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### Constitutional Process Moving Forward

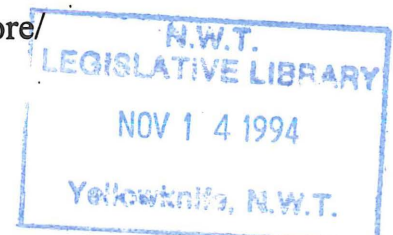
**YELLOWKNIFE (November 9, 1994) The Constitutional Development Steering Committee is entering the next stage in the western constitutional process.**

A round of public information meetings has begun in western NWT communities. This week, three CDSC Members are visiting the Sahtu region. Between now and the First Constitutional Conference in January, CDSC Members hope to visit as many of the 34 communities in the western Northwest Territories as possible.

The purpose of the CDSC meetings is to tell people about the themes and issues to be discussed at the Constitutional Conference. People who attend these information meetings will have a chance to ask questions and share their own ideas. They will also hear how people from the general public can apply to participate in the First Constitutional Conference.

150 participants will be selected to attend the Conference. Some will be elected political leaders such as MLAs, aboriginal leaders and Mayors. The balance will be selected from the public, with equal numbers of men and women, aboriginal and non-aboriginal people and balanced representation from all regions. Youth and elders will also be represented.

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **CDSC Meeting Schedule - Sahtu Communities**

Monday,	November 7	7:30 p.m. Fort Good Hope Community Hall
Tuesday	November 8	2:00 p.m. Colville Lake Community Hall
Wednesday	November 9	7:30 p.m. Deline (Fort Franklin) Cultural Centre
Thursday	November 10	7:30 p.m. Norman Wells Legion Hall

CDSC members travelling to the Sahtu include :

George Cleary: Sahtu Secretariat Inc.

Winnie Fraser McKay: Native Women's Association/NWT Status of Women Council

Hon. Stephen Kakfwi, MLA Sahtu (November 8, 9, 10 meetings only)

Charles McGee: Assistant Director/Constitutional Analyst, CDSC (staff)

Councillor Ian Laws will take part in the Norman Wells meeting

**Meeting schedules for the rest of the western NWT are still being finalized and will be distributed to media as soon as they are confirmed.**