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1	92-001	Workplaces Audited	8 Jan, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-002	Wage Order Agreement	8 Jan, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-003	Guide to Mining and Exploration	8 Jan, 1992	Casimirri	EMR
1	92-004	Truck Driving Regulations	13 Jan, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-005	Proposed New Park	14 Jan, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-006	Counsellor Program	14 Jan, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-007	NWT Secondary School Graduation	14 Jan, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-008	New Book	14 Jan, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-009	Student Councils and Residences meet for	14 Jan, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-010	Gerein Named DM of Education	15 Jan, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-011	Hurley Named Chef de Mission	20 Jan, 1992	Enge	MACA
1		Recipients of Bravery and PS Awards	21 Jan, 1992	Lopatka	CO
1	92-012	Garson Named Principal Secretary	21 Jan, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-013	Joint Forestry Cooperation Agreement	23 Jan, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-014	Poster Contest	23 Jan, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-015	Survey will look at Attitudes re Health	24 Jan, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-016	Real Estate Agents/Exam	24 Jan, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-017	Dental Practices Reviewed	28 Jan, 1992	Sorensen	HEA
1		NWT Coin to be Unveiled	30 Jan, 1992	Lopatka	CO
1	92-018	Compact Disk Catalogue	8 Feb, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-019	Arts Education Curriculum	5 Feb, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-020	Contribution to Education	5 Feb, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-021	Dinosaur Spotted in Yellowknife	6 Feb, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-022	Human Resource Development Program	10 Feb, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-023	NWT Acts Consolidated	11 Feb, 1992	Lopatka	C&C

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1	92-024	Koonark First Graduate of New Recreation	24 Feb, 1992	Enge	MACA
1		Contract Information	25 Feb, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-025	New Interview Room for child abuse victi	26 Feb, 1992	Casimirri	SS
1	92-026	National Conference on Victimization and	27 Feb, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1	92-027	Mine Safety Bill Committee Formed	27 Feb, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-028	Government Homes up for Sale	28 Feb, 1992	Enge	PERS
1	92-029	Healthy Eating Habits Promoted	2 Mar, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-030	Government/NWTTA sign Memorandum	9 Mar, 1992	Enge	PERS
1	92-031	First Ministers' Meeting	23 Mar, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-032	Third NWT Golf Tournament for Literacy	31 Mar, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-033	Minister of Health Steps Down	1 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-034	A week for Wildlife	6 Apr, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-035	Poor Financial Position Can be Solved	7 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-036	Conference for Caregivers and Adult Surv	8 Apr, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1	92-037	Heat Trace Cable - Serious Fire Hazard	8 Apr, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-038	AWG Membership Expands	13 Apr, 1992	Enge	MACA
1	92-039	Parker Re-Appointed to Science Institute	14 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	SI
1	92-040	Abortion review established	15 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	HEA
1	92-041	Two NWT Communities Renamed	15 Apr, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-042	Volunteer of the Year	15 Apr, 1992	Enge	MACA
1	92-043	Government Offers Support	21 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	I&AA
1	92-044	Driver's Manual Rewritten	21 Apr, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-045	Ottawa Helps Fund Emergency Preparedn	21 Apr, 1992	Lopatka	EMO
1		Contract Information	22 Apr, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-046	Recommendations on French First Languag	22 Apr, 1992	Jewison	EDU

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1	92-048	Air Quality in Yellowknife Area Measured	28 Apr, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	920-049	Trainees Complete Airport Training Program	28 Apr, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-050	McNenly Appointed to WCB	30 Apr, 1992	Sorensen	WCB
1	92-051	Health Bursary Deadline Extended	1 May, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-052	National Evaluation Program	5 May, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-053	Review Recommends Goal Setting and Tea	5 May, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-054	Canada Health Day	11 May, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-055	NWT Artists Receive Support fm GNWT	19 May, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-056	Help Book for Teens Released	20 May, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1		Contract Information	25 May, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-057	Gov't and Teachers Settle Contract	26 May, 1992	Sorensen	PERS
1	92-058	Support for Triple E Senate	27 May, 1992	Sorensen	AR&CD
1	92-059	Northern Provincehood Remains Strong	28 May, 1992	Sorensen	AR&CD
1	92-060	Business Incentive Policy Revised	1 Jun, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-061	\$8.5 Million Cooperation Agreement Signed	3 Jun, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-062	Transportation Week	3 Jun, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-063	Earth Summit	8 Jun, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-064	Keep Canada Ever Green for Wildlife	11 Jun, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-065	Memorandum for New Collective Agreement	11 Jun, 1992	Sorensen	PERS
1	92-066	EDA Helps NWT Prospectors	15 Jun, 1992	Hall	EDA
1	92-067	Memorandum of Understanding Renewed	15 Jun, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-068	Aboriginal Series translated in Aboriginal	18 Jun, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-069	Research Project Looks at Why NWT Stud	18 Jun, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-070	CMHC Supports Business Incentive Policy	23 Jun, 1992	Enge	NWTHC

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1	92-071	Gender Equality Report Released	29 Jun, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1	92-072	World Indigenous Conference	6 Jul, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1	92-073	Traditional Foods Promoted in New Health	6 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1		Contract Information	7 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-074	Cabinet Changes Announced	9 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	GLO
1	92-075	NWT Status of Women's Council Appointm	10 Jul, 1992	Casimirri	GLO
1	92-076	Revised Regulations Take Effect Today	15 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	C&C
1	92-077	Dust Control Program Underway	16 Jul, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-078	Parks Day Celebrated in the NWT	16 Jul, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-079	GNWT Calls on Provincial Support for Pro	17 Jul, 1992	Braden	GLO
1	92-080	Bison Free Zone	20 Jul, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-081	Two More Heritage Rivers Selected in NW	22 Jul, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-082	NWT Prospectors Receive EDA Grubstakes	23 Jul, 1992	Hall	EDA
1	92-083	Investigation of Lupin Accident Completed	27 Jul, 1992	Casimirri	SAPS
1	92-084	Quebec/NWT Meeting Postponed	27 Jul, 1992	Lynda Sorensen	AR&CD
1		Contract Information	30 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	DPW
1	92-085	Commercial Law Reform Will Help Busines	30 Jul, 1992	Casimirri	JUS
1	92-086	Exhibit Tells Story of Traditional Dene Lif	30 Jul, 1992	Lopatka	EDU
1	92-087	Public Administrator Named	7 Aug, 1992	Sorensen	HEA
1	90-088	Bison Control Regulations	11 Aug, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-089	Home Owners Property Tax Rebate Reduc	12 Aug, 1992	Enge	MACA
1		Governor General to Visit NWT	14 Aug, 1992	Lopatka	CO
1	92-090	NWT Not Trying to Stack the Senate	18 Aug, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-091	GNWT Funds Promising NWT Artists	19 Aug, 1992	Lopatka	EDU, C&EP

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1	92-092	Tree Plan Canada Launched	20 Aug, 1992	Casimirri	FR
1	92-093	Operation of Akaitcho Hall	21 Aug, 1992	Jewison	EDU
1	92-094	Travelling Exhibit	28 Aug, 1992	Lopatka	EC&EP
1	92-095	Potential Sealift Connection	31 Aug, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1	92-096	Hazardous Waste Disposal	3 Sep, 1992	Enge	FR
1		Board of Inquiry (media only)	3 Sep, 1992	Sorensen	HEA
1	92-097	Literacy Grants Announced	17 Sep, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-098	Board Members Appointed	22 Sep, 1992	Enge	ED&T
1	92-099	DMs named	22 Sep, 1992	Enge	GLO
1		Contract Information	23 Sep, 1992	Lopatka	GS&PW
1	92-100	Changes to Tag and Trophy Fee Increase	25 Sep, 1992	Enge	FR
1	92-101	Inuvik Regional Health Board	28 Sep, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-102	Runway Completed in Lac La Martre	28 Sep, 1992	Enge	TRANS
1		Contract Information	30 Sep, 1992	Lopatka	NWTHC
1	92-103	Metis Registration Process	8 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-104	Encouraging Pre-Schoolers to read	9 Oct, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-105	Fire Hall Opens in Dettah	9 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	GS&PW
1	92-106	Child Abuse Conferences	9 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	JUS
1	92-107	Nahanni Butte Health Station	9 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-108	Interim Chairperson named for WCB	15 Oct, 1992	Sorensen	WCB
1	92-109	Charlottetown Accord	19 Oct, 1992	Sorensen	AR&CD
1	92-110	Funding received for Oral Traditions	19 Oct, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-111	Funding Received for Language Projects	19 Oct, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-112	Executive Exchange Planned	22 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	HEA

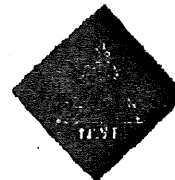
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1	92-115	Chairman Named to Board of Inquiry	26 Oct, 1992	Sorensen	JUS
1	92-116	Family Law Review Report	27 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	JUS
1	92-117	Referendum Results	27 Oct, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-118	Legal Interpreter Training	29 Oct, 1992	Lopatka	JUS
1	92-119	Petroleum Products	29 Oct, 1992	Sorensen	GS&PW
1	92-120	GNWT files Statement of Claim	9 Nov, 1992	Sorensen	HEA
1	92-121	National Award	10 Nov, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1		Commissioner's Award Committee	12 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	CO
1	92-122	New Firearms Control Law	12 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	JUS
1	92-123	Firearms Amnesty Declared	16 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	JUS
1		Coat of Arms	17 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	CO
1	92-124	Fare Reductions for NWT Students	17 Nov, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-125	Project Rocks	18 Nov, 1992	Hall	EDA
1	92-126	Award for Top Marks	19 Nov, 1992	Jewison	EC&EP
1	92-127	Aboriginal NAACOA Conference	19 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	JUS&SS
1	92-128	Bourque retires from GNWT	24 Nov, 1992	Sorensen	
1	92-129	Kiosk Offer Consumers Advice	26 Nov, 1992	Enge	FR
1	92-130	Health Career Booklet	30 Nov, 1992	Lopatka	HEA
1	92-131	Homeownership Program Announced	4 Dec, 1992	Sorensen	NWTHC
1	92-132	Ministerial Assignments	10 Dec, 1992	Sorensen	GLO
1	92-133	WCB Review	14 Dec, 1992	Sorensen	WCB
1		Commissioner's Award for Public Service	23 Dec, 1992	Lopatka	CO

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Grise Fiord (March 10, 1992) - A Search and Rescue operation has been organized in Grise Fiord to look for George Akikuluk and his son Alex who failed to return from a hunting trip near Cape Hardy on Devon Island last night.

During the afternoon of March 10, Raymond Mercredi and Dolateetah Igaitak followed tracks made by Akikuluk's snowmobile from a camp at True-Love Inlet to the Cape Hardy area where the track was lost.

Both missing hunters are dressed in caribou parkas but their snowmobile is reported to be in poor condition and they have limited equipment and fuel. The weather in the area is clear with temperatures ranging between -27° to -36°.

Grise Fiord Mayor Japatee Akeagok informed the Baffin Emergency Response Committee about the situation at 11:14 p.m. March 10. The community is working with the RCMP and SAR volunteers to man the search.

At 7:00 a.m. two search parties left Grise Fiord to begin a coordinated search. Abraham Pijamini and Seaglock Akeagok headed toward the Cape Hardy area from an easterly direction and Gamalell Akeagok and Kavovow Kiguktak approached the area from the west. Both teams have maintained radio contact with SAR control in Grise Fiord at three hour intervals but so far they have been unsuccessful in their efforts.

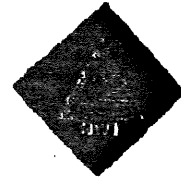
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The Baffin Emergency Response Committee and the RCMP are standing by and will assist with an air search should the ground teams be unsuccessful.

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Press Information

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92-001

Workplaces Audited

YELLOWKNIFE (January 8) — A random safety audit of 12 workplaces in Yellowknife has pinpointed a number of deficiencies, according to Safety and Public Services Minister Dennis Patterson.

The workplaces included restaurants, offices, retail stores and printing outfits. The number of employees at the workplaces ranged from three to 50. The work sites were audited as part of the department's new Safety Program Audit. By the end of 1992, the majority of workplaces in the Northwest Territories will be audited.

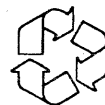
Ten of the 12 workplaces did not have copies of the Safety Act and regulations, as required by law, and employees were not familiar with the Act's contents. Seven of the workplaces did not have joint health committees in place, as required by law.

A number of the workplaces were given specific orders to repair unsafe equipment such as compressed gas cylinders, hoses on dust collectors, grinder wheels, shelving units and plug covers.

"Our safety officers are thorough, and we want employers to be thorough. We want them to take a close look at their workplaces and take immediate action to ensure the safety of their employees," says Mr. Patterson.

The department is sending information kits to all employers in the NWT. The kits contain a self-audit for employers. The audits will help employers analyze their workplace safety procedures and understand their responsibilities under the Safety Act. Employers must complete the audits and return them to the Chief Safety Officer of the NWT within 60 days.

The department will be following up on the audits with work site inspections. The safety officers conducting the inspections want to help employers and employees create safer work environments.



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In the spirit of cooperation, the safety officers will be discussing their findings with employers once they have completed their inspections. Employers may be given a written Inspection Order that suggests ways the workplace can be made safer. Employers will be given a reasonable amount of time to comply with the orders. If, upon subsequent visits, the safety officers notice that the orders have not been followed, charges may be laid.

An employer in the NWT with 10 or more workers is required by law to set up and maintain an Accident Prevention Program at their workplace. Employers who fail to comply with the law could be faced with a \$10,000 fine.

Employers with less than 10 workers must arrange for workers to discuss accident prevention at least once every six months. Some employers with 10 or more employees could be ordered by the Chief Safety Officer of the NWT to establish Joint Work Site Health and Safety Committees.

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92-002

Wage Order Agreement Signed With Manitoba

YELLOWKNIFE (January 8) — The Northwest Territories and Manitoba have reached a reciprocal agreement for the enforcement of wage orders, says Safety and Public Services Minister Dennis Patterson.

Under the agreement, an employer who leaves and resettles in Manitoba without paying his or her employees can be forced to pay any wages owed. The same applies to an employer who moves, under similar circumstances, from Manitoba to the NWT.

"The agreement helps protect workers in the Northwest Territories. It offers them some recourse against those few employers who leave the NWT without paying their employees what they are owed," says Mr. Patterson.

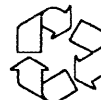
Similar wage order agreements have already been signed with the Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Before the agreements were reached, the NWT Labour Standards Board had little recourse when employers left the Territories and there were no assets left behind which could be seized. Now, when the board files an order in court for wages owed in the NWT, it can be adopted by B.C., the Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba and enforced as if it had originated in those jurisdictions.

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Guide to Mining and Exploration Legislation Released

YELLOWKNIFE (January 8) — The Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has released a guide to legislation affecting exploration and mining in the Northwest Territories.

The guide provides summaries of federal and territorial legislation and regulations governing exploration and mining companies operating in the NWT. It also lists key contacts in both federal and territorial governments, mailing addresses and phone numbers.

The document was developed to provide government, industry, native associations and the public with useful information on how exploration and mining is regulated. It outlines the legislation applying to the various stages of a mining project, from prospecting right through to the operation and abandonment of a mine site.

Copies of the guide are available from the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, 3rd Floor, Panda II Mall in Yellowknife, or Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2L9. Tel: 403-920-3304; Fax: 403-873-0254.

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ARCTIC WINTER GAMES TRIALS TO BE HELD IN IQALUIT

IQALUIT, NWT (January 13, 1992) - The junior girls indoor soccer trials for the 1992 Arctic Winter Games will be held in Iqaluit from Thursday January 16 to Saturday January 18, 1992.

Teams from Ft. Resolution, Yellowknife, Aklavik, Rankin Inlet, and Iqaluit, are scheduled to compete at Inuksuk High School and the winning team will travel to Whitehorse, Yukon in 1992 for the Arctic Winter Games.

"The athletes are excited," said Kerrie Duncan, Arctic Winter Games regional coordinator, "they have worked hard to get this far and the competition will be fast and furious. Everyone wants to represent the NWT at Whitehorse, we are going to see indoor soccer at its best this weekend."

The Arctic Winter Games are held every second year with athletes from Alaska, Yukon, Greenland, the Northwest Territories and Northern Alberta competing. The AWG celebrated its 20th anniversary during the 1990 games in Yellowknife. A group of Soviet observers attended those games for the first time.

Inuksuk High School, Nakasuk and Joamie Schools in Iqaluit will also be the scene of the territorial trials for the Inuit games which are part of the AWG. Athletes from all over the NWT will be competing in Iqaluit January 16 to 18 for a chance to represent the NWT in Whitehorse.

Events include the one and two foot high kick, the airplane, the Alaskan high kick, the kneel jump, head pull, knuckle hop, and one hand reach. There are new rules for the popular airplane event. Under the old rules the contestant was lifted by his wrists and ankles and had to remain rigid with his arms and legs extended as he was carried around the gymnasium. Points were scored for the distance travelled. Under the new rules, the contestant will be lifted and held stationary. Points are scored based on the time he is able to remain aloft.

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"The Arctic Winter Games have been gaining in awareness and popularity each year, there is a possibility that an Inuit Games demonstration may be performed at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia in 1994," said Lazarus Arreak, senior recreation development officer for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

"We have more Baffin athletes than ever before all set to compete in the Inuit Games -- more and more people from the communities are getting involved and competing in all the events," he said.

Spectators are encouraged at all the trials and the winners will be announced at a ceremony at Inuksuk High School at 9:00 p.m., Saturday January 18th.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
1992 Arctic Winter Games
Junior Girls Indoor Soccer Territorial Trials
Iqaluit, NWT

Thursday January 16

Inuksuk High School

6:00 - 7:00

Iqaluit vs Ft. Resolution

7:00 - 8:00

Yellowknife vs Aklavik

Friday January 17

Inuksuk High School

9:00 - 10:00

Iqaluit vs Aklavik

10:00 - 11:00

Rankin Inlet vs Ft. Resolution

11:00 - 12:00

Yellowknife vs Iqaluit

1:30 - 2:30

Aklavik vs Rankin Inlet

2:30 - 3:30

Ft. Resolution vs Yellowknife

3:30 - 4:30

Iqaluit vs Rankin Inlet

Saturday January 18

Inuksuk High School

10:00 - 11:00

Rankin Inlet vs Yellowknife

11:00 - 12:00

Ft. Resolution vs Aklavik

3:00 - 4:00

PLAYOFF 3rd vs 2nd

7:00 - 8:00

FINAL winner vs 1st

9:00

Demonstrations Inuit Games and Presentations

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
Arctic Sports
Inuit Games**

	NAKASUK	JOAMIE	INUKSUK
Thursday January 16 1:30 - 3:30	Demonstration & practice <u>Open Men</u> <u>Junior Women</u>	Demonstration & practice <u>Open Women</u> <u>Junior Men</u>	
Friday January 17 10:00 am	<u>Open Men</u> -head pull <u>Junior Women</u> -arm pull <u>All Categories</u> Alaskan high kick	<u>Open Women</u> -arm pull <u>Junior Men</u> -kneel jump <u>All Categories</u> Alaskan high kick	
1:30 pm	<u>Open Women</u> -kneel jump <u>Junior Women</u> - kneel jump <u>Junior Men</u> - arm pull	<u>Open Men</u> -knuckle hop -airplane	
7:00 pm			<u>All Categories</u> -two foot high kick
Saturday January 18 10:00 am	<u>Junior Men</u> <u>Junior Women</u> <u>Open Women</u> - one foot high kick <u>Open Men</u> - kneel jump - one hand reach		
8:00 pm			<u>Open Men</u> -one foot high kick



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New Truck Driving Regulations Introduced

YELLOWKNIFE (January 13) — The Department of Transportation has introduced new safety regulations that set the maximum number of hours truck drivers can drive or stay on-duty at any one time.

The new regulations came into effect January 2. They are consistent with National Safety Code regulations designed in 1989 to improve highway transport safety.

"Truckers operating in the NWT will log their hours in the same way as they do in the rest of Canada and the United States," says Transportation Minister Titus Allooloo.

He said, however, that the maximum number of driving hours permitted on NWT highways exceeds those in southern Canada because of the longer distances and travelling times between northern destinations and suitable rest locations.

The new regulations allow truck drivers to stay on-duty for up to 20 hours at a time, but they cannot drive more than 15 of them without an eight hour rest. Even with long hauls, they must keep within the limits of 70 working hours in seven days, 80 hours in eight days or 120 hours in fourteen days.

Although truckers working the NWT's winter ice roads are exempt from the daily 15 and 20 hour limits, they cannot log more than 105 hours in seven days.

"We recognize the challenges the trucking industry meets in servicing our remote communities and resource industries on the winter resupply road system, so we have minimized our restrictions," adds Allooloo.

A brochure explaining the new regulations is available from the Department of Transportation.

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Proposed New Park at Campbell Lake

YELLOWKNIFE (January 14) — A Memorandum of Agreement to establish a territorial park at Campbell Lake has been signed between the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and the Gwich'in Tribal Council.

Campbell Lake is 15 kms southeast of Inuvik on the Dempster Highway. The agreement was signed in Inuvik November 7.

The proposed park is within the Gwich'in land claim area and the territorial government and Dene organization have agreed to work in a spirit of co-operation to operate and manage the park.

The two groups will work on drawing up a park management plan within the next few months to set the direction for the development and maintenance of the new facilities, Mr. Pollard said today.

Under the agreement, a joint management committee will be set up to direct the development of the park under the direction of a few general guidelines.

"Because of the strong economic prospect for growth in this town's tourism and services industry, we have agreed to give training and employment priority to Inuvik residents," said Mr. Pollard.

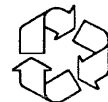
The agreement further states that future park policies, programs and services must remain consistent to the Gwich'in's final land claim agreement. General Hunting License holders and beneficiaries of the Gwich'in claim will retain the right to hunt, fish or trap, subject to laws of general application.

"A territorial park at Campbell Lake will provide increased opportunities for the tourism and recreation sector, as well as offer enjoyment, education and appreciation of the natural and cultural heritage of the Northwest Territories," Mr. Pollard added.

In the past, Campbell Lake served as a small camping and boat launch site for Inuvik residents and tourists during the summer.

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Students Graduate From Counsellor Program

YELLOWKNIFE (January 14) — Fifteen trainees recently graduated from the School Community Counsellor Training Program at Arctic College's Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith. They join 20 previous graduates who are already working as School Community Counsellors.

"The School Community Counsellors play a vital role in improving communication between the school and the community. They help students work out any personal problems that may be interfering with their learning," says Education Minister Titus Allooloo. "Since the counsellors are local people, they bring a thorough knowledge of the community to their jobs."

The sixteen-month training program helps the counsellors build skills in communication, public awareness related to education and basic helping skills. Throughout the course of the program, the trainees alternate eight-week sessions in the classroom with eight weeks working in the schools in which they will be placed after graduation.

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New requirements for NWT Secondary School Graduation

YELLOWKNIFE (January 14) — Changes in secondary school graduation requirements and graduation documents are the latest steps in creating an education system designed to meet the needs of northerners, Education Minister Titus Allooloo said today.

Graduation requirements were the same for Alberta and NWT until 1990/91, when a credit in community service became mandatory for the NWT. Students graduating from secondary schools in the NWT in 1993 must also complete Northern Studies.

"These changes, however, were somewhat superficial. As northerners take greater control of their education system, there is a need to make deeper changes in the graduation requirements to reflect the needs of NWT students," Mr. Allooloo says.

Staff from the Department of Education travelled across the NWT to ask principals, counsellors, boards of education, adult educators and representatives of Arctic College how they felt the graduation requirements could be made more relevant to northern students. These ideas were reviewed and evaluated by a committee made up of these same stakeholders. Their recommendations have been accepted, and will be implemented in the schools in 1992/93.

As in the past, students will be able to work towards the General Certificate or the Advanced Certificate. The General Certificate is intended for students who want to go into the work force immediately after they graduate, or for those who want to go into college and apprenticeship training programs. The Advanced Certificate is intended for students who wish to enter university or certain college programs.

To address the demands placed upon students in a world increasingly dependent on high technology, the science credits required for the Advanced Certificate will be raised to 15 credits from 11. Science credits for the General Certificate will be raised to 10 credits from 8, as will the credits for mathematics. Math credits required to receive the Advanced Certificate will remain at 15.

Credits for Career and Life Management will be raised to 5 credits from 4 for both certificates. This will give teachers more time to explore the wide variety of topics in this course, including life skills, problem solving, and parenting.

To promote increased physical activity and a healthy lifestyle, the Physical Education requirement will be raised to 5 credits from 3 for both certificates.



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Current fine arts programs have uncovered a great deal of creative talent among NWT students. To give all young people an opportunity to explore their creativity, a mandatory five credits in fine arts will be introduced for both certificates.

Five credits in practical arts will also be introduced for both certificates to give students wider experience in areas such as business education, home economics and industrial arts.

Until the new NWT Northern Studies and Social Studies secondary school curricula are complete, the present three-credit requirement for Grade 10 Northern Studies and the 15-credit requirement for Social Studies in Grades 10, 11 and 12 will remain. Northern Studies will eventually become a mandatory five-credit course at the Grade 10 level, followed by ten credits in Social Studies in Grades 11 and 12.

Credits for English/Francais will remain at 15 for both certificates.

Students were previously required to complete two additional five-credit courses in Grade 12 in order to graduate. This requirement will be dropped to give students greater flexibility in choosing courses. It will not adversely affect post-secondary plans for students.

In total, students will require 100 credits to graduate.

"Students need a variety of skills if they are to be successful in today's rapidly changing society," Mr. Allooos says. "These new graduation requirements will give them a broader base of knowledge on which to base future decisions as they move into their adult lives."

Students graduating from NWT secondary schools will now receive the Northwest Territories Secondary School Graduation Certificate. As of September 30, all student records were transferred to the NWT Department of Education, which will be responsible for maintaining them and issuing transcripts to NWT students.

"Students graduating from secondary schools in the Northwest Territories not only meet Alberta graduation standards -- they exceed them," Mr. Allooos said. "I am also pleased to announce that the NWT Secondary School Graduation Certificate and transcript have been granted recognition by all post-secondary institutions across Canada."

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New Book Describes Traditional Life of Inuvialuit

YELLOWKNIFE (January 14) — The Department of Education has released a book describing the traditional life of the Inuvialuit and their steps towards the future, Education Minister Titus Allooloo said today.

"The Department of Education is dedicated to creating a school system that fosters understanding among the various cultural groups in the NWT. However, a lack of resource material about northern cultures has made it difficult to reach this goal," Mr. Allooloo says.

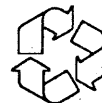
The book, *Inuvialuit Pitqusiit: The Culture of the Inuvialuit*, was developed by the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation for the Department of Education. It tells the story of the Inuvialuit in their own words, and was illustrated by Inuvialuit artist William Gruben.

The publication describes the Inuvialuit lifestyle of long ago, including hunting, travelling, how leaders were chosen, and leisure activities. It also describes the recent past and contact with newcomers such as fur traders, whalers, missionaries, the government, and the oil and gas industries. It closes with a section on the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and what it means to be Inuvialuit today.

The book can be used as a resource for the NWT Social studies curriculum, as well as the Northern Studies curriculum. It will be distributed to all education resource centres in the near future.

"Projects such as these enhance students' understanding of the North's original cultures. They provide insights on the past and present achievements of these people, and lead to greater understanding among cultural groups," Mr. Allooloo says.

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Presidents of Student Councils and Residences Meet for Workshop

YELLOWKNIFE (January 14) — Presidents of student councils in secondary schools and student residences recently met in Rankin Inlet to attend workshops and to discuss issues of common concern. The presidents have been meeting once a year for the past four school years.

"The annual workshop accomplishes a number of valuable goals," says Education Minister Titus Allooloo. "First of all, it gives the students an opportunity to communicate their concerns directly to Department of Education staff. It also gives these young people -- many of whom will be tomorrow's leaders -- the opportunity to meet one another and develop a variety of leadership skills."

The theme for the weekend meeting was "leadership" and the actual sessions were based on related concerns the presidents expressed in a pre-meeting survey. Some of the topics were: group building, long-range planning, short-term planning, teamwork, effective meetings and sharing ideas. There was a panel discussion by local leaders on the topic "building the next generation of leaders".

The panel discussion was followed by a closed session on student concerns, lead by a facilitator who is independent of the Department of Education. Among the issues raised were Northern Studies, the NWT Graduation Certificate, Arctic College, the quality of teaching, grade extensions in small communities and student financial assistance. Student opinion varied quite strongly on each of these issues across the NWT.

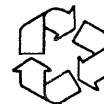
The workshop concluded with the students selecting a spokesperson for their concerns. They chose Lalena Flaherty, of Grise Fiord, who is currently attending Inuksuk Secondary School in Iqaluit. The first issue she will address is the revision to the Education Act.

The Keewatin Divisional Board of Education assisted with the organization of the workshop and sponsored the final banquet. This was the first time the workshop was held outside of Yellowknife.

Every secondary school and student residence in the NWT was represented, except for Igloolik, which does not have a student council. Students expressed general support for the workshop and were pleased with the quality of the workshop sessions conducted by a team of three educators.

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Hurley Named as Chef de Mission

YELLOWKNIFE (Jan. 20) — Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs Dennis Patterson has named Dave Hurley as the NWT Chef de Mission at the 1993 Canada Summer Games.

As the senior official at the Games, Mr. Hurley will be responsible for coordinating the selection of coaches and athletes who will be competing in the basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track and field, and wrestling events. To help with the selection of athletes, Mr. Hurley will be setting up a number of training camps at the community and regional levels throughout 1992.

"I have a lot of confidence in Mr. Hurley's experience and capabilities. I know his expertise guarantees we'll be well represented and our athletes will be well cared for," said Mr. Patterson.

The Canada Summer Games will be held in Kamloops, B.C. from August 8-21, at which time Mr. Hurley will also be responsible for ensuring that proper conduct and participation of NWT players, coaches and staff are maintained.

Mr. Hurley has extensive experience in sport administration. He is currently Executive Director of the Sport North Federation, an organization representing 30 sport organizations across the NWT.

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Recipients of Bravery and Public Service Awards Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (January 21) — Recipients of Commissioner's Awards for Bravery and Public Service were announced today by Commissioner Daniel L. Norris.

Two Awards for Bravery will be presented January 23 at the Discovery Hotel in Iqaluit to Keith Small and Louie Qimirqik of Lake Harbour.

Both men will receive an award for saving the life of Makeeveek Utye who fell into the freezing water of Water Lake, near Lake Harbour, while ice fishing on June 14, 1991.

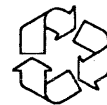
Mr. Small and Mr. Qimirqik crawled out onto the ice to save Mr. Utye, but he had slipped under the water before they could reach him. While Mr. Qimirqik held on to him, Mr. Small lowered himself into the water and found Mr. Utye at the bottom of the lake, about six feet below. Mr. Small grabbed Mr. Utye's jacket and pulled him out. Mr. Utye was not breathing and had no pulse. Both men helped revive him by performing CPR and then rushed him to the nursing station in Lake Harbour.

Two awards for Bravery and two for Public Service will be presented during a special ceremony at the Explorer Hotel February 15. Awards for Bravery will be presented to Constable K. D. Clarke and Gabriel Lafferty.

On October 4, 1991, a severe wind storm struck Great Slave Lake, with winds reaching 60 knots causing eight-foot waves. A flare launched from a fishing boat, which had run aground in Resolute Bay near Fort Resolution, was spotted. Constable Clarke piloted a rescue boat to rescue a crew member. The following day winds died down and the boat was towed and anchored in deeper water.

On October 7, crew members returned to the fishing vessel. However, winds grew to near hurricane force and Mr. Lafferty and Constable Clarke mounted another rescue effort. At great personal risk in extremely hazardous conditions, they brought the crew to safety.

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Awards for Public Service will be presented to Jan Stirling and Dr. Walter Kupsch.

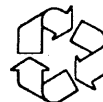
For more than 20 years, Jan Stirling's efforts have contributed greatly to the well-being of the people of the Northwest Territories. Ms. Stirling has been the nurse-in charge of the Yellowknife Public Health Unit for 19 years. She has travelled extensively throughout the North and has taken a professional and personal interest in its people.

Ms. Stirling was a founding member of the NWT branch of the Canadian Public Health Association and of Planned Parenthood in Yellowknife and served on the board of directors for the YWCA. Presently, she is on the board of directors for Crime Stoppers, an advisor for the NWT Canadian Mental Health Association and a member of the Victims Assistance committee. In April 1991, Ms. Stirling received the first Outstanding Volunteer Service Award in the Northwest Territories.

Over a period of many years, Dr. Walter Kupsch has demonstrated his strong concern for the well being and advancement of northern people. Dr. Kupsch acted as the executive director for the Advisory Commission on the Development of Government in the Northwest Territories (the Carrother's Commission), developed and managed a research group for the Legislative Assembly and served as a member and vice-chairman of the NWT Science Advisory Board. He is a long time member of the Arctic Institute of North America and helped create the Institute for Northern Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

The Commissioner's Awards for Bravery and Public Service were established in 1965 to recognize people who have distinguished themselves by acts of bravery or exceptional deeds of public service.

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Garson Named Principal Secretary

YELLOWKNIFE (January 21) — Manitoba lawyer Graeme Garson has been appointed principal secretary to Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea.

Ms. Cournoyea made the announcement today. His appointment is effective March 1.

Mr. Garson, 55, has been Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister of Justice for the Province of Manitoba since February of 1990. From July of 1988 to January of 1990, he was employed as in-house counsel to the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

"We're fortunate to be able to attract people like this," Ms. Cournoyea said, noting that Mr. Garson and his family are looking forward to the opportunity of returning to the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Garson received his law degree from the University of Manitoba in 1962 and in 1972 was appointed and served as a part-time Judge of the Provincial Court of Manitoba's criminal division. From 1975 to 1980, he served full-time in that capacity.

He was subsequently appointed to the newly-created position of Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of Manitoba. In that role, he assisted in creation of the Manitoba Law Foundation and the Manitoba Law Library partnership between the society and the government.

Mr. Garson was appointed Queen's Counsel in December of 1981 and a year later was named by the provincial government as chairman of The Review Committee on Adult Corrections.

His wife, Florence, is a teacher with teaching certificates for both Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. They have three children: Rodney, a crown attorney with the federal Department of Justice in Whitehorse; Robert, a student-at-law articling with the federal Department of Justice in Winnipeg; and Douglas, a student-at-law articling with a Winnipeg law firm.

The appointment of Mr. Garson ends the interim arrangement of Bob Overvold carrying responsibilities as principal secretary as well as Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

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Signature of a Joint Forestry Cooperation Agreement

YELLOWKNIFE (January 23) — A five-year \$2,714,000 Canada-Northwest Territories Cooperation Agreement in Forestry has just been signed. Designed to boost the forest resource management and the forest industry in the Northwest Territories, its implementation will begin immediately.

Details of this joint agreement were made public today by Frank Oberle, federal Minister of Forestry, Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, John Pollard, territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, and John Ningark, Minister of Renewable Resources.

This cooperation agreement provides funding for initiatives in the areas of reforestation and intensive forest management planning; research, marketing and technology; public information, education; and administration. Funding will be cost-shared with the federal government contributing 70 per cent - \$1,900,000 - and territorial government providing 30 per cent, or \$814,000.

"This forestry agreement is another example of the importance that the Government of Canada and the Northwest Territories are attaching to the role the land and renewable resources to the economic and environmental well-being of our northern Canadians," said Mr. Oberle. "The initiative we plan to finance through this agreement, although based on our national commitment to sustainable development, will be considered, as will the needs and priorities of the Northwest Territories," he added.

Mr. Siddon said he was optimistic the enhancement of the North's underdeveloped forest industry will especially contribute to the economic health of the private sector and to small communities.

"At a time when government spending is being severely curtailed, we expect the funding opportunities contained in this Agreement to contribute to the economic health of our forest sector," said Mr. Pollard, adding "The potential to stimulate growth in some of the smaller communities, some which lie in close proximity to prime forestry development areas, looks very encouraging."

Mr. Ningark was pleased to note that an important component of the agreement deals with community-based forest inventories and a comprehensive resource management plan in the Liard Valley.



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"In cooperation with the communities of Fort Liard and Nahanni Butte, work is already underway to prepare this management plan. Work has begun on a community forest inventory project near Fort McPherson," said Mr. Ningark.

The Forestry Agreement is one of three identified under the Framework Agreement signed in February 1991. In July, a five-year \$38.5 million Economic Development Cooperation Agreement was signed by the Department of Indian and Northern Development and the territorial government. The third agreement, with Industry, Science and Technology Canada, is currently under negotiation.

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Background

History

Management of forest resources and responsibilities for fire control in the NWT was devolved from the Federal Government on April 1, 1987. Prior to this date, forestry responsibility was administered by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and other Federal Departments.

The Government of Canada, in adopting *A National Forest Sector Strategy*, recognizes the long term potential and strategic issues facing forestry and the forest sector.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has prepared and started to implement a new economic development strategy, *Building on Strengths: Community-based Approach*. One of the components of this strategic plan is *Renewable Resources: Building on a Tradition*, which includes plans for wood and other forest product developments. Two other sub-component plans, *Tourism: the Northern Lure* and *Small Business: Big Potential*, are closely tied to the forest resource.

The Government of the Northwest Territories was one of the first jurisdictions in Canada to ensure the long term availability and economic viability of its forest resources.

The Government of Canada, in 1989, emphasized the national importance of the forest sector by establishing a separate Department of Forestry with a commitment to sustainable forest development.

The Department of Renewable Resources of the Government of the Northwest Territories has started to develop specific forest policies and in 1990, adopted a new Forest Fire Management Policy. This new policy, while recognizing the important natural role of fire in northern forests, establishes a strong fire control capability for the protection of human life, property, renewable and cultural resources. The Government of the Northwest Territories is currently preparing a forest management policy which should be completed within a year.

The Forest Resource

Forest land area in the NWT consists of 61.4 million hectares, about 18 per cent of the Territories' total land area. The forested lands are 100 per cent publicly owned, with some four per cent currently reserved for parks.

Significant forest areas are concentrated in the Upper Liard, Hay River, and Southern Mackenzie forest sections of the Boreal Forest Region. The predominant species are white and black spruce, jack pine and poplar. Jack pine is heavily used for fuelwood. White spruce is the most important commercial tree species and has been the only species used to any great extent in the Northwest Territories

Highlights of the Canada-GNWT Forest Cooperation Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to help foster the development of a healthy and growing forest industry through the following initiatives from 1991-1996:

- to ensure long-term economically accessible timber supplies
- optimizing use of NWT's forest resources
- contributing to the economic health of the NWT forest sector

Programs Relating to Forest Resource Management and Development

Reforestation and Intensive Forest Management - this program is designed to develop reforestation planting programs in the NWT including a forest nursery.

Applied Research, Marketing and Technology Transfer - this program is designed to conduct forestry research for the better planning and management of Northwest Territories' forests, identify research advisory processes, and develop a forest management policy. This program will also provide for community inventories and integrated resource management planning.

Public Information, Education and Agreement Support - this program is designed to increase awareness of NWT residents of the Agreement's goals and objectives and to facilitate a better understanding of the Northwest Territories' forest environment.

Administration, Monitoring and Agreement Support - this program contributes to the central administrative, communications, and evaluation activities established by the agreement.

Poster Contest Draws 318 Entries

YELLOWKNIFE (January 23) - Students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 from across the NWT illustrated the connection between energy, people and the environment in their submissions to the third annual energy poster contest.

This year, the contest was sponsored by the territorial departments of Public Works and Renewable Resources and the federal department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) through its NWT Environmental Action Program.

Eighteen schools participated. A total of 318 entries were submitted, almost double the number of submissions received last year.

Thirteen posters were selected. The winning entries will be featured in a calendar and each artist will receive \$50. In addition, each school will receive \$300 from DIAND to be used for an environmental project.

The "Energy, People and Environment" poster contest winners are as follows:

From Fort Smith:	Brye Robertson Dallas Lepine Steven Paulson
From Hay River:	Jennifer Lee David Starcevic
From Iqaluit:	Donna Lee Ann Hikomak
From Rankin Inlet:	Benji Fredlund Stephanie McCallum Daniel Kaludjak Nangamlik Ford
From Resolute Bay:	Joadamee Iqaluk
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Survey will look at Attitudes about Health

YELLOWKNIFE (January 24) — The Department of Education will receive a grant of \$125,000 from Health and Welfare Canada to conduct the first phase of a study on the health knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours of young people in the NWT, according to Education Minister Titus Alloo.oo.

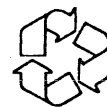
The Department of Education will conduct the study with the assistance of the Department of Health and the Social Program Evaluation Group from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

"There are many factors which affect a student's performance in school. One of the most important of these is good health -- young people cannot learn properly if they are not eating nutritious food, if they have not had enough sleep, or -- more seriously -- if they are taking part in high-risk behaviours, such as substance abuse," Mr. Alloo.oo says.

Information will be collected using the same methods Queen's University uses in their national health studies. Through the use of anonymous, self-administered questionnaires specially developed for the North, students will be asked about their attitudes towards health, their knowledge of health and their actual behaviour. The study will assess the effect the school health program has had on the students, as well as the impact of various community factors.

In order to teach children good health practices, the Departments of Education, Health and Social Services jointly developed the NWT School Health Program, which became mandatory in all schools in 1987. The information from the survey will be used by the Department of Education and the Department of Health in designing future programs for young people.

"Without an understanding of what young people know or do about their health, and the various influences upon them, it is difficult to develop strategies to help them. This phase of the study will be the first step towards gaining this understanding," says Health Minister Tony Whitford.



Survey will look at Attitudes about Health: Page 2

The survey will ask people in the communities -- particularly school staff -- about the health program in their school. This information will help determine the role schools play in the development of students' health knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours.

The grant was made available under Health and Welfare Canada's National Health Research and Development Program, North of 60 Initiative. Work on the study will begin early this year.

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Real Estate Agents Need to Pass Exam

YELLOWKNIFE (January 24) — Real estate agents in the Northwest Territories have until March 31 to pass an examination in order to have their licences renewed, says Dorothy Mellor, Superintendent of Real Estate for the Northwest Territories.

The *Real Estate Agents Licensing Act*, which came into effect January 1, 1991, requires real estate agents and salespeople to meet prescribed educational requirements before being issued a licence.

Agents practising in the NWT before December 31, 1991, were issued licences on the understanding that they had until March 31 of this year to either take correspondence courses through Arctic College and pass an examination, or take the examination without taking the courses.

"The licensing year runs from April 1 to March 31 and only those individuals who have passed the appropriate examination will be able to renew their respective licences. The Act prohibits anyone from trading in real estate unless the person is licensed as an agent or salesperson," says Ms. Mellor.

There are 12 real estate companies operating in the NWT. Seven of the companies are in Yellowknife - the rest are in Iqaluit, Fort Smith and Hay River. A number of agents and salespersons have not yet met the educational requirements.

The two correspondence courses are Real Estate 100 for salespersons and Real Estate 200 for agents. They are administered by Arctic College and have been available since January, 1991. A four-day seminar covering the agents and salespersons material was held in October at Arctic College.

Licensing of real estate industry members is also required in all the provinces and the Yukon.

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Dental Practices Reviewed

YELLOWKNIFE (January 28) — The practices of a dentist who has died of an AIDS-related disease have been investigated by the Territories' Chief Medical Health Officer.

The dentist was employed on a part-time basis by the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Dentistry to provide dental services in small communities in northern Manitoba and in the Keewatin Region of the Northwest Territories.

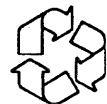
Dr. Richard Nuttall, acting chief medical health officer for the territorial government, said the dentist's last visit to the Keewatin was in 1990 for a period of five days.

Dr. Nuttall has been in close contact with the Chief Medical Health Officer of Manitoba, Dr. Margaret Fast, and is assured that the dentist fully practiced the universal standards of infection control.

As a result, the risk to patients who received dental care from this dentist is extremely low and further investigation is not warranted, he said.

Territorial Department of Health activities are being coordinated with the Province of Manitoba, the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of Manitoba, the Keewatin Regional Health Board and the NWT Dental Association.

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Northwest Territories Coin to be Unveiled

YELLOWKNIFE (January 30) — A new 25 cent piece representing the Northwest Territories will be unveiled in Yellowknife on February 6, Commissioner Daniel L. Norris announced today.

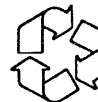
The Northwest Territories coin is the second of 12 coins produced by the Royal Canadian Mint to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. A one dollar coin will also be produced.

In January, 1991, the Mint introduced the Canada 125 Coin Program inviting the public to submit designs on the theme "The Beauty of Canada". After six weeks over 11,000 designs had been submitted.

The winning design for the Northwest Territories was submitted by Beth McEachen, 19, a first year student at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto.

Federal Minister of Supply and Services, Paul Dick, and Commissioner Daniel L. Norris will unveil the coin at 12:15 p.m. at the Northern Frontier Visitors' Centre. Entertainment will be provided by the Dettah Drummers and the Yellowknife Youth Choir. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and will receive one of the new coins.

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New Compact Disk Catalogue for NWT Libraries

YELLOWKNIFE (February 5) — Libraries in the Northwest Territories will receive a new compact disk catalogue system, says Titus Allooloo, Minister of Culture and Communications.

The catalogue, produced by the California based company *auto-graphic inc.*, will augment the present *multiLIS* on-line computer system.

By using the compact disk system, all libraries and library patrons in the Northwest Territories will have access to the Public Library Services union catalogue. The current on-line system is only available in five libraries.

The new system, with 97,000 records, allows patrons to search for materials by author, title, subject, keyword, call number and other search terms. It has an extensive help program and users can choose to search the total NWT collections, regional collections or the Government Library data base.

"With this new system more people will have access to useful and interesting material in other parts of the NWT collection. This will allow for more effective and efficient use of our libraries' shared resources," says Mr. Allooloo.

The system has been extensively tested in Hay River with shipments to local libraries expected in March. After installations are complete, the catalogue will be updated monthly.

The catalogue is the third provincial or territorial system of its kind. The other two systems are in British Columbia and Yukon.

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NWT Adapting Arts Education Curriculum

YELLOWKNIFE (February 5) — Education Minister Titus Allooloo announced today that the Saskatchewan Arts Education curriculum will be adapted for use in NWT schools.

"The Department of Education has been concentrating on developing curricula for various academic subjects," Mr. Allooloo says. "Now that we have curricula in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, French, Practical Arts, Physical Education, Health Education and Science, it is time to start the Arts Education curriculum."

Since the department does not have the human resources to develop its own arts education curriculum, a review of curricula from other jurisdictions was conducted. The department selected the Saskatchewan curriculum because it supports the philosophy and goals for Arts Education in the NWT. The major aim of the curriculum is to enable students to understand and value art for their personal satisfaction throughout their lives.

The curriculum will have a broad scope, and will include drama, music, visual art and dance. The curriculum will reflect community values and culture in order to provide students with the opportunity to explore their cultural heritage and relate this heritage to the cultures of others.

"Since the arts reach across differences in language and culture, they play an important role in promoting cross-cultural understanding, giving northerners a greater appreciation of each other," Mr. Allooloo says.

To ensure the curriculum meets the needs of northern students, teachers from most of the boards of education in the NWT attended workshops in Saskatchewan to review the curriculum and become more familiar with it. They unanimously supported adapting it for the NWT.

The Saskatchewan Department of Education has approved the NWT's use of the curriculum, and work is now under way for adapting the kindergarten to Grade 5 portion. The remainder of the grades will be addressed when Saskatchewan begins work in that area.

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Volunteers, Teachers Honoured for Contributions to Education

YELLOWKNIFE (February 5) — Eight volunteers and eleven teachers will receive awards for their contributions to education in the NWT, Minister of Education Titus Allooloo announced today.

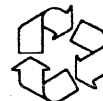
"The education of our young people depends on a partnership between the school, the home and the community in general," Mr. Allooloo says. "In the Northwest Territories we are fortunate to have many hard-working and creative teachers, as well as many community people who are willing to share their time, knowledge and skills with our students."

To recognize outstanding contributions to education in the Northwest Territories, the Department of Education established the Partners in Education Award of Excellence Program and the Excellence in Teaching Awards Program. This is the first year for both programs.

The winners of the Partners in Education awards at the territorial level are: Cpl. Dave Grundy, Yellowknife; Darrin Myers, Yellowknife; Lynn Rollin, Arviat; Ray Sliney, Resolute Bay; Joy Suluk, Arviat; John Tinashlu, Repulse Bay; and Laura Vital of Nahanni Butte.

Winners of the Excellence in Teaching Award at the territorial level are: Charles Lirette, Inuvik; Florence Sliney, Resolute Bay; Mary Aliqatuqtuq, Broughton Island; Jaqueline Beland, Coppermine; Elisapee Karetak, Arviat; Kate McDermott, Iqaluit; Heather Nolsoe, Yellowknife Education District No. 1; Winnie Pibus, Iqaluit; Christine Purse, Arviat; Sylvia Seto, Yellowknife Education District No. 1; and Marnie Sherburne, Yellowknife Education District No. 1.

Charles Lirette and Florence Sliney have also been named the NWT recipients of the Marshall McLuhan Distinguished Teacher Awards. The McLuhan awards are a national program which honour teachers who show innovation and use new technologies in the classroom. Mr. Lirette's name will be put forward as the Northwest Territories candidate to be considered for the national McLuhan award.



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Nominations for the awards are sent to the appropriate divisional board or school district for review. Nominees who meet the selection criteria receive a regional award. The boards then send the nominations of the top three candidates in each category to the Department of Education for consideration by a review committee. This committee recommends to the Minister the names of people who deserve a territorial award. This year the committee also chose the two teachers who are to receive the McLuhan awards.

This year's review committee was made up of Bill Noseworthy, representing the NWT Teachers Association, Dr. Loretta Foley, representing directors of education, and Malcolm Farrow, representing the Department of Education.

The deadline for nominations for 1991/92 awards is March 31, 1992. Nomination packages can be obtained from any board of education office, or from the Department of Education.

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Partners in Education Awards of Excellence
Territorial Level, 1990/91

Corporal David Grundy, Yellowknife

Corporal Grundy has been instrumental in promoting drug awareness among students, not only in Yellowknife, but across the western NWT. He is also involved in sports activities as a volunteer. His manner has won him the respect of students and has helped him to establish a rapport not often seen between police officers and young people.

Darrin Myers, Yellowknife

Mr. Myers, the technical director for the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC), has worked extensively with the drama students at Sir John Franklin High School, particularly in the back stage or technical aspects of theatre. As a result of his efforts, many of these students have become involved with NACC and have made significant contributions to northern productions. Mr. Myers himself has volunteered many hours towards helping students in their productions and presentations.

Lynn Rollin, Arviat

Ms. Rollin has organized and raised money to support an after-school program for at-risk students. This program includes providing a hot meal, since many of these students have nutritional needs to be met.

Ray Sliney, Resolute Bay

Mr. Sliney works at Qarmartalik School, where he does administrative tasks for two hours per day. For another six to eight hours he voluntarily helps the students and staff in a number of ways, including: photocopying, reading to students, helping with lessons, picking up the mail, doing correspondence, counselling/encouraging students, and driving students and staff on field trips.

Joy Suluk, Arviat

Ms. Suluk is the founding member of the Parent Support Group in Arviat. She has given cross-cultural workshops for education staff and has been instrumental in getting grade extensions for the community. She has encouraged the community to support and recognize the importance of education.

John Tinashlu, Repulse Bay

Mr. Tinashlu was chairman of the Keewatin Divisional Board of Education for many years, as well as a member of the Community Education Committee. He has actively supported education and has contributed many hours to counselling students, encouraging them to stay in school and providing support in many other ways.

Laura Vital, Nahanni Butte

Ms. Vital has worked in the school for several years. She has become deeply involved in developing Slavey language instruction for the students and has taken training to improve her skills. With the high teacher turnover in Nahanni Butte, Ms. Vital has helped many teachers new to the settlement adjust to the local scene, and has actively worked to increase community interest in education.

**Excellence in Teaching Awards Program
Territorial Level, 1990/91**

Charles Lirette, Inuvik

Mr. Lirette was born in Ft. Resolution and attended high school at Matonabee School in Pine Point. He adapts courses to suit the needs and abilities of the students. He is fair, but expects and receives commitment from the students for their own progress. He motivates students to learn to the extent that students remain after hours to continue their learning. He also is involved in extra-curricular work with his students.

Florence Sliney, Resolute Bay

Ms. Sliney has created a school environment which is conducive to learning, and yet has a warm and welcoming atmosphere for students and the community. She has incorporated cultural and traditional activities into the school program in a meaningful way and has made a special effort to include the community in the school, and the school in the community.

Mary Aliqatuqtuq, Broughton Island

Ms. Aliqatuqtuq is an excellent role model for students and staff. She takes time to find out about students' achievements and encourages their progress. Other teachers call upon her for advice and assistance. These qualities have resulted in her being recommended for principal training and certification.

Jaqueline Beland, Coppermine

Ms. Beland has led her students to become responsible for their own learning. At the same time, she has been successful in achieving the educational goals required of students within the system. She provides a caring environment for her students and provides a model for education which other staff now follow.

Elisapee Karetak, Arviat

Ms. Karetak began her career as a classroom assistant and has completed the Eastern Arctic Teacher Education Program, NWT principal certification program and is working towards her Bachelor of Education. Although administration has become part of her job, her major interests continue to be instruction, and the students themselves. She has provided excellent orientation programs for new teachers and has been the driving force

behind the cultural inclusion program, as well as Inuktitut as first and second language programs.

Kate McDermott, Iqaluit

Ms. McDermott's activity-based program is truly bilingual, with a particular emphasis on Inuktitut literacy. She is dedicated to her students and sensitive to their needs. Her efforts in the community have done much to make it a better place to live.

Heather Nolsoe, Yellowknife Education District No. 1

Ms. Nolsoe has provided professional leadership for other staff through her work on local, regional and national committees. Her teaching practices take into account individual differences and using a variety of strategies to ensure that each student reaches his or her potential. The cultural backgrounds of the students are taken into account in her program.

Winnie Pibus, Iqaluit

Ms. Pibus challenges her students, and ensures that material is presented in a meaningful way. Students do not see school as "work", but participate for the joy of it. While respected by colleagues and the administration, the excellence of her teaching is perhaps most appreciated by her students and their parents.

Christine Purse, Arviat

Ms. Purse has created an atmosphere which is conducive to learning, not only within her own class, but in the school as a whole. She has assisted in after-school sports, organized the annual book fair and supported the student councils.

Sylvia Seto, Yellowknife Education District No. 1

Ms. Seto is adept at using different themes as a focus for learning. She is sensitive to the needs of her students and is able to encourage them to achieve to the best of their abilities. She also has made students more understanding of cultural differences. Extra-curricular activities are an important part of her program.

Marnie Sherburne, Yellowknife Education District No. 1

Ms. Sherburne provides a rich learning environment for her students. She teaches in small groups or individually, while students work independently or cooperatively. Ms. Sherburne has been the driving force behind the Mildred Hall Drama Festival and as a result, many of her students have gained a lifelong interest in this art.



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Dinosaur Spotted in Yellowknife

YELLOWKNIFE (February 6) — Stenonychosaurus, a small dinosaur that roamed the plains of Alberta over 76 million years ago, has been spotted lurking around the halls of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

Staff at the museum assure the public that the dinosaur is harmless and invite them to come and meet Stenonychosaurus.

Stenonychosaurus (steno nýcho sore us) is part of *Building a Dinosaur*, a traveling exhibit from the National Museum of Natural Science.

Through graphic panels, photographs, modeled parts and a copy of the finished product, the exhibit traces the scientific reconstruction of the dinosaur's skeleton, muscles, skin and eyes and illustrates the techniques used in making the model.

This exhibit describes how two professionals from the National Museum of Natural Sciences, Dr. Dale Russell, a paleobiologist, and Ron Seguin, a model-maker, pieced together a prototype of Stenonychosaurus.

Text and fossil replicas are used to describe how scientists estimate not only the size and appearance of a dinosaur but also other characteristics such as eating habits, behaviour and intelligence.

The hands-on display gives children and adults the chance to act as paleontologists. At Amazing Sundays on February 23 from 2-4 p.m., the public can dig for dinosaur bones, make fossil rubbings, model a dinosaur with plasticine or cast their own dinosaur to take home as a souvenir of the exhibit. A series of videos will also be played.

Building a Dinosaur will be on display until April 28.

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National Human Resource Development Program Needed

OTTAWA (February 10) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea told First Ministers today that income support programs should be overhauled in order to combat high levels of unemployment.

"Billions of dollars are being spent each year on programs like unemployment insurance and social assistance. While the assistance is required to protect Canadians who face hardship during an economic downturn, it does nothing to solve the problems of structural unemployment."

Money spent on these programs must be used more effectively, Ms. Cournoyea stated.

She said the programs should be redesigned, in full partnership with the private sector. They must provide more flexibility and ensure that funds are directed to recipients through enhanced apprenticeship, literacy, life skills, and labour force related skills programs.

"The changes would be an investment in the future, and would reduce the money which will need to be spent on social assistance over the longer term. It would result in recipients being able to enter or re-enter the labour force in a more permanent way."

Ms. Cournoyea said the programs should be established under the umbrella of a national human resource development program designed to improve and coordinate the delivery of labour force training programs in Canada.

The prime minister, provincial and territorial First Ministers are meeting to discuss Canada's weak economic performance and ways in which the sluggish economic recovery can be stimulated.

She said lowering the down payment on mortgages from ten to five per cent of the purchase price was one of them and the Northwest Territories is particularly encouraged by the swift action Canada took on this recommendation.

"However, we are concerned that the \$175,000 limit for the territories fails to recognize the higher cost of housing in northern communities. People pay almost that much for a double-wide trailer in Yellowknife."

Ms. Cournoyea also noted there has been discussion about other ways governments can demonstrate their economic unity and common purpose. One of them is elimination of interprovincial trade barriers.



She said that such a step would benefit the country as a whole, but cautioned that proposals to reduce trade barriers must be applied flexibly to regions of Canada that are still in the early stages of economic development. They must provide for transition measures to allow affected business and industries to adjust.

Meanwhile, Ms. Cournoyea said deficit control has to be a priority of all governments and that she wasn't particularly in favour of a series of ad hoc, short-term "makework" projects.

Instead, governments must have a strong commitment towards harmonization of federal, provincial and territorial financial resources to investment in new infrastructure and human resources over the next five to ten years.

"Such a program should not be financed through massive increases in short-term spending. It would be a medium-term program financed through a rationalization and redirection of funds to targeted areas," she said.

Ms. Cournoyea reminded First Ministers of the need for a renewed emphasis on northern development.

The benefits of northern development mean more than a stable economic base for northern residents. The spin-off would benefit all regions of the country, she said.

"Private and public sector cooperation and investment in roads, harbours and wharves is needed to open up the resources and economic potential of the Northwest Territories to the rest of Canada. The resources are there. National vision and new infrastructure are needed to bring them to market."

The Conference Board of Canada estimates that every dollar spent on transportation infrastructure in the Northwest Territories would generate over 81 cents of benefit in the rest of Canada. Every job created in the Northwest Territories would support 1.7 jobs in the rest of Canada.

"The consequences of neglecting the North," Ms. Cournoyea stated, "would be an increase in already high levels of unemployment in the Northwest Territories and an increase in its dependency on the federal government."

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NWT Acts Consolidated

YELLOWKNIFE (February 11) — All Northwest Territories Acts in force up to December 1991 have been consolidated and may be purchased individually.

The consolidated Acts include all Acts in the Revised Statutes, 1988, all new Acts since that date, and all changes made during 1989, 1990 and 1991. The consolidated Acts will be useful to anyone interested in obtaining a copy of a particular NWT law. People will no longer have to consult two or more volumes to obtain an Act and amendments to the particular Act that were made subsequent to its enactment.

There are 218 Northwest Territories Acts and they may be purchased from the Print Distribution Centre of the Department of Culture and Communications.

Anyone interested in owning the complete set of NWT Acts can order the *Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988*, plus Supplement Volumes I, II and III.

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IQUALUIT LIBRARY DECLARES SUMMER BRIEFQUINOX

Iqaluit, NWT (February 21, 1992) - Summer will make a brief appearance at the Iqaluit Centennial Library on Saturday, March 7, 1992, to mark the library's first six months of operation in Unikkaarvik.

"We've declared 'Summer in March' and invite everyone down to the library between 2 and 4 p.m. to help us celebrate a 'Summer Briefquinox' during our open house," says local librarian Linda Crawford.

The Iqaluit Theatre group will open the event with a short, humorous skit. A film showing the arctic summer will be shown on the Unikkaarvik video wall and travel books and videos will be on display in the library. Light refreshments will be served.

"During March, different events for all age groups will help library patrons beat the winter blahs. We have programs for preschoolers, elders and everyone in between," says organizer Brenda Mowbray.

The Iqaluit Centennial Library moved into the new Unikkaarvik building last fall and this declaration of summer will mark its six month anniversary in the new location. For information about the library and its programs call 979-5400.

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Koonark First Graduate of New Recreation Program

YELLOWKNIFE (February 24) — Amittuq MLA Titus Allooloo presented Jonah Koonark, the first graduate of the Municipal and Community Affairs' Recreation Facility Operator Program, with a certificate in Yellowknife on Saturday.

In a brief ceremony held in the Legislative Assembly lobby, Mr. Allooloo commended the graduate from Pond Inlet, on behalf of Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Dennis Patterson, for completing the department's intensive 14 course program.

The program was developed in 1988 to train recreation staff in the operation, maintenance and management of community recreation centres in order to maximize the lifespan of the gymnasiums, arenas and halls throughout the North.

"Our long winters and extreme climate make it incumbent upon us to preserve our recreational centres as long as possible and Mr. Koonark has proven his dedication and determination in helping us achieve this objective. Leading healthy, active lifestyles throughout the year is essential to the physical well-being of our people," said Mr. Allooloo.

So far, 260 individual course certificates have been awarded to 65 recreation facility operators across the North in courses ranging from Ice Making to Site and Structural Maintenance and Operations Management.

"Investing in the skills of these facilitators today is worth every penny in the long term because we're preserving vital services for the next generation," Mr. Allooloo noted.

The next training module will be held at Yellowknife in May.

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92-025

New Interview Room for Child Sexual Abuse Victims

YELLOWKNIFE (February 26) — A new interview room is available in Yellowknife for Social Services workers and RCMP officers to interview child victims of sexual abuse.

The new facility is in a public building that is separate from either police or social services activities. It features a waiting room, an interviewing room, and a viewing room with video equipment for producing video tapes which may be used as evidence in a trial.

The departments of Justice and Social Services and the RCMP are sharing the costs of setting up and maintaining the interview room.

"The new arrangement will help assure anonymity for children and their parents. The project will be evaluated to see if a similar type of facility would be useful in other communities," says Justice Minister Dennis Patterson.

Child victims were previously interviewed in a small room in the RCMP headquarters. The room was not a comfortable setting for children, and it was not properly equipped for interviewing and for producing quality video tapes of the victim's story.

"The new facility will be run as a three-year pilot project. It will help child victims of sexual abuse feel more comfortable talking about what happened to them," says Social Services Minister Tony Whitford.

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NWT Groups Attend National Conference on Victimization and Recovery

YELLOWKNIFE (February 27) — Thirteen organizations in the Northwest Territories will receive contributions from the Victims Assistance Fund to attend the first National Conference on Victimization and Recovery in Victoria, B.C., next month.

Northwest Territories participants in the March 2-5 conference will include representatives from: crisis shelters in Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit, Tuktoyaktuk, Hay River and Yellowknife; the Fort Simpson and Hay River youth justice committees; the Fort McPherson Justice Committee; Cambridge Bay Social Services; Rae-Edzo Counselling Services; the Yellowknife Women's Society; and the Pangnirtung Mental Health Society.

"Northerners involved in helping victims of crime and family violence will have an opportunity to join their experience, knowledge and vision with other Canadians working in this important area," says Justice Minister Dennis Patterson.

Funding for the NWT participants comes from victim fine surcharges that are deposited in the Victims Assistance Fund. The Minister of Justice disburses the funds on the recommendation of the Victims Assistance Committee. Contributions for this conference total \$25,000.

The conference theme is "Justice: Extending the Vision." The conference agenda includes workshops, panel and plenary sessions in victim/witness services, program management, family and sexual violence, victim/offender issues, current issues/emerging trends, caring for caregivers, applied research and practical skills for service providers.

Guest speakers at the conference will include: Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi of the Assembly of First Nations; Glenda Simms, the chairperson of the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women; Pat Marshall of the National Task Force on Violence Against Women; and Shirley Turcotte, a national consultant, trainer and counsellor working with adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Participants from across Canada will include: victim service providers in police, community, Crown and correction-based settings; social service and mental health professionals; police, Crown and defence counsel, and judges; community volunteers and peer support workers; researchers, policy developers and all others interested in the development and enhancement of victim services.

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Mine Safety Bill Committee Formed

YELLOWKNIFE (February 27) — Safety and Public Services Minister Dennis Patterson has announced the membership of a committee that will prepare new mine safety legislation for the Northwest Territories.

Terence Vaughan-Thomas, a retired professional mining engineer, will serve as the committee's chairperson. Mr. Vaughan-Thomas, who was involved in the redrafting of British Columbia's new Mines Act, has more than 43 years experience in the mining industry. He will be arriving in Yellowknife next week to begin his work with the committee.

The four committee members are: Norman Pottinger, an underground shift supervisor at Nerco Con Mine, who was nominated by the Union of Northern Workers to represent organized labour; Jim Bacon, a millwright at Echo Bay Mines Limited, nominated by that mine's Occupational Health and Safety Committee to represent non-unionized labour; Bob Jacko, Mine Superintendent of Polaris Mine; and Brian J. Hagan, Safety and Training Superintendent of Royal Oak Mines. Both Mr. Jacko and Mr. Hagan were nominated by the Chamber of Mines to represent management.

Mr. Patterson says he is disappointed that the NWT Coalition of Mining Unions does not want to be part of the committee. The coalition, comprising the United Steel Workers of America and the Canadian Association of Smelter and Allied Workers, has told Mr. Patterson it believes that miners working in the remote fly-in mines outside of Yellowknife have no mandate to participate on the committee because they are not members of a union.

Mr. Patterson says the need for a Mine Safety Act is crucial, and the committee must begin its work. He is hopeful, however, that coalition members will express their views on the new bill when it is being reviewed by the Standing Committee on Legislation of the Legislative Assembly.

The Mine Safety Bill Committee is expected to have its first meeting early next month.

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Government Homes Up For Sale

YELLOWKNIFE (February 28) - The territorial government will be selling its houses in Yellowknife, Fort Smith and Hay River, Personnel Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced yesterday.

The 113 homes will be appraised and sold to their occupants at market rates. The potential revenue to government is estimated at \$12 million, he said.

Employees not able to arrange conventional mortgages through the banks will be able to enter into a lease-to-purchase plan with the government. The lease-purchase plan will be based on current mortgage rates and conditions.

Mr. Kakfwi said the initiative comes at a time of low mortgage rates and 95 per cent financing, he said, noting that the federal government's announcement of allowing up to \$20,000 in RRSP savings to be used towards payment of the purchase price may be another incentive to some people to buy the home they presently occupy.

The sale of government-owned housing in the three communities is the first phase of a long-term staff housing strategy to be finalized in June.

The strategy will outline a plan for providing staff housing where it is needed most and eliminating it in communities where employee needs can be looked after by the private sector. It will also consider overall housing needs in the Northwest Territories and will integrate its reduced staff housing needs with other government housing programs.

Mr. Kakfwi said employees living in Yellowknife, Hay River and Fort Smith will have four months to arrange financing and make a formal offer to purchase. After that period, the units will be subject to the terms and conditions of the long-term housing strategy.

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Healthy Eating Habits Promoted

YELLOWKNIFE (March 2) — This month marks the 10th anniversary of Nutrition Month in the Northwest Territories. The theme for this year's campaign is "Feast Everyday with Healthy Food."

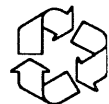
Several activities have been planned to help promote healthy eating habits across the Northwest Territories.

Students in the Inuvik region can enter a Nutrition Month contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best nutrition story, best healthy snack recipe and best nutrition public service announcement. Participating classes will receive a booklet containing all the stories and recipes from across the region.

A nutrition myth quiz will also be available in Inuvik. On March 13 and 14 the answers to the quiz will be found at various nutrition centres in the grocery section of Northern Store. Prizes for the quiz have been donated by four businesses in Inuvik.

The Northern Nutrition Association will be offering lunchtime presentations at the Yellowknife Public Library's "Lunch and Learn" series in the public meeting room Tuesdays at noon. The nutritionists will talk about everything from beating the lunch bag blues to supermarket savvy. Nutritionists will also be visiting schools to talk to students about eating healthy foods throughout the year. During the first week of March, a nutrition display will be set up in the Legislative Assembly lobby.

Blood sugar level testing will be held at the Northern Store in Iqaluit. At the Northern Store in Baker Lake, a display will explain the colour coding system of the NWT Food Guide. Other regions across the Northwest Territories also have events planned to celebrate Nutrition Month.



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The Department of Health has produced a Nutrition Resource Kit for teachers in the Northwest Territories to help them promote healthy eating habits to their students throughout the year. The resource kits, prepared for Kindergarten to Grade 9 schools, include a calendar, "Grab a Bite that's Right" magnets and a resource booklet containing background information and activity ideas for each monthly nutrition related theme. The ideas for the kit came largely from an evaluation of the 1991 Nutrition Kit by teachers and health professionals throughout the Northwest Territories.

Across the Territories, students have been encouraged to produce nutrition videos which will be used on The Tube, a teen program produced by the Department of Culture and Communications, seen on Television Northern Canada.

"Even though March has been designated as Nutrition Month it is important that healthy eating habits be practiced all year long. The NWT campaign encourages these practices for a healthier, stronger population," says Minister of Health, Tony Whitford.

On a national level, the Canadian Dietetic Association has set up a Nutrition Information Hotline. Consumers can call the bilingual line at 1-800-267-6887 to find out the truth about seven nutrition myths.

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Government/NWTTA Sign Memorandum of Understanding

YELLOWKNIFE (March 9) - A memorandum of understanding for a new collective agreement between the Territorial government and the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association was announced today.

Minister of Personnel Steve Kakfwi said the memorandum still has to be accepted by the financial management board and the teachers' association before a new agreement can be signed.

The memorandum calls for two-year collective agreement with an 1.8 per cent wage increase in September of 1993. It also provides a mechanism for rewriting the collective agreement to clean up outdated and unclear language.

Mr. Kakfwi said the memorandum provides a way for teachers to participate in the reshaping of the education system by setting out a new system for consultation at senior levels on matters such as major policy development and changes to the Education Act.

"The process signals a new cooperative relationship between the government and the teachers' association. We will have the benefit of our teachers' ideas and experience. The association will have the voice that it asked for in major changes that will be made in the next two years."

NWTTA President John Rouble said the association intends to submit the document to its membership for a vote by March 30. He said the Central Executive of the NWTTA will not be recommending acceptance of the document. It will simply be asking the membership to accept or reject the proposed changes to the collective agreement by secret ballot.

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Government Leader Attends First Ministers' Meeting

YELLOWKNIFE (March 23) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea travels to Toronto tonight for the First Ministers' Meeting on the Economy.

The two-day session begins Tuesday. It's the third time Prime Minister Mulroney and first ministers have met since December to try and find ways to boost Canada's sluggish economy.

Ms. Cournoyea noted a series of eight issues are scheduled to be discussed. Of particular importance to the Northwest Territories are discussions dealing with fisheries, interprovincial trade barriers and capital infrastructure.

"The NWT will want to make sure there is recognition of the right of Canada's aboriginal people to fisheries through judicial definition and land claims," she said, noting there is a strong desire in many provinces and territories for greater involvement in the management and economic development of the fishing industry. "Fishing is an important economic opportunity for the Territories, particularly in waters adjacent to the Baffin region."

Meanwhile, Ms. Cournoyea said movement towards removal of interprovincial trade barriers must be treated carefully.

She noted the territories is prepared to support such initiatives providing there is special consideration of small business development and affirmative action programs operating in the North and other under-developed regions of the country.

On the matter of capital infrastructure, Ms. Cournoyea said she intends to press for a renewed emphasis on northern development

"Development in the NWT is sluggish because of a lack of transportation infrastructure. Investment is needed in roads, harbours and wharves to stimulate investment opportunities," she said. "Any talk of new capital infrastructure must bear this reality in mind."

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Third NWT Golf Tournament for Literacy to be Held in Fort Providence

YELLOWKNIFE (March 31) — Two young women from Fort Providence will join Peter Gzowski, the host of CBC Radio's Morningside, and eight celebrity friends in a game of snow golf in Fort Providence, April 4.

Lorna Nadli, a Grade 10 student at Thomas Simpson School in Fort Simpson, and Melanie Thom, a Grade 10 student at Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife, won an essay contest sponsored by the Department of Education's Literacy Office. They wrote about why they wanted to return home to Fort Providence and golf for literacy with Gzowski and his friends.

In the last five years Gzowski has raised more than \$1 million for literacy projects through his Peter Gzowski Invitational (PGI) Golf Tournaments held across Canada. The NWT, however, is the only place where they golf on snow and ice.

"I'm very pleased that Peter is once again holding a tournament in the NWT," says Education Minister Titus Allooloo. "The tournaments held in Yellowknife in 1990 and Pond Inlet in 1991 not only raised money for the NWT Literacy Council, they increased awareness of the importance of literacy, in all official languages."

The third annual NWT tournament will be held in Fort Providence on Saturday, April 4, but Gzowski and his friends will arrive in the community on Thursday, April 2. Gzowski will be accompanied by George Fox, a country singer who has received two Juno awards in the last three years; Shari Ulrich, a singer-songwriter-musician who performs across Canada solo and in concert with UHF (Ulrich * Henderson * Forbes); Sarah Polley, the 13-year-old actress who plays Sarah Stanley in the CBC series Road To Avonlea; Cynthia Dale, who is best known as the ambitious Olivia on CBC's Street Legal; and Victor Malarek, a journalist whose life story was made into a movie in 1988, and who now works for CBC's 5th Estate.

Each of the PGI golf tournaments has a poet laureate, who creates a poem in honour of the event. This year's NWT tournament will feature two authors. Tim Wynne-Jones is well-known as a children's author and has published three novels, as well as short stories and radio dramas. Michael Kusugak, who is fast becoming a well-loved children's author in the North, has just had his third book published.

Other special guests will be Avie Bennett, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of McClelland & Stewart Inc., The Canadian Publishers, and Joe "Pinto" Dragon, originally from Fort Smith, who is just graduating from Cornell University in New York and will attend his first Pittsburgh Penguins training camp this August.



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Other visitors include Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea, Education Minister Titus Allooloo, Arctic College Board Chairperson Chris Brodeur, MP Ethel Blondin, MLA Sam Gargan, as well as Jeri Miltenberger representing the NWT Literacy Council, and Bernie Pinto representing Read Canada.

A number of corporations and community groups are cooperating to ensure the golf tournament is a success. Air Canada has provided free passes to fly the celebrities from across Canada to Edmonton, NWT Air is flying them to Yellowknife free of charge, and Air Tindi has donated a charter to take them to Fort Providence. In the community, the Snowshoe Inn has donated rooms for the celebrities while the band council, the hamlet council, Arctic College, Elizabeth Ward School, and the Zhahti Koe Friendship Centre are working together to put on a series of activities to show off Fort Providence to the visitors.

"Over the past three years, the Peter Gzowski tournaments have presented a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the host community, and neighbouring communities, to celebrate literacy," says Edna Elias, President of the NWT Literacy Council. "As a society, we will improve our level of literacy only if everyone participates. The Literacy Council is very encouraged by the generous contributions that corporations and community people are once more making to the PGI."

And as for Lorna Nadli and Melanie Thom, they will have a exciting weekend at home, visiting their families and learning how to play golf -- and realizing again how important it is to continue their education.

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92-033

Minister Steps Down

YELLOWKNIFE (April 1) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea has accepted a request by Tony Whitford that he be relieved of his responsibilities as Minister of Health.

Ms. Cournoyea told the Legislature today that she will take over responsibility for the department on an interim basis pending the results of an independent inquiry into abortion procedures at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.

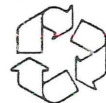
Over the past two weeks, serious allegations about the quality of hospital service and the treatment of patients have been made publicly and in the Assembly. The controversy involves numerous public complaints from abortion patients that they were subjected to unnecessary pain.

The result has been an undermining in people's confidence in a medical system which I believe is one of the best in the world, Ms. Cournoyea said.

"As a result of this controversy, the Minister of Health came to me this morning and asked that I relieve him of the responsibility for the Department of Health."

Mr. Whitford said he shared the concern that public confidence in health care was being damaged, despite his repeated assurances in the Legislature that he planned an independent inquiry into the matter.

"A lot of the debate seemed to be fed by how I was answering questions in the House. By stepping aside, I hope that it will be centred on the steps government is taking to getting to the bottom of this controversy."



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Meanwhile, Ms. Cournoyea, a Minister of Health in the previous government, is well acquainted with the people throughout the medical system. She told the Legislative Assembly that she wants to work with members to make sure that the best possible care is delivered to people in the Northwest Territories.

Members were told the Government Leader intends to meet immediately with all affected groups in order to get all the facts and to see that all reasonable steps are being taken to minimize the pain associated with abortions..

She said steps will also be taken to complete the terms of reference for the independent inquiry so that it can begin work immediately.

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A Week for Wildlife

YELLOWKNIFE (April 6) — Several activities are planned in the Northwest Territories during National Wildlife Week April 5 to 11, says Renewable Resources Minister John Ningark.

"Keep Canada Ever Green for Wildlife" is this year's theme. The theme stresses the importance of Canada's forests and other vegetation to wildlife.

The Department of Renewable Resources has sponsored a poster contest for all schools in the Northwest Territories for over 10 years. Last year, more than 1,200 posters were received. Ten students are selected each year as first place winners. Their artwork is then sent to the national award program sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation in Ottawa.

To help celebrate the week in Yellowknife, a display will be set up in the Panda Mall on April 9 to 11 by the Department of Renewable Resources and the Canadian Wildlife Service. People can learn how to build a bird house and enter the Wildlife Week draw.

Several events will be held at the Yellowknife Public Library. On April 8 and 10, two slide shows will be held at noon. On April 11, a Children's Film Festival will be presented from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

The week will end April 12 with "Building a Raven" and other activities, including the Wildlife Week contest draw, at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre from 2 - 4 p.m.

In other communities, Renewable Resources officers will be making presentations to local students.

National Wildlife Week was created in 1947 by an Act of Parliament to raise awareness among Canadians about the importance of conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat.

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Poor Financial Position Can Be Solved

YELLOWKNIFE (April 7) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea says the Territories' poor financial position is not insurmountable.

"Compared to other jurisdictions, the Government of the Northwest Territories is in relatively good shape to meet its fiscal challenge if it takes the necessary steps to spend smartly now," she told the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce Friday.

Ms. Cournoyea noted that restraint actions and a short-term loan of \$55 million Cabinet took since it came into office five months ago were necessary to slow down government spending and to help meet some serious cash flow problems.

It also needed the time to develop a plan of action and a budget approach designed to stop the deficit from getting out of hand and return to a balanced budget within two years, without seriously compromising existing social obligations.

She said the plan includes fundamental changes to the way government does business.

"The goal is a Territorial government that will be in a much better financial position to respond to the needs of our developing economy once Canada's shows a more progressive quarterly growth," the Chamber was told.

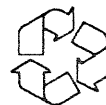
Ms. Cournoyea said the government is not standing still. It had already taken steps to ensure that more of its capital spending directly benefits northern residents and businesses and is distributed in a fair and equal manner across the Northwest Territories.

The steps include increased programs for training, new approaches to construction management and improved planning for construction businesses by dealing with the government's capital budget at the Fall Session of the Legislature.

"All of us must send a clear signal to the investment community that the Northwest Territories is open for business. It's not all doom and gloom," she said.

In addition to developing a deficit management plan, the government has overhauled and approved changes to the Business Incentive Policy and is reviewing how its service and consulting contracts are awarded to increase northern content.

She said government also intends to do all it can to generate new sources of revenue from increased economic activity.



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"That means we must encourage all forms of investment in the Northwest Territories such as drilling in the Beaufort/Mackenzie Delta, mining in the Keewatin and Kitikmeot, fisheries in the Baffin, diamond prospects near Yellowknife or the marketing of arts and crafts products domestically and internationally."

Ms. Cournoyea told the Chamber that government is prepared to make the kind of hard decisions needed to make sure it conducts business and delivers programs and services in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. But it wasn't going to rush the decisions without an appropriate level of consultation and analysis.

The strategic plan to reshape northern government outlines a structured approach to deal with the issues government faces, including consultation with northern stakeholders.

"Change is needed, but it must be change that benefits all of the Northwest Territories. And it must be change that leads to the development and diversification of the economy," she noted.

Meanwhile, Ms. Cournoyea explained that during discussions of interprovincial trade barriers at the recent First Ministers' Conference on the Economy, delegates agreed to reduce all forms of internal trade barriers such as subsidies, contracting restrictions, procurement rules, and restrictions to labour mobility.

"As part of this initiative, we were able to obtain a special exemption for the Northwest Territories because of its high level of unemployment and cost of doing business. In conjunction with the Business Incentive Policy and other initiatives designed to maximize northern benefit from our capital spending, this should help northern business in these tough economic times," she stated.

Ms. Cournoyea noted that a commitment to strong, effective government management, cost efficiencies and controls at the Territorial and municipal levels is essential and that government needed groups like the Chamber to be supportive and to participate in this process.

"The Chamber," she said, "provides an excellent sounding board for government and an effective lobby group for northern business interests."

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Northerners Attend Conference for Caregivers and Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

YELLOWKNIFE (April 8) — The Victims Assistance Committee is funding nine NWT organizations and individuals to attend the second national conference on child sexual abuse April 9-11 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, says Justice Minister Dennis Patterson.

Northwest Territories participants will include representatives from the Hay River Women's Resource Centre, the Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre, the Fort Liard Alcohol and Drug Centre, the Baker Lake Mianiqsijit Project, the Lutsel K'e Preschool Society, the Lutsel K'e Alcohol and Drug Program, Caroline Paulousie and Dora Emikotalik of Sanikiluaq, and Mary Aukout of Rankin Inlet.

"This conference will provide an open forum for adult survivors, professional helpers, teachers and other support people to affirm their experiences and explore a variety of approaches to healing from childhood sexual abuse," Mr. Patterson said.

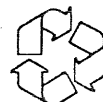
Funding for the NWT participants comes from victim fine surcharges that are deposited in the Victims Assistance Fund. The Minister of Justice disburses the funds on the recommendation of the Victims Assistance Committee. Contributions for this conference total \$13,700.

The conference theme is "Sorrow and Strength: The Process." The agenda includes a mixture of sessions for caregivers and sessions for survivors or partners of survivors. Agenda topics include understanding the cycle and impact of sexual abuse, crisis response, male survivors, the addictions connection, partners of adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, and care for caregivers.

A number of well-known people working in the child sexual abuse field will be making presentations at the conference, including: Shirley Turcotte, a national consultant, trainer and counsellor working with adult women survivors of childhood sexual abuse; Louise Armstrong, author of **Kiss Daddy Goodnight**; Elly Danika, lecturer and author of **DON'T - A Woman's Word**; Eugene Porter, counsellor and author of **Treating the Young Male Victim of Sexual Abuse: Issues and Intervention and Strategies**; Kathy Evert, survivor, therapist and author of **When You're Ready: A Woman's Healing from Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse by Her Mother**; and the AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) Theatrical Group of Brandon, Manitoba.

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Heat Trace Cable - A Serious Fire Hazard

YELLOWKNIFE (April 8) — Improperly installed heat trace cable is a serious fire hazard, warns the Department of Safety and Public Services.

Two recent fires have been linked to heat trace cable failure. On January 14, a small fire was discovered at the Joamie School in Iqaluit. On February 15, a fire broke out in a Yellowknife house causing more than \$40,000 damage.

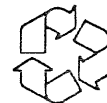
There are mainly two types of heat trace cable - field-assembled and manufacturer-assembled. The cable is applied to water pipes in buildings to prevent freezing.

Installation of field-assembled heat trace cable is covered under the Electrical Protection Act of the Northwest Territories and electrical permits are required. Installations must be completed according to the Canadian Electrical Code by qualified electricians registered in the Northwest Territories.

Investigations of incidents involving field-assembled heat trace cable show that many of the installations are being done by unqualified people. Approved manufacturers' specifications are not being followed when the cable is installed, and manufacturers' suggestions on the type of cable to use are being ignored.

Manufacturer-assembled plug-in type heating cable sets, commonly sold in hardware stores, do not require installation by qualified electricians. These sets, however, must be installed according to manufacturers' instructions.

Chief Electrical Inspector William Burr says there has been an alarming increase in the number of incidents of heat trace cable failure reported to the department.

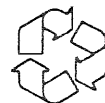


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"Residents who have heat trace cable in their homes should get it checked by a qualified electrician to make sure the cable is installed properly. People who are getting heat trace cable installed in their homes should make sure the work is done by a qualified electrician," he says.

The Department of Safety and Public Services has issued a hazard alert to all electrical and plumbing contractors in the Territories to remind them that improperly installed heat trace cable is a serious fire hazard.

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Arctic Winter Games Membership Expands

YELLOWKNIFE (April 13) — Plans to expand the Arctic Winter Games and develop some new long-term goals are going to be discussed by its three major players this summer, says Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Dennis Patterson.

Government representatives from Yukon, Northwest Territories and Alaska will be meeting at Eagle River, Alaska in August to discuss the growing interest that is coming from other circumpolar neighbours to participate in the event.

Last month, the three members met in Whitehorse where they accepted Greenland's request to participate in the next Arctic Winter Games - scheduled for Slave Lake, Alberta in 1994.

"There was also general support to include northern Quebec, Labrador and other circumpolar jurisdictions," said Mr. Patterson, but noted that the overall goals and financial implications associated with a growing membership would have to be re-examined.

Leaders also want to introduce a new policy which would make cultural elements and activities a regular feature at all future Arctic Winter Games.

"This component will add to the unique flavour of the event and provide an opportunity for the social interchange that is so important among the circumpolar community," Mr. Patterson reported.

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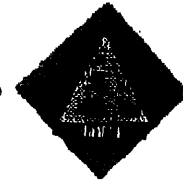


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Grise Fiord S&R Update

Grise Fiord (March 11, 1992) - The Search and Rescue operation organized in Grise Fiord to look for George Akikuluk, 46, and his son Jina, 24, has been successful.

The pair were found unharmed at 12:12 p.m. between South Cape and Devon Island by Gamalell Akeagok and Kavovow Kiguktak who had been searching for them since 7:00 a.m. this morning. The Akikuluk's snowmobile had broken down leaving the pair stranded.

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IQALUIT, NWT (March 23, 1992)-Several departments from the Government of the Northwest Territories will be attending the 1992 Nunavut Trade Show at Inuksuk High School on Saturday, March 28.

Territorial departments who will be attending the show include Economic Development and Tourism, Advanced Education, Safety & Public Services and Government Services.

The Government Services booth at the show will have a computer link to the mainframe. The link will allow vendors who do business with the government, to track their performance year.

An up-to-date listing of all approved northern contractors will be available via the computer link. The Supplier Development Officer manning the Government Services booth will be able to explain to interested businessmen how to go about receiving northern contractor status.

At the Economic Development & Tourism booth will be information about the Northwest Territories Business Credit Corporation. The Business Credit Corporation helps businesses by providing financing to those unable to obtain commercial debt financing from conventional lenders at reasonable terms and conditions.

Economic Development & Tourism officers will also have information about the Business Development Fund designed to help businesses in the Northwest Territories. The BDF can help with business planning and development; modernization and expansion; marketing and packaging; management development and training; and business relief.

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The Department of Advanced Education will have information on programs businesses can use to provide training-on-the-job for their workers. These programs provide funds to businesses who are interested in improving the skill level of their employees.

The Department of Safety and Public Services will have a booth at the show and both the Electrical Inspector and the Safety Officer will be on hand to answer questions.

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Parker Re-Appointed to Science Institute

YELLOWKNIFE (April 14) — John Parker has been re-appointed chairperson of the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories.

The announcement was made today by Tony Whitford, minister responsible for the institute. He also named board member Joanne Barnaby as vice-chairperson of the institute.

Both appointments are until March 31, 1993.

Mr. Parker is a former mayor of Yellowknife and was a member of the Advisory Commission on the Development of Government in the Northwest Territories. More recently he served as Deputy Commissioner and then Commissioner of the NWT before retiring in 1989.

"The success of the Science Institute has, in large part, resulted from the advice and guidance Mr. Parker has provided since assuming the Chair in 1989. I'm particularly impressed with the success of the Cross-Cultural Science Camps and encouraged by the activities of the Technology Development Program," Mr. Whitford said.

Joanne Barnaby has been a Board Member of the Science Institute since July of 1987. Ms. Barnaby lives in Hay River and is the Executive Director of the Dene Cultural Institute. She has a long history of working on behalf of the Dene Nation and the Metis Nation.

Her interest in the areas of traditional northern science and indigenous knowledge are particularly well-suited to her new role, Mr. Whitford noted.

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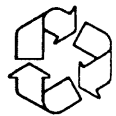
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Other board members include Dr. Kaye MacInnes, Dr. George Hobson, John Jamieson, Dr. Noah Carpenter, Dr. Malcolm Ramsay, and Allan Woodhouse. At any one time, at least half of the board members must reside within the NWT, while the others bring the perspective of the national and global science communities to their roles.

The Science Institute of the NWT was created in 1984 to ensure people of the Northwest Territories obtain the maximum possible benefit from science, technology and indigenous knowledge.

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Abortion Review Established

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YELLOWKNIFE (April 15) – Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea today approved the final terms of reference for an independent review into abortion procedures and practices in the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Carol Clemenhagen of Ottawa, President of the Canadian Hospital Association, will chair the four-member review committee.

The committee will evaluate guidelines and procedures for abortions at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital and the existing practice in relation to therapeutic abortions before, during and after the operative procedure.

The terms of reference also call for a confidential medical audit of patient records relating to abortion procedures, an examination of hospital complaint procedures and a review of the accessibility of therapeutic abortion services to women in the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Cournoyea said the committee will conduct its review through a process of open and closed sessions, to be determined by the chairperson after considering what is in the best interests of the person providing information to the Review Committee.

The committee has been asked to complete the review and present its recommendations and conclusions in time for tabling at the Legislative Assembly in June.

Ms. Cournoyea said any suggestions of inappropriate professional conduct will be referred for more specific investigation and action to a professional licensing or other disciplinary body such as a Board of Inquiry established under the Medical Profession Act or a review by the Professional Conduct Committee under the Nursing Profession Act.

The review was prompted by complaints to the Status of Women Council by patients concerned about lack of pain control measures and the way they were treated during the performance of abortions. Ms. Cournoyea, tabled draft terms of reference for the review in the Legislature April 3 in order to allow for MLA and public input.

The review committee will seek comments from individuals including those who have undergone abortion procedures at the hospital, and from physicians and other health professionals who have been involved in the procedures or from their representatives.



Written comments, sworn statements, affidavits, telephone and personal interviews will be encouraged as a means of obtaining input to the review. The confidentiality of those providing information would be protected.

Ms. Cournoyea said the committee has been given authority to provide assistance with travel and associated costs if it considers the presence of an individual to be important to the conduct of the review.

Other members of the review team include Ms. Anne Crawford, an Iqaluit lawyer; Dr. Claude Cronhelm, a Vancouver obstetrician/gynaecologist recommended by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and Vera Morin of Hay River, recommended by the Status of Women's Council.

The committee will begin its work as soon as travel and other administrative arrangements can be made.

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REVIEW OF ABORTION PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES
AT STANTON YELLOWKNIFE HOSPITAL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Review Committee on Abortion Procedures and Practices at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital referred to in these Terms of Reference is the committee established by the Minister of Health for the Northwest Territories.

1. Purpose

The Review Committee on Abortion Procedures and Practices at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of abortions at the facility. The Review Committee will evaluate the protocol established and practised, and ensure it is within accepted medical and ethical practice standards.

2. Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- 2.1.1 A chairperson with experience in health care issues at the national level.
- 2.1.2 One physician recommended by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and an alternate.
- 2.1.3 Two independent NWT residents sensitive to Northern and aboriginal women's issues.

3. Mandate of the Committee:

- 3.1 To review the guidelines and procedures for abortions at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.
- 3.2 To review the existing practice in relation to therapeutic abortions, before, during and after the operative procedure at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital.
- 3.3 To submit its report to the Minister of Health and the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital Board of Management.

4. Activities of the Committee

The Review Committee will conduct its review through a process of open and closed sessions, as may be determined by the Chairperson, taking into consideration the best interests of the person providing information to the Committee.

The responsibilities of the Committee will include:

- 4.1 To seek comments from individuals who have undergone an abortion procedure (either a therapeutic abortion, or a dilatation and curettage procedure for incomplete spontaneous abortion) at Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, from physicians and other health professionals who have been involved in these procedures, and/or from their representatives. The Committee may receive information by way of written comments, affidavits, telephone and personal interviews, including sworn testimony, as a means of obtaining input to the review. Assistance with travel and associated costs may be approved by the Committee where it deems the presence of an individual to be important to the conduct of the review.
- 4.2 To conduct, or cause to be conducted by an authoritative individual or body, a medical audit of patient records relating to abortion procedures.
- 4.3 To review the accessibility of therapeutic abortion services to women across the Northwest Territories. The Committee shall accord to any person, or association who satisfies it that they have a substantial and direct interest in the subject of abortion procedures at the Hospital, or in the access of NWT women to abortion procedures, an opportunity to provide input to the Review Committee.
- 4.4. To review the process for soliciting patient responses regarding services at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital, to ensure all concerns receive attention by a suitable individual within the shortest time frame.
- 4.5 To refer for more specific investigation by a professional licensing or other disciplinary body, any matter arising from the review, where it deems this to be desirable in the the public interest.

5. Confidentiality

- 5.1 The records and legal written documents of the Committee shall be deemed confidential. Any information to which a member of the Committee shall become privy during closed session shall be treated as confidential both during the review and after submission of the final report. No member of the Committee shall divulge, release or publish any information submitted to or compiled for the Committee in confidence, save and except as such information may be part of the report submitted by the Committee pursuant to Section 3 of these Terms of Reference.
- 5.2 Neither the Committee nor any member of the Committee shall divulge, release or publish the name of, or any information tending to identify, any patient, health care professional, or other individual, except for referral made pursuant to section 4.5 above.

6. Legal Protection

- 6.1 Members of the Review Committee are protected as provided by Section 14 (i)(a) of the Evidence Act¹.
- 6.2 The proceedings, records, recommendations and conclusions of the Review Committee are protected as provided by Section 14 (i)(b) of the Evidence Act².

This protection does not, however, extend to disciplinary proceedings under any of the statutes governing the health professionals.

7. Assistance to the Committee

- 7.1 The Committee may hire legal or clerical staff and interpreters/translators required to perform its duties.

8. Time Frame

- 8.1 The Review Committee is to commence immediately upon the appointment of the members. The Committee shall submit its report within 60 days of appointment.

Notes

1. Section 14 (i) (a) of the Evidence Act protects a Committee member who is testifying in a legal proceeding, e.g. a civil law suit or an arbitration, from being asked or from answering a question about proceedings before the Review Committee.
2. Section 14 (i) (b) similarly protects a Committee member who is testifying in a legal proceeding from producing at that legal proceeding, any document made by the Committee in the course of its review.

Membership
Committee to Review Abortion Procedures and Practices at the
Stanton Yellowknife Hospital

Carol Clemenhagen (Chairperson)

Carol Clemenhagen has been President of the Canadian Hospital Association since January of 1991. The Association is a federation of 11 provincial and territorial hospital/health associations representing over 1,200 health care facilities and agencies across Canada.

Ms. Clemenhagen received her Masters of Health Administration from the University of Ottawa (1975-1977). Her special interests are in managerial excellence, public policy, quality assurance, strategic and program planning and community needs assessment.

Before being named president of the Association, she was employed for a four-year period as Management Consultant, Professional Services, at the 529-bed Ottawa General Hospital. During that time, she developed and implemented hospital-wide, comprehensive quality assurance programs.

Anne Crawford

Anne Crawford practices law out of Iqaluit, NWT. She received her Bachelor of Laws at the University of Alberta in 1981 and was admitted to the Bar in both Alberta and the Northwest Territories in 1982.

Ms. Crawford was special assistant to the Territorial Minister Responsible for the Status of Women Council and Directorate from 1988 to 1990 and was a member of the Law Reform Committee of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories from 1984-1987 and is presently a member of the Society's Discipline Committee.

In 1989, she was appointed by the Minister of Social Services to the Inquiry into Women's Correctional Services. In the same year, she was appointed by the Minister of Justice to the Baffin Custodial Suicide Committee Inquiry that dealt with native suicides in police custody.

Vera D. Morin

Vera Morin of Hay River is a private consultant providing therapy, life skills, training workshop development and delivery to communities in the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Morin was a family counsellor for the NWT Family Counselling Service in Yellowknife for a two-year period before leaving to become a private consultant. Her duties involved counselling a variety of clients on a broad range of issues including child welfare, family violence and marital divorce and separation.

Her appointment to the Committee was recommended by the Status of Women Council of the Northwest Territories.

Dr. Claude Cronhelm

Dr. Claude Cronhelm is an obstetrician/gynaecologist who was recommended as a member of the Review Committee by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

He is a staff member of both the General Hospital and Grace Hospital in Vancouver and a consulting staff member in that city's University of British Columbia and Shaughnessy Hospitals.

Dr. Cronhelm has also served appointments as a clinical instructor and as a clinical associate professor at the University of British Columbia Hospital.



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Two NWT Communities Renamed

YELLOWKNIFE (April 15) — Minister of Culture and Communications Titus Allooloo has announced that the communities of Spence Bay and Snowdrift have been officially renamed.

The changes, effective July 1, will result in Snowdrift becoming Lutselk'e and Spence Bay being called Taloyoak.

Taloyoak (pronounced: Too-low-u-wack) means "caribou blind", a fence built by Inuit hunters to herd caribou. The name has been used for many generations to describe the area around the community of Spence Bay located north of the Arctic Circle on Boothia Peninsula. The caribou blind can still be seen today. A petition signed by residents in the community of approximately 560 people resulted in the name change.

Lutselk'e (pronounced: Qloot-sol-kay) means "place of the Lutsel", a small fish found in the area. The name has also been used for generations to describe the area around Snowdrift on the east arm of Great Slave Lake. The name change was initiated by a band council resolution.

Communities wishing to have traditional names officially adopted can do so by plebiscite, petition or band council resolution, through the territorial government's Geographic Names Program.

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Clark Named Volunteer of the Year

YELLOWKNIFE (April 15) — Donald Clark has been named the Northwest Territories' most outstanding volunteer for 1992, according to Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Dennis Patterson.

Mr. Clark, an elementary teacher at the Maani Ulujuk Secondary School in Rankin Inlet, will be honoured for the significant contribution he has made in promoting sport, recreation and other community activities. He is the second recipient of the department's NWT Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Municipal and Community Affairs established the Award to promote volunteerism and honour volunteers in the North who have made truly significant contributions to the quality of life in the Northwest Territories.

In a brief ceremony, Social Services Minister Tony Whitford will present Mr. Clark with an engraved plaque and a wood carving donated by Northern artist Sonny MacDonald. He will also receive a letter of citation from Mr. Patterson. The award will be presented on April 24 at noon in the Legislative Assembly foyer. The event kick-offs National Volunteer Week slated April 27- May 2.

Upon arriving from Nova Scotia in 1981, Mr. Clark helped organize the local Terry Fox Run from 1981-84. He coordinated the Keewatin Student Games from 1983 to 1991 and also the Regional Arctic Winter Games Trials from 1984-92. He has been serving as an Arctic Winter Games Mission Staff member since 1986 and a Sport North Federation Board member since 1984. In addition, he has coached and officiated at volleyball, soccer, hockey and softball events.

Since Mr. Clark began assisting in coordinating sporting events in the Keewatin, participation at the regional Arctic Winter Games (AWG) increased by 500 per cent.

Compared to 1981 figures, the number of athletes competing in the AWG Territorial trials had tripled, said Mr. Patterson, adding that there were four times the number of Keewatin athletes competing in the last AWG in 1992.



Clark Named Volunteer of the Year: Page 2

Mr. Clark's contribution extends beyond just the sporting domain. He has frequently chaperoned teen dances throughout the years, helped fund raise for student exchange trips and is an active member of the Rankin Inlet Yacht Club.

"Mr. Clark has shown an exemplary level of dedication in improving the quality of life for youth in the Keewatin and he deserves our highest praise and appreciation," Mr. Patterson said.

Six other nominees will receive honourable mention: Sister Vincent of the Fort Franklin Roman Catholic Mission; Audrey Henderson, Marilyn Barraclough, Bill Braden and Larry Babiuk of Yellowknife; and Barney Tootoo of Rankin Inlet.

The late Reverend Armand Tagoona of Rankin Inlet received special mention by Mr. Patterson. "He devoted a lifetime to preserving and developing the Inuktitut language. Reverend Tagoona, a Minister for 31 years, was respected for his ability to draw from legends, everyday events and spiritual life of the Inuit - a perspective from which few can claim. For that we will be forever grateful," Mr. Patterson said.

Public health nurse Jan Stirling from Yellowknife received the award last year.

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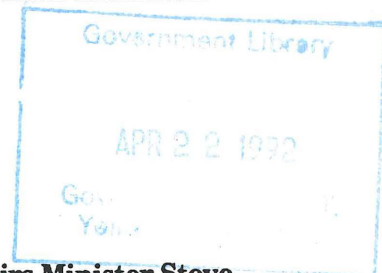
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Government Offers Support

YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) — Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Steve Kakfwi says the government has offered assistance to various groups in the western Territories wanting to provide information on the boundary plebiscite.

Mr. Kakfwi said today the groups have been advised they may apply for financial support and assistance with information materials.

His offer is in response to a recommendation from the Legislature for the government to provide financial support to various individuals and interest groups in the west to provide basic information on the plebiscite.

Mr. Kakfwi said up to \$50,000 is being made available to support the same interest groups funded earlier by the Commission for Constitutional Development. The money will be divided amongst the groups using the same formula used by the commission.

He said it will be up to the various groups to determine how or if they wish to use the government support.

"Some may want to arrange regional meetings to discuss the matter. Others may wish to advertise in regional papers or visit various communities within their regions to discuss the plebiscite.

The vote to determine the boundary to divide the Northwest Territories is scheduled for May 4.

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Driver's Manual Rewritten

YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) — A plain language version of the Northwest Territories' Driver's Manual is now being distributed to the public, says Transportation Minister Titus Allooloo.

"The manual was rewritten to address the concerns of northern residents. In the past, many people who wanted to get their driver's license were unable to do so because they couldn't understand the technical language of the driver's manual. This type of language also made it extremely difficult to translate."

The simplified English version of the manual was a joint project between the Department of Education and the Department of Transportation. An Inuktitut version will soon be available. It will also be translated into the other official languages of the Northwest Territories.

Copies of the new manual are available from the Motor Vehicles Office in Yellowknife.

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News Release/Communiqué

92-045

Ottawa Helps Fund Emergency Preparedness Project

YELLOWKNIFE (April 21) — Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Development Tom Siddon has announced a contribution of \$57,054 to the Government of the Northwest Territories under terms of the federal government's Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP).

Mr. Siddon made the announcement today, on behalf of Marcel Masse, federal Minister Responsible for Emergency Preparedness.

The money will help pay for a rescue/mobile command unit for Inuvik. The governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories contributed equal amounts -- totaling \$114,108 -- to the project.

"For the past 25 years, the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories have been working together to improve emergency preparedness capability throughout the Territories," said Mr. Siddon. "This project is tangible evidence of just how successful that relationship has been."

Dennis Patterson, Territorial Minister Responsible for Emergency Measures noted the vehicle will greatly increase the region's emergency response capability.

"In addition to serving the Municipality of Inuvik, it will also serve several outlying communities along the Dempster Highway and the winter ice roads."

The JEPP enables the federal government to contribute to or undertake jointly with the provinces and territories emergency preparedness projects that enhance the national response capability. Since the program began in 1980, the Government of Canada has contributed about \$1.5 million toward joint emergency preparedness projects in the Northwest Territories.

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Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

April 22, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Chesterfield Inlet Arena
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: James Arvaluk, Aivilik

A contract has been awarded to a Northern contractor, **Hovat Construction** of Yellowknife for the finishing of the interior of the **Chesterfield Inlet** arena, along with the installation of the mechanical and electrical systems. The value of the contract is \$919,667.

The contractor will complete the interior of the arena which will also include change rooms, washrooms, a kitchen and an office. The Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet is constructing the road to the arena, the parking area and the gravel pads.

The contractor has subcontracted the mechanical work to **Northwest Mechanical** of Fort Smith and the electrical work to **McDonald Brother's Electrical** of Tuktoyaktuk. **Fitzgerald Carpeting Ltd** of Yellowknife will provide the carpeting.

Construction is scheduled to start August, 1992 after the materials arrive by sealift and be completed by February, 1993.

Project: Gjoa Haven Recreation Complex
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: John Ningark, Natilikmiot

A contract has been awarded to a Northern contractor, **PCL Constructors Northern Inc** of Yellowknife to complete the interior of a pre-engineered steel arena building in **Gjoa Haven**. The value of the contract is \$1,193,037.

This phase of the project will include the finishing of the interior of the arena, along with the installation of the mechanical and electrical systems. The recreation complex will include an arena, a curling rink with a lounge, a multi-purpose room, change rooms, washrooms, a kitchen and an office.

The general contractor has subcontracted the mechanical work to **Central Mechanical Ltd** of Yellowknife, the electrical work to **McDonald Brother's Electrical Ltd** of Tuktoyaktuk and the floor finishes to **Classic Flooring** of Yellowknife. The Hamlet of Gjoa Haven has constructed the roads, the parking area and the gravel pad for the recreation complex.

Construction is scheduled to start immediately after the arrival of materials by sealift in September, 1992 and be completed by October, 1993.

Project: Snare Lake Two-Bay Maintenance Garage
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: Henry Zoe, North Slave

A contract has been awarded to a Northern contractor, **PCL Constructors Northern Ltd** of Yellowknife to construct a two-bay maintenance garage in the community of **Snare Lake**. The value of the contract is \$510,835.

The garage will also contain a mechanical room, storage room, an office and washroom. A loader and dump truck were delivered by ice road and will be used for the sitework. Interested individuals from the community will be trained to operate the equipment for work on this project.

The general contractor has also subcontracted two Northern companies, **North-West Electrical Ltd** of Yellowknife for the electrical work and **J & R Mechanical Ltd** of Yellowknife for the mechanical work. In addition, **Unico Contractors NWT Ltd** of Yellowknife will do the roofing for the garage and the flooring will be done by **Capital City Carpets Ltd** from Yellowknife.

The **Transient Centre**, which is operated by the community, will provide accommodation for the contractor. Construction materials were delivered by ice road in March, 1992 and work will begin in June, 1992. The project will be completed by December, 1992.

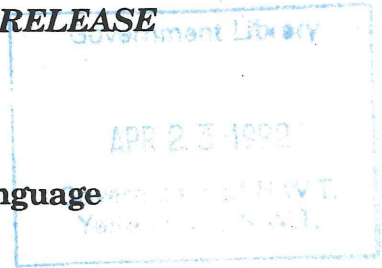




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Committee to Make Recommendations on French First Language Education

YELLOWKNIFE (April 22) — A working committee on French first language education has been formed, Education Minister Titus Allooloo announced today.

The committee has been set up to provide recommendations on funding and management issues regarding French first language education in the Northwest Territories, particularly as they pertain to l'École Allain St-Cyr in Yellowknife, the only French school in the NWT.

The committee is made up of three members of the Association des parents francophones de Yellowknife, the superintendent of Yellowknife School District No. 1 and two representatives of the Department of Education.

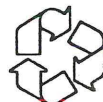
The committee will prepare a report by April 30 to the Deputy Minister of Education which will include recommendations on how to meet the needs of students who fall under Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Section 23 provides Francophones and Anglophones in Canada in a minority language situation with the right to be educated in their own language. Those rights apply wherever the number of eligible children warrants paying the cost of minority language education out of public funds.

The Fédération Franco-TéNOise and the Association des parents francophones de Yellowknife are also continuing with the court case they have launched against the Government of the Northwest Territories and Yellowknife Education District No. 1 regarding Section 23 rights in the NWT. The working committee will discuss the issues concerning French minority language education in an effort to settle the matter out of court. These discussions are being conducted "without prejudice", which means that the contents of the meetings will not be divulged in court proceedings.

All parties have agreed the meetings would be closed and that statements would not be issued. However, the conclusions of the working committee will be made public.

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Consumer Week '92

YELLOWKNIFE (April 24) — National Consumer Week, beginning April 27, is a good time for northerners to think about their consumer habits, says Dorothy Mellor, Director of Consumer and Corporate Affairs for the Department of Safety and Public Services.

This year's theme for Consumer Week is "It's Everybody's Business." The theme suggests that a strong Canadian marketplace can be built by fostering communication and cooperation among governments, businesses, consumers and educators.

Consumers of all ages are invited to take part in National Consumer Week activities and develop more "consumer savvy."

Students from across the Northwest Territories have been invited to participate in Consumer Week contests, including a consumer wordfind puzzle, two colouring contests, and a telephone quiz asking students to look up the telephone number for the NWT Consumer Hotline. For older students, there will be displays at high schools and local public libraries.

During National Consumer Week, northerners are encouraged to obtain consumer education materials and use the information to make wise purchases.

"Because of our isolation, many northerners buy products from mail order and telephone sale companies. More and more problems are arising from this type of direct marketing," says Ms. Mellor.

She suggests northerners investigate mail order companies before placing orders by checking with their friends, and/or by calling Consumer and Corporate Affairs. She also advises that consumers pay for mail order items by cheque or money order rather than credit card, because consumers cannot always control what is charged to their account.

Ms. Mellor says northerners are getting the "consumer beware" message. She notes that the number of inquiry calls to Consumer and Corporate Affairs are increasing, while the number of calls relating to complaints are decreasing.



Consumer Week '92: Page 2

The Consumer and Corporate Affairs division has a wealth of consumer information. More than 50 "Tips" sheets are available in English, French and Inuktitut on a range of topics, including Buying for Baby, Door to Door Sales, Auto Repairs and Estimates, Life Jackets, Mobile Homes and Travel Insurance. Other booklets and pamphlets are also available. The materials can be picked up from the division's offices in Yellowknife, or by calling the Consumer Hotline at 403-873-7125 during regular business hours. Collect calls are accepted.

The department also produces a quarterly newsletter which addresses current consumer issues in the North and across the country.

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Air Quality in Yellowknife Area Measured

YELLOWKNIFE (April 28) — The Department of Renewable Resources today released its annual report on air quality in the Yellowknife area.

The report summarizes data collected in 1990 through the National Air Pollution Sampling Program (NAPS) and the Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN).

The NAPS station is located in downtown Yellowknife on the roof of a two-storey building. Air samples are analyzed for lead, arsenic, nitrate, sulphate and Total Suspended Particulates (TSP). "Acid rain" north of Great Slave Lake is measured at a CAPMoN station at the Snare Rapids hydro site, about 150 kilometres north of Yellowknife.

"Total Suspended Particulate" is a term for particles in the air including smoke, dust and pollen. In Yellowknife, a major source of TSP is dust from gravel and sand on roads, alleyways and parking lots.

Between April and August of 1990, TSP levels in Yellowknife were within the acceptable range 39 per cent of the time, within the tolerable range 44 per cent of the time, and exceeded the tolerable limit 17 per cent of the time, the report states.

Arsenic is naturally present in Yellowknife - the mineral arsenopyrite is commonly found in the bedrock. The production of gold can also lead to the introduction of arsenic into the atmosphere. The report states that the 1990 levels are considerably lower than levels detected in the mid 1970s when Environment Canada's Environmental Protection Service monitored arsenic levels in Yellowknife.

Since the advent of lead-free gasoline, lead levels have been dropping across the country. By October, 1990, the 24-hour lead level averages in Yellowknife did not rise above 0.01 micrograms per cubic metre, compared to a high level of 0.7 micrograms per cubic metre measured in 1980.



Air Quality in Yellowknife Area Measured: Page 2

"A considerable proportion of the air pollutants released into the air in Yellowknife are generated by burning fossil fuels to heat buildings and to operate motor vehicles. Combustion of fossil fuels is considered to account for much of the lead, nitrate and sulphate in Yellowknife air," states the report.

The CAPMoN station was established in October, 1986, at the Snare Rapids hydro site to monitor "acid rain" levels. As in previous years, acid rain caused by industrial pollutants was not detected in rain or snow samples collected in 1990.

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AIR QUALITY MONITORING IN THE YELLOWKNIFE AREA

1990 DATA

The Department of Renewable Resources participates in two national air quality monitoring programs. Participation in the National Air Pollution Sampling Network (NAPS) provides long-term monitoring of trends in urban (Yellowknife) air quality. The Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN) station, located at the Snare Rapids hydro-electric site, was established to monitor the level of acid rain transported into the area by weather systems.

WHAT WERE THE 1990 RESULTS FROM YELLOWKNIFE NAPS STATION?

The Yellowknife NAPS station is located in the downtown area on the roof of a two story building. Every six days a sample is collected over a 24 hour period. These samples are analyzed for lead, arsenic, nitrate, sulphate and Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) a parameter which includes dust. Results from the 1990 period are summarized below.

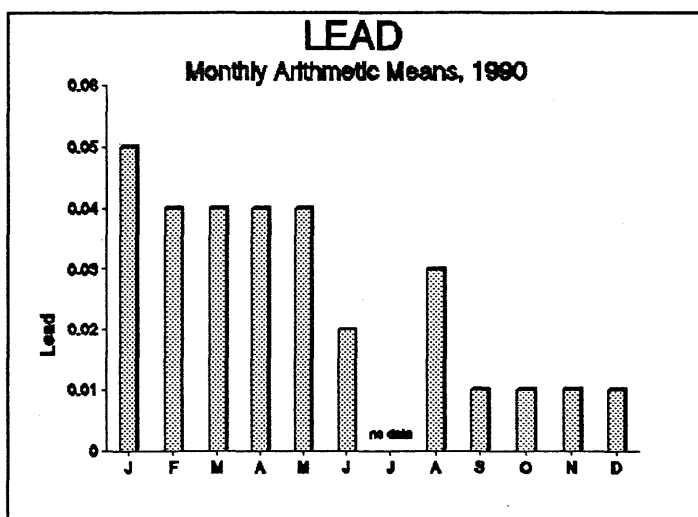
1990 YELLOWKNIFE AIR QUALITY DATA					
EXPOSURE	LEAD	ARSENIC	NITRATE	SULPHATE	TSP
highest (24 hr.)	0.12	0.039	1.1	5.3	704
lowest (24 hr.)	0.00	0.003	0.0	0.9	8
Annual geometric mean	0.02	0.009	0.3	2.3	63

Note: all units in micrograms per cubic metre.

While the overall air quality for all of Yellowknife cannot be defined on the basis of the air quality measured at this single monitoring station, the data does provide a measure of air quality in downtown Yellowknife. Each of the pollutants measured are discussed in greater detail on the following pages.

LEAD

Lead levels in Canadian air have been dropping since 1975 when lead-free gasoline was introduced to the market. In 1990 leaded gasoline was removed completely from the Canadian marketplace. A decline in levels of lead similar to national trends has been measured in Yellowknife where combustion of gasoline is the only significant source of lead. There are no national standards for lead in air. Ontario has set a limit of 5.0 micrograms per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) over 24 hours.



In 1990, the annual geometric mean level of lead in Yellowknife air was $0.02 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The highest level of lead measured over a 24 hour period in 1990 was $0.12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in January. Lead levels dropped during 1990 until by early October the 24 hour averages did not rise above $0.01 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Ten years earlier, in 1980, the annual geometric mean level of lead measured in Yellowknife was $0.23 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The highest level of lead measured over a 24 hour period in that year was $0.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATE (TSP)

TSP is a generic term for airborne particles including smoke, dust, fly ash and pollen. Lead, arsenic and nitrogen and sulphur compounds are often present in the atmosphere in a particulate form. In Yellowknife a major source of TSP is dust from gravel and sand on roads, alleyways and parking lots. In the spring especially, and during the summer, this dust is blown about by the wind or raised into the air by vehicle traffic. There is a distinct seasonal variation in TSP levels in Yellowknife.

Standards for TSP have been established under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

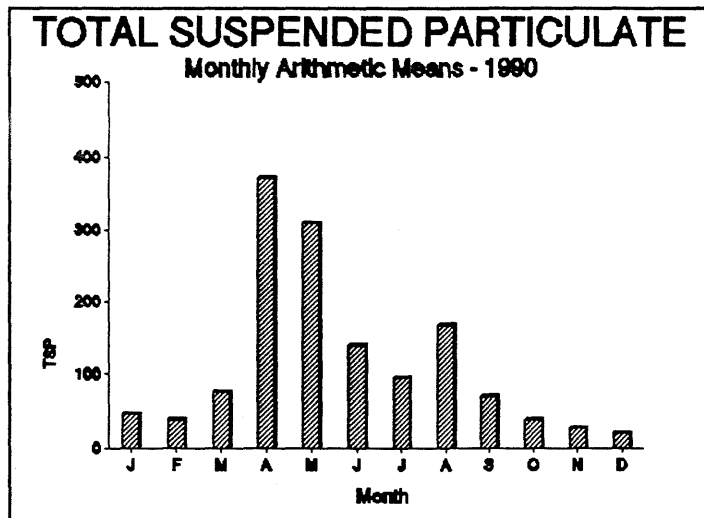
Air quality objectives for suspended particulate matter			
Exposure period	Maximum desirable concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Maximum acceptable concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Maximum tolerable concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
24 hours	—	120	400
One year	60	70	—

Maximum desirable concentration provides a long term goal for air quality.

Maximum acceptable concentration is intended to provide adequate protection against effects on the environment, materials, visibility and personal comfort and well being.

Maximum tolerable concentration denotes levels of air contaminants beyond which appropriate action is required without delay to protect the health of the general population.

On April 23, 1990, the TSP level was $696 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, on April 29 the level was $524 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and on May 5 reached $704 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, the highest level of the year. Between April and August, TSP levels in Yellowknife were within the acceptable range (under $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) 39% of the time, were within the tolerable range (between 120 to $400 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) 44% of the time and exceeded the tolerable limit 17% of the time.



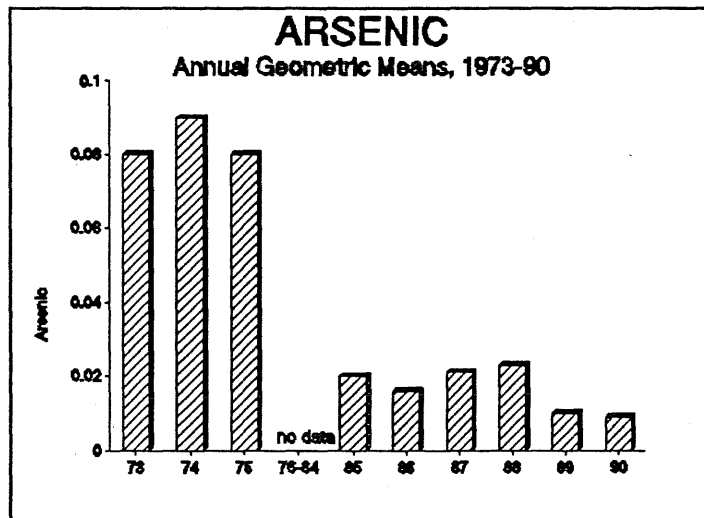
Although dust levels are high during the warm months, the levels measured during the rest of the year are low enough that the annual geometric mean in 1990 was $63 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, a level that is within the acceptable range. In 1989, the annual geometric mean for TSP was also $63 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

ARSENIC

Arsenic is naturally present in the Yellowknife environment where the mineral arsenopyrite is commonly found in the bedrock. The production of gold can lead to the introduction of arsenic into the atmosphere. Measures undertaken in the late 1970's led to reductions in arsenic releases to the atmosphere caused by gold mining. There are no national standards for arsenic in the air. In 1991 the Province of Ontario set a limit of $0.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for arsenic over a 24 hour period.

Arsenic is not usually measured in other cities participating in the NAPS program, but because of concerns raised in the past is measured in Yellowknife.

In 1990, the annual geometric mean arsenic level in Yellowknife was $0.009 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and the highest level measured over a 24 hour period was $0.039 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.



These levels are considerably lower than levels detected in the mid 1970's when Environment Canada's Environmental Protection Service monitored arsenic levels in Yellowknife.

NITRATE AND SULPHATE

Nitrogen oxide compounds and sulphur dioxide are oxidized in the atmosphere to form, respectively, nitrate and sulphate. Both of these compounds are pollutants that can increase acidity in precipitation. Sulphur dioxide is released through the combustion of fossil fuels and, in the Yellowknife area, through gold roasting activities. Nitrogen oxide compounds, formed during high temperature combustion, can also play an important role in ground level ozone formation in cities where smog is a problem. Smog is not considered to be a problem in Yellowknife. Although there are no set standards for nitrate and sulphate, levels detected in Yellowknife compare favourably with levels detected in other Canadian cities.

IS ACID RAIN MEASURED IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES?

A Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN) station was established in October 1986 at the Snare Rapids hydro site (about 150 km north of Yellowknife) to measure acid precipitation and associated parameters.

Acidity in precipitation is compared based on the measurement of pH, with lower pH values indicating higher acidity. Sulphate and nitrate dissolved in precipitation are indirect measurements of acidic gas emissions from industry and automobiles. Ammonium, sodium, calcium, magnesium and potassium are measures of the acid-neutralizing capacity of the atmosphere.

1990 CAPMoN DAILY PRECIPITATION QUALITY									
STATION	pH	Sulphate	Nitrate	Chloride	Ammonium	Sodium	Calcium	Magnesium	Potassium
Snare Rapids NWT	5.12	0.50	0.07	0.07	0.123	0.02	0.06	0.01	0.02
Esther Alberta	5.39	1.74	0.38	0.11	0.545	0.12	0.58	0.11	0.10
Cree Lake Sask.	5.03	0.87	0.14	0.05	0.235	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.03
Chalk River Ontario	4.33	2.94	0.65	0.16	0.466	0.06	0.32	0.05	0.04
Sutton Quebec	4.40	3.30	0.68	0.19	0.452	0.06	0.23	0.03	0.03

Note: all units in milligrams per litre (mg/l) except pH.

The preceding table shows a comparison of 1990 data from Snare Rapids with data collected over the same period from other stations in Canada. CAPMoN sites in eastern Canada (Chalk River and Sutton) are located in regions where "acid rain" is of great concern. The higher acidity (lower pH) at those stations may be due to the influence of industrial pollutants.

Results from samples collected at Snare Rapids during 1990 are consistent with those from previous years. Rain and snow pH levels together with the low levels of the other parameters indicate there is negligible pollution in precipitation at Snare Rapids.

HOW DOES AIR QUALITY IN YELLOWKNIFE COMPARE WITH OTHER CANADIAN CITIES?

Except for the high TSP levels, Yellowknife compares favourably with other Canadian cities in terms of air quality. This is to be expected considering the relatively low level of industrial activity in the area. Yellowknife also benefits in that there is virtually no background level of air pollution carried in by the wind.

A considerable proportion of the air pollutants released into the air in Yellowknife are generated by burning fossil fuels to heat buildings and to operate motor vehicles. Combustion of fossil fuels is considered to account for much of the lead, nitrate and sulphate in Yellowknife air. The high TSP levels in Yellowknife are caused by dust being repeatedly raised by wind and traffic.

1990 AIR QUALITY DATA FROM OTHER CANADIAN CITIES				
LOCATION	LEAD	NITRATE	SULPHATE	TSP
Quebec City	0.03	0.34	1.76	28
Ottawa	0.01	0.60	3.77	27
Hamilton	0.03	3.25	10.96	69
Winnipeg	0.03	0.62	1.40	36
Regina	0.02	0.61	2.13	41
Vancouver	0.04	0.95	3.03	27
Whitehorse	0.02	0.29	1.68	28
Yellowknife	0.02	0.30	2.25	63

Note: The above data are annual geometric means collected through the NAPS program and are expressed in micrograms/cubic metre.

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Trainees Complete Airport Training Program

LAC LA MARTRE (April 28) — Fifteen local trainees, working on the construction of Lac La Martre's new airport runway, have completed their training program, according to Transportation Minister Titus Allooloo.

Transportation and Arctic College officials flew into the community to congratulate the group in a brief afternoon ceremony, April 14.

The trainees completed their six-week Heavy Equipment Operator Training Program, delivered by Arctic College. The program is designed to give the trainees the skills necessary to complete the airport construction, and the opportunity to obtain their Class III Operators License.

The project's contractor, RTL/Robinson's Trucking Enterprises Ltd., was also in attendance.

Although the Arctic College training program portion is completed, the trainees will continue training and working on-the-job until construction of the airport is completed this fall.

The project will provide the community with a new 914m X 30m, gravel runway, a new parking apron, an interconnecting taxi-way, a building development area for a future terminal building, a meteorological pad, a fuel pad, a permanent airfield lighting system, a crushed maintenance gravel stock pile and an access road to the community.

The \$2,450,000 project is being cost-shared between the federal and territorial governments.

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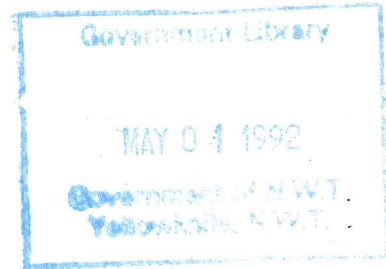


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McNenly Appointed to WCB

YELLOWKNIFE (April 30) — Don McNenly of Yellowknife has been appointed to the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors for a one-year period beginning May 3.

He fills a position left vacant by the resignation of Dale Johnston of Yellowknife. Mr. Johnston has accepted a position on the Board's Review Committee which deals with first level appeals from workers.

The announcement was made today by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board..

Mr. Patterson also announced the extension of the appointments of Board members Jim Evoy, Ron Williams and Grant Horseman to January 31, 1993. Mr. Evoy will serve as Deputy Chairperson during this period.

Mr. McNenly is employed at Royal Oak Mines and has worked in a variety of areas in the mining operation. He was a member of the Health and Safety Committee for over 8 years and served as Committee Chairperson for two years.

The seven-member Board directs the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board program for more than 5,000 employers and their employees in the Northwest Territories. The program provides for wage loss compensation as well as the payment of medical and rehabilitation costs due to injuries.

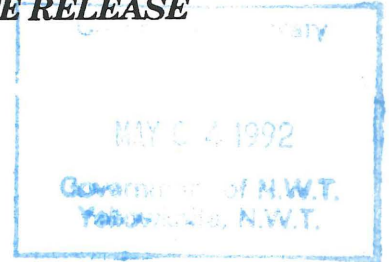
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Health Bursary Deadline May 22

YELLOWKNIFE (May 1) — The Department of Health is providing financial support to people interested in pursuing or furthering a health career in the NWT.

Health Training Bursaries are available for full or part-time students enrolled in a variety of health care fields. Preference will be given to residents of the NWT who wish to work in occupations needed in the North, such as doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, medical lab technicians and environmental health officers.

This assistance can be used for tuition, travel and/or living allowance.

People who receive bursaries will be required to work in the NWT for a period of time following completion of their training. The length of service depends on the amount of funding received.

The purpose of the bursaries is to encourage northerners to pursue a health career and assist them with their expenses throughout the year. This will ensure a supply of skilled health care workers and professionals for northern communities.

Last year, the department gave out \$31,000 to 27 people for health related studies.

This year's application deadline is May 22. Application forms are available at community health centres and from the Department of Health, 6th floor, Centre Square Tower, in Yellowknife. For additional information, or if application forms are not available in your area call 1-800-661-0782.

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Department of Education to Participate in National Evaluation Program

YELLOWKNIFE (May 5) — The Department of Education is participating in the School Achievement Indicators Program undertaken by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).

Education Minister Titus Allooloo says the program will allow each jurisdiction to evaluate the progress of its students in relation to a national sample.

The program, involving ministries and departments of education from each province and territory, focuses on the development of two sets of indicators to measure the state of education across Canada.

The first set of indicators will be used to document the involvement of young people in the education system by looking at how many school-aged people are actually attending school, the proportion of students staying in school and the proportion that graduate.

The second set of indicators will be used to provide information on the achievement of 13 and 16 year-old students in reading, writing and mathematics. These indicators are intended to help jurisdictions determine how effective their education systems are in relation to a set of national standards.

Five levels of competence have been established in each of the three subject areas. A standard of student performance for each of these levels has been agreed upon by each of the participating jurisdictions.

Mr. Allooloo said the assessment tests are expected to be ready for field testing and validation by teachers in a small number of Canadian schools in May. The actual assessment is scheduled for May of 1993, with a report of the results to be issued in October of the same year.

The report will document the performance of students in each province and territory, and the country as a whole, but not that of individual schools, districts or boards.

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Review Recommends Goal Setting and Team Building

YELLOWKNIFE (May 5) — A review of the governance and management of the Beaufort-Delta Divisional Board of Education has been completed. The review makes recommendations to the Board and the Department of Education to help the Board operate more smoothly, Education Minister Titus Allooloo announced today.

The review was conducted by Dr. Jerry MacNeil, who has a Ph.D in Educational Administration and currently works as the Executive Director of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees.

It emphasizes the need to set clear goals and concentrate on team building and team work among board members, staff and educators in the division and specifically recommends that the Board develop a strategic plan, as well as a policy manual to provide clear direction.

The review also makes recommendations for development of board members. This includes a general recommendation to change the process for electing board members so that candidates in each community run for direct election to the board -- under the current system, each community education council selects one of its members to sit on the divisional board.

Since there are four major cultural groups in the region, the review recommends that the Board focus on community/regional relations -- particularly by developing aboriginal language programs -- in order to build bridges among the different ethnic groups that make up the region.

The review has resulted in a number of good recommendations for planning and team building in the Beaufort-Delta Division that will be acted on immediately, and a number of general proposals that will be considered for the future, Mr. Allooloo said.

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IQALUIT (May 6, 1992) - The Hamlet of Broughton Island recently hosted what might have been the best Baffin Inuit Games ever. About 50 athletes and coaches from every Baffin municipality participated in the event. These Games mark the first time an athletic team from Sanikiluaq competed in a regional sporting event in the Baffin. "I'm going to start training more athletes in Sanikiluaq for next year's Games," said Sanikiluaq coach, Shouapik Emikotalluk when asked if they would return next year.

Overall standings saw Pangnirtung successfully defend their title with Iqaluit finishing a close second. Clyde River's third place finish was a surprise.

The Baffin Inuit Games are an annual event hosted by a different community each year. All travel for athletes and coaches is funded by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. Traditional sports such as those competed in at the Arctic Winter Games are played as well as the Bench Reach and the painful Finger Pull. All the events stress agility, strength and endurance and are exciting for spectators as well as the athletes.

Competition was enhanced by the attendance of five athletes who were on the NWT Arctic Sports Team which competed in Whitehorse at the recent Arctic Winter Games. Laleha Flaherty and Jane Flaherty competed for Iqaluit, and Julie Oolayou and Semega Saglaktuk, both medal winners from Whitehorse represented Lake Harbour. Billy Karpik, an AWG veteran from Pangnirtung, volunteered his time and expertise to act as one of the head officials. Other head officials were Abe Oopkik of Iqaluit and Tituats Audlaklak from Broughton Island. Coaches and senior athletes also assisted with the officiating.

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The Games were opened by Loasia Audiaklak, Mayor of Broughton Island, and Levi Nutaraiak, Recreation Committee Chairperson, who both welcomed all the visitors. Athletes competed for three days and socialized late into the evenings thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Broughton Island residents. Johnny Poisey, recreation coordinator and Games organizer, planned activities that kept the participants busy. Many new friendships were made during the event. There was a competition between coaches and athletes, dances, and a band from Pangnirtung.

Julie Oolayou, who came home from Whitehorse with two world records and three gold medals, including the All Around Junior Female Athlete Award, broke three of her Baffin records in the Broughton Island Games and went on to take the All Around Award in the Junior Women's Category. Eva Siakoluk of Hall Beach finished second with gold in the Head Pull, Silver in the Bench Reach and Alaskan High Kick and bronze in the One Foot High Kick. Jane Fieherly was behind her by only one point with a gold, three silvers and a bronze finish.

Fourteen athletes competed in the Junior Men's Category with Harvey Nutaraq of Pond Inlet taking the award for All Around Athlete. Harvey placed first in the Two Foot High Kick, second in the Kneel Jump and Arm Pull, and third in the One Foot High Kick and Alaskan High Kick. Albert Joamie of Pangnirtung shared second place in the All Around Award with Amona Akkitirq of Igloolik. Joamie has competed in several Games and took silver in the One Foot High Kick and Head Pull, and bronze in the Kneel Jump. Akkitirq came in first in the Head Pull, second in the Finger Pull, Bench Reach and third in the Two Foot High Kick. Three Baffin records were broken in this category: Semega Saglaktuk of Lake Harbour broke the record for Kneel Jump; Sameon Qaunaq of Igloolik set a new standard for Alaskan High Kick; and Steven Qaqqaalq broke the record for Bench Reach.

In the Open Women's Category, Leona Nakashuk, another veteran from Pangnirtung, took top honours with gold in the Two Foot High Kick and silver in five other events. She also broke the Baffin record for the Alaskan High Kick. Close behind her in second place was Lalena Fieherly with gold in the Bench Reach, Arm Pull and Finger Pull. Annie Mannuk from Sanikiluaq took third place with bronze finishes in the Bench Reach, Arm Pull and Head Pull.

Competition was tight among the Senior Men with Sollymen Autut of Igloolik coming out on top. Autut took gold in the Airplane, silver in the One Foot and Two Foot High Kicks, and bronze in the Kneel Jump. Crites Kilabuk of Pangnirtung and Ron Kautuq of Clyde River shared second place. Kilabuk was first in the Two Foot High Kick and Alaskan High Kick and second in four other events. Kautuq, a first time competitor had two third place finishes and solid performances in the other events. Saimo Inuitiq took third in the All Around Category.

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The Baffin Inuit Games ended with a huge community feast of caribou fish, bannock and tea all donated by the residents of Broughton Island. The venue for next year's Games will be decided in early June. Winners from the 1993 Games will go on to represent the Baffin Region at the Territorial Trials for the next Arctic Winter Games.

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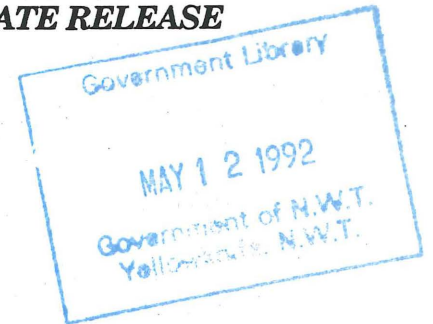
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Canada Health Day - May 12

YELLOWKNIFE (May 11) — Canada Health Day will be celebrated across the Northwest Territories through displays, blood pressure clinics, and open houses.

Canada Health Day is a national event celebrated each year on May 12 to commemorate Florence Nightingale's birthday. It focuses public attention on health promotion, health education and health care services available across Canada.

In Yellowknife, the Department of Health will set up a display in the Centre Square Mall on May 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. Health career information and promotion items will be available at the display.

On May 16, the NWT Registered Nursing Association, in conjunction with the Northern Nurses Memorial Fund, will hold a blood pressure clinic at the Panda Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A safety roundup of old prescription bottles will be held in Fort Norman during the week as well as a blood pressure clinic at the hamlet office on May 12.

In Fort McPherson, the public can tour the Health Centre and receive information on health careers and in Sachs Harbour the Health Centre will have an open house.

A Health Fair for Iqaluit students will be held at the Inukshuk Secondary School on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Representatives from the Iqaluit Public Health Clinic, Iqaluit Emergency Service, Northern Store and Nutaraq's Place will be on hand to explain their role in maintaining and promoting the health of the community. Health Fair Passport Books, popcorn and Canada Health Day pins will be handed out to students attending the fair. Posters designed by students on healthy living will also be displayed.



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A two-part documentary, *Nursing North of Sixty*, will be shown on TVNC. Part one can be seen on May 11 at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) with part two on May 12 at 3 p.m. EST. Part one will be repeated on May 13 at 2:30 p.m. EST and part two on May 14 at 5 p.m. EST.

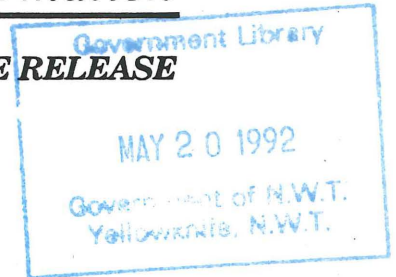
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NWT Artists Receive Support from GNWT

YELLOWKNIFE (May 19) — Seventeen NWT artists and art groups will receive funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories to carry out a range of creative projects in the arts, says Culture and Communications Minister Titus Allooloo.

Applications for funding were screened by the six-member NWT Arts Council. The council was established in 1985 to promote the arts in the NWT and make recommendations to the Minister on financial awards. Funding is provided twice a year with application deadlines set for January 31 and April 30 of each year. Funding is issued to successful candidates approximately four months after the deadlines.

Recipients from the January 31 deadline include writers, painters, musicians, dancers, photographers and theatre and television groups from across the Northwest Territories.

They include: Arctic College (Artist Mentoring Program, \$15,000); Colin Adjun, Coppermine (music, \$8,835); Ben Nind, Yellowknife (theatre script, \$4,850); Cliff Schaefer, Fort Providence (music, \$5,506); Vincent Gauthier, Yellowknife (music, \$7,500); Marianne Bromley, Yellowknife (writing, \$6,600); Anne Lynagh, Yellowknife (film, \$7,860); Germaine Arnaktauyok, Yellowknife (painting, \$4,714); Jane McQuitty, Yellowknife (painting, \$600); Chris Robson, Hay River (painting, \$4,586); Lyn Hancock, Fort Simpson (writing, \$4,400); Marc Bogan, Yellowknife (music, \$10,800); Jewel Bailey, Yellowknife (painting, \$8,000); Guy St. Andre, Yellowknife (painting, \$5,506); Moira Cameron, Yellowknife (music, \$7,500); YWCA Ballet and Modern Dance, Yellowknife (\$2,173); and Inuvik Choral and Theatrical Society, Inuvik (\$3,310).

"I am pleased that we are able to provide financial support to the NWT artistic community," says Mr. Allooloo. "They help us see who we are by creating and reflecting our northern culture."

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Help Book for Teens Released

YELLOWKNIFE (May 20) — A new Department of Justice booklet gives teenagers in the Northwest Territories straightforward information about sexual assault, says Justice Minister Dennis Patterson.

A recent Northwest Territories study found that 13-18 year-olds are at highest risk of sexual assault. It is also known that violence is learned behaviour that can be passed on from generation to generation.

"By reaching out and helping young northerners, we can help foster healthy relationships and caring communities," Mr. Patterson says.

The 36-page booklet will help teens who have been sexually assaulted, teens who know someone who has been sexually assaulted, teens who are abusive, or teens who are not sure what sexual assault is or how to "keep safe."

The booklet is being sent to school administrators across the Northwest Territories this spring, and will be distributed to junior and high school students in the fall. Staff from the Department of Education will be providing schools with suggestions on how to use the book.

Sexual Assault: A Help Book for Teens in the Northwest Territories is designed so that it does not have to be read in order, or all at once. There are short items of information on each page. The booklet also features Dear-Abby-style letters, and quizzes. A quiz at the beginning of the book, for example, asks teens to rate their relationship with their boyfriend/girlfriend. Is it a good one, built on trust and respect, or is it an unhealthy one?

Part Two of the booklet explains what sexual assault is, and explains other terms such as consent, incest and party rape. Part Three looks at the different ways victims and abusers can get help. Part Four explains the legal aspect of sexual assault. Plain-language definitions are provided for a number of sexual offences. The chapter also explains what happens when sexual assault cases go to court.



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"This is an excellent made-in-the-NWT resource that will also be of interest to parents and other adults who work with children. Sexual assault is a serious problem and only by talking about the problem, and the solutions, can we expect to see a change in attitudes and behaviour," says Mr. Patterson.

Copies of the booklet are available from the Victims Assistance Coordinator, Department of Justice, Government of the Northwest Territories, Box 1320, 6th Floor Courthouse, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9. Telephone: 403-920-6911; Fax: 403-873-0173.

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Government and Teachers Settle Contract

YELLOWKNIFE (May 26) — A new collective agreement has been reached between the Territorial government and the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association.

It provides teachers with a zero per cent salary increase in the first year and a 1.8 per cent increase in the second year. Additional benefits relating to professional development, in-service training, administration time and working conditions were also included in the agreement.

Minister of Personnel, Stephen Kakfwi, says he is encouraged by the response of the teachers and the NWTTA, noting the agreement is "fiscally responsible" and has significant benefits for both teachers and the government.

John Rouble, President of the Teachers' Association, agreed.

He added that working conditions, professional development and in-service training are priorities for teachers in the Territories and that he is pleased they are being properly recognized by government.

The Government and NWTTA bargaining committees signed a memorandum of agreement on the new contract April 23. It was subsequently ratified by 83 per cent of voting teachers.

Included in the package is additional teacher control over professional development. This has been achieved by allowing teachers more decisions on use of the Professional Development Fund.

The inclusion of preparation time in the agreement is viewed as an important element of the Collective Agreement that addresses a long-term teachers' priority.

In addition, arrangements have been formalized in respect to provision of up to 2.5 days per year for administration, parent-teacher interviews and employee in-service training.



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A system of consultation has also been established at senior levels that recognizes a partnership in education between teachers and the government. This collaborative relationship should result in more effective management of changes anticipated over the next few years.

Both parties have also agreed to rewrite and simplify the format and wording of the Collective Agreement in order to make it easier to understand and to aid its translation.

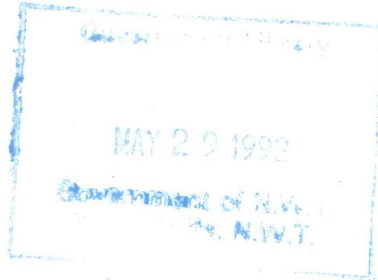
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NWT Announces Support for Triple E Senate

TORONTO (May 27) — Northwest Territories Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Kakfwi announced today support for Triple E Senate reform.

Kakfwi, who also chairs the NWT Legislature's Special Committee on Constitutional Reform, is attending the national constitutional reform talks in Toronto.

Five other provincial governments also support constitutional amendments for an elected, effective and equal Senate.

The Minister indicated that the Northwest Territories is seeking a reformed Senate which can further protect and enhance the interests of smaller jurisdictions in Canada.

"This requires a Senate which is elected, something which Constitutional Ministers and Aboriginal Leaders have already agreed to in the current round of negotiations."

"It also means an effective institution, which has the necessary powers to balance the interests of central Canada with those of the smaller provinces in the east and the west, and the Northern territories."

Kakfwi further outlined his support for the equal Senate model being proposed by Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

"Our clear preference in this constitutional round is for agreement on a Senate where all provinces have equal representation."

The Minister acknowledged that, in taking this position on an equal Senate, a new province created in future out of a northern territory would not automatically be granted an equal number of seats. This is because adding Senate seats for a new province will require the approval of existing provinces and the federal government."

Under the current Canadian Constitution, changes to national institutions, such as representation in the Senate, are subject to the Constitution's general amending formula which requires approval of two thirds of the provinces representing 50 per cent of the population and Parliament itself.

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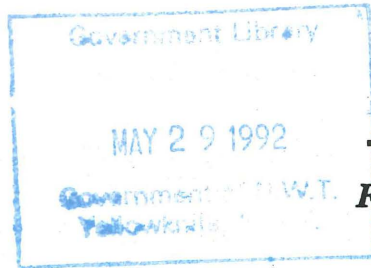
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Support for Northern Provincehood Remains Strong

TORONTO (May 28) — Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Kakfwi says provincial support for returning the authority to create new provinces to Parliament remains strong.

Current constitutional arrangements require approval by Parliament and seven provinces representing 50 per cent of the population. Northerners are concerned that provincial involvement in the approval process could reduce their chances of obtaining provincehood.

Kakfwi, who also chairs the NWT Legislature's Constitutional Reform Committee, is in Toronto at the national constitutional reform talks.

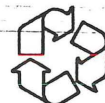
"I was extremely pleased with the reaction last month in Edmonton, when provincial Ministers demonstrated their strong support for changing the Constitution's amending formula to return the authority for creating new provinces to Parliament."

"Based on my discussions in subsequent meetings and here in Toronto, I remain confident that the provinces will continue to support what is the one uniquely northern issue we have in this Canada round."

The Minister also noted that national Aboriginal Leaders have historically supported the territorial proposal.

Since 1982, when the approval process for provincial status was changed, Indian, Metis and Inuit leaders have consistently supported a return to arrangements which applied to other Canadian territories when they joined Confederation.

"We are also working with territorial delegates in the national Aboriginal organizations to ensure that self-government rights will be protected under pre-1982 arrangements and that northern Aboriginal peoples will have meaningful participation in any process leading to provincehood."



Support for Northern Provincehood Remains Strong: Page 2

Because a constitutional amendment to achieve the NWT's objectives will require the unanimous consent of all provinces, Kakfwi, territorial Premier Nellie Cournoyea and their officials have kept their Quebec counterparts informed on territorial positions in this constitutional round.

"We cannot ignore that Quebec and other provinces have concerns about how a new province could affect the operation of the amending formula," Kakfwi said. "I feel confident that we have addressed the concerns of the provinces here in Toronto, and I am encouraged that Quebec is reserving judgment on pre-1982 arrangements until it has reviewed the reform package from this round."

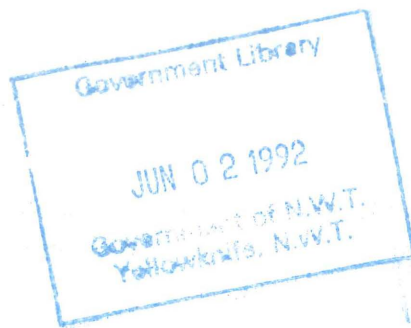
Constitutional Ministers are scheduled to further consider the provincehood issue at their meeting today.

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Business Incentive Policy Revised

YELLOWKNIFE (June 1) — Cabinet has approved changes to the Business Incentive Policy in order to clarify and improve the level of northern business involvement in government contracts, says Minister of Public Works Don Morin.

The policy was adopted in 1985 to support the development of a strong and competitive northern business sector by ensuring the benefits of government contracts were passed on to northern workers and businesses.

The principles of the new Business Incentive Policy have basically remained the same, noted Mr. Morin. However, several amendments have been made.

The revised policy is designed to encourage businesses to reinvest their corporate earnings in the North and reflects the higher cost of operating a business in the Northwest Territories, he said.

The new policy applies to all government departments, agencies, organizations or communities that receive 51 per cent or more of their total annual operating funds from the Government of the Northwest Territories. The policy also applies to any project where 51 per cent or more of the total contract funds are provided by the GNWT.

Because the Yukon has abandoned its business incentive policy, Yukon contractors are no longer eligible.

Definitions of who is eligible as a northern contractor have been clarified through changes and additions. A Northern Resident is someone who has lived in the NWT for one year; the original policy required three years' residence. The shorter waiting period is consistent with territorial election requirements and makes it easier for businesses operated by sole proprietors or partnerships to become established. The change continues to make it difficult for southern businesses to establish storefront operations.

The definition of a Northern Business remains the same, with ownership remaining at 51 per cent. The business must lease or own office, commercial, industrial or residential space in the Northwest Territories on an annual basis. It must also maintain a Resident

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Manager, undertake the majority of its management and administrative functions in the NWT and have been designated as a Northern Business at least two weeks prior to the opening of a tender.

All businesses which applied for Northern Business status under the 1985 Notwithstanding Clause will be re-examined. A business can apply for Northern Business status if it has operated in the NWT for 10 years prior to the date of application and if it meets the spirit and intent of the policy.

Other definitions that have been added include Local Resident, Resident Manager, Local Business, Local Supplier and Local Content.

A Senior Management Preference Committee will replace the existing Appeals Committee. The committee will provide overall policy coordination and monitoring of the government's preference policies and be responsible for developing new policies, reviewing tender irregularities and issuing interpretive bulletins which will explain the spirit and intent of the policy. Committee members include representatives from the departments of Public Works, Transportation, Government Services, Economic Development and Tourism and the NWT Housing Corporation.

As a working committee to the Senior Management Preference Committee, an Advisory Committee has been established. In addition to departments represented on the Senior Management Preference Committee, the Advisory Committee includes representatives of the Northwest Territories Construction Association and the NWT Chamber of Commerce.

To reduce the number of storefront northern companies and to assist companies that contribute to the North but don't strictly meet the rules of the Business Incentive Policy, the Senior Management Preference Committee may waive the requirements of the policy as long as the spirit and intent of the policy is met. The business must also prove that it provides long-term benefits to the economy of the NWT.

To give small northern contractors the opportunity to bid on more projects, construction projects will be split into phases where practical. Goods contracts will be grouped so northern suppliers can bid on the components they are able to supply. Long-term goods contracts of three to five-years will also be available. This will allow northern manufacturers to recover their start-up costs through long-term guaranteed contracts.

The new Business Incentive Policy also allows for disciplinary action if a general contractor, subcontractor or supplier fails to follow the spirit and intent of the policy. If a



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contractor or supplier fails to provide the amount of northern or local involvement stipulated in the contract or misrepresents themselves in any way, the Senior Management Preference Committee may temporarily or permanently disqualify them as a Northern Business.

"The Government of the Northwest Territories considers it a priority to maximize the benefits going to northern businesses from contracts awarded by the GNWT. Changes to the Business Incentive Policy will make the policy more equitable for all involved," says Mr. Morin.

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Business Incentive Policy Backgrounder

The GNWT has developed a wide variety of business incentive policies in its effort to maximize the involvement of local and northern business and workers in government contracting. These policies have been very successful in helping the GNWT meet its objectives of maximizing local and northern employment and business opportunities through government contracts.

In response to a motion passed in the Legislative Assembly in April 1990, the Executive Council directed all departments to participate in a government wide analysis of the existing business incentive policies. This analysis involved a review of all government contract awards for a six-month period, an analysis of the existing Business Incentive policies as well as consultation with MLAs and the business community.

The results of this work were reviewed with Cabinet as well as the Standing Committee on Finance in December 1990. At the direction of Cabinet, a public discussion paper was circulated in order to seek any further input from northern businesses, communities and other interested parties. As a result of public input to the discussion paper additional changes were made. All of the recommended changes were approved in principal by Cabinet on July 8, 1991 and Public Works was directed to prepare a revised policy.

The revised Business Incentive Policy was prepared by a Senior Management Committee made up of the following members:

Deputy Minister	Public Works
Deputy Minister	Transportation
Deputy Minister	Government Services
Deputy Minister	Economic Development & Tourism
President	NWT Housing Corporation
Comptroller General	Finance
Legal Counsel	Justice
Director of Contracts	Public Works

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\$8.5 Million Cooperation Agreement Signed

YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) — A five-year Economic Development Cooperation Agreement, worth over \$8.5 million, has been signed by federal Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism) Tom Hockin and territorial Minister of Economic Development and Tourism John Pollard.

"The goal of the Tourism and Entrepreneurship Development Agreement is to build a strong economic foundation for the future," said MP Ross Reid, speaking on behalf of Mr. Hockin in a speech at a Prospects North luncheon.

The Cooperation Agreement will provide \$8.565 million to tourism and entrepreneurship development in the NWT. It was part of the Economic Development Framework Agreement, which the territorial government signed with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Tom Siddon.

"This agreement will allow us to meet needs which have been identified in the smaller communities, and help them participate more fully in the NWT economy," said Pollard.

The agreement's entrepreneurship component will provide business management training. The tourism component will provide in-service training to guides and food and beverage workers; marketing assistance, market intelligence reports; and assistance to establish an interpretive centre in Pond Inlet, N.W.T..

Cooperation agreements under the framework agreement were designed by seeking out, and listening to, people's concerns at the end of the last Economic Development Agreement.

Industry, Science and Technology Canada, through its Yellowknife office, will provide 70 per cent of program funding, while the Government of the Northwest Territories will contribute 30 per cent.

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Highlights of the ISTC-GNWT Cooperation Agreement

The EDA Cooperation Agreement between Industry, Science and Technology Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories complies with the principles for economic development in the Northwest Territories which are outlined in the Foundations for the Future EDA Cooperation Agreement, signed by Ministers of both the federal and territorial governments in February, 1991.

The ISTC-GNWT Cooperation Agreement contains operational procedures which are consistent with procedures outlined in the DIAND-GNWT Cooperation Agreement, signed in July, 1991, and the Forestry Canada-GNWT Cooperation Agreement signed in January, 1992.

- provides up to \$8,565,000
- federal contribution - 70 per cent, GNWT contribution 30 per cent
- addresses high unemployment
- capitalizes on existing strengths and opportunities
- provides for public participation in decision-making
- in keeping with NWT-wide, regional and sectoral economic development strategies
- benefits to whole communities, regions or business sectors
- expires March 31, 1996

INITIATIVES AND PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNTS

- **Entrepreneurship**
Business Management Training
Budget amount: \$1,160,000
Purpose: Improve business management skills of NWT entrepreneurs

Management Intern Program

Budget amount: \$1,155,000

Purpose: Provide short and medium term assistance to train management and key technical staff during critical phases of business growth/expansion/refinancing.

- **Tourism**
In-Service Guide and Food and Beverage Training
Budget amount: \$1,400,000
Purpose: Upgrade skills of NWT residents currently employed as guides, or by food and beverage businesses.

Tourism Marketing

Budget amount: \$2,800,000

Purpose: Assist tourism zone associations in marketing the NWT, consistent with overall marketing strategies of the GNWT Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Industry, Science and Technology Canada.

Marketing Intelligence Reports

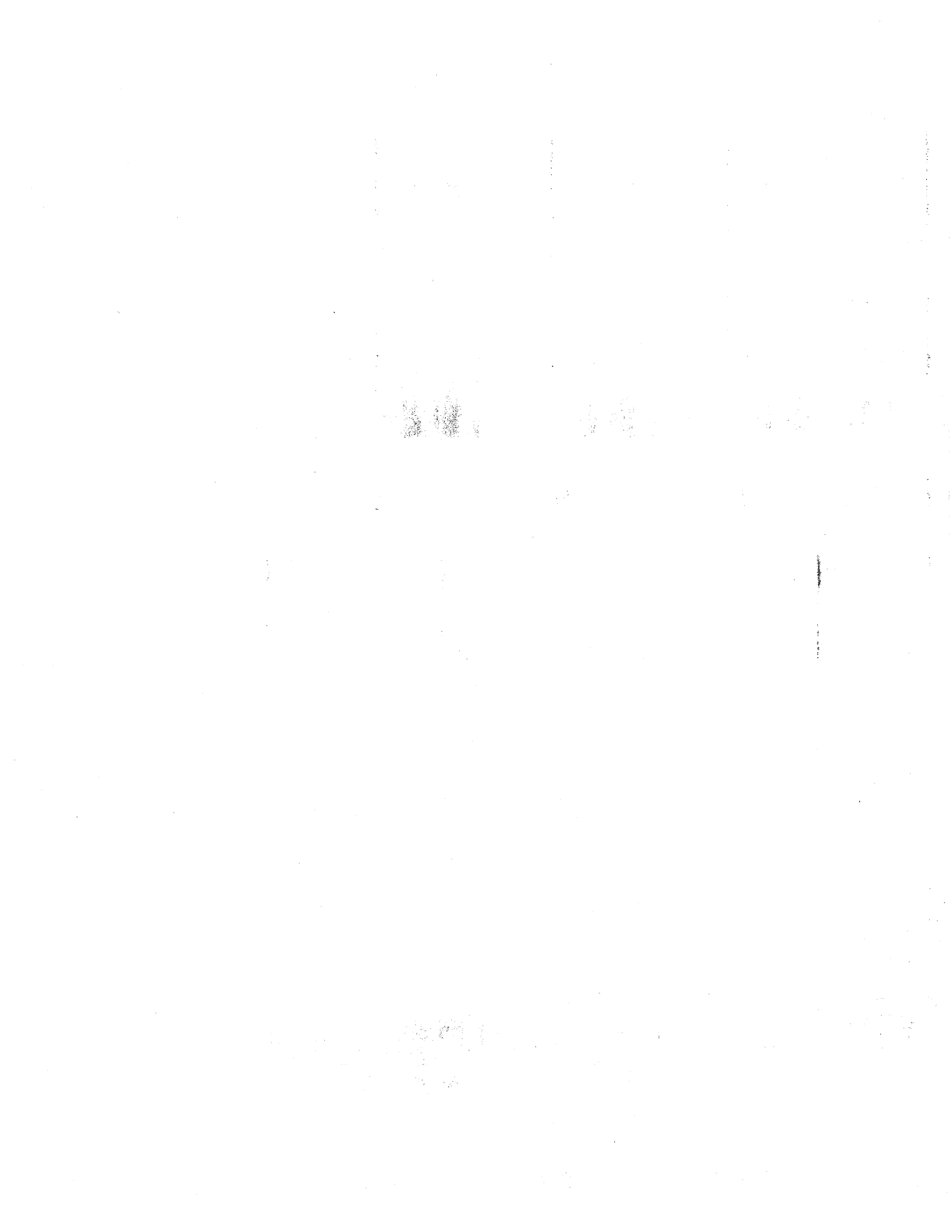
Budget amount: \$190,000

Purpose: Better inform NWT tourism business owners/operators of current trends, opportunities, etc.

Pond Inlet Outdoor Education/Nature Centre

Budget amount: \$1,860,000

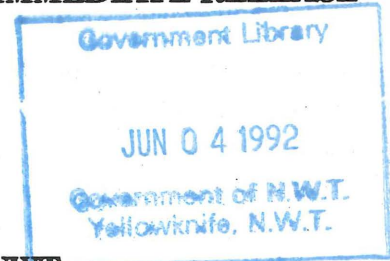
Purpose: The planning, design and construction of the Pond Inlet outdoor education/nature interpretive centre.





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Transportation Week in the NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (June 3) — The Department of Transportation is planning a number of events to celebrate National Transportation Week.

To coincide with the theme "Technology Serving Transportation," a series of public tours are being organized across the Northwest Territories. The tours are designed to increase awareness of technology used in the department's highway, marine and airport operations.

Captain John Grant will be hosting a tour of the Merv Hardie ferry, operating on the Mackenzie River at Fort Providence, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7. Captain Brad Okranick will host a tour of the Johnny Berens ferry, operating on the Liard River at Fort Simpson, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8.

The public will be invited to meet the crew, take a look in the engine room below and climb up to the bridge for a look at the ferry's radar system, echo sounder equipment, and engine controls. The captains will explain how the hulls have been ice-strengthened, the propellers protected from ice contact, and extra horse-power added to engine thrust.

Ferry operations will not be interrupted during this period. Tours of the Abraham Francis and the Louis Cardinal ferries, operating on the Peel River, however, will not be conducted due to late break-up this year.

Meanwhile, Community Aerodrome Radio Services (CARS) will also be opening its doors to the public during National Transportation Week.

Radio operators in Fort Franklin, Fort Norman, Fort Good Hope, Aklavik and Sachs Harbour will be on hand to greet visitors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th. In the Kitikmeot and Keewatin Regions, the radio stations at Coral Harbour, Arviat, Spence Bay, Repulse Bay and Gjoa Haven will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on



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Wednesday, June 10. In the Baffin Region, stations at Lake Harbour, Pangnirtung and Igloolik will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Thursday, June 11.

On Thursday and Friday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the central repair shop in Hay River will be inviting the public to check out the department's spray ice equipment used to build and strengthen the Mackenzie River ice road. Director of Highway Operations Gary Hoffman says the public can also tour the snow plowing and asphalt repair equipment; tractors, packers and graders housed in the warehouse.

In Yellowknife, a transportation display will be set up at the Explorer Hotel from June 7-11, during the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators' (CCMTA) convention. The display will feature visual illustrations and descriptions of highway, airport and marine technology used in the North today.

Delegates from across Canada, the United States, and Mexico, will meet in the city to discuss international transportation rules and regulations - ultimately, setting new or improved standards for the industry. The territorial government, along with the Canadian provinces and Yukon Territory, participate as members of the CCMTA.

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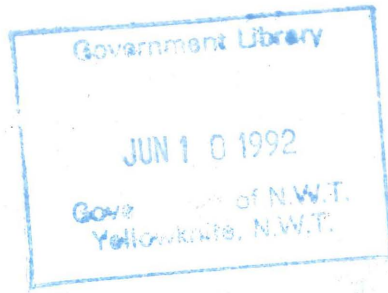
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Northerners Speak at Earth Summit

YELLOWKNIFE (June 8) — International trade rules must allow trade of sustainably produced renewable resource products, Renewable Resources Minister John Ningark said Saturday in Rio de Janeiro.

Mr. Ningark spoke at a Forum on Indigenous Peoples' Resource Use and Management organized by the Government of the Northwest Territories, Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) and Comite Intertribal do Brasil.

People from many countries attended the forum held during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also called the "Earth Summit."

The GNWT, ICC and the Comite Intertribal do Brasil want national and international processes, such as UNCED, to support and enhance resource use and conservation by indigenous people everywhere as one way of achieving sustainable development.

"It should be recognized that appropriate kinds of production vary among regions, and that traditionally-based patterns of resource use can be 'environmentally-friendly' options for regional sustainable development," Mr. Ningark said.

Mr. Ningark talked about the importance of hunting, fishing and trapping to northern cultures and lifestyles. He said the use of resources by northerners has always reflected the modern concept of "sustainable development." Economic development can also be based on healthy resources, continue within sustainable limits and suit the lifestyles of the people who live there.

He described the unforeseen effect that actions in other countries can have on northern lifestyles, such as actions against hunting and trapping.

"We must recognize cultural variability and different regional realities. What is right for New York City or Paris is not right for a small arctic community such as Gjoa Haven or Tuktoyaktuk," the Minister said.



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Les Carpenter, from Sachs Harbour, also spoke at the forum. He described the commercial muskox harvest in the region and its contribution to local development. As well, he described how Inuvialuit are involved in resource management through their land claim agreement. By blending traditional and scientific knowledge, better decisions can be made and the environment will be respected.

Mr. Carpenter was critical of the International Whaling Commission for making decisions that are neither scientific nor sensitive to regional needs and traditional uses.

Other forum speakers included: Donald Rojas, President of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples; Guillermo Archibald, Director, Pemaski Conservation Project, Panama; Marcus Terena, General Coordinator of the Comite Intertribal do Brasil; and, Jevdokiya Aleksandrovna Gayer, representing the Nananj from eastern Siberia.

Mr. Ningark said that traditional knowledge and interest in conservation and development exists among indigenous peoples around the world, whether it is applied to the management of fish, muskoxen, rainforest nuts, rubber, or elephant .

"People from many corners of the world share a conviction about the importance of renewable resources, traditional knowledge, and involvement of local and indigenous peoples in resource management in achieving balanced conservation and development," Mr. Ningark said.

Federal Minister of Environment Jean Charest attended the forum and made a statement regarding the importance of recognizing indigenous peoples' needs and interests in resource use and management. Ove-Rosing Olsen, Minister of Environment for the Greenland Home Rule Government, also made a statement regarding renewable resource development and trade to promote sustainable development for northern regions.

A formal report on the Forum will be presented by the Government of Canada, on behalf of the GNWT, to President Collor de Mello, Chairman of the Earth Summit.

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"Keep Canada Ever Green for Wildlife"

YELLOWKNIFE (June 11) — More than 1,300 students from across the Northwest Territories took part in this year's Wildlife Week Poster Contest sponsored by the Department of Renewable Resources.

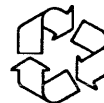
Students were asked to illustrate the importance of forests and any other kind of vegetation as wildlife habitat.

"Keep Canada Ever Green for Wildlife" was this year's theme and the students submitted an array of drawings to illustrating everything from northern animals to tropical rain forests.

"It's encouraging to see that many young northerners understand the importance of preserving areas for wildlife. Many students view the problem of wildlife habitat protection as a global one," says Renewable Resources Minister John Ningark.

The ten winners chosen this year were:

Greg Kochon, Colville Lake
Angela Charlo, Dettah
Rufus Tingmiak Beaulieu, Fort Smith
Melanie McCabe, Hay River
Willie MacDonald, Igloodik
Cherylee Morrison, Inuvik
Pitsiulaala Padluq, Lake Harbour
Amanda Ross, Norman Wells
Erin Freeland Ballantyne, Yellowknife
Cara Humphries, Yellowknife



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Winners will receive a cheque for \$100 and their entries will be sent to Ottawa for judging in the national awards program sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Federation. In past years, many NWT submissions have won recognition at the national level.

Seventy-seven students received "honourable mentions" for their posters and will receive memo magnets featuring a gyrfalcon, the territorial bird.

Eighteen class awards were given for overall excellence in understanding and depicting the theme. Each winning class will receive a copy of the book, "People and Caribou in the Northwest Territories," published by Renewable Resources.

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Negotiators Sign Memorandum for New Collective Agreement

YELLOWKNIFE (June 11) — A memorandum for a new collective agreement for government employees has been signed off by the negotiators for the Territorial Government and the Union of Northern Workers.

It provides for a zero per cent salary increase in the first year and 1.8 per cent increase in the second year. Additional benefits include a 1.8 per cent increase in settlement allowance, cash payout for vacation travel assistance, a workforce adjustment program and flexibility to allow employees to vary their hours of work.

Minister of Personnel, Stephen Kakfwi, says he is pleased that the Government and the UNW were able to find an acceptable balance between the needs of employees and the government.

He noted that it represents a responsible approach to collective bargaining by both the government and the union and that negotiations continue to be the most effective way of dealing with long standing labour relations issues.

Darm Crook, president of the employees' union, agreed. He said the union's negotiating team will be recommending acceptance of the contract to the membership.

Mr. Crook said collective bargaining is very demanding and complex when money is tight, noting that although the union recognizes the financial situation of the government, it was important that current benefits and rights in the collective agreement be protected.

The agreement provides enhanced benefits and protection for employees who may be affected by government consolidation and restraint initiatives. It also allows for employees to work a compressed work week and to job share or work flexible hours. As well, it sets out a framework for the government and the union to establish hours for shift workers.

Ratification of the agreement by employees is expected to take a couple of months.

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EDA Helps NWT Prospectors

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) — Help for prospectors who need grubstake money is now available. In response to community interest, \$40,000 in additional funding for grubstake grants has been made available for eligible NWT prospectors.

A Prospectors Grubstake Program will begin immediately under the Prospectors Development Initiative of Foundations for the Future, the new Canada-GNWT Economic Development Agreement (EDA). It will provide grubstakes to northerners interested in prospecting mineral properties in the NWT.

Prospectors applying for money under this program must be graduates of an Arctic College prospecting course, or have demonstrated prospecting or claim staking experience in the past 3 years. The maximum grant available to any individual is \$8,000. Amounts for individual grants may vary.

"Prospectors are valuable members of the mineral exploration team, and are essential if we are to effectively explore for minerals in this vast territory. The mining industry predicts that with this welcome announcement of new prospectors grants, combined with the new prospectors training courses now available, the number of northerners becoming prospectors will increase. As a result, the odds of finding significant mineral deposits, and eventually mines, will improve. As a bonus, prospecting will provide additional valuable employment, and should be especially attractive to those in smaller communities who already make part of their living from the land," said Tom Hoefer, General Manager of the NWT Chamber of Mines. Mr. Hoefer is a public member of the EDA Minerals Management Committee.

The Prospectors Development Initiative is designed to encourage local and community involvement in the mineral and exploration industry through the provision of prospectors training and grubstake programs as part of the Minerals category of the new EDA. A total of \$300,000 had been allocated over the five-year life of the EDA for this Initiative. Funding to go ahead with the Prospector's Grubstake Project this year will bring the total to \$340,000.

Applications for the Prospectors Grubstake Program and additional information are available from any local office of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, the NWT Chamber of Mines, DIAND Geology or the Department of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

The Prospectors Grubstake Project was originally scheduled to begin next year, following the delivery of a number of prospector training courses across the NWT. Prospecting courses



have already been carried out in Rae, and will take place in Rankin Inlet, Coppermine and possibly Iqaluit this year.

Community interest in prospecting is very high as a result of recent developments in NWT diamond exploration, plans for development of world class lead/zinc deposits in the south Kitikmeot, and EDA sponsored prospectors training courses. The Foundations for the Future EDA is designed to be flexible and allow for public participation in decision-making. As a result, it was possible to make extra funding available to quickly respond to community wishes.

Foundations for the Future, the new Canada - GNWT Economic Development Agreement is a five-year, \$50 million joint program between the Government of the Canada and the Government of the NWT to broaden the economic base of the NWT in 10 sectors. Funding costs are shared 70% by Canada and 30% by the GNWT. This new EDA is designed to build on existing strengths and opportunities, and to assist northerners in small communities where help is needed most.

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Education Ministers Renew Memorandum of Understanding

YELLOWKNIFE (June 15) — Education Minister Titus Allooloo and Alberta Education Minister Jim Dinning have renewed the Memorandum of Understanding that sets out the services each jurisdiction will provide to students in the Northwest Territories.

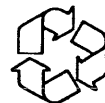
"Twenty years ago, our secondary schools were serviced by the Alberta Department of Education as if they were a part of that department," Mr. Allooloo says. "Through the support and co-operation of various Ministers of Education in Alberta we have made significant progress towards autonomy."

As a result of this progress, the NWT Department of Education now has its own graduation requirements which reflect the expectations of NWT residents. These new requirements include Northern Studies, a course developed in the NWT, and 25 hours of community service. Courses in Arts Education and Practical Arts have also been mandated for Grade 12 graduation. The NWT's new graduation requirements have been accepted by colleges and universities across Canada.

The NWT Department of Education has also assumed responsibility for issuing Grade 12 graduation certificates, establishing a student records system and issuing transcripts for NWT students.

The original Memorandum of Understanding between Alberta and the NWT was signed in 1987 -- this is the second revision and renewal of the Memorandum. Among its provisions, the Government of Alberta agrees to:

- * continue to cooperate with the Northwest Territories in providing educational programming;
- * provide curriculum documents requested by the Northwest Territories for use in NWT schools on the same basis as these documents are provided to Alberta schools;
- * continue to provide results statements to NWT students who write Alberta Grade 12 exams;
- * continue to keep the NWT informed of developments in the Alberta program of studies, as well as instructional materials and technology systems;



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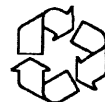
- * continue to invite NWT representation on relevant educational program committees;
- * provide access to services and materials from the Learning Resources Distributing Centre at the most economical rate.

Provisions of the agreement for the Government of the Northwest Territories include:

- * determining which Alberta curricula and other services are appropriate to the needs of N.W.T. students, and requesting them accordingly;
- * developing curricula which are appropriate to the needs of NWT students;
- * administering the Alberta Education Grade 12 Examination Program in NWT schools according to Alberta Education guidelines for exam administration;
- * indicating to Alberta Education the NWT's interest in participating in developments in the Alberta curricula, teaching materials and technology systems, and requesting materials appropriate to the Northwest Territories.

The NWT Department of Education and Alberta Education will continue to discuss areas of concern, leading to total autonomy at a time when the NWT is ready to do so.

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Aboriginal Series translated into Aboriginal Languages

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) — The five-part series, *As Long As the River Flows*, is being translated into eight aboriginal languages by the Department of Culture and Communications and will be aired on TVNC this summer," says Titus Allooloo, Minister of Culture and Communications.

As Long As the River Flows focuses on native subjects across Canada from a native perspective. The original English version, broadcast on *The People*, a program produced by the Department of Culture and Communications, will also be repeated over the summer.

The first program, *The Learning Path*, looks at the success of three native women educators and the implications to native education across Canada.

The second program, *Starting Fire with Gunpowder*, is the remarkable story of the Inuit Broadcasting Corporation's role in strengthening Inuit culture against southern influence.

The series continues with *Time Immemorial*, an examination of the historic land claim victory by the Nisga people from the Nass River Valley in northern BC.

Part four of the series is an investigation of the impact on the northern Quebec Cree people by the James Bay development. *Flooding Job's Garden* looks back on the opening of the first phase of James Bay.

The last program, *Tikinagan*, looks at a pioneering native-run child welfare agency in northern Ontario.

Funding for the project was provided by the Secretary of State, Canada, under the Cooperation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages in the NWT.

Listed below is a broadcast schedule for the eight aboriginal language versions.

South Slavey

Monday, June 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 13
3:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST)

Dogrib

Wednesday, June 17, 24, July 1, 8 15
9:30 p.m. MST



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Chipewyan
Thursday, June 18, 25 , July 2, 9 , 16
3 p.m. MST

Inuktitut
Friday, June 19, 26 , July 3, 10 , 17
7:30 p.m. MST

North Slavey
Monday, July 20, 27, , August 3, 10 , 17
3:30 p.m. MST

Gwich'in
Wednesday, July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19
9:30 p.m. MST

Cree
Thursday, July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20
3 p.m. MST

Inuvialuktun
Friday, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21
7:30 p.m. MST

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Research Project Looks at Why NWT Students Leave School

YELLOWKNIFE (June 18) — A community-based research project that examines why some students leave school early has been completed and the findings have been released today.

"In the past, studies conducted in southern Canada and elsewhere have been applied to the NWT, but it was difficult to know how relevant this information was," says Education Minister Titus Allooloo. "Now we have information specific to the Northwest Territories. All partners in education will be in a better position to develop strategies that will help keep students in school longer and enable them to be more successful while they're there."

The research project was a joint initiative of the federal and territorial governments. Funding for the project was provided by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) through the Stay in School Initiative.

"CEIC has funded a number of projects under the Stay in School initiative," says Fred Nowicki, Director of CEIC in Yellowknife. "The research project will provide some direction to CEIC about the kinds of projects we should be supporting."

The Stay in School research project outlines the many and varied factors that influence a student's decision to leave school early. It shows that there is no simple reason why students leave school early and that there is no typical early school leaver. It identifies how personal, home, school and community factors, all interact to influence the student's decision.

Community-based researchers were trained to gather information for the project. They interviewed students between the ages of 11 and 19 who were either considered at risk of leaving school early, or who had left school within the past year. Parents, teachers and community members were also interviewed. The interviews were conducted in 12 schools in 10 communities. Information was also gathered through a review of student files, focus group meetings with 10 of the 12 local education authorities involved in the project, public forums and one-to-one interviews in each of the 10 communities. As well, research on early school leaving conducted in Canada and elsewhere was reviewed.



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This is the first time that information of this kind has been collected on a territorial-wide basis. The findings from the report show the need for all partners in education -- government, agencies, boards, community education councils, schools, parents and the community -- to work together to support students to stay in school longer and to help them be successful in school.

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CMHC Supports Business Incentive Policy

YELLOWKNIFE (June 23) — The Business Incentive Policy (BIP) will apply for the first time on housing projects cost-shared with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Housing Minister Don Morin said.

The agreement will give a much-needed boost to the northern and local construction industry, he said.

"It represents a great opportunity for us to generate real economic benefits in our northern communities. We can foresee an increase in local employment and a greater retention of funds in the Northwest Territories," said Mr. Morin, noting that northern suppliers, sub-contractors, shippers and freight handlers stand to gain significant employment and business spin-off benefits.

The BIP was designed in 1985 to compensate northern businesses, in the awarding of contracts, for the higher cost of operating in the Northwest Territories. The recently-revised policy allows a 15 per cent preference for northern contractors, with an additional 5 per cent preference for local businesses.

Under the terms of the new agreement, the territorial government will absorb additional costs resulting from the application of the policy.

Mr. Morin credits the federal government's Housing Minister Elmer MacKay and CMHC officials for expediting the review and approval of the policy's application. Cost-shared housing projects account for over half of new housing provided by the NWT HC.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation will be establishing a system to track the actual benefits received by each northern community as a result of the new agreement.

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Gender Equality Report Released

YELLOWKNIFE (June 29) — Justice Minister Dennis Patterson has released Katherine Peterson's report on gender equality in the Northwest Territories.

The report stems from Ms. Peterson's 16-month study of the justice system as it involves and affects women, and recommends ways of achieving gender equality in the justice system in the Northwest Territories.

Ms. Peterson, as Special Advisor to the Minister, held public meetings and workshops in all six regions of the Northwest Territories, as well as other meetings with women's organizations, community groups and individuals.

During the review, consultations also took place with people involved in the administration of justice, such as RCMP officers, Crown prosecutors, defence lawyers, judges and justices of the peace.

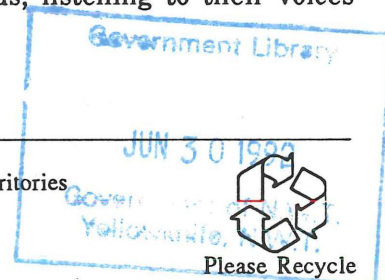
The report addresses the question of violence against women and makes recommendations about the serious need to provide services to victims. It recommends that community residents take an active role in defining the kind of service to be offered in their community.

Recommendations are also made about the need for training and education programs on gender issues for those working in the justice system.

Other recommendations include improving access to legal aid for family matters, a public awareness campaign about violence against women, and improving public understanding of the justice system by including a justice component in the school curriculum, for example.

"This report is all about treating women with respect," Mr. Patterson said in the Legislative Assembly. "It is about acknowledging their needs, listening to their voices and acting on their concerns."

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The report, currently being reviewed by the Department of Justice, contains 90 recommendations.

Some of the recommendations may be acted on relatively quickly by the Department of Justice. Others will require extensive consultation and coordination. Others are not directed at the government and will be passed on to the appropriate agencies.

"Implementation of the recommendations will require a long-term commitment on the part of the Government and of other agencies involved in the administration of justice," said Mr. Patterson.

"This Government is committed to addressing the shortcomings in the justice system where it fails to meet the aspirations of northerners, both men and women and from all cultures. With this report, we have an important tool to help us achieve the goal of ensuring that the administration of justice in the NWT responds to the needs of women," Mr. Patterson said.

Copies of the report are available from the Policy and Planning Division of the Department of Justice, 6th Floor Courthouse, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9, telephone 403-920-6418, fax 403-873-0173.

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Northerners Attend World Indigenous Conference

YELLOWKNIFE (July 06) — Fourteen Northwest Territories organizations will receive contributions from the Victims Assistance Fund to attend a World Indigenous Conference July 7-11, announced Justice Minister Dennis Patterson.

Northwest Territories participants to the international conference in Edmonton will include delegates from the Fort Franklin Basic Awareness Program, the Zhati Koe Friendship Centre in Fort Providence, the Rae-Edzo Counselling Services, the Aklavik Alcohol Action Committee, the 'Youth of the North' group of Northern Addiction Services, the Hay River Women's Resource Centre, the Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre, the Deninu Kue First Nation (Fort Resolution), the Igloodik Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program, the Cape Dorset Alcohol Committee, the Upassuraakktut Alcohol and Drug Program of Iqaluit, the Health and Social Services Committee of Pond Inlet, the Hall Beach Sanirayangmit, and the Katiniit Committee of Lake Harbour.

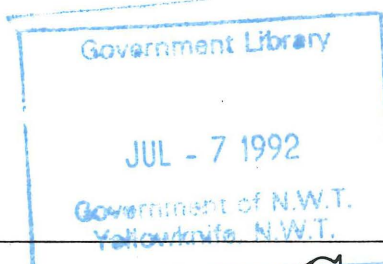
The conference theme is **Healing Our Spirit Worldwide**. The agenda includes workshops and cultural activities addressing community-based responsibility, action and empowerment in seeking solutions to healing within the global village of indigenous peoples.

Funding for the Northwest Territories participants comes from victim fine surcharges that are deposited in a Victims Assistance Fund. The Minister of Justice disburses the funds on the recommendation of the Victims Assistance Committee. Contributions for this conference total \$24,368.

The Victims Assistance Committee is mandated to support community initiatives in victim assistance. The Committee felt it was important to encourage and support northerners attending this conference even though the conference agenda is primarily connected with alcohol and drug issues.

The Committee noted that discussion topics will include family violence, sexual abuse and child sexual abuse. The Committee especially appreciated the initiative shown by the youth group of Northern Addiction Services and wholeheartedly supported their desire to live addiction-free lifestyles.

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Use of Traditional Foods Promoted in New Health Kit

YELLOWKNIFE (July 06) — A new health kit, Northern Food-Tradition and Health, has been produced by the Department of Health to encourage the use of traditional foods across the Northwest Territories, says health minister Nellie Cournoyea.

The kit, containing food models and a resource booklet, was developed in response to requests from elders and educators in the North who are committed to carrying on the traditions of food and health.

Through consultation with elders, community health representatives and native organizations, 91 food models were chosen to represent a wide variety of traditional foods eaten in the North by different aboriginal cultures. Traditional foods chosen include large land mammals, sea mammals, three kinds of fish, birds and small mammals, wild greens and a variety of bannock. People across the North donated food and knowledge about the cooking and serving of these traditional foods.

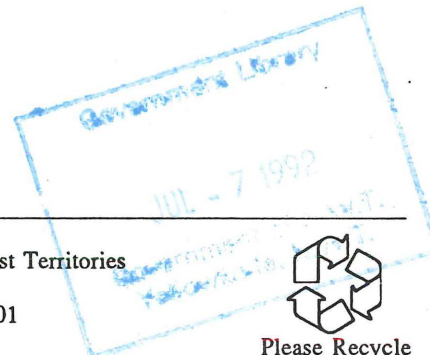
The resource booklet contains background notes with information on nutrition, activities for different age levels and a list of materials needed for each activity idea. The booklet is broken into six sections; Local Plants and Animals, Food Groups, Healthy Food Choices, Tradition and Food, Special Concerns and Resources.

"This kit is the result of several years work and consultation with elders, Regional Nutritionists, community health representatives, and many other people and organizations in the North. It is especially dedicated to the elders who have taken the time to share their knowledge about the use of traditional food for health and well-being," said Ms. Cournoyea.

Kits will be distributed to Aboriginal organizations, schools, Health Centres and community health representatives across the Northwest Territories. Kits will also be available for purchase from Government Services.

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Cabinet Changes Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (July 9) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea announced several changes to Cabinet today.

The Government Leader will retain the departments of the Executive and Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources and responsibility for the NWT Power Corporation in her portfolio. Ms. Cournoyea will now be responsible for the Women's Directorate.

John Pollard will retain his previous portfolio of the departments of Finance and Economic Development and Tourism. Mr. Pollard will continue to act as Government House Leader.

The Department of Justice, including Corrections Services which will be transferred from the Department of Social Services on August 4, will be added to Stephen Kakfwi's portfolio of Personnel and Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

Don Morin remains responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation and the Department of Public Works. Added to his responsibilities is the Department of Government Services. The departments of Public Works and Government Services will be consolidated on August 4.

Titus Allooloo will be the new minister for the departments of Renewable Resources and Municipal and Community Affairs.

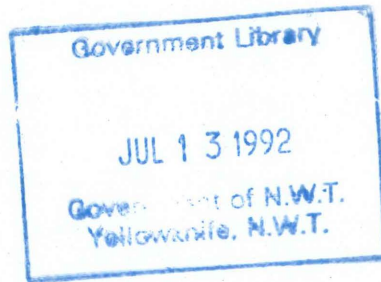
Dennis Patterson will assume responsibility for the departments of Health and Social Services and remains Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board.

Tony Whitford remains responsible for the Science Institute of the NWT. He gains the departments of Safety and Public Services, Transportation and responsibility for the Public Utilities Board to his portfolio.

The newest member of Cabinet, James Arvaluk, will be responsible for the departments of Culture and Communications and Education, which will be consolidated effective August 4.

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NWT Status of Women's Council Appointments

YELLOWKNIFE (July 10) — The minister responsible for the Status of Women, Nellie Cournoyea, has announced appointments and re-appointments to the NWT Status of Women's Council.

Elizabeth Lyall of Spence Bay is a new member of the council. She will serve a three-year term.

Rita Arey of Aklavik, the President of the council, Reanna Erasmus of Ndilo, and Sharon Sawchuk of Yellowknife, have all been re-appointed for three-year terms.

Susan Sammons of Iqaluit has been re-appointed for a further one-year term.

The Minister also announced that there will be a member appointed from North Baffin in the near future. That will bring membership of the council to a total of eight.

Current members of the council whose terms continue until 1993 are Rebecca Kudloo of Baker Lake, and Sister Agnes Sutherland of Fort Smith.

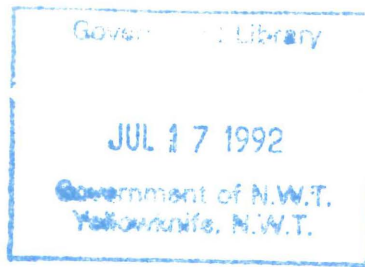
The mandate of the council is to work towards the equality of women in the NWT through advice to the Government of the Northwest Territories, research, public education, advocacy on behalf of women, and assistance to women's groups. The Government of the Northwest Territories supports the operating costs of the Status of Women's Council through an annual contribution of funds.

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Revised Regulations Take Effect Today

YELLOWKNIFE (July 15) — The new *Revised Regulations of the Northwest Territories, 1990* come into force today and are now law in the Northwest Territories, announces Justice Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

The regulations, which were last revised in 1980, are a necessary reference for members of the legal profession, business operators, students and anyone interested in the laws of the Northwest Territories.

This revision consolidates the regulations in force as of December 31, 1990, unless they have been repealed, or repealed and replaced, since that date. The substance of the regulations has not changed, but they have been rewritten in a more readable format. Gender neutral language has been used and Latin and archaic words and expressions have been changed.

The Revised Regulations of the Northwest Territories, 1990 have also been translated into French, in accordance with the *Official Languages Act*. The *Revised Regulations* are available from the Distribution Centre, Department of Culture and Communications, for \$250.

A one-volume supplement updating the revised regulations to July 15, 1992 will be available for purchase in the fall from the Distribution Centre.

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Dust Control Program Underway

YELLOWKNIFE (July 16) — The Department of Transportation will be treating NWT highways this summer with two types of suppressants that are designed to help cut down hazardous dust conditions.

Calcium-chloride and DL10, a refined petroleum product, will be applied to various sections of the highways that have been identified as problem areas.

Approximately 650 kms of NWT highways will receive dust control treatment during the next two months to ensure NWT highways are safe, reliable and well-maintained. Even though both products produce a dust-free road surface, they are effective on different road conditions.

Calcium chloride performs best on fine-grained roads that have a high silt content, while DL10 performs best on a sandy gravel roads. Both of these dust suppressants are commonly used throughout Canada.

Calcium Chloride is a white powdery product and can be applied in liquid or dry form. The liquid solution made up of calcium chloride and water is sprayed onto the road by a tanker equipped with a spray bar. Or, the dry powder can be sprayed directly onto a road surface that has been watered down.

Calcium chloride is a chemical which attracts moisture from the atmosphere. This helps maintain and bind soil particles together, preventing dust clouds from forming. Calcium chloride is generally non-toxic, and dissolves very quickly. A heavy rainfall can wash it away.

DL10 is an asphalt product that is mixed with water and a soap solution. It is also sprayed on roads by a tanker equipped with a spray bar. This sticky mixture coats particles of sand, gravel and dust with a thin film. This film produces a solid mat road surface which eliminates dust clouds from forming.



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Pilot cars will be used to direct traffic while the solution is being applied. It is extremely important for vehicles to follow the pilot car and obey all signs. Until the road is cured, a three-hour process, and safe for normal driving conditions, motorists are asked to limit their travelling speed to 20 kms per hour in these sections. Exceeding the travel speed limit could lead to loss of steering control.

A list of the highways sections assigned for dust control treatment is available from the department.

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**Dust Control Program
Locations and Approximate Timing**

Note: These dates are based upon the best information possible as of June 29, 1992. Firm dates will be dependant upon weather conditions, as well as associated construction activity that may be required prior to dust suppression application.

DL-10 Location and Schedule

Highway	Location	Areas	Approximate Application Dates
Highway 1	Fort Simpson Access	km 457.2-471.3	1st app'n July 08 - 10
	Wrigley Junction - Fort Simpson	km 0 - 3.4	2nd app'n July 27 - 29
	4 Mile House Access Road	km 0 - 2.5	
Highway 3		km 123 - 128	1st app'n July 13 - 24
		km 148 - 224	2nd app'n July 29
Off Highway 3	Rae Access Road	km 0 - 10.1	1st app'n July 13 - 17 2nd app'n Aug. 3 - 5 3rd app'n Aug. 24 - 26
Highway #4	Ingraham Trail	km 28.1-54.9	1st app'n June 25 - 29 2nd app'n July 2 - 6

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Calcium Chloride Location Schedule

Highway	Location	Areas	Approximate Application Dates
Highway 1	Enterprise	1, 136-140.5 km 145-152 Kakisa Access Road km 0-12.9	For the entire calcium application schedule, exact dates are not available. It is dependant upon associated construction schedules, weather conditions, and contractor equipment. The calcium chloride dust control program on areas begins approximately July 06 and is expected to be completed by August 07.
	Fort Providence	km 183 Service Road	
	Redknife	km 187.6-188.6 km 232.1 - 233.1, Emergency Cabin km 260 - 279.4 km 289.1 to 289.6, Wallace Crk. Bridge km 293.5 - 298.5, Redknife Camp km 324 - 325, Trout River Bridge and Campgrounds km 331.1 - 346.5	

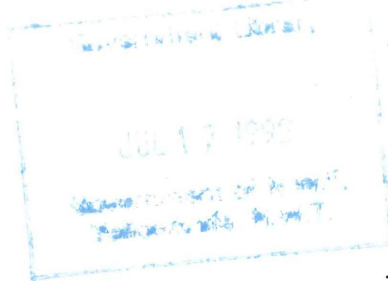
Highway	Location	Areas	Approximate Application Dates
Highway 1 (con't)	Redknife (con't)	km 378.5 - 379.5, Emergency Cabin km 383 o 389, Passing Lane km 410.9-411.8	
	Fort Simpson	km 411.8 - 456.4 km 489.3-490.3, Martin River km 529-530, Shale Creek	
Highway 2	Enterprise	km 45.7-48.6, West Channel Delancy Estates Paradise Gardens Road	
	Fort Providence	km 67.2-68.2, rest stop km 100-106.5, passing zone km 121.9-123, Chan Lake Picnic Area and Rest Stop	
Highway 3	Yellowknife	km 255.7-256.7 Stagg River Rest Stop km 128 - 148 km 293-297.8 km 302.5-303.5, Boundary Creek and Rest Stop km 319-322 km 329-333.5	

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Highway	Location	Areas	Approximate Application Dates
Highway 4	Yellowknife	km 8.7-15 Dettah Access Road, Km .0-11.3 Prelude Lake Access	
Off Highway 2	Hay River Indian Village Road	km 0-14.2	
Highway 5	Buffalo River	Sandy Lake Access, km 0 - .3 km 91-119.4	
	Fort Smith	km 119.4-252.3 Thebacha Road, km 0 -14	
	Fort Fitzgerald and Park Accesses	km 287-288, Ft. Fitz Pine Lake Access Rd, km 0-1 Float Plane Base, Pine Lake Access Road, km 15.5-16.5 MOT Radio Site, Pine Lake Access Road, km 15.5-16.5	
Highway 6	Buffalo River	km 23.5-90	
Highway 7	Fort Liard	km 0-47.1 Ft. Liard Access Rd, km 0-5.3 Km 64.5-65.5, Rabbit Ck km 77.5-78.5, Scenic View Pt km 112-119 km 138.4-139.4, Ck. Bridge km 143.5-154.4 km 201.1-202.1, Birch R.	
	Fort Simpson	km 206-212.5, passing zone km 219-220, Poplar River km 252.6-254.1, Junction#1	

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Highway	Location	Areas	Approximate Application Dates
Highway 8 , Dempster	Fort McPherson	km 0-1 km 13.4-14.9 km 44-50.5, passing zone km 73.7-74.2, west ferry landing Ft. Mcpherson Access km 89.6-90.2 km 110-116.5, passing zone km 121.1-122.9, Frog Ck km 141.1-142.6, MacKenzie	
	Inuvik	km 143.7-144.2, Mackenzie River N. Landing km 177.4-178.4, Rangling River km 197-203.5, passing zone km 220.4-221.4, Caribou Ck km 230.9-259.3 km 269.3-272.5, Marine Bypass	



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Parks Day Celebrated in the NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (July 16) — Residents across the NWT are being invited to participate in National Parks Day celebrations on July 18.

The theme of this year's Parks Day is "Canada's Parks, Celebrate our Heritage."

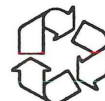
Territorial Parks staff are putting the finishing touches on a number of outdoor activities for Parks Day near communities in the Western and Eastern Arctic. Picnics, barbecues, canoe races, entertainment shows, displays, interpretative walks and children's games will be organized for the day.

Here are some of the highlights:

Fred Henne Park will be the centre of Parks Day activities in the North Slave Region. Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a guided nature walk from the Northern Frontier Visitor's Centre to Fred Henne Park. Beginning at noon, activities will include storytelling, music by the NWT Pipe Band, naturalist activities for children and a nature walk along the Prospectors Trail. At 1 p.m., local MLAs and dignitaries will participate in the opening of the park's new kitchen shelter.

Queen Elizabeth Park: Territorial Parks staff in Fort Smith are hosting a northern food festival where a variety of country foods will be prepared for the public to sample, local and northern musicians will entertain on stage throughout the day, and Renewable Resources officers will demonstrate the use of a bear trap and give some safety tips.

Deh Cho Region: Territorial Parks staff in Fort Simpson are holding a barbecue and picnic at Blackstone Park at noon. Movies will be shown at the interpretative centre and popcorn will be served. Children's videos and activities at the Fort Simpson Visitors Information Centre are also planned beginning at 1 p.m. The Saamba Deh Park will also be holding a barbecue and picnic followed by a guided tour of its new facilities and park sites.



Parks Day Celebrated in the NWT: Page 2

Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park: Parks staff will be inviting the public to Twin Falls Park, 45 kms from the Town of Hay River. Situated on the shore of the Alexandra, Louise Falls and Escarpment Creek, staff will summarize the history and traditional use of the Hay River by the first inhabitants of the region.

The 2nd Annual "Tour de Hay" bike race from the town to the 60th parallel will be sponsored by the Hay River Bike Club.

Keewatin Region: Staff of the Meliadine Park in Rankin Inlet will be hosting a number of games, a hot dog roast, bannock-making contest and drum dance.

In Baker Lake, Parks staff are holding a heritage walk from the visitor's centre to a traditional Inuit camp. Displays and demonstrations of the use of traditional tools will be set up. Elders will share some stories. There will be a hot dog roast, a drum dance and throat singing.

National Parks Day in the Northwest Territories is a great opportunity for northern residents to enjoy park facilities, the land the park preserves and protects and meet the people who work to maintain or develop its natural resources.

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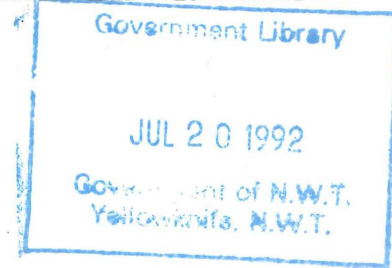
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GNWT Calls on Provincial Support for Provincehood Issue

YELLOWKNIFE (July 17) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea is calling on all premiers to continue to support the only unique northern issue in the constitutional reform package - the provincehood issue.

Earlier this week, the media reported that Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa wants a veto for Quebec over the creation of new provinces.

"In view of discussions which federal, provincial and territorial officials will be undertaking in the coming days and weeks, I am writing to encourage your government to maintain its support for what is the only unique northern issue in the constitutional reform package," Ms. Cournoyea states in her letter to the premiers. "I am referring, of course, to the provincehood issue, which has recently been identified as deserving of more consideration and clarification by Premier Bourassa."

In her letter, Ms. Cournoyea notes that provincial governments have given their unanimous support to a return to the pre-1982 arrangement for the creation of new provinces, which would allow for the territorial governments to negotiate only with the federal government for provincial status.

"The unanimous support of provincial governments, which was reaffirmed on a number of occasions during the multilateral meetings, is most encouraging as we enter the next phase of the reform process," Ms. Cournoyea states in the letter.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is pleased with the reform package, from both a Canadian and a Northern perspective. "While this view may not be shared by all provinces, each jurisdiction must nevertheless share in a sense of accomplishment that negotiations have achieved this remarkable consensus."



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In addition to a return to the pre-1982 arrangements for the creation of new provinces, the NWT delegation to the constitutional reform negotiations was directed to pursue four other points:

- ensure territorial participation in all future national meetings and conferences on the constitution, economy and Aboriginal matters;
- ensure territorial representation in a reformed Senate, including a role in nominating candidates for Supreme Court vacancies;
- ensure that territorial interests would be reflected in new arrangements respecting the division of powers, the Canadian economic union and intergovernmental agreements; and,
- support recognition of the inherent right to aboriginal self-government.

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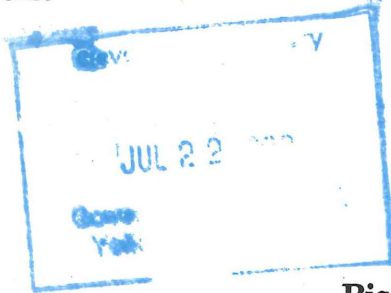




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Bison Free Zone

YELLOWKNIFE (July 20) — The Department of Renewable Resources wants experienced hunters to shoot any bison spotted in the bison-free buffer zone between Wood Buffalo National Park and the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary, says Renewable Resources Minister Titus Alloo.oo.

The buffer zone was established in 1987. Before 1992, only seven bison were spotted in the zone.

However, since January 1992, at least 44 bison have been reported along the southwest shores of Great Slave Lake. Leaves on the trees and bushes are making it difficult to relocate and remove bison reported in the buffer zone. The assistance of experienced hunters in shooting bison will ensure that all reported bison are removed quickly and efficiently.

The buffer zone was established as a disease control measure to protect healthy wood bison. The healthy wood bison population in the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary is the largest free roaming herd of this threatened subspecies, and is a cornerstone of Canada's wood bison recovery program.

Meanwhile bison in Wood Buffalo National Park and the Slave River Lowlands are infected with bovine brucellosis and bovine tuberculosis. Separated by a distance of only 100 kilometres, the diseased bison in Wood Buffalo National Park pose a serious threat to the disease-free Mackenzie herd.

"This special management provision is an interim measure, and will be in effect until further notice," says Mr. Alloo.oo.



Bison Free Zone: Page 2

The Department recommends that only experienced hunters attempt to shoot bison found in the buffer zone, with a minimum .338 calibre firearm and 200 grain ammunition. All other standard hunting regulations apply, and will be strictly enforced.

As soon as possible after shooting a bison within the buffer zone, hunters are required to report its location to the local Renewable Resources officer so that the bison may be tested. Hunters may butcher the animal before reporting the kill.

Once the bison has been examined for any visible signs of disease, and samples are taken for further testing, the person who killed the bison may use the meat. Care should be taken during butchering, and the meat should not be eaten raw, or as dry meat.

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Two More Heritage Rivers Selected in NWT

INUVIK (July 22) — Two rivers in the Northwest Territories, one in the east and one in the west, have been officially recognized as Canadian Heritage Rivers.

The Arctic Red River and Soper River were officially granted this status by the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board after a meeting in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island last month.

Heritage rivers are designed to increase the profile and promote the reputation of individual Canadian rivers by emphasizing their quality, natural beauty, and historical or cultural significance. The two rivers join the Thelon, Kazan and South Nahanni Rivers as Canadian Heritage Rivers in the Northwest Territories.

Arctic Red River Chief Peter Ross, who presented the nomination of the Arctic Red River, says the new status coincides with the spirit of the Gwich'in land claim signed last fall.

The Soper River, nominated by the Baffin community of Lake Harbour and the Government of the Northwest Territories last August, will officially be added to the registry of Canadian Heritage Rivers at a special ceremony in August. A similar induction ceremony will be held in Arctic Red River next summer.

In contrast to the common practice in Canadian provinces, individual communities in the Northwest Territories play a direct role in the preparation and presentation of river nominations, as well as in the subsequent development and implementation of river management plans.

Recognition by the Canadian Heritage Rivers program will bring increased tourism benefits to the North. Full participation of communities will ensure that resulting patterns of tourism reflect community needs and concerns.

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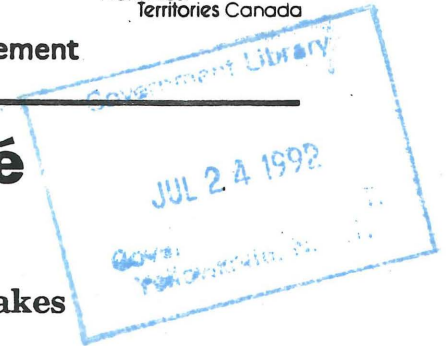
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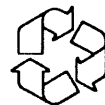
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Two More Heritage Rivers Selected in NWT

INUVIK (July 22) — Two rivers in the Northwest Territories, one in the east and one in the west, have been officially recognized as Canadian Heritage Rivers.

The Arctic Red River and Soper River were officially granted this status by the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board after a meeting in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island last month.

Heritage rivers are designed to increase the profile and promote the reputation of individual Canadian rivers by emphasizing their quality, natural beauty, and historical or cultural significance. The two rivers join the Thelon, Kazan and South Nahanni Rivers as Canadian Heritage Rivers in the Northwest Territories.

Arctic Red River Chief Peter Ross, who presented the nomination of the Arctic Red River, says the new status coincides with the spirit of the Gwich'in land claim signed last fall.

The Soper River, nominated by the Baffin community of Lake Harbour and the Government of the Northwest Territories last August, will officially be added to the registry of Canadian Heritage Rivers at a special ceremony in August. A similar induction ceremony will be held in Arctic Red River next summer.

In contrast to the common practice in Canadian provinces, individual communities in the Northwest Territories play a direct role in the preparation and presentation of river nominations, as well as in the subsequent development and implementation of river management plans.

Recognition by the Canadian Heritage Rivers program will bring increased tourism benefits to the North. Full participation of communities will ensure that resulting patterns of tourism reflect community needs and concerns.

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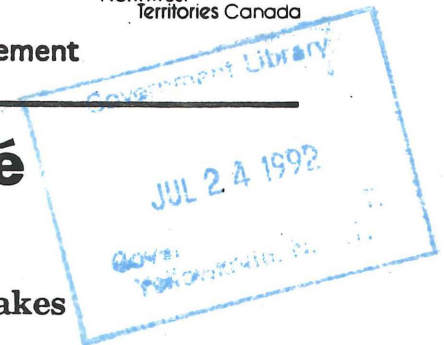
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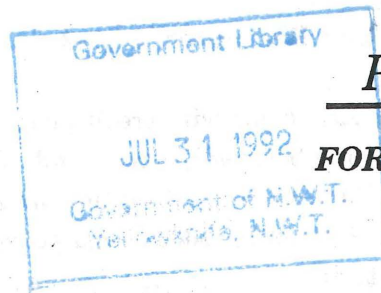
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Commercial Law Reform Will Help Businesses

YELLOWKNIFE (July 30) — Four new pieces of legislation will keep commercial laws in the Northwest Territories abreast of changing business practices, says Justice Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

"If the North is to compete in Canadian and international markets, we must demonstrate that we are open for business. To conduct business on an equal footing with businesses elsewhere, it is essential that the laws of commerce do not pose obstacles," Mr. Kakfwi says.

A territorial *Land Titles Act* will replace the existing federal *Land Titles Act* once the federal government repeals its Act. When the new Act takes effect, people will find it easier to access land ownership records. Registering commercial or residential property will also be easier and will be particularly important as various land claims agreements are signed.

The outdated *Companies Act* will be replaced by the *Business Corporations Act*. The new Act, which is expected to come into force in 1994, will encourage northerners to incorporate their companies in the Northwest Territories, rather than under federal or provincial legislation.

"At the critical point when a business is commencing, northern entrepreneurs should not have to consider the added expense of incorporating elsewhere in order to be governed by up-to-date legislation," says Mr. Kakfwi.

The new *Securities Act*, which is expected to come into force in late 1995, will improve the flow of capital into the Territories. The present Act limits investment opportunities for northerners by requiring licensing and regulatory approval for the distribution of securities, in many instances where there is no similar requirement in any of the provinces. Also, enforcement provisions will be strengthened for the protection of the investing public.



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The *Personal Property Security Act* deals with credit given by a lender when the loan is secured by property belonging to the borrower, except land. A draft of this new Act is now available for public comment. The new Act will replace the existing statutes and much of the case law with a comprehensive and modern regulatory framework for lenders and borrowers, including a computerized registration system. The computer registration system will also pave the way for decentralization of many of the services which are now available only in Yellowknife.

"A prospective lender who is certain that the law will deal with their interests fairly in the event of a default by the borrower will be that much more likely to provide financing. This will be particularly true of sources of financing outside of the Territories where they will be used to dealing with a *Personal Property Security Act*," Mr. Kakfwi says.

Comments and requests for further information about the draft *Personal Property Security Act* and the other law reform initiatives should be forwarded to the Registrar, Land Titles/Legal Registries, Department of Justice, Government of the Northwest Territories, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9.

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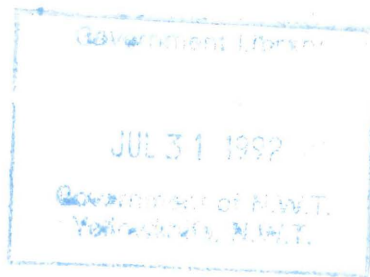
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Exhibit Tells Story of Traditional Dene Life

YELLOWKNIFE (July 30) — Camp the Five Seasons, a set of 32 illustrations depicting the traditional lifestyle of the Dene, will be on display at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre from August 6 to October 12.

The illustrations, by Gloria Lafferty Miller, are based on a story written for children in Grades 4 to 6 by Fibbie Tatti, the Department of Education's Slavey Language Project Coordinator, and Mitsu Oishi, a consultant who has extensive experience teaching in the North. The text of the story, in both English and North Slavey, accompanies the illustrations.

"This exhibition is part of an ongoing campaign to promote literacy in all official languages of the Northwest Territories," says James Arvaluk, Minister of Education, and Minister of Culture and Communications. "The story and illustrations provide a valuable resource for people who want to learn to read and write in North Slavey. Since the story is translated into English, it also gives non-Dene cultures a better understanding of the skills and strength of the Dene."

The illustrations and story describe all facets of traditional Dene life, including survival skills, the different roles of men and women, the responsibility of children and their active contributions to the survival of the Dene. Relationships within the extended family and with neighbouring tribes, as well as the Dene relationship with the land are also described.

The opening of the exhibit will be celebrated at the Heritage Centre on Sunday, August 9, at 2 p.m. when Ms. Tatti will read the story and explain the significance of the illustrations. Tea and bannock will be served.

A set of the illustrations, accompanied by teaching notes, will eventually be distributed to each school in the Western Arctic.

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Bison Control Regulations

YELLOWKNIFE (August 11) — Regulations are now in force to cover the shooting of bison in the bison-free buffer zone between Wood Buffalo National Park and the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary, says Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo.

The Department announced July 20 that it wants Northwest Territories residents who are experienced hunters to shoot any bison spotted in the buffer zone.

The zone was established to ensure that bison in the sanctuary remain free of bovine brucellosis and tuberculosis, the two diseases that are infecting bison in Wood Buffalo National Park.

The regulations, which take effect immediately, spell out who can shoot the bison, how, and what is required after a bison has been shot.

- **Only Northwest Territories residents** are allowed to shoot bison in the bison-free zone. A license is not required but the Department of Renewable Resources recommends that only Northwest Territories residents who are experienced hunters attempt to kill bison in the buffer zone. (As was the case before the regulations, the Department wants to hear from anyone who sees a bison in the buffer zone, regardless of whether the animal is killed.)
- A minimum .300 calibre firearm (30-06, .308) and 200 grain ammunition should be used.
- As soon as possible after shooting the bison, the person who killed the animal **must** report the kill to a Renewable Resources officer.
- A Northwest Territories resident who kills a bison found within the bison-free zone may butcher, transport and store the bison. Hunters should be careful when butchering the meat, as it may be diseased. If the meat is diseased, it should not be eaten raw or as dry meat.
- A Renewable Resources officer must inspect the meat and take samples. It takes approximately a week to have the samples analyzed.



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- If the person who killed the animal does not want the meat, the Renewable Resources officer will offer the meat to other community members.

For more information, contact your local Renewable Resources officer. Residents wishing to search for and hunt bison should contact their local Renewable Resources officer for a copy of the regulations and a description of the location of the bison-free buffer zone.

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Home Owners Property Tax Rebate Reduced

YELLOWKNIFE (August 12) — Home owners in the Northwest Territories can expect their property tax rebate to drop by twenty-five per cent this year, says Municipal and Community Affairs Minister Titus Alloo.

Mr. Alloo says the department's rebate reduction results from the territorial government's attempt to cut program expenditures during a time of serious financial restraint.

Home owners living in the Northwest Territories' seven tax-based municipalities will receive a 50 per cent tax rebate or maximum payment of \$300. Home owners living in the general taxation area - northern communities which collect minimal property taxes - will receive a 50 per cent tax rebate or a maximum payment of \$75.

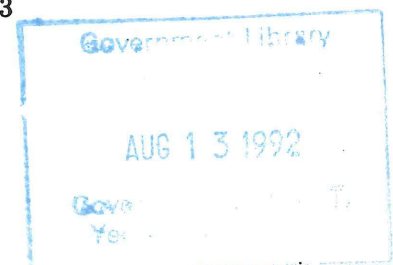
Last year, the tax rebate program offered home owners a maximum payment of \$400 in the municipal taxation areas and \$100 in the general taxation area.

"This program was created in 1981 to encourage home ownership in the north. It's been extremely successful," Mr. Alloo says.

There are 2,600 home owners living in tax-based municipalities and 250 home owners living in the general taxation area.

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Governor General to Visit NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (August 14) — As part of the Canada 125 celebrations, His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, will visit the Northwest Territories August 21 and 22.

The Governor General will be in Cambridge Bay on August 21. During his visit, Mr. Hnatyshyn will unveil the St. Roch commemorative plaque, meet with local elders and children and attend a community feast.

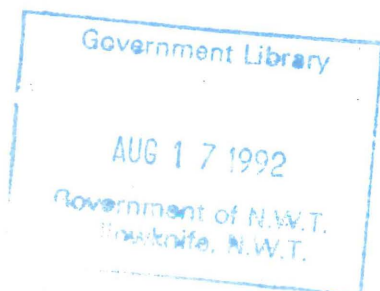
While in Yellowknife on August 22, the Governor General will visit various sites including the Canadian Forces Northern Area Headquarters, Ndilo and Detah.

As part of the "Peace Parks Across Canada - Legacy of Canada 125" program, His Excellency will dedicate a Peace Park next to Yellowknife City Hall at 10:30 a.m. Peace Parks are being dedicated across Canada to show a common desire to learn more about one another, our land, our heritage and our neighbours. The program is a joint venture between the International Institute for Peace through Tourism and Canada 125.

At 11 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly, the Governor General and the Commissioner's Office will present the Speaker with scrolls honouring Order of Canada and Commissioner's Awards recipients for their outstanding contributions and achievements. These scrolls will hang on an honour wall in the new Legislative Assembly building.

To conclude the visit, the Governor General will attend a dinner in honour of the NWT members of the Order of Canada.

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NWT Not Trying to Stack the Senate

OTTAWA (August 18) — Premier Nellie Cournoyea says the Northwest Territories isn't hoping to stack the senate if it decides to join confederation as a province sometime in the future.

Ms. Cournoyea restated the Territories position on a reformed Senate in a letter delivered to Prime Minister Mulroney today.

She said the Territories is particularly concerned with reaction from the Federal and Quebec governments despite being informed of the NWT's position at meetings between officials of both jurisdictions and by correspondence.

The meetings did not lead to any clear statement from Quebec to support its insistence on a constitutional veto over creation of new provinces.

"The only concern I hear being expressed is that a new province in the North would result in the Territories having as many Senators as provincial jurisdictions in the south. Nothing could be further from the truth," Ms. Cournoyea noted.

The July 7th multilateral agreement between Ottawa, nine provinces, the Northwest Territories, Yukon and national Aboriginal organizations recommended returning to the pre-1982 process for creation of new provinces. Under that process, the decision would be made by the Territory affected and the Government of Canada.

In her letter, Ms. Cournoyea reminded the Prime Minister that the July 7 package would allow the NWT and Yukon to be represented by two Senators each, rather than eight each, as long as they are territories. Any additional Senate seats would be subject to unanimity provisions of the amending formula.

"The NWT is prepared to accept this approach. In practical terms, it would mean that under the equal Senate model, a new province might start with two Senators and would



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not necessarily get eight Senators at the time it was created," Ms. Cournoyea stated in her letter.

"Each of the existing provinces and Parliament would have a say. In other words they would have a veto on the number of Senators for a new province."

Copies of Ms. Cournoyea's letter were sent to provincial premiers and aboriginal leaders.

"I'm concerned about the consequences which this misunderstanding has for successfully concluding a Senate reform package," she said.

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GNWT Funds Promising NWT Artists

YELLOWKNIFE (August 19) — Nineteen NWT artists and art groups will receive funding from the Government of the Northwest Territories to carry out a range of creative projects in the arts.

Applications for funding were screened by the six-member NWT Arts Council. The council was established in 1985 to promote the arts in the NWT and make recommendations to the Minister responsible for Education, Culture and Employment on financial awards. Funding is provided twice a year with application deadlines set for January 31 and April 30 of each year. Funding is issued to successful candidates about four months after the deadlines.

Recipients from the April 30 deadline include writers, painters, musicians, dancers and photographers from across the Northwest Territories.

The Dene Nation of Yellowknife will receive \$5,000 to conduct workshops for visual artists in conjunction with their "Promotion of Dene Artists Program". The musical group Kilaot from Pelly Bay will receive \$11,016 to record a number of songs and three Inuit elders (Malaya Akulukjuk, Ekidluak Komoartok and Simon Shaimaiyuk) from Pangnirtung will receive \$2,900 each to complete a series of 50 to 75 coloured pencil drawings of how older Inuit see the world.

Other groups and individuals to receive funding are: Great Northern Arts Festival, Inuvik (\$10,616); Ray Johnston, Fort Simpson (painting, \$5,500); Etulu Peter Angingmiuq, Pangnirtung (music recording, \$12,016); NWT Metis Reelers, Yellowknife (dance, \$3,310); Northbound Freeway, Yellowknife (music recording, \$7,500); Peter Andrew, Fort Norman (painting, \$4,840); Michael Maitland, Yellowknife (writing, \$5,567); Native Cousins Band, Fort Resolution (music recording, \$9,350); Dorothy Chocolate, Yellowknife (photography, \$2,910); Norbert Poitras, Yellowknife (music recording, \$7,500); Qarmartalik School, Resolute Bay (theatre, \$1,200); Somba K'e Recreation, Yellowknife (music, \$1,250); Jimmy Ekko, Iqaluit (music recording, \$2,926); and Karen Bergman Illnik, Arviat (writing, \$2,649).

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Consumer Price Index - July 1992

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index for July was 0.9 percent higher than a year earlier. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.3 percent for Canada, 1.6 percent for Edmonton and 0.9 percent for Whitehorse.

Overall, Yellowknife prices for consumer goods and services were 0.3 percent higher in July compared to June. The largest price increase observed was for the transportation component at 1.3 percent, reflecting a 5.6 percent increase in public transportation. The housing component also registered a price increase rising 0.8 percent during July. Moderating these advances were lower prices for health & personal care (0.6 percent), food (0.5 percent) and clothing (0.1 percent). Recreation, reading & education and tobacco & alcohol prices remained unchanged during July.

All-Items Consumer Price Index (1986 = 100)

	92-Jul	92-Jun	91-Jul	% Change from	
				92-Jun	91-Jul
Yellowknife	124.6	124.2	123.5	0.3	0.9
Whitehorse	123.3	122.8	122.2	0.4	0.9
Canada	128.4	128.1	126.8	0.2	1.3
Edmonton	127.2	126.7	125.2	0.4	1.6

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

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Tree Plan Canada Launched in NWT

YELLOWKNIFE (August 20) — Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo says he is glad to see the Tree Plan Canada program come North.

On Sunday, August 23, Mr. Allooloo will welcome Forestry Canada Minister Frank Oberle to the Northwest Territories. Mr. Oberle will officially launch the program in the Territories by planting a jack pine tree near Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife.

Tree Plan Canada will have a booth at the Yellowknife Fall Fair on the school grounds, where 200 trees will be given away.

Under the program, 900 white spruce trees will be made available to Northwest Territories communities. Yellowknife will receive four hundred trees, and three hundred will go to schools in Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Jean Marie River, Nahanni Butte, Rae-Edzo, Trout Lake and Wrigley. The remainder will be given to community groups and the public.

The Yellowknife Main Street Society is the first Northwest Territories organization to receive funding from the program, which society members are using to buy 100 trees for planting in the downtown area.

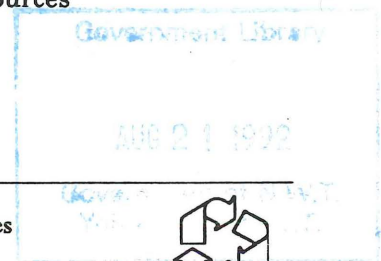
"The Tree Plan Canada program complements our own tree planting program, which has also provided trees for community use," says Mr. Allooloo.

Mr. Allooloo notes that the Department of Renewable Resources' reforestation program is in its third year. About 250,000 seedlings have been planted in areas across the Western Arctic where trees had previously been harvested. In addition, about 12,000 white spruce and jack pine seedlings have been provided to communities from Fort Smith to Fort Good Hope.

"By planting trees, we remind ourselves that we are the guardians of the earth's resources. Our forest management and forest fire management practices must ensure that we have these resources forever," Mr. Allooloo says.

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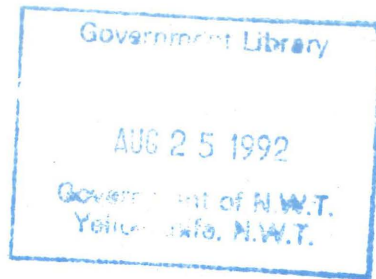
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Review Team Makes Recommendations in Operation of Akaitcho Hall

YELLOWKNIFE (August 21) — A review of Akaitcho Hall, the high school residence in Yellowknife, has resulted in numerous recommendations to improve operations, Education Minister James Arvaluk announced today.

"From time to time we have to review the various parts of the school system to make sure we are meeting the needs of students, parents, and the community," Mr. Arvaluk says. "The review team contacted a wide number of people, to ensure all partners in education had an opportunity to comment and make suggestions for improvement."

The review was conducted by a 10-member team, which included representatives of the Akaitcho Hall Advisory Committee, representatives of two divisional boards of education, a school-community counsellor at Sir John Franklin High School, the president of the Akaitcho Hall student council, as well as staff from the GNWT Language Bureau and the Department of Education. The team was lead by Jack Matthews, former headmaster of Lakefield College School, and founding Director of Lester B. Pearson United World College in Lakefield, Ont.

The team conducted personal and telephone interviews with current and former residents of Akaitcho Hall or the Hall's homeboarding program, as well as their parents; staff and members of divisional boards and community education councils in the Kitikmeot, Sahtu, Dehcho and Dogrib areas; Akaitcho staff and administration; homeboarding parents in Yellowknife; teachers and counsellors at Sir John Franklin and St. Patrick High Schools, as well as people who work at some of the service agencies in Yellowknife, such as a nurse from the Public Health Clinic.

Some of the recommendations are designed to improve communication between the administration, staff members, students, parents and schools in the students' home communities. The team also recommends steps to strengthen ties between Akaitcho Hall and students and house parents in the homeboarding program. A number of suggestions have also been made to strengthen the working relationship with the two Yellowknife high schools and to involve the Akaitcho Hall students more closely in the community life of Yellowknife.



Review Team Makes Recommendations in Operation of Akaitcho Hall:Page 2

Many of the recommendations focussed on boosting the relationship between staff and students, particularly by increasing activities after school hours. The review team also recommended that students be given greater responsibility in operating the residence.

Workshops will be held in August to help Akaitcho Hall staff implement the changes.

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Contract Information

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS

August 20, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister Responsible for Government Services and Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Rankin Inlet Site Development
Minister: Titus Allooloo, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: John Todd, Keewatin

A contract for \$331,500 has been awarded to a northern company, **Y & C Enterprises** of Rankin Inlet, to construct residential roads and lots in Rankin Inlet.

The contractor will build about 400 metres of road to provide access to the 20 residential lots that will be developed. They will also haul 9,000 cubic metres of granular material to fill in a pond for future development.

Y & C Enterprises, a long-standing local firm, will complete the work using only local and northern workers, supplies and equipment. Work will start in mid-August and be completed by October, 1992.



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Travelling Exhibit Explores Ocean Reefs

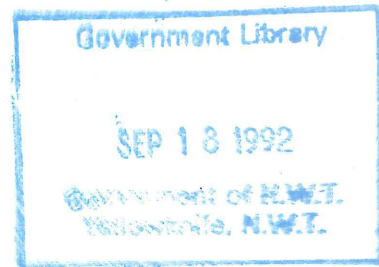
YELLOWKNIFE (August 28) -- A new exhibit at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre explores the underwater world of ancient and modern reefs.

The exhibit, *Reefs: Fossils, Skeletons and Shimmering Life*, contains more than 100 specimens of invertebrate fossils, modern coral specimens and skeletons of other marine life. One of the coral specimens in the exhibit is from Ellesmere Island.

The exhibit from the Provincial Museum of Alberta, explains what a reef is, what organisms build it and describes the types of reefs found around the world. It shows how reefs are used for geological records, explains the drilling and mining of ancient reefs and examines the shimmering life of a modern reef community. The bilingual exhibit is accompanied by spectacular colour photographs which show many underwater scenes of the environment of modern reefs and a video which shows coral reefs in action.

Reefs: Fossils, Skeletons and Shimmering Life will be on display in the Feature II Gallery from September 1 to October 29.

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Pelly Bay Celebrates Potential Sealift Connection

YELLOWKNIFE (August 31) — The successful completion of a three month hydrographic survey in Pelly Bay should chart a safe, deep water channel to the community, says Transportation Minister Tony Whitford.

The shipping channel to Pelly Bay will allow the community to become part of the eastern Arctic sealift - an operation which delivers supplies by sea to communities every year. The identification of a channel will permit supply ships to navigate the bay safely.

Pelly Bay has been the only community on the Arctic coast without access to marine resupply and, until now, has relied entirely on air transport for all its supplies - an extremely expensive operation.

Mr. Whitford told community representatives that the introduction of a sealift service to Pelly Bay is just one example of the many innovative ideas the Department of Transportation is exploring to improve resupply operations in the Arctic. To mark the occasion, the Canadian Coast Guard Ship, the Sir John Franklin, delivered on shore two drums of diesel fuel and gasoline - the first delivery ever by ship to the community.

An annual sealift to Pelly Bay is expected to save the territorial government about \$500,000 a year in transportation charges.

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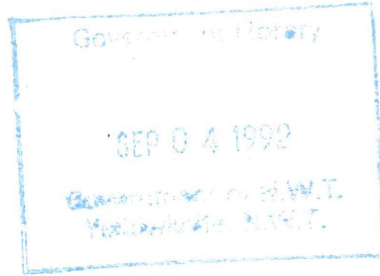
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N.W.T. Requests Alberta Consideration of Hazardous Waste Disposal

YELLOWKNIFE (September 3) —Environment Minister Ralph Klein and Northwest Territories Renewable Resources Minister Titus Allooloo have agreed to a consultation process on the disposal of the Northwest Territories' hazardous waste at Swan Hills.

Mr. Allooloo requested permission to ship the N.W.T.'s waste products to the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation's facility at Swan Hills - the only facility of its kind in the country equipped to provide the service.

In response, Mr. Klein has directed the Alberta Special Waste Management corporation (ASWMC) to take, in conjunction with the Government of the N.W.T., a public consultation process among the communities in northern Alberta, as well as relevant stakeholders, in order to obtain their input before making a final decision.

"Our Government will make a decision only after consulting with the public, interested stakeholders, and Members of the Legislative Assembly in the region," he said.

"The majority of hazardous waste generated in the N.W.T. would be shipped through Alberta to the United States in any event," Mr. Klein said in confirming that he was prepared to consider making an exception to the province's Alberta-only policy.

"The prospect of Alberta accommodating the Northwest Territories' environmental and business needs clearly signals the positive spirit of cooperation and strong sense of partnership that exists and that we hope to maintain," said Mr. Allooloo.

He said officials of his department will be speaking with residents in northern communities, situated along the shipment route, once an agreement is reached.

If the waste is allowed to be destroyed at Swan Hills, the ASWMC will be responsible for negotiating, with the N.W.T., the logistics relative to routing, timetables, commercial arrangements and a public communication strategy.

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"The Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation is recognized around the world as a leader in its field, and I have every confidence in its ability to do the job," said Mr. Klein.

He reconfirmed that any fundamental change in the Alberta-only policy would be the subject of full, public hearings.

A final decision on the N.W.T. request is expected by mid October.

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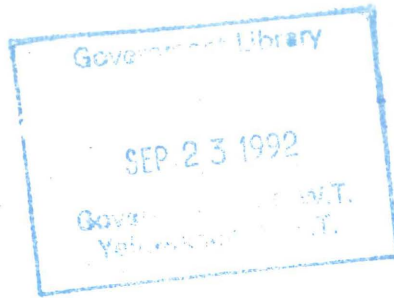
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Community Literacy Grants Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (September 17) - Twenty-three literacy projects, designed and managed at the community level, will receive a total of \$364,212 in 1992/93, according to Education Minister James Arvaluk.

Since 1990, community-based literacy projects have been funded through a partnership between the N.W.T. Department of Education, the National Literacy Secretariat, and Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada.

Since 1991, the Walter and Duncan Gordon Charitable Foundation has worked in partnership with the Department of Education Literacy Office to cost-share some of the community literacy projects. This year the Foundation is contributing \$50,122 towards six of the 20 projects. Arctic College assisted with the partnership by administering funds from the Foundation for the six projects.

"The diversity of these community-based literacy programs demonstrates how local organizations are working hard, each in their own way, to address a common goal," said Christine Lee, Executive Director of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. "We applaud the efforts of those communities which have made literacy a priority."

Six of the projects will provide community residents with the opportunity to develop literacy skills in an aboriginal language, while four of the projects will offer literacy training in English and an aboriginal language. Gwich'in, Cree, Inuktitut, Inuvialuktun and Inuinnaqtun programs will be offered. Funding for the six aboriginal languages literacy programs is made available through the Canada Northwest Territories Cooperation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages in the Northwest Territories.

"Literacy in all our languages remains the goal and the challenge of the N.W.T. Literacy Strategy," says Mr. Arvaluk. "Partnerships such as those between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories, and between the Department of Education and the Walter and Duncan Gordon Charitable Foundation, enable community organizations to respond to the needs of their people and meet that challenge."

The following projects have received support:

The NWT Literacy Council will receive a grant of \$3,000 in a joint venture with the Department to produce a small book of "reading memories" from celebrated and ordinary Northerners. The stories of special memories about reading have been written in most of the languages of the N.W.T. Eight thousand copies will be printed and distributed throughout the Northwest Territories to promote reading and writing in all our official languages.

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BAFFIN REGION

In Iqaluit, two projects have received funding. The Baffin Region Inuit Association will use a grant of \$19,800 to provide Inuktitut literacy classes in the Baffin Region Correction Centre and Young Offenders Centre, and to publish stories written by learners. This is the third year this successful project has received funding.

The Baffin Regional Agvvik Society will use its grant of \$16,000 to provide a flexible program of English literacy and lifeskills for clients in the women's shelter.

In Cape Dorset, a grant of \$18,400 will enable the Community Education Council to run a drop-in English literacy program for young adults between the ages of 16 and 25 who have dropped out of school.

KEEWATIN REGION

The Chesterfield Inlet Community Education Council has received a grant of \$14,600 to offer English literacy and math classes to adults who cannot attend full-time day programs because they are working or have family responsibilities.

The Arviat Community Education Council will receive \$20,816 from the Department of Education and \$11,160 from the Foundation to provide comprehensive English and Inuktitut literacy programming, including specific literacy programs for women, for families and for people in the workplace.

The Baker Lake Community Education Council will use its grant of \$33,458 to offer English and Inuktitut literacy programming to community residents.

In Coral Harbour, the Community Education Council will receive \$1,034 to continue Inuktitut literacy programs using the community radio as well as offering classes for adults.

FORT SMITH REGION

The Hay River Library Board has received a grant of \$1,250 to hold workshops for parents of pre-schoolers. The workshops will encourage parents to read to their children, give them tips on good reading practices and emphasize the importance of parents in developing early reading habits. Children who read early have a head start when they go to school.

The Read/Write Project in Fort Smith has received funding for a fourth year. The total grant is \$13,900, one-half of which will be from the Gordon Charitable Foundation. This English volunteer tutoring project has been very successful and fulfills an important need in the community.

Also in Fort Smith, Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre will receive a grant of \$17,525 to undertake a Cree language revitalization program for adults. Part of the program includes using the community cable channel for public awareness and lessons and is designed to complement school programs

RAE-YELLOWKNIFE REGION

In Rae-Edzo, the school society will once again offer an English literacy project, with a grant of \$26,124. In past years, the Rae-Edzo project has combined literacy classes with workforce shadowing, which enables students to experience a variety of jobs. This grant is cost-shared equally with the Foundation.



The Arctic College Yellowknife Campus will receive a grant of \$10,000 towards a fulltime literacy program for 20 adults from the city who have applied for academic upgrading. The current program is full, so the College requested support to put on an additional program to meet the demand.

In addition to community literacy projects grants, the Department of Education continues to provide financial support to the Tree of Peace Adult Education Program and to Project Change Training Centre in Yellowknife.

KITIKMEOT REGION

The Spence Bay Community Education Council has received a grant of \$7,167 to offer an innovative project to teach literacy within the context of baking classes.

The Holman Island Education Council will provide an Inuinnaqtun program for the students in the Arctic College adult education class with a grant of \$2,210.

In Pelly Bay, the Kugaardjuk Education Society will provide a full-time English literacy program for the community. The grant of \$21,100 is cost-shared equally with the Foundation and the project includes a specific component to encourage women in the community to become involved in the literacy program.

SAHTU REGION

For a second year, the Fort Good Hope Community Education Council will offer an English literacy program during afternoons and evenings. The program focuses on people already employed who need to upgrade their reading and writing skills for the workplace. The grant totals \$15,670.

INUVIK/DELTA REGION

The Aklavik Band will receive a grant of \$10,100 to offer Gwich'in and Inuvialuktun language and literacy development as part of the community's job entry program. The classes will be open to all residents of the community, and elders will be involved as teachers.

In Inuvik, Ingamo Hall will use a grant of \$29,370 to provide an English literacy program, including tutoring and a small class. The Friendship Centre will play a key role in coordinating literacy programs within Inuvik and will deliver a public awareness campaign.

The Inuvialuit Social Development Program has received a grant of \$22,620 to provide Inuvialuktun language and literacy development classes in Aklavik, Inuvik, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, Paulatuk and Holman Island. Elders are the principal teachers in the program.

In Inuvik, the Native Women's Association will use a grant of \$32,108 to offer two programs. There will be an English literacy program to enable people, who are fluent and literate in their own language and skilled in the traditional culture, to become resource people for the schools and the community. They will also offer an evening Gwich'in program for adults in the community.



The Gwich'in Tribal Council will use a grant of \$12,200, cost-shared by the Foundation, to provide English literacy tutoring for adults in Fort McPherson, Aklavik and Arctic Red River.

In Fort McPherson, the Tetl'it Band Council will use a grant of \$4,600 to provide Gwich'in classes in the evenings for parents of children involved in the immersion pre-school and kindergarten programs in the community. This project was also cost-shared with the Walter and Duncan Gordon Charitable Foundation.

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New Board Members Appointed

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22) - A new chairman and two new board of directors have been appointed to the NWT Development Corporation.

Bob Leonard from Arviat has been appointed as the new Chairman and will serve a two-year term. He is the first private businessman appointed to the position. Mr. Leonard has extensive experience operating his own construction company in the Keewatin Region and is a former board member of the NWT Business Loan Fund.

New board members include Dan Marion from Rae and Jerry Ell from Iqaluit. They will each serve three year terms.

Mr. Marion, the Mayor of Rae and established local entrepreneur, provides the committee with general business management expertise while Jerry Ell provides extensive experience as a commercial fisherman in the Baffin Region.

Board member Mary King from Hay River, whose term expires this month, has had her term extended two years, while Irene Roth from Yellowknife and Terry Ryan from Cape Dorset have had their terms extended one year.

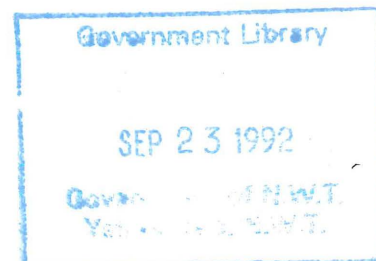
Other board members include: Ernie Daniels, President of the Metis Development Corporation, Pat Lyall, President of Nunasi Corporation and Eddie Dillon, President of the Inuvialuit Development Corporation.

The nine-member Board of Directors provides direction to the NWT Development Corporation - a crown corporation of the territorial government designed to encourage the growth of northern businesses by providing equity investment, loans and subsidies. The NWT Development Corporation was created in 1990.

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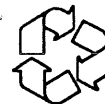
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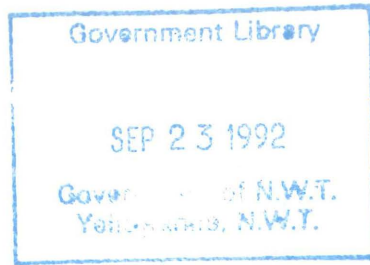
YELLOWKNIFE (September 22) - A new chairman and two new directors have been appointed to the NWT Development Corporation.

Sorry for the inconveniences this may have caused.

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Carmen Moore
Executive Secretary





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Deputy Ministers Named

YELLOWKNIFE (September 22) — Roland Bailey of Vancouver has been appointed Deputy Minister of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, effective October 5.

The announcement was made today by Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea, who also confirmed the appointment of Dr. David Kinloch as Deputy Minister of Health.

Mr. Bailey has extensive experience working in communities throughout the North and western Canada including work in the field of public accounting in Alberta, managing private businesses, and operating his own business.

Since 1985 Mr. Bailey has been operating a consulting business that provides financial services to small business and their owners in the Northwest Territories. He was responsible for setting up the Northwest Territories Development Corporation - a crown corporation designed to encourage the growth of northern businesses by providing equity investment, loans and subsidies. He served as its Vice- President.

Dr. Kinloch, formerly an Assistant Deputy Minister of Health with the Territorial government, began working in the Territories in 1962 as medical officer with Health and Welfare Canada in Rae, and subsequently as Director of Yukon Health Service.

Since that time he has worked in various positions including Director of Planning for Health Services for the Government of Quebec and the Medical Director for Ontario Health Services Insurance Plan.

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Changes to Tag and Trophy Fee Increase

YELLOWKNIFE (September 25) — Minister of Renewable Resources Titus Allooloo has announced changes to 1993 tag and trophy fee increases established last February.

The changes were in response to concerns by community-based outfitter and tourism operators and are effective July 1, 1993.

Outfitting is an activity that uses traditional skills and remains one of the few economically viable activities in smaller communities, Mr. Allooloo said, noting that government has to make sure that the fee structures do not adversely affect these businesses.

The primary revision allows for the tag and trophy fees to remain separate. In addition, the trophy fees for hunting barrenground caribou and musk-ox have been adjusted to \$150 and to \$750 for polar bear.

Fees for territorial hunting licences and tags have been some of the lowest in North America and have not been increased since 1978, he added. The new fees are comparable to other jurisdictions.

Other minor changes include:

- Resident small game licence fee will increase from \$5 to \$10.
- Full tag fees will be charged for replacement of lost tags.
- No increase will occur for resident wood bison tag fees.

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NWT HUNTING TAG AND TROPHY FEE SCHEDULE
New fees effective 1 July 1993

	Existing Fees (1992/93)		Revised Fees (1993/94)	
	Tag (\$)	Trophy (\$)	Tag (\$)	Trophy (\$)
Black Bear				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	50	20	100
Non-Resident Alien	25	50	50	100
Barrenground Grizzly Bear				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	500	20	1,000
Non-Resident Alien	25	500	50	1,000
Mountain Grizzly Bear				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Non-Resident Alien	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Polar Bear				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	500	20	750
Non-Resident Alien	25	500	50	750
Wood Bison				
Resident	50	None	50	None
Non-Resident	n/a	n/a	100	300
Non-Resident Alien	n/a	n/a	150	300
Barrenground Caribou				
Resident (each tag)	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident (1st tag)	10	100	20	150
Non-Resident (extra tags)	20	100	40	150
Non-Resident Alien (1st Tag)	25	100	50	150
Non-Resident Alien (extra tags)	50	100	100	150
Woodland Caribou				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	100	20	200
Non-Resident Alien	25	100	50	200

	Existing Fees (1992/93)		Revised Fees (1993/94)	
	Tag (\$)	Trophy (\$)	Tag (\$)	Trophy (\$)
Dall's Sheep				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	100	20	200
Non-Resident Alien	25	100	50	200
Moose				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	100	20	200
Non-Resident Alien	25	100	50	200
Mountain Goat				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	100	20	200
Non-Resident Alien	25	100	50	200
Muskox				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	100	20	150
Non-Resident Alien	25	100	50	150
Wolf				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	50	20	100
Non-Resident Alien	25	50	50	100
Wolverine				
Resident	5	None	10	None
Non-Resident	10	50	20	100
Non-Resident Alien	25	50	50	100
Small Game				
Resident	5	None	10	None
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Non-Resident Alien	25	None	50	None



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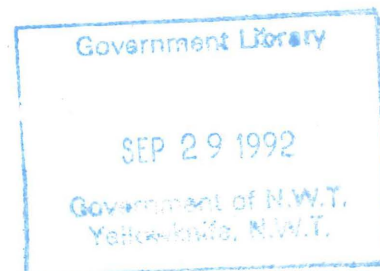
Chairperson Appointed to Inuvik Regional Health Board

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28) — Minister of Health, Dennis Patterson, announced the appointment of Mrs. Dale Hanson as Chairperson of the Inuvik Regional Health Board today.

Mrs. Hanson, a long-term resident of the Northwest Territories, has been a member of the Inuvik Regional Health Board since May of 1988.

Reverend Irvin Holm will pass on the responsibilities of the Chairperson at the conclusion of the Board's regular September meeting. After years of leadership in the Inuvik region health care system, Reverend Holm will be leaving Norman Wells and the Northwest Territories in 1993.

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Runway Completed in Lac La Martre

YELLOWKNIFE (September 28) — Transportation Minister Tony Whitford was in Lac La Martre today to celebrate the opening of the community's new airport runway.

Mr. Whitford told community residents in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that the new strip provides the aviation industry and community, for the first time, with a certifiable aerodrome - a new airport runway that meets national standards.

"It is with the cooperation of a number of agencies that we have managed to complete this project. We have one of the finest, all-season airport runways for small aircraft use in the North Slave Region," said Mr. Whitford.

The \$1.9 million project was cost shared between Transport Canada and the Department of Transportation. It provides the community with a new 914m X 43m gravel strip located about 1.5 kms from the community.

Officials from Arctic College and Canada Employment and Immigration Commission attended the ceremony to recognize the contribution of 20 of its local heavy equipment operator student trainees who worked on the eight-month project. Representatives from RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd., the project contractor who hired the trainees, also attended the celebration.

The construction project began last summer following the signing of a \$16.1 million federal and territorial government contribution agreement in June 1990. The agreement outlined a cost sharing arrangement to upgrade or build seven airport runways in the North.

Lac La Martre's new airport facility also includes a new parking apron, an interconnecting taxi-way, a building development area for a future terminal, a meteorological pad, a fuel pad, a permanent airfield lighting system and an access road to the community.

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Metis Registration Process Starting in November

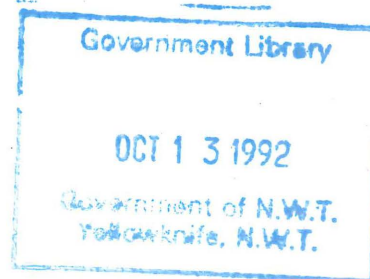
YELLOWKNIFE (October 8) — Minister of Health Dennis Patterson says the registration of Metis people in the NWT will be undertaken in collaboration with the Metis Nation starting in November.

The Legislative Assembly passed a motion, in 1990, asking the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider providing Metis residents with health benefits equal to those which registered Indian and Inuit receive. The registration process, funded by the Department of Health, will determine the number of Metis living in the NWT.

The registration process is expected to be completed by early 1993.

At that time, the government will consider the range of benefits that may be extended to the Metis.

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Campaign Encourages Parents to Read to Pre-Schoolers

YELLOWKNIFE (October 9) — "Read To Me", a three-year campaign to encourage parents to read to their pre-school children will be launched later this year, says James Arvaluk, Minister Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs. He made the announcement to mark NWT Literacy Day, October 9.

"Children who have books in their homes and whose parents read to them have a head start when it's time for kindergarten," Mr. Arvaluk says.

The department has provided a grant of \$51,200 to the NWT Status of Women Council for the campaign, through the Canada Northwest Territories Cooperation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages.

The "Read To Me" campaign has three components. For the next three years, whenever a baby is born, the mother will receive a bag containing a baby T-shirt, a brochure about reading to pre-school children and two books -- one in the mother tongue of the region and one in English. Both the bag and the T-shirt will have "Read To Me" in eleven NWT languages printed on them. Children's books in Inuktitut syllabics, Inuinnaqtun, Inuvialuktun, Gwich'in, North and South Slavey, Dogrib, Chipewyan, Cree, French and English have been purchased or donated.

A series of posters featuring well-known northern celebrities reading to a group of children will be issued. The first two posters will be unveiled in early December. In addition, a short videotape featuring parents reading to their children will be produced and will be available at community nursing stations, adult learning centres, libraries and schools.

The "Read To Me" campaign is the result of cooperation among a number of organizations. The NWT Status of Women Council is managing the project with the guidance of a steering committee of representatives from the NWT Literacy Council, Read Canada NWT, the Yellowknife Public Library, Arctic College, the Yellowknife Book Cellar, and the department's Literacy Office.



Campaign Encourages Parents to Read to Pre-Schoolers: Page 2

Canadian North and NWT Air have agreed to carry the "Read To Me" kits to each region, at no cost. Community health representatives will deliver the "Read To Me Kits" to the mothers, thanks to the support of regional health boards and their directors of nursing.

The "Read To Me" Campaign will be officially launched in December, with the first kits presented to the NWT's New Year's babies.

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New Fire Hall Opens in Dettah

YELLOWKNIFE (October 9) — Dettah's new fire hall was officially opened Friday.

The two-bay structure was built by the Yellowknife Dene Band Corporation at a total cost of \$410,000

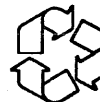
Government Services and Public Works Minister Don Morin, officially opened the new building on behalf of Municipal and Community Affairs Minister, Titus Allooloo.

At the request of the Yellowknife Dene Band Corporation, the new fire hall was built of wood rather than steel in order to provide construction training opportunities and increased employment for band members.

At the official opening, Mr. Morin commended the community and its leaders for their hard work in seeing the project brought to completion.

Michael Ballantyne, MLA for Yellowknife North, also attended the opening and complimented Chief Jonas Sangris and Darryl Beaulieu, Sub-Chief of the Yellowknives Dene Band. Mr. Ballantyne agreed with Chief Sangris that the new facility should provide the encouragement the community needs to continue in the development of its local fire fighting force.

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Northerners Attend Child Abuse Conferences

YELLOWKNIFE (October 9) — Ten organizations and individuals will receive contributions from the Victims Assistance Fund to attend two conferences relating to sexual abuse and childhood abuse, according to Minister of Justice Stephen Kakfwi.

Northwest Territories participants attending a training conference in Toronto entitled "No More Secrets", October 16 to 19, include one delegate from the Inuvik Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association and two from Sanikiluaq, Dora Emikotailak and Annie Novalinga.

The conference is for professionals working with women who have experienced childhood emotional, physical or sexual abuse. The conference will explore trauma-related issues from a feminist perspective and will provide opportunities for helping professions to share resources and develop strategies for progressive social change.

Participants attending another Toronto conference, entitled "Focus on Child Abuse - Stop the Hurt", will include delegates from the Tawow Society of Fort Smith, the Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre in Hay River, the Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre of Inuvik, the Coppermine Alcohol & Drug Awareness Centre, the Mianiqsijit Project of Baker Lake, the Pangnirtung Mental Health Society, and the Deh Cho Society of Fort Simpson.

The conference is scheduled for October 25 to 28. Seminars and workshops will include topics related to the roots of violence, religious issues and child abuse, multicultural perspectives, sexually assaultive adolescents, ritualistic criminal behaviour, community prevention and treatment, pornography awareness, men as victims/men as healers, and children who witness family violence.

Funding for the Northwest Territories participants derive from victim fine surcharges that are deposited in a Victims Assistance Fund. The Minister of Justice disburses the fund on the recommendation of the Victims Assistance Committee. Contributions for the two conferences total \$20,204.

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Official Opening of Nahanni Butte Health Station

YELLOWKNIFE (October 9) — The official opening of the George Matou Health Station was held in Nahanni Butte today.

The 140 square metre Health Station will be used by visiting community health nurses and other health professionals. It will also be used by the Department of Social Services during visits to the community. The Health Station includes a patient waiting area, doctor's and nurse's examining rooms, accommodation for overnight visits, hot and cold water pump-in/pump-out sewage and wheelchair accessibility.

Constructed by Ninety North Construction and Development Ltd, the building has been designed to allow for expansion to accommodate additional needs as the community grows.

On behalf of the Minister of Health, Dennis Patterson, MLA Jim Antoine commended the community for the support they had given the project throughout the planning, design and construction of the Health Station.

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Hill Named Interim Chairperson

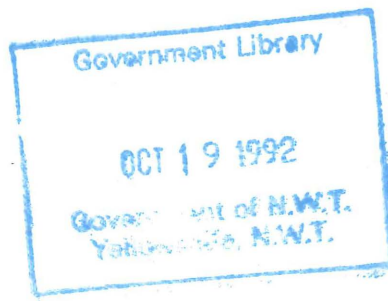
YELLOWKNIFE (October 15) — John Hill of Yellowknife has been appointed interim chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Board.

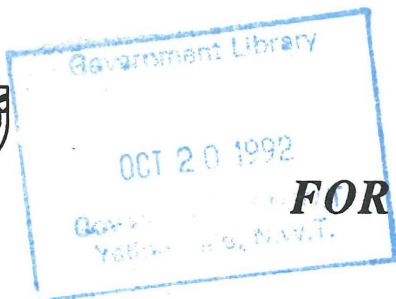
The announcement was made today by Dennis Patterson, minister responsible for the Board, who noted the appointment will remain in effect until a permanent chairperson is chosen early in 1993.

Mr. Hill has served in a variety of administrative and management positions in the banking industry and as a private businessman. He has also been active at the community level as a member of the Inuvik Town Council, as a Deputy Mayor and Mayor. He is also chairperson of the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board.

His appointment will allow the compensation board's Chief Executive Officer Brian Roberts to concentrate on the responsibilities of that position. Mr. Roberts has been handling the Chairperson's job, on a temporary basis, since June of this year.

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Charlottetown Accord Strengthens Treaties

YELLOWKNIFE (October 19) — The Charlottetown Accord agreed to by federal, provincial, territorial and aboriginal leaders doesn't harm or undermine treaty rights, says Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Stephen Kakfwi.

"It does just the opposite. It strengthens the treaties," he said today in response to recent statements by opponents to the Accord who claim the deal will have negative impacts for treaty rights in the Northwest Territories.

"Treaty rights, including rights under land claim agreements, have been guaranteed by the Constitution since 1982 and that continues to be the case", Mr. Kakfwi stated.

"But under the Charlottetown package there are going to be greater protections including provisions in the Constitution which allow self-government arrangements to be added to existing treaties and land claim agreements. So self-government rights can now be recognized as treaty rights."

Mr. Kakfwi pointed to other new constitutional provisions that would strengthen treaties including a section that states treaty rights will be interpreted in a just, broad and liberal manner taking into account their spirit and intent.

Another clause, he noted, states the Government of Canada is committed to establishing treaty processes to clarify or implement treaty rights and where the parties agree, to rectify terms of the treaties if requested to do so by the Aboriginal peoples concerned. Where a process for implementing or rectifying a treaty has been set up, the participants have to take into account the spirit and intent of the treaties, as understood by the Aboriginal Peoples concerned.

"These are very powerful principles to have in the Constitution of Canada and anyone who underestimates the importance of the gains made by aboriginal people in this round is engaging in mischief", Mr. Kakfwi said.



Charlottetown Accord Strengthens Treaties: Page 2

The new "Canada Clause" also requires that the entire Constitution be interpreted in a manner consistent with certain fundamental characteristics. One of these fundamental characteristics is that aboriginal peoples of Canada, being the first peoples to govern this land, have the right to promote their languages, cultures and traditions and to ensure the integrity of their societies, and their governments constitute one of three orders of government in Canada.

"In my view this package is of historic importance to aboriginal peoples and to turn our backs on these gains would be a major mistake", said Kakfwi.

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NWT Groups Receive Funding to Preserve Oral Traditions

YELLOWKNIFE (October 19) — Through the Oral Traditions Contribution Program, 11 projects received \$82,052 to record oral traditions across the Northwest Territories. The program is provided through the Cultural Affairs section of the Department of Education, Culture and Employment Programs.

Recipients for 1992/93 include:

Igloodik Research Centre - \$7,500 to translate a backlog of material collected regarding the traditions of the people of Igloodik.

Cambridge Bay Centennial Library - \$8,300 to record on video various seasonal activities of the people of Cambridge Bay.

Metis Heritage Association, Yellowknife - \$19,000 to continue the collecting and documenting of Metis history in 12 communities.

Kathleen Berquist, Winnipeg (formerly of Baker Lake) - \$1,875 to complete the preparation of material on Kazan and Thelon rivers for publication.

Rae-Edzo Friendship Centre - \$5,390 to transcribe and translate material already collected on the Camsell/Marion trail.

Fort Franklin Radio Society - \$6,010 to take tape recordings on settlement patterns of Fort Franklin families around Great Bear Lake for use by the radio society for broadcasting.

Igloodik Isuma Video - \$5,727 to record on video the traditional knowledge of women on issues relating to child, health and body care.



NWT Groups Receive Funding to Preserve Oral Traditions: Page 2

Inuvialuit Social Development Program, Inuvik - \$6,000 to interview Inuvialuit elders and to document genealogies in six communities and \$8,300 to complete a project begun in 1990 to record Inuvialuit use of Yukon North Slope and Herschel Island.

Fort Simpson Dene Council - \$5,650 to bring elders to Fort Simpson to interview them about Treaty 11 and the spiritual significance of Redknife.

Coral Harbour Community Education Council - \$8,300 to collect traditional knowledge on caribou hunting and the legends of the Sudliqmiut for use during the 25 year celebration of Coral Harbour.

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NWT Groups Receive Funding for Language Projects

YELLOWKNIFE (October 19) — Groups across the Northwest Territories have received funding under two programs administered by Cultural Affairs, Department Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs to support Aboriginal and French language development.

Funding for the programs is provided by the Secretary of State, Canada under the three-year Cooperation Agreement for French and Aboriginal Languages in the Northwest Territories.

Under the Community and Cultural Development Program, La Federation Franco-TeNOise received \$230,000 to deliver a contribution program for French community cultural projects in Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith and Iqaluit. The program was designed to support community and cultural development initiatives of the Francophone community.

The Aboriginal Language Development Grants and Contribution Program was developed to support community initiatives in the maintenance, enhancement and revitalization of Aboriginal language.

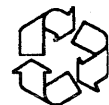
Under this program \$418,650 has been awarded to 30 projects for 1992/93. Recipients include:

Nunatta Sunaqtangit, Iqaluit - \$13,640 to preserve records of elders stories in Inuktitut on video.

Fort Norman Child Development Centre - \$8,650 to introduce a North Slavey language program into their pre-school program.

Hay River Treatment Centre - \$45,000 to continue a language development program to deliver treatment programs in Dene languages.

Paul Landry, Iqaluit - \$1,100 to produce a dogmushers newsletter in Inuktitut and English.



NWT Groups Receive Funding for Language Projects: Page 2

Walter Bayha, Fort Franklin - \$6,000 to publish a newsletter in Slavey (Project Write Slavey).

Dene Nation, Yellowknife - \$5,000 to help produce a Dene Arts Calendar including translation into several Dene languages and \$5,500 for preservation of a collection of Dene oral history tapes.

Inuvialuit Communications Society, Inuvik - \$4,830 to collect elders' knowledge in Inuvialuktun on video for airing on TVNC and \$45,000 to produce the newspaper Tusaayaksat in 3 dialects of Inuvialuktun.

Arviat Community Education Council - \$5,500 for an Inuktitut literacy project.

Inuit Broadcasting Corporation, Iqaluit - \$23,337 to hold a workshop to improve Inuktitut skills of producers in consultation with elders.

Dene Cultural Institute, Hay River - \$10,785 to hold two language/cultural camps, \$23,968 to develop a language program to encourage local initiatives in Aboriginal language revitalization, and \$12,000 to complete a project on collection of Dogrib traditional knowledge on justice.

Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre, Hay River - \$10,000 to hire Slavey and Cree speakers for a cultural daycamp program for young people.

Fort Liard Band Council - \$5,000 to hire a coordinator for a summer youth program where Slavey language skills will be taught.

Mary Krimmerdjuar, Nuvulik Project, Pond Inlet - \$30,000 to complete the North Baffin Inuktitut Dictionary Project.

Baffin Regional Inuit Association - \$15,000 to record oral histories in Inuktitut and develop a vocabulary from the histories.

Fort Good Hope Dene Band - \$15,000 to continue work on the Slavey Dictionary Project.

Anna Illasiak, Aklavik - \$5,750 to hold Inuvialuktun language classes for adults.

Native Communications Society, Yellowknife - \$45,000 to assist continued programming in several Dene languages.



NWT Groups Receive Funding for Language Projects: Page 3

Tetlit Gwich'in Band Council, Fort McPherson - \$5,800 to hold evening Gwich'in classes for the parents of kindergarten Gwich'in immersion students.

Lutsel K'e Community Education Council - \$9,000 to hold a language/cultural immersion camp for young people.

Fort Providence Dene Band - \$6,600 to fund preparatory work for the printing of a book of legends in Slavey.

Uncle Gabe's Friendship Centre, Fort Smith - \$20,000 to develop a Cree language program.

Deh Cho Tribal Council, Fort Simpson - \$8,590 to continue production of a Slavey-English newsletter.

Inuvialuit Social Development Program, Inuvik - \$17,600 to continue to hold Inuvialuktun classes in three communities and introduce them to two more communities.

Igloodik Isuma Video - \$5,000 to hire a family to act in the production of "Saputi" video.

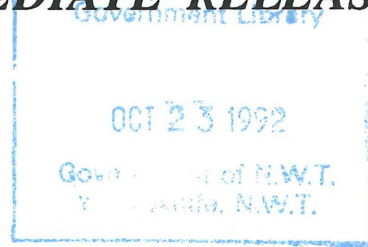
Rae-Edzo Parish Council - \$5,000 to encourage written creative expression in Dogrib by hosting a conference and following up with a newsletter.

Gwich'in Tribal Council, Inuvik - \$5,000 to hold a language camp in Fort McPherson.

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Executive Exchange Planned

YELLOWKNIFE (October 22) — The Department of Health and the Inuvik Regional Health Board will exchange Senior Management staff mid-November, says Minister of Health Dennis Patterson.

Mr. Patterson says that the idea of an executive exchange serves to provide career development opportunities through assignments and rotation of Senior Health Care professionals.

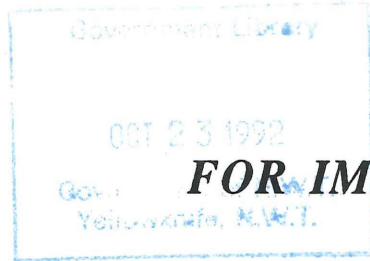
Under the arrangement, George Gillies, who is currently Chief Executive Officer of the Inuvik Regional Health Board, will move to Yellowknife, to assume the responsibility of Director, Repatriation Program.

The Repatriation Program is designed to examine ways of returning additional acute care services to the North and to negotiate special arrangements for the remaining acute care services in southern hospitals. This program aims at keeping funds which would normally be spent on travel, hospitalization and medical fees for previously out-of-territories services in the Northwest Territories.

In exchange, the Department of Health is seconding Wendy L. MacDonald, Assistant Director, Programs and Services, from the Hospital and Health Facility Operations Division, to assume responsibilities as Acting Chief Executive Officer. Ms. MacDonald has over 20 years experience in the health care field, many of these spent in northern areas as a Chief Executive Officer.

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Press Information

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Governor General's Medal Awarded to Five Young People

YELLOWKNIFE (October 22) — Five young people from across the Northwest Territories have been awarded the Governor General's Medal for educational achievement.

"It takes a good deal of commitment and hard work to achieve a Governor General's Medal," says James Arvaluk, Minister Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs. "I'm pleased the efforts of these young people have been recognized."

The recipients are: Michelle Allen of P.W. Kaiser High School in Fort Smith; John Kidd of Diamond Jenness Secondary School in Hay River; Daisey Lea Witherell of Sir John Franklin High School in Yellowknife; Katherine Searle of Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik; and Robert Kingsland of St. Patrick High School in Yellowknife.

A Governor General's Medal is awarded to one student from each high school every year. The award goes to the student who achieves the highest average marks in Grade 12 examinations and who has written a minimum of four Grade 12 Departmental exams from among the following courses: Social Studies 30, English 30, Physics 30, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Mathematics 30. Recipients must have an average mark of at least 70 per cent in all Grade 12 Departmental exams written, and must not have received a mark of less than 50 per cent in any of these exams.

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IQUALUIT, NT (October 23, 1992) - Camilla Gryski and Eric Wilson, both children's book authors, will tour the Northwest Territories during the sixteenth annual Canadian Children's Book Week, October 31 to November 7, 1992.

As Canada seeks to define its essence, the 1992 Children's Book Week theme, "Celebrating the Stories of Canada", is particularly appropriate. Events for the week are sponsored by the Canadian Children's Book Centre and are promoted and coordinated in the Northwest Territories by the NWT Public Library Services.

In the West, Eric Wilson will visit Yellowknife, Hay River, Cambridge Bay and Fort Simpson. Wilson, a British Columbia based author, has written 16 books including, *Cold Midnight in Vieux Québec* and *The Ice Diamond Quest*. Many of his books feature teenage sleuths Tom and Liz Austen, who may be Canada's answer to the Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew mystery series.

Camilla Gryski, author of five books including *Super String Games* and *Hands On, Thumbs Up*, will tour libraries in Iqaluit, Igloolik, Clyde River and Pond Inlet. Gryski considers the cat's cradle type games an art form and sees them as a way of passing traditions from generation to generation.

"Whether the story is told by string, in dance, by drum, or from a book, the art of storytelling allows people to share their culture and celebrate their heritage," says James Arvaluk, Minister Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs. "Our residents are inspired by the authors visits and are encouraged to try their hand at storytelling," he said.

Libraries across the NWT have planned special activities for Children's Book Week. The NWT Centennial Library in Hay River is sponsoring a family night with the theme "Cats". Participants will hear stories about cats, watch cat films, and will enjoy a variety of crafts all centred on the theme.

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The Yellowknife Public Library will hold a special Halloween afternoon of mystery on October 31 with Eric Wilson.

In Pond Inlet, the Rebecca P. Idlout Public Library has arranged a public session with Camilla Gryski and many of the local elders. There will be a special book sale featuring the latest Inuktitut and English books published by the Baffin Divisional Board of Education.

While in Iqaluit, Camilla Gryski will attend a public session at the Iqaluit Centennial Library on November 1, and will visit the schools to tell stories and answer questions.

Budding writers can enter the second annual, "Tell us a Story Contest" sponsored by the NWT Public Library Services, the Press Independent and Nunatsiaq News.

For more information on Children's Book Week activities, contact your community library or NWT Public Library Services in Hay River.

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Iqaluit, T.N.-O. (Le 23 octobre 1992) - Camilla Gryski et Eric Wilson, auteurs de livres pour enfants, entreprendront une tournée des Territoires du Nord-Ouest pour marquer la seizième *Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse*, qui se tiendra du 31 octobre au 7 novembre 1992.

Vive la littérature de la jeunesse canadienne, thème de la *Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse*, est particulièrement bien choisi à cette époque où le Canada cherche à se définir. Le «Canadian Children's Book Centre» parraine les événements de la semaine alors que les Services des bibliothèques publiques des T. N.-O. en assurent la promotion et la coordination.

Eric Wilson se rendra à Yellowknife, à Hay River, à Cambridge Bay et à Fort Simpson. Wilson, auteur de la Colombie-Britannique, a écrit 16 livres, y compris *Cold Midnight in Vieux Québec* et *The Ice Diamond Quest*. Plusieurs de ses livres mettent en vedette Tom et Liz Austen, jeunes détectives canadiens.

Camilla Gryski, auteure de cinq livres dont *Super String Games* et *Hands On, Thumbs Up*, fera la tournée des bibliothèques d'Iqaluit, d'Igloolik, de Clyde River et de Pond Inlet. Gryski considère les jeux de figures avec ficelles comme étant un moyen d'expression artistique et une façon de transmettre les traditions d'une génération à l'autre.

«Qu'importe le moyen utilisé, un tambour, des livres, des ficelles ou la danse, raconter des histoires permet aux gens de partager leur culture et de mettre leur patrimoine en valeur», dit James Arvaluk, ministre responsable de l'Éducation, de la Culture et de la Formation.

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«La visite des auteurs est une source d'inspiration pour les gens de chez nous et les incite à participer à l'art de conter», affirme-t-il. Des activités spéciales se dérouleront dans les bibliothèques publiques des T.N.-O. pendant la *Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse*. À Hay River, la bibliothèque Centennial présente une nuit familiale autour du thème des «chats». Les participants entendront des histoires sur les chats, regarderont des films de chats et admireront une variété de pièces d'artisanat «félin». Le 31 octobre, jour de l'Halloween, Eric Wilson vous fera vivre un après-midi rempli d'intrigues à la bibliothèque publique de Yellowknife.

À Pond Inlet, le public est invité à rencontrer Camilla Gryski et beaucoup d'ainés de la place à la bibliothèque publique Rebecca P. Idiout. Il y aura une vente de livres mettant en vedette des livres récemment publiés en inuktitut et en anglais par la Commission scolaire de division de Baffin.

Le lundi 1^{er} novembre, Camilla Gryski animera une séance à la bibliothèque publique d'Iqaluit; elle visitera ensuite les écoles pour y raconter des histoires et répondre aux questions.

Les écrivains en herbe peuvent participer au deuxième concours annuel, «Raconte-nous une histoire», commandité par les Services des bibliothèques publiques des T. N.-O. et les journaux *Press Independent* et *Nunatsiaq News*.

Pour de plus amples renseignements sur les activités de la *Semaine du livre canadien pour la jeunesse*, communiquez avec un préposé de la bibliothèque de votre municipalité ou des Services des bibliothèques publiques à Hay River.

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Chief Coroner Appointed

YELLOWKNIFE (October 23) — Justice Minister Stephen Kakfwi has announced the appointment of Josephine MacQuarrie as Chief Coroner for the Northwest Territories. The appointment was effective October 21.

Ms. MacQuarrie is a long-time resident of the territories. She has been a nurse in Baker Lake and Yellowknife and has served several years as Executive Director for the Canadian Mental Health Association.

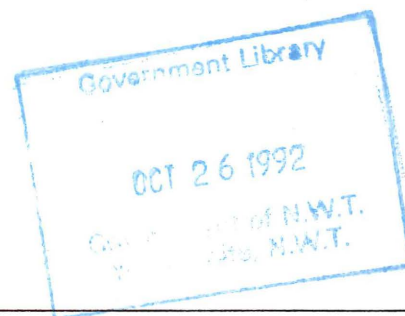
She was a Regional Superintendent for the Department of Health in Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay from 1985 - 1988. During this time, she assisted in the transfer of health services from the federal to the territorial government.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. MacQuarrie was a Program Consultant for Community Mental Health, most recently serving as Coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Program.

"The Office of the Chief Coroner plays a vital role in the investigation of accidental deaths and provides a valuable public service by recommending measures to prevent similar accidents", said Mr. Kakfwi.

The North has been served well by the approximately 75 volunteers who hold the appointment of Coroner throughout the NWT. Ms. MacQuarrie's background will be beneficial in the development of training programs for these individuals, noted Mr. Kakfwi.

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Chairman Appointed to Board of Inquiry

YELLOWKNIFE (October 26) — E.N. (Ted) Hughes, Q. C., has been appointed as a one-person Board of Inquiry into the Fort Smith Health Centre, Health Minister Dennis Patterson announced today.

The inquiry is in response to a motion in the Legislative Assembly asking the Commissioner to establish a Board of Inquiry that would conduct a comprehensive review of the provision of medical services at the Health Centre.

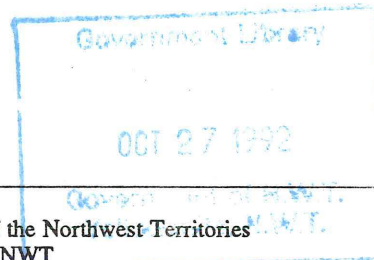
The Board of Inquiry will review the management of health services, the provision and quality of medical services and the facilities' relationship with the community it serves.

Mr. Hughes has served as a judge in the District and Surrogate Courts of Saskatchewan, the Court of Queen's Bench, Saskatchewan, and more recently, as Deputy Attorney General in British Columbia.

He has chaired a Commission of Inquiry established by the Attorney General of Manitoba, a Commission of Inquiry established by the Attorney General of Saskatchewan and is currently Commissioner of Conflict of Interest for British Columbia and Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

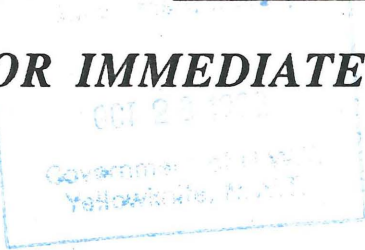
Mr. Hughes' extensive involvement in health care issues includes serving as Chair for a provincially appointed commission on the Role and Function of Rural Hospitals. He is expected to begin the preliminary work of the Board of Inquiry in November.

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Family Law Review Report Recommends Sweeping Changes

YELLOWKNIFE (October 27) — The report of the Working Group on Family Law Reform recommends sweeping changes to family law in the Northwest Territories.

The Report, submitted to Minister of Justice Stephen Kakfwi and Minister of Social Services Dennis Patterson, was tabled in the Legislative Assembly earlier this month.

The Working Group on Family Law Reform was established by the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Social Services to undertake a comprehensive review of family law in the NWT.

"The aim of this process was to provide advice on how to bring our family laws up to date and how to make the laws as sensitive as possible to the values of the first peoples of the Territories" said Mr. Kakfwi.

The report, with its 256 recommendations, calls for many of the existing statutes to be replaced by entirely new legislation including a *Children's Law Act* and a *Family Law Act*. A *Children's Law Act*, which would be separate from child welfare legislation, would provide greater recognition of the rights of children on the break-up of a family. The *Family Law Act* would deal with spousal support, property division, domestic contracts and related issues.

Other recommendations in the report include:

- the establishment of Aboriginal Justice Councils operating on either a community or regional basis. The Councils' main responsibilities would be to deal with child welfare and the adoption of aboriginal children. They could also deal with other matters such as support for spouses and children, and custody and access questions;
- that the practice of aboriginal custom adoption be encouraged, that custom adoption practices not be legislated and that court orders not be required for custom adoptions;
- that the Department of Social Services follow a priority list for the placement of Dene, Metis and Inuit children for private adoptions. The priority list would try to ensure that children were placed with families who have the same or similar cultural background;



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- that adoptions outside the NWT be allowed only with the permission of an agency operating within strict guidelines set out by the Department of Social Services. Adoptions such as these would probably only take place in cases of severe medical problems;
- that amendments to legislation concerning the welfare of children take a broader perspective and consider the well-being of children within the context of their families and extended families. Aboriginal Justice Councils would ensure that children and family services are provided in a culturally-sensitive manner that respects the traditions and heritage of aboriginal peoples;
- that common-law partners in long-term relationships would have exactly the same rights and responsibilities as married partners;
- that property accumulated during a relationship or marriage be divided equally between the partners if the relationship breaks down unless there are good reasons why it should not;

The Departments of Justice and Social Services will be developing new legislation in consultation with interested groups.

The eight-member working group, established in 1988, was made up of representatives of the Dene Nation and Native Women's Association, the Metis Nation, the Inuit Tapirisat and Pauktuutit, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Law Society and the Departments of Justice and Social Services.

A summary of the highlights of the report is available from the Department of Justice at 920-3130.

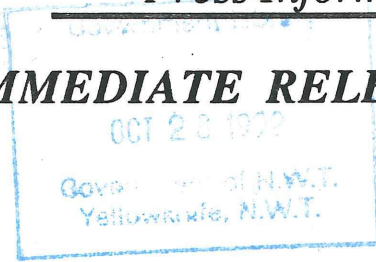
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NWT Disappointed With Referendum Results

YELLOWKNIFE (October 27) — Premier Nellie Cournoyea says she is disappointed with the results of Monday's referendum.

She said it's going to be difficult rebuilding the economy without a sound constitutional base, but Canadians have to find the mental muscle to set their differences aside.

"I'm looking for the Prime Minister to call a First Ministers' meeting on the economy as rapidly as possible."

Ms. Cournoyea described Monday's rejection of the Charlottetown package - in all but a few provinces and the Territories - as a disturbing blow to aboriginal Canadians and a serious setback to the political aspirations of the Northwest Territories.

"It means that southern jurisdictions will continue to be the determining factor in whether or not we become a province and that they can approve extension of provincial boundaries into the Territories without the consent of our residents."

In addition, Ms. Cournoyea explained, the Territories will not be able to nominate people to the Supreme Court of Canada like other jurisdictions in Canada and the territories' participation in conferences, meetings and agreements on the economy, the constitution and aboriginal matters will continue to be at the discretion of the federal government.

"The final and most unfortunate consequence of rejecting the agreement is the loss of the self-government package for aboriginal Canadians."

"Recreating the circumstances that led to acceptance of the inherent right to self-government by 10 provinces, two territories and four aboriginal leaders will be extremely difficult in the short term", she said.

"We're going to have to find other avenues to address these legitimate concerns. In the NWT, that will mean a continuation of addressing self-government concerns through the land-claim process."



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Meanwhile, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Steve Kakfwi says the aspirations of Aboriginal Canadians suffered a clear setback in the rejection of the Charlottetown Accord.

"Canadians had the chance to address aboriginal issues and concerns honestly and comprehensively. They blew it."

He said hundreds of aboriginal leaders across the country have fought for recognition as a distinct people.

"With the Charlottetown Accord, we had the opportunity of beginning to plan and build for our future. The struggle for recognition could have ended. Unfortunately, we're back in the position of having to continue this very exhausting fight," Mr. Kakfwi stated.

He said government attention in the Northwest Territories will turn to resolution of all outstanding land claims and implementation of a community transfer initiative that will see government programs and service responsibilities transferred to community levels.

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Legal Interpreter Training Available

YELLOWKNIFE (October 29) — The Department of Justice is offering a Legal Interpreter Training Program through Arctic College in Fort Smith and Iqaluit.

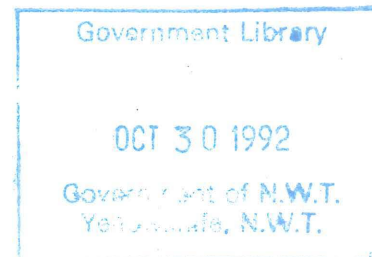
The eight-week program, with 4 two-week courses, includes lectures and discussions that help students understand subjects such as origins of law, court procedure, criminal law, civil law, jury trials and interpreting methods.

To be eligible for the program, students must be able to speak two of the official languages of the NWT - Inuktitut, Dogrib, Chipewyan, North Slavey, South Slavey, Gwich'in, Cree, English and French. The next courses begin at Arctic College in Fort Smith, February 8 to March 6 and in Iqaluit, January 4 to February 26. Registration deadlines are January 8 and December 1 respectively.

The Department of Justice covers the costs of transportation to and from the community where the courses are offered, tuition, accommodation, meals and childcare while students are taking the courses.

The department started the Legal Interpreter Training Program in 1988. Legal Interpreting also develops native language equivalents for legal terminology and delivers cross-cultural workshops to judges, lawyers and court staff.

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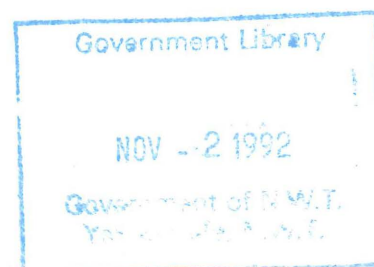
Petroleum Products Retail Price Increase

YELLOWKNIFE (October 29) — Retail prices for petroleum products sold and distributed by the Petroleum Products Division will increase by two cents per litre November 1.

Don Morin, Minister of the Department Responsible for Government Services and Public Works, said today the change is a direct result of rising transportation and delivery costs, but will not apply to the prices of naphtha and natural gas sold in Norman Wells.

Retail prices for petroleum products sold and distributed by government to communities where there is no private vendor have not increased since November 1, 1989.

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GNWT Files Statement of Claim

YELLOWKNIFE (November 9) — The Territorial government has filed a statement of claim in the Federal Court of Canada in an attempt to recover \$79 million in unpaid health billings from the federal government.

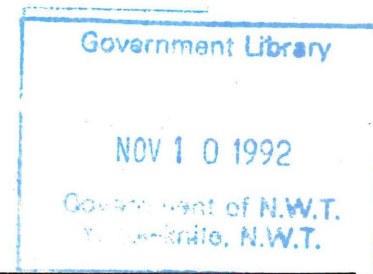
Health Minister Dennis Patterson said today that over two years of effort, initially through meetings between officials of the Territorial government and DIAND, and later through Ministerial meetings, have failed to resolve the dispute.

He said a series of formal contribution agreements between the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Territorial government clearly specify that Ottawa is responsible for the total cost of hospital services provided to Registered Indians and Inuit.

"Contrary to what the federal government may think, this obligation didn't end with the Transfer Agreement of 1988 which shifted administrative responsibility for health services from Health and Welfare Canada to the NWT."

The Territorial government's calculation of monies owing is based on actual expenditures made on behalf of status Indians and Inuit for the period 1986-1992.

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Backgrounder Health Billings Dispute

1. A series of formal contribution agreements between Canada (DIAND) and GNWT clearly specify that DIAND is responsible for the total cost of hospital services provided to Registered Indians and Inuit. This obligation was not affected by the Transfer Agreement of 1988 which shifted administrative responsibility for health services from Health and Welfare Canada to the NWT.
2. The current contribution agreement with DIAND was signed in 1989, after the Health Services Transfer, and without change. Under the Contribution Agreement, the GNWT is the agent of DIAND in managing hospital services for Registered Indians and Inuit.
3. DIAND's ongoing responsibility for hospital (and for medical) services is unique with respect to programs for which the GNWT has assumed delivery responsibility, as it is the only area for which Canada has formally retained funding responsibility through legal agreements.
4. The issue is an arbitrary determination by DIAND that support for hospital services to NWT Registered Indians and Inuit is subject to funding limits, even though the GNWT specifically rejected accepting financial responsibility for these services in discussions leading to the 1988 Transfer Agreement. DIAND, however, has declined to pay the full amount of claims by the GNWT.
5. Over two years of efforts, initially through meetings between officials of GNWT and DIAND, and later through Ministerial meetings, have failed to resolve the dispute. GNWT has kept native organizations informed of the dispute and of efforts to resolve it.
6. The most recent Contribution Agreement expired on March 31, 1992; the terms proposed by DIAND for a new agreement were unacceptable to the GNWT.
7. GNWT now believes it must pursue its claim through Court action, and accordingly has brought an action against Canada through a statement of claim filed in the Federal Court of Canada on November 4, 1992. The total amount in dispute is \$79 million.



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Yellowknife Resident Wins National Award

YELLOWKNIFE (November 10) — Bill Willson of Yellowknife has been awarded a General Educational Development (GED) National Award for achieving the highest score in the NWT in 1991.

Mr. Willson is one of 195 people who wrote the GED tests in the NWT last year, and one of only 70 people - out of 800,000 - who wrote the test in North America to achieved this award.

He also won an award from the National Geographic Society for achieving the highest score on the GED Social Studies test in the NWT.

Mr. Willson has lived in Yellowknife for 10 years and currently works at an electrical wholesale store. Although he left high school before graduating, he decided he'd like to study drafting and realized he would need his diploma. He heard about the GED tests from a friend and decided to try them.

"The best idea is to stay in school," Mr. Willson says. "But if you've dropped out, then the GED is a good way to get your diploma. It's definitely worth it."

James Arvaluk, Minister Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs says GED tests give people the opportunity to receive credit for their learning and gives them the opportunity to receive a high school diploma, which in turn opens doors to further education, training and employment.

The GED tests were developed in 1942 for people who had not completed high school. The tests give people an opportunity to show they have acquired the level of learning required of traditional high school graduates.

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The five tests (writing skills, social studies, science, literature and the arts, and mathematics) are designed to measure the major concepts and lasting outcomes of a high school education. Since the GED Testing Program was established, more than ten million adults have had their level of education formally recognized.

To be eligible to write the GED tests in the Northwest Territories, an individual must be at least 18 years of age or older, be out of school for one full academic year, and be a resident of the Northwest Territories for at least six months.

For more information of GED testing in your area, contact your local adult educator, regional Arctic College Campus, or the Certification and Student Assistance Division of the Department Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs.

(Photos of Mr. Willson receiving his award are available upon request.)

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Clarification of Canada's New Firearms Control Law

YELLOWKNIFE (November 12) — Since Canada's new Firearms Control Law came into force, the Department of Justice has been receiving questions about the new law and how it relates to gun owners in the Northwest Territories.

"Residents of the Northwest Territories must take responsibility for the safe use of firearms," say Justice Minister Stephen Kakfwi. "It is important to know the new gun control law and to comply with it."

Canada's new Firearms Control Law is being introduced in stages over 12 months to give everyone time to comply. Some enhanced regulations and various provisions of the firearms control legislation (Bill C-17) came into force August 1 and deal with the keeping of records by genuine gun collectors, safe storage requirements, and the inspection of the premises in which gun collections are to be kept.

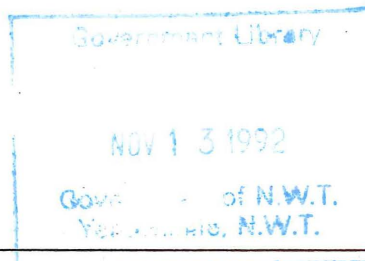
Most of the six Orders in Council came into force October 1 and prohibit or restrict various weapons without fear of prosecution for possession offences.

The two remaining phases of implementation will occur January 1 and July 1, 1993. The January phase will set magazine capacity limits, establish new Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) requirements and prescribe standards for safe storage, handling and transportation of firearms. In July a FAC applicant will have to provide proof of successful completion of an approved course/test in safe handling, use and knowledge of firearms laws.

Information on specific provisions of the law is available through local RCMP detachments or the Chief Territorial Firearms Officer in Yellowknife.

A series of brochures explaining the law in more detail is available from the Chief Territorial Firearms Officer. The brochures include: Barrel Length and Antique Firearms; Genuine Gun Collectors and Converted Fully Automatic Weapons; Safe Storage, Handling and Transportation of Firearms; Firearms Acquisition Certificate; Large Capacity Magazine; and Amnesty.

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Reverend Gardener Leaves Commissioner's Award Committee

Yellowknife (November 12) — The Very Reverend Michael Gardener has stepped down from the Commissioner's Awards Committee after 10 years of service. He has been replaced by Lavinia Brown of Rankin Inlet.

"I am very grateful for the many years of service the Very Reverend Gardener provided to the Commissioner's Awards Committee and look forward to working with Ms. Brown," says Commissioner Dan Norris.

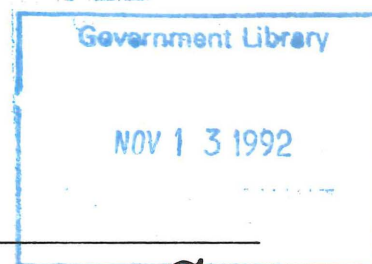
Ms. Brown has served in a variety of capacities for the Rankin Inlet Hamlet Council over the last 12 years. From 1979 to 1983, she was the information officer and then served for two years as a councilor and, subsequently, deputy mayor. She also sat on the local Housing Authority Board as chairman. From 1989 to 1990, Ms. Brown served as the first women Mayor of Rankin Inlet.

Presently, she is a board member for the Keewatin Regional Health Board and dormitory supervisor for the Kivalliq Hall high school students' residence.

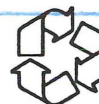
The Commissioner's Awards Committee was established in 1965 to recognize people who have distinguished themselves by acts of bravery or exceptional deeds of public service. The committee considers nominations for the awards and makes recommendations to the Commissioner.

Other members of the Committee are Chairman John Hill of Vancouver, Billy Day of Inuvik, and Margaret Vandell of Fort Providence.

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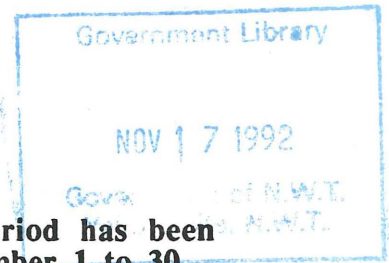


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Canadian Firearms Amnesty Declared

YELLOWKNIFE (November 16) — A national amnesty period has been declared under Canada's new firearms legislation from November 1 to 30.

The firearms amnesty helps Canadians to obey the law and to act responsibly by disposing of unwanted, illegal or neglected firearms, ammunition and explosives without fear of prosecution.

The last national amnesty was held in 1979 when police handled approximately 50,000 firearms transactions.

Under Canada's new gun control laws, amnesty also allows those who have an unregistered firearm in their home a chance to register it. Gun owners who meet the requirements acceptable for registration, will be allowed to register certain firearms during the amnesty. Converted fully-automatic firearms that had to be registered by October 1, 1992, and prohibited weapons will not be allowed registration but can be surrendered for legal disposal during the amnesty period.

In addition to firearms, many Canadians unknowingly keep dangerous war souvenirs, ammunition, explosives and other weapons around the house. The amnesty provides a legal and safe opportunity for people to check their homes and dispose of dangerous, illegal firearms and sometimes deteriorating shells and explosives.

The Canadian firearms amnesty is designed with safety in mind. People wishing to dispose of their firearms should contact the RCMP who will make the appropriate arrangements. People will be told to either bring the firearm in or, if there is any risk to safety, the police will pick it up. A receipt will be issued when the police take possession of the firearm.

Any local RCMP Detachment may be contacted to get advice on how to arrange for registration or disposal. Public information brochures are being provided to all RCMP detachments.

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Fare Reductions for NWT Students

YELLOWKNIFE (November 17) — Education, Culture and Employment Minister James Arvaluk says he's pleased with an offer of reduced student airfares by a northern airline company.

First Air is offering students in the Northwest Territories a 40 per cent reduction on regular return airfares to and from all points it serves in the Territories and to Nuuk, Greenland.

"This generous arrangement will encourage student travel within the NWT and between the NWT and Greenland," Mr. Arvaluk says. "Partnerships between private industry and the educational system play a valuable role in providing high-quality educational experiences for our students."

In 1989, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Greenland Home Rule Government signed a Memorandum of Consultations on Cooperation Projects.

Most of the projects consist of exchanges in the areas of culture and education between students, teachers, artists and scientists from the NWT and Greenland. In the past, transportation costs have discouraged student exchanges because of the number of participants.

To address this problem, Mr. Arvaluk approached First Air to request consideration of reduced airfares for students. The Greenland Home Rule Government has a similar arrangement with Greenlandair and Scandinavian Airlines System.

The special fare applies only to students up to Grade 12, who are taking part in specific exchanges or trips approved by the responsible department. Travel arrangements must be made by the department or an agency acting on its behalf. The discount ends June 30, 1993.

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Coat of Arms Presented to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories

YELLOWKNIFE (November 17) — Commissioner Daniel L. Norris has received from His Excellency The Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, a personal Coat of Arms that reflects the history of the Norris family and its long tenure in Canada and in the Northwest Territories.

The Coat of Arms was issued under instructions by the Governor General and by Judith Anne LaRocque, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Herald Chancellor of the Canadian Heraldic Authority and Secretary to the Governor General.

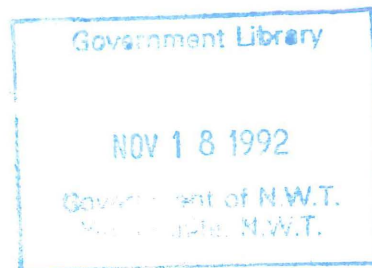
The shield contains a geometric pattern referring to the Mackenzie River delta where the Commissioner spent his childhood, and the network of waterways that divide and subdivide that area.

The Coat of Arms consists of a crown of maple leaves and mountain avens with a pine marten holding in its paw a thistle and shamrock in reference to the trapping industry and the Commissioner's Scottish, Irish and Cree ancestry. Supporting the shield are a grizzly bear and a malamute sled dog. Each are winged in reference to the Commissioner's years spent associated with aviation, and each holds a golden dagger in reference to Yellowknife where the Commissioner now lives, and to the MacLeod family, whose head of clan also has supporters holding golden knives in this fashion.

The motto, "Born to Soar" is in reference to the Commissioner's involvement in aviation and to his long service to the public.

The Coat of Arms was approved by the Heraldic Authority on the 14th day of July 1992 and was presented to the Commissioner by the Governor General at a private ceremony on August 22, 1992.

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The Treasure Hunt -- exploring for minerals at home and in the field, finding minerals, exploration methods and concerns for the future.

Digging for Buried Treasure -- planning for action: if, where and how to dig, restoration after the dig, how digging is carried out, how the site will be used in the future.

From Rocks to Riches -- the working mine, changing rock to a valued treasure, mining methods of the future.

The Community Treasure Chest -- the market for the treasure, delivering goods to market, planning for future markets.

Anyone with ideas or materials and equipment to contribute toward PROJECT ROCKS is encouraged to contact the Coordinator, Jane McMullen, at (403) 920-4534 for further information.

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Female Apprentice Wins Award for Top Marks

YELLOWKNIFE (November 19) — Rebecca Hopkins is the NWT Apprenticeship Program's Top Overall Graduating Apprentice in all trades, James Arvaluk, Minister Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs announced today. Ms. Hopkins, who holds a journeyman certificate in the automotive parts trade, is employed by A & R Sales and Service of Hay River.

"The Department Responsible for Education, Culture and Employment Programs, and the Apprenticeship and Trades Certification Board, have been working to encourage women to enter 'non-traditional' trades," Mr. Arvaluk says. "I congratulate Ms. Hopkins on her success, and am sure she will be a role model for other women, showing them that all trades can offer satisfying employment."

Top apprentices and tradespeople from across the Northwest Territories will be honoured at special recognition ceremonies during November. The awards are presented to those apprentices and tradespeople receiving marks higher than 80 per cent in their final territorial/interprovincial examinations.

The award for the top non-apprentice to obtain journeyman status is Ryan Seredick, a Heavy Equipment Operator at Cominco Polaris Mine.

The awards for Top Non-Apprentice in Theory Training and the top non-apprentice to obtain the Interprovincial Red Seal were both won by Colin Hupper, a welder for Royal Oak Mines, Inc.

In all, 45 apprentices and tradespeople will receive awards for their trade achievements during the past year. This year is the 15th annual presentation of these awards, sponsored by the NWT Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board.

A complete list of award winners is attached.

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Fort Smith Region

Larry Benwell, 1st Year Carpenter
Charles Schaefer, 1st and 2nd year Electrician (Construction)
Clement Longpre, 2nd year Electrician (Construction)
Gordon Olson, 1st year Small Equipment Mechanic
Stuart Anderson, 3rd year Glazier
Keith Proudman, 2nd and 3rd year Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic
Gerhard Berg, 1st year Housing Maintainer
Mark Robillard, 2nd year Motor Vehicle Mechanic
Rebecca Hopkins, 3rd year Automotive Parts and Top Graduating Apprentice in All Trades
David Lirette, 4th year Motor Vehicle Mechanic
Mildred Martin, 3rd year Cook
Jeffrey Nystrom, 2nd year Automotive Parts
Dennis Sibbeston, 3rd Oil Burner Mechanic (Residential)

Baffin Region

Ryan Seredick, Top Non-Apprentice to Obtain Journeyman Status
Allan Forster, 4th year Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Stevan Whitmore, 4th year Electrician (Construction)
Craig Ireland, 2nd year Plumber

Inuvik Region

Darren Firth, 2nd year Communication Electrician
Michael Siek, 2nd year Motor Vehicle Body Repair

Keewatin Region

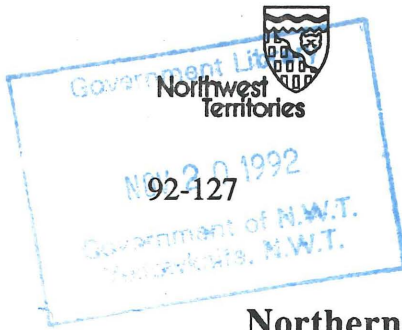
John McLeod, 1st year Carpenter
John Manilak, 2nd year Oil Burner Mechanic (Residential)
Thomas Mannik, 3rd year Housing Maintainer

Kitikmeot Region

Peter Kakolak, 3rd year Housing Maintainer

Yellowknife Region

Lionel Rosset, 1st year Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
Michael McKinnon, 1st year Automotive Parts
Darren Karst, 2nd and 3rd year Carpenter
John Robertson, 3rd year Electrician (Construction)
Victor Gaukel, 1st year Floor Covering Mechanic
Stuart Hogg, 1st year Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Steven Mitchell, 2nd year Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
Eugene Holick, 1st year Motor Vehicle Body Repair
Steven Poppleton, 1st year Motor Vehicle Mechanic
Ken Leonardis, 1st year Plumber
Calvin Shannon, 2nd year Plumber
Dean Lemieux, 3rd year Plumber
Robert Bolton, 2nd year Power Line Electrician
John Lemieux, 4th year Plumber
Colin Hupper, Top Non-Apprentice To Attend Theory Training and Top Non-Apprentice to Obtain the Interprovincial Red Seal
Melanie Ridgely, 2nd year Cabinetmaker
Paul Miller, 4th year Glazier, posthumously presented



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Northerners Attend Aboriginal NAACOA Conference

YELLOWKNIFE (November 19) — The Departments of Justice and Social Services will cost-share expenses for nine organizations and individuals to attend the second National Aboriginal Adult Children of Alcoholics (NAACOA) Conference '92.

The conference will explore cultural, lifestyle, and treatment issues and will provide opportunities for caregivers and concerned community members to share resources and develop strategies for progressive social change.

Seminars and workshops will include topics related to co-dependency, difficulty with relationships, intimacy, various abuses (child, adolescent, elderly, spousal, sexual), criminality, residential schools, family and community healing, self help and support groups, and spirituality.

Northwest Territories participants attending the November 22-26 conference in Toronto include delegates from the Keewatin Youth Group in Rankin Inlet, the Inuvik Alcohol & Drug Community Centre, the Health & Social Services Committees of Pond Inlet and Norman Wells, the Peel River Alcohol Society in Fort McPherson, the Aklavik Alcohol Action Committee, the Deh Cho Society of Fort Simpson, the Alcohol and Drug Program in Rae-Edzo, and Frank Nitsiza of Lac La Martre.

The Department of Justice will contribute \$11,300 from the Victims Assistance Fund for excursion airfares while the Department of Social Services' Alcohol, Drug and Community Mental Health Services Division will contribute \$7,100 for accommodation, meals and registration fees.

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Bourque Announces Retirement from GNWT

YELLOWKNIFE (November 24) — After 33 years of service with both the federal and territorial governments in communities throughout the Northwest Territories, former Renewable Resources Deputy Minister Jim Bourque has decided to retire.

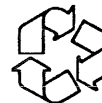
Bourque, whose most recent position involved chairing the Commission for Constitutional Development in the western NWT, will formally leave the public service at the end of the year.

Early in his career, Bourque worked as a federal parks patrolman in Wood Buffalo National Park and a wildlife officer in a number of communities from the Beaufort Sea to the Alberta - Northwest Territories border.

He also served as a territorial government wildlife officer in the eastern Arctic before being appointed in 1982 as the Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources, a position which Bourque held for ten years.

In addition to his public service career, Bourque served as President of the NWT Metis Association from 1980 to 1982 and has remained active in the Metis community as a director on the Metis Development Corporation Board.

In commenting on his retirement, Bourque said "the past 30 years have been an adventure beyond my wildest dreams and I am particularly grateful to all of the people in the communities who have helped me over the years."



Bourque Announces Retirement from GNWT: Page 2

"It has also been an honour to serve in our Government as it has evolved over the past decade. Through my association with four Ministers, I have witnessed the implementation of responsible government in the Northwest Territories. Now it is time to get on with a new life."

The former Deputy's long association with management of northern renewable resources was also recognized at the national and international levels where Bourque served as a member and Chairman of the Fur Institute of Canada from 1984 to 1990. In addition, Bourque helped to negotiate a Circumpolar environmental monitoring program on the conservation of Arctic flora and fauna from 1989 to 1991.

On July 1, 1992, he was appointed by the Prime Minister as a Member of the Privy Council of Canada.

Bourque and his wife Charlene plan to remain in Yellowknife where their children and grandchildren also reside.

In commenting on this plans for the future, Bourque said "while I will be doing some project work, I want to spend more time with my wife and family and pursue some of my other interests like walking the Mackenzie Highway."

One assignment which he has already accepted is with the Canadian Museum of Nature as an advisor on indigenous knowledge programs as they relate to the environment.

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Kiosk offer Consumers Advice

YELLOWKNIFE (November 26) — Yellowknife consumers can have an environmental impact this Christmas season by shopping wisely and by purchasing products that are friendly to the environment.

A kiosk is being set up in the City Centre Square Mall on November 27 and 28, to inform the public about the damage excessive use of packaging can have on the environment.

This event is being coordinated nationally by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and locally by the Department of Renewable Resources.

The booth will be staffed by personnel from the Department of Renewable Resources, City of Yellowknife and Environment Canada.

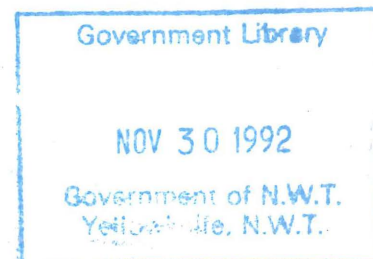
This pre-Christmas campaign is designed to inform shoppers of environmentally friendly purchasing practices.

On a per capita basis, the North disposes of less packaging waste than the average Canadian, according to data collected by the Department of Renewable Resources. The level of industrial development or manufacturing industry in the North, however, is much lower than southern jurisdictions.

As well as advice and information, the kiosk will provide consumers with an opportunity to express their views about packaging by filling out a postcard or questionnaire. The cards will be passed along to manufacturers, individually or in the form of tabulated results.

Each person who participates in the survey will receive a cloth shopping bag printed with an environmental message from the National Task Force on Packaging

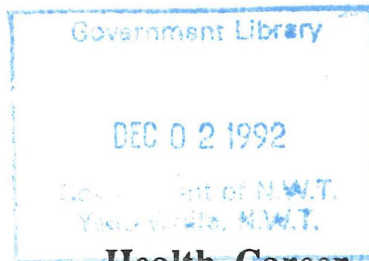
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Health Career Booklet Introduced

YELLOWKNIFE (November 30) — A new booklet, *Health Careers in the Northwest Territories*, has been produced by the Department of Health to encourage students to stay in school and choose a career in health, says Health Minister Nellie Cournoyea.

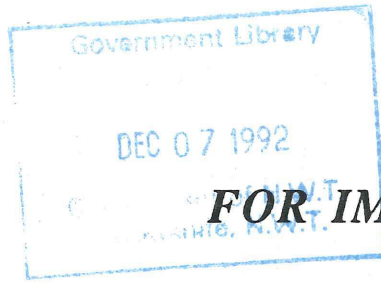
The booklet, targeted to students in grades 8 to 12, will be introduced into NWT schools this month and is available in English, Inuktitut, Inuvialuktun and French.

The booklet provides basic information on health career planning. It features six successful northerners who share their reasons why they chose health careers and encourage students to stay in school.

The department's health career promotion program also includes career coloring books for kindergarten to grade 4 students and a summer program for Grade 9 students aimed at providing information on educational and employment opportunities. Health careers will also be featured on TVNC on the youth oriented television program "The Tube".

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Press Information

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New Homeownership Programs Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (December 4) — More people in the Northwest Territories will be able to become homeowners through new Access to Homeownership Programs, says Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation Don Morin.

Mr. Morin announced the new Access to Homeownership Programs in the Legislative Assembly Thursday.

"The 1992 Needs Survey showed that there is a growing interest in homeownership across the NWT", Mr. Morin said, "and the new Access to Homeownership Programs will provide more opportunities for families to own their own homes".

There will now be several options available to people who want to own their own homes. The Owner-Build Program provides assistance in the form of a repayable loan to people who have the skills and resources to help build their own home. The amount of sweat equity contributed by the client is applied as a credit to reduce repayment of the loan. The remainder of the loan is then repaid, over a 15 year period, according to the homeowners income.

The Lease-to-Purchase Program will allow people who are unable to help build their homes to become homeowners by leasing a unit for a minimum of two years. After the two-year trial period, the client is then considered as ownership by the NWT HC and repays the cost over 13 years, in accordance with income.

NWT residents in small communities can now order a house package directly from the NWT Housing Corporation's catalogue. The Sale of Material Packages Program includes a complete, Arctic housing materials package, construction drawings, a manual and a video to help explain the construction process.

The Corporation will also continue to offer its Interim Financing Program, which provides short-term construction loans for people who are building their home. The applicant must have an approved first mortgage from a bank or CMHC. The program provides up to 85% of the amount of the approved first mortgage to a homeowner/builder.

The Alternative Housing Program provides basic shelter to very low income households who are not eligible for Public Housing, or who live in communities where Public Housing is not available. Low-income elders who prefer a more traditional lifestyle will also be eligible for the program.



New Homeownership Programs Announced: Page 2

"I am confident that the new Homeownership Programs offered by the NWT Housing Corporation will help more people to become homeowners," Mr. Morin said. "The benefits of homeownership extend far beyond the house itself. Encouraging people who can afford it to be independent and look after their own housing needs is good for the people involved and for the communities they live in."

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Message.

Dated: 12/10/92 at 1330.

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Sender: MESSENGER / GSERV/00
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The office of the Chief Territorial Firearms Officer advises that effective January 1, 1993, there will be many significant changes to laws that affect gun owners and users in Canada. Due to the short notice given by Justice Canada, it is not possible to relay all relevant information to NWT residents before this legislation comes into effect.

If you have any questions on this matter, you can contact the Chief Territorial Firearms Officer by:

- writing to Box 1859, Yellowknife, NT

or

- phoning (403) 920-8714 or 920-8715

or

- faxing to (403) 873-0106

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Ministerial Assignments Announced

YELLOWKNIFE (December 10) — Government Leader Nellie Cournoyea today announced the ministerial assignments of three new Cabinet members elected by the Legislative Assembly during the past week.

Rebecca Mike, MLA Baffin Central, has been named Minister of Health and Minister of Social Services.

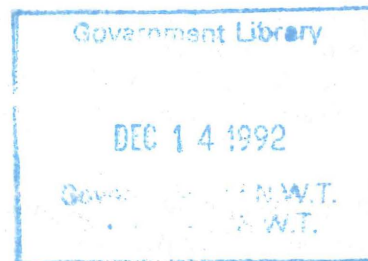
Richard Nerysoo, MLA Mackenzie Delta, has been named Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Programs. He will also be responsible for the Arctic College and the Science Institute of the Northwest Territories.

John Todd, MLA Keewatin Central, has been named Minister of Transport and Minister of Safety and Public Services. He will also be Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board and the Public Utilities Board.

In making the announcements, Ms. Cournoyea said it's important for residents of the Northwest Territories to realize the recent resignations of Cabinet ministers have not disrupted the government's agenda.

"The resignations are unfortunate, but the election of Rebecca Mike, John Todd and Richard Nerysoo to Cabinet will ensure our ability to continue the directions that both the Government and Legislative Assembly set out to achieve when we were elected a little over a year ago." she stated.

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Biographies

Rebecca Mike **MLA Baffin Central**

Rebecca Mike was elected to the Legislative Assembly on October 15, 1991.

A resident of Pangnirtung, Ms. Mike completed interpreter/communicator training in 1977. She studied Inuktitut linguistics at McGill University in 1988 and legal interpreting in 1989. Ms. Mike is also a graduate of the federal government's Churchill Vocational School.

Upon completing her training as an interpreter/communicator, Ms. Mike spent the next 14 years working as a linguist for both the territorial and federal governments.

Ms. Mike served as a Councillor for the Hamlet of Pangnirtung in 1990-91, and as the Hamlet's representative to the Community Education Council in 1990-91. She is an executive member of Uqurmiut (the Inuit Artists' Association in Pangnirtung), and has served as a resource person for the Pangnirtung Youth Council since 1990.

Richard Nerysoo **MLA Mackenzie Delta**

Richard Nerysoo was first elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories in 1979, and was re-elected in 1983, 1987 and most recently in October of 1991.

Mr. Nerysoo was elected Speaker of the 11th Legislative Assembly in October, 1989. He is the first Aboriginal person to serve in this capacity and also has the distinction of being the first Aboriginal person and the youngest Member to serve as Government Leader.

He was chosen as Government Leader and Minister of Justice and Public Services at the start of his second term in 1983. In his first term, Mr. Nerysoo gained experience as Minister of Renewable Resources and of the Energy and Resource Development Secretariat, as well as Chairman of the House Planning and Legislation Committee.

From 1985 to 1987, he chaired the Standing Committee on Finance and was also a vice-president for the Mackenzie Delta Regional and Tribal Council. During the following two years, he was a negotiator for the Dene Metis land claim on the issue of self-government. From 1988-1989, he served as chairman of Ajautit, the ordinary Members' Committee. At the time of his election to the Speakership, he was also a member of the Standing Committee on Finance, the Management and Services Board, and an alternate member of the Special Committee on the Northern Economy.

From 1975-1976, prior to his election as an MLA, Mr. Nerysoo was vice-president of the NWT Indian Brotherhood (now the Dene Nation), and then worked for the territorial government for a year. He was later a vice-president of the Dene Nation representing the Mackenzie Delta region.

Born at a camp on the Peel River near Fort McPherson in 1953, Mr. Nerysoo was educated in Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Whitehorse.

Mr. Nerysoo was inducted into the Aboriginal Order of Canada by the Native Council of Canada in 1984. In the same year, he received the President's Award from the Metis Association of the NWT.

John Todd
MLA Keewatin Central

John Todd was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories on October 15, 1991.

A resident of Rankin Inlet, Mr. Todd first moved to Canada's Northwest Territories in 1965 to work for the territorial government. A strong proponent of tourism and small business in the Keewatin, Mr. Todd went on to manage Evaz Holdings Ltd., a locally-owned consortium which includes a construction firm, hotels in Rankin Inlet and Iqaluit, office buildings, a travel agency, and southern holdings in Ontario and Winnipeg.

Mr. Todd has served as a member of the Workers' Compensation Board, president of the NWT liberal Association, secretary-treasurer of the Keewatin Chamber of Commerce, and as chairman of the Keewatin Community Futures Society.

Mr. Todd and his wife, Pearl, have four sons: Ian, Jason, Justin and Preston.



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Garven Heads Up WCB Review

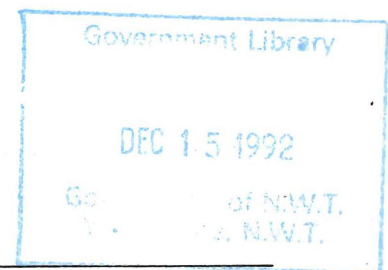
YELLOWKNIFE (December 14) — Garnet Garven of London, Ontario, has been named to conduct a legislative review of the Workers' Compensation Act.

The announcement was made today by Minister Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board John Todd, who noted that findings of the review will be presented to the Legislative Assembly shortly after it resumes its current session February 17.

Mr. Todd said the review will include serious examination of recommendations made by the Legislature's Committee on Agencies, Boards and Commissions, WCB reports and other related studies. It will also compare proposed recommendations with situations that exist in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Garven is a research fellow at the University of Western Ontario's National Centre of Management Research and Development. He is a former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board and past National President of the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada.

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Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

June 25, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Grise Fiord Fire Hall
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: Ludy Pudluk, MLA High Arctic

A contract has been awarded to a Northern contractor, Narwhal Arctic Services Ltd. of Resolute, to construct a firehall in the Hamlet of Grise Fiord. The value of the contract is \$393,534.

The contractor will construct a two-bay firehall. A ventilated pad foundation will be used in this building which allows air to circulate under the concrete floor slabs to prevent the permafrost from thawing and subsequently shifting the building.

Three apprentices from Resolute employed by Narwhal Arctic Ltd. will work on this project in order to gain credited hours towards their certification as journeymen. The Grise Fiord Co-op will provide accommodation for the contractor.

Construction is scheduled to start in August, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift, and be completed by January, 1993.

Project: Igloolik Water Reservoir Expansion - Phase II
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: Titus Allooloo, MLA Amittuq

Two contracts have been awarded to a local contractor, Savik Enterprises Ltd. of Igloolik, to expand the capacity of the water reservoir in the community of Igloolik.

Under the first contract, valued at \$317,800, the contractor will remove the ice and water from the reservoir. Canadrill Ltd. of Iqaluit has been subcontracted to blast and drill a new cell to expand the capacity of the water reservoir.

Under Phase I of the project, which was completed in 1991, 5000 cubic metres of blast rock and 7400 cubic metres of silt and gravel were removed from the water reservoir. The second contract of Phase II, which is valued at \$339,200, will involve the removal of 18,566 cubic metres of blast rock and the extension and modification of the water intake line.



Igloodik Water Reservoir Expansion - Phase II: Page 2

The removal of ice and water started in May. The rest of the project will be completed next summer. The community will be supplied by water from alternative sources during the length of the project. This reservoir addition is expected to meet Igloodik's forecasted water consumption needs for the next 20 years.

Project: Hay River Reserve Treatment Centre
Minister: Tony Whitford, Social Services
MLA: Sam Gargan, MLA Deh Cho

A contract has been negotiated with a local contractor, Tu Cho Gha Contracting Ltd. from the Hay River Reserve, for the construction of a new drug and alcohol treatment centre on the reserve. Tu Cho Gha Contracting Ltd. is 100 per cent owned by the Hay River Dene Band. The value of the contract is \$2,308,774.

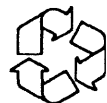
The treatment centre is a 30-bed structure that will also contain four treatment rooms, a large group treatment room, an area for offices, along with kitchen and dining facilities. The treatment centre will primarily be built of wood in order to maximize the use of labour from the area on the project.

Under the terms of the negotiated contract, all subcontractors and suppliers were required to be Northern companies. The general contractor has subcontracted MacKenzie Electrical for the electrical work, Weaner's Plumbing and Heating for the mechanical work and United Carpet/United Furniture for the flooring. Alternative Energy Supplies will do the tile work for this project. All these companies are from Hay River, NWT. In addition, Silverado Painting from Yellowknife has been subcontracted for the painting work.

Igloo Building Supplies and Lakeshore Building Supplies, both of Hay River, will supply construction materials for this project.

In April, 1992, Tu Cho Gha Contracting Ltd. previously received a contract for the piling and sitework for this project. The value of this contract was \$363,360. The work is scheduled to be completed shortly.

Construction on the treatment centre will start in June and be completed in the spring of 1993.





Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 7, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Coppermine Health Centre Renovations and Addition
Minister: Nellie Cournoyea, Health
MLA: Ernie Bernhardt, MLA Kitikmeot

A contract has been awarded to northern contractor, Maddigan Consulting Ltd. of Yellowknife, for the construction of a 120 square metre addition and renovation to the existing health centre in the community of Coppermine. The value of the contract is \$593,322.

The new facility will contain four new examination rooms, one home care room and an office for the Community Health Representative.

The general contractor has subcontracted Central Mechanical Systems of Yellowknife for the mechanical work and McDonald Brothers Electric Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk for the electrical work. Fitzgerald Carpeting Ltd. of Yellowknife will do the flooring and the Coppermine Inn will provide room and board for the contractors. Igloo Building Supplies of Hay River will provide building materials for this project.

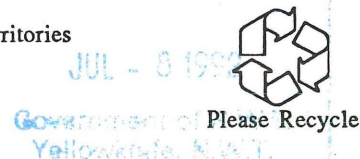
The project will start in June, 1992 and will be completed in April, 1993.

Project: Yellowknife Schools Portable Classrooms
Minister: Titus Alloo, Education
MLAs: Michael Ballantyne, MLA Yellowknife North
Charles Dent, MLA Yellowknife Frame Lake
Brian Lewis, MLA Yellowknife Centre
Tony Whitford, MLA Yellowknife South

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, Ninety North Construction Ltd. of Yellowknife, for the construction of eleven portable classrooms. The value of the contract is \$555,000.

In the past, the Department of Public Works usually had manufacturers from southern Canada supply prefabricated portable classrooms. This year, the Department of Public Works called tenders for construction. The contract has been awarded to a northern company who will construct the portable classrooms in Yellowknife using local labour and supplies.

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Yellowknife Schools Portable Classrooms: Page 2

The portables are being constructed for Yellowknife Education District No. 1 and Yellowknife Separate Education District No. 2 for the 1992-93 school year. The portable classrooms will be used at Sir John Franklin High School, Ecole Alain St. Cyr, St. Joseph School and Mildred Hall Elementary School.

The general contractor has subcontracted to two Yellowknife companies, Slade's Mechanical Systems for the mechanical work and J.T. Electric Ltd. for the electrical work. Two Way Enterprises & Management, also of Yellowknife, has been subcontracted to undertake the sitework. Fitzgerald Carpeting Ltd. of Yellowknife will do the flooring and Igloo Building Supplies of Hay River will provide building materials for this project.

The project started in June, 1992 and will be completed by August, 1992 in time for the start of the school year.

Project: Paulatuk Fuel Storage Facility Expansion
Minister: Don Morin, Government Services
MLA: Nellie Cournoyea, MLA Nunakput

A contract has been awarded to a Northern contractor, Dowland Contracting Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk, to expand and upgrade the fuel storage facility and dispenser building in the community of Paulatuk. The value of the contract is \$1,048,738.

The contractor will upgrade the existing bermed containment area and dispensing facilities, construct a new 940 cubic metre vertical fuel oil tank, install an existing horizontal gasoline tank in the bermed area and construct a new operators shelter building.

The contractor has subcontracted the electrical work to McDonald Brothers Electric Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk and the painting to Shattler Painting Ltd. of Inuvik. The Paulatuk Hotel will provide accommodation for the contractors while construction materials will be delivered by Northern Transportation Company Ltd.. Polar Enterprises of Yellowknife was also previously awarded a \$103,268 contract to pre-purchase and deliver the steel for the new fuel oil tank to the site.

The work will start in August, 1992 and will be completed in September, 1993.





Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 25, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Lake Harbour School
Minister: Titus Allooloo, Education
MLA: Kenoayoak Pudlat, MLA Baffin South

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **PCL Constructors Northern Inc** of Yellowknife for the construction of a new school in the community of **Lake Harbour**. The value of the contract is \$2,078,505.

The school will contain five classrooms, an area for a kindergarten class, a teacher's lounge, a home economics room, an industrial arts facility and an administration area. The school will primarily be built of wood in order to maximize the use of local labour on the project.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Northwest Mechanical** from Fort Smith for the mechanical work, **Canadrill Ltd** from Iqaluit for the steel piling work and **Fitzgerald Carpeting Ltd** for the flooring. The **Kimik Co-op Ltd.** in Lake Harbour will provide room and board for the contractors.

Construction is scheduled to start in August, 1992 immediately after the arrival of materials by sealift and be completed by April 1993.

Project: Fort Simpson Student Hostel
Minister: Titus Allooloo, Education
MLA: Jim Antoine, MLA Nahendeh

A contract has been awarded to **Hovat Construction Ltd** of Yellowknife to construct a twelve bed student hostel in the community of **Fort Simpson**. The value of the contract is \$661,956.

The student hostel will contain six double rooms, a dining room, a living room, a kitchen and accommodation for the house parents. The student hostel will be wood framed in order to maximize the use of local labour on the project.



Fort Simpson Student Hostel: Page 2

Two local residents will train as construction workers under the newly developed Construction Worker Training Program developed by the departments of Public Works and Education along with other GNWT departments and the NWT Construction Association.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Kiwi Electric** from Fort Simpson for the electric work and **Whiponic Wellputer** from Norman Wells for the mechanical work. In addition, the general contractor has also subcontracted **Classic Flooring** of Yellowknife for the flooring and **Paragon Standard** of Yellowknife for the roofing. **Igloo Building Supplies** will provide building materials for the project.

Construction is scheduled to start in May 1992 and be completed by September 1992.





Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

July 30, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Holman Airport Parking Garage
Minister: Tony Whitford, Transportation
MLA: Nellie Cournoyea, Nunakput

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, PCL Constructors Northern Inc. of Yellowknife, to build an airport parking garage in the Hamlet of Holman. The value of the contract is \$332,119.

The contractor will construct a three-bay parking garage with a concrete floor that will also contain a work area. The garage will be used to store the grader, the snow blower and the airport pickup truck.

The general contractor has subcontracted the electrical work to Enertech Electric Ltd. of Inuvik and the mechanical work to JSL Mechanical of Yellowknife. The Hamlet of Holman will also perform site work for the project. The Arctic Char Inn will provide accommodation for the contractor.

Construction is scheduled to start in August, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift and be completed by April, 1993.

Project: Baker Lake Family Group Home
Minister: Dennis Patterson, Social Services
MLA: Silas Arngna'naaq, Kivallivik

A contract has been awarded to a local contractor, Baker Lake Contracting and Supplies Ltd., for the construction of a children's family group home in Baker Lake. The value of the contract is \$1,205,406.

The facility will have a common living, dining and activity area and five single and two double bedrooms for resident children. There will also be a separate apartment for the managers of the group home. The group home will be primarily built of wood in order to maximize the use of local labour on the project.



Baker Lake Family Group Home: Page 2

The general contractor has subcontracted Canadrill Ltd. of Iqaluit for the piling work and Northern Transportation Company Ltd. will transport the construction materials to the site.

Two Baker Lake residents will train as construction workers under the Construction Worker Training Program which was recently developed by the NWT Construction Association with the assistance of the Government of the Northwest Territories. The program provides both classroom and on the job construction skills training.

Construction on the group home will start in September, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift. The site work and foundation will be completed this fall. The remainder of the construction will be carried out between April and August of 1993. Usually there is very little construction activity during the spring months in many northern communities. This project has been tendered and phased-in in order to generate construction employment during the spring.

Project: Rankin Inlet Aviation Fuel Facility
MLA: John Todd, Keewatin Central

A contract has been awarded to Nortuk Contracting Ltd. to construct an aviation fuel facility for the Department of National Defence's Forward Operating Location at the airport in the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. The value of the contract is \$2,120,950.

The contractor will construct a 1.65 million litre above-ground steel storage tank for aviation fuel and a fuel truck loading pump house at the existing GNWT bulk fuel storage facility. This facility will include a high-flow dispensing unit with a minimum delivery rate of 1800 litres per minute. This dispensing unit will allow Department of National Defence aircraft to be refuelled rapidly. The storage tank will be enclosed in a diked area with an impenetrable membrane to contain spills.

The contractor has subcontracted Sanajit Ltd. of Rankin Inlet for the earthwork, which includes the supply of granular material, the supply of a dispenser building and the painting work. The value of this subcontract is approximately \$1 million. M&T Enterprises, also from Rankin Inlet, has been subcontracted for local cartage and will also rent equipment to the contractor. Y&C Enterprises Ltd. of Rankin Inlet will rent equipment to the contractor, and the Siniktarvik Hotel will provide accommodation for the contractor.

The project is funded by the Department of National Defence and is being managed on their behalf by the GNWT's Department of Public Works. The contract award was made in accordance with the GNWT's Business Incentive Policy.

Construction is scheduled to start in August, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift and be completed by November, 1993.



Contract Information

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

September 23, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister of Government Services and Public Works Don Morin. For information purposes, the names of the responsible ministers and the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

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Project: Rankin Inlet Site Development
Minister: Titus Allooooloo, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: John Todd, Keewatin Central

A contract has been awarded to a northern company, **Y & C Enterprises** of Rankin Inlet, to construct residential roads and lots in **Rankin Inlet**. The value of the contract is \$331,500.

The contractor will build about 400 metres of road to provide access to the 20 residential lots that are to be developed. The contractor will also haul 9,000 cubic metres of granular material to fill in a pond for future development.

Y & C Enterprises, a long standing local firm, will do all the work themselves using only local and northern workers, supplies and equipment. Work started in mid-August and will be completed by October, 1992.

Project: Pangnirtung Community Learning Centre
Minister: James Arvaluk, Education, Culture and Employment Programs
MLA: Rebecca Mike, Baffin Central

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **Ninety North Construction and Development Ltd.** of Yellowknife, to build a community learning centre in **Pangnirtung**. The contract amount is \$1,238,458.

The learning centre will consist of four classrooms, administration offices, associated storage and washrooms. The building will be of wood frame construction in order to maximize the use of local labour and northern subcontractors on the project.

The general contractor has subcontracted the electrical work to **Servotech** of Iqaluit and the mechanical work to **Northwest Mechanical** of Fort Smith. Yellowknife subcontractors are **Paragon-Standard Roofing**, **Fitzgerald Carpeting** and **Rainbow Holdings**, a painting company.

Construction started in August, 1992 and will be completed by April, 1993.



Project: Arctic Bay Hamlet Office
Minister: Titus Allooloo, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: Ludy Pudluk, High Arctic

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **Sanajit Construction (1989) Ltd.** of Rankin Inlet, to build a hamlet office facility in **Arctic Bay**. The contract amount is \$751,820.

The building will have council chambers for the Hamlet, six offices, a general office area, washrooms and room for storage. Another large, multi-purpose space will serve as either a meeting room or a communal lounge.

The Hamlet office facility will be a single storey, wood frame building in order to maximize the use of local labour, northern materials and subcontractors on the project.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Umingmak Supply** of Rankin Inlet for building materials, **Enokseot Holdings** of Arctic Bay for equipment rental and site work, **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit for piling, and **Tschop Enterprises** of Arctic Bay for truck rental, local freight hauling and provision of an on-site office and job shack.

Construction started in August, 1992 and will be completed by November, 1993.

Project: Iqaluit High Temperature Hot Water System Abandonment Project
Minister: Don Morin, Government Services and Public Works
Titus Allooloo, Municipal and Community Affairs
Dennis Patterson, Health
MLA: Dennis Patterson, Iqaluit

A contract has been awarded to a local contractor, **Jomanic-Can Inc.** of Iqaluit to replace the high temperature hot water system in **Iqaluit** with individual boiler rooms. The value of the contract is \$1,894,000.

The old heating system which now serves the Water Treatment Plant, Domestic Reheat Station, Baffin Regional Hospital, Inukshuk and Nakasuk schools and the Astro Hill area of Iqaluit will be replaced. The replacement of the high temperature hot water distribution system with individual heating plants will be more cost effective for the GNWT. The new system will result in a lower rate of consumption for both fuel and electricity.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Baffin Building Systems** of Iqaluit for the electrical and earth work, **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit for the pile foundations and **Tower Arctic** of Iqaluit to connect the individual boiler rooms to the municipal water and sewer system.

Construction on the six new boiler rooms will start in September, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift and will be completed by April, 1993.



Project: Clyde River Community Hall
Minister: Titus Allooloo, Municipal and Community Affairs
MLA: Rebecca Mike, Pangnirtung

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **Sanajiit Construction (1989) Ltd.** of Rankin Inlet to build a community hall in the community of **Clyde River**. The value of the contract is \$1,139,350.

The community hall will be built primarily of wood in order to maximize the use of local labour on the project. The community hall will contain an assembly area and kitchen for community events, storage space, washrooms and an office for the facility manager.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit for the piling work and **Umingmak Supply Ltd.** of Rankin Inlet will provide building supplies for the project.

Project: Arviat Library
Minister: James Arvaluk, Education, Culture and Employment Programs
MLA: Silas Arngna'naaq, Kivallivik

A contract has been awarded to a local contractor, **Leonard and Associates Ltd.** of Arviat for the construction of a new library in the community of **Arviat**. The value of the contract is \$449,210.

The new facility will contain a large room for holding books, an office and work area for the librarian and washrooms.

The general contractor has subcontracted **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit for the foundation work. **Umingmak Supply** of Rankin Inlet and **Eskimo Point Lumber Supply** of Arviat will provide building materials for this project.

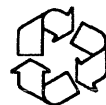
The foundation work on the project started in July, 1992. The construction of the structure and envelope of the building will start in September, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift and will be completed in January, 1993.

Project: Arviat Education Centre Renovations
Minister: James Arvaluk, Education, Culture and Employment Programs
MLA: Silas Arngna'naaq, Kivallivik

A contract has been awarded to a local contractor, **Leonard and Associates Ltd.** of Arviat to renovate the Adult Education Centre in the community of **Arviat**. The value of the contract is \$366,200.

The exterior renovations will include the levelling of the existing building, a new sheet metal roof, a new main entrance ramp, new windows and a paint job. The interior renovations will include new washrooms, new mechanical and electrical systems, a new layout of the interior partitions, resilient flooring and painting.

Umingmak Supply of Rankin Inlet and **Eskimo Point Lumber Supply** of Arviat will provide building materials for this project.



The work will start in September, 1992 after the arrival of materials by sealift and will be completed in March, 1993.

Project: James Creek Maintenance Garage
Minister: Tony Whitford, Transportation
MLA: Richard Nerysoo, Mackenzie Delta

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **Dowland Contracting** of Inuvik to renovate and build an addition to the Department of Transportation's maintenance garage at **James Creek**, which is located on the Dempster Highway. The value of the contract is \$420,000.

The contractor will construct a one bay addition and undertake renovations to the existing three bay parking garage. The contractor will also change the generators and upgrade the electrical, ventilation and mechanical systems. In addition, the existing tank farm will be relocated to another site near the garage and a new dyke for secondary containment will be installed.

The general contractor has subcontracted the electrical work to **McDonald Brothers Electric Ltd.** of Tuktoyaktuk.

Construction is scheduled to start in September, 1992 and be completed by March, 1993.

Project: Western Arctic Visitor's Centre
Minister: John Pollard, Economic Development and Tourism

A contract has been awarded to a northern contractor, **60 Below Construction Ltd.** of Inuvik to restore an historic building, the Wells Fargo ticket office in **Dawson City** to its original state. The value of the contract is \$234,000.

The building has been leased from Parks Canada. The contractor will undertake a complete renovation to both the exterior and interior of the building.

The contractor has subcontracted the electrical work to **McDonald Brothers Electric Ltd.** of Tuktoyaktuk.

The building will be used as a visitor's centre to provide information and to encourage tourists to visit the Northwest Territories.

The work will start in October, 1992 and be completed in May, 1993.



News Release/Communiqué

September 30, 1992

The following contracts have been awarded under the authority of Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Don Morin and the Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Elmer MacKay. These projects are jointly funded by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. For information purposes, the names of the local MLA are listed at the start of each project announcement.

Project: Paulatuk Warehouse
MLA: Nellie Cournoyea, Nunakput

Kelcy Construction Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct a pre-engineered steel fabricated warehouse in **Paulatuk**. The value of the contract is \$387,771.

The 3200 square foot structure will contain an office, workshop and cold storage space.

The contractor has subcontracted the foundation work to **Bernie's Ltd.** of Yellowknife, the mechanical work to **Rocky's Plumbing & Heating** of Inuvik, the electrical work to **McDonald Bros. Electric** of Tuktoyaktuk, and the supply of materials for the project to **Igloo Building Supplies Ltd.** of Hay River.

The project is scheduled for completion by October 31, 1992.

Project: Fort Norman Public Housing
MLA: Stephen Kakfwi, Sahtu

Fountain Lake Construction, operating out of Inuvik, has been awarded a contract to construct two (2 bedroom) duplexes and one multiplex in **Fort Norman**. The value of the contract is \$348,798.

The contractor has subcontracted **Whiponic Wellputer Ltd.** of Norman Wells for the mechanical and electrical work.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 1992.



Project: Aklavik Public Housing
MLA: Richard Nerysoo, Mackenzie Delta

A joint venture between northern contractors **Akalvik Development Corporation** and **Weitzels Construction Ltd.** of Akalvik, has been awarded a contract to construct two (2 bedroom) duplexes and one multiplex in Aklavik. The value of the contract is \$389,500.

The contractor has subcontracted **Rocky's Plumbing & Heating** of Inuvik for the mechanical work and **McDonald Bros. Electric Ltd.** of Tuktoyaktuk for the electrical work.

The project is scheduled for completion by October 31, 1992.

Project: Tuktoyaktuk Public Housing
MLA: Nellie Cournoyea, Nunakput

DNB Construction of Yellowknife, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct two (5 bedroom) detached units, two (2 bedroom) duplexes and one multiplex, in Tuktoyaktuk. The value of the contract is \$523,655.

The project is scheduled for completion by November 30, 1992.

Project: Fort Franklin Elders' Residence
MLA: Stephen Kakfwi, Sahtu

Treeline Construction Ltd. of Yellowknife, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct an Elders' Residence in Fort Franklin. The value of the contract is \$1,851,039.

The contractor will supply construction materials and provide labour for the construction of the sixteen unit residence designed by Pin Matthews Architects of Yellowknife. The residence consists of four individual buildings providing level one and two care facilities.

The contractor has subcontracted **Bernie's Ltd** of Yellowknife for the foundation work, **Central Mechanical** of Yellowknife for the mechanical work, and **Whiponic Wellputer Ltd.** of Norman Wells for the electrical work.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 1992.

Project: Lake Harbour Public Housing
MLA: Kenoayoak Pudlat, Baffin South

Jomanic-Can Inc of Iqaluit, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to design and construct one multiplex in Lake Harbour. The value of the contract is \$614,000.

The contractor will construct an energy-efficient wood frame structure consisting of four (2 bedroom) units. All four units will be serviced by one mechanical/utility room.

The contractor has subcontracted **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit to install the steel pile foundation.

The project is scheduled for completion by November, 1992.

Project: Iqaluit Public Housing
MLA: Dennis Patterson, Iqaluit

Nova Construction Ltd. a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to design and construct four (5 bedroom) and one (3 bedroom) detached houses in **Iqaluit**. The value of the contract is \$685,000.

The five bedroom houses are additions to the NWT HC housing stock while the three bedroom house will replace a unit recently destroyed by fire.

The contractor will construct energy-efficient, wood-frame structures with designs which will take advantage of locally available labour. The designs include heated crawl-spaces for each unit which can be used for tankage, plumbing and heating.

The contractor has subcontracted **Canadrill Ltd.** of Iqaluit to install the steel pile foundation.

The project is scheduled for completion by November, 1992.

Project: Arviat Public Housing
MLA: Sillas Arngna'naaq, Kivalilvik

Sanajit (1989) Ltd., a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct one multiplex, two multiplexes, and one (4 bedroom) detached unit in **Arviat**. The value of the contract is \$558,510.

The multiplex units are additions to the NWT HC stock while the four bedroom house replaces a unit damaged by fire. The contractor will construct energy-efficient, wood frame structures that will maximize the use of local labour.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 15, 1992.

Project: Gjoa Haven Public Housing
MLA: John Ningark, Natilikmiot

Nova Construction Ltd. of Yellowknife, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct two multiplexes and two (5 bedroom) detached units in **Gjoa Haven**. The value of the contract is \$414,000.

The units are additions to the NWT HC stock and will be constructed in an energy-efficient wood frame manner that will maximize the use of local labour.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 1992.



Project: Inuvik Public Housing
MLA: Fred Koe, Inuvik

Dowland Contracting Ltd. of Tuktoyaktuk, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct one multiplex in **Inuvik**. The value of the contract is \$295,632.

The contractor has subcontracted **McDonald Bros. Electric Ltd.** of Tuktoyaktuk for the electrical work, **Adam's Services** of Inuvik for the foundation work, and **Norm's Building Supplies** of Inuvik for the supply of materials for the project.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 1992.

Project: Fort Providence Public Housing
MLA: Sam Gargan, Deh Cho

Polartech Building Systems Ltd. of Hay River, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct three (2 bedroom) duplexes and one (5 bedroom) detached house in **Fort Providence**. The value of the contract is \$681,620.

The contractor has subcontracted **Snowshoe Inn Ltd.** for site and foundation work, **Igloo Building Supplies Ltd.** of Hay River for the supply of materials, and **Bartle and Gibson Co. Ltd.** of Yellowknife for the supply of mechanical materials.

The project is scheduled for completion by November 30, 1992.

Project: Fort Rae Public Housing
MLA: Henry Zoe, North Slave

Nova Construction Ltd. of Yellowknife, a northern contractor, has been awarded a contract to construct one (5 bedroom) detached house and one multiplex in **Fort Rae**. The value of the contract is \$408,804.

The contractor has subcontracted **Bernie's Ltd.** of Yellowknife for the foundation work and **Johnson's Building Supplies** of Yellowknife for the supply of materials required for the project.

The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 1992.

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Message.

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Part 1.

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Part 2.

Consumer Price Index - November 1992

Information released today by Statistics Canada indicates that the Yellowknife All-Items Consumer Price Index for November was 1.0 percent higher than a year earlier. By comparison, the annual price increase was 1.7 percent for Canada, 1.9 percent for Edmonton and 0.8 percent for Whitehorse.

For the month of November, no overall price change was recorded for consumer goods and services in Yellowknife. During the month, price increases for transportation (2.5 percent), recreation, reading & education (0.7 percent) and housing (0.1 percent) were offset by price declines for health & personal care (1.8 percent), food (1.6 percent), tobacco & alcohol (0.5 percent) and clothing (0.4 percent).

All-Items Consumer Price Index (1986 = 100)

	92-Nov	92-Oct	91-Nov	% Change from	
				92-Oct	91-Nov
Yellowknife	125.0	125.0	123.8	-	1.0
Whitehorse	123.7	123.1	122.7	0.5	0.8
Canada	129.1	128.5	127.0	0.5	1.7
Edmonton	127.6	126.8	125.2	0.6	1.9

CPI values for Yellowknife and Whitehorse include estimates of price changes for owned accommodation based on the price of rental accommodation. As a result, the all-items indexes published for these centers are not strictly comparable to those for Canada and Edmonton.

Next release of CPI: Thursday, January 21, 1993.

End of Item 1.

Press Statement

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Yellowknife Resident Receives Commissioner's Award for Public Service

YELLOWKNIFE (December 23) — Commissioner Daniel Norris presented Beulah Phillipot of Yellowknife with the Commissioner's Award for Public Service at the Highest Level during a Public Utilities Board dinner on December 8, 1992.

The award is presented to people who have made a significant contribution to the economic, social, or political progress of the Northwest Territories.

Mrs. Phillipot was appointed to the Public Utilities Board in February, 1981 and served as a member and vice-chairperson until December, 1991.

She has been an active member in the Consumer Association, Yellowknife Playschool and the Brownies. Mrs. Phillipot was also instrumental in starting the French immersion classes in Yellowknife and a winter camp for the immersion students.

Some of her other achievements include World Neighbors, a community organization started to bring the first Vietnamese family to Yellowknife and The Learning Centre, a school originally started in her home that allows children with learning problems an alternative to the regular school system. Mrs. Phillipot is associated, and works with the Association for Adults with Learning Disabilities.

She has also worked closely with young adults and children through Project Change, a school for young adults unable to fit into the regular school system and Kids Unlimited, an organization that provides activities for children.

Through her charitable work, she has been involved with Storefront for Volunteer Agencies and a Canada 125 project that involved arranging exchanges for children in the Western Arctic. Other work involved sitting on the Board of Secondary Education, in association with Akaitcho Hall and Sir John Franklin.

"Mrs. Phillipot has devoted a tremendous amount of her time in helping others and I must admit that I am amazed by the amount of energy and dedication she has offered over the years," said Commissioner Norris.

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