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Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee of the Whole to order. Before we begin I would like to refer you back to Bill Number 35. It has come to my attention that there is a typographical error in the title of Bill Number 35, An Ordinance to Change the Name of the Magistrates Court and to Amend the Magistrates Court Ordinance. There should, in fact, be an apostrophe between the “e” and the “s” in the word “Magistrate’s” as it appears both times. Is the Committee agreed to recognize these typographical errors?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare that the typographical errors have been noted. Now I will refer you to Bill Number 35.

On Clause 6(a)

I will direct you to Page 2. That was the section that was stood over. I have an amendment by the Honourable Douglas Graham that Bill Number 36 entitled Justice of the Peace Court Ordinance be amended in Clause 6 at Page 3 by changing 6 to 6(a).

Amendment agreed to
Clause 6(a) agreed to
Preamble and Title agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 36 has cleared Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 36, Justice of the Peace Court Ordinance, as amended, out of Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I do report Bill Number 36, Justice of the Peace Court Ordinance, as amended, out of Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Mackay: Point of Privilege, Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw the House’s attention to the fact there was a great victory in Quebec tonight by the Liberal party sweeping all three seats and I would like to draw the House’s attention to the fact there was a great victory in Quebec tonight by the Liberal party sweeping all three seats and I would like to draw the House’s attention to the fact there was a great victory in Quebec tonight by the Liberal party sweeping all three seats and I would like to draw the House’s attention to the fact there was a great victory in Quebec tonight by the Liberal party sweeping all three seats and I would like to draw the House’s attention to the fact there was a great victory in Quebec tonight by the Liberal party sweeping all three seats.

Mr. Chairman: We will now direct your attention to Bill Number 23, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-1981.

On Clause 1(1)

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now refer you to schedule (A), first line of schedule (A) Department of Education, $7,790,000. I direct your attention to page five in the yellow book. On page five, Education, authority zero-three two four. The first item, C0100, Miscellaneous School Equipment. I will now anticipate general debate on this particular quote.

Mr. Mackay: Perhaps before we launch into each individual one, the Minister could save us some time of jumping up and indicate if there are any amounts in this 1981 estimate that are carried forward from 1979-80. Are we talking about new monies or is it carried forward from amounts previously budgeted?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, many of these items are, in fact, items that are ongoing from year to year. The first one, second, the third. If you want, we will go through them. It is probably easier to go through them one by one and when they are an on-going item, I will just tell you exactly what they are. It is probably easier for me and just as quick.

Item Number One is an on-going item to provide funds for an on-going program of replacement of classroom equipment, school stage drapes, black-out drapes, which I think the life expectancy is in the order of seven years and we replace a separate school each year and attempt to keep up to the seven year period that we have followed.

Custodial equipment also has an extended life of five to seven years and we attempt to do the same thing, to do two or three schools a year and attempt, by doing that, to keep at least equipment in good repair in the schools on an on-going basis.

This amount has not changed over last year.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further general discussion? If not, we will continue on clause by clause.

On Establishment C0100, Miscellaneous School Equipment, $94,000. Are there any questions?

Shall this amount carry?

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200, School Ground Improvements $100,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is the fourth year of what was originally proposed as a five year program. Mr. Chairman. We are asking for an additional two year extension after this year but that will come up later. Locations are dependent upon requirements and availability of contractors, equipment, that type of thing.

The intent is to split the number of school grounds done each year between urban and rural and, I think, in the last year we did Robert Service in Dawson, J.V. Clark in Mayo, Whitehorse Elementary and Christ the King Elementary Schools in Whitehorse.

This year is planned to do some of the schools on Lewes Boulevard as well as Teslin School. I believe Carmacks and a tiny bit of Pelly and some upgrading in Haines Junction or Faro, depending on the extent of the school buildings in those areas.

Mr. Mackay: I received some rumbles from some people during the year about the style in which some of the improvements went on, particularly with reference to large clumps of rock at Whitehorse Elementary. Is it the School Committee that decides how this money is to be spent or is it the Department of Education that has the final say?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Under the regulations, of course, the Department of Education has the final say but, I wish to assure you, that we do nothing without first consulting the school committees in that area. I believe that if you did hear rumbles about the school improvement in Whitehorse Elementary, that it would be a surprise to me because I have a number of letters on file from parents in that area, stating that they thought it was a vast improvement over what was used to be there.

Mr. Mackay: This is a sensitive area for me. I would not like it to leave the impression that I was not in favour of school improvements in Whitehorse Elementary. It was comments upon the size of rocks and whether they would constitute a danger to running kids. That was what it was about.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: The next one is C0300, Physical Education Equipment for $5,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this is just to replace the physical education equipment in various schools throughout the Territory. It is a very small sum. Unfortunately we had to cut it down in the interest of economy. It is another program that we hope to continue on a yearly basis.

Mr. Mackay: It is a small sum. I know that some of the schools are placing a greater emphasis on physical education. I hope that they will not be left short for very long, because I think it is a very important part of the curriculum.

Establishment C0300 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We continue on to C0400, Special Education Equipment, $10,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this comes about as a result of a request to meet the needs of children in the Special Education Programs. I think again that it is a small sum, but it is at least a start and something that we will hope to continue.

Establishment C0400 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: C0500, French Language Program Equipment, $2000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This was just to provide recorders and ear-
phones and that type of thing for the French language classes.

Establishment C0600 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: C0600, Robert Service School Repairs and Sewer Replacement, $66,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this is to replace pilings upon which the building was constructed. The building was constructed in 1959. We found that especially after the flood that we had some problems and in addition to the foundation the city is replacing the sewer and water lines in the school in Dawson City. We had to put that money in our budget to replace those lines.

Establishment C0800 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: The next one is C0700, J. V. Clarke School Renovations and Additions, $220,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this was as a result of requests from the school committee in Mayo to upgrade the gymnasium, soundproofing and that type of thing, and as well, we hope to do some upgrading in the industrial arts area, improve ventilation and just generally upgrade equipment there.

Mr. Mackay: I would have hoped, for the sake of the Member for Mayo, this would have been a larger amount for Mayo but I will reluctantly go along with it.

Establishment C0700 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: We will continue on down. On Establishment C0800, Audio Visual Centre Equipment for $20,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This a result of the fact that most of the audio visual equipment now in possession of the schools in the Territory is now obsolete. We find that much of the equipment that we do now possess we cannot get films for and many of the films and the machines that we have, if something goes wrong, we cannot find any place to repair them. It is a two year program, $20,000 this year, $20,000 next year and hopefully it will allow us to standardize the equipment we now have in the schools.

Mr. Bylow: I wonder if the Minister knows whether or not any of this funding is going to be for the audio visual centre at Whitehorse Elementary.

Hon. Mr. Graham: The audio visual centre at Whitehorse Elementary. We have moved the centre there but it is still part of the Information Resources Department and that has nothing to do with education. We have moved it there because of space requirements in this building, also we wanted to make the best use of Whitehorse Elementary that we possibly could.

Establishment C0800 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: C0900, Haines Junction Dormitory, $30,000.

Establishment C0900 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Next, C1000, School Ground Fencing, for $4,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is not quite what is sounds. In, I think it was in the spring of 1978 we had a fatality involving a school bus and a young child in the Jack Holland School and this fencing is basically to keep off the loading and unloading area of the schools from major traffic arteries. It is not to fence in all school grounds.

Establishment C1000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1100, School Renovations, $350,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is to provide funds for renovations to three schools in the Whitehorse area: Whitehorse Elementary, Christ the King Elementary and Christ the King High School.

There has been an ongoing problem in these three schools basically with the heating and ventilation systems, besides which there were problems with the Fire Marshall over inadequate fire standards, and the heating pressure system was inadequate under the new legislation.

Christ the King High and Christ the King Elementary schools were not built under the direction of this government, so we find ourselves in the position now of having to upgrade them to meet the standards we presently have. The $350,000 will do a great deal to renovate those three schools, to make them more adequate for the children who are going there.

Mr. Mackay: Were these schools originally donated to the Territory, having been built by somebody else, or did the Territory pay for the schools but not have the chance to supervise the construction?

Hon. Mr. Graham: I am not sure exactly how it was done, but those schools were not built by the Territorial Government. The Territorial Government took them over at a later date. I do not know if they paid for those schools or if they were just transferred for the sum of one dollar, and we agreed to look after the operation and maintenance, and supply teachers. That I am not sure of.

I do know that they were not built under the guidance of the
this project and from the point of view of the parents of Porter Creek who have, for too long, had to have their children bused downtown. I think this will go a long way to alleviate that.

You say that all the kids from above the escarpment, will this school be sufficient to accommodate all the kids who are going to be in Porter Creek in 1983, plus those who are going to be in Hillcrest with the completion of that subdivision?

Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, we have already planned a number of schools in the Hillcrest area, in various stages of its development. We have sites picked and set aside already for elementary schools, junior high schools and one senior high school in that area.

When that population increase occurs in the Hillcrest area, we will be building additional schools there but we project that this school will suit the needs of all those students in the attendance zone between Rabbit's Foot Canyon north on the Mayo Road, Porter Creek, Crestview and that area.

Establishment C1600 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: C1700, Old Crow School Gymnasium, $400,000.

Mr. Graham: This gymnasium will be a roughly five thousand square foot gymnasium and will also include storage space, a small office, washroom and shower facilities and that type of thing. I think that we have known for some time that this gymnasium is need urgently in the Old Crow area and I am just happy that we can bring it forward at this time.

Mr. Njoottli: I was going to ask the Minister at what stage would the gymnasium would be after it is built? I take it the building season is during the summertime and will the people of Old Crow be able to use the gymnasium this fiscal year or next fiscal year?

Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Chairman, it would not be. It is to be built over two summers and hopefully it will be ready for use in September of 1982.

Mr. Njoottli: I see that it would cost a million dollars. This year, we would be incorporating, of pending the opposition on this side of the floor, for $400,000. If we raise that up to $600,000 what difference would that make. It would make it operational this year?

Mr. Graham: No, Mr. Chairman, it would not. Generally speaking, the first year is always the lower number, the lower number of funds are allocated because we found, in the past, that in most cases the foundation work and that type of thing takes more time than the actual construction once the foundations are laid. We feel that it is a two-year project and I do not think that even if we committed the whole one million dollars to the 1980/81 budget that the building would be ready in the Fall of next year.

Mr. Lang: A fine example of that was the gymnasium over at the Selkirk Street School. The money was allocated one year, and eventually wound up being a year and a half, almost two-year project. So you can imagine the difference of being able to get supplies across the river as opposed to Old Crow. There are no two ways about it. It is going to have to be a two-year program.

Mr. MacKay: I fully support the provision of a gymnasium for the Old Crow people. I am quite shocked. I am afraid of the cost of it. That is two hundred dollars a square foot for a five thousand square foot building. I presume that this is based upon some pretty close-eyed estimates. I suggest that there must be some way of keeping the costs down below two hundred dollars a square foot, while providing the same facility.

Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I think that perhaps the Member opposite misunderstood me. I said the gymnasium was roughly five thousand, four hundred and sixty-three feet. The rest of the things that I named off also are roughly another nine hundred and sixty square feet or nine hundred and seventy square feet. In fact, it will be somewhere in the neighbourhood of six thousand square feet.

It is a fact of life, Mr. Chairman, that costs of construction in Old Crow are certainly substantially higher than anywhere else in the Yukon.

Establishment C1700 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1800, Carmacks School Renovations and Additions, $500,000.

Mr. Graham: This school presently holds from kindergarten to grade 10, and all of the gymnastic classes are held in a room in the basement of the school. Carmacks is one of the areas we have projected that the rural expansion in the years ahead. We felt that the first step in this was to create a gymnasium and a couple of extra classrooms.

Since this money was put in the budget, it indicates a total of $750,000, and since Engineering has come up with some prices, we have found that that price may be increased when the final drawings do come in. This is a commitment on our behalf to expand that school.

Establishment C1800 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1900, Pelly Crossing School, $500,000.

Mr. Graham: Pelly Crossing School is a pet project of mine because I think that these people have been extremely good in waiting the number of years that they have. They do have, at the present time, two trailers, not terribly small, but trailers, in which the water lines regularly freeze up during the winter months, and during the spring the roofs leak, and no matter how many repairs are done, it always happens every year.

The gymnasium is a small part of one of the trailers, and if the students wish to go from one classroom to the next they must go outside. It has to be one of the worst schools in the Territory at the present time. I think that the amount of planning that has gone into the present consultation with the people in Pelly Crossing, the motto that we will attempt to follow in all other schools that we will be constructing in the Territory. The people there are very happy with the preliminary drawings that have been done to date, and we are happy that we are able to meet the needs of that community.

Establishment C1900 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C2000, Y.V.T.T.C. Training Facility, $1,000,000.

Mr. Graham: I realize that the last sentence is enough to scare some people. It is a multi-year project, estimated to cost $15,000,000, and that $15,000,000 is just a guess.

At the present time, the $1,289,00 that we have budgeted is for site preparation, land purchase, sewer and water installation, road construction to the site, and that type of thing. We hope to, in the first year of construction after the site preparation is done, construct buildings that will be used strictly for the heavy trades. By this I mean heavy equipment mechanics, the operating courses, the gas mechanics courses, and welding courses, and perhaps we can manage a mining course or a pipeline welding course, as the needs dictate.

Those courses will be moved to this area because we are talking about roughly a 150 to 200 acre site. I think that this room gives us the necessary area to expand over the next ten years hopefully.

We have got several concepts that we would like to see done up there but as far as a community college or first two years of university, I do not see that happening for the next five to ten years. Possibly I can be proven wrong by the simple fact that the population of the Yukon does increase dramatically over the next few years, but at least we have done a lot of planning. We have been sure that the area that is necessary is available to us. I think that it is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, just before we start, this is the facility known affectionately in the Public Service as the Honourable Danny Lang Memorial University, right, the facility that is scheduled for Porter Creek?

Mr. Lang: That is correct. I would like to see a resolution proposed by the Honourable Member.

Mr. MacKay: I would put a pitch in for the present Minister of Education too, perhaps they could share the honours. This is going to be located in Porter Creek, and it is going to be a branch of the existing Vocational School. Am I correct? How many years will it be before this can actually be put to use? This is the first year, site acquisition and preparation. When can we see this actually coming to fruition in some form or another?

Mr. Graham: Well, Mr. Chairman, this construction would take place in the summer and fall of next year. Hopefully, in next year's Capital Budget.

Again I am talking about numbers that I am not certain of but it will be roughly $2,000,000 to $4,000,000 for the first phase of the operation which will allow us to move all of the hard trades out of the Vocational School as well as expand the school for future trades that will hopefully be offered. That would mean it would probably be two or three years before we would be able to move the trades out of the school here up the hill.

I think that something that must be realized, Mr. Chairman, is that we have roughly 850 students a year passing through the Vocational School. It was built quite a number of years ago. It was never intended to hold 850 students or to pass 850 students through its doors in a year. We have several ideas in mind of what the present facility will be used for. I know for a number of years yet it will be used for the soft trades and the business courses that we hope to offer as well as possibly a pre-apprenticeship training program for high school students in the Whitehorse area. It can be used for a sheltered workshop for the Rehabilitation Centre. There
Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, I think I am correct in saying that the official opening and dedication and such are scheduled for October, 1982. Is that correct?

Mr. Mackay: I notice that the Minister tossed off the fact that the community college was five to ten years down the road. Is this an official departmental decision that you are announcing as a result of a report that you have filed, or are you speculating at this point?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I am strictly speculating and the reason I threw out numbers like that was because of the fact that we have, in fact, contemplated a Junior College in the Whitehorse area. If it was built ten years from now, we have the area, we have the ability to establish that community college in that area. In an attempt to put together all of our continuing education facilities together in one area. I think there is no doubt in anyone's mind that it is a much, much more economical method of teaching.

Mr. Byblow: In all this grandiose idealism, is there any consideration for applying some of this funding to any of the outlying areas for construction of facilities, in light of the Continuing Education Report?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Not for capital facilities, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Mackay: I do not want to hold up things unduly but it is quite a significant item in the budget and it is also a significant commitment, I think, on the part of the Government, for a long time ahead, to spend funds in a particular area. I think what I am reading, and you can confirm it, that you are saying that the most urgent needs in the Yukon for further education beyond the regular schooling is for trades, apprenticeships and vocational training, and that you have provided for that, and this is Government going in pursuit of it, at this time, the softer subjects that you might get in a second year university, something like that. Is that a correct assessment?

Hon. Mr. Graham: That is a reasonably correct assumption except you put the emphasis on the hard trades and our Government is not necessarily putting that emphasis in terms of putting the emphasis on is vocational training as opposed to university training within the Yukon.

We still like to see students go outside of the Yukon for their university training mostly because there are no facilities here and we find that, especially after checking it out, I have a list of every student who is presently going to university outside of the Yukon and going to university or trade schools or any continuing education school, I find that there are not more than, roughly, 15 students in any one facility out of the whole list. So I find it very difficult to predict what courses would be best accepted in the Yukon. I think that the other one that we have to ask is, do we cut off all grants and bursaries to other students who wish to go outside of the Territory if we build a facility up there that is going to cost us five or ten million and another four or five million to operate it?

For that reason alone, Mr. Chairman, I think that the vocational technical training is the area in which we hope to expand in in the near future.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, I never tire of trying to point out to the Ministers of Education and I had no luck with the Ministers' predecessors, numerous of them. I will attempt to do some again with this Minister.

I would advise him that in the Twentieth Century, it is not necessary to have a bunch of buildings to have a university. In fact, some of the educational experiments here about co-sponsorship of university programs and credits, so forth, as a way of involving a secondary and university level education here I think is the kind of route going rather than expensive facilities.

I think it is a different thing when you are talking about the vocational training which the Minister is talking about and I must say, myself, I concur with that direction. However, I think, at some point that Mr. Mackay has touched on an important issue here. This is not the time to do it but we are talking about spending an enormous amount of money here. This is not new to me because under my municipal hat I saw the early application for zoning reconsideration. I think more than a year ago. At that point time I was elected to represent those people inside the public service who were actually talking about the university. I think that is a mistake to try and integrate too much of those facilities or even to be talking too far ahead and talking about a university or that kind of thing in terms of buildings. I think that is the wrong way to look at the thing. I think you have to talk about what you need then decide what you have to need to work on the plant.

I think though, because we are talking about a significant expenditure here, before we go too far down the road, and I am not talking about in this Session, but too far down the road in terms of what is going to be there. I would be very interested in seeing either a Government resolution or some opportunity to debate the whole subject of a major facility and how it should be used and what should be in it and so forth. I hope that there will be an opportunity to do that.

I am sure the Minister, as he usually does, can benefit from the input from all Members of the House in legislation and I am sure he would appreciate such an opportunity.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Just a couple of points that I would like to make: I think that one of the significant statistics that my colleague raised is that the fact that this past year we are going to have 670 students going through the present facility that is in place. This is a very interesting statistic that was only approximately two years I believe we had approximately 500 students going through that same facility so you can see the increased interest in the particular courses that are being offered during the day and also in the evenings.

I have to say that I concur with the Member from Whitehorse West, it is not often that we agree, but I think that when we were starting to look past the vocational side and perhaps going into the further university course or whatever, it is something that you are going to have to take a very hard look at. I have to go back to my experience in Alaska. One year they built the building and then they came back to State Legislature asking for more money than what the building cost to pay for the books that had to go into the facility. There is a very major output that has to be put into something of that nature. I do think that the vocational aspect of it is warranted and is necessary, especially in view of the economic development is predicted for this area of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Graham: I do not want to pass this subject off too lightly and I think that the time spent on this particular item is well worth it. I want to assure the Members opposite that we have no intentions of building a university up here in the very near future. All of our studies to date have shown that it is not a good thing to do at this point in time. We have decided, made a conscious decision, to only pursue interests in the technical education field more to the vocational and pre-apprenticeship and technical side of education, especially in this facility.

Now, this facility is also a modular type of facility. It is going to be planned in a way so that we can do without a major addition to that facility, after we get the hard trades up here, for years and years if necessary and we can continue to operate the vocational technical training centre in two different locations. That will not be a great problem to our future plans.

Of course, we would like to see everything gathered together in one area, and under one administration. I think it would be a little more efficient, plus the fact that there is so much more room up there. I think that this is something that has to be put into the economic development and the YTAP program, the University of Alberta extension courses, the BCIT television extension, and all of these things, show our commitment to extension courses, rather than courses that are offered here on a year-round basis, with a massive facility built, which in students must go. We are not committing ourselves to that particular line of university education.

We are attempting to do the university education at long range, there are no two ways about that. We have arranged reciprocal agreements with the University of Alberta, the University of BC, BCIT, and I think that that is the way we will continue to operate for quite a few years, until the demand is built up here, such as that we have four or five hundred students who are interested in attending a community college or a pre-university-type course here in Yukon.

Establishment C2000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C2100, Vocational Centre Equipment, $75,000.

Establishment C2100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C2200, Vocational Centre Renovations, $22,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is just to provide outside storage for the heavy trades and the heavy duty mechanics. It is a yearly project carried out by various departments. It also provides funds for some minor renovations to the kitchen.

Establishment C2200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C2300, Vocational Centre House Program, $66,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is a yearly project carried out by various courses in the Vocational School: the carpentry course, the electricians, the plumbers all take their shots at working on this house, which is resold by tender. We have never, to date, lost any money.
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C2400, Y.V.T.T.C. Mobile Units, $160,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: This is to provide three mobile units that will be travelling to communities outside of the Whitehorse area, in response to demand for vocational training, technical training, or typing, or any of this type of course that are requested by communities outside of the Whitehorse area. We hope to be able to put on either short courses, say, a month, or three weeks in duration, or anything up to a six-month long course would be available to through these vocational mobile units.

Mr. Byblow: I think the concept is probably very good but I am wondering why the Minister has made a decision to move in this direction when you have the existing facilities in the schools and why you are not utilizing that to a greater degree?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Because, Mr. Chairman, in many of these schools, we do not have the necessary facilities or equipment to offer the courses that we hope to offer through these Vocational Schools. Any areas where we are building new schools, within our budget restrictions we are building schools with the facilities necessary to handle these courses in the evenings. Some places where these courses will have to be offered on a daily basis, on a seven or eight hour a day basis for a two to three week period. It is for those courses that we have to have these mobile units.

I know we had a great demand from one area in the Klune riding, for a welding course to be offered there; we simply do not have the facilities in any school in that area to offer the course. Hopefully we will be able to offer it with this mobile unit.

Establishment C2500 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: In the Education Department does the total authority 0324 for the amount of $7,790,000 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I direct your attention now to the Department of Human Resources for $78,000, Page 15.

Mr. Byblow: Did you plan to go through the Recoverables at all? I have just one question.

Mr. Chairman: If you would like to, go ahead.

Mr. Byblow: I was of the understanding that the materials and expenses surrounding French Language delivery was a recoverable item. Was that not the case in this program Establishment C6500?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, that is correct, but it is only the operation and maintenance that is recoverable and in the past we have had a maximum of $100,000 recoverable from the Government of Canada. As you no doubt know, last year this was cut back. We made very strong representations to the Government of Canada and we had almost the total $100,000 allocated to Yukon French language training again. But, that is only for operation of the course itself. It is not for Capital Expenditures.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Recoverables? I will direct you then to Page 15, Human Resources, Establishment C0100, Furniture and Equipment, $67,000.

Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this total amount of furniture and equipment will be used by not only the group homes in the Territorial by by the Boys’ Club, the old folks’ home in Whitehorse and in Dawson and also the Youth Services Centre which falls under the Department of Human Resources as well. It is all for the replacement of furniture and equipment.

Mr. Penikett: I would just like to congratulate Mr. Graham in assuming responsibility as Minister of Human Resources. I wish him well and I hope he does a better job than his immediate predecessor.

Mr. MacKay: The Youth Services Centre is a euphemism for Wolf Creek. During the last Budget Session, as I recall there was quite a bit of discussion with respect to the expenditures involved in that facility. Do I take it that this item and the next one is an indication that the Government fully intends to keep it open and to spend more money out there?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, no, that is not entirely true. The Government is presently investigating other uses for the Youth Services Centre as well as alternatives to what we do with the children who are presently in the Youth Services Centre. To date, we have not made a final decision, and both the furniture and equipment replacement in the first section and the $11,000 for renovations in the second section are vitally necessary in order to just continue the day by day operation of the Youth Services Centre.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200 Youth Services Centre Renovations for $11,000.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Shall the total authority of Human Resources 0524 for the amount of $78,000 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: At this time we shall take a short break. Let us try to keep it to ten minutes.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I shall call the Committee of the Whole to order.

Your next item on Schedule A, Department of Municipal and Community Affairs for $9,566,000. I now direct you to page 19.

On Establishment C100, Fire Equipment, $86,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is an ongoing program. As you will notice there is a significant increase and the reason for this, and I trust the Speaker is listening, Mr. Chairman, there are repairs and overhaul of fire trucks and in addition a new vehicle is required for the Watson Lake area. A replacement of a 1,000 gallon water tank is anticipated as well as fire alarm extensions, necessary in some communities, which will occur over the balance of the 1980-81 year.

Establishment C1000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200 Roads, Streets and Sidewalks, $150,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is the same ongoing program that we voted for last year. In the outlying communities, you will note that I said the outlying communities for those Members representing areas outside of Whitehorse, there will be some work done in the Haines Junction, Beaver Creek, Destruction Bay. In addition to that there will be some work done on an ongoing basis in Mayo, Old Crow, Ross River, Teslin and Watson Lake.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0300 Local Services, $125,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is an ongoing program as well in respect to equipment for the various services that are necessary in the outlying communities. The recipients this year for some of the equipment will be Carmacks, Haines Junction, Mayo, Old Crow, Teslin, Watson Lake.

Establishment C0300 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0400 Land Development, $6,035,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: You will note that this figure is significantly lower than what we voted last year. We have made major headways in most of our communities especially in the Whitehorse area where the market was very tight for a number of years. I think that we have caught up. There will be 400 lots fully serviced and ready to go next spring. Whether or not we sell them, that is another question again because we are going to have lots available in Porter Creek as well as Crestview.

I could give you a breakdown on the land development parcel by parcel if the Members wish. I have Beaver Creek, there will be some development there for residential which amounts to $40,000; airport lots, $100,000; industrial, $50,000.

In the Dawson City area there is a country/residential proposal that we are looking at which would cost in an area of $85,000. Residential is $25,000.

In Destruction Bay there is some further work to be done there which will amount to near $40,000.

In Faro there is some money for industrial and preplanning and engineering for $75,000.

In Haines Junction, we have for mobile trailer lots, $15,000; residential $100,000 and industrial to complete that, industrial area $10,000.

In Keno City, we are looking at a re-survey. There we are estimating approximately $30,000. That is another question mark as to whether or not we will go ahead with it. I should stress Mr. Chairman, one of the difficulties of putting the Budget forward at this time is we are looking at six months down the road, this is what we are actually doing. We are probably in a better position to report back to the House at that time during the Main Estimates.

In the Mayo area, the completion of the junction of First Avenue, Country residential, there is going to be some planning for the residents in that area.
Ross River, industrial, there will be some industrial lots there. Teslin, there will be an industrial lot planning and phase at the airport, if industrial, we are looking at a phase one plan in Teslin. Watson Lake, there is a dry industrial plan for the L.D.I. there. Residential, another further residential subdivision in the Campbell subdivision completion.

The Whitehorse area, a great bulk of this money is completion of other contracts that have already been put into place. In other words, the paving that has to be put into place. The Porter Creek D.D. 1 seems to be done there as well as area A and D-1 in the Porter Creek area and Porter Creek area C, which is roughly a million dollars, will be paved.

The Hillcrest area, we have roughly $3 million dollars budgeted and it is our intention to go ahead with the main trunkline and the water reservoir and then we will be in a situation, as demands dictate, to add residential lots as we go.

In the situation in the Hillcrest area, presently with the four hundred lots that we have put in there, we have no choice if we are to expand, we need a major trunkline. The water and sewer system in place there now would not take additional lots. It would not take that four hundred and first lot into that servicing that is there. We need a major trunkline with a reservoir to be able to accommodate it. If we plan to go next year, and that necessity begins to really come into place, then the market dictates whether or not we continue in our development of that area.

The Crestview area A plan that we have just completed this past year, we have provisions for the paving of that area.

We are also planning to go ahead with quarry development in the Whitehorse area. That would be at the north end of Whitehorse in connection with the city to start the process of developing that area. There is a market for it and we see the best way to do that is to have a government that is capable of developing the land. We see the government in the case of the Whitehorse area is the only way that we can do it, so we are going to go ahead with it in that area. It is a planned development area north of Whitehorse, 20 acres of plots of land, to make some available on the market. Those are just to give a rough outline of what our plans are.

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I would, again, commend the Minister for the commitment to this policy. I think we are seeing some echo of the decision made last year in terms of the banking of land rather than having the ridiculous situation of lotteries and line ups.

I would urge the Minister not to get timid or frightened by the fact that there has not been the anticipated demand for some of these properties. I think it is a far healthier situation that the Government has the chance to hold on the land bank and maintain a variety of different options for people who may want to come into the market. It may come in a flood at some point if the pipeline decision or something is announced. I think with the way these things are financed it is possible to recover all of the costs still from the sales of holding them.

The one thing, though, that the Minister did say that sounded a little cautious or a little uncertain as to whether some of those planned developments would be going ahead. It sounded like in some cases plans have not been approved, but also that the demand may not be realized. I wonder if we can anticipate in that situation that the Minister may not spend his full budget, and we may have some funds here which, to use an example, for other good economic reasons in the Territory such as employment generation, they might be, with the consent of the House, converted into Public Works or Capital Assistance within the same Ministry.

Mr. Penikett: Mr. Chairman, no. This money is from the Government of Canada for a specific purpose. The way I understand it, if the Minister is utilizing these funds, it goes back to pay the debt that we initially borrowed the money from. My understanding, and perhaps you could raise the question during the Main Estimates because I think there is a point here with bringing our Main Estimates for the Capital side of our budget now, if there are major deficiencies.

For an example, say the decision was to go with the gas pipeline here in January or February. I am sure that we would have to reassess our position of how much further we were going to have to go in the Hillcrest area, and could well be coming in with an amendment to this particular Bill to perhaps up the amount of money.

As far as redirecting that kind of money for Capital Works, that would be a major departure from what we have done in the past. This is the only benefit that I can probably agree with the Member opposite, in respect to our colonial status, on the Capital side of our budget we are not in a position of borrowing money. We do get that as a straight transfer of payments, if you like, for the present status that we have.

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I must stress that on the capital side of the budget it is my intention to go to Ottawa, probably within the next couple of weeks, maybe three, to discuss with the Minister of Public Works just exactly what his plans are for those direct Federal responsibilities that we do necessarily go through our Territorial account, to see what is in the milk for the 1980-81 year. I think that you will find that there is going to be a great deal of government money spent, whether it be Federal or Territorial, as far as government commitments.

Mr. Penikett: If the Minister would like, I believe I could arrange a letter of introduction for him to the Federal Minister of Public Works.

Just let me understand this situation, then. Given that we have obtained this money for this specific purpose, then clearly it is in our interest, whether the demand is there or not, to do this land development, so that the bank is there, so that, given that we may have to return it to the colonial masters at some point in the future, we will still have the ability, in which case to recover it, dare I use the word, profitably, from the consumers who will be acquiring this land.

Hon. Mr. Lang: The main objective, as far as the position of the government is concerned, in land development, is to, basically, recover the cost of servicing. I think that it is fair to say that this is on the very top of the list. If the Minister wants to keep down the price of land so that we can encourage people to be building homes. If we look at taking a profit from actually selling the land, I think we could be putting ourselves in a position to make it that much more difficult for the consumer to build his own home, of which we are strong advocates.

As far as the loaning aspects of it, I would suggest that it is our intention to spend with this money. I do not think there is any question about that. I would probably be giving you a better breakdown of just exactly where it is going to be spent through the Main Estimates. I think I will have a better idea than I do now. The other point that I think has to be made, is that I will be having a Supplementary coming in, from what we voted this past year. We voted $7,500,000, and I am just going on memory now, but I believe I still have, roughly, about another one million dollars, but we went further into our own development. I think I stated at that time, during the Main Estimates, that it was actually more money than was actually budgeted for.

Mr. Byblow: Just for a point of clarification, the money that is used for land development is a direct cost incurred for that development, that is lent to the Territory, which is recoverable. Who is carrying the debt?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, we do, but we build that into the cost of the lots as we sell them, so that eventually we do break even. The area that is sold, and we do accrue more money than what it cost to develop, is in the area of commercial and industrial lots because it is sold at an appraised value. That is one area that we do make extra money over and above the development cost per se.

Mr. MacKay: I would be interested to hear the reasons for the resurveying of Keno City. I am sure there is a fascinating story behind that, but I will leave that one for now, perhaps you can answer later.

I would echo what my friend to the left here said about not getting too afraid of getting too far ahead of the demand, with the cautionary words that, somewhere along the line, if this gas pipeline does not happen, we are going to wind up with an awful lot of interest charges on lands that we have developed in anticipation of it, and it is going to be tough to sustain. It will cost us probably a million dollars a year, probably, to carry this property.

I think a shrewd businessman would be weighing the chances of that very quickly next spring, if nothing happens in this gas pipeline. I was repeatedly seeing the Minister state that it was going to be canned and I would just put that note of caution in there to the Minister. It is very hard to get the momentum going but once you have got it going it is probably very hard to get it stopped, as well.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I do not disagree with what the Honourable Member stated in respect to who can foresee the future.

One interesting point, I think, that has to be raised, we talked about the interest charges but you have to look at the cost of insulation as well. The point that I found interesting was brought to my attention, in the Watson Lake area we developed...
I gather he is talking about a sewer extension and we have roughly scheduled approximately $85,000.

Mr. Byblow: Unfortunately I was distracted during the Minister's description. He indicated how much of the Capital Assistance is being directed towards the upgrading utilities and services for the expansion and growth in Faro.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is one of the items I hope to raise while I am in Ottawa. The Mayor of Faro came in to see me and he presented very rough estimates of what had to be done to upgrade the present system to cope with the expansion that is taking place there. It is an item that I will be discussing while I am in Ottawa with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

I should be able to report back to the House in February just exactly where we are at. We are talking a lot of money. We would not have enough money in the Capital Assistance Program, the way it is coming out, to do what we would like to do. Perhaps I could raise it now; it is roughly in the same general growth concept with Faro.

Mr. Chairman: I think the Chair would permit one question.

Mr. Byblow: In the extension that is taking place now and next year, is the Minister developing any land for the public market, in addition to the private development that is going on?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Cyprus Anvil has taken responsibility for the development of land. If we need property, we will purchase it just like anyone else, if we need it in respect to services that we need to give to the town of Faro.

Mr. Byblow: What I am emphasizing to the Minister is that they are looking after their own employee needs, but the market will require some additional land availability, simply because of the growth to the community, and the speed by which it has grown. If you are not making any preparations for this, we are not going to have land available for the public, or business, or whoever.

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Mr. Byblow: To leave it once and for all with the Minister, residential land in town, there is none.

Hon. Mr. Lang: We have "Byblow Heights," just outside of town for country residential, and it will be interesting to see how these sell in the private market. As long as they maintain the present policy in respect to housing, I do not think there is any reason for anyone to build a house in Faro, to be quite frank.

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For example, if money is available, Faro will hear about that in the form of Supplementary to this particular budget. The advantage of bringing this in early is that we can set our sights a year ahead. The disadvantage is that we do not really know in this area, or for that matter, anybody in the public, to indirectly subsidize another area. I think we all have the responsibility that if we want land we have to pay for it, and pay for those services.

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Mr. Fleming: The major amount of money that we are looking at from this particular program is the possibility of a lagoon in Watson Lake which would be roughly $1,000,000. The major amount of money that would be paid for the land would be at Watson Lake, that is, their water supply system which is roughly projected at $125,000 and the lagoon there which is roughly projected per square mile at about $150,000.

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Mr. Chairman: Next, C0500, Community Assistance Program, $3,000,000.

Mr. Lang: The Capital Assistance Program has been voted every year for $3,000,000. We will have to begin negotiating this coming year with the Federal government to see exactly how much of the capital assistance program is going to take place and it is going to be added up, and the decision is going to be taken after the present agreement runs out.

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Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is tentatively scheduled. I think you are referring to a sewer extension?
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0600, Garbage Disposal Facilities, $20,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: This is for improved development and maintenance of the garbage dumps throughout the territory. It is an undertaking of re-development or new construction, and I think that is all that has to be said.

Establishment C0600 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0700, Public Works Compound, $50,000.

Establishment C0700 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0800, Porter Creek Alternate Access, $500,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I should perhaps give some background on this particular subject.

On August 11, 1977, EPEC Consulting Western Limited was engaged by the City of Whitehorse to conduct a preliminary design study concerning the provision of an alternate access road linking the Porter Creek area with the City of Whitehorse. The requirement to initiate this study was a result of growing traffic congestion on the Alaska Highway and two-mile Hill access to downtown Whitehorse.

I do not want to continue on with this. I think we all recognize the need for this, and I appreciate the fact that all aldermen in the City of Whitehorse were in accord with this. I have the feeling that this is necessary and yet I think it is fair to say that if all Members opposite are in agreement to have this coming at approximately a quarter to eight, they would have found that, perhaps, it is even a year or two years too late, as far as the construction is concerned.

Mr. MacKay: The Members opposite obviously expect me to criticize, and I do. I do severely criticize this expenditure. I think that if a chartered accountant wanted to criticize this expenditure, there would have been a more appropriate way in which to do it. The Minister of Municipal Affairs cited an EPEC study on this road, and their estimate for building it, I would point out, was $1,200,000. A later study, done by another consultant, who I think perhaps anticipated a 15 per cent commission, estimated $4,800,000. I see $4,500,000 here, which is a little closer to what we finally came up with. I think we split the difference between the $1,200,000 and the $4,500,000, at one point, in despair, trying to find an accurate estimate. But I think at $4,500,000, the City is going to be very pleased as they will get a high quality road, and the maintenance on it will obviously, therefore, be less burdensome for the municipal taxpayers.

If there was anyone in the opposition who want to criticize this kind of item in the future, I can certainly give him lots of financial information on which to do it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I think there is an important point here, in that we are attempting to put this access in at a minimal cost, and we are, through my colleague, the Minister of Education, going to be utilizing the Vocational Training School, the heavy equipment program. I think it is justified. It is a good program and, at the same time, in the end, they are going to have a product that the City of Whitehorse and Yukon can utilize for years to come, similar to the Takhini Hot Springs Road. I think it is fair to say that if you have gone on the Takhini Hot Springs Road, you will see that the students in that program will do a good job. But it is going to take some time and I think we can bear with it.

Establishment C0800 agreed to

Mr. Byblow: Before we clear this out of the way, I am having some difficulty finding the vote that allocates spending for the straightening out of the Faro Access Road.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, first of all it would not be in Municipal Affairs, it would be in the Highways Budget. But if you look in the Highways Budget it is not there, either.

Mr. Byblow: It will be appropriately timed for the next election, too.

Mr. Chairman: On Municipal and Community Affairs. The total authority under 624, $9,966,000.

Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this total authority cleared.

Before we continue, the expenditure recoveries for this section are on page 22. Are there any questions?

Mr. MacKay: When the Minister was explaining, roughly, what the $6,035,000 was being spent on, he was indicating paving in Crestview and that type of thing. Is there any recovery, if the lots have already been sold, or are we talking about a new area in that location?

Hon. Mr. Lang: There is a new area in Crestview adjacent to the area that I grew up in. Therefore, with the land development that we have now in place, part of the land development is that we go in and we do everything. One year we go in and we put in the water and sewer following up with the asphalt the following year.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on Recoveries? If not, the next one is the Department of Tourism and Economic Development, $2,604,000. I direct you to Page 25.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, perhaps before we continue. It is getting reasonably late. Rather than carry on, I would move that Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Penikett: Just on a Point of Order, before we receive that motion, I would be quite prepared to go a little extra time tonight if it would help us finish an item. Oh, the Minister has a hockey game at 10:00; I am sorry.

Hon. Mr. Graham: I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: I will have to rule that out of order, Mr. Graham. I need another motion first.

Mr. Penikett: Could I just raise on a Point of Order and procedural question. Could I ask that if in order to finish the business tomorrow night, if the House might, from the Acting Government Leader, expect or entertain a motion, if necessary, tomorrow to extend our sitting hours tomorrow to conclude the business before the House.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it would be our intention if we are that close to finishing, to probably go into a night sitting if we can get consent of the House.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report progress on Bill Number 23 and beg leave to sit again.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that I report progress on Bill Number 23 and beg leave to sit again.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committee. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted. May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member from Hootalinqua, that we do now call it 9:30.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that we do now call it 9:30.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The House adjourned at 9:24 o’clock p.m.
Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.

We will proceed at this time with Prayers.

Prayers

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed at this time with the Order Paper.

DAILY ROUTINE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Returns or Documents for Tabling?

TABLE OF DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Commissioner’s Annual Report for the fiscal year 1978-79.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the answers to a question asked by the Honourable Member from Faro on October 17 concerning impost fees; and, to a question asked by the Honourable Member from Klondike on November 13 regarding the new community dump at Haines Junction.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling Alcohol and Drug Services Annual Report for March 1978 to April 1979.

Pursuant to section 8(1) of the Yukon Hospital Insurance Services Ordinance, the Annual Report for 1979 for Hospital Insurance Services and the Yukon Health Insurance Plan.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, I have an answer here to a question by Mr. Penikett. It is quite lengthy and I will not be able to read it. I will table it.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I also have for tabling an answer to the question of the Honourable Member from Whitehorse West in respect to sections 31 and 37 of the School Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Standing or Special Committees?

Presentation of Petitions?
Reading or Receiving of Petitions?
Introduction of Bills?
Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?
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Statements by Ministers?

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I wish to announce this afternoon that it is the Government of the Yukon’s intention to appoint an administrator to handle the affairs of Dawson City.

As you know, we appointed an administrator last year when there was a breakdown in the elected municipal government of the community, and Mr. Joe Oliver recommended special status for Dawson City as the solution to the problems that beset the City.

He also recommended that a permanent appointed administrator be constituted if there was another breakdown of civic government.

The Government of the Yukon recognized, at that time, the need for some form of special status and has been reviewing the economic and political structure of Dawson to determine what form such status would take and how it would be most effectively implemented. When municipal government was restored last April, it was anticipated that the municipality could continue to function within its existing framework until some form of special status could be developed. Recent events in the community such as the resignation of the Mayor, the unfortunate and untimely death of one alderman, and the necessary absence of another alderman, have underscored the problems of an elected council continuing to function.

Mr. Speaker, our decision to appoint an administrator for a minimum of a one year period comes as a result of discussions with the Dawson municipal officials and officials within the Municipal Community Affairs Department.

It is my intention to initially appoint, temporarily, an official from within the Municipal and Community Affairs Department as an administrator. We will also appoint a five member citizens advisory board to give direction to the administrator in the conduct of his duties.

It is also our intention to later hire a full-time administrator on a contract basis. My officials are actively involved in finding a person who would be appropriate for the needs of Dawson City.

One of the roles of the administrator will be to assess the situation in Dawson, to discuss aspects of that community’s municipal status with the appointed advisory board.

The Government of Yukon has a responsibility for local government and must face up to its responsibilities. We appreciate the hard work and ability of the existing city council, but the political instability of the existing system cannot continue without serious consequences.

Accordingly, our appointment of an administrator is being made in the hope of alleviating some of the difficulties encountered in the operation of the Dawson municipal council.

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is rather a sad day, I think, that this announcement is made. It is an unfortunate setback for what was once a very proud and great city, that seventy or eighty years later is now sinking, I am afraid, slowly back into perhaps what may become an L.I.D.

I think, though, the responsibility for that has to rest, largely, with the elected representatives in Dawson over the past few years, who have not provided a stable political base on which to operate.

I do hope, though, that this appointment of an administrator will bring forward citizens in that city who are prepared to make a long-term commitment to the administration of that City and that this temporary suspension of elected people from the running of that city will be a temporary affair.

It is my sincere wish, then, that Dawson City will survive as a city.

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I thank the Minister for his statement. I, too, share the sentiment of my honourable friend to my right. It is an unfortunate development for Dawson City so soon, once again, to be under administration.

What is not clear to me from the statement is the question of the administrator being appointed for a minimum of a one year term, which seems to imply that the election that was due this December would therefore be cancelled.

Even though that is not clear, I would appreciate some statement from the Minister about that.

I think the Leader of the Opposition did raise an important question about the future of Dawson City as a local government. Its population now would not justify it being called a city in any other part of the country. It retains that status as an historical name, almost in name only.

Obviously, I think, the Minister is going to have to do some hard thinking about exactly what form and what level of local government is appropriate there. I know Mr. Oliver made a number of comments in his report and I would hope that if things work well that Dawson will not be under administration for very long.
Mr. Speaker, further to that, you know, I am optimistic that it will still retain its city status but, perhaps, it maybe altered in some way. I feel that we do have a responsibility. I think that in view of the situation the way it has developed over the past year and the problems that have beset the community, I think this will give a breathing space for the community of Dawson City.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further statements by Ministers? This then brings us to the question period. Have you any questions?

Question Period

Question re: Workers’ Compensation Board

Mr. MacKay: I have a question, Mr. Speaker, I think it is for the Minister of Justice in one of his capacities.

The day before yesterday, a Report was tabled by that Minister on the Workers’ Compensation Board dated December 31, 1978. My question is, is this Board now controls some $8,000,000 of assets, who is directing the investment policies of that Board?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, as this is not one of the areas that I have permanently in my portfolio I will have to take the question under advisement.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps, when the Minister is taking it under advisement he could inquire as to the fact that the Board has purchased some $2,500,000 of Government of Canada bonds which, at December 31, showed a loss over the original purchase of $200,000. If still held will have a loss of $500,000.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe the Honourable Member is now making a speech.

Mr. MacKay: Well, I am asking a few inquiries into this loss, Mr. Speaker. $500,000.

Hon. Mr. Graham: I will, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. MacKay: In view of this rather disastrous record, will the Government undertake to review its own investment policy on whether it should, in fact, be hiring experts from outside of the Government purview to assist them in these decisions?

Hon. Mr. Graham: We will be looking at it, Mr. Speaker.

Question re: Land Claims

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House has been told two parts of the Yukon Land Claims policy position of this Government, that it must be fair and equitable and quick, and it must benefit the Yukon Indian people and non-Indian people as well.

My question is, can the Minister explain why recently a citizen of the Yukon Electric does not presently have a franchise and also that private developers, if he is going to look into this, he is going to look into the Yukon Electric does not presently have a franchise and also that private developers—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Honourable Member is once again making a speech. Would he get to the question, please?

Mr. MacKay: Yes, I would consider putting out future contracts to tender, in light of the fact that the private developers have used electrical contractors to make installation of utilities?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will have to look into the subject a little bit more and then I will report back to the House.

Question re: Game Ordinance/Guiding Definition

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Tourism and Economic Development.

The Minister has received a letter concerning the definition of guiding in the new Game Ordinance.

I wonder if the Minister would consider, by regulation, making it clear that the definition in the Ordinance does not apply to the wilderness guides, who are not involved in hunting of big game?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: He gets my mail before I do, I am sure, Mr. Speaker. However, that is acceptable.

Yes, I got a letter from a person yesterday. I have not had time to answer him, but I will be defining it for the person.

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have reports that big game outfitters do not buy business licences, as do these other kinds of outfitters and that the discrepancy in the fee is between $25 and $75.

Would the Minister also look into this to see if there is some disparity here that should be resolved?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, I will take it under advisement, at this time.

Question re: Land Use Planning Board

Mrs. McGuire: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

To curb the loss of valuable land and depletion of government funds, would the Minister consider appointing local community, three to five man land use planning boards, who will work in conjunction with L.I.D. board members in a public forum, in planning community land use projects?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, no. I would suggest that if a commun-
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Mr. Byblow: Mr. Speaker, I would normally direct this question to the Minister of Health and Human Resources. However, I will direct it to the Acting Minister.

Can the Minister indicate whether or not there will be a Physiotherapy Profession Ordinance presented to the Spring Session, or whether or not this is in the planning stages?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislation, I have not yet seen a Physiotherapy Ordinance come through, so, I can honestly tell the Member opposite that it will not be presented in the very near future.

Mr. Byblow: I will just have one supplementary.

It appears, Mr. Speaker, that the rationale behind non-inclusion of private physiotherapy, as a service, under the Hospital Insurance is because the demand on the service at the Whitehorse General Hospital is not high enough.

However, in outlying communities, recognition is not being given to available services and, in fact, it is costing more to—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Honourable Member is also making a speech. Perhaps you could get to the question.

Mr. Byblow: In light of the fact that in outlying communities, where it is more costly to send clients to Whitehorse for treatment, will perhaps the Minister ensure that special provisions might be enacted to utilize local physiotherapy services, where available?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I will have to take that question under advisement.

Question re: Cabinet Tour

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the Government Leader; however, I guess, it has to be the Acting Government Leader this afternoon.

After the Government was elected, the Government Leader and his Ministers made one trip around the Yukon Territory and, I think possibly found it very informative. I am wondering, at this time, does the Government intend to carry on with this type of communication with the outlying districts?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think it is fair to say that it was mentioned in the speech that was given at the opening of the Session.

Further to that, we have a commitment to go to the North Highway prior to year end. We are optimistic that we can meet those dates, but we do have a responsibility and we will continue to fulfill it.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker, At that time, I think it was suggested by the Government Leader that it was a very good thing and that possibly they would be making a couple of trips a year, each year.

I am wondering if the Government Leader intends to make another trip to the south area and up through Ross River, Faro and that area, in the near future?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, we would like to think that we could perhaps do a tour during the winter, depending on the timeframe. The sooner we get out of the House, the more time we will have and, subsequently, we can plan accordingly.

Question re: Game/Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Mr. MacKay: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Renewable Resources, with respect to changes in hunting and trapping regulations over the past year.

Can he tell the House if any consultation took place between his department and the Committee of Original Peoples' Entitlement, in accordance with Section 14(2)(c), of the COPÉ Agreement in principle?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, I wish I had a little more time to educate the Honourable Member across the floor.

We only make ordinances in this House for the people of Yukon, so we do not feel, when we have the control of a department, that we have to go to Scotland, Wales, or Northwest Territories or Ottawa to find out what to do.

Now if the Member on the side opposite thinks that the people of the Northwest Territories are going to run Yukon, I would suggest that he stand up and be counted.

We are not contacting anybody outside of Yukon to pass a local ordinance.

Mr. MacKay: The Minister obviously did not hear my question, I was referring to Hunting and Trapping Regulations not Ordinances.

Mr. Speaker, in the event that the people who have established some aboriginal hunting and trapping rights in the northern part of the Yukon do request consultation, will it be his policy to refuse this consultation?

Mr. Speaker: The question is theoretical and quite out of order.

Mr. MacKay: Has the Minister forbidden his department to consult with the Committee of the Original Peoples' Entitlement?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, I have not, but I will.

Question re: Raffle

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Economic Development in his feisty mood about raffles.

Has the Minister made a decision in connection with the Snowmobile Club raffle and when can we expect an announcement concerning it?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: I made a decision quite a while ago. I wish it would go away, but it is still here.

Mr. Speaker, I am having a letter written up now to the RCMP where I will ask them to do an investigation in the raffle. We are short, they are not, the raffle is short $943.21. We had a Cabinet meeting on this morning and we will not be satisfied until we can give back to every person who bought a ticket the full amount that they paid. Right now, we can only give them $97.94 back on $100.00. So we have asked the RCMP to investigate and reimburse us as soon as possible with the results.

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week the Minister said the Government had accepted responsibility for the raffle. Could I ask the Minister if he will contemplate the Government making up the difference between the amount returned and the amount available?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, I do not remember saying we accept responsibility. But, if it is our wish that we have to contribute any money to make sure that everybody gets his money back, we will, whether it is by an order from Cabinet. But then we will in turn, sue the people who were responsible for the loss in the first place.

Question re: NCPC Head Office Relocation

Mr. MacKay: I hesitate to ask the Minister of Economic Development any further questions in case he feels like educating me further. However, he did make a statement in the House some weeks ago that he was going to encourage the movement of NCPC headquarters from Edmonton to Whitehorse. I would like to know what action he has taken in this?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, at this time I can say that two reports have been submitted to me since then that it is not recommended that it be moved to the Yukon but that it would be moved to the Northwest Territories instead where they have a majority of their workers and programs.

Mr. MacKay: Is it the policy then of the Government of Yukon to accept that report as a final answer or do they feel that another investigation is warranted?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Speaker, at this time I cannot say too much. As the Member opposite well remembers, it was spoken about, we had hoped, and still hope, to have our own power corporation. When that will come about, I do not know. Perhaps the experts decided in their own thinking that seeing that we are wanting to go that way, maybe they should move to the Northwest Territories and then we could transfer the people from there to here. I do not know. That is the reason for it.

Question re: Joe Lunchbucket

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think it is fair to say that this side of the House, after listening to the answers to questions from the Minister of Municipal Affairs that I save my best question of this Session for last, if my memory serves me correctly.

Mr. Speaker, as the Honourable Member opposite well knows, at this time, it is fair to say at this point from this side of the House, would he venture to say that, subsequently, if we bring it to his attention, whether he would be prepared, at this point, to look at, from this side of the House, and if it fair to say, as the Honourable Member well knows and fully realizes, if his memory serves him correctly, once again, Mr. Speaker, if numerous situations that have occurred over the years for Joe Lunchbucket who works hard to feed his family and pay his taxes.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair ought not to permit that, however—

Hon. Mr. Lang: I would just like to draw the fact to the public's
attention, that this is the first time that the Honourable Member has actually referred to the taxpayer throughout the whole debates during this Session.

Mr. Speaker: This brings to a close the Question Period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY
Motion Number 5
Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to Orders of the Day. We have the Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne. Before allowing any further debate, according to Standing Order 27, I must now put the question on the subamendment.

Division has been called.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, could we have some clarification here in respect to just exactly what you had called question on?

Mr. Speaker: We have called question on the subamendment.

Hon. Mr. Lang: That question has been called?

Mr. Speaker: Question has been called and I will be taking—

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, from this side of the floor, I cannot honestly say that we disagree.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Clerk: would you poll the House.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Disagree.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Disagree.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Disagree.

Mr. Lattin: Disagree.

Mr. Njoottl: Disagree.

Mr. Falle: Disagree.

Mr. Tracey: Disagree.

Mr. MacKay: Agree.

Mrs. McGuire: Agree.

Mr. Penikett: Agree.

Mr. Fleming: Agree.

Mr. Byblow: Agree.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, the results are five “Yea”, seven “Nay”.

Subamendment negatived

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to the amendment

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I believe that everyone in this House has had a chance to debate the motion and the amendment at least once, so I will not delay proceedings of the House by further debating it. Let it be sufficient to say that this Government is attempting in all areas to carry out the commitments that we have made to govern this Territory to the best of our ability.

I think, therefore, that we will all be voting against this amendment.

Mr. Speaker: Question has been called. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Some Members: Disagreed.

Amendment negatived

Mr. Speaker: Is there any debate on the main motion?

Some Members: Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Economic Development, that the Address in Reply to the Speech to the Throne be engrossed and presented to the Administrator, in his role as Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that the address in reply to the Speech be engrossed and presented to the Administrator, in his role as Lieutenant-Governor.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed on the Order Paper to Government Motions.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS
Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent of the House to waive Standing Orders so that we can proceed with the Government Motions, as listed on the Notice Paper.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the request of the Honourable Member. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any disagreed?

Unanimous consent has been so granted.

We will now deal with Motions on the Notice Paper.

Motion Number 39
Mr. Clerk: Item Number 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Lang.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to deal with Item One?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that the report of this Assembly that the Honourable Douglas Graham be appointed to the Advisory Committee on Finance.

Motion agreed to

Motion Number 40
Mr. Clerk: Item Number 2, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Graham.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item 2?

Hon. Mr. Graham: I am, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member for Whitehorse West, that the Report of the Yukon Elections Board, entitled Recommended Amendments to the Elections Ordinance, 1977, be referred to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, and that the Committee report to the House its recommendations for any amendments to the Elections Ordinance, 1977.

Motion agreed to

Motion Number 41
Mr. Clerk: Item Number 3, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Graham.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to deal with Item 3?

Hon. Mr. Graham: I am, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, that the Honourable Members, Graham, Tracey, Falle, Penikett and Mrs. McGuire, be appointed to the Special Committee on Constitutional Development, as established by Resolution of this House.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed, on the Order Paper, to Government Bills and Orders.

GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS
Bill Number 13: Third Reading
Mr. Clerk: Third reading, Bill Number 13, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that Bill Number 13 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre, that Bill Number 13 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Bill Number 12: Third Reading
Mr. Clerk: Bill Number 12, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Graham.
Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, that Bill Number 12, Medical Profession Ordinance, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that Bill Number 12 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Economic Development, that Bill Number 12 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Economic Development, that Bill Number 12 do now pass and that the title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35, An Ordinance to Change the Name of the Magistrate’s Court and to Amend the Magistrate’s Court Ordinance, be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35 be now pass and that the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35 do now pass and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35 do now pass and that the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 35 do now pass and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill Number 35 has passed this House.

Bill Number 36: Third Reading

Mr. Clerk: Bill Number 36, standing in the name of the Honourable Mr. Graham.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 do now pass and that the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Bill Number 36 do now pass and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill Number 36 has passed this House.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hootalinqua that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Education, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I shall call Committee of the Whole to order. At this time we will have a short recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I shall call Committee of the Whole to order. The first thing we will do this afternoon, I will refer you back to Bill Number 37, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance. Last day, we were on Clause 1(1) Subsection 87.1(8) and we have an amendment by Mr. Fleming.

On Clause 1(1)

On Subsection 87.1(8)

Mr. Fleming: Just a moment, Mr. Chairman. I may be withdrawing that amendment. Just give me a second or two will you?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I have sent an amendment around to Members because there was discussion on it. Mr. Fleming had put forth an amendment to delete the section, I think that it is important that this section stay in. The reason for the wording of the section is, it is taken almost verbatim out of the Narcotics Act, and the reason is that there are case laws already developed on that type of terminology.

The other point that I think was raised and it was valid, it was raised by the Leader of the Official Opposition as well as by Mr. Fleming. All we are attempting to do is to refer to the exemptions and exceptions. We have, with the amendment that I have put forward, specifically said that this section only applies to (3), (4) or (7). I think it takes into account the concerns that were raised by Members during debate.

Mr. Fleming: I would at this time withdraw my amendment and let the Government put forth theirs.

Mr. Chairman: Do we have unanimous consent that Mr. Fleming may withdraw his amendment?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare the amendment withdrawn. I have another amendment before me. It has been moved by the Honourable Mr. Lang that Bill Number 37 entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be amended by striking out subsection (8) on Page 2 and substituting the following: "In a prosecution under this section, the burden of proving that an exception under subsection (3) or (4), or an exemption under subsection (7) operates in favour of the accused, is on the accused."

Any discussion on the amendment?

Mr. Fleming: I am quite willing to accept this amendment, Mr. Chairman. It does leave section (5) clear. The problem that we really had before is now covered. Under these sections the onus is on the accused, but he will always have receipts and so forth to cover everything. So, there is no problem.

Amendment agreed to

Subsection 87.1(8) agreed to

Clause 1(1) agreed to

Preamble and Title agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that you report Bill Number 37 out of Committee as amended.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham, that I move Bill Number 37 out of Committee as amended.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I refer you to Bill Number 33, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81.

Last evening we had just finished Department of Municipal and Community Affairs. This afternoon, we will be continuing on Department of Tourism and Economic Development.


Establishment C0100, Tourism Attraction Contributions, $30,000.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: This $30,000 is meant for contributions for building new tourist attractions or donations to museums for renovations or starting up new museums. It is not a very large amount and it does not go very far, but it also covers the purchase of museum artifacts. It was increased to this amount, $30,000 in 1975. It is an ongoing thing.

Mr. MacKay: Could the Minister say if it is being spent every year or is it something that waits for requests from communities for the use of this money?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: It is used up every year and I know that it was not enough to go around last year to meet all the demands so it was drawn on the first meeting of the Board.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200, Tourism Displays, $20,000.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: In 1977-78 they spent $12,000 for tourism displays and they are now worn out and it is necessary to replace them with

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new ones in the 1980-81 year. It is once every three years that they have to be renewed.

Mr. MacKay: I am not sure what tourism display units are. Is that
signs on the highway?

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Display units for sports shows and tourist shows and so forth. It is part of the paraphernalia we take outside on
these shows and with the amount of travelling that is done they are
worn out on about the average of every three years.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: On Establishment C0300, Audio Visual Equipment,
$4,000.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: This is equipment that is used in tourism dis­
plays, too. They are attempting to get smaller units for easier
handling for taking with them on tours, flying and what not.

The present equipment is worn out and that again is something
that comes into the Budget every few years to be replaced.

Establishment C0300 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0400, Tourism Industry De­
velopment Subsidiary Agreement, $2 million.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Well, the agreement is not signed yet, but in the
Capital Budget we have to set aside our contribution to it.

It shows $2 million and the recoverable amount, if you look
further back in here, will tell you that actually we will receive back
$1.5 million that is recoverable on that subject there.

It is one of these things we are still negotiating on and if it goes
through, we have the money set aside in our Capital Budget. If it
does not go through, well, we still have got the money, it is not spent.

Mr. MacKay: This is an area of some difficulty for the Opposition
to be able to approve this amount, mainly because of the vagueness
of the whole thing.

We are not, apparently, allowed to know what the proposed ag­
reement is going to say and, at the same time, you are asking us to
approve a $2 million infusion, which we would be glad to approve, I
am sure, did we know what kind of purpose the Government had in
mind.

Is it going to go directly as grants to commercial operators?

Obviously, the Minister—

Hon. Mr. Hanson: No, really, it is going to be an on-going plan. It is
going to go five to ten years and we contribute 25 per cent and the
Federal Government contributes 75 per cent.

It is for four main areas at this time. Our revitalization of historic
areas in the main, downtown core of Dawson; municipal works,
such as street lighting and sidewalks, et cetera, you know, as it was
in the past; development of area attractions such as the Mid­
night Dome, et cetera; and, for Whitehorse, in conjunction with the
City of Whitehorse, it is the downtown waterfront development;
convention facilities; wildlife facilities; skiing facilities; and
Yukon River development is the historic site restoration and pre­
servation of facilities; information and interpretation.

Then there is the Community Tourism Development Fund which
is also in this $20 million that we are asking for. We will finally end
up with between $30 million and $40 million for developments of
attractions, accommodations and services undertakings, financial
incentive priority areas such as Dawson City and Kluane, financial
incentive priority projects for wilderness and outdoor four attrac­
tions, new innovative technology, development of bulk or group
services and facilities, information and visitor reception centres,
information areas, training and education for personnel in the
tourist industry in the Yukon especially in the hospitality and ser­
vice sectors, and marketing.

You will eventually get a copy if the agreement is signed about
what the hopes are. It is quite an ambitious project.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I have a little problem with it the
same as the Member from the Official Opposition. I see quite a
large amount of money which we are not really sure that we are
going to be able to use yet, or which we are not sure is recoverable.
I think it could possibly be used. I am wondering if the Minister
meant that he would not use it at all if there was no agreement with
the Federal Government.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Chairman, as I pointed out a little earlier,
all we ask for is the money that is our share, our 25 per cent. If we do
not get the 75 per cent share from the Federal government, we are
in a tough way.

From my understanding, they are talking about next year, and
where our argument is that we need it this coming year because of
the fact that there is no work in the area. We need to start this
program the summer of 1980 rather than the summer of 1981.
they get half the $2.5 million in the form of incentive grants? today.

Speaker when I asked a question yesterday, maybe I can ask it they have had results in, apparently.

been informed that it is almost settled. This is the one area that almost a fact. The only thing that we have to identify is our models,

that we are going to be able to conclude an agreement.

here because my information is that I doubt very much if YTG is
go to be able to conclude an agreement.

DREE. The outright grants to business are by DREE.

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energy for $239,000 carry?

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Shall the Department of Justice 0824, Total Authority for $239,000 carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The next Department is the Department of Highways and Public Works for $7,132,000. I now refer you to page 35.

Mr. Lang: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: On Page 35, Highways and Public Works, Establishment C0100, Road Equipment, $384,000.

Mr. MacKay: How does this relate to the Auditor General’s comments on the year before that there was a surplus of $5 million in the equipment replacement reserve?

There was actually a total of $2.5 million, road equipment replacement account has a balance of $2.5 million. Are we appropriating another $384,000, in addition to this $2.5 million that is available?

Mr. Lang: No, Mr. Chairman. It is my understanding that we are taking out of that fund for the capital, from that revolving fund. The amount of money there has to do with two things: to provide some snowblowers and also, at the same time, for various vehicles, et cetera, that are needed throughout by the Government.

We have cut that back drastically in that respect, and the financial commitment for transportation vehicles for the Government. There is a committee in the Government that heads the disposition of new vehicles.

The total amount is $384,000; $234,000 is for the snowblowers, et cetera, and $150,000 is for a combination of replacing VHFs, as well as vehicles.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200, Sundry Equipment, $62,000. Any discussion?

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200 agreed to.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0300, Garage Tools and Equipment, $12,000.

Establishment C0300 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0400, Miscellaneous and Minor Projects - Buildings, $10,000.

Establishment C0400 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0500, Miscellaneous and Minor Projects - Buildings, $10,000.

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0600, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Agreement, $300,000.

I did not hear any mention of any recreation equipment. Is there anything like that, stilts or...
Projects - Roads, $50,000.

Establishment C0500 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0600, Pre-Engineering - Public Works, $100,000.

Mr. MacKay: What kind of projects do you anticipate spending $100,000 on in this coming year?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, there are various ones. For example, we may well have to be making a decision whether or not we go ahead with, say, a building for the Game Department. This is the money that is in place to allow us to do the pre-engineering and everything else to get the plans up to date and, subsequently, come back to the House for a Vote authority.

It is an on-going program throughout the year, as various things come up.

Establishment C0600 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0700, Pre-Engineering - Highways, $150,000.

Mr. MacKay: I am interested in the future highway projects. Has the Government got in the works any new roads? I am not talking about operating existing roads, is there any new roads contemplated anywhere, or is there anything, with respect to upgrading a road that presently does not operate year-round involved in this?

I am thinking of the North Canal or the Skagway Road?

Hon. Mr. Lang: No, Mr. Chairman, there are no new major roads contemplated at this time. Mainly what it does is allow us to do the drafting, surveying, and whatever in respect to upgrading our present transportation corridors.

Establishment C0700 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: The next item is Establishment C0800, Klondike Highway Paving (km 276 - 291.8), $977,000.

Mr. MacKay: I am interested to know, I think I have heard of the studies, but I am interested to know if there is any more up-to-date information with respect to the cost of paving and subsequent maintenance versus the cost of maintaining a gravel road. Is there any significant saving to paving to the Government?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I do not think there is any question of significant saving because of our on-going program of calcium chloride that has to be applied to our roads. With the advent of asphalt that is an expense that we no longer have. There is no doubt in my mind that in the long term the asphalt will definitely pay for itself from that point of view. From my understanding also from a maintenance point of view, as long as it is properly maintained and everything, it is perhaps a little bit cheaper.

Mr. MacKay: In view of that, I appreciate that the Government probably makes its best effort to get all the money it can for these programs, but you could make a very strong argument, it seems to me then, in Ottawa to try an accelerate the paving program for the Yukon on the basis of the fact that it is going to save money to the country in the long run. I am thinking that this is one area where if we want to try to accelerate some capital projects in the next couple of years in the event that the economy keeps on sliding that that might be an area where his Department could push.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is one of the topics that I will be discussing with the Federal Government. It should be pointed out that initially the paving from Whitehorse to Carmacks was to be a five year program. The previous Government, with the cut-backs that we received in this particular area, more or less put it to an eight year program. I am hopeful that we can get it escalated. I do not know if I can get it for the forthcoming year, but I think it is essential that we get major commitments for 1981-82. I will see what I can do for the forthcoming financial year as well.

Mr. Byblow: In this general paving program it is my understanding that the Minister's Department is doing some extensive study on various alternate methods of road surfacing. As I understand, some monies have been appropriated for this. Probably they go under that C0700 category. Is there any up-date on alternate programs of surfacing that the Minister can report on?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I do not have that information, Mr. Chairman.

Establishment C0800 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0900 Klondike Highway Reconstruction (km 247.5 - 258.5), $1,448,000.

Mr. MacKay: Will this complete the reconstruction of this highway or is there still work to be done here and Carmacks? Is that the last section now or can we look for further reconstruction and, if so, in what area?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, as I referred earlier, we are hopeful we can get more financing to escalate this program. But, no, it will not complete it. I would have to bow to the Member from Tatchun. I am sure he knows how many miles are paved and how many are not. But there will have to be some major reconstruction in the forthcoming year as well.

Mr. Tracey: From the end of pavement which is 247.5 to 276, that will do just over the fifty miles. From 278.1 to the pavement at Carmacks, there is another 45 miles yet that has not been done.

Establishment C0900 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1000 Klondike Highway Crushing and Stockpiling (km 247.5 - 270.5), $375,000.

Establishment C1000 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1100, Dawson - Boundary Road Reconstruction, $1,000,000.

Mr. MacKay: Does the Department have any figures on the traffic that uses this road? I am not looking for a cost-benefit analysis, I think we have learned that mistake. I am wondering if there is any significant amount of traffic on this road during the summer or if it is a dying route.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think that it is going to become more and more evident as time goes on. It will be more utilized than what it is. I do not have the statistics but I think there are a couple of points that have to be raised.

On the Alaska side, they are upgrading their section of the highway and we are doing ours and, at the same time, with the advent of the Carcross-Skagway Road, I think that you are going to see a lot more tourists doing the loop per se as opposed to what happened in the past where they perhaps got off at Haines and went straight through to Alaska. It provides another corridor for them to go up and then the incentive to come back down and see new country.

Establishment C1100 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1200, Insulation - Various Schools, $150,000.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is a request of my colleague from Education and also our Conservation Minister.

Establishment C1200 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1300, Insulation - Various Maintenance Camp Buildings, $215,000.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, does the Minister contemplate having some recoveries in this area then, possibly? It would be going through one of the programs?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, not at the present time, no. We are looking at that as strictly as a straight capital outlay in respect to this.

Establishment C1300 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Next is Establishment C1400, Carcross Maintenance Camp Relocation, $250,000.

Mr. Fleming: I am always interested in things where they have a relocation of something like this.

In the Carcross area, as I think the Member from there probably knows, I am just wondering how the Government obtains land to relocate anything? I wonder if we could be told where they are going to relocate the buildings?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is the intention to move the existing camp buildings to a location on the Tagish and Carcross Road, outside the community. One area where, perhaps, when we look back at it, the Government did not plan well in respect to their territorial facilities, we have got a situation in Dawson where, right downtown almost, we have the Territorial compound.

In most of our communities we are trying to get it away from the community, to a certain extent, so the residents can zone and plan their communities accordingly.

The reason we are doing this is that the present camp that we have there is too small due to the advent of the Carcross-Skagway Road. We have to put additions on, so we might as well move it at the same time.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, that is very interesting, but I was really questioning was how the Minister intends to obtain the land and from whom and where, in that very area he is speaking of.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not too sure if it is our land, in the block land transfer, or whether or not it is the Government of Canada's. I would like to think, in view of the fact that we are attempting to upgrade the community and give them a better quality of service, that the land will come either way.

Establishment C1400 agreed to
Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1500, VHF Radio System, $99,000.
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Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1600 agreed to

Mr. MacKay: Is this the stretch of road before you get to Quiet Lake or after you pass by it?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, rest assured that that has nothing to do with it. The fact of the matter is that road was put in during World War II. We have a number of wooden bridges there that deteriorated very badly and we either have to make the conscious decision to fix them up or close the road. Those are the two options.

We have decided that we had better go in and make those necessary improvements on a two year program. This will initially get the worst bridges fixed up.

Mr. MacKay: Yes, I can see that you are going to spend the money on it.

I am wondering what the rationale was, though, to maintain this particular stretch of road, when we have very adequate access to the same area going through Carmacks and Faro, or, alternatively, coming up from the south through Watson Lake, if you are thinking in terms of getting to the mineral areas of Yukon? Is there some potential development in this area, industrial development?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding there is potential in that area, as far as the mining industry is concerned. I do not know if you want to look at all our roads and say we are going to keep some, and close others, I do not know. I feel that it does serve a purpose. It is there and I think we have a responsibility to keep it maintained, at least for the foreseeable future. Perhaps, at some other date, we may look at it and maybe close it.

If you look at it from a straight economic point of view, you know, from say, Tutchuita to Ross River, you would have to ask yourself, if it is really reasonable to keep it open.

As I have said from this side of the House, that as far as we are concerned, we have a commitment to maintain our transportation corridor and provide that infrastructure to encourage economic development.

I understand that area has some mineral potential.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will commend the Minister on this one. However, I wish to inform him, too, that it might make it very easy for the Member from Campbell to get to Ross River, in the area where he has to go.

The need, I think, for the road is there and for a tourist attraction if nothing else. You would be surprised at the traffic the road does take.

As the Minister has said, I think that if it is not repaired somehow, not a big project, but somewhat to keep it in repair, it is going to go down the drain and then we will just have something else lying about that could actually be good for the Territory. Mr. MacKay: I do not think I had better say anything.

Mr. Bylow: Just to conclude the topic, it certainly is a useful road, in terms of its usage and there are several exploration camps and, in fact, a couple of small mining companies stationed off that South Canol Road, who use the road excessively.

It is good hunting ground, too.

Establishment C1600 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1700, Calcium Chloride Storage Buildings, $210,000.

Establishment C1700 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C1800, Exhaust Systems - Grader Station and Workshops, $400,000.

Mr. MacKay: That seems like a lot of money. How many workshops and grader stations are going to be affected by this?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it is a lot of money. There is no question about that. It is subject to the Workers' Compensation Board and the ventilation and health and everything that goes on at these facilities. If the laws are made by us, I assume that we have the responsibility to follow them. We have to rectify a lot of the deficiencies in the older buildings.

This will be applied to three Whitehorse buildings for this forthcoming year and at the Teslin grader station. It will be an ongoing program for a number of years depending upon the money that is available.

Establishment C1800 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Now, Establishment C1900, Staff Quarters, $500,000.

Mr. MacKay: This also seems like a lot of money. I presume that this is trailers that we are buying here. How many trailers will this provide us with? How many are we replacing and how many are we going to have to replace next year?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it will be a two-year program. It is to deal with the Klondike camp down the Dempster Highway. We have a very old complex there and to replace that, whether or not it will be trailers is another thing again. We are just reviewing the whole thing in respect to the type of structure that we will put there.

If we are going to have people working there we are going to have to provide them with quarters. It is very difficult to recruit people, regardless of the unemployment statistics that are quoted by some Members, to work in these areas. We do have a responsibility to provide them with living quarters.

Mr. Bylow: Before we clear this section out of the way, I was advised yesterday to take a look at this section to find the funding allocation for the Faro access road upgrading. I am still having difficulty finding it.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There is no question in my mind that you are having difficulty finding it in this budget.

Establishment C17000 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Highways and Public Works, 0924 the Total Authority of $7,132,000.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The next Department is the Office of the Pipeline Coordinator. Page 42, on Establishment C0100, Monitoring Equipment, $1,000,000.

Mr. MacKay: Is this for a pair of binoculars for each member of the staff to go looking for the pipeline. Mr. Chairman?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, the $1,000 is required for photographic equipment for visual records of structures, activities and also, I gather, a pair of binoculars for the branch as well.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: For the Office of the Pipeline Coordinator, 1124 the Total Authority of $1,000. Will this carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The next Department is the Library and Information Resources, C36,000, on page 46. Library and Information Resources, Establishment C0100, Library and Archives Equipment, $16,000.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: On Establishment C0200, Records Shelving, $10,000.

Mr. MacKay: What is wrong with the present filing cabinets?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, this is to convert some of the present record centre to modular shelving costs because we find that the volume is increasing. Rather than buy more of the old shelving units that take up a lot of space and cost roughly the same, we have decided to convert to the modular shelving units which are roughly the same price and can hold about one-third more filing folders than the old ones.

Mr. Bylow: Is any of the equipment in Establishments C0100 or C0200 destined outside of Whitehorse, to the Minister's knowledge?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, the only record centres in the Territory are those in the various departments within the Government and the one downstairs in this building, the record centre in this building. When the microfilming got started, I thought that we would no longer need extra shelving. Unfortunately we are in a position of having to maintain certain originals for a period of five to seven years, and we simply do not have the necessary shelving units down there to hold them. The only record centres in the Yukon are here in this building.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: On Establishment C0300, Renovations - Art Gallery, $3,000.

Mr. MacKay: Perhaps I could just ask a question about C0300 and C0400 because they are in the same building. How quickly does the Government anticipate running out of space in the Archives? What future plans have you got for that very nice building. is the Library properly housed as it is? What other plans have you for renovating it?

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, in the present Archives, I believe there is enough room to handle the volume increase if we change the shelving units. If you have been down there you have seen the old shelving units that need spaces between them for aisles and the new electric shelving units that are all put together at one end of the room and then they have one aisle and you move the shelves individually and therefore you save roughly, I believe, 60 per cent of the space.
By putting in all of those kind of shelving units we have enough space to the year 1980 or 1981. We hope, with this money, to convert some of the Land Titles Office into Archives space.

 hon. Mr. Hanson: There are several places. First it shows a total of $553,000 which is an agreement we have with the Government Resource Development.

 We anticipate the expenditures for continued rehabilitation of the older and more heavily used existing campgrounds.

 We have been doing some construction on new sites in such place as Kusawa Lake, Watson Lake, Congdon Creek and Dempster Highway.

 In addition, funds will be expended to continue the construction of a large workshop in the Whitehorse area, required for continual maintenance and construction of campground facilities such as signs, privies, stoves, tables, et cetera and that will pretty well take care of the loot for this year.

 Mr. MacKay: With respect, I wonder if the Minister will give me that third one. He had Kusawa, Watson, and what was the other one please?

 hon. Mr. Hanson: Congdon Creek.

 Mr. MacKay: This workshop business, I am wondering, is the Government going to be manufacturing these items then? Is that the plan?

 hon. Mr. Hanson: Yes, they do. They do make their own tables and that there. They have the use of the prisoners whom my friend on my right loaned me for the job. They have a bit of a part time thing. They are going over there and working on camp tables.

 Mr. MacKay: Is there any foreseeable problem with respect to obtaining the land for these campgrounds that you are going to build, or do you already have the land transferred?

 hon. Mr. Hanson: I have not consulted the people in COPE yet but I hope there will not be any obstruction. I had to get that in. These are old campgrounds, they had been staked for years.

 Mr. MacKay: I suggest that he could probably consult with his own Minister in Ottawa who may recognize him.

 Establishment C0100 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: Now, Establishment C0200, Historic Site Development, $30,000.

 Mr. MacKay: Let me state that I do not think much of the new highway signs. The design is fine but the colour is awful, and you cannot read the yellow ones very easily.

 hon. Mr. Hanson: That is the wrong portfolio, you will have to get that in. Establishment C0300, Northern Health Services - Construction, $15,000.

 Mr. MacKay: Perhaps we can deal with these two items together, both C0300 and C0400. Could we know what proportion of the cost the Yukon is sharing and where the new facilities are going to be built and where the new equipment will be placed?

 hon. Mr. Graham: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. The Detox Centre, at the present time, is not being planned to be moved to Crossroads. This is just for things such as a clothes washer, chairs for the dining room, a new refrigerator, both of these C0100 and C0200, to renovate the entranceway so that people, when they come into the Detox Centre in whatever shape they are in, do not have to go through the kitchen to get down to the basement receiving area which they presently have to do.

 Establishment C0100 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0900, Detox Centre Renovations, $7000.

 Establishment C0200 agreed to

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 Establishment C0100 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0400, Northern Health Services - Equipment Replacement, $108,000. There has been some discussion; is there any more?

 Establishment C0400 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0500, Ambulance Replacement, $35,000.

 Mr. Fleming: Could we have the areas where these ambulances are going to be placed in the municipalities?

 hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, all of the ambulances currently in use in the Territory are between one and ten years old. I do not have the exact locations where the two ambulances represented by this figure are located. It is a continuing process. I believe that over a five-year or a six-year period, it is going to cost us roughly $300,000 to replace the ambulances on a continuing basis, the oldest ones first and as they go on the rest will be replaced.

 Establishment C0500 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: On Health, 1524, Total Authority, $168,000, does it clear?

 Some Members: Agreed.

 Mr. Chairman: Your next one, Department of Government Services, $140,000. I refer you to page 59.

 Establishment C0100, Furniture and Office Equipment, $3000.

 hon. Mr. Graham: There are no questions, I am sure. That is correct, Mr. Chairman. The Detox Centre, at the present time, is not being planned to be moved to Crossroads. This is just for things such as a clothes washer, chairs for the dining room, a new refrigerator, both of these C0100 and C0200, to renovate the entranceway so that people, when they come into the Detox Centre in whatever shape they are in, do not have to go through the kitchen to get down to the basement receiving area which they presently have to do.

 Establishment C0100 agreed to

 Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0900, Detox Centre Renovations, $7000.
I will answer it in anticipation. Mr. Chairman, Government Services look after the purchase of all equipment and office furniture for the total Government.

The purchase of this new equipment is recommended by a committee, which reviews departmental requests. I think the average rate of increase in the Department in the Government is about 10 per cent annually and this year, in fact, we gave them absolutely no increase over the old.

It is just basically to replace worn out equipment, to purchase new equipment, typewriters, office furniture and that type of thing.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200, Photo Platemaker, $15,000.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Government Services. Vote 1824, a Total Authority of $140,000. Does this carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Your next one is Yukon Housing Corporation, $193,000. I refer you now to page 63.

Establishment C0100, Capital Grant to Yukon Housing Corporation, $193,000.

Mr. MacKay: Is this contemplating how many new houses are going to be built this year by the Corporation?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, from the directive by the Corporation, at the present time we have not budgeted it for any.

Mr. MacKay: The community housing, $700,000, are you budgeting that for new houses. What kind of projects are you looking at?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I did not realize the Member was referring to that particular section.

That is in reference to the senior citizen’s home, here in Whitehorse and also there was a possibility in Mayo, as well as Watson Lake. Watson Lake did not get started this past year.

Now, the Housing Corporation is looking at the possibility of a private entrepreneur providing those services and us renting from him. Whether or not those two units, there would be four units in each place. If Mayo and Watson Lake go ahead remains to be seen.

But it is also the commitment that we have in Whitehorse to the senior citizens with the complex being built over by the Anglican Church.

Mr. MacKay: I would like to make a very, very strong plea, as most sincerely as I possibly can, for an old age home for senior citizens to be built in Mayo.

I think that the incumbent Member would be a direct beneficiary of this in a very few years, but, besides that—

On a more serious note, I think that there are a lot of people in Mayo who have lived there for many, many years, whom, I think, have never really received the care and attention that other communities have received. Mayo, as I am sure the Minister will eloquently back me up, is the one area in Yukon I would really like to see the Government just give some attention to, particularly in the form for senior citizens.

Mr. Penikett: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe, in fact, the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Economic Development has applied for residence in the group home.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Hanson, I was wondering when you would enliven the conversation.

Hon. Mr. Hanson: Mr. Chairman, in either the old folks’ home or the group home, I would meet more intelligent people than I see across the floor.

Mr. Byblow: I do not know how to begin this with the Minister again, but it gets to be a very frustrating exercise standing here and saying why is Faro not getting this, why is it not getting that and why is it being ignored here and to see this money dispersed across the Territory everywhere else.

Now on this item specifically, Mr. Chairman, we have had several meetings with Yukon Housing Corporation and the Town of Faro, specifically looking at programs to develop (a) the public market, (b) the senior citizen housing.

To my understanding, on a letter dated September 20th, from the Corporation Chairman, we were going to be expecting some pretty serious attention to this area.

I do not see it here. I would like to know why.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Chairman, number one, I am responsible for finding money. That is one good reason.

Number two, I think it is fair to say that the idea of a private entrepreneur putting up a building, as opposed to the Government putting it up is under consideration at the present time.

Now, where that is at at the present time, I really do not know. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Chairman, if the private sector can do it, we will stay out of it. In fact, in some areas, I think we are probably too far into housing.

Mr. Byblow: The closest the Minister came to answering my question was he is going to find the money, it is up to him to do it.

Just with respect to the comment on the private sector building the houses, today is the closing day of the tender and there were no applications received. So, there has to be some alternative looked at, very seriously, to entertain this apartment complex on the one hand, public housing on the other hand in the order of, at least, six or eight units, part of which are required by Yukon Housing themselves and thirdly, senior citizen housing.

It is frustrating to keep repeating the demand and not having it recognized.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am glad that the Minister did explain what some of this money is going for, senior citizens. In that event, I could definitely not vote for the amount of money they argue.

I would hope that the Government does continue to try to decentralize their program a little bit as far as senior citizens are concerned, to outlying communities who may have enough senior citizens to support the idea of possible small homes in the smaller towns.

Other than that, you know how I feel about Yukon Housing Corporation in itself. I am afraid that I would have, you know, to get all set to vote “no”, right now, but seeing where the money is going, I could not do that in all honesty.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Yukon Housing Corporation 1824, Total Authority $193,000.

Shall this clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this carried.

Your next one, Yukon Liquor Corporation, $85,000, on page 67.

Establishment C0100, Liquor Stores and Headquarters Equipment, $50,000.

Mr. Fleming: I wonder why the Minister is looking through his papers. Could we have an explanation just where this money may be spent? There are liquor stores and I take it no new liquor stores will be opened up with this amount of money.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this is the one Department that does accrue some revenue to the Government and the amount of money that is put into the capital side is very small. The $50,000 is to replace pallet trucks, hand trucks, cash registers, this type of thing. In the eventuality of this capital outlay, our equipment will be up to standard. It will be a number of years before we need more money.

Mr. Fleming: I am wondering if the Minister could inform me or assure me that, upon request probably from the people of Teslin, they might end up with a liquor store this year by any chance?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I am in no position to make that commitment.

Establishment C0100 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Establishment C0200, Forklifts, $35,000.

Establishment C0200 agreed to

Mr. Chairman: Yukon Liquor Corporation, 1924 Total Authority $85,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

I now refer you to Schedule “A”. We will clear each item on a letter dated September 20th, from the Corporation Chairman, we were going to be expecting some pretty serious attention to this area.

I do not see it here. I would like to know why.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Chairman, number one, I am responsible for finding money. That is one good reason.

Department of Human Resources, $78,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, $9,966,000. Shall this clear?

Some Members: Agreed.
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Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Tourism and Economic Development, $2,604,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Justice, $239,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Highways and Public Works, $7,132,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Office of Pipeline Coordinator, $1,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Library and Information Resources, $38,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Department of Renewable Resources, $732,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Yukon Housing Corporation, $193,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

Yukon Liquor Corporation, $85,000. Shall this amount clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

On Schedule “A” shall the Total of $29,164,000 clear?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I declare this amount carried.

At this time we have Clause 2 and 4 the Title and the Preamble to carry.

I will call a recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I shall call Committee of the Whole to order. We are on Bill No. 23, Clause 2(1).

On Clause 2(1) agreed to

On Clause 3(1) agreed to

On Clause 4(1) agreed to

Title and Preamble agreed to

Mr. Chairman: I now declare that Bill Number 23 has cleared Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Number 23, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81 be now reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Bill No. 23, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Motion agreed to

Hon. Mr. Graham: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Mr. Graham that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill Number 23 has passed this House.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education that Bill Number 23 do now pass and that the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education that Bill Number 23 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education, that Bill Number 23 do now pass and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education that Bill Number 23 do now pass and that the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill Number 23 has passed this House.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I would like at this time to ask the House to give unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 55(5) in order to give third reading to Bill Number 37, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: Does the Honourable Member have unanimous consent?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Bill Number 37: Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Old Crow, that Bill Number 37, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Member from Old Crow, that Bill Number 37 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: Are you prepared to adopt the Title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Old Crow, that Bill Number 37 do now pass and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Member from Old Crow, that Bill Number 37 be now passed and the Title be as on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that Bill Number 37 has passed this House.

I would like to advise the House at this time that we are now prepared to receive Mr. Administrator, in his capacity as Lieutenant Governor, to give Assent to certain Bills which have passed this House.

Mr. Administrator enters the Chamber announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms

Mr. Speaker: May it please Your Honour, the Assembly has, at its present Session, passed a number of Bills, to which in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, I respectfully request your Assent.

Mr. Clerk: Medical Profession Ordinance, Boiler and Pressure Vessels Ordinance, Day Care Ordinance, Parks Ordinance, An Ordinance Respecting Income Tax, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1980-81, An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance, Matrimonial Property Ordinance, An Ordinance to Amend the Yukon Council Ordinance, An Ordinance to Change the Name of the Magistrate’s Court and to Amend the Magistrate’s
Court Ordinance, Justice of the Peace Court Ordinance, An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance.

Mr. Administrator: I hereby Assent to the Bills as enumerated by the Clerk.

Mr. Clerk: It is the Administrator's will and pleasure that this House be now prorogued and this House is accordingly prorogued.

Prorogued

The following Sessional Papers were tabled November 15, 1979:

79-2-48
Yukon Annual Report for the Year ended March 31, 1979

79-2-49
Annual Report, Alcohol and Drug Services, March '78 April '79

79-2-50
Annual Report 1979, Yukon Hospital Insurance Services, Yukon Health Insurance Plan

The following Legislative Returns were tabled November 15, 1979:

79-2-43
Application of impost fees in Faro
(Written Question No. 12)

79-2-44
Development of dump site in Haines Junction
(Oral Question - November 13, 1979 - Page 652)

79-2-45
Methodology for preparing Labour Force Statistics
(Oral Question - November 7, 1979 - Page 627)

79-2-46
Student attendance at schools outside "designated attendance area."
(Written Question No. 17)