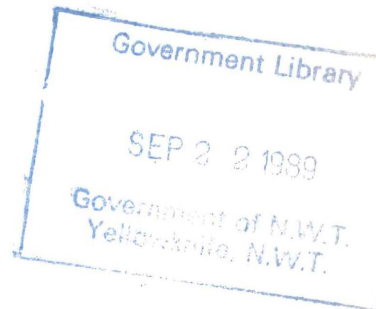
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## SEPARATE WOMENS' CENTRE STUDIED

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22, 1989)- Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell said today that her department is examining options for the establishment of a separate centre for female inmates.

She said that the overwhelming number of male inmates in both the Yellowknife and Baffin Correctional Centres "places female inmates at a social and psychological disadvantage."

Her decision to seek an alternate location for female offenders follows an inquiry into a sexual assault allegation and the co-correctional program at the Yellowknife Correctional Centre.

The review, by a three-member panel, concurred with the results of an earlier investigation by the RCMP into the matter. That investigation determined that the allegation was unfounded.

"The panel did, however, determine that our current co-correctional program in Yellowknife failed to meet its objectives and that we should review the program in the Baffin Correctional Centre as well," Ms. Marie-Jewell stated.

She said a subsequent review was done on the Baffin Centre and that the findings were the same. Because of this she has stopped departmental plans to admit female offenders to the South Mackenzie Correctional Centre in Hay River.

There are currently six female inmates in the Yellowknife Centre and two in Iqaluit. The co-correctional program was introduced in 1986 when a separate women's facility in Fort Smith had to be shut down because it was located in that community's slide zone. A review conducted at that time recommended women inmates be moved to Yellowknife.

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More recently, however, it has been determined that correctional centre buildings in both Yellowknife and Iqaluit do not provide an adequate environment for a combination of male and female inmates.

Ms. Marie-Jewell said there are obvious economic savings by having a co-correctional program, but that such a program "must be balanced with the system's ability to protect inmate's rights to personal security."

Members of the three-member panel reviewing the Yellowknife facility included Tim Thimsem, an inspector with the Corrections Branch of the British Columbia Solicitor General's Department; Terry Epp, Coordinator of Community Correction for the NWT Department of Social Services; and Ann Crawford, Regional Superintendent of Justice for the Baffin Region.

As a result of the panel's recommendations, Ms. Marie-Jewell said she has also instructed departmental officials to undertake a number of other tasks including clarification of inmate grievance procedures and to determine ways to provide better mental health programming at the Yellowknife Centre.

She added that the training of corrections staff remains a high priority and that plans are underway to implement a more adequate program that takes into consideration the need for relief staff while the officers are being trained.

Meanwhile, a new Director of Corrections - recruited by the Minister in August, begins his duties September 28. Brian Mason, presently with the Alberta Solicitor General's Department, comes to the position with 15 years of experience in community and institutional corrections.

"Mr. Mason is familiar with our current situation and is anxious to take on the challenge. He has been asked to ensure that the highest priority possible is assigned to ensuring our various problems are resolved," Ms. Marie-Jewell stated.

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## WCB RESPONDS TO REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (September 25, 1989) - Stephen Kakfwi, minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board, said today that decisions have been made on all 75 recommendations of a recent compensation review panel.

Over the past few months the Board has, among other things, completed in-depth actuarial and investment reviews, developed a strategic plan and mission statement, reviewed and revised operational procedures and updated committee terms of reference.

In addition, it is in the process of recruiting a Workers' Advisor and has implemented conflict of interest and confidentiality guidelines and is reviewing Workers' Compensation Board legislation.

"In comparison to other Boards across Canada, the NWT Worker's Compensation Board is in a sound position," Mr. Kakfwi said.

Concerns regarding payroll assessment rates and the Board's plan to lease space in the new Yellowknife Centre complex last year led to establishment of a three-member review panel by The Hon. Nellie Cournoyea who was responsible for the WCB at that time.

The panel presented its report April 16, at a time when plans were underway to transfer responsibility for the Board to Mr. Kakfwi.

Since then, the minister noted, WCB Chairman Grant Hinchey and his new board have had a chance to review and comment on the report and its recommendations.

Speaking to the matter of payroll assessment rates, Mr. Kakfwi noted it is important to remember that in the early 1980s, WCB revenues were bigger than its claims costs.

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"As a result, the Board found itself with a surplus of funds. Because of the surplus, it decided to provide rebates in 1987 and 1988 and in doing so return some of the surplus to the employers."

However, Mr. Kakfwi noted that a recent analysis by the Board's consulting actuary Alan Brown demonstrates that the rebates should not have continued in 1988 and that the 1989 assessment revenue, despite increases on January 1, is not sufficient to meet the forecasted 1989 claims cost.

Regardless, the Board has contracted an independent actuary review by the Coles Group of Vancouver and has decided that it is not financially prudent to make any changes in the rate setting process until 1991 when it will have had time to consider options provided by the actuary.

In the interim, the Board is presently consulting with its clients on assessment rates for 1990.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kakfwi said the WCB will continue with its plans to move into office space within the new Yellowknife City Centre Project, presently under construction.

The Board has commissioned three independent office space studies since 1982. In each case, the studies recommended ownership or lease with option to purchase.

In 1984, the WCB had plans to purchase land and construct its own building, but according to Mr. Kakfwi the political climate was not suitable and the necessary legislative changes were not made.

Subsequent negotiations led to the WCB's existing contract with the City Centre Project to provide 22,000 square feet of office space spread over three floors - the main floor, the third floor and the fourth floor.

Mr. Kakfwi said that in negotiating the final requirements, the Board received additional concessions: a dedicated high speed elevator to link the three floors; an open stairway between the third and fourth floors; and parking space.

In addition, the Board can purchase its space at today's cost of \$117 per square foot during the first five years of the lease, he added.

At a press conference today, Mr. Kakfwi complimented the work of the WCB review panel chaired by Letha MacLachlan and its panel members Bob Stewart, a certified management consultant and chartered accountant, and Dave Johnston, president of the NWT Federation of Labour.

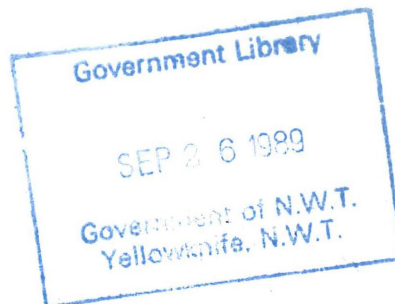
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"Although the period of time provided to them to conduct the review was only a month and a half, they were able to accomplish the most significant portions of their task.

"Their observations and recommendations have been extremely helpful and the manner in which the new board is dealing with various problems cited in the report is encouraging," he said.

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## **NWT CHAMBER OF MINES RECEIVES \$25,000**

YELLOWKNIFE (September 25, 1989) - The Northwest Territories Chamber of Mines has been provided with \$25,000 toward its 1989-90 operations by the territorial government, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray announced today.

"The mining industry is extremely important to the economy of the Northwest Territories and the Chamber of Mines is an important vehicle for communication between the government and the industry," says Mr. Wray.

Funding was provided to the organization under the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's Economic Development Organization Support Policy. The policy provides assistance to industry organizations to support the development of a diversified economy in the NWT.

The NWT Chamber of Mines was formed in 1967 to represent and promote mining in the Northwest Territories. Its objectives include providing support for research, and informing the public on matters related to mining and mineral exploration.

It operates with two full-time staff members and one part-time worker.

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## NOTORIOUS SLAVE RIVER LINK REMEMBERED

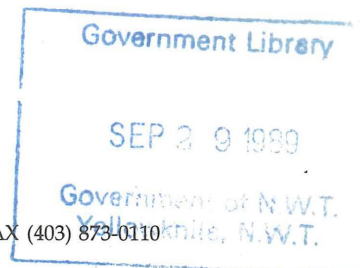
**YELLOWKNIFE** (September 27, 1989) - The treacherous rapids and falls along the Slave River link of the Mackenzie waterway will be commemorated this week at a ceremony in Fort Smith.

Doug Main, the Alberta government's Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, will be in Fort Smith on September 28 to unveil a plaque presented by his government to Fort Smith residents and all the residents of the Northwest Territories.

The "Slave River Rapids Heritage Roadside Plaque" features a brief account of the historical significance of the rapids. In 1786, fur traders Laurent Leroux and Cuthbert Grant travelled through the rapids and falls to establish competing trading posts on Great Slave Lake for the furs of Chipewyan, Beaver and Slavey Indians in the region. Grant lost five of his men and two canoes in the so-called Rapids of the Drowned.

Alexander Mackenzie, accompanied by Leroux, used the route three years later on his epic voyage to the Arctic for the North West Company. The plaque states that by carrying their canoes and goods over several portages, the men avoided mishap. But like all who came after them, they completed the ordeal "much fatigued."

Scows and York boats were later used on the route, but traffic through the rapids diminished in the 1880s after the Hudson's Bay Company constructed a sixteen-mile oxcart road from Fort Smith to Fitzgerald and launched the steamboats "Grahame" and "Wrigley" to operate above and below the road.



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In 1921, Louis Mercredi was the last to navigate and portage the notorious Slave River link. He went through with a scow in seven hours.

The plaque is the second one to be erected in the area by the Alberta government. Last year the "Slave River Rapids White Pelican Rookery Interpretive Sign" went up in recognition of the most northerly Pelican nesting area.

"We're grateful for the attention Alberta is paying to the northeast corner of the province. As our local tourism board realized many years ago when they conceived of the idea to erect the plaque, the Fort Smith and Fitzgerald area is beautiful," says Dennis Bevington, the Mayor of Fort Smith.

Mr. Bevington will be at Thursday's unveiling ceremony, along with Nunakput MLA Nellie Cournoyea, who will be there on behalf of Titus Allooloo, the NWT Minister of Culture and Communication.

"The Alberta government has shown interest and leadership in formally recognizing the historical significance of the Fort Smith and Fitzgerald area," says Mr. Allooloo.

Mr. Main will arrive in Yellowknife from Edmonton on Thursday. After brief visits to the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, he will fly to Fort Smith for the unveiling ceremony.

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## HERITAGE TRAINING BEGINS

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28, 1989) - Heritage training in preservation, interpretation and museum planning has been formally launched by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo announced today.

The training, which begins this year, will give Northerners the skills and knowledge needed to care for existing community collections and prepare and manage future collections.

"Intensive training through workshops and accredited courses with colleges, universities and professional organizations will give northern residents the opportunity to develop marketable skills in the cultural and heritage fields," says Mr. Allooloo. "It's important that our historic sites and facilities have competent managers and interpreters."

The training, which will be managed by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife, begins this fall with three workshops.

The first workshop takes place in Yellowknife, September 26-28, and deals with letting people know what type of artifacts to collect, how to collect them and how to keep them. It is aimed at museums, historical and cultural societies and projects which already have, or are acquiring, a collection of artifacts and specimens. People from Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, Fort Simpson, Aklavik, Norman Wells and Baker Lake will attend this workshop.

In Iqaluit on October 17-19, the second workshop will be held. Northern Heritage Centre staff will be giving pointers on defining artifact and archive collection goals and designing a building or programs. This workshop is directed towards groups thinking of

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building a museum, or planning to establish a cultural, educational or visitors' centre.

The basics of archives management will be reviewed at the third workshop, November 21-23 in Yellowknife.

Participation in workshops and seminars is free of charge but people interested in attending are asked to register early, as enrolment is limited.

Regional co-operating agreements will be signed with various heritage groups, provincial governments, and museums in southern Canada to help Northerners tap into successful programs and the resources of other jurisdictions.

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## AMAZING SUNDAYS RETURN

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28, 1989) - Sunday afternoons at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife are "amazing." It's the only place in town where families can venture into the world of ravens, watch disabled puppets pop wheelies in their cruisers, sample delicious traditional Quebecois recipes, and learn about choreography - all for free.

The fun-filled Sunday afternoons begin October 1 at 2 p.m. with a tribute to ravens. The Native Theatre Group will be performing a play about raven legends, a biologist will be answering questions about the black creatures, and a number of other activities are planned for children.

Amazing Sundays, which end December 3 with a craft demonstration, ethnic foods, and a folk dancing extravaganza put on by the Yellowknife Multicultural Association, have been designed with the family in mind, but Yellowknifers of any age will find many of the activities enjoyable.

To kick off the French film festival at the Northern Heritage Centre, "La grenouille et la baleine," will be shown on October 15. Visitors will enjoy a taste of "francophonie" with a movie and a sampling of traditional Quebecois recipes.

October 22 is a "very scary" Sunday afternoon at the museum. The Yellowknife theatre group, Drama-R-Us, will put on a play and feature a make-up and costume workshop for the finishing touches to ghostly, ghastrly Hallowe'en costumes.

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Star gazers and sky enthusiasts will be exploring the Big Sky on November 19 through meteorology, astronomy, astrology and photography.

Other events planned for Amazing Sundays include films and videotapes of the Northwest Territories prepared by Yellowknife Films, a St. John's Survival Course, a recreation of Mackenzie and English Chief's journey down Deh Cho, and dance performances by Vicenta Sumcad-Bugg and Lynette Harper.

"We don't subscribe to the so-called winter blahs at the Northern Heritage Centre. We've had great feedback from families in the past, and this year we're hoping people in Yellowknife will again look forward to Amazing Sundays," says Chris Stephens, the Director of the Northern Heritage Centre.

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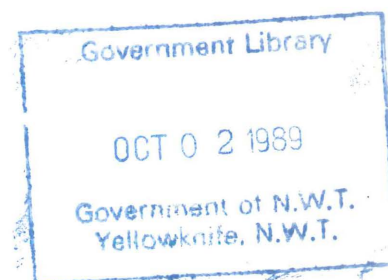
## **NWT, ALBERTA TO WORK TOGETHER TO PRESERVE HISTORIC RESOURCES**

YELLOWKNIFE (September 29, 1989) - The Government of the NWT and the Alberta Government today announced agreement on a memorandum of cooperation on historic resource preservation and development.

In Yellowknife yesterday, Doug Main, Alberta Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, also held discussions with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre regarding a Heritage Intern-Training Agreement. That agreement, to be ratified shortly, is part of Heritage Training, an initiative announced this week by NWT Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

The memorandum of cooperation allows for the sharing of information and the development of courses and workshops relevant to Northwest Territories concerns. The memorandum acknowledges a shared concern to improve the capability of NWT residents to protect, preserve and interpret their cultural and historic resources.

The Historic Intern Agreement with Alberta will involve a tripartite agreement between the two governments and the University of Calgary. Officials with the Northern Heritage Centre have worked with Alberta's Culture and Multiculturalism Department to develop a cooperative arrangement to allow 12 to 15 residents of the NWT to obtain training and hands-on experience in historical resource preservation.



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"Organizations and governments in southern Canada are eager to cooperate with our government in the area of heritage training and we welcome and appreciate their assistance," says Mr. Allooloo. "This comprehensive training will help upgrade the skills and knowledge of people currently working in the heritage field, encourage heritage awareness and create a pool of trained people for future jobs."

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## NWT TO HOLD FIRST-EVER COACHING CONFERENCE

YELLOWKNIFE (September 29, 1989) - Dr. Geoffrey R. Gowan, President of the Coaching Association of Canada, is one of five guest speakers scheduled to participate in the Northwest Territories' first coaching conference October 14 and 15.

Organized by the NWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, the conference will also feature guest speakers: Stan Fisher, sports coach, administrator and volunteer; Steven Peterson, technical coordinator for Shaklee Canada; Tom Silletta, Canadian Armed Forces ski coach and biathlon coordinator, and Lorne Koral, executive director of the Coaching Association of Manitoba.

The guest speakers will present seminars on the subjects of recruiting and training volunteer coaches, nutrition, muscle physiology and regeneration, and the direction of coaching in the future.

Also on the agenda is a workshop by Mr. Koral designed to provide northern coaches with direction and advice on the development of a coaching association for the Northwest Territories.

A highlight of the conference will be the presentation of medallions to the top male and female coaches from every sport in the Northwest Territories.

"This is our opportunity to recognize and honour the many volunteer coaches in the NWT for their dedication and devotion in working with the youth of the Northwest Territories," says Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray.

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About 50 coaches will be honoured during an awards banquet Saturday evening. A representative from 3M Canada, the major sponsor of the Year of the Coach, will help present the awards. The Government of the Northwest Territories will be represented by a member of the Executive Council.

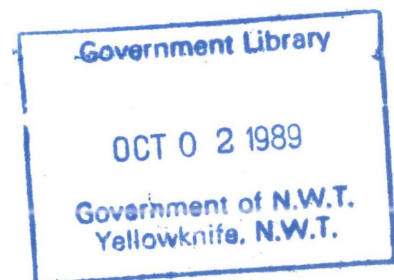
The banquet will also feature Dr. Gowan as the keynote speaker. Dr. Gowan has been involved with sport all his life as a competitor, teacher, coach, technical specialist, planner and administrator. He is a member of the Canadian Olympic Association Selection Review Committee, the Commission on Fair Play in Sport, and the Task Force on Sports Policy Post '88.

Dr. Gowan has also reported on track and field, rugby, football and soccer as a colour commentator for CBC since 1974. He has also been a member of the CBC team for the Olympic Games, the Commonwealth Games, World Cup track and field, World Cup Football and numerous other national and international events.

The awards banquet is open to the general public and tickets can be obtained by contacting the Sport and Recreation Division of Municipal and Community Affairs at 873-7757. Coaches interested in registering for the conference are also asked to contact Sport and Recreation.

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## COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT WEEK FOCUSES ON FUTURE

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 2, 1989)** - With 1990 less than three months away, Community Government Week '89 will focus on government in the next decade.

"Community Government - Future Makers" was chosen as the theme for this year's awareness campaign, says Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Gordon Wray.

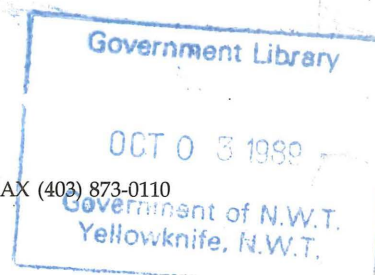
"Community governments have played an important role in the past and as they assume greater responsibilities in the coming years, their ability to determine and plan the future of their communities will be strengthened.

"This is an opportune time for all NWT residents to take a moment to consider past accomplishments and, more importantly, the direction community government will take in coming decades," Mr. Wray says.

Community Government Week '89 is scheduled for Monday, November 6 through Friday, November 10. It will offer a number of activities aimed at promoting an understanding and awareness of the role and importance of local government.

"The week is designed to promote an awareness among community residents on how they can participate in the management, administration and leadership of their community," adds Pat McMahon, President of the NWT Association of Municipalities and Mayor of the City of Yellowknife.

An "ideas kit" will be distributed by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to every community office and by the Department of Education to all schools in the Northwest Territories. The kit is full of



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suggestions on how community residents, including students, can participate in Community Government Week.

In addition, Mr. Wray will introduce an annual Community Government Award Contest. Other activities are also being planned by communities throughout the Northwest Territories. More details will be released as Community Government Week '89 draws closer.

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## INTERVENOR FUNDING AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (October 2, 1989) - A total of \$60,000 is being made available to help northerners with interventions into the proposed Alberta-Pacific pulp mill review, Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo announced today.

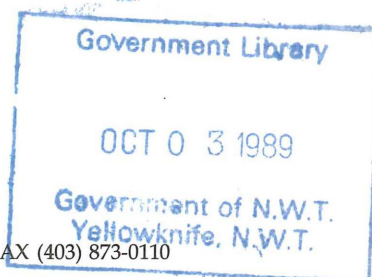
He said the Government of the Northwest Territories is providing \$40,000 and that the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has, so far, committed \$20,000.

To qualify for funding, individuals and groups must be able to show that they may be affected by the construction of the mill in some way. Money will be available for researching information which isn't already available, and to assist people who have to travel to Fort Smith to attend the hearings.

The date for a review panel hearing in Fort Smith is expected to be set within the next two months.

A full-scale federal/Alberta environmental review of the proposed mill project is now getting underway. The Government of the Northwest Territories is concerned about maintaining water quality in the north. Through discussions between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal and Alberta governments, it was agreed that it is necessary to examine downstream effects in the NWT, as well as cumulative effects of all the pulp mill developments in northern Alberta.

Mr. Allooloo said the territorial government also negotiated with the federal and Alberta governments to allow hearings to be held in the Northwest Territories and to appoint a northern representative to the review board.



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Applications should be sent in as soon as possible - preferably by mid-October, as hearings may start as soon as the end of October. Information on how to apply for intervenor funding can be obtained by calling the Department of Renewable Resources at (403) 920-8046. Collect calls will be accepted.

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## INTERVENOR FUNDING AVAILABLE

YELLOWKNIFE (October 3, 1989) - Eighty thousand dollars will be provided by the federal and territorial governments to Northerners to help them make interventions into the proposed Alberta-Pacific pulp mill project. The announcement was made today by the Honourable Pierre H. Cadieux, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Honourable Titus Allooloo, the territorial Minister of Renewable Resources.

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"Although the project is located in Alberta, the public hearings will now include the Northwest Territories and will provide an excellent opportunity for northern residents to express their concerns and participate in the environmental review process," Mr. Cadieux stated. "Because of the importance that northerners place on water quality and water resource use, it is essential that they are able to participate in the process," Mr. Cadieux added.

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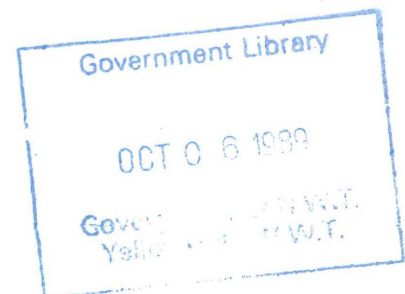
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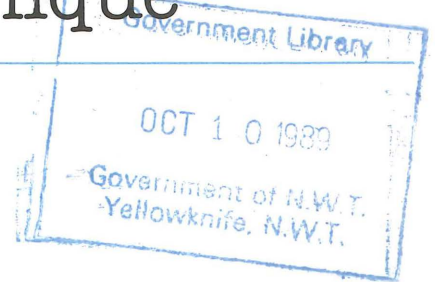
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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON FORT LIARD VISITORS' COMPLEX

YELLOWKNIFE (October 04, 1989) - Construction of a \$3.9-million visitors' complex in Fort Liard officially started last week with a sod-turning ceremony by Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray.

The Liard Valley Band Development Corporation's highway complex features a tourism information centre, a gas station, a 12-unit motel and a 48-seat restaurant. A craft store and convenience store will provide goods and services to tourists. When completed in January, the complex will employ some 23 local people.

"This event marks the birth of a dream - an integrated visitors' complex that the whole of the Northwest Territories will be proud of and that tourists will appreciate," said Mr. Wray. "It is evidence of the emergence of community development corporations as an economic force in the Northwest Territories."

"The Liard Valley Band Development Corporation is an example to all communities wishing to take more control of the economic opportunities within their community," Mr. Wray continued.

Financing for the project was provided through a \$1.837 million grant from the federal Department of Industry Science and Technology, to the Liard Valley Band Development Corporation. The territorial government contributed \$300,000 from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and \$250,000 from Government Services.

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Government Services' contribution was used to relocate the town's fuel tank farm, sold to the development corporation, to the site. "I am pleased that my department, through a co-operative effort with Economic Development and Tourism, was able to help the Liard Valley Band Development Corporation establish a viable business operation," said Government Services Minister Tom Butters.

During the ceremony, Mr. Wray read from a congratulatory telegram sent by Tom Hockin, federal Minister of Industry, Science and Technology. "The launching of this tourist facility is a considerable achievement which will, undoubtedly, have a significant, positive impact on the economic life of the residents of Fort Liard and the surrounding," Mr. Hockin wrote.

The facility will serve tourists who visit Blackstone Territorial Park and Nahanni National Park, which is a United Nations World Heritage Site. Visitors can reach Fort Liard by air or via the Liard Highway.

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## **MACA'S IGAL ROTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO YELLOWKNIFE MAN**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 5, 1989) - Stephen Van Dine is this year's recipient of the \$1,000 Igal Roth Memorial Community Planning Scholarship, Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray has announced.**

The scholarship recognizes Igal Roth's contribution to community planning in the Northwest Territories and is designed to assist individuals entering this field.

Van Dine, a graduate of Sir John Franklin Territorial High School, is entering his third year of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Urban and Regional Planning program at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

He spent the past two summers working for the Regional Land Use Planning Division of the Department of Renewable Resources, and is interested in policy development aspects of planning.

Igal Roth, 1944-1983, worked as a community planner with the Government of the Northwest Territories from 1978 to 1983. In 1980 he was appointed head of the Community Planning Section, a position he held until his death on February 6, 1983.

His unique contribution to planning in the north was the promotion of community-based planning. His methods furthered planning as a community learning experience in which council members and residents recounted their past, made decisions regarding community objectives, and then actively participated in the formation of their community plan.

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The Igal Roth Memorial Community Planning Scholarship is open to applicants who have resided in the NWT for the past two years, are attending an approved undergraduate planning program, and show proof of acceptance into the program prior to the commencement of classes.

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### **PATTERSON NEXT CHAIR OF NORTHERN STUDIES**

YELLOWKNIFE (October 5, 1989) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson will present a series of lectures on the political climate in the Northwest Territories as Trent University's Chair of Northern Studies for 1989-90.

During his visits to the university throughout the academic year, Mr. Patterson will deliver a public lecture series on The Arctic: Blizzards of Change in which he will lecture on: Northern Politics: A Consensus to Innovate; Northern Provinces: Do or Die; Some Common Sense About Aboriginal Rights; The Shrinking Circumpolar World; and Balancing the Northern Economy.

The Chair in Northern Studies at Trent University is supported by an endowment from the Secretary of State of Canada and is associated with Trent's Frost Centre for Canadian Heritage and Development Studies.

Previous Northern Chairs have included anthropologist Peter Schledermann, geographer Terence Armstrong, and former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Thomas Berger.

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## **GOVERNMENT HELPS RESIDENTS GET RID OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES**

YELLOWKNIFE - (October 06, 1989) - The Government of the Northwest Territories is helping Yellowknife residents remove and dispose of household hazardous wastes in an environmentally safe manner, announces Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo.

His department is working with the City of Yellowknife, Environment Canada and Ecology North to promote community programs for residents to dispose of items such as car batteries, drain cleaners, lighter fluid, turpentine, paints and thinners, cleaning agents, pesticides and antifreeze.

Residents are asked to bring these types of items to the City of Yellowknife garage on Taylor Road on October 14, which has been named City of Yellowknife Household Hazardous Waste Day.

"Household wastes which aren't properly disposed are potential environment and public health risks," says Mr. Allooloo. "By participating in Hazardous Waste Day all residents will be protecting the environment as well as reducing accidental poisoning and fires," he adds.

Many consumer products used in the home can be considered hazardous. Some products are poisonous, flammable, corrosive or reactive.



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Items brought to the garage will be collected and treated. Those that can't be treated in the Northwest Territories will be sent out for treatment and disposal.

In addition to dropping off household hazardous wastes, residents may also take part in a paint exchange. Residents can pick up, trade in or drop off paint.

Copies of the Household Hazardous Waste Fact Sheet or further information on Household Hazardous Waste Day can be obtained from the Pollution Control Division of the Department of Renewable Resources at (403) 873-7654, Environment Canada at (403) 873-3456 or the City of Yellowknife at (403) 920-5600.

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### **ARRIVAL OF OSCAR COINCIDES WITH LAUNCHING OF VIDEOS**

YELLOWKNIFE (October 06, 1989) - The National Film Board's latest Oscar will be at the Yellowknife Public Library next week, coinciding with the launching of NWT Public Library Services' 3,000-piece video collection, which includes 234 National Film Board (NFB) titles.

"All public libraries in the Northwest Territories will be receiving a collection of videos this fall, including those purchased by the Government of the Northwest Territories from the National Film Board of Canada," says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

"I'm pleased that the NFB, a public institution belonging to all Canadians, is stopping in the Northwest Territories as part of its cross-country promotional tour. Northerners from all parts of the territory will now have access to some of the most well-known and award-winning Canadian videos, including a number of productions about the North," says Mr. Allooloo.

The Oscar, which will be at the Yellowknife Public Library October 12 from noon to 6 p.m., was presented to the NFB earlier this year by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Los Angeles in recognition of the NFB's 50th anniversary and its dedicated commitment to artistic, creative and technological activity and excellence in every area of filmmaking. The NFB has received a total of nine Oscars plus nearly 3,000 international awards over the past five decades.





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Yellowknife residents will be given an opportunity to pose with the prestigious Oscar and receive a free colour photograph of the event.

Meanwhile libraries across the NWT will be receiving their video collections this fall. There are more than 600 titles in the entire collection, with additions made daily. Both BETA and VHS formats will be available for loan from community public libraries to library card holders, at no cost. Materials purchased include documentaries, instructional materials, northern materials, performing arts and feature films.

In addition to the National Film Board materials, native language material and a variety of other materials from other suppliers on Northern and native themes have also been purchased.

While all libraries will receive a basic collection, regional libraries in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet will have larger collections which will be circulated to the other libraries in the system twice a year. Western Arctic collections will be rotated from Library Services headquarters in Hay River.

"Although some of our communities are small, we want to see a constant influx of new materials into each collection," says Mr. Allooloo.

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## **ICE ROAD TO LINK FORT GOOD HOPE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 06, 1989) - Fort Good Hope residents will continue to enjoy the use of an ice road for a second consecutive winter.**

The Department of Transportation will spend \$175,000 to fund the construction and maintenance of the ice road, Transportation Minister Gordon Wray has announced. The 150-kilometre road links Fort Good Hope with its Mackenzie Valley neighbours to the south.

"The winter road allows the transportation of goods and materials into Fort Good Hope which would otherwise have to be transported by barge or aircraft at a higher cost," says Mr. Wray.

Construction of the ice road is expected to begin in December and the road should be open for travel by the end of the year, depending on weather conditions.

The Department of Transportation will hold a public tender on the southern section of the road, in line with the GWNT policy of privatization, and negotiate a contract with the operating arm of the Fort Good Hope Metis Development Corporation for the northern section. Having two contracts on this ice road will allow work to commence at both ends and should result in an earlier opening.

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## **SOVIET KNOW-HOW TO BE USED AT FORT PROVIDENCE ICE CROSSING**

YELLOWKNIFE (October 06, 1989) - Soviet know-how in ice road preparation is expected to enable the Department of Transportation to open the Mackenzie River ice crossing at Fort Providence at least a month early this winter.

"This is just one example of how knowledge gained from observing technical know-how in another circumpolar country during an exchange program can pay significant dividends to the Territories," says Transportation Minister Gordon Wray.

The use of ice-spray technology for the construction of ice crossings in the U.S.S.R., and drilling platforms in the far north, is a well-established practice which has proven an effective and economical means of quickly achieving the desired thickness of ice. This greatly extends the working seasons of the Soviet highway transportation industry, and frontier oil development in both the Canadian and American arctic.

The Department of Transportation will purchase ice spray equipment which is expected to allow the ice crossing to open earlier and result in government savings in annual operating costs, says Mr. Wray.

Operation costs to establish an ice bridge this year using spray technology are estimated at \$150,000. These costs, however, will be offset by the early removal of the Fort Providence ferry



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and the elimination of construction costs of about \$55,000 using the current ice flooding techniques. Early removal of the ferry will eliminate operating costs of \$5,000 per day under winter conditions.

The early opening of the ice bridge would also provide financial benefits for residents of communities served by the ferry crossing on Highway 3, Mr. Wray says. The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, for example, estimates that the annual closing of the crossing, when neither the ferry nor ice road are operational, costs the City of Yellowknife about \$250,000 per week. Other communities and the entire region would enjoy proportional savings.

The Soviet approach was used in a small-scale test on the Fort Providence ice crossing last winter. Dr. Larry Gerard of the University of Alberta, a leading expert in the field of ice strength and mechanics, took measurements at the test site.

Tests results showed that under normal winter conditions, the use of the spray technology would allow the Department of Transportation to have the ice crossing at Fort Providence open to full legal loads at least one month earlier each year than the normal date at the end of January.

Test results also showed a reduced need for crews and machinery to work on a minimally-acceptable thickness of ice in the initial stages of preparing the crossing for opening to the public.

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## NEW COMMISSIONER SWORN IN

YELLOWKNIFE (October 6, 1989) - Mr. Daniel L. Norris was sworn in as the 11th Commissioner of the Northwest Territories October 2, at a ceremony at the Legislative Assembly, in Yellowknife.

"We in the North have so much to be proud of and to share with other Canadians," said Mr. Norris. "The Northwest Territories really is unique in the Canadian mosaic and as a representative of all northerners, I pledge to do my best to be a fine ambassador of the wonderful mixture of cultures and heritage that we all share."

Mr. Norris was sworn in by Henri Chassé, Assistant Clerk of the Privy Council. Mr. Chassé administered the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office.

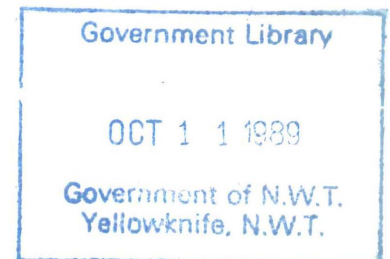
After the oaths were sworn, Government Leader Dennis Patterson spoke on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories saying, "We are extremely proud of the appointment of an aboriginal person born in the Territories for this significant office".

Mr. Norris brings over 27 years of professional experience in the Northwest Territories to his new duties. He has been Regional Director of the Inuvik Region with the Government of the Northwest Territories, and Chairman of the Inuvik Regional Health Board.

Approximately 350 people attended the ceremony, and later congratulated the Commissioner, at a coffee service in the foyer of the assembly. Mr. Norris was accompanied at the event by his wife Margaret, son Daniel, and daughters Holly and Meghan.

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## **ARCTIC PLEI, ARVIAT EDUCATION COUNCIL AMONG RECIPIENTS OF WOMEN'S INITIATIVE GRANTS**

YELLOWKNIFE (October 11, 1989) - Arctic PLEI and the Arviat Community Education Council are among this year's recipients of grants from the NWT Women's Secretariat.

The Women's Initiatives Grant Program offers a total of \$50,000 in support of activities which improve the status of women and foster public awareness of issues of concern to women, says Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

So far this fiscal year, four groups have received a total of about \$20,000 from the Women's Initiatives Grant Program. The Yellowknife YWCA, and the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women have received funding along with the Arviat Community Education Council and the Arctic Public Legal Education and Information Society (PLEI).

The Arviat Community Education Council received \$5,072.00 for its evening upgrading for women program. This innovative program combines academic upgrading for adults in the evening with a forum for women to discuss issues of concern to them.

During the weekly discussion forum, the women will discuss issues raised by guest speakers from within the community and by video and printed materials. They're also encouraged to formulate their own views and consider possible solutions to local problems. Issues scheduled to be discussed this term include family violence, women and health, women in the workplace, women and the home, adoption and birthing, the role of the Inuit Women's Association, welfare, nutrition and home management, and parenting.

Arctic PLEI received \$5,000 for its Oral Culture Family Violence Theatre Project. Together with the Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland (PLIAN), Arctic PLEI intends to use

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theatre to assist native communities in the NWT and Newfoundland combat all forms of family violence.

The project consists of a manual to be used by community groups in producing theatre scripts which deal with family violence issues. It will also include materials on counselling to help performers with discussions with the audience following a performance. It's expected the theatre productions will act as a catalyst, motivating community action on family violence issues.

The Women's Secretariat has also provided \$8,000 to the local organizing committee of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAOW) for a national conference entitled "Creating Connections" to be held in Yellowknife on November 9-12.

More than 250 women from the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Northern Quebec, Labrador and southern Canada are expected to gather in Yellowknife to share research, information, skills and ideas on issues of concern to northern women. The conference is also intended to foster connections between native and non-native women, and between women from northern and southern Canada.

The \$8,000 will be used to cover travel and related costs for women from across the NWT to attend the conference as delegates and presenters.

The Yellowknife YWCA received \$2,684 to send four delegates to a conference in Vancouver last May entitled "People, Power and Participation." The conference provided the YWCA, an organization with special focus on women's needs and interests, with skills to more effectively deliver educational and community development programs in the North.

The Women's Secretariat still has about \$30,000 remaining in the Women's Initiatives Grant Program for this fiscal year. Any group interested in applying for funding is asked to contact Acting Secretary Kate Irving by phoning (403) 920-8775 or writing the Women's Secretariat, Government of the Northwest Territories, P.O. Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2L9.

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## KUPEUNA, ENUARAQ RECEIVE MACA INTERNSHIPS

YELLOWKNIFE (October 12, 1989) - Students from Clyde River and Yellowknife are this year's recipients of Department of Municipal and Community Affairs' Community Planning Internships.

Susan Enuaraq of Clyde River and Pamela Kupeuna of Yellowknife will each receive \$5,000 to further their post-secondary studies in planning, says Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray.

Kupeuna is in her fourth year at the University of Waterloo School of Urban and Regional Planning. A two-time recipient of a Community Planning Internship, Kupeuna has spent the past four summers working for Municipal and Community Affairs.

While employed with Municipal and Community Affairs this past summer, Kupeuna was involved with the preparation of a community plan for the Hamlet of Holman. Her long-term goal is to join the department.

Enuaraq is in her first year at the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute School of Urban and Regional Planning. She assisted the Community Planning Division this summer with the translation and recording of an Inuktitut version of the division's video presentation "What is Community Planning?" and with a land-use inventory of her home community of Clyde River. A graduate of the Pearson College of the Pacific, Enuaraq is interested in pursuing a career in law.

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To be eligible for a Community Planning Internship a student must be an Affirmative Action candidate, attend an approved undergraduate program, and have worked for Municipal and Community Affairs for at least one summer.

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## **REGIONAL MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR HIRED**

FORT SMITH (October 12, 1989)- Rosa Van Camp has been appointed Management Development Program Co-ordinator under a new initiative being undertaken co-operatively by the Fort Smith Region and the Department of Education.

The program is designed to attract and provide individualized training to five native candidates for senior management in the Region in a program similar to the Management Development Program which has run successfully in the Baffin for a number of years.

Training programs will be individually tailored following intensive assessments and will include substantial on-the-job training and selected institutional education as required.

A secondary focus of the program will be the support of senior management and specialist training for teams located in Fort Smith, Fort Simpson and Rae Edzo - an area identified for years by managers as a priority.

Originally from Rae, Mrs. Van Camp graduated from high school in Fort Smith, while attending Grandin College and later completed the Teacher Education Program where she received the John Deagle Memorial Award as "Outstanding Student with Highest Aggregate Marks in the Final Year". She is presently completing a Bachelors degree in Education at the University of Calgary. She is scheduled to begin her new job by December 19.

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Before returning to university, Mrs. Van Camp was Co-ordinator of Employment Development Programs (Education) in the Region. In this role, the development and support of training programs was a central feature. Before joining the GNWT, she had worked at the Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre in Fort Smith as Community Educator in the Drug and Alcohol Program and as Program Co-ordinator for the Centre's many educational programs.

Further information about the Management Development Program will be available soon. The first competition, for a Superintendent of Personnel Trainee for Fort Smith, will be advertised within the next few weeks. Four more openings will be advertised in early 1990.

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## MINISTERS STUDY IMPACT OF GST ON TRANSPORTATION

YELLOWKNIFE (October 12, 1989) - NWT Transportation Minister Gordon Wray and his provincial and territorial counterparts are investigating the impact of the federal government's proposed Goods and Services Tax on transportation.

The ministers are to prepare reports by February of 1990 on the potential effects of the tax on their particular province or territory. Federal Minister of Transport Benoit Bouchard was asked to prepare a similar report at the national level.

Mr. Wray put forward the motion during a recent conference of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highway Safety in Calgary, Alberta.

The Interprovincial Record Exchange (IRE), a computerized system which can transmit driver and vehicle information from any province to another in seconds, was also inaugurated during the conference, says Mr. Wray.

The first network of its kind in the world, the IRE enables motor vehicle administrators to inquire on an individual driver's licence and vehicle registration in another jurisdiction. For example, a former Manitoba resident applying for a driver's licence or vehicle registration in the NWT will have his Manitoba record verified instantaneously through on-screen display in the NWT licensing office.

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The record exchange ushers in a new era in the field of transportation and highway safety as manual exchange of information could not keep up with registration of stolen vehicle, driver suspensions and other information required, adds Mr. Wray.

A decision was made to proceed with the Canadian Driver Licence Compact which will allow for the exchange of driver record information between jurisdictions. This will allow each jurisdiction to apply penalties for violations committed outside the home province or territory. A formal agreement is scheduled to be signed in 1990.

The ministers approved programs aimed at increasing seatbelt usage across the country from 75 per cent to 95 per cent by 1995, and to reduce the number of fatalities involving impaired drivers by 20 per cent during the next five years. A report from the Canada Council of Motor Transport Administrators identified seatbelt usage and counter measures against impaired driving as the top highway safety priorities in Canada.

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## JUDGE BRUSER STATIONED IN INUVIK

YELLOWKNIFE (October 13, 1989) - Recently-appointed Judge Brian A. Bruser will be stationed in Inuvik on a full-time basis, Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne announced today.

An increasing caseload in the Delta and Sahtu regions make it more efficient and cost effective to place a judge in Inuvik. Previous to his retirement, former Chief Judge James Slaven worked part-time in the community.

Court circuit will be conducted by the judge and his staff in the surrounding area. Plans to establish a full-service territorial court in Inuvik are underway.

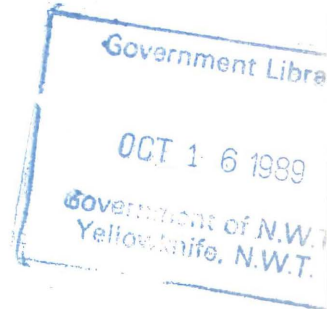
Judge Beverley A. Browne, also recently appointed to the Territorial Court, will move to Iqaluit in the new year, and conduct court circuits in the Baffin. She will sit as Deputy Judge in the interim.

"Judge Browne and Judge Bruser have the sensitivity and ability to meet their new challenges," said Mr. Ballantyne. "I am confident that these regions of the NWT will be well served by the new judges."

Chief Judge Robert Halifax will continue to live and conduct court in Hay River. He will also spend time in Yellowknife carrying out administrative responsibilities and overseeing the Justice of the Peace Program.

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## LAKE NAMED AFTER MAX WARD

**YELLOWKNIFE** - (October 13, 1989) - A lake 340 kilometres north of Yellowknife has been named Max Ward Lake, in recognition of the pilot's significant contribution to the development of air transportation in the Northwest Territories, Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo has announced.

The 12-square-kilometre lake is in the Redrock Lake area, seven kilometres north of Point Lake. It is located near Mr. Ward's lodge. Research conducted by the territorial toponymist indicates the lake is not on a route traditionally used by native people in the area. It has no local name, and residents close to the lake do not object to the new name.

The tradition of naming geographical features for aviators was established for this area of the NWT with the naming of features for Wop May and Matt Berry in 1939, Leigh Brintnell in 1945, and Ernie Boffa in 1958.

"Max Ward is the founder of Wardair Canada Ltd. and he is no stranger to the North. He has made a significant contribution to the development of air transportation in the NWT and to air transportation involved with the geologic exploration of the Point Lake/Contwoyto Lake area," says Mr. Allooloo.

The proposal to name a geographic feature after Mr. Ward was presented to the Government of the Northwest Territories by former Commissioner John Parker.

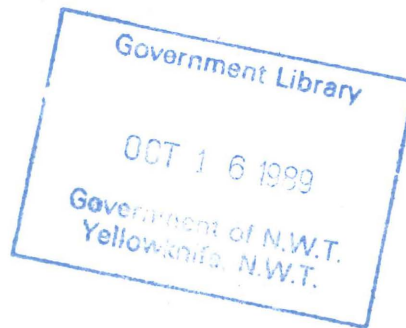


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The Secretariat of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names is being informed of the Executive Council's decision to name the lake after Mr. Ward and will include the new name on future federally produced maps.

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## GNWT TRAINING FIREARM SAFETY INSTRUCTORS

YELLOWKNIFE (October 16, 1989) - This fall the Government of the Northwest Territories will be training staff to be firearm safety instructors, Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo has announced.

"We are developing a pool of qualified people to help meet the demand for instructors and training in firearm safety," Mr. Allooloo says.

Twelve Renewable Resources officers from across the Northwest Territories attended a firearm safety instructor's course in Yellowknife in September. Their graduation marked the first step towards developing and standardizing a certification program for firearm instructors in the Northwest Territories. The officers will be teaching firearm safety courses in their regions.

In addition to this course, a new Firearm Instructor's Manual has been developed and a firearm safety advertising campaign has begun.

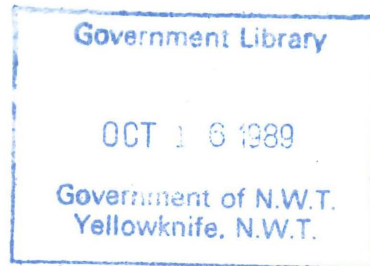
"Through this training program and advertising campaign we hope to maintain and increase public awareness about firearm safety and hopefully reduce the number of firearm-related injuries and deaths that occur every year in the NWT," Mr. Allooloo says.

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The Department of Renewable Resources will decide the date and content for the next instructor's course following a review and evaluation of the September course.

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## RENEWABLE RESOURCES VIDEO WINS TOP HONOUR

YELLOWKNIFE (October 17, 1989) - A land use planning video produced by the GNWT Department of Renewable Resources has won the Canadian Institute of Planners' top honour - the Award of Planning Excellence.

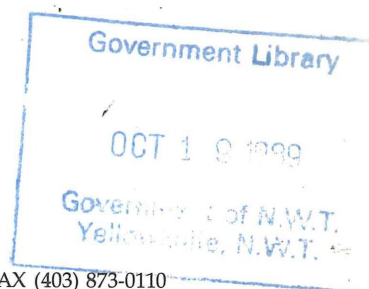
The annual award is presented in recognition of the efforts made by members of the planning profession as they help shape the communities, lands and waters of Canada.

The award, one of the most prestigious planning awards in Canada, will be presented to Tim Beaulieu of the Regional Land Use Planning Division, Department of Renewable Resources, on October 17 in Yellowknife by Paul Meyette, President of the Alberta Association, Canadian Institute of Planners.

The winning production, chosen from 21 submissions from across Canada, uses a series of visual images familiar to northerners, still shots and graphics with voice-over in English and aboriginal languages. The video is being used by planning commissions in the Northwest Territories to introduce the concept of land use planning to communities.

"It's encouraging to see that the land use planning work we're doing here in the Northwest Territories is recognized as innovative by planning professionals from across the country," says Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo.

The Canadian Institute of Planners represents more than 3,000 professional planners in public and private practice in disciplines such as land use, economic, social and environmental planning and community development.



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The jury of planning professionals which selected the NWT production for the Institute's top prize felt that the work deserved national recognition for the following reasons: it responded to the need for public involvement; it was an innovative way to help the public understand that they could participate in shaping their communities; it took account of the cultural and linguistic realities of the North; it could be shown and reproduced easily, because it is in VHS format; and, it was a method which could be used elsewhere in Canada, particularly in cross-cultural situations.

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## CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS CONSUMER ADVOCACY

YELLOWKNIFE (October 17, 1989) - The Northwest Territories Branch of the Consumers Association of Canada received \$10,000 in funding today from Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi.

The funding will be used to hold workshops in Inuvik, Fort Smith and Rankin Inlet, and to provide follow-up on a workshop held last year in Iqaluit. The workshops cover such topics as credit card management, telephone and mail order sales, how to make consumer complaints, and purchasing goods and services.

"This support will be used to help reach goals shared by the Consumer Affairs section of my department and the Consumers Association," said Mr. Kakfwi. "Both of our organizations exist to promote consumer awareness across the Northwest Territories, provide information and advice to consumers, and protect residents against frauds."

The Consumers Association has been active in the Northwest Territories since the mid 1970s. It organizes activities for an annual Consumer Week, and has also held workshops in Rae, Dettah and Yellowknife.

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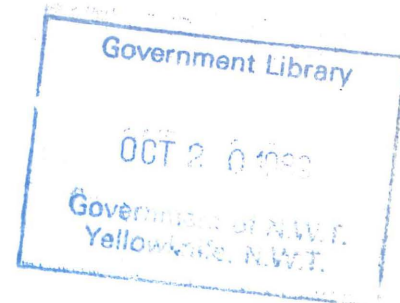


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### **Denendeh Planning Commission Trains**

(Yellowknife) The Denendeh Regional Land Use Planning Commission held its third meeting on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of October in Fort Providence. Commission members attended principally to receive training on the planning process, and to conduct a short business session.

David McCann of Yellowknife, the Commission Chairperson said: "The Commission examined the planning process in great detail over the two day training session. Planning simulation exercises prepared by the staff were extremely valuable in helping Commissioners to focus on the likely process elements that they will face over the three year mandate of the Commission in Denendeh"

McCann continued: "We also had an opportunity for useful informal discussion with Fort Providence community leaders; including the Band Council Chief, Joachim Bonnetrouge, and the Mayor, Francis Jenkins."

The third day of the session was devoted to the organization of consultation with the communities of Denendeh and other management issues. One of the first steps in elaborating a plan will be community visits to explain the purpose and intent of the planning exercise, and to gather input into the process.

Commissioners in attendance at the Fort Providence meeting were : Jim Villeneuve of Fort Simpson, Greg Haist of Hay River, Joe Migwi of Fort Rae, Louise Nielsen of Yellowknife, and Keith Barber of Calgary.

**The Denendeh Regional Land Use Planning Commission is funded jointly through the Federal and Territorial governments, and the Dene/Metis Negotiation Secretariat.**

**The Commission's next meeting will be in Yellowknife on the 13th and 14th of December.**

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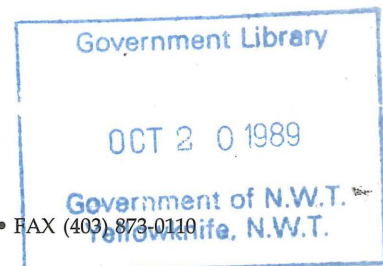
## GNWT ENCOURAGED BY NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD'S GAS EXPORT DECISION

NORMAN WELLS (October 19, 1989) - The National Energy Board decision on export of Mackenzie-Delta natural gas "offers potential opportunities but also presents challenges," Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea told the Legislature today.

Earlier in the day, the board had announced approval of conditional licences to Esso, Gulf and Shell for the export of Mackenzie-Delta natural gas. Conditions established by the Board include:

- The companies will be required to advise Canadian buyers who have declared an interest in buying gas from the Mackenzie Delta region of the quantities available for sale from time to time.
- The companies will be required to file executed export contracts with the Board for approval. They will also be required to advise all interested parties of the filing of these contracts and allow them time to register complaints if they have not had the opportunity to purchase gas on terms and conditions similar to those in the export proposal.
- Gas exported under the licenses is to be produced in the Mackenzie Delta Region.

The board also noted it was not convinced that approval of the licences would prejudice the settlement of the Dene/Metis land claim. Approval of the export licences, it stated, does not mean that consideration of a facilities application would necessarily follow shortly.



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Ms. Cournoyea noted that no actual development will result from the decision and that the construction of production plant and pipeline facilities is at least several years away. She added, however, that northerners need to begin planning to take full advantage of the opportunities which controlled development could bring once the producers decide to proceed with the project.

"It is up to all of us in the north to meet those challenges head on," she said, adding that Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and other territorial government departments will begin the necessary pre-planning work with communities, industry and federal government agencies in the coming months.

The Government of the Northwest Territories' support for the board's decision rests on the premise that natural gas development will result in energy and economic development benefits for NWT communities, northern equity involvement, and resource revenues and fiscal benefits from the production and sale of natural gas to southern consumers.

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## **FORT FRANKLIN EXHIBIT PRESENTED TO ?EHTSEO AYAH SCHOOL**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 20, 1989) - An exhibit telling the story of the early years of Fort Franklin, based on excavations in the summer of 1987, will be formally presented to the ?Ehtseo Ayah School October 22 by Culture and Communications Minister Titus Alloofoo.**

The artifacts in the exhibit come from a site on the western end of Great Bear Lake which has been occupied by various groups over the years, including prehistoric and early Dene people and members of the Northwest Company and Franklin expedition.

In the winters of 1825 and 1826 members of Sir John Franklin's second overland expedition to the Arctic Ocean used the site for their quarters. An archaeologist from the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and excavation crew members from Fort Franklin, Fort Norman and Willowlake River found several features of an historic log structure still intact, such as wooden floors, lower wall logs, a trapdoor, and a pit.

After Franklin's expedition left the fort, Dene reused some of the pieces of metal and logs for their own lodges. Stone tools are the earliest evidence of people living at the site of Fort Franklin.

The exhibit also features copies of watercolor paintings done by one of the expedition members, a copy of Sir John Franklin's map and other photographs and sketches from the site.

"The exhibit has been prepared so that all members of the community of Fort Franklin, and especially the school children, can learn about the early story of the community - why the fort was built and the way Dene lived at that time," says Mr. Alloofoo.

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"The project is an example of the Northern Heritage Centre's commitment to involving northerners in heritage research."

A plaque featuring artwork by Fort Franklin resident Dennis Kenny will be presented to the community commemorating Deline, the Dene name for the site.

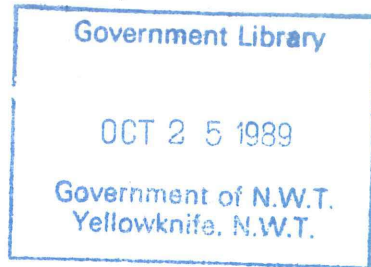
The original site will also receive a territorial historic plaque, the fourth such site in the NWT to officially receive historic site recognition and designation.

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## MACA HONOURS COMMUNITY GOVERNMENTS

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 24, 1989) - The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is introducing a new award to honour outstanding efforts by community governments.**

"Community governments do not receive much thanks for the tremendous amount of work they do on behalf of the residents of their communities," says Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray. "The Community Government Award will recognize efforts by councils to enrich the lives of the residents of their communities."

Mr. Wray adds, however, that the award is not so much a contest to determine the "best" council, but an opportunity to review all of the positive efforts made by councils with a specific acknowledgement for outstanding initiatives.

Each community government in the NWT has been invited to describe a single effort by its council which has made a positive contribution to its residents' quality of life. This could include anything from improving basic water and sanitation services to assisting with the establishment of a day-care centre or undertaking an employment project.

Community Government Awards will be presented to local governments which have made their communities better places to live. One award will go to a community with a population of less than 2,000 and one to a community with a population over 2,000.

An independent committee will review the entries following the deadline for submissions on October 31. The winners will receive \$500 and an engraved plaque.

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The awards will be announced during Community Government Week '89, November 6-10.

This is the third year Community Government Week has been held in the NWT. The campaign is designed to promote an understanding and awareness of the role and importance of local government. The theme for Community Government Week this year is "Community Government - Future Makers."

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## **GST MEANS NORTHERN RESIDENTS WILL PAY MORE**

**YELLOWKNIFE (October 24, 1989) - Finance Minister Michael Ballantyne says northern residents will end up paying more Goods and Services Tax than their southern counterparts.**

He said the existing manufacturer's sales tax, scheduled to be replaced by the GST in January of 1991, is "more equitable" in high-cost regions like the Northwest Territories because it is applied at the manufacturer or wholesaler level. As a result, NWT residents pay an amount that is similar to people living in more southerly locations. "Introduction of a GST in its current form, however, will mean that northerners will pay more tax on almost all purchases. They will pay much more in total than residents of southern Canada purchasing a similar basket of goods and services."

Mr. Ballantyne outlined his concerns in a written brief to the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Finance, currently travelling the country to hear representations on the GST. The committee is scheduled to hold a meeting in Yellowknife, Thursday.

His brief recommends a number of measures that would ease the burden of a GST in the Northwest Territories should it be introduced in its current form. They include:

- Adjusting eligibility criteria so that NWT residents with incomes of up to \$37,200 receive full benefit of the planned sales tax credit and that other federal income credits and special taxation of family allowance and old age security should be based on taxable rather than net income.
- That administration fees available to small businesses in the NWT be indexed to reflect higher costs in the north.

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- That the rate for tax credits to municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals in the NWT should reflect northern costs, in order to ensure that northern institutions do not pay additional tax.
- That the current \$5,400 deduction available to northern residents be increased to offset both higher costs since 1986 and the increased costs to northern residents that will result from a GST.
- That measures be taken to compensate northern residents for the increased cost of utilities that will be triggered by the proposed tax. The compensation could be offered through a tax reduction, similar to the tax reduction on new housing or by a rebate program for northern homeowners.
- That measures be taken to offset the effect of a GST on airfares and the cost of transporting necessities to the north.

The 19-page submission notes that prices for goods and services, excluding shelter, were on average 44 per cent higher in the Northwest Territories than in southern Canada. It estimates that northerners will pay over 40 per cent more in tax than southern Canadians if price differences of this magnitude still exist when the GST is introduced. The proposed 9 per cent goods and services tax would be applied to the retail price of almost every good and service that can be bought, except basic groceries and prescription drugs.

Mr. Ballantyne said the effect of the GST will be a "particular burden" on lower income residents of the NWT regardless of Ottawa's plans to soften the impact through introduction of a tax credit.

He said prices in some isolated areas of the Northwest Territories already average as much as 100 per cent more than in the south. The higher costs mean an employee has to earn 50 per cent more on average to maintain a purchasing power that is similar to an employee in a more populated area of the south.

"An employee in the NWT earning \$30,000 might have the purchasing power of an individual earning \$20,000 in the south. The southern resident will receive the full benefit of a tax credit, but the northern resident won't because the credit will be phased out for families earning over \$24,800 annually."

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As a result, the paper argues, the sales tax credit should be set so that northern consumers receive the same real benefit as southern Canadians. This would mean that the point at which the benefits are reduced should be increased to \$37,200 in the north.

In addition, Ballantyne says, an adjustment should be made to the current income tax deduction of \$5,400, introduced in 1986, to partially compensate for higher costs of living in the north.

The deduction, from net income, has not been increased since it was formulated in 1983 and no longer reflects higher income taxes paid by NWT residents. It should be increased to \$7,200 per year to reflect higher costs, the paper states.

The impact of the GST on business and industry in the north is also of serious concern, the paper states.

Private sector service industries such as tourism and retail trade have developed and matured over the past several years and that is something we want to ensure continues, Ballantyne states.

"Most of them are infant industries and their success requires a certain sensitivity from policy makers. Because our economy is in a state of development and because our non-renewable resource industry is so fragile, the negative impact on our industries is a cause for significant concern."

In the area of tourism, one of the NWT's most promising industries, the paper states that levying a GST as a percentage of price will discourage visitors from coming north.

"For several important reasons, the tourism opportunities offered in the NWT are generally higher cost and the higher end cost created by the GST will tend to result in fewer visitors to Canada's north and fewer jobs for our residents."

Mr. Ballantyne adds that the administration costs associated with the GST will also hurt business in the north. At the moment, northern business is not required to collect and remit a retail sales tax and the majority do not collect and remit the manufacturers sales tax.

"Consequently, in terms of compliance with the GST, virtually every business in the north will have to start from scratch. The costs will be high."

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Meanwhile, the territorial government is currently negotiating a new formula financing agreement with the federal government and is facing the prospect of a substantially reduced budget for 1990-91. "Coupled with the introduction of the GST, the combined effect could be extremely severe to the Territorial economy," Mr. Ballantyne said.

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## KIGGAVIK INTERVENOR FUNDING INCREASED

YELLOWKNIFE (October 26)- An additional \$62,500 will be provided to northern residents to participate in an environmental review of the proposed Kiggavik uranium mine project near Baker Lake.

The announcement was made today by Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Pierre Cadieux and NWT Government Leader Dennis Patterson.

A total of \$200,000 was originally provided based on a Memorandum of Understanding signed in December of 1988 by the two governments and the Federal Environment Assessment Review Office.

The federal government is increasing its funding by \$42,500 and the territorial government is adding another \$20,000.

The increase is in response to requests from the public and the chairman of the intervenor funding administration committee for additional assistance because of the high level of concern regarding the proposed uranium mine.

With the additional money, a total of \$187,500 is now available to assist local organizations in the current phase of the environmental review.

The distribution of funds will be decided by the funding committee following receipt of intervenor requests, which were to be submitted prior to October 20, 1989.

Panel hearings are scheduled to begin in the spring of 1990. These hearings are to publicly review and assess the environmental and socio-economic effects of the project, including issues relating to community health, worker safety and regulatory procedures.

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Mr. Cadieux and Mr. Patterson agree that the additional funds will help ensure that the concerns and issues of northerners are fully presented to the panel for their consideration.

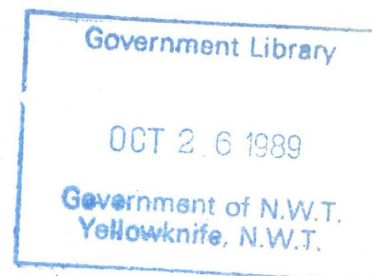
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## MINISTERS AGREE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

NORMAN WELLS (October 25) - Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo said today that he will be working with Federal Environment Minister Lucien Bouchard to develop a joint action plan for protection of the environment in the Northwest Territories.

He said a working group made up of federal environment officials and members of his department will meet to develop a strategy scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The strategy will review what joint action must be taken for protection of the northern environment and will establish a plan to develop the appropriate measures necessary to implement this strategy.

Mr. Allooloo met with the federal minister in Ottawa Tuesday. The ministers agreed to meet again in order to finalize the joint strategy.

The need for a combined territorial/federal effort became increasingly clear during a review of existing NWT environmental legislation. The administrative and financial resources needed to enforce Territorial legislation in an area that is one-third the size of Canada are beyond the reach of the territorial government.

"What we have agreed to do is to come up with a strategy that would combine our resources," Mr. Allooloo told the Legislature during its fall session.

After that process has been completed, he will be amending NWT legislation in a manner that more properly reflects federal and territorial responsibilities in the Northwest Territories.

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Mr. Alloo said that currently a number of departments have environmental responsibilities in the NWT. They include his department and Environment Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Both Environment Canada Minister Bouchard and Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Pierre Cadieux have spoken recently about their concerns for protecting the northern environment.

Mr. Alloo said he is optimistic these concerns will translate into a plan that will provide the NWT with the type of environmental protection it needs in order to ensure the land, water and air is preserved for future generations.

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## COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE TEACHING ISSUES

YELLOWKNIFE (October 27) - A committee has been formed to address a number of teaching issues in the NWT, including the high turnover rate among teachers, Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

The NWT Steering Committee on Teacher Education will make recommendations to the minister on how to increase the effectiveness of teachers, how to attract teachers to the North, how to encourage valued teachers to continue and how to increase the number of northern and native teachers in NWT schools. It is expected to make its first recommendations to the Minister by the spring of 1990.

"There is a growing shortage of teachers throughout Canada, and this will affect our ability to attract educators to the Northwest Territories, particularly the more isolated communities," Mr. Kakfwi says. "The high turnover rate contributes to instability in schools and a lack of continuity in children's education."

Twenty-six percent of teachers in the Northwest Territories did not return in the 1989/90 school year. Teacher turnover in about half the communities outside the larger centres is 33 per cent or greater, and one quarter of these communities have a turnover rate of 50 per cent or greater.

"The low numbers of northern teachers and their training has always been an issue. Recognizing the rate that teachers leave our schools and the growing shortage of teachers in Canada, I am taking action before the situation becomes critical," the minister says.

Reviews of the Western and Eastern Arctic Teacher Education Programs were recently conducted to determine how to attract northern natives into teaching. The review of the western program

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has resulted in the course being taught in two streams -- as a field-based program and as a program based at Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith. It is now being offered to unilingual English-speaking native northerners, as well as those who are bilingual. The eastern program has been adjusted to improve program-community communications and to increase the number of field-based courses.

A subcommittee met in September to discuss options for the development of a teacher education program to complement the one currently offered in the Western Arctic. This program will take a different approach, preparing teachers to meet the unique social and cultural needs of NWT communities. It is expected to be introduced as a pilot program in September, 1990.

The NWT Steering Committee on Teacher Education includes representatives of the Western Arctic Aboriginal Educators Association, the Inuit Specialist Council, the Department of Education, Arctic College and the NWT Trustees' Association.

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## **PATTERSON ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS ON MEECH LAKE ACCORD**

NORMAN WELLS (October 27) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson says he is encouraged with changes to the Meech Lake Accord proposed in reports prepared by committees of the Manitoba and New Brunswick legislatures.

"While the NWT is not likely to get all the changes it seeks, the recommendations, if accepted by Canada and the other provinces, will certainly bring us much closer to our goals," Mr. Patterson said today.

They will "hopefully" lead to a further round of discussions at the First Ministers' Conference in November that will result in a compromise that all Canadians can accept, he said.

Mr. Patterson said both provincial documents could be improved upon, from a territorial perspective, but that he is encouraged that the hard work of Minister of Justice Michael Ballantyne, his staff and the NWT Legislature is starting to pay off.

The Territorial Government's main objections to the Accord centre on provincial involvement in the creation of new provinces and the possibility of provinces extending their boundaries into the north without consent of the NWT Legislature. As well, it does not include provisions for the NWT to recommend appointments to the Senate and to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Accord, as it now stands, would change existing constitutional provisions regarding creation of new provinces. It would require unanimous consent of all provinces in order for the NWT and Yukon to achieve provincial status. It also allows for the possibility of extending provincial boundaries into the territories without the consent of the NWT Legislative Assembly.

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The existing amending formula requires seven provinces, representing 50 per cent of the population, together with the Senate and House of Commons to approve any changes to the Canadian Constitution that may be required to create a new province.

The Manitoba report recommends keeping that formula. In addition it states the same formula should be used to decide the extension of provincial boundaries.

New Brunswick, however, called for a mechanism to allow the territories to be consulted in the creation of new provinces and rejected the unanimity formula for creating provinces. Neither report suggested that there be a procedure for consulting the NWT in the event that provincial boundaries are extended.

Mr. Patterson, noting his government feels the existing amending formula is too restrictive on the matter of creating new provinces and boundary extensions, said the recommendations are a "step in the right direction" and that he will continue to seek improvements.

On the other hand, recommendations in the Manitoba report relating to the nomination of persons to the Supreme Court of Canada address territorial concerns about being blocked out of such a process. The report also indicates support for the NWT in the area of making nominations to the Senate.

Of particular interest to the NWT, Mr. Patterson said, is the Manitoba recommendation that the Accord's "Distinct Society" clause should be expanded to recognize that aboriginal people are a distinct and fundamental characteristic of Canada.

"In this respect ... I am particularly pleased to see that Manitoba is reflecting our belief that aboriginal rights be added to the list of matters for discussion at First Ministers' Conferences on Constitutional Reform."

He said that a notable part of the Manitoba recommendation is that such discussions would not be limited to one or two conferences, but would remain on the agenda until the concerns of aboriginal people were resolved.

Mr. Patterson, currently discussing NWT involvement at First Ministers' Conferences with Prime Minister Mulroney, said he welcomes Manitoba's recommendation that elected representatives of the NWT and Yukon governments participate in constitutional talks when they deal with matters directly affecting both territories.



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"Unfortunately, however, the recommendation does not cover conferences on the economy and other matters which would be required under the constitution if the Meech Lake Accord is ratified," he said.

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## GNWT RESPONDS TO FOOTHILLS FILING

YELLOWKNIFE (October 30) - The Government of the Northwest Territories supports the development and export of Beaufort Sea- Mackenzie Delta natural gas, but only under certain conditions, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Minister Nellie Cournoyea said today after a Calgary company announced it had filed a pipeline application with the National Energy Board.

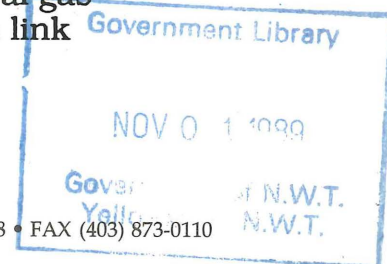
Foothills Pipelines of Calgary wants to construct a 34-inch (86.4-centimetre) pipeline to transport natural gas from the Mackenzie Delta 793 miles (1,276 kilometres) through the Mackenzie Valley to the 60th parallel and on to southern markets.

It isn't the first such application, and it may not be the last, Ms. Cournoyea said.

"We welcome Foothills' renewed interest in the North but we are concerned that fragile relationships among northern parties are not unduly stressed or split by competing pipeline interests," she told the NWT Legislative Assembly during its session in Norman Wells.

"Pipeline development must result in real and lasting benefits to the NWT and the territorial government will want to have a major say in the consultation, planning, routing, timing, construction, operation and monitoring decisions for any pipeline project."

Another company, Polar Gas, filed an application with the National Energy Board in mid 1985 to construct a Mackenzie Valley pipeline. And Foothills still has an active application before the National Energy Board to transport Mackenzie-Delta natural gas down the Dempster Highway, through the Yukon and then link with an Alaska Highway gas pipeline.



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Foothills' latest application is incomplete. It is only the first of several other submissions which the company proposes to complete in 1990 before submitting its project for regulatory consideration, Ms. Cournoyea said.

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## FINAL REPORT ON SPOUSAL ASSAULT TABLED

NORMAN WELLS (October 31) - Reports on the spousal assault and equality for women action plans were tabled in the Legislative Assembly last week by Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

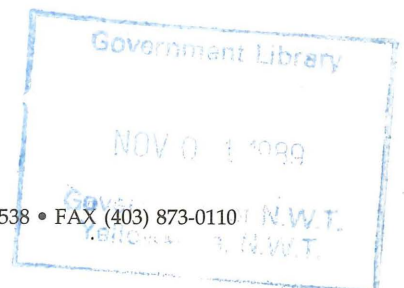
Ms. Marie-Jewell also presented the annual report of the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women for the year ending March 31, 1989.

The accomplishments detailed in the reports reflect the government's continuing commitment to women's equality, says Ms. Marie-Jewell.

In the final report on "Choices... A Three-Year Action Plan to Address Spousal Assault," Ms. Marie-Jewell states that since 1986, both government and community groups have contributed to improving society's response to this problem.

"I strongly believe that the solutions for problems such as family violence must be found at the community level," Ms. Marie-Jewell told the Legislative Assembly. "I therefore encourage women's groups and community agencies to continue their efforts and to view this government as an ally in their work."

Actions taken during the past three years include: production of written and audio/visual materials; inclusion of material on family violence in the school curriculum; funding for crisis shelters in eight communities and counselling services for both victims and batterers in two communities; funding of an NWT family violence conference in 1988; funding of transportation for women and children who leave a community due to violence; and provision of training for women's groups and community agencies across the NWT.



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Although the report presented by Ms. Marie-Jewell to the Legislative Assembly is the final report, she says the Women's Secretariat will continue to monitor progress on this issue.

The Family Violence Prevention Program will now be funded through the Department of Social Services as an ongoing programs, stated the Minister. The program funds shelters, counselling services and training programs.

The progress report on the Five-Year Action Plan on Equality for Women states that some 60 per cent of 53 items designed to improve the status of women have been accomplished, while close to 40 per cent are well under way. The action plan was tabled in the Legislative Assembly in 1985 and this is the third report on progress to date.

Accomplishments of the past year include the interim child-care program, family law review, legal guarantee of maternity leave, inclusion of women in the GWNT's Affirmative Action policy, and introduction of an early childhood education program at Arctic College.

Projects under way include a literacy strategy, consideration of equal pay for work of equal value, and an assessment of the needs of women in non-traditional trades.

In tabling the annual report on the NWT Advisory Council on the Status of Women, Ms. Marie-Jewell commended the council for its work in the past year. Accomplishments included a research report on women and arts and crafts, a position paper on child care, and a brief to the Special Committee on the Northern Economy. The council also represented women's interests on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and the Family Law Review Working Group. She also noted that steps to make the council more independent are well under way.

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## MARKETS SOUGHT FOR ARCTIC SHARKS

**NORMAN WELLS (October 31) - Economic Development Minister Gordon Wray says his officials are trying to find markets for Greenland sharks that have been fouling the equipment of fishermen in the eastern Arctic community of Pangnirtung.**

During that community's turbot fishery activities in 1988-89, a large number of Greenland sharks were caught as incidental catch. The sharks damaged the long line fishing gear, resulting in increased cost to the fishermen.

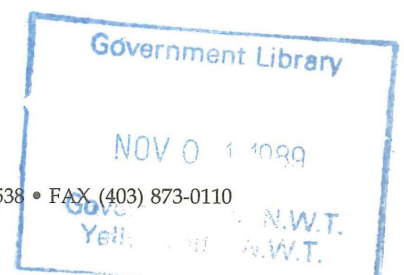
Last year three shark skins were shipped to a tannery in the United States which has the specialized equipment necessary to tan the very delicate skins, he told the Legislative Assembly.

Initial enquiries indicate that a fishermen could receive as much as \$80 for a large skin and \$60 for small skins, he said. Revenue from the skins could offset the damage that the sharks are causing to the fishing gear.

Mr. Wray stated the market for shark skins, used to manufacture exotic leathers, is very tightly controlled by a supplier cartel centred in the United States and Europe. Entry would be difficult. As a result, staff of his department are continuing their research into other possible markets such as arts and crafts and the food industry.

One of the most significant factors inhibiting such developments may be the cost of shipping the product to market.

Mr. Wray said a special salting and drying technique, designed to reduce the weight of the skins and therefore reduce the cost of shipping, will be introduced to the fishermen.



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"If the tanning process is successful, and a potential market identified prior to the 1990 fishery -- that is this winter -- Pangnirtung fishermen will be instructed in the proper method of skinning, handling and shipping the shark skins."

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## ENERGY AGREEMENT SIGNED

NORMAN WELLS (November 2) - The NWT Power Corporation and Nerco Con Mine have signed a long-term agreement for provision of electricity to the company's Yellowknife gold mine, Energy Minister Nellie Cournoyea has announced.

"The agreement is a clear sign of confidence in the power corporation by one of its largest industrial customers," she told the Legislative Assembly. "It is also important to the mine and its employees as it provides for a long-term supply of secure and fairly priced power."

Ms. Cournoyea said the agreement will provide stability in the demand for electricity and permit the corporation to consider development of additional hydro options for the Yellowknife, Rae-Edzo, Dettah service area.

One of the more important options is the construction of a power line to carry surplus hydro-electric energy from the Taltson system to the Snare system customers. Such a power line would be an environmentally desirable alternative to the installation of additional diesel capacity in Yellowknife, she said.

"It would also be an important step in the development of the infrastructure to connect the North and South Slave Regions."

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## CIRCUMPOLAR CULTURAL CONNECTIONS - NWT IN GREENLAND

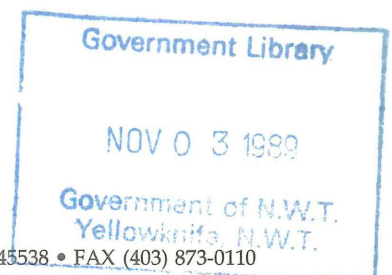
YELLOWKNIFE (November 2) - Cultural displays and an Inuit carver from the Northwest Territories made their way to Greenland recently for a commercial exposition that promises to be an annual festivity for the circumpolar country.

Touting provincial flags, company logos, the newest member of the Coast Guard fleet, and RCMP in red serge, Greenland opened the exposition in recognition of more than a century of Canadian, northern and maritime social and economic support.

The northern cultural displays were created by the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, Northern Awards Program, the RCMP Northern G Division, the Arts and Crafts Program of Economic Development and Tourism, Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The exposition was held in the country's capital city of Nuuk and was organized by the Greenland government and External Affairs Canada and sponsored by First Air.

"It was an excellent opportunity to share with the Greenland people the richness of our cultural and social heritage as well as show the history of our contacts," said NWT Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.



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Inuit carver Kammakaluk Saggiak of Iqaluit crafted a stone sculpture while demonstrating at the exposition. A number of organizations made Mr. Saggiak's trip to Greenland possible, including Iqaluit Fine Arts, First Air, the Canadian Embassy in Copenhagen, External Affairs Canada and the GNWT's Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The stone carving was presented to the Premier of Greenland, Jonathan Motzfeldt, on behalf of the people of the NWT.

In addition, a painting produced by David Ruben and Dolphus Cadieux was given to the Greenland Museum.

Organizing and assisting with the cultural displays were Helen Webster of Iqaluit, who is a member of the board of Nunatta Sunaqtangit, and Sandra Henschel, northern liaison with UNESCO.

The exhibit ended earlier last month.

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## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FOCUSES ON "PEACE"

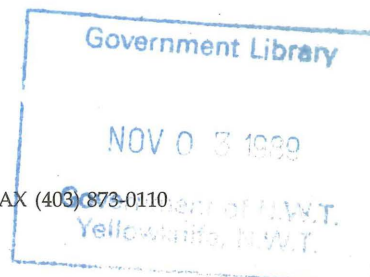
YELLOWKNIFE (November 2) - Residents of the Northwest Territories can join the rest of the country November 12-18 in celebrating Children's Book Week, where the focus this year will be on peace, security and conflict resolution.

Events for the week, sponsored by the Canadian Children's Book Centre, are coordinated and promoted in the NWT by Public Library Services, Department of Culture and Communications.

"Children in the North, like anywhere else in the world, become aware of subjects such as AIDS, world hunger, destruction of the environment and militarization. Stories and books can offer hope to young people and help them learn how to understand what's happening around them," says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

Two Canadian authors and illustrators will be travelling throughout the NWT during Children's Book Week. Author, illustrator and artist Mark Thurman of Ontario will be sharing his talents with people in Rankin Inlet, Arviat, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit and Igloolik. Author and illustrator Peter Eyvindson of Saskatchewan will be visiting the communities of Cambridge Bay, Fort Simpson, Edzo, Yellowknife, Coppermine and Fort Smith.

"People in the communities look forward to these visits because there are many excellent storytellers and illustrators in the Northwest Territories. They are eager to learn from other established authors and illustrators," says Mr. Allooloo.



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For more details on Children's Book Week activities, contact NWT Public Library Services in Hay River, or the community library nearest you.

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## **PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES ACT TO BE REVISED**

NORMAN WELLS (November 6) - Proposed revisions to the Public Service Vehicles Act were tabled for public review last week in the Legislative Assembly by Jeannie Marie-Jewell, Minister Responsible for the Highway Transport Board.

"The revised Act is designed to make it much easier for truck and bus operators to enter the market - but provides for more stringent safety requirements to maintain a certificate," says Ms. Marie-Jewell.

Proposed revisions to the Public Service Vehicles Act, which regulates the commercial highway transport industry operating for compensation within the NWT, reflect the federal government's move to deregulate the industry at the interprovincial level.

By revising the act, the minister will eliminate the current, inefficient two-tier system which exists due to differences between the NWT legislation governing carriers operating within the NWT and the federal legislation for carriers operating between the NWT, other provinces and the Yukon.

The major change to the act is a relaxation of the requirements for obtaining an operating certificate. Currently, the onus is on carriers applying for a certificate to prove there is a public need for their service. Under the revised act, an applicant would be required to prove its "fitness" to operate, which includes items such as mechanical safety, inspections, compliance with regulations, insurance, and hours of service. Certificates would automatically be issued unless an objection is filed with the board.

The onus shifts, under the proposed act, to the objector who must prove the proposed service would likely be detrimental to the public interest in order for the board to deny the application.

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The revised act, however, also provides the Highway Transport Board with the authority to suspend or cancel a certificate if it is determined an operator is no longer "fit" to operate.

It also prohibits the transfer of operating certificates. This would prevent, for example, an "unfit" carrier from buying out a "fit" carrier and then operating under its certificate.

The revised act provides the Highway Transport Board with the authority to grant temporary operating authority. This would allow a carrier, that has applied for a certificate and been deemed "fit" to operate, to be granted a temporary certificate prior to the board's final review of the application, if it is determined to be in the public interest. For example temporary permits could be issued during the ice road season when applicants must roll in short notice to transport freight into the communities before the road closes.

The minister, through the Highway Transport Board, will actively solicit input from the general public before the revised act is presented to the Legislative Assembly for approval at the spring session.

Copies of the revised act are being distributed to current certificate holders, enforcement agencies, government departments and other interest groups. The general public is encouraged to obtain copies by contacting the Highway Transport Board at (403) 873-7494. Submissions should be sent to the board at P.O. Box 697, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2N5 by Friday, Dec. 29, 1989.

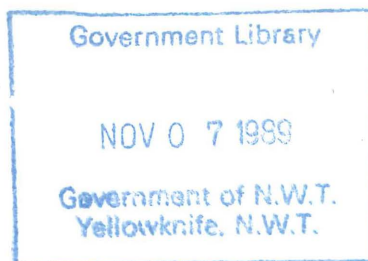
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## RENTAL OFFICER APPOINTED

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 7) -** A new rental officer has been appointed for the Northwest Territories, Minister of Safety and Public Services Stephen Kakfwi has announced.

Colin Baile, a Yellowknife resident who has worked with the Department of Justice for seven years, became the new rental officer on October 2.

In his most recent position as Maintenance Enforcement Officer, Mr. Baile designed, established and implemented the Maintenance Enforcement Program of the Northwest Territories. He has also been Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, Chief Territorial Firearms Officer and Assistant Justice of the Peace Training Officer.

A full-time rental administrator has been hired to assist the new rental officer. Previously the position was filled on a part-time basis.

"This combination of a long-term rental officer and full-time administrator will provide continuity to this important service," said Mr. Kakfwi.

Under the Residential Tenancies Act, the rental officer mediates disputes, conducts hearings when necessary and makes rulings. These rulings are enforceable, as if they were judgements of a court.

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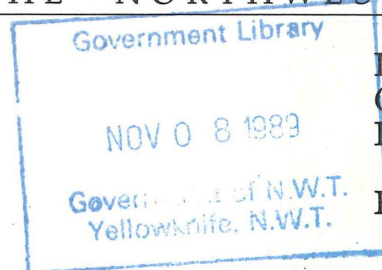
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## KAKFWI TAKES STEPS TO ELIMINATE CONFUSION

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 7)**- Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi says he doesn't expect the matter of the Inuvik Education Society joining the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board will be discussed again until after the society's next general election in the fall of 1990.

The society had been given until the end of last week to make its decision. However, society chairman Jeanne McNaughton announced Friday that members didn't want to be forced into making a choice.

"I have to accept the society's position, but I also have to ensure confusion surrounding the administration of Inuvik schools is eliminated," Mr. Kakfwi said. "My priority is to restore public confidence and to stabilize the Inuvik education system."

He said the society, the board and teaching staff are being told that Regional Superintendent of Education Jim Maher is responsible for the administration and budgets of both Sir Alexander Mackenzie Elementary School and the Samuel Hearne Territorial High School. Mr. Maher is also the Director of the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board.

Confusion surrounding who is responsible for operation of the Territorial high school resulted largely from circumstances that grew from the reluctance of the Inuvik Education Society to join the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board. Joining the board would have provided for a common administration, more efficient financial planning and increased autonomy.

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Mr. Kakfwi said the Inuvik society had agreed to join the Divisional Board during a meeting in mid-July if he would provide an additional \$100,000 to pay for a new teaching position at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School.

After extensive discussion, his officials assured him that it could be justified because of projected enrolment figures. In addition the minister felt it was in the best interests of everyone to have Inuvik join the divisional board. As a result, recruitment began in August for the new position and the society confirmed that a motion would be passed at its next regular meeting to join the board.

During that period, however, the Minister of Personnel over-turned an interview panel's selection for vice-principal of Sir Alexander Mackenzie against the wishes of the chairman and some members of the society.

"We had a fully-qualified, native female teacher with extensive experience who the panel had an obligation to recommend under the terms of our Equal Employment Policy. They chose not to, so the Minister of Personnel had no choice. I supported her decision," Mr. Kakfwi said.

"Meanwhile, although the new position offered under our agreement was staffed in mid-September, the Education Society backed out of its commitment to join the divisional board," he added. "Because of this the Department of Education withheld allocation of half the money until the problem could be resolved."

Mr. Kakfwi said the role of the Education Society is to serve as the minister's agent.

"Obviously, something's twisted. In recent months, the society has been playing the role of an advocate and has been bypassing the superintendent. This has resulted in two chains of command, a breakdown in the communication process and confused administrative practices. In addition, morale of the teaching staff at Samuel Hearne has deteriorated."

Mr. Kakfwi said a number of steps would be taken in order to improve working relationships and the operation of the schools. They include:

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- The superintendent of education and people he delegates to assist him will administer the Inuvik schools. The society and its members will communicate with the schools through the superintendent, who will attend all meetings of the society including sub-committee meetings.
- As required by law, all meetings of the society will be open to the public and will be scheduled on a regular basis and well advertised. In-camera sessions will be held in accordance to Department of Education regulations.
- The regional superintendent will administer all school budget allocations from his office, rather than through the Education Society. This includes all funds for materials and supplies, local programs and casual salaries. The only funds which will be paid by the Department of Education to the society will be those funds required for its administration.
- Within directives provided by the Department of Education, the superintendent will be the final authority with advice from the society for all school programs and for the annual budget for each school. The Education Society will present a proposal for its administration budget to the superintendent each fiscal year.
- The society may organize education programs and activities for the school and community, but the plans for must be approved by the superintendent in advance of the events.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kakfwi said he is concerned with the "relatively large" surplus the Education Society had at the end of the 1988-89 fiscal year.

"Funds that have been advanced to the Education Society to administer and funds raised by the society itself are for the benefit of the students in the school system. Education Societies should not be accumulating large surpluses particularly when students are complaining about a lack of supplies in the schools."

Mr. Kakfwi said he has asked the society to confirm the size of its surplus to the superintendent and to prepare plans, for his approval, on the use of this money by the schools over a reasonable period of time.

He added that his department will make good on its commitment to Sir Alexander Mackenzie School by funding the additional .5 person year staffed in September despite the society's delay in coming to terms with the divisional board concept.

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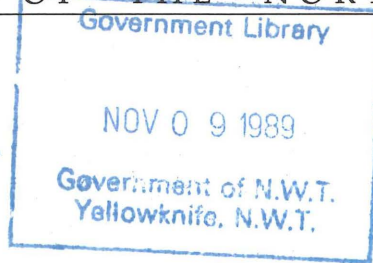
Mr. Kakfwi met with the superintendent, principal and vice-principal of Sir Alexander Mackenzie School Oct. 28 to review alternatives. It was agreed that the position would be funded by using the salary money assigned to a vacant clerical position at the school.

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## **PETER MURRAY NAMED ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 08) - Peter Murray has been appointed Acting Assistant Superintendent of Education for the Inuvik Region, Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.**

Mr. Murray is an experienced northern educator, who has worked for many years as a teacher and principal in the Northwest Territories. He has been working as a School Administration Specialist with the Department of Education since July of this year. He was previously Principal at Qitiqliq School in Arviat.

"Mr. Murray's appointment has been made in response to the Inuvik Education Society's decision not to join the Beaufort Divisional Board," Mr. Kakfwi says. "This decision has caused an increased workload for Jim Maher, who has the dual responsibility as Regional Superintendent of Education, as well as Director of Education for the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board. His staff also has had to cope with this dual workload."

Mr. Murray's main assignments will be to administer the Inuvik schools and to assist Mr. Maher in training and development for the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board, Community Education Councils and the Inuvik Education Society.

"The similar step was taken to ease the transition when the Sir John Franklin Board of Secondary Education was being established in Yellowknife," Mr. Kakfwi says. "Furthermore, since Mr. Maher has indicated he will retire in August, 1990, Mr. Murray will provide continuity for the person who succeeds Mr. Maher."

Mr. Maher has worked in education in the Northwest Territories since 1961. He has been a Superintendent for the past 14 years, and is

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well-known for his commitment, hard work and perseverance in the face of difficult tasks.

The position of Director of Education for the Beaufort Delta Divisional Board with Regional Superintendent responsibilities will be advertised within the next two or three weeks. This will coincide with advertisements for the position of Director of Education for the Keewatin Divisional Board. Metro Solomon, the current Director of Education for the Keewatin, is taking education leave to complete his Masters degree in Education. He will return to the Northwest Territories, but not to the Keewatin Region.

"Advertising the position for the Beaufort Delta and the Keewatin at the same time will give applicants some choice in where they work. It will also give both Boards a large pool of candidates from which to choose," Mr. Kakfwi says.

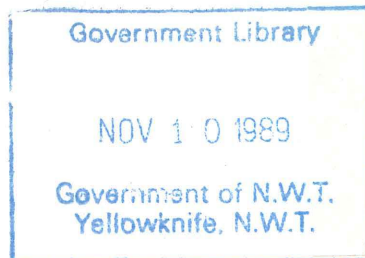
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## ARTS AND CRAFTS PRODUCERS FROM USSR IN NWT

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 9)** - A delegation of aboriginal craftspeople from the Soviet Union is in the Northwest Territories this month to help stimulate the development of traditional arts and crafts industries in circumpolar countries.

Their visit here is the first under the three-year Canada-USSR traditional arts and crafts exchange agreement, which was negotiated earlier this year between NWT Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo and Anatolyi Shumeiko of the USSR Ministry of Local Industries.

In 1992 the Canadian and USSR craftspeople involved in the exchange will meet to discuss the future of the arts and crafts industry in circumpolar countries - everything from sources and production to preservation and marketing.

"Craftspeople in the Northwest Territories are eager to share their knowledge with the peoples of the Soviet North. This exchange program allows aboriginal peoples from our country and the USSR the opportunity to share artists and specialists, hold joint symposia, develop innovative educational tools and marketing strategies, and visit communities and centres which produce arts and crafts," Mr. Allooloo says.

The USSR delegation consists of Soviet, Eskimo, Chukchi and Koryaki peoples. Accompanied by translator Dr. Elisabeth Pollonetsky, delegates are Irina Mashentseva, Stanislav M. Nutevengin, Alexander Einetegin and Ludmilla Chubarova. Natalia Vedernikova heads the delegation.

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While in the NWT the delegation will be participating in leather, fur, ivory, bone and birch bark workshops with NWT craftspeople in Iqaluit, Broughton Island, Yellowknife, Fort Liard and Fort Simpson. They will also visit the marketing group responsible for promoting and selling northern arts and crafts.

The public is invited to attend a symposium in Yellowknife November 18 and 19 in the Legislative Building, where both Canadian and USSR craftspeople will make presentations. The Soviet delegation will make presentations dealing with basic trends in the development of the traditional art of the northern people of the USSR and demonstrate techniques for producing artistic articles from ivory, bone, leather and fur. The Canadian craftspeople at the symposium will discuss topics such as the present state and development of Inuit art.

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# USSR/Canada Traditional Arts and Crafts Exchange

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Alexander Einetegin (Eskimo)

Irina Mashentseva (Koryaki)

**Interpreter:** Dr. Elisabeth Pollonetsky

## **NWT Itinerary:**

**Broughton Island**  
-carving workshop  
-sealskin project

**Sat., Nov. 11 to Tue., Nov. 14**

**Iqaluit**  
-Arctic College  
-jewellery workshop

**Tue., Nov. 14 to Friday, Nov. 17**

**PRESS CONFERENCE: Thursday, November 16 at Nunatta Sunaqtangit, 3 p.m.**

**Yellowknife**  
-tour Heritage Centre  
-Northern Images  
-Symposium at Legislative Building

**Friday, Nov. 17 to Mon. Nov. 20**

**Fort Liard and  
Fort Simpson**  
-visit Acho Dene Crafts  
-meet craftspeople

**Monday, Nov. 20**

**Yellowknife**  
**PRESS CONFERENCE: Tuesday, Nov. 21, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, 1 p.m.**

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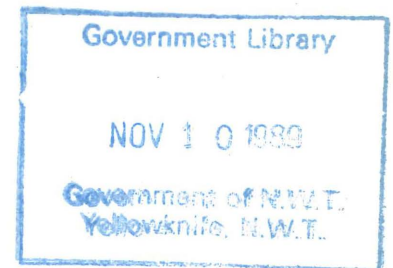
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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INCREASES STUDENT ALLOWANCES

YELLOWKNIFE (November 10) - Students attending post-secondary studies using the Student Financial Assistance Program will receive increased assistance as of January, 1990, says Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi. Students receiving a basic grant will have their book allowance increased, while supplementary grant students will have their dependent allowances increased. All supplementary grant students can also apply for increased assistance, such as an accommodation allowance, if they are living in areas where the cost of living is high.

The Student Financial Assistance Program provides NWT non-native residents with one year of basic grant for every three years of schooling successfully completed in the NWT. Supplementary grants are provided to NWT Inuit, status and Metis students who enrol in full-time post-secondary studies.

"The increases are a result of an internal study that shows a need for more assistance to help pay for books and for increased support for students with dependents," Mr. Kakfwi says. "These measures confirm our department's commitment to ensuring students have access to post-secondary studies by helping them overcome financial barriers."

The book allowance for grant recipients will rise to \$200 from \$125 per semester, while the weekly living allowances for supplementary grant students will increase as follows: to \$170 from \$151 for students with one dependent; to \$210 from \$163 for students with

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two dependents; to \$235 from \$173 for students with three dependents; to \$260 from \$184 for students with four dependents; and to \$25 from \$11 for each additional dependent.

Single students with no dependents will not receive increased living allowances.

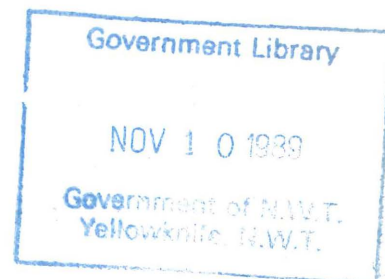
There are 628 grant students who will benefit from this increased assistance during the 1989-90 school year.

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## FUEL DISPENSING TRAINING PROGRAM DEVELOPED

YELLOWKNIFE (November 10) - A four-day course on dispensing aviation fuels is being offered to petroleum product officers, contractors and contractor employees throughout the Northwest Territories, Government Services Minister Tom Butters has announced.

The training program, produced by the Petroleum Products Division, covers safety, quality control, handling of aviation fuel at bulk fuel storage facilities and aircraft refuelling. The program was launched in August and so far has been held in the Inuvik and Kitikmeot regions.

"This program standardizes our dispensing procedures and teaches workers proper safety and operational practices," said Mr. Butters. "It will help lead to safer and more systematic handling of fuel."

A two-and-a-half-hour video has been produced as a training tool. The video features aircraft flown in the North, northern people and territorial government fuel facilities. Each lesson on the video includes examinations. An Inuktitut version will be developed.

Certificates are awarded by the director of the Petroleum Products Division, upon completion of the course.

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## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES NO LONGER THE LAST FRONTIER

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 14)**- Government Leader Dennis Patterson says federal and provincial first ministers should start changing the way they look at the Northwest Territories.

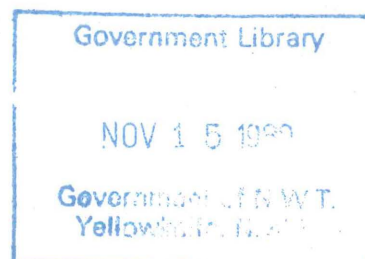
He said that for decades the NWT has been described as the Last Frontier, a part of Canada that has great potential, but is not yet fully integrated into the Canadian mainstream.

"I want to challenge that perception and to have them see us as Canada's newest emerging region, not its Last Frontier," he said after returning from Ottawa where he spoke to last week's annual First Ministers' Conference on the Canadian Economy.

"The Northwest Territories is charting a unique constitutional course, based on the aspirations of aboriginal residents. A lot of exciting developments are happening right now."

He said the developments include the positive social and economic benefits of the Inuvialuit claim, the advent of the final stages of the Dene/Metis and Inuit land claim negotiations, rapid movement towards political and constitutional maturity in the NWT and oil and gas developments and the impact they will have not only in the North but from one end of Canada to the other.

The Northern Energy Accord, currently being negotiated between the Territorial and federal governments is an example. It has given the north a different perspective on the development of its non-renewable resources. The NWT now has a chance to be part of the action, to play a part in the decisions, Mr. Patterson said.



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"As a result of our new responsibilities that will be a product of the Energy Accord, our government supported the National Energy Board's recent decision to approve conditional licences for exporting 9.2 trillion cubic feet of Mackenzie Delta natural gas to southern markets," he said.

The time frame for approval of a pipeline application allows for government to undertake the planning that will be necessary to protect the northern environment and to take full advantage of the opportunities that controlled development will bring.

"And it is understood that settlement of aboriginal claims in the Mackenzie must have priority so that Arctic gas development can proceed in a way that involves and benefits the Dene and Metis as well as the Inuvialuit," he said.

"From a southern perspective, I have always maintained that development of Arctic gas will have a major impact on the Canadian economy. Recent reports suggest that there is more than just a \$5-billion gas pipeline. An oil pipeline, with a similar price tag, and a Beaufort-Delta drilling program in the \$6-billion range are being thought about for the future."

Mr. Patterson noted that he didn't want to give first ministers the impression that his major preoccupation is with Arctic oil and gas development.

He said transportation infrastructure has always been a major factor in determining whether or not a mine is feasible, or a fishing industry can be established.

"Roads, harbours and airstrips are absolutely critical to our economy. Right now, we lack the basic infrastructure that is taken for granted in the rest of the country. However, I'm encouraged that the Federal government has joined us in a joint project to identify long-term transportation needs in the Northwest Territories."

Mr. Patterson also noted the need for a strong federal commitment to regional development programs in order to establish a private sector capable of responding to current and future development opportunities.

"I think we can learn something from the Atlantic Provinces Opportunities Agency and the Western Diversification Fund," he said. "Serious consideration should be given to establishment of an Opportunities Agency for the Northwest Territories."

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Unfortunately, growth and prosperity in the Northwest Territories has been largely restricted to urban centres and resource extraction industries. Unemployment, lack of opportunity, limited services, housing shortages and chronic health and social problems continue to be characteristic of smaller, rural communities, he said.

"What both rural and urban residents have in common, however, is having to bear the high cost of northern living. These are uncertain and uncomfortable times for territorial residents who are trying to raise a family, operate a small business or simply trying to improve their standard of living."

Proposed commercial postal rate increases, now being reviewed by a federally-appointed task force, will have a serious impact on the cost of living for northerners in isolated communities if they are allowed to go ahead. Residents of those communities rely upon the postal service to bring in fresh fruit and vegetables which are often in scarce supply in northern stores.

"The uncertainty has been further compounded by the proposed Goods and Services Tax scheduled to be brought into force in January of 1991."

Mr. Patterson told first ministers that northerners will pay more tax than other Canadians because prices are much higher in the Northwest Territories. The already high cost of transportation, fuel and electricity will rise further and place an additional strain on northern residents.

"People in the Northwest Territories do not accept the sales tax in its present form. Further discussions must take place. The territorial government has reasonable alternatives designed to ensure a much fairer application of the tax in the Northwest Territories."

Meanwhile, Mr. Patterson took the opportunity to remind first ministers that his government had repeatedly expressed the "heart-felt" concerns of northern residents on the Meech Lake Accord.

"I'm pleased that many premiers, legislatures and ordinary Canadians have heard our message and that their recommendations have stated what is obvious to everyone - northerners must participate in addressing northern constitutional issues, " he said.

"Nation building requires that each of us must also see beyond our regional perspectives and that we all care enough about Canada to look beyond the problems that seem to be dividing us at this time."

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Mr. Patterson said the Northwest Territories, as an emerging region with a lot to contribute, is prepared to do its part.

"We are open to innovative solutions and the development of mechanisms for participation in matters dealing directly with the Northwest Territories."

During the past year, Mr. Patterson has been working with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and provincial premiers to work out an arrangement to allow for his participation in any discussions that relate directly to the Northwest Territories.

The Northwest Territories, at the moment, is not a full participant at First Ministers' Conferences on the economy or the constitution. It has observer status only, but is allowed to join the table during the time-frame set aside for opening statements.

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## DAVE PORTER TO HEAD CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

YELLOWKNIFE (November 16) - Government Leader Dennis Patterson announced today the appointment of Dave Porter as the new Deputy Minister of the Department of Culture and Communications.

Mr. Porter is presently employed as the Executive Director of the Yukon Human Rights Commission, a post he took on after serving as the Minister of Tourism and Heritage with the Yukon government.

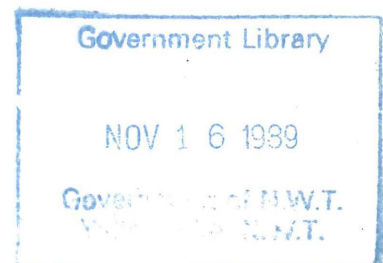
Mr. Porter has a varied background in the communications field. He played a key role in the establishment of the federal government's Native Broadcasting Access Program.

A member of the Kaska Dene First Nation, Mr. Porter has served as the vice-chairperson of the Council for Yukon Indians for two consecutive terms. In the early 1970s Mr. Porter was employed at radio station CFYK in Yellowknife for two years and was assigned to the CBC broadcast team responsible for providing radio and television coverage of the Berger inquiry.

Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo noted he is pleased that the government was able to attract not only a candidate who was qualified for the position, but also someone who is an aboriginal northerner.

Mr. Porter begins his new position January 22, 1990.

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## GNWT SAYS PULP MILL SHOULDN'T PROCEED AS PLANNED

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 16)** - The Alberta-Pacific Industries pulp mill project in northern Alberta should not be allowed to proceed as planned, Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources Jim Bourque said today.

He was in Fort Smith appearing before a joint Federal-Alberta panel conducting public hearings on the environmental impact of the project.

There are no benefits to the North from upstream developments like the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill, yet northerners are forced to bear potential environmental and health costs as a result of the downstream disruptions, Mr. Bourque said.

He noted the economic, social, cultural and spiritual importance of fish and wildlife to northern peoples and the existing threats to the Mackenzie Basin ranging from the long range transport of airborne pollutants to other upstream developments.

There are three mills on the Peace River, plus three existing and two proposed mills on the Athabasca River. Oil sands developments, the Bennett dam, pesticides and fertilizer runoffs and the long range transport of air pollutants from the south and over the pole all contribute to the burden of contaminants in the Northwest Territories, Mr. Bourque said. "These cumulative effects and downstream impacts continue to be overlooked. This is unacceptable."

Further developments upstream must be halted until significant progress is made on the development of trans-boundary agreements in the Mackenzie Basin. Although negotiations began in 1983 with the responsible federal and provincial agencies, little progress has been made, Mr. Bourque said.

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"How can we now consider allowing additional developments to proceed when we do not know the true extent of damage to our water, lands and living resources from existing upstream developments?" asked Mr. Bourque.

An adequate cumulative impact assessment must be completed and a comprehensive monitoring program must be in place before the GNWT can support any new projects, he told panel members.

After reviewing existing information on the Mackenzie Basin and the experience gained in other basins like the Great Lakes, Mr. Bourque said industry, residents, and all levels of government should be committed to maintaining, and where applicable restoring, the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Mackenzie Basin ecosystem.

Mr. Bourque said the discharge of wastes to public waters is not a right, but a privilege permitted by society on a selected and limited basis. "The emphasis must be on preventing damage rather than on reacting to adverse impacts."

"We want the Alberta-Pacific Environment Impact Assessment Review Board and others to begin acting as if the future really matters, and to seize the opportunity now to establish a plan for sustainable development throughout the Mackenzie Basin," he said.

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## **IQALUIT STUDENT ENTERS TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM**

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 17) -** The Departments of Education and Municipal and Community Affairs are assisting Alex Taylor of Iqaluit to become a qualified planning technician.

Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray says Mr. Taylor, a first-year student in the three-year Planning Technology diploma program at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ont., is the first participant in the department's Technician Training Program.

"This program combines formal post-secondary education and practical, hands-on experience with the department and I would encourage other students within the NWT school system who are interested in a program such as this to contact any of Municipal and Community Affairs' regional or area offices," says Mr. Wray.

The Department of Education, Advanced Education Division, assisted Municipal and Community Affairs in developing the program and is funding Mr. Taylor's studies under the GNWT's Affirmative Action Plan, says Mr. Wray.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs will oversee the practical and field work components of Mr. Taylor's studies under the supervision of Wayne Simpson, a planning technician for the department's Baffin regional office.

While Mr. Taylor worked for the department as a summer casual employee, he worked on a land-use inventory in Clyde River, assisted in the preparation of the Broughton Island community plan, and received training in surveying and drafting.

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Upon graduating from the Planning Technology program, Mr. Taylor will be offered a full-time planning technician position with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

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## WORKSHOP ON VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE TO BE HELD

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 20)** - A workshop for professionals who deal with victims of family violence will be presented by the Arctic Public Legal Education and Information Society, November 25 and 26, in Yellowknife.

The workshop will help judges, lawyers, RCMP, court workers and social workers become more aware of the emotional and socio-economic problems encountered by victims of spousal assault and child sexual abuse. Workshop participants will also examine ways the legal system can be made more responsive to assault victims.

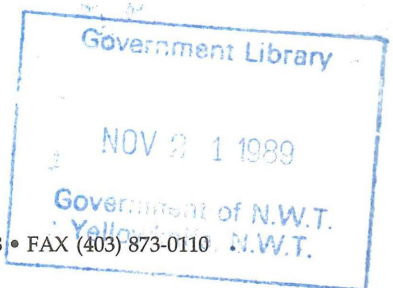
Keynote speakers are Dr. Fred Shane, a Winnipeg psychiatrist who is an expert on the battered wife syndrome, and Margaret Anne Gallagher, an expert in the field of child sexual abuse. Miss Gallagher is a program consultant with the Department of Social Services.

The Department of Social Services has provided \$7,732 for the workshop, and the Women's Secretariat is contributing \$1,000. The Law Society of the NWT is also contributing \$1,000.

The Arctic Public Legal Education and Information Society is funded by the territorial and federal departments of justice to inform NWT residents of their legal rights and responsibilities.

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## MINISTERIAL CHANGES ANNOUNCED

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 21)**- A change in ministerial responsibilities was announced today by Government Leader Dennis Patterson. They are effective November 27.

Tom Butters, presently the Minister of Government Services and the NWT Housing Corporation, will take on responsibility for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA).

Gordon Wray, former minister of the department, will maintain the Economic Development and Tourism and Transportation portfolios, but will also assume responsibility for the NWT Highway Transport Board. The board has been reporting to Social Services Minister Jeannie Marie-Jewell.

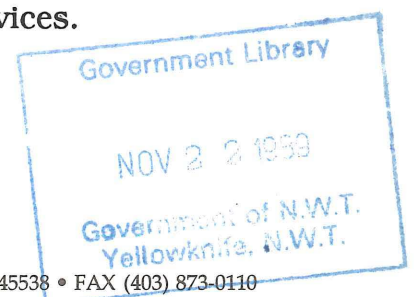
The Government Leader said the changes will allow Mr. Wray to focus exclusively on economic development and transportation, two of the government's major priorities. He complimented Mr. Wray for his four years of service as the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs and noted that the emphasis the minister placed on sport and expansion of recreational facilities has been beneficial to northern communities.

The appointment of Tom Butters as the new minister of Municipal and Community Affairs will take advantage of his long-standing experience, both as an MLA and cabinet member.

"It will ensure even closer co-operation between the NWT Housing Corporation and MACA in the areas of planning and land development," Mr. Patterson said.

Mr. Butters was first elected in 1970 and has continuously represented the constituency of Inuvik since that time. He joined the cabinet, for the first time, in 1978 as minister responsible for Economic Development and Tourism and for Social Services.

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Minister Responsible for the Office of Devolution  
Minister Responsible for the Audit Bureau  
Chairman of the Executive Council  
Chairman of the Priorities and Planning Committee  
Deputy Chairman of the Financial Management Board

**The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi**  
Deputy Government Leader  
Minister of Education  
Minister of Safety and Public Services  
Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development  
Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board  
Chairman of the Political and Constitutional Development Committee  
Deputy Chairman of the Executive Council

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Minister of Finance  
Government House Leader  
Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board  
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Chairman of the Legislation and House Planning Committee

**The Honourable Nellie Cournoyea**  
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Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
Minister of Public Works  
Minister Responsible for the NWT Power Corporation

**The Honourable Gordon Wray**  
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Minister of Economic Development and Tourism  
Minister Responsible for the Highway Transport Board

**The Honourable Titus Allooloo**  
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Minister of Culture and Communications  
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**The Honourable Jeannie Marie-Jewell**  
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Minister of Personnel  
Minister Responsible for the Equal Employment Directorate  
Minister Responsible for the Women's Secretariat  
Minister Responsible for Youth

**The Honourable Tom Butters**  
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Minister of Government Services  
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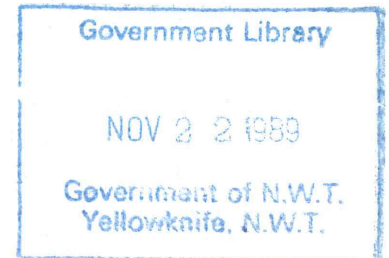




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## ARCTIC SCIENCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXTENDED

YELLOWKNIFE (November 21) - Canada and the USSR have successfully negotiated the next phase of the northern construction section of the Arctic Science Exchange Program for another two years, says Public Works Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

"I'm pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement with our Soviet colleagues on a number of specific projects to be undertaken during that period," says Ms. Cournoyea.

"These projects, such as the preparation of a town plan for the small northern Soviet community of Votcha, could provide considerable benefit for the public and private sectors in the North," Ms. Cournoyea adds.

The design of the town plan for Votcha, located in the Komi Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, includes roads, water and sanitation services, housing and public buildings. The plan is being prepared by GNWT planners, architects and engineers according to northern Canadian town planning, design and construction standards.

Ms. Cournoyea says if the proposed plan is approved, private consultants and contractors from the NWT hopefully look forward to participating in the actual detailed design and construction of these facilities through some form of joint venture or alternate arrangements with Soviet companies.

Under the program, the GNWT and Soviets will investigate a joint project for designing a standard sewage treatment plant for use in small northern communities in both Canada and the USSR.

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As well, the GNWT and Soviets will further investigate the use of Soviet techniques for constructing ice bridges and winter roads. These techniques are expected to reduce the cost increases northerners face when ferries are no longer able to operate by permitting earlier opening of ice bridges and winter roads. The GNWT Department of Transportation is already working in this area.

"These and other projects in the two-year program will ensure an exchange between our two countries of the latest technology in northern construction and will result in potential for economic opportunities for the consulting and construction industries in the NWT," says Ms. Cournoyea.

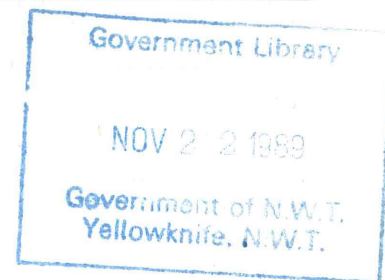
Negotiations towards the next phase of the program and to establish guidelines and projects for the next two years were undertaken on behalf of the GNWT by Public Works Deputy Minister Larry Elkin.

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## EDUCATION WILL HELP FUND BAFFIN WRITERS' PROJECT

YELLOWKNIFE (November 21) - The Department of Education will contribute \$50,000 to the Baffin Island Writers' Project this year, Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today.

"The Department of Education is putting a great deal of effort into improving the reading and writing skills of students across the NWT," Mr. Kakfwi says. "The Baffin Writers' Project gives students opportunities for writing that they clearly find constructive and interesting."

The project was established in 1988/89 to help develop an Inuit voice in the writing community by using desktop publishing and the expertise of visiting writers. Pond Inlet, Igloolik, Clyde River and Cape Dorset participated in the project last year and they will be joined this year by Iqaluit.

The Department of Education's funding will cover the cost of two, two-week writers' visits to these communities.

The project tends to concentrate on aboriginal writers, such as Maria Campbell, Jeanette Armstrong and Michael Kusugak. Mr. Kusugak will play a large role in the project again this year, as will Alooook Ipeelie.

"The project helps show students that they are a part of a larger community of writers," Mr. Kakfwi says. "It gives them the opportunity to reflect on their experiences as Inuit, and then to tell their stories."

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The project has also given the students the opportunity to hone their computer skills by using desktop publishing equipment donated to Pond Inlet and Igloolik by the Apple Canada Education Foundation. Responsibility for producing three editions of Titiraisivut, a literary magazine, has rotated through the participating communities, while students in Pond Inlet have also published Anuri, a collection of poetry, and Inuktionary, a basic Inuktitut/English dictionary. The publications have been distributed to other schools in the region, and have been so popular that more copies of Titiraisivut have had to be printed.

The schools cooperate with other community groups, such as the adult education centres and elders' organizations, so that others can also benefit from the project. One of the project's goals is to provide counselling for local writers who are seeking wider publication of their work.

The Baffin Island Writers' Project receives funding from various territorial, federal and provincial departments, as well as corporations and foundations.

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## YELLOWKNIFE BAND COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD

YELLOWKNIFE (November 23) - The Yellowknife 'B' Band Council is the recipient of the Community Government Award, Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Gordon Wray has announced.

It is the first time the award has been granted. The band council received the award for producing a comprehensive development plan for Dettah and Rainbow Valley. The council will receive a plaque and \$500.

"We're proud of not only the winner of the Community Government Award but all those councils which strive, with little or no fanfare, to improve the lives of their residents," says Mr. Wray.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs introduced the award to honour outstanding efforts by community governments. Each community council in the NWT was invited to describe a single effort by which it made a positive contribution to its residents' quality of life.

Mr. Wray points out, however, that the Community Government Award is not so much a contest to determine the "best" council, but an opportunity to review all of the positive efforts made by councils with a specific acknowledgement for outstanding initiatives.

An independent committee reviewed all entries. It included former Yellowknife Centre MLA Bob MacQuarrie, CBC Director of Television Services Marie Wilson, Deputy Commissioner Ann Meekitjuk Hanson and Native Press Editor Lee Selleck.

Entries by community councils ranged from health and environment to sport and recreation, and economic development and housing.

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The Yellowknife 'B' Band entry reviewed all areas which impact on community life, identified problems and decided which had to be addressed first. By developing a comprehensive plan, with input from all residents, the awards committee felt the band showed vision, determination and true leadership.

Special mention went to the submission from the Hamlet Council of Fort Providence on behalf of all residents of the community. The economic, tourism, employment and training opportunities which resulted from the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race not only benefitted local residents but also other communities in the NWT.

Community governments receiving honourable mention were Broughton Island, Coppermine, Clyde River and Fort Liard.

Broughton Island developed a program to provide job experience and training with the hamlet for unemployed youths between the ages of 16 and 21 who have dropped out of school.

The council from Arctic Bay built a road from the community to Victor Bay which allows hunters, tourists and others to travel across the tundra without scarring the surface of the land. Construction of the Victor Bay Road began in 1985 and was completed in 1988.

In the area of environment and health, the Hamlet of Coppermine cited the council's introduction of a comprehensive aquatic program. This included the creation of safe swimming areas, training residents in the fundamentals of water safety and swimming and creation of a community awareness program on safe boating and training of lifeguards. The Municipality of Sanikiluaq undertook a spring clean-up campaign which took two weeks to complete and used 80 per cent volunteer labour.

In the area of health and social services, the Municipality of Clyde River purchased a van and hired a driver to transport patients to the health centre or airport, and to provide assistance in transporting elders throughout the community. Fort Liard's council cited its leadership in the hamlet's struggle to recover after the devastation of the community's worst flood on April 30 and May 1 of this year.

In the area of sport and recreation, the Hamlet of Rae-Edzo listed its major achievement as the construction of a swimming pool which has provided many hours of entertainment and exercise for residents. Spence Bay constructed the pad for an arena which will serve to meet the recreational needs of the municipality's residents, while Hall Beach held a community feast on Christmas, and organized indoor and outdoor

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activities on Hamlet Day. The Fort Norman Hamlet Council was recognized for its contributions towards recreation for young adults and teenagers in that community.

This is the third year Community Government Week has been held in the NWT. The campaign is designed to promote an understanding and awareness of the role and importance of local government. The theme for Community Government Week this year was "Community Government - Future Makers."

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## INPUT SOUGHT ON STATUS OF WOMEN

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 27)** - Public input is being sought on proposed legislation governing the GNWT's approach to women's issues, says Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Jeannie Marie-Jewell.

During the Norman Wells session of the Legislative Assembly, Ms. Marie-Jewell announced a major restructuring of all government agencies addressing women's issues.

A draft act entitled the Status of Women Council Act was tabled for consideration, and will be presented for approval at the next session of the Legislative Assembly in February 1990.

"This legislation will create one of the most independent Status of Women Councils in Canada," says Ms. Marie-Jewell.

The creation of a Women's Directorate within the Department of the Executive was also announced during the Norman Wells session.

"We are changing the internal structure of our government to be more effective in representing women's interests," says Ms. Marie-Jewell. "I look forward to these changes creating a progressive and positive approach to women's issues in this territory."

These reforms are expected to be implemented on April 1, 1990.

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Letters have been sent to women's organizations throughout the territories seeking comments on the proposed legislation. The Status of Women Council Act will be presented for consideration at the next session of the Legislative Assembly in February, 1990.

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## DELURY CONTRACTED TO HELP WITH LAND CLAIMS

**YELLOWKNIFE (November 29)** - Bob DeLury, former chief negotiator of the Inuvialuit land claim, has been contracted by the Territorial government to act as its senior claims advisor.

The announcement was made today by Stephen Kakfwi, Deputy Government Leader and Minister of Aboriginal Rights and Constitutional Development.

"The government has decided that it should be playing a more aggressive role in the claims process. It's not seeking third party status, but it intends to do whatever it can to help resolve any problems that may exist or might arise as the claims groups move towards final agreements," he said.

Mr. DeLury's duties include identifying problem areas and providing advice on resolving any matter affecting land claims in the NWT. In addition, he will represent and act on behalf of the government in respect to difficult claims issues, particularly those that might threaten the settlement of the Dene/Metis claim.

The minister added that Mr. DeLury will also be providing advice on how the government might better prepare itself for the implementation of land claims and to identify the relationship between existing and future government activity and land claims activity.

Mr. DeLury has been involved in Inuit land claims since 1974. In 1977, he became the chief negotiator for the Inuvialuit claim, one year before the Inuvialuit and the federal government reached an agreement-in-principle.

Since the final agreement, in 1984, he has been working on implementation of the claim.

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At the moment, there are two outstanding land claims in the NWT. The Dene/Metis signed an agreement-in-principle with the federal government in September of 1988 and a similar instrument is expected to be signed by the Inuit early next year.

"The government sees the final settlement of these claims as the key to the political, social and economic future of the Territories," Mr. Kakfwi said.

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## RADIO PLAY RELEASED ON WORLD AIDS DAY

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT (November 30) - To mark the second annual World AIDS Day Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea has announced the release of **Charlie's Last Homecoming**, a half-hour radio play on AIDS,

"Youth in the territories continue to be at risk of this infection. The radio drama tells the story of a Dene youth, who after a long absence, comes home to tell his family he has AIDS," says Ms. Cournoyea.

The Northwest Territories Report on Youth and AIDS has shown that young people believe their chances of being infected by HIV are low regardless of their personal behaviours. The Department of Health is continuing in its efforts to make relevant information available to young people.

**Charlie's Last Homecoming** has been produced by the Native Theatre Group. Written by Clive Tesar, John Blondin and Myriam Williams, the drama stars Phillip Mercredi, Paul Andrew, Peter Hope, Lori Villebrun, Bonita Larsen and Kim Smith. Original music is written by Pat Braden.

The radio play will air on CKNM Radio on Friday, Dec. 1 at 12:10 p.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 4:10 p.m.

"Our concern about youth, HIV infection and AIDS goes beyond a one-day-event," says Ms. Cournoyea.

The departments of Health and Education are continuously working together to educate children and youth about their health. For World AIDS Day a new video, **AIDS: The New Facts of Life** has been

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purchased and distributed to all senior high schools in the NWT. Produced by the Canadian Public Health Association, the video responds to students requests for more information about HIV infection.

The video, using a news-magazine format, is hosted by two adolescents who discuss the facts as well as how to deal with situations they will encounter.

The Department of Health has been working with the regional health boards to develop programs to prevent HIV infection. Early in the new year a territorial-wide campaign will be launched, giving youths and adults an opportunity to talk about HIV infection and AIDS. At the same time a series of half-minute radio spots, written and produced by the Native Theatre Group, for the NWT AIDS Program, will also be released.

Youth in the Northwest Territories are encouraged to phone the NWT AIDS Information Line for confidential information and support, free of charge. This line can be reached outside Yellowknife at 1-800-661-0795. In Yellowknife please call 873-7017.

"The fight against HIV in the North must continue," says Ms. Cournoyea. "By encouraging governments and communities, groups and individuals to talk about youth and HIV the spread of AIDS can be cut short.

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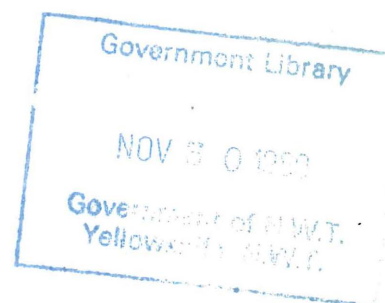
## **THE N.W.T. AIDS PROGRAM**

The Department of Health's NWT AIDS Program has been operating over the course of the last two years.

As education is the only preventive measure that can be taken against the spread of HIV, the Program provides current information using, amongst others, pamphlets, posters, radio and TV, workshops and forums. The Program also provides confidential information and support and staffs the AIDS Information phone line.

The NWT AIDS Program works together with the Medical Directorate, the Department of Education, and other Department of Health programs.

The program is funded jointly by the Federal Centre for AIDS and the Government of the Northwest Territories.







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## HARVEST TO PUT MUSKOX ON SOUTHERN TABLES

YELLOWKNIFE (November 30) - Muskox harvested from Banks Island at the end of this month will be tested on southern palates, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has announced.

One hundred muskox will be harvested by the Inuvialuit Game Council on behalf of Ulu Foods, over a period of about 10 days. Officials from Agriculture Canada will oversee the operation to ensure the meat measures up to inspection standards.

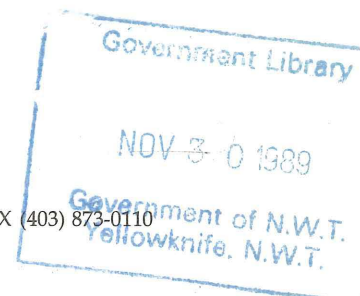
A \$114,000 contribution toward the project is being provided by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

Economic Development and Tourism has hired a specialist to research product development then test market the meat. The muskox will be shipped to food distributors and wholesalers for use in restaurants in southern Canada, the United States and abroad.

"In the past country foods have been distributed outside the NWT only for special occasions, such as Expo 86 in Vancouver," says Mr. Wray. "This project will help determine if there are stable, long-term markets for our unique northern foods."

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## TANNER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 6) - Deputy Minister of Personnel Gerry Tanner is retiring from government in February after 33 years of service.**

Minister of Personnel Jeannie Marie-Jewell, in accepting his resignation, noted that it is difficult to lose someone with such depth of experience, most of it in the Northwest Territories.

"I appreciate the help he has given me over the past year and a half and the effort he has made to ensure the department met the various issues that it has faced during his term of office."

Mr. Tanner accepted his first government position with the Department of National Defence in Halifax in 1957. Eleven years later he transferred to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as an area clerk in Baker Lake. In April of 1970 he joined the Territorial government as settlement manager in the same community.

Mr. Tanner moved to Fort Smith in 1971 as the assistant regional superintendent of Local Government (now the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs) and four years later was promoted to the regional superintendent of Local Government in Inuvik. He became assistant regional director of the Inuvik region in 1976.

Since then he has served as the senior development officer for Local Government, as the manager of personnel and administration with the NWT Housing Corporation and then as regional director for the Keewatin Region at Rankin Inlet in March of 1984. He was appointed to his current position in June of 1988.

Mr. Tanner and his wife Sheena plan on returning to Nova Scotia where he began his career as a public servant 33 years ago.

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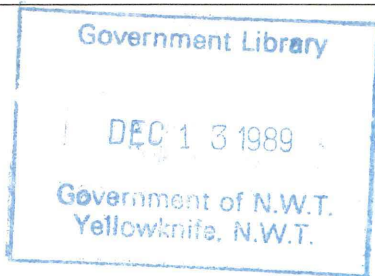




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## **NWT STUDENTS WIN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 13)** - Eleven students from the Northwest Territories, currently studying at universities in southern Canada, have been awarded Canada Scholarships by the federal Ministry of State for Science and Technology.

Ken Shelton of Fort Smith, Angela Sarikas of Inuvik, Paul Green of Hay River, Robert Easton, Michael Jackson, Erin Jeffrey, David Mah, Aimee Phillpot, Janice Roosdahl, Gail Rose and Belinda Whitford of Yellowknife have each received a \$2,000 scholarship for the 1989/90 school year.

"The fact that 11 of our students have won national scholarships shows the high standards and commitment our teachers bring to the classroom," said Education Minister Stephen Kakfwi when announcing the awards. "I congratulate the students on the hard work and self-discipline they put into their studies and I am pleased they are being recognized for their efforts."

"We must continue to stress sciences in our schools, so that today's students will be able to find work in a world of advanced technology," he added.

The students were awarded the scholarships for their academic achievement and the relevance of their studies in the fields of science and technology.

The Canada Scholarships are intended to encourage students from across the country to enrol in science and technology degree programs.

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## **TOURISM MARKETING COUNCIL ESTABLISHED**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 14) - A tourism marketing council has been formed to provide recommendations to the Government of the Northwest Territories, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray announced.**

Chairman of the council is Glenn Warner of Bathurst Inlet Lodge. Other members include Chummy Plummer of Plummer's Lodges, Harry Deneron of the Liard Valley Band Development Corporation, Kim Staples of the Arctic Tour Company, Barry Rempel of Canadian North Airlines, John Crichton of First Air, John Robertson of NWT Air, Thomas Kudloo of Ekaluk Lodge, Stephen Burnett of Horizon Holidays and Keith Sharp of Ferguson Lake Lodge.

The new ten-member council will be responsible for providing the department with recommendations for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of government-funded tourism marketing programs and services.

"It is imperative that the marketing efforts of the territorial government and the private sector continue to be coordinated, to make the most of limited marketing dollars," said Mr. Wray. "This cooperation is needed to build on the steady increase of businesses, package tours and visitation, that has taken place over the last several years."

After the announcement, Mr. Wray presented the 1990 Explorers' Guide which is being released to thousands of potential visitors, travel trade personnel and media around the world. The guide, produced annually by the department, uses the theme, "Within Reach Yet Beyond Belief".

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A new promotional video, "Soar with the Spiritwalkers", was also shown. The eight-minute video, on the northern lights, will be used to promote travel from Pacific Rim countries, during the winter months.

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## DRUM CRUSHING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

YELLOWKNIFE (December 18, 1989) - Empty petroleum product drums are being crushed in remote communities as part of a Petroleum Products Division program, Government Services Minister Tom Butters has announced.

This summer 7,091 drums were crushed in Trout Lake, Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven and Coppermine. Drum crushing is scheduled for Holman, Pelly Bay, Coral Harbour, Whale Cove and Grise Fiord, next summer.

Communities targeted for the program were in the past, supplied annually with 205-litre drums of fuel because they lacked a bulk storage facility or had inadequate storage space. Remoteness makes it economically unfeasible for the communities to return their empty drums to suppliers for credit. Some drums are also non-returnable or damaged.

The drum crushing machine uses a high-powered diesel generator to reduce eight empty barrels to the size of one. The crusher is transported in three pieces by Twin Otter aircraft.

"Attempts to get rid of the drums in the past have failed because of lack of a crusher suited to northern conditions," said Mr. Butters. "Using new equipment, the drum crushing program will improve the appearance and environment of remote communities while employing local residents."

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Hamlet and band councils are consulted in choosing a disposal site for the crushed drums. Spence Bay had the greatest accumulation of empty drums with its total of about 5,499. Gjoa Haven had about 300 drums, the lowest number.

Costs for the 1989 portion of the program are estimated at \$80,000.

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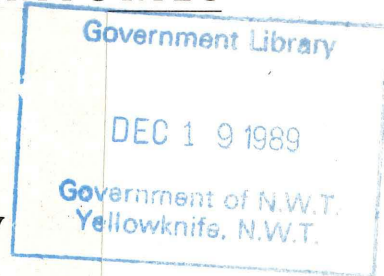
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## **KINLOCH NAMED ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH**

YELLOWKNIFE ( December 19) - Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea today announced the appointment of Dr. David Kinloch as the Department of Health's new Assistant Deputy Minister, Insurance/Institutional Health.

Dr. Kinloch has more than 25 years experience in planning, organizing, financing, administering and conducting research for both institutional and community health services.

"Dr. Kinloch is well acquainted with northern health issues having spent several years of his career in the Northwest Territories and Yukon", says Ms. Cournoyea.

His appointment is effective at the beginning of February, 1990.

Dr. Kinloch is currently chief of the Field Epidemiology Division at Health and Welfare's Laboratory Centre for Disease Control in Ottawa. Immediately prior to that he spent four years in the Northwest Territories as Regional Medical Officer with the Medical Services Branch of Health and Welfare Canada.

Dr. Kinloch graduated in medicine from the University of Alberta in 1958. Post graduate work in public health was undertaken at the School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, England, and in epidemiology at the Harvard University School of Public Health.

During his lengthy health care career Dr. Kinloch has served as Director of Health Services in the Yukon, Deputy Commissioner and Director of Medical Care for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Director of Planning for Health Services for the Quebec Department of Social Affairs, Medical Director for the Ontario Health Services Insurance Plan, and as a Medical Health Officer for the City of Vancouver.

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As Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of Health and Secretary to the Territorial Hospital Insurance Services (T.H.I.S.) Board, Dr. Kinloch will be responsible for formulating policy, coordinating operational, human resource and capital planning, and monitoring program delivery of Hospitals and Health Boards across the Northwest Territories. He will also oversee the administration of the Department's full range of health insurance programs including Medicare, the Medical Transportation Policy and Extended Health Services.

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## NEW HOUSING CORPORATION VICE PRESIDENT NAMED

YELLOWKNIFE (December 20) - Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation Tom Butters has announced the appointment of Joe Solowy as Vice President of Construction/Development.

Mr. Solowy joined the NWT Housing Corporation in 1982 as a Project Manager, advanced to Senior Project Manager, and in 1988 was appointed as the Director of Construction Services with the Construction/Development Division.

"This new vice president's broad experience in mining, mechanics, law enforcement and private enterprise, coupled with his construction knowledge, makes him well qualified for the position," said Mr. Butters.

In his new position, Mr. Solowy will oversee management, development and coordination of all corporate construction-related activities. The Construction/Development Division is responsible for design, construction and contracting of the corporation's public housing programs. The division also provides technical advice and support to other Housing Corporation divisions.

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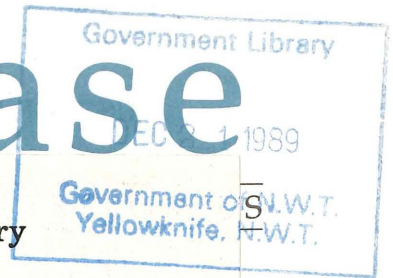
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## JUSTICE MINISTER REQUESTS INVESTIGATION

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 21)**- Justice Minister Michael Ballantyne is asking the Judicial Council of the Northwest Territories to conduct an investigation into complaints about comments attributed to Judge Michel Bourassa in an Edmonton newspaper article.

The article, in Wednesday's Edmonton Journal, quoted Judge Bourassa on the sentencing of convicted sexual offenders. Publication of the interview has resulted in calls for his resignation.

Mr. Ballantyne said today he has received numerous complaints and that they will be referred to the Judicial Council along with the newspaper article. In addition, Chief Judge of the Territorial Court Robert Halifax is reviewing the matter.

On receipt of a complaint, the Judicial Council has the authority to conduct an investigation and make recommendations, including whether or not an inquiry will be held. If an inquiry is recommended, Commissioner Daniel Norris has the authority to appoint a judge of the Superior Court to handle the matter.

The Council includes the Senior Judge of the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice M.M. de Weerd, Chief Judge of the Territorial Court Robert Halifax, a member of the NWT Law Society, Neil Sharkey, and up to two other members appointed by the minister, one of whom is a lay person.

Mr. Ballantyne, an advocate of stiffer penalties for violent and sexual crimes against women and children, admitted he was "deeply disturbed" about the comments attributed to Judge Bourassa, but that he was not in a position to comment further on the specifics of the matter.

"We have a process in place to handle matters such as this and that process has been put in motion," he said.

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Mr. Ballantyne, noting that even though he was not in a position to respond to the comments attributed to Judge Bourassa, said he did want to make it abundantly clear that the NWT justice system is based on equal treatment, regardless of race, religion or gender.

"The Government stands firm on that principle and is committed to its preservation. It has absolutely no tolerance for any action that would undermine that reality."

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## BLOCK-LONG LINE-UPS A THING OF THE PAST

YELLOWKNIFE (December 21) - Line-ups stretching for blocks were not uncommon every year as motorists who had waited until the last moment stood in line to renew their vehicle registration before the deadline.

All of that will change, however, when the Department of Transportation's, Motor Vehicles Division introduces a new system in mid January 1990 of staggered dates.

"This system, which is similar to those in Alberta and Quebec, will eliminate long and frustrating line-ups during the last week of March and will spread this aspect of Motor Vehicles' workload over the course of an entire year," says Minister of Transportation Gordon Wray.

Under the present system, all current vehicle registrations will expire at the end of March 1990. When private vehicle owners renew their registration next year, however, they will be assigned a month, based on the first letter of their surname, for renewing their registration in 1991 and subsequent years.

Each year will begin with A's registering before the end of January, followed by B's and C's in February, D and E in March, H and I in April, F and G in May, J and K in June, P and Q in July, N and O in August, L and M in September, R and S in October, T and U in November, and V, W, X, Y and Z in December.

For those drivers who register a private vehicle during the course of the year and have six months or less before their annual expiry date (such as an "E" registering in January), an extension of 12 months will be added to the registration. Fees will be pro-rated.

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If the expiry date is more than six months away (such as a "Z" registering in March), the owner will purchase the exact number of remaining months.

Businesses will be allowed to select a date for renewing the registration on commercial vehicles, however, a registration period of at least three months is required.

Motor vehicle owners will receive two validation stickers to place on their licence plates. The first, to be used from one year to the next, will identify the month in which the registration expires. The second will identify the year in which the registration expires.

For more information, contact the Motor Vehicles Division in Yellowknife at (403) 920-8041 or your local motor vehicles issuing office.

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## **BISON RANCH RECEIVES FUNDING FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 22)** - An experimental bison ranch will be established near Fort Smith with \$385,704 in funding over the next three years, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism Gordon Wray has announced.

The funding will assist with capital assets and operating costs to establish Hanging Ice Bison Ranch. Hanging Ice Ranch Ltd., a corporate arm of the Fort Smith Hunters and Trappers Association, will manage the pilot project under a contract with the territorial government. A project manager experienced in the managerial and technical aspects of game farming will also be hired.

The bison ranch will be located on a 10-square mile grazing lease on the east side of the Slave River. The area must be cleared, a road and staff facility built, and corrals erected. Forty disease-free wood bison from Elk Island National Park will be moved to the site.

The project will help determine the viability of a commercial bison ranch and the economic potential for game farming in the NWT. Two full time jobs and various seasonal jobs will be created over the three-year term.

"My department is examining new ways of utilizing our natural resources," said Mr. Wray. "Demand for exotic food products is high and projects like this may lead to exciting new commercial developments."

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A project steering committee will be established to have full authority over financial matters. Three territorial government representatives, two from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and one from Renewable Resources, will sit on the committee, along with two representatives from Hanging Ice Ranch Ltd.

The Economic Development Agreement (EDA) Secretariat has agreed in principle to provide \$250,000 in capital to the ranch on the condition that the territorial government provide ongoing operational costs and additional capital costs associated with the project. The secretariat will meet in January to finalize the agreement.

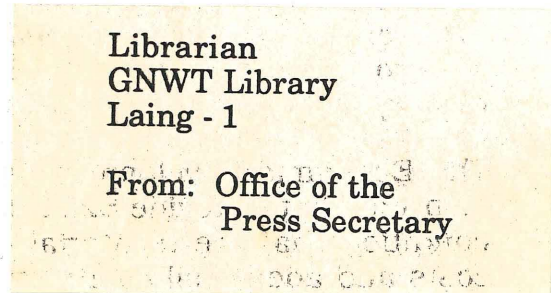
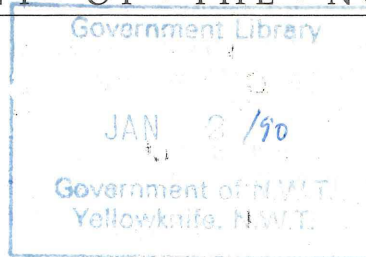
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## DISCUSSION SOUGHT ON CHANGES TO TRAVEL AND TOURISM ACT

YELLOWKNIFE (December 28) - Economic Development and Tourism Minister Gordon Wray has released a discussion paper on proposed changes to the Travel and Tourism Act and regulations governing tourism establishments and outfitters.

The paper is part of an assessment process that began last year. It describes the changes recommended as a result of an initial round of public consultations with the industry and other interest groups. Comments on the document will be considered in the drafting of new legislation.

"Tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in the Northwest Territories," Mr. Wray said today. "It's important for our legislation to keep pace with the changes that have taken place in recent years."

Since the 1970s, the tourism industry in the NWT has grown from a simple industry made up of a few remote fishing lodges and big game outfitters to a complex system ranging from wilderness experiences to urbane and sophisticated gourmet dining in luxurious surroundings.

The discussion paper is being sent to government agencies, native associations, outfitters, the Tourism Industry Association of the NWT and its six zone offices, and operators of lodges, accommodation and package tours. It examines such areas as establishment of minimum safety standards, environmental practices, licensing, consumer protection and the impact of final land claim agreements.

