

RESPONSE TO PETITION

1-12(7)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Petition tabled by Mr. Ng on November 14, 1994.

Response by the Honourable John Todd
Minister of Transportation

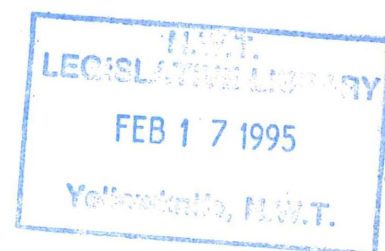
LACK OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURROUNDING CONSTRUCTION OF A HAUL ROAD ON FEDERAL LAND IN CAMBRIDGE BAY

It appears that this is not a Territorial Government (GNWT) issue. However, the Department of Transportation has investigated the matter on behalf of the petitioners.

In September 1994, a haul road to an existing quarry was constructed by Fred H. Ross and Associates Ltd. on Crown Land. The land is reserved by the Federal Department of National Defence (DND). No construction took place on Commissioner's Land; therefore, a Commissioner's Land Use Permit was not required from the GNWT Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The road was constructed to gain access to material which was used for airport maintenance. Fred H. Ross and Associates Ltd. obtained approval on September 8th from DND to construct within their reserve. Two letters, dated August 2nd and 18th, were sent to the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay by Fred H. Ross and Associates Ltd. requesting input. No reply was received.

DIAND have indicated that, contrary to their regular procedure, no formal community consultation was undertaken because: approval was received by DND; time constraints to obtain the material prior to freeze-up; the Hamlet had been informed and no concerns were raised; and the Hamlet had quarried from this site in the past. As a result DIAND assumed there were no community concerns and issued the permits.

When the community's concerns came to DIAND's attention, a letter dated September 15, 1994 was written offering to meet with the Hamlet Council to discuss the process and any other related issues. A follow-up meeting in the community has been arranged by DIAND for January 12 to discuss this issue.



January 12, 1995

MR. KELVIN NG
MLA, KITIKMEOT

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I would like to provide you with the response to Petition 1-12(7) which you tabled on November 14, 1994. This response is provided in advance of its official tabling in the Assembly when it reconvenes on February 15, 1995.

If you have any questions on the process, do not hesitate to contact me.

David M. Hamilton
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Northwest Territories Minister of Transportation

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In accordance with the Rules, attached you will find a response to Petition No. 1-12(7). This petition concerns the granting of a federal land use permit on Crown Land in Cambridge Bay without full consultation with the Community. The Petition was tabled by Mr. Ng, MLA for Kitikmeot, on November 14, 1994.

John Todd

c: Ms. Carolyn McCabe
Legislative Assistant

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