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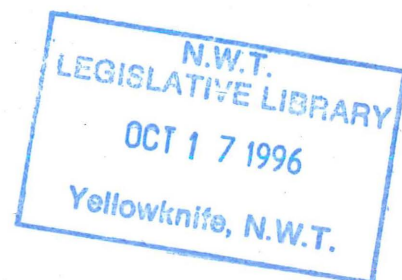
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Petitions presented by Mr. Henry, Mrs. Groenewegen and Mr. Ootes

Response by the Honourable Sam Gargan
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Naming of the Western Territory

The Speaker does not have the authority to action the request of the petitioners. The naming of the Western Territory is a matter that is being considered by the Western MLAs and therefore, I have forwarded these petitions to the Western Caucus of the Legislative Assembly.



PETITION

MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A PETITION DEALING WITH THE MATTER OF:

The Naming of the new Western Territory After Division

(Subject of Petition)

MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITION CONTAINS 2979 SIGNATURES, FROM RESIDENTS OF YELLOWKNIFE AND, MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITIONERS REQUEST:

Material Allegations:

and urge the Government of the Northwest Territories to retain Northwest Territories as our name when two separate territories are formed in 1999, for these reasons:

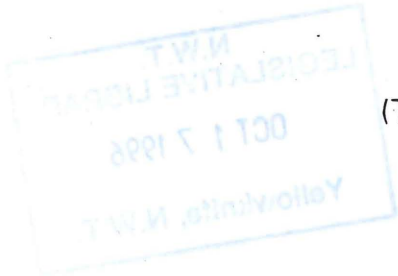
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MEMBER'S NAME: Seamus Henry

(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: 

Date: Oct. 2, 1996



(To be attached to original of Petition)

PETITION

MR. SPEAKER, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A PETITION DEALING WITH THE MATTER OF:

Renaming of the Western Territory

(Subject of Petition)

MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITION CONTAINS 494 SIGNATURES, FROM RESIDENTS OF HAY RIVER AND, MR. SPEAKER, THE PETITIONERS REQUEST:

Material Allegations:

We, the undersigned feel that the name for the Western Territory should remain as is, the Northwest Territories. As most of us have either been born here or have resided in the Northwest Territories for most of our lifetime, we consider the Northwest Territories our home and would like to see the name remain as is. Thank you.

MEMBER'S NAME: Jane Groenewegen

(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: 

Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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MEMBER'S NAME:

JAKE OATES

(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

Jake Oates

Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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MEMBER'S NAME: IAKE OOTES
(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: Jake Ootes Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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DAKE OOTES

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MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

Dake Ootes

Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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MEMBER'S NAME:

JAKE OOTES

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MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:

Jake Ootes

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MEMBER'S NAME: LAKE OATES
(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: Jake Oates Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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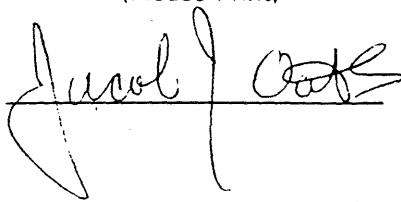
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MEMBER'S NAME: Jake Ootes

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MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:  Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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Material Allegations:

We the undersigned are **NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH CHANGING THE NAME OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.**

The Northwest Territories has placed an important role in Canadian history and the name should remain the same.

The cost involved in changing the name should be reason enough not to consider a name change.

If these are days of fiscal constraint, this is a good place to start.

MEMBER'S NAME: Seamus Henry

(Please Print)

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:  Date: Oct. 2, 1996

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