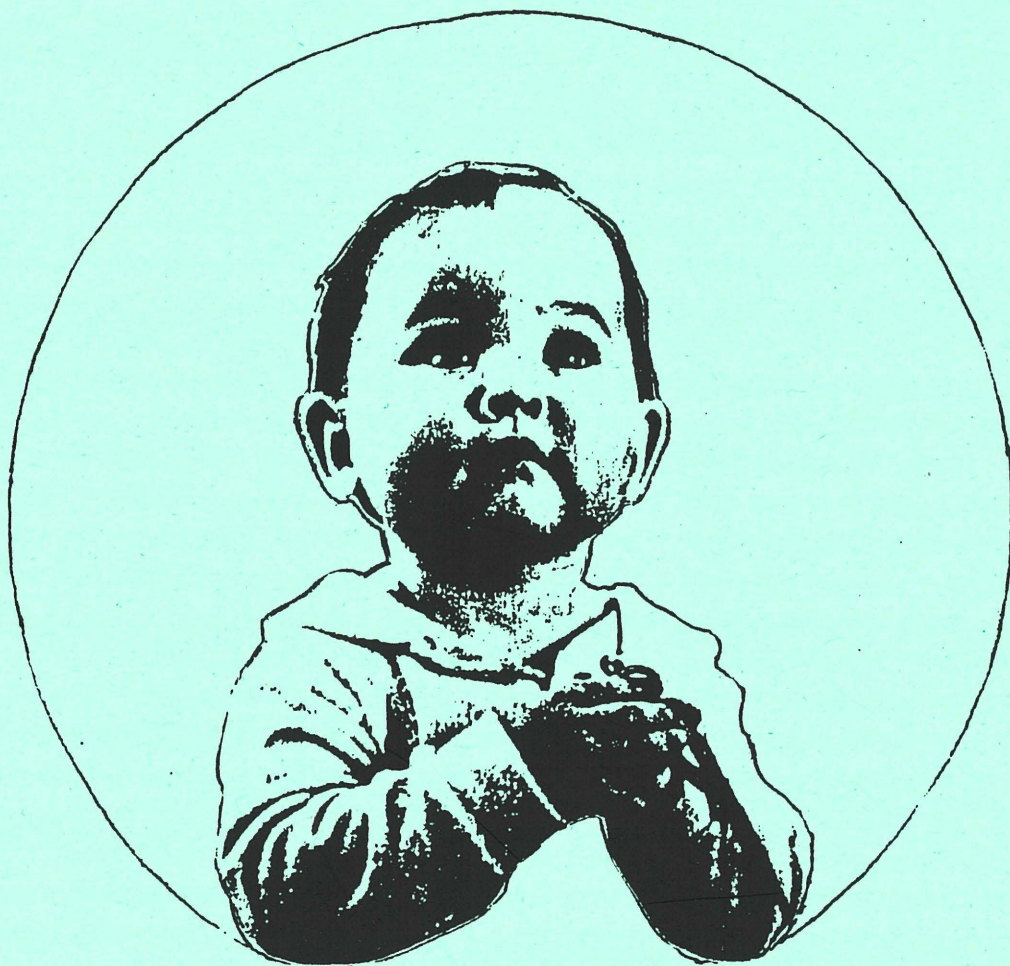


# VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

of the

## Northwest Territories



Sixth Annual Report

April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

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The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial data. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses and income. The document further explains that regular reconciliation of accounts is essential to identify any discrepancies early on and prevent them from escalating into larger issues.

In addition, the document highlights the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting. It states that all stakeholders, including management and investors, should have access to clear and concise financial statements. This helps in making informed decisions and building trust in the organization's financial health. The document also mentions the importance of adhering to relevant accounting standards and regulations to ensure compliance and avoid legal penalties.

Finally, the document concludes by stressing the role of technology in modern financial management. It suggests that utilizing accounting software can significantly streamline the process, reduce the risk of human error, and provide real-time insights into the company's financial performance. By embracing digital tools, organizations can enhance their financial operations and achieve greater efficiency and accuracy.

June 6, 1995

The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi  
Minister of Justice

Annual Report

I present to you the annual report of the Victims Assistance Committee for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, in accordance with subsection 10(1) of the Victims of Crime Act. Once again, I am happy to advise you that through our practice of teleconferencing, no funds were used for any government expenses.

This year, disbursements were made to non-government organizations for public awareness projects (e.g. handbook on family violence workshops; teen sexual assault video; healing workshops), direct services (e.g. family communication services during the Roger Warren trial), and research (e.g. a study regarding the present sexual assault kit). Community agencies once again made prominent use of the Fund to send staff, volunteers, and board or group members to conferences and workshops exploring themes on suicide prevention, sexual abuse, violence and healing.

Our new priority this year will be the recommending of contributions for community-based projects or workshops dealing with victim and healing issues. We will still give consideration to proposals for southern-hosted conferences, workshops, etc., but not as a priority item.

I would like to commend the other Committee members for their commitment and on their behalf, I would like to thank Lawrence Norbert, our coordinator, for his diligent work displayed once again this year.

Sincerely,



Thelma Tees  
Chairperson  
Victims Assistance Committee



## STATEMENT OF BASIC PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

(1988) In recognition of the *United Nations Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime*, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Justice agree that the following principles should guide Canadian society in promoting access to justice, fair treatment and provision of assistance for victims of crime:

1. Victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and with respect for their dignity and privacy and should suffer the minimum of necessary inconvenience from their involvement with the criminal justice system.
2. Victims should receive, through formal and informal procedures, prompt and fair redress for the harm which they have suffered.
3. Information regarding remedies and the mechanisms to obtain them should be made available to victims.
4. Information should be made available to victims about their participation in criminal proceedings and the scheduling, progress and ultimate disposition of the proceedings.
5. Where appropriate, the views and concerns of victims should be ascertained and assistance provided throughout the criminal process.
6. Where the personal interests of the victim are affected, the views or concerns of the victim should be brought to the attention of the court, where appropriate and consistent with criminal law and procedure.
7. Measures should be taken when necessary to ensure the safety of victims and their families and to protect them from intimidation and retaliation.
8. Enhanced training should be made available to sensitize criminal justice personnel to the needs and concerns of victims and guidelines developed, where appropriate, for this purpose.
9. Victims should be informed of the availability of health and social services and other relevant assistance so that they might continue to receive the necessary medical, psychological and social assistance through existing programs and services.
10. Victims should report the crime and co-operate with law enforcement authorities.

## VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT

The *Victims of Crime Act* of the Northwest Territories establishes the Victims Assistance Fund and provides for the appointment of a Victims Assistance Committee.

## VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND

The Fund is a special purpose contribution fund which generates its revenue from victim fine surcharge monies and is separate from the Department of Justice victims services budget.

Funding is available for short-term, community-based projects and activities which directly support or benefit victims of crime through:

- *training* (including conferences, workshops, courses and seminars) geared towards sensitizing and informing community resource workers as to the needs and circumstances of victims of crime;
- *direct services* which assist victims through crisis response, personal support, follow-up assistance, victim information, and referrals;
- *public awareness and information* on the rights and responsibilities of victims, available services, the criminal justice system and its procedures, and any issues relating to victims of crime; or
- *research* into and the distribution of information about services to victims and the needs and concerns of victims.

## VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee is appointed for three-year terms to make recommendations to the Minister of Justice on policies regarding the needs and concerns of victims of crime, and on the distribution of the Fund. The present Committee consists of:

Thelma Tees	Yellowknife	Chairperson
Julia Putulik	Chesterfield Inlet	Member
Rebecca Williams	Arctic Bay	Member

The Committee receives administrative and executive support from a departmental staff person who also works on implementation of victim initiatives for the Department.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee met 10 times *by teleconference* to review proposals. The Minister approved recommendations from the Committee for contributions amounting to \$63,860.80 from the Fund for 29 recipients.

**VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND**  
Statement of Revenue & Contributions  
April 1, 1994 - March 31, 1995

**REVENUE**

Balance from 1993-94		- \$2,975.19
Victim Fine Surcharges - Territorial	\$47,279.95	
Victim Fine Surcharges - Federal	\$64,968.09	<u>\$112,248.04</u>
Total		<u>\$109,272.85</u>

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Disbursed (including from 1993-94)		\$63,043.80
Payable		<u>(\$ 5,817.00)</u>
Total		<u>\$68,860.80</u>

BALANCE		<u>\$40,412.05</u>
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**RECIPIENTS**

NWT COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN \$5,000.00  
(Women's Community Action Team)  
Public Awareness/Information - "From Dark to Light: Regaining a Caring Community"  
Project - Supplementary Contribution to produce a Handbook on How to Organize  
Community Workshops on Family Violence Issues

SALVATION ARMY (Yellowknife) \$4,000.00  
Direct Service Delivery/Public Awareness - Communications Services to the Families  
of the Victims of the 1992 Giant Mine Explosion up to, during and after the Trial of  
Roger Warren, the Accused in the Explosion

FORT NORMAN INTERAGENCY & SEXUAL ABUSE COMMITTEE \*\$5,000.00  
Direct Service Delivery - Community Counselling Project - *\*payable from 1993-94*

GARY ADKINS (Yellowknife) \$3,158.90  
Public Awareness - "Tears of the Midnight Sun" Project - Contribution to Reproduce  
and Distribute a Video on Teen Sexual Assault

YELLOWKNIFE WOMEN'S SOCIETY \$3,161.00  
Research - "Sexual Assault Kit: Strategy for Change" - A Study to Investigate Options  
for Changing the Sexual Assault Kit, Procedures and Impacts on Victims in the NWT

YWCA of YELLOWKNIFE	\$2,500.00
Public Awareness - "Heads Up" Project - Partial Contribution to Produce a Video Aimed at Helping Youth Empower Themselves with Self-esteem.	
FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE (Inuvik)	\$1,706.37
Training/Direct Service Delivery - One staff person to the Canadian Association of Suicide Prevention Conference in Iqaluit, May 12-15, 1994	
P.R.I.D.E. YOUTH GROUP (Fort McPherson)	\$1,408.09
Public Awareness/Information - Partial Contribution for Youth delegates to attend the P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education) 10th Anniversary Conference on Drugs and Youth in Winnipeg, May 17-22, 1994	
YELLOWKNIFE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM	\$1,534.13
Training - One volunteer victim services worker to the "Sexual Violence: Seeking Consensus Amid Controversy" Conference in Midland, Ontario, June 15-17, 1994	
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE (Hay River)	\$1,216.93
Training - One staff person to the "Healing Ourselves and Our Relationships" Four Worlds Summer Institute 1994 Conference in Lethbridge, July 17-23, 1994	
INGAMO HALL FRIENDSHIP CENTRE (Inuvik)	\$2,114.58
Public Awareness - Contribution to Conduct a "Healing of the Inner Child" Workshop in Inuvik, August 1-15, 1994	
BASIC AWARENESS PROGRAM (Deline)	\$5,350.00
Public Awareness - Contribution to Conduct a "Healing of the Inner Child" Workshop in Deline, August 15-30, 1994	
BASIC AWARENESS PROGRAM (Deline)	\$1,963.00
Training - One staff person to the "Making Wellness Work in Native Communities" Workshop in Calgary, September 20-21, 1994	
YELLOWKNIFE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM	\$1,332.00
Training - One volunteer victim services worker to the "Mobilizing Community Resources" Conference 94 in Ottawa, September 23-25, 1994	
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE (Hay River)	\$764.81
AKLAVIK COMMUNITY COUNSELLING	\$1,406.08
YELLOWKNIFE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM	\$1,099.00
NWT FAMILY SERVICES (Yellowknife)	\$1,014.86
Training - One staff person each to "The Circle of Healing: Healing Our Children, Healing Ourselves" 9th National Child and Youth Care Conference in Edmonton, October 2-6, 1994	



YELLOWKNIFE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM	\$1,144.00
Training - One volunteer victim services worker to the "Stopping the Violence: Changing Families, Changing Futures" Conference in Vancouver, November 16-19, 1994	
YWCA OF YELLOWKNIFE	\$991.07
AKLAVIK COMMUNITY COUNSELLING	\$1,479.16
HAY RIVER WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE	\$1,206.00
Training - One staff person each to the "Stopping the Violence: Changing Families, Changing Futures" Conference in Vancouver, November 16-19, 1994	
DELINE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP	\$1,882.00
Training - One member to the "Stopping the Violence: Changing Families, Changing Futures" Conference in Vancouver, November 16-19, 1994	
NATS'ÉJÉE K'ÉH TREATMENT CENTRE (Hay River)	\$7,367.00
Training/Public Awareness - Partial Contribution to conduct a Sexual Abuse Disclosure Program for Counsellors/Facilitators Faced with Clients/Workshop Participants Disclosing Sexual Abuse (Dec 5-16/94 and Jan 3-7/95)	
METIS NATION LOCAL #59 (Norman Wells)	*\$3,391.00
FORT GOOD HOPE DROP-IN CENTRE	*\$2,426.00
Training - Three persons (one each from Norman Wells, Inuvik and Fort Good Hope) to a "Healing of the Inner Child" Training Workshop in Saskatoon, January 9-13, 1995 (*postponed to later date - payable in 1995-96)	
TUK CRISIS CENTRE	\$1,904.82
Public Awareness - Contribution to Conduct Two Community Workshops: "Healing Workshop (Jan 23-27/95) and "Overview Course on Family Violence" (Jan 30-Feb 3/95)	
FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE (Inuvik)	\$1,630.00
Training - One staff counsellor to attend 2 courses: 'Sexual Abuse Trauma, Dissociation, and Memory' (February 15-17, 1995) and 'Group Work with Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse' (March 3-4, 1995) at the Justice Institute of BC in Vancouver.	
DELTA HOUSE (Inuvik)	\$1,710.00
Training - One staff counsellor to the "Sexual Abuse: Attachment, Backlash, Body and Memory, and Management and Healing" Conference in Winnipeg, February 10-12, 1995.	

## INFORMATION GUIDE

### APPLICANTS

Any person, organization or institution may submit a proposal for funding. Priority and preference, however, is given to non-government, non-profit organizations which directly support or assist victims of crime.

Proposals can be submitted at anytime and will be reviewed by the Committee on the first Tuesday of each month (except on statutory holidays when the review will be the following Tuesday) or at other dates as designated by the Committee.

Mail or fax your proposal to:

Thelma Tees  
Chairperson  
Victims Assistance Committee  
c/o Community Justice Division (CH5)  
Department of Justice - GNWT  
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2L9  
Facsimile: 403-873-0299

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The Victims Co-ordinator of the Community Justice Division will review proposals prior to submission to the Committee and may request additional information to ensure proposals are as complete as possible. The Co-ordinator, in consultation with the Chairperson, may deny proposals which do not meet the funding criteria as specified in the *Victims of Crime Act* and/or by the Committee.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Committee at the funding meetings. The Committee may recommend, deny or defer an application. In cases where a proposal is denied or deferred by the Committee, the Chairperson will notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial or deferral. Recommendations for funding will be forwarded to the Minister of Justice for approval.

For further information, contact:

Lawrence Norbert  
Victims Co-ordinator  
Community Justice Division (CH5)  
Solicitor General Branch  
Department of Justice - GNWT  
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2L9  
Telephone: 403-920-6911 collect  
Facsimile: 403-873-0299

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT

You can write up your proposal any way you wish but you should answer these key questions about your project:

- How does your organization assist victims of crime?
- What need is your project trying to meet?
- How does what you are proposing to do meet this need?
- What do you hope to accomplish during the project?
- How will it benefit or directly support victims of crime?
- What will you do during the project?
- What is your schedule for doing this work and completing the project?
- Who will manage the project? Who will work on it?
- How will you monitor the progress of the project?
- How will you evaluate the project to know if it was successful in meeting its objectives?
- How will you share the results with other organizations or communities?
- Have the proposal signed by the person authorized by your organization to seek funding on its behalf (example: executive director, chairperson of the board of directors).

Attach a budget sheet outlining:

- The money you may have received or will be receiving from other funders, from "in kind" support, or from your own fundraising activities.
- The costs for your project (e.g. staff, contract services, travel, supplies, material, equipment rental, printing, evaluation report, mail, etc.).
- The amount you are requesting from the Victims Assistance Fund and the item(s) in your budget which the money will be used for.

### Project Support

- Provide at least three (3) formal letters of support from either community organizations, tribal or regional councils, or various levels of government. These could be contacted to ask their views on the proposed project.

## GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL TO SEND A DELEGATE TO A TRAINING EVENT

Write up your proposal on letterhead answering these key questions:

- How does your organization assist or support victims of crime?
- What is this conference/workshop/course/seminar about?
- Is the theme consistent with promoting the needs and concerns of victims and the improvement of treatment for victims of crime?*
- Who is your delegate? Why was s/he chosen to attend?
  - Note: the Committee will not recommend funding for the same individual to attend more than one training event per year.
- How will this event increase her/his training or professional development?
- How will the experience or training be of benefit to victims in your community?
- The supervisor of your delegate must sign the proposal.
- Attach a budget sheet based on the following:
  - the lowest cost *excursion airfare* (note that this would mean a Saturday stay-over at your destination),
  - reasonable *accommodation* rates (except when the conference location dictate the use of a specific accommodation), plus
  - the lowest cost for *registration*.
  - Note: all other costs (meals, incidentals, ground transportation, etc.) will be the responsibility of your organization.
- Attach a legible copy of the event brochure.

There may be situations from time to time, where two delegates might need to travel together, such as when:

- someone is needed to escort or interpret for an elder;
- a chaperon is required to accompany youth delegates; or
- considerable distances, flight connections and overnight stops are involved (this will apply only to Central Arctic, High Arctic, Keewatin and Baffin communities).

***Plan ahead!*** Submit your proposal for funding at least 8 - 10 weeks before the event.

This will allow sufficient time for:

- the Committee to review it and make a recommendation to the Minister;
- your organization and the GNWT to sign a contribution agreement;
- your organization to prepay travel and registration expenses; and
- the GNWT to process and mail a cheque (hopefully) before the event.

**VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.9 (Supp.)**

**INTERPRETATION**

Definitions	1. In this Act,
"Committee"	"Committee" means the Victims Assistance Committee established by subsection 2(1);
"Fund"	"Fund" means the Victims Assistance Fund established by subsection 11(1);
"judge"	"judge" means a judge of the Supreme Court, a territorial judge and a justice of the peace;
"victims"	"victims" means persons who, individually or collectively, have suffered harm, including (a) physical or mental injury, (b) emotional suffering, (c) economic loss, or (d) substantial impairment of their fundamental rights, through acts or omissions that are in violation of criminal laws or laws that have penal consequences, regardless of whether the perpetrator is identified, apprehended, prosecuted or convicted, and includes, persons who have suffered harm in intervening to assist victims in distress or to prevent victimization and, where appropriate, the immediate family or dependants of the direct victims.

**VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

Establishment of Committee	2. (1) A committee called the Victims Assistance Committee is established.
Composition and appointment	(2) The Committee shall be composed of three members who shall be appointed by the Minister.
Term	(3) The term of each member of the Committee shall not exceed three years, as specified in the appointment.
Honorarium	(4) The members of the Committee may be paid an honorarium in an amount determined by the Minister.
Quorum	(5) Two members of the Committee constitute a quorum.
Chairperson	3. The Minister shall designate one of the members as chairperson of the Committee.
Conflict of interest	4. (1) A member of the Committee who is associated with a person, organization or institution that is being considered for funding under section 7 shall disclose that association.  (2) A member referred to in subsection (1) may vote on any question relating to a proposed recommendation of the Committee unless the member has a direct pecuniary interest in the funding.
Power of Member to vote	
Promotion of services to victims	5. The Committee shall promote (a) courteous and compassionate treatment of victims; (b) prompt redress for victims, through civil and criminal law procedures, for the harm that they have suffered; (c) the availability of information to a victim about

- (i) the scope, nature, timing and progress of the prosecution of the offence in which he or she was a victim,
  - (ii) the role of the victim in the court proceeding,
  - (iii) the remedies and the social, legal, medical and mental health services available to the victim and the mechanisms to obtain access to them, and
  - (iv) the responsibility of the victim to report the crime and co-operate with law enforcement authorities;
- (d) research into and the distribution of information about services to victims and the needs and concerns of victims;
  - (e) assistance to victims in bringing their views and concerns to the attention of the court where their personal interests are affected, and where it is consistent with criminal law and procedure;
  - (f) measures to be taken to minimize inconvenience to victims and to ensure the safety of victims; and
  - (g) training for police, health, social service and other personnel as to the needs and concerns of victims.

Programs

6. The Committee may work with prosecutors and with law enforcement agencies, courts, social agencies and any organizations established to serve victims in order to assist them in developing programs that promote the purposes of this Act.

Applications and submissions

7. (1) Any person, organization or institution may submit, to the Committee, applications and submissions relating to

- (a) the needs and concerns of victims;
- (b) funding of and research into services to victims and the needs and concerns of victims;
- (c) funding of services to victims;
- (d) distribution of information respecting services to victims and the needs and concerns of victims; and
- (e) promotion and delivery of services to victims.

Applications submitted to Committee

(2) Any application for funding from the Fund shall be submitted to the Committee for a recommendation as to whether the funding should be given.

Review and recommendation

(3) The Committee

- (a) shall review the applications and submissions made under subsections (1) and (2);
- (b) may consider for funding, at its discretion, any other person, organization or institution that is or may be established to serve victims; and
- (c) shall recommend to the Minister the names of proposed recipients of money from the Fund, the terms and conditions on which the money should be paid and the purposes for which the money should be spent.

Other recommendations

(4) The Committee may make recommendations to the Minister relating to

- (a) the development of policies respecting services to victims; and
- (b) any other matter that the Minister refers to the Committee.

Review

8. The Committee shall review the operation, development and cost of services to victims and research projects for which money from the Fund is spent.

Examination of documents

9. The Committee may require a person, organization or institution that is being considered for funding under section 7, or a recipient of funding under section 14, to submit to the Committee any reports, contracts or documents related to the application or receipt that the Committee considers advisable.

- Report 10. (1) The Committee shall, within four months after the end of each fiscal year of the Fund, make a report to the Minister on the activities of the Committee for that fiscal year.
- Report laid before Legislative Assembly (2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the report of the Committee before the Legislative Assembly immediately after receiving the report or, if the Legislative Assembly is not then in session, at the next session.

### VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND

- Establishment of Fund 11. (1) A fund called the Victims Assistance Fund is established.
- Special purpose fund (2) The Fund is a special purpose fund as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*.
- Surcharge 12. (1) Subject to subsection (3), every person, other than a young person, who is convicted of an offence under an enactment, shall pay a surcharge
- (a) in an amount to be determined by multiplying the amount of the fine or penalty that is imposed on the person for the offence by a percentage, not to exceed 20%, that is prescribed; or
  - (b) in the amount of \$25, where no fine is imposed on the person for the offence.
- Payment priorities (2) Where a person pays only a portion of a fine and surcharge that must be paid under paragraph (1)(a), the payment received must be applied
- (a) first, in payment of the surcharge; and
  - (b) second, in payment of the fine.
- Exception (3) A judge may waive or reduce the surcharge where
- (a) the judge has convicted a person of an offence under an enactment; and
  - (b) the person establishes to the satisfaction of the judge that the surcharge would result in undue hardship to the person.
- Reasons for waiving or reducing surcharge (4) Where the judge waives or reduces the surcharge, the judge shall
- (a) provide the reasons why the surcharge is being waived or reduced; and
  - (b) enter the reasons in the record of the proceedings or, where the proceedings are not recorded, provide written reasons.
- Enforcement (5) Subject to this Act, the provisions of the *Summary Conviction Procedures Act* and regulations under that Act respecting payment of a fine or penalty and imprisonment in default of payment of a fine or penalty apply, with such modifications as the circumstances require, to payment of a surcharge.
- Work option (6) No person shall discharge all or any part of a surcharge by means of a work option as defined in the *Fine Option Act*.
- Payment into Fund 13. (1) Subject to subsection (2), money that is received for or otherwise credited to the Fund, including
- (a) the surcharge when collected, and
  - (b) any money from a person or source made payable to the Fund,
- must be paid to the Minister for the account of the Fund.
- Idem* (2) Money that is received from the Government of Canada in accordance with an agreement entered into under section 19, may be deposited to the account of the Fund at the discretion of the Minister.

Money held in trust (3) The Fund shall be held in an account forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in trust for the purposes of this Act.

Disbursements from Fund 14. (1) The Minister may authorize disbursements from the Fund for  
(a) promotion and delivery of services to victims;  
(b) research into services to victims and needs and concerns of victims;  
(c) distribution of information respecting services to victims and needs and concerns of victims;  
(d) remuneration of members of the Committee for their services and for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Committee; and  
(e) any other purpose the Minister considers necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Trust conditions (2) Money received into the Fund subject to trust conditions must be disbursed according to those conditions.

Recommendations of Committee (3) The Minister shall consider the recommendations of the Committee before authorizing disbursements under subsection (1).

Disbursements from Fund (4) No disbursements shall be made from the Fund unless authorized under subsection (1).

Limitation (5) Disbursements made from the Fund shall be limited to the amount of money in the Fund.

Direct compensation 15. The Fund shall not be used to provide direct financial compensation to individual victims.

Investment of excess moneys 16. If at any time the balance to the credit of the Fund or the amount received subject to trust conditions is in excess of the amount that is required for the immediate purposes of this Act or the trust conditions, the Minister may invest the excess in a manner authorized by the *Financial Administration Act* and any income shall be credited to the Fund.

Fiscal year 17. The fiscal year of the Fund is the period beginning on April 1 in one year and ending on March 31 in the following year.

#### GENERAL

Creation of cause of action or right 18. This Act does not create any civil cause of action, right to damages or any right of appeal on behalf of any person.

Agreements 19. The Minister, on behalf of the Government of the Northwest Territories, may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada respecting funding to assist victims and for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

Regulations 20. The Commissioner, on the recommendation of the Minister, may make regulations  
(a) prescribing the percentage for the purpose of determining the amount of the surcharge; and  
(b) for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act.



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