



The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

**Ninth Annual Report
for Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 1991**

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Financial Statement - Notes

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 1991

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- a) The Foundation records revenue from interest on members trust accounts as received and deposited from members of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories.
- b) Effective July 1, 1990 the Foundation changed its policy and now records all unpaid approved grants as grants payable and includes them in grant expenditures.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

The Investment Certificate held for the Endowment Fund is recorded at cost plus accrued interest. The Investment Certificate held for the General Account is recorded at cost.

NOTE 3 ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund of \$50,000 was established to generate interest income to finance a scholarship program for law studies.

NOTE 4 STATUS

The Foundation is incorporated under the laws of the Northwest Territories

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

NWT GOVERNMENT LIBRARY



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The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

1990 - 91 Board of Directors

Chairman
First Vice-Chairman
Director
Director
Appointed Member
Executive Manager

Cheryl Walker
Larry Pontus
Gary Boyd
Lucy Austin
Fibbie Tatti
Gordon R. Carter

Chairman's Report

To the Executive
Law Society of the Northwest Territories

To the Legislative Assembly of the
Northwest Territories

I am pleased to submit to you the 1990/91 Annual Report of the Law Foundation of the Northwest Territories. In accordance with the requirements of section 55 of the *Legal Profession Act*, enclosed within is a summary of the grants made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, and the audited financial statements for that year.

The Law Foundation's revenue decreased to \$206,650.00 this year. All eleven other territorial and provincial law foundations have reported similar decreases due to the economy and interest rates. Requests this year exceeded the Foundation's income. I am pleased to report that grant recipients for 1990/91 include the Yellowknife Courthouse Law Library, Native Law Centre, Arctic Public Legal Education, the Arctic Rim Law Centre Society, and the Girl Guides, to name a few.

I am pleased to announce the Law Foundation has established a scholarship fund and has available up to \$5,000 per year to assist undergraduate and graduate related law studies undertaken by Northern residents and individuals whose research could benefit the Northwest Territories. The Scholarship program, initiated by past Chair, Loraine F. Minish-Cooper, will be available for the 1992/93 school year. I wish to thank the sub-committee members, Gary Boyd, Lucy Austin and Gordon Carter for finalizing this ambitious project.

The Foundation is grateful to Katherine Peterson, Q.C. for the article contained within on the "Gender Equality Review" for the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Justice.

I would also like to thank the directors, Larry Pontus, Fibbie Tatti, Lucy Austin and Gary Boyd, for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the Law Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Walker
Chairman

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

Financial Statement - III

STATEMENT III

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

For the Year Ended June 30, 1991

	1991	1990
REVENUE		
Interest - Trust Accounts	\$152,376	\$172,519
- Investment Certificates and Bank	54,274	38,766
	<u>206,650</u>	<u>211,285</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration Fees	10,350	12,253
Dues	179	-
Executive	443	1,478
Grants	161,374	104,491
Office and Miscellaneous	970	969
Printing	455	3,236
Professional Fees	1,500	1,682
	<u>175,271</u>	<u>124,109</u>
EXCESS REVENUE	<u>\$ 31,379</u>	<u>\$ 87,176</u>

See the attached notes.

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

Financial Statement - II

STATEMENT II

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY For the Year Ended June 30, 1991

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
SURPLUS		
Opening Balance	\$378,179	\$341,265
Excess Revenue Per Statement III	31,379	87,176
Less Transfer to Endowment Fund	-	(50,262)
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Closing Balance	\$409,558	\$378,179
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ENDOWMENT FUND (Note 3)		
Opening Balance	\$ 50,262	\$ -
Transfer from Surplus	-	50,262
Add Interest on Investment	6,512	-
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	\$ 56,774	\$ 50,262
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See the attached notes.

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

The N.W.T. Law Foundation

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation was established pursuant to Part VII of the Legal Profession Act for the purpose of receiving the interest which banks must pay on clients' funds held by lawyers in mixed trust accounts. It is similar in form to Law Foundations established in most of the provinces.

Objectives

The objectives of the Law Foundation are to use the funds collected in this manner to provide funding in the following areas:

- (a) conducting research into and recommending reform of the law and the administration of justice;
- (b) establishing, maintaining and operating law libraries;
- (c) contributing to the legal education and knowledge of members and the people of the Northwest Territories and providing programmes and facilities therefor;
- (d) providing assistance to legal aid programmes and programmes of like nature;
- (e) contributing to the Assurance Fund; and,
- (f) doing all other things that, in the opinion of the Directors, are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects.

Administration

The Foundation is administered by a Board of Directors consisting of five members: four being members of the Law Society and appointed by the Executive of the Law Society and one who is not a member of the Law Society and who is appointed by the Commissioner. The Directors serve for a term of two years.

The Directors meet as required to decide on policy matters, to consider requests for funding to deal with the general administration of the Foundation including policy as to the collection and investment of funds.

Administration and management services are provided through an Executive Manager who is engaged on a contract basis.

For information about the Northwest Territories Law Foundation and to request financial assistance forms, write or telephone:

Gordon R. Carter, Executive Manager
The Northwest Territories Law Foundation
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The Northwest Territories Law Foundation

Grants 1990 - 91

Arctic Public Legal Education	\$25,000.00
Assistance to PLEI to explain the law and the legal system to residents of the NWT	
Law Society of the Northwest Territories	\$27,908.82
Assistance to the Law Society of 50% of the cost of publishing the Northwest Territories Law Reports for 1990/91 and a commitment for 1991/92	
University of Saskatchewan	\$9,000.00
Assistance to the University in their program to assist Native people gain admission to the study of law and to carry out research and publication issues on native issues. \$9,000 commitment to be paid over three years	
Canadian Law Information Council	\$1,500.00
Assistance to CLIC in their program of research, education and dissemination of information	
Arctic Rim Law Centre Society	\$2,000.00
Assistance to the Society to purchase resource material for their law library	
Canadian Bar Association	\$615.00
To assist in the publication of <i>The Canadian Bar Review</i>	
Canadian Bar Association - Law for the Future Fund	\$1,000.00
Indexing of Statutes	\$73,100.00
To assist in providing 50% of the cost of indexing the Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories	
Legal Aid Task Force	\$10,000.00
Assistance provided for a review of the delivery of legal aid services in the Northwest Territories	
Girl Guides of Canada	\$250.00
Assistance provided to conduct a workshop on legal awareness	
Canadian Bar Association - Criminal Code Review	\$500.00
Assistance provided to the Canadian Bar Association to review the Criminal Code for presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice	
Western Judicial Centre	\$10,000.00
Assistance provided to stage the third in a series of judicial educational meeting for Provincial and Territorial Court Judges, held in Yellowknife	
X. Mercredi Essay Contest	\$500.00
Funds were committed towards this contest, established in memory of X. Mercredi, a former Clerk of the Supreme Court, to encourage young people to look at the law and the legal process and how it affects them	

Financial Statement - I

STATEMENT I

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1991

ASSETS

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 62,794	\$157,313
Investment Certificate - Endowment Fund (Notes 2 and 3)	56,774	50,000
Accounts Receivable - General (Note 2)	300,000	200,000
	91,763	22,628
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	\$511,331	\$429,941
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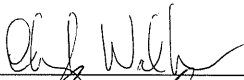
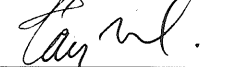
LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Accounts Payable and Accruals	\$ 1,690	\$ 1,500
Grants Payable (Note 1b)	43,309	-
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	44,999	1,500
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MEMBERS' EQUITY

SURPLUS, per Statement II	409,558	378,179
ENDOWMENT FUND, per Statement II	56,774	50,262
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	466,332	428,441
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	\$511,331	\$429,941
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APPROVED:

 Director
 Director

See the attached notes.

Auditor's Report

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Douglas E. Cooper, C.G.A.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Board of Directors of the
Northwest Territories Law Foundation

We have examined the Balance Sheet of the Northwest Territories Law Foundation for the year ended June 30, 1991 and the Statements of Members' Equity and Revenue and Expenditure for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

A major part of the Foundation's revenue is interest from accounts of its members which is not susceptible to complete audit verification because of the lack of a system of control. Accordingly, our verification of receipts from this source was limited to accounting for the amounts recorded in the accounts of the Foundation.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been required had interest from trust accounts been susceptible to complete audit verification, these financial statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of the Foundation as at June 30, 1991 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the accounting principles set out in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Helen Adlem, Youth Officer
HINCHEY, WILLIAMS, AVERY, COOPER & CO.
Certified General Accountants
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

August 20, 1991

Gender Equality Review



Helen Adlem,
Youth Officer,
Yellowknife,
1988



Judge Beverly Browne, Crown Attorney Pierre Rousseau (r) & Court Staff
with Staff of Maliganik: Angela Davis, Allison Wheeler & Desmond
Brice-Bennett - Iqaluit, June 1990

A SPECIAL REPORT PREPARED FOR
THE N.W.T. LAW FOUNDATION
BY KATHERINE PETERSON, Q.C.

Gender Equality Review



*Louise Aglak, Bernice Kutu & Rosalyn MacRae
Toonunik Theatre Group of Pond Inlet, 1988 in Rae*

In December 1990, Justice Minister Michael A. Ballantyne appointed Yellowknife lawyer Katherine Peterson, Q.C., as his Special Advisor on issues of gender fairness in the justice system. The Gender Equality Review headed by the Special Advisor was given the task of examining the administration of justice in the N.W.T. as it affects women.

The Special Advisor has a broad mandate to provide the Minister of Justice with recommendations on ways to achieve gender fairness in the justice system and to improve the response of the justice system to problems faced by women. The Special Advisor will also seek to raise the understanding, both on the part of the general public and of people involved in the delivery of justice services, of gender issues in the administration of justice. The mandate of the Special Advisor includes both criminal and civil law areas.

A final report, including finding and recommendations, will be given to the Minister of Justice in March, 1992.

In the course of the Review, the Special Advisor will be meeting with people involved in the administration of justice such as judges, prosecutors, police, defence attorneys, justices of the peace and court workers.

Gender Equality Review

The Special Advisor will also conduct public meetings and workshops in two communities in each of the regions across the Territories. These public forums are designed to solicit a broad spectrum of input from as many sources as possible in an informal and confidential setting. This is considered essential if participants are to feel comfortable discussing their experience with the justice system.

Issues of interest to the Special Advisor include: women as victims of violence, access to justice, services to victims, policing, justice response to family violence, the attitudes of justice personnel toward women who have been victims of sexual or spousal assault, training for justice personnel and community justice initiatives.

The Review has generated a great deal of interest in communities that have been visited to date, and it is hoped that the recommendations of the Special Advisor will go a long way toward making the justice system fairer and more responsive to the needs of women.



*Grandmother Mary Tetso &
Granddaughter Vera Tetso, Fort
Simpson, June 1990*



*R.C.M.P.
Constable Wayne
E. Davidson &
Kitikmeot Legal
Services
Courtworker,
Helen Tologanak,
Cambridge Bay,
1991*