



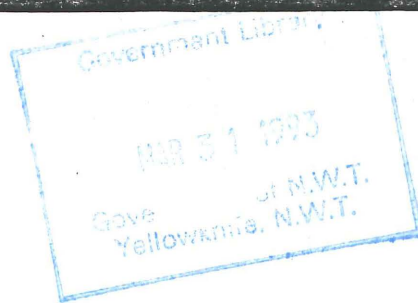
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Individuals, Businesses, Organizations  
Kitikmeot Region

Kitikmeot Inuit Association Study



At the recent meeting of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association held in Cambridge Bay October 14, 1992 the Board of Directors discussed the issue of improving economic development programs and services in the Kitikmeot. Part of this discussion focused on the Government of the Northwest Territories' new policy of devolving authority and program responsibilities to regional and community groups. As an Inuit organization we are concerned that the current level of economic development services are not meeting regional needs and we would like to consider other alternatives that would give regional groups a stronger voice concerning economic development policy and more control over the implementation of associated government programs and services.

As many of us have heard and read, the Government of the Northwest Territories recently released its report, called: **Strength at Two Levels** and a policy statement which came later, called: **Reshaping Northern Government**. The main objectives of these two documents are to improve the way government does business in the north and to improve services and accountability down to the regional and community levels. Through these documents the GNWT has committed itself to the devolution of programs and services to regional and community stakeholders.

In response, the K.I.A. met with the Government Leader in May of this year to discuss her commitment to this process. She gave us her governments' commitment to review alternatives to the current system. We have hired RT & Associates Ltd., a management consulting firm from Yellowknife, to develop an options document which would provide a framework for entering into transfer negotiations with the Government of the Northwest Territories. In developing this document, representatives of this firm will be visiting each community in the region to discuss possible alternative program and service delivery options with interested parties. We are hoping that the consultations with parties concerned about the future of economic development in the Kitikmeot will result in a report, prepared by the consultants, which will outline several program delivery options that might be considered.

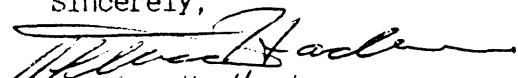
It is very important to keep in mind, that each option would be evaluated in the framework of the GNWT's development policy, the respective needs of each community and the region as a whole. In this respect, any option chosen as a basis for transfer discussions with the GNWT would have the greatest impact on strengthening the Kitikmeot Region's voice in economic development policy and improving economic development programs and services at the community level.

Copies of the final report will be forwarded to each municipality for their review and comment, before the K.I.A. continues its discussions with the GNWT regarding the transfer of economic development programs and services to the region. Our hope is that we can have the options report completed by mid December 1992.

In the next few weeks members of the consulting team will be visiting each community to begin consultations with interested parties. The K.I.A. office will inform you of the consultation schedule in advance so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to express their views on this important process.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support, participation and input into this process.

Sincerely,



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