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Sir,

Regarding the request for suggestions for the name of our area after separation, I think it should be "Northwest Territory", in the singular, and the abbreviation should be "NT", as in the postal directory.

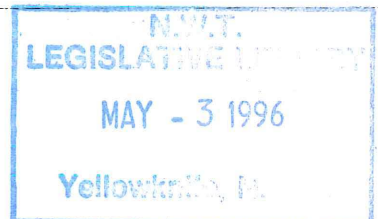
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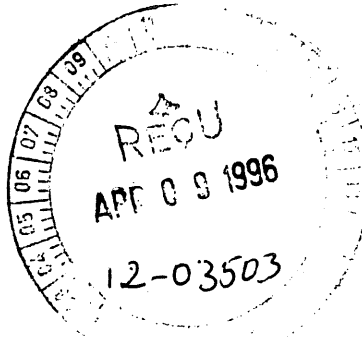
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April 2, 1996

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Dear Mr. Oates:

My name is Bruno Jaurnell. I am a resident in your riding and a taxpayer and I must inform you that when I read the article in the News North of April 1 entitled "What to call it", I felt sufficiently angry to want to write you this letter. We are being told that we are in serious financial difficulties with a deficit of \$150,000,000 in the Northwest Territories and yet I find out that the people we have elected to represent us are seriously entertaining the idea of changing the name of the Northwest Territories. I strongly disagree with such a proposal. Actually I find it appalling that the Legislative Assembly should even be considering this when as far as I am concerned there are far more pressing issues that it ought to be addressing at this time.

Personally, I am proud to tell other Canadians and people from other countries that I live in the N.W.T. and certainly cannot see how a change of name could improve my life. As a matter of fact, as a tourist operator, a change of name for the Territories would complicate my life. We have spent years and a lot of money trying to promote the Territories and would now be faced with starting over again? Sure it starts by saying that it will only cost \$22,000 to run the contest but how much will a plebiscite cost and then how much will it cost to change the legislation, the letterhead, the logo, road maps, licence plates, etc.etc. I can't help but wonder if the name can even be changed given that this is a territory of Canada. Has anyone bothered to research this especially in light of the historical significance that the name Northwest Territories has for all of Canada?

As the MLA representing Yellowknife Centre, I trust that you will do your utmost to convince your colleagues to drop this stupid idea so that we can all continue to be proud of living in the Northwest Territories.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bruno Jaurnell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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March 3, 1996

Premier Don Morin,
Gov't. of the N.W.T.
YELLOWKNIFE.

Dear Premier Morin:

At their February general meeting, members of SPIRIT YK voted unanimously to urge the Government of the N.W.T. to retain for the new western territory the name by which the rest of the world knows us...the Northwest Territories.

Nunavut was an easy choice for a territory overwhelmingly Inuit, but the demographics of the western territory are markedly different. We feel there is an excellent case to be made to retain Northwest Territories, because it is a name all of us who live here have claimed with pride, whether Dene, Metis, Inuit or Other.

There are strong practical reasons, too, for remaining the Northwest Territories.

Northwest Territories is a name with a ring to it. It conjures up the image of the land we are; a still mysterious, vast and challenging Northern frontier. And our governments have spent millions of dollars promoting tourism to the N.W.T.

Like our unofficial polar bear flag, the name Northwest Territories is familiar to and has captured the imagination of people all over the world. Can we afford to throw away that hard-earned recognition now that we at last have the roads, the parks, the hotels, motels and other facilities which will enable us to cash in on our investment, as the Yukon has done for years?

We ARE the Northwest Territories, geographically and in the hearts of those of us who live here, as well as to the rest of the world. We should not discard the name which has united us as people and won us national and international recognition.

Sincerely,

Erik Watt,
President.

c.c. Members of cabinet and MLAs
Constitutional Development Steering Committee
Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce
N.W.T. Chamber of Commerce
City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee
Western Arctic media