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RESPONSE TO PETITION

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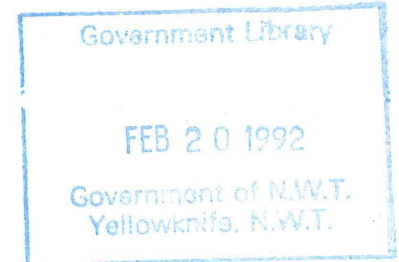
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Petition tabled by Mr. Arvaluk December 11, 1991

Response by the Honourable Dennis Patterson
Minister of Justice



R.C.M.P. CHESTERFIELD INLET

In response to the petition requesting that a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be posted full time to Chesterfield Inlet, it is unfortunately not possible. We have been informed by the R.C.M.P. that there are no additional resources available for allocation to Chesterfield Inlet.

In 1989 one position was transferred to the Rankin Inlet Detachment to provide additional policing resources for Chesterfield Inlet, Repulse Bay, Whale Cove and Rankin Inlet. Although there have been some difficulties in fully staffing the Rankin Inlet positions, that detachment is now fully staffed and we are advised that regular patrols, on a monthly basis, are now being conducted to your community.

Petition tabled by Henry Zoe December 12, 1991.

Response by the Honourable Titus Allooloo
Minister of Transportation

CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT FOR RAE-EDZO

Requests for the provision of an airport at the community of Rae-Edzo have been made over the last several years. Evaluation of these requests and proposals has concluded that such a project is not justifiable at the present time.

In its negotiations with the federal government to transfer responsibility for community airports to the GNWT, the Department of Transportation was unable to secure funding for an airport in Rae-Edzo. The Airports Contributions Agreement concentrated on improving the airport facilities in those communities which are entirely dependent on air transport, and which do not have alternative road access. This Agreement included funding for construction of new airports at Paulatuk, Snowdrift, Rae Lakes and Lac La Martre as well as major improvements to airports in Pelly Bay, Fort Franklin and Fort Good Hope.

The community of Rae-Edzo is located on the all-weather highway system and has year round transportation access by road. This past summer, the Department completed the construction and paving of a new 10 km access road linking the community to Highway #3. In the summer and winter Rae-Edzo has air service by water. While this air service is interrupted seasonally at freeze-up and break-up, the community of Rae-Edzo is never isolated at any time in the year.

For the time being, the Department of Transportation has no plans for the construction of an airport at Rae-Edzo. However, in view of the community's long term interest in a local air facility, the Department will continue to review the situation, and evaluate the priority of such a project against the other NWT transportation facility requirements.

Petition tabled by Mr. Ningark on December 18, 1991

Response by the Honourable Titus Allooloo
Minister of Transportation

COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD: PELLY BAY TO BARROW LAKE

The construction of a community access road from Pelly Bay to Barrow Lake, as requested in this petition, was one of many possible community access road projects considered in the Northwest Territories Transportation Strategy, tabled in the Legislative Assembly in October of 1990.

The Department of Transportation recognizes that an access road from Pelly Bay to Barrow Lake would help facilitate hunting, recreation and tourism possibilities. The Department also recognizes the importance to residents of maintaining their traditional livelihood through subsistence harvesting of wildlife.

Unfortunately, based upon current funding levels, the Department of Transportation is unable to construct the proposed access road in the immediate future. The Department is, however, prepared to undertake pre-engineering studies in fiscal year 1992/1993.

Once pre-engineering studies of this and other access road proposals are complete, the Department will be in a position to give the community of Pelly Bay a better indication of when construction of the Barrow Lake access road could commence.

