# YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY


Tuesday, March 28, 1967.
10:00 o'clock a.m.

The First Session of the Council for the Year 1967, being the Sixth Session of the Twentieth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory, was convened in the Council Chambers at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, March 28, 1967.

The Members present were:

Mr. George O. Shaw, Dawson
Mr. Hubert E. Boyd, Whitehorse East
Mr. J. K. Thompson, Whitehorse North
Mr. Frederick G. Southam, Mayo
Mr. Robert D. MacKinnon, Carmacks-Kluane
Mr. Donald Taylor, Watson Lake
Mr. John Watt, Whitehorse West

The Clerk read the Proclamation.

The Speaker, Mr. George Shaw, was ushered into the Council Chambers by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker: The Sixth Session of the Twentieth Wholly Elective Council will now come to order. Mr. Clerk, would you please escort the Commissioner into the Council Chambers for his opening address.

The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Mr. James Smith, was ushered into the Council Chambers by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Commissioner gave his opening address. (Set out as Sessional Paper No. 51.) SESSIONAL PAPER #51

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Commissioner for your enlightening and encouraging address. I certainly agree that with good management in which we have our part to play that the Yukon has the prospects of a very bright future. I would table this address at this time and assure you, Mr. Commissioner, that the Council will give every consideration to the matters you have brought up in the days following. Just before we conclude this, I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the Council for the completion of these fine new Council Chambers. It is a pleasure to know that for the first time in decades, if not perhaps for the first time in history..I can't go back that far...that we have a meeting place for the representatives of the people. It is the first time that I am aware of that we didn't have to compete with the Court who had prior right to the particular places where we had our meetings to the Chambers and it is nice to have this security of tenure. I thank you very much, Mr. Commissioner, for your part in making this possible.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Watt, that the Commissioner's address be taken into consideration in the days following.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #6 INTRODUCED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. Six, An Ordinance Respecting the Installation of Electrical Equipment and Wiring, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Watt that Council adjourn until two o'clock this afternoon.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Council now stands adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker called the Council to order. All Councillors and Commissioner Smith were present.

Mr. Speaker: The first item of business will be the reading of the correspondence. Have we any correspondence, Mr. Clerk?

LETTER FROM CITY OF WHITE-HORSE

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The first is a letter from the City of Whitehorse, addressed to Mr. George O. Shaw, Speaker, Government of the Yukon Territory. "It is the desire of my Council that they meet with the Council of the Yukon Territory, during the present Session, to discuss an urgent matter affecting both the Yukon Territory and City of Whitehorse administration. I would appreciate it very much if you could confirm that this item will be placed on the Agenda for early consideration, and advise the time at which your Council would be available for such a meeting, please." It is signed by H. W. Firth, Mayor, City of Whitehorse. I have a memorandum addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council, "Pursuant to section 37 of the Interpretation Ordinance, tabled for Council's information this date is a copy of all Regulations made since the last Council Session." I have those on my desk if you are interested. I have another memorandum, dated the 28th of March, 1967, "Tabled herewith for Council's information are copies of all Sessional Papers, numbered 1 to 33, which were forwarded to Council since the last Session." These were:

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SESSIONAL PAPERS NOS. 1 to 13

(1) Sessional Paper No. 1 on Question No. 10, Liquor Inspector.
(2) Sessional Paper No. 2 concerns Motion No. 1 of the Second Session, 1966.
(3) Sessional Paper No. 3, dated March 13, 1967, is entitled Motion No. 25 - Fire Protection - Burwash Landing.
(4) Sessional Paper No. 4 concerns Question No. 5 from the last Session. This has to do with the Co-Op at Old Crow.
(5) Sessional Paper No. 5 concerns the Dawson City Flood and is further to Sessional Paper No. 51 of the last Session.
(6) Sessional Paper No. 6 concerns Motion #13 on the Dawson Bridge.
(7) Sessional Paper No. 7 is a reply to Motion No. 9 of the last Session.
(8) Sessional Paper No. 8 is on Motion No. 21, Water Supply, from the last Session, and is dated the 13th of January, 1967.
(9) Sessional Paper No. 9 is another paper concerning the Dawson Flood
(10) Sessional Paper No. 10 is a report on the forest fire season for 1966, dated January 20, 1967.
(11) Sessional Paper No. 11, dated January 23, 1967, deals with Winter Activities - Bud Fisher.
(12) Sessional Paper No. 12, dated January 23, 1967, is on the Yukon Tartan.
(13) Sessional Paper No. 13, dated January 24, 1967, is on the National Employment Service in the Yukon.

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(14) Sessional Paper No. 14, dated January 24, 1967, is entitled Comparative Statement, Liquor Sales.

(15) Sessional Paper No. 15, dated January 24, 1967, covers correspondence received from Mr. Harry W. Walker, Program Liaison Officer, CBC Northern Service in Ottawa.

(16) Sessional Paper No. 16, dated January 27, 1967, is on Motion No. 52, Paving of Alaska Highway.

(17) Sessional Paper No. 17, dated January 31, 1967, concerns Motion No. 22 from last Session, a request that all Members of Council be provided with the revised Criminal Code of Canada.

(18) Sessional Paper No. 18, dated February 21, 1967, deals with Motion No. 8, Road Signs, from the last Session of Council.

(19) Sessional Paper No. 19, dated February 23, 1967, concerns Unemployment Insurance Commission, Whitehorse.

(20) Sessional Paper No. 20, dated February 24, 1967, deals with Motion No. 12, Power at Old Crow, from the last Session of Council.

(21) Sessional Paper No. 21, dated February 27, 1967, is entitled Interim Report - Yukon Pavilion - Expo '67.

(22) Sessional Paper No. 22, dated February 27, 1967, concerns the contracting of the maintenance of the Alaska Highway.

(23) Sessional Paper No. 23, dated March 6, 1967, is on Clinton Creek.

(24) Sessional Paper No. 24, dated March 6, 1967, concerns the Dawson Airport.

(25) Sessional Paper No. 25, dated March 7, 1967, is on Workmen's Compensation Costs which concerns Motion No. 28 of the last Session.

(26) Sessional Paper No. 26, dated March 10, 1967, is on Yukon Activities - Historic and National Parks Branch.

(27) Sessional Paper No. 27, dated March 9, 1967, is on Territorial Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

(28) Sessional Paper No. 28, dated March 9, 1967, is entitled Destination of Pupils Withdrawing from School During or at the End of the School Year, 1965-66.

(29) Sessional Paper No. 29, dated March 9, 1967, is a Fire Investigation Report on Whitehorse Elementary and Porter Creek Schools.

(30) Sessional Paper No. 30, dated March 14, 1967, deals with Landing Facilities, Ross River.

(31) Sessional Paper No. 31, deals with a report of Graduates of the Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre and Training Underground Miners.

(32) Sessional Paper No. 32, dated March 14, 1967, is on Motion No. 18, Paving 8th Avenue, from last Session.

(33) Sessional Paper No. 33, dated March 14, 1967, is on Motion No. 26, Feasibility Study, from last Session, concerning salaries and indemnities payable to Mayors and Councillors.

(34) Sessional Paper No. 34, dated March 14, 1967, is on the Correctional Program.

(35) Sessional Paper No. 35, dated March 16, 1967, is entitled Attendance of School Children Outside Whitehorse - Visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra. SESSIONAL PAPERS NOS. 35 to 45

(36) Sessional Paper No. 36, dated March 17, 1967, is on Organization, Yukon Administration.

(37) Sessional Paper No. 37, dated March 15, 1967, is on Motion No. 7, Central Complex, from the last Session of Council.

(38) Sessional Paper No. 38, dated March 17, 1967, is another paper on the Dawson Flood.

(39) Sessional Paper No. 39, dated March 20, 1967, is entitled Mr. Don Green, E.M.O. Co-Ordinator, Yukon and N.W.T.

(40) Sessional Paper No. 40, dated March 20, 1967, deals with the Flag Contest.

(41) Sessional Paper No. 41, dated March 17, 1967, is on the Pioneer Hall, Mayo.

(42) Sessional Paper No. 42, dated March 17, 1967, is on Motion No. 24 from the last Session concerning the Yukon Mace.

(43) Sessional Paper No. 43, dated March 17, 1967, concerns Public Restrooms in Whitehorse.

(44) Sessional Paper No. 44, dated March 17, 1967, is on the Low Cost Housing Program.

(45) Sessional Paper No. 45, dated March 17, 1967, is a further paper on the Low Cost Housing Program.

Sessional Paper No. 46 will be tabled tomorrow morning. SESSIONAL PAPERS NO. 47

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(47) Sessional Paper No. 47, dated March 20, 1967, deals with Cemeteries and Burial Grounds, Yukon Territory.

(48) Sessional Paper No. 48, dated March 22, 1967, deals with a report on Fitness and Amateur Sport. NO. 48

I believe that is all I have today, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Gentlemen, that is the reading of the correspondence which can be taken up at a later date. I think now I would entertain the introduction of these various and sundry Bills which we have before us so that we can process them tomorrow accordingly.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, be introduced at this time. BILL NO. 1 INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. Two, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, be introduced at this time. BILL NO. 2 INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. Three, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, be introduced at this time. BILL NO. 3 INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

BILL NO.4 INTRODUCED — Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. Four, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED — MOTION CARRIED

BILL NO.5 INTRODUCED — Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Five, An Ordinance Respecting Cemeteries and Burial Sites, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED — MOTION CARRIED

BILL NO.7 INTRODUCED — Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Seven, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED — MOTION CARRIED

BILL NO.8 INTRODUCED — Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. Eight, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED — MOTION CARRIED

BILL NO.9 INTRODUCED — Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Nine, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be introduced at this time.

MOTION CARRIED — MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: That completes the Bills, gentlemen. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, today there was a request tabled from the City of Whitehorse which has asked the Council to consider a meeting of their august body with this Council. No doubt they do have problems. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if at this time we could place a spot on the agenda to accommodate the City Council of the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say before we go that far that my wishes would be that Mr. Speaker contact the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse and find out just what the discussions are about.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Commissioner could enlighten us on this matter and save this delay.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I can't help you on this. There are several items that from time to time I have discussed on an informal basis with the Mayor and with Members of his Council but I am afraid that the letter that is before you now and the subject that is asked to be discussed here is totally unknown to me. If anyone in my Office can be of assistance to you in ascertaining what this subject is if that is your wishes, I would be happy to do so but only upon your instructions.

Mr. Speaker: Would it be agreeable, gentlemen, that I ascertain from the Mayor and Council just what subject they wish to discuss in this matter and report accordingly.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, if we are going to be here for awhile this afternoon, possibly either yourself or the Commissioner could ascertain at tea break this afternoon so that we can take it into consideration when we discuss our agenda a little bit later on.

Mr. Speaker: I don't know whether we are going to have a tea break this afternoon, Mr. Watt. If you leave that with me, gentlemen, I will find out what business the City Council wish to discuss. Do we have anything further.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I have a Motion here, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Southam, that I would like to introduce today that possibly we could discuss tomorrow. It has to do with possibly the agenda and everything else we are considering in the next little while. I would like to introduce this today so that it will be on the agenda for tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: I might add that this Motion would come under Orders of the Day and we have no Orders of the Day on the Agenda. For the opening day of Council we never have. These matters usually come up first thing in the morning.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker, but this is the first time we have sat at two o'clock in the afternoon after opening in the morning and I think it is a good idea in order to speed up the deliberations of Council. The intent behind this was to carry on this afternoon as if we had a daily routine. Usually the second day of Council is a complete waste because all we do is introduce these Bills and a few motions and then adjourn. This will save a day's deliberations....just have the introduction of the Bills and the Motion now so we can discuss it tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: That is correct but let us put it this way. Out of town Members usually land into Whitehorse, for example, last night and the business of Council is usually confined to the opening of Council on the first day to permit the courtesy of permitting the Members who do not live in Whitehorse to kind of attend to various and sundry matters that they have to attend to and that is why it is not on the agenda.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I think that all Members certainly recognize that in the process of our deliberations we find we must give twenty-four hours between the introduction of certain bills, first and second reading, and various stages that we proceed through in order to get this legislation under discussion at the table. This includes Sessional Papers and it seems that we have made great steps forward today in getting these documents tabled however our Rules do not permit us to discuss these documents until our next sitting. I would suggest, having dealt with all matters, other than possibly the agenda, having the agenda determined, that we should adjourn.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, to correct a possible misapprehension, it was certainly not my intention to ask to have waived this twenty-four hour notice. This was not my intention. It is the same as with the Bills. We are not asking that the twenty-four hour notice of the Bills be waived. It is simply a request to introduce it so that we have twenty-four hours notice and then we can carry on. It is a simple request to introduce a Motion the same as we have introduced the Bills. It is not my intention at all to ask for a special privilege to have this twenty-four hours waived.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have read the Motion and I feel that it is of some urgent importance to Council and if it is possible to introduce this Motion at this time, I feel that we should make every effort.

Mr. Speaker: Well, gentlemen, in a matter such as this... this is not regular. If it is of urgent and public importance, the Council, of course, will always have the right to be able to waive, by unanimous vote, the existing Rules. Apart from that...could this not stay until tomorrow morning, Mr. Watt? Is it of urgent public importance?

Mr. Watt: No, Mr. Speaker, it wouldn't be classified of urgent public importance. It is simply in the same classification as the Bills we have introduced in an attempt to help speed up the deliberations of Council during this Session. I don't know why we are not following the ordinary daily routine. Perhaps we should have given the Administration a little more warning that we wanted to sit this afternoon. We just follow the normal daily routine as we have already done with the introduction of Bills...then, Mr. Speaker, there would be no problem.

Mr. Speaker: Well, Mr. Watt, in this case, I think we will let this go until tomorrow morning. I have been on this Council for a number of years and at no time, on the opening of Council, have Resolutions been introduced that I am aware of and if it's not of urgent public importance which, of course, comes prior to anything, we will let this matter drop until tomorrow morning and you can introduce it in the normal manner. Have we any further business?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I move that we discuss the Agenda and try to schedule something for tomorrow morning.

AGENDA

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, we have before us now several Bills and Sessional Papers so I would suggest that tomorrow morning we proceed with Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Speaker: I think that pretty well completes it. What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

EVENING SITTINGS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I certainly agree with Mr. Taylor on the format for tomorrow but I would also like to suggest that when we are discussing the Agenda that possibly provisions could be made for evening sittings of Council. We could possibly ask the Commissioner if it would be possible for the Council to sit during this Session...four nights a week...Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or whatever the Councillors desire. Possibly this would give the public a better chance to attend our Sessions and, in addition, it might cut a week or so off our deliberations this year. I think it is worth a try. I think this is something that we should give the Administration a little bit of warning, a

Mr. Watt continues:
little bit of time to organize...if this would be possible. I would like to hear Mr. Smith's comments on the Administration part of this.

EVENING SITTINGS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, before Mr. Smith answers...this seems to me to be the form of something...something that should come in the form of a Motion and I think Councillors should have something to say about it in the form of discussion and I don't think we are in this category at the present time according to your ruling a minute ago.

Mr. Speaker: I think we had better leave this to a later date so that Council can discuss the matter and this gives warning both to the Administration and to the Council that.. on the whole....rather than bring something up somewhat fast-like that nobody has any...possibly done any homework on.

Mr. Watt: Are you overruling the question I asked the Commissioner?

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Mr. Watt: Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Mr. Boyd: You are welcome, Mr. Watt.

Moved by Mr. Boyd that Council adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Watt: Contrary. I think we should get down to business.

Mr. Speaker: This Council now stands adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors and Commissioner Smith were present.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the Agenda will be the correspondence. Have we any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have for tabling this morning:

| | SESSIONAL PAPER NOS. |
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| Sessional Paper No. 46, Financial Assistance for Post-Secondary Students. | 46 |
| Sessional Paper No. 49, dated March 22, 1967, re Regional Library Service. | 49 |
| Sessional Paper No. 50, dated March 22, 1967, re Quarterly Statistics - Child Welfare Services. | 50 |
| Sessional Paper No. 51, dated March 28, 1967, which is the Commissioner's Opening Address. | 51 |
| Sessional Paper No. 52 is a report on the Children's Group Home. | 52 |
| Sessional Paper No. 53, dated March 23, 1967, is a report on Indian Drinking. | 53 |
| Sessional Paper No. 54, dated March 23, 1967, deals with Motion No. 11 from the previous Session. | 54 |
| Sessional Paper No. 55, dated March 23, 1967, deals with Motion No. 29 from the previous Session. | 55 |
| Sessional Paper No. 56 is entitled LPRT Installation at Carmacks. | 56 |
| Sessional Paper No. 57 is a report on Fire Insurance in the Yukon Territory. | 57 |
| Sessional Paper No. 58 deals with Community Development Grants. | 58 |
| Sessional Paper No. 59, dated March 20, 1967, is on the Public Opinion Poll on Tourism. | 59 |
| Sessional Paper No. 60 is entitled Reference for Advice on Student Residences. | 60 |

That is all for this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution this morning?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave with respect to give Notice of Motion with respect to sittings of Council for evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. for four days a week. NOTICE OF MOTION #1

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further Notices of Motion and Resolution? We will now proceed to Orders of the Day. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Paper? We will now proceed to Questions. Have we any Questions this morning?

QUESTION RE LOT 19

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I have a question. I haven't put an asterisk on it. Possibly the Commissioner could give me the answer verbally. If not, I would be satisfied with a written answer and that is with respect to Lot 19. Is there any problems with respect to the affirmation of the sale on Lot 19? What leads this question to rise is that I recently read a newspaper report that the City is dissatisfied with the survey that has been made on Lot 19. If this is so, it is going to cause a delay and we should know about it right away. If their objection is not too violent, I think that possibly we could take steps to complete the affirmation of these sales and possibly eliminate some of the sales that were made on the condition that the Territorial Government guarantee backing of loans if that is the case. This should be brought up in Council for Council to decide if these type of sales are made....on these conditions. I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner if he has any information with respect to this. I think it is important that we take steps now to get this property up as soon as possible so that people can make arrangements for their loan so that they can start building in the spring. Time is going by fast. Soon the snow will be gone, even with the twelve feet of snow that the City has put on Lot 19. We should try and cut any red tape that is in the way.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner, could you answer that question now or would you require notice?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, first I would like to say that no one has worked any harder to cut the necessary red tape as it is referred to here in getting Lot 19 free for sale than what the present Administration has done, Mr. Speaker. I make this point very clear. Secondly, I would say that the Whitehorse Members have sat in on the full discussions, or at least they have been invited to sit in on the full discussions, concerning the applications and the manner in which it is done. They should be fully aware, more so than I am, of every step that has been taken with regard to this Lot 19. Now, the third thing, concerning the City's acceptance or rejection of certain aspects of the survey on this, my total knowledge is what I have read in the newspaper as well, Mr. Speaker, and that aspect of the question I would ask that I be permitted to supply a written answer to. I cannot go further on that aspect.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I think that today we will be discussing on the Agenda a meeting with the City and if the Commissioner is communicating with them could we also ask if they would be prepared to discuss this particular thing to see what the objection is. All I know about the City's objection is what I have read in the paper and I think the whole Whitehorse area, particularly Whitehorse West, really appreciates the work the Administration has done to help release land in Whitehorse area...the whole Whitehorse area.

Mr. Speaker: For your information, Mr. Watt, I am in the process of contacting the Mayor and City Council to find out what their agenda might be...what they wish to discuss..and at that time I think at that time you will have ample opportunity to ask whatever questions you may wish to ask. Is that satisfactory to you?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions?

Mr. Boyd: I have one question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Commissioner could tell us what day the Central Mortgage and Housing Department will open their office in Whitehorse.

QUESTION RE CENTRAL MORTGAGE & HOUSING

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, the name of the man who has been appointed to this posting...his name will be announced either today or tomorrow by Mr. Linkletter from Ottawa. The date of his coming to take up residence here I would suggest would be, no doubt, contained in that announcement. I cannot confirm or deny that that will be part of the announcement but I am certainly very happy to advise you that the man's name will be announced either today or tomorrow morning by Mr. Linkletter.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Does that answer your question, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, that answers my question. I take it from that answer that there is going to be an office opening here in Whitehorse.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would confirm to you that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are keeping their promise made to myself, the Minister, and to Council, that they are in fact going to have a man permanently in residence here. Mr. Speaker, I would say this to you that I cannot confirm that this man will be in residence here 365 days of the year. I would make this very clear, but he is certainly going to be in residence here during the time of the year when there is normal activity to keep him occupied.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions.

Mr. Watt: Could I ask Mr. Commissioner if there has been any approach or any suggestion to the Administration here of assistance in the White Pass area with respect to the opening up of this commercial area.

QUESTION RE OPENING UP OF WHITE PASS LAND

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would confirm that the Administration has not been approached for any assistance in the provision of services in the area that is referred to as the White Pass Industrial land area or the former Dowell area. I would say, Mr. Speaker, that to the best of my knowledge and certainly from the content of the ad that appeared in the newspaper the other day that it would be the owner's intent to service this land before it is sold and include the cost of servicing in the sale price. This would certainly appear to me to be the intent from the content of the advertisement.

Mr. Speaker: A question from the Chair on this matter. This is private land I presume we are talking about....is it?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This land is owned by the White Pass & Yukon Route or one of their wholly owned subsidiaries has this land and their intent, as I understand it, is to canvass for potential users and then propose a plan of subdivision to the City of Whitehorse.

QUESTION RE OPENING UP OF WHITE PASS LAND

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to ask Mr. Commissioner. Has the Administration been approached or has it made any agreement with respect to waiving our one-third land when the piece of land is subdivided?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, the Crown has seen fit... the Federal Government has seen fit in this particular instance here in order to permit the proper subdivision to be available here....they have seen fit to accept a request from the White Pass & Yukon Route that the one-third of the land that normally reverts to the Crown has been waived in this instance.

QUESTION RE YUKON ECONOMIC STUDY

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have one question this morning. In light of the announcement I heard on the radio within the last day or two about the Economic Study and the decision of the Federal Government as to who will do this study. Might I direct a question to Mr. Commissioner. Is it intended that anywhere in the negotiations for a successful tender that the Yukon Territory play a part in the selection of the company to do this Economic Study and is it envisaged that the finer terms of reference may be drafted here in the Yukon by the Yukon Administration and Council in order to affect this Study?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, in answering the last question first, the terms of reference have already been agreed to by the Council at the Fall Session and also, at that time, there were very specific instructions laid on by the Council to the Commissioner that in the negotiations further to securing a suitable firm to do this that the Territorial Administration were to be on a continuing and consultive basis with the Department of Northern Affairs in this matter and this I am happy to report to you has been going on in a continuing basis and I have no reason to believe that it will not continue in this manner. At the present time, the firms who have been invited to offer submissions are starting to get these submissions in. They are coming to us here in the Territorial Administration in three copies and they are going to the Department of Northern Affairs in Ottawa in three copies. It is my plan and has been my plan that we are securing the assistance of the Yukon Economic and Development Council in helping us to analyze these things so we can try to give a comprehensive rundown on each one and I can assure you that we will not only keep Council fully informed, Mr. Speaker, but I would advise that the Territorial Administration is playing the part that Council has instructed them to do in the selection of these people and certainly if Council wish anything further in this regard from my Administration, we will be very very happy to supply it. I have not personally had an opportunity to sit down and take a look at any of these proposals that have come in up until now. They are for the most part very voluminous, very detailed, as to what each one of these firms proposes as to what they will do but I certainly assure Council that the instructions which were originally laid down are being carried out to the letter by all concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Do we have any further questions? The next item will be the processing of Bills. Would you please proceed.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #1 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #1 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Two, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #2 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Two, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #2 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. Three, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #3 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. Three, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #3 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Four, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #4 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. Four, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #4 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. Five, An Ordinance Respecting Cemeteries and Burial Sites, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #5 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. Five, An Ordinance Respecting Cemeteries and Burial Sites, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #5 MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #6

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 6, An Ordinance Respecting the Installation of Electrical Equipment and Wiring, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #6

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 6, An Ordinance Respecting the Installation of Electrical Equipment and Wiring, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #7

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #7

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #8

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. 8, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #8

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. 8, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING BILL #9

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 9, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING BILL #9

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 9, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: That, gentlemen, completes the processing of the Bills for this morning. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Watt: Could I ask you a question with respect to Daily Routine?

Mr. Speaker: By all means.

Mr. Watt: Is it considered that either the Five Year plan or the budget is tabled at this time or will this take a formal tabling during the Daily Routine?

Mr. Speaker: I think this would have to be tabled in the normal manner. The matter of the normal Bills are tabled, of course, in Bills seven, eight and nine. The Five Year Agreement, I think, would need to be tabled in the normal manner. The Clerk will table it possibly under correspondence or possibly it will be another Ordinance. We have just opened up business and this is the first day so we will need a day or so to kind of get rolling on these things and get them all in line. Does that answer your question, Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker. As I understand it, we have already tabled our budget but not our Five Year Agreement.

Mr. Speaker: That is quite correct.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe there is a Five Year Agreement, is there?

Mr. Speaker: Let us wait until we get the message from the Administration and then we will know just where we are situated.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried. I am not quite sure who the Committee Chairman is right now but I will appoint Mr. Taylor at the present time in lieu of what may be decided at a later date.

Mr. Taylor: I will declare a short recess while we get organized.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. We will be discussing Sessional Papers this morning. The first item of consideration is Sessional Paper No. 1. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 1, re Question No. 10 - Liquor Inspector).

SESSIONAL PAPER #1

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 2. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 2, re Motion #1, Second Session, 1966, "That the C.B.C. be requested to install an L.P.R.T. in the Whitehorse area as soon as possible").

SESSIONAL PAPER #2

SESSIONAL PAPER #2

Mr. Watt: That was a Motion of mine. I would just like to say that we were making progress with respect to having a simple L.P.R.T. in Whitehorse. Council unanimously in the last Session passed a Motion but a further counter Motion was passed which nullified the effect of the original Motion and I think this is the result of it. We ourselves have thrown a damp cloth on any hope of getting an L.P.R.T. in Whitehorse. I have heard that there is one already here and it is just a matter of throwing a switch to get this service. Whitehorse is much too far spread out for a 40 watt system. It will not reach the whole Whitehorse area. They had a volunteer system at the Air Base of approximately the same wattage, or less, twenty-five watts to begin with and you could hear it right out to the Lewes River Dam. I don't think that is too satisfactory an answer as far as I am concerned but there is very little we can do until we get the full co-operation of Council sometime in the future.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as seconder of the Motion, I would like to say that this reply is a bit ridiculous. I am twenty miles, for instance, from a L.P.R.T. system and our radio reception, according to CBC, is excellent but it doesn't tune in that way on my radio, but they did make a survey last summer and a gentleman from CBC informed us at Canyon Creek that we had excellent service with a twenty mile radius from L.P.R.T. In Whitehorse, now, they are telling us that they will not carry that far or half that far. I have talked to individuals that are with CBC and they assure me that a L.P.R.T. system would very well handle the City of Whitehorse but I also go along with Mr. Watt in saying that Council did defeat the purpose themselves.

Mr. Shaw: Just one question. Mr. Watt stated that this Resolution that we are just discussing was an unanimous decision of Council and next I hear that Council didn't co-operate. It seems that somebody is mixed up in this possibly.

Mr. Watt: I think you will recall that after this Motion was passed...it was passed unanimously by Council...then another Motion about Twenty-Four Hour man operated service was passed for the same area at the same time. This seems like a ridiculous request in the light that we had already made one request at the same Session and I think this second request was made more in order to try and throw a monkey wrench in what we were trying to do.than to try and do anything constructive. There is nothing we can do now I don't think except to let the matter drop until we have a new Council. Let's hope for a better day ahead.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, possibly to save time, I will draw your attention to the discussions held in Ottawa on this subject and this is, I think, a little redundant.

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #3

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Sessional Paper No. 3. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 3, Fire Protection, Burwash Landing).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this is not a satisfactory answer. At a public meeting held in Burwash last week, I can assure you that the Commissioner agrees that this is not a satisfactory answer and he has promised the people of Burwash to give more consideration to this particular item and establishing some type of fire fighting equipment at Burwash. Mr. Spray has been instructed to give more consideration to this particular item. I would say that this paper is very misleading and I am surprised to see it here after the conversation at the public meeting in Burwash. Just as to where we go from here, I couldn't say but the plan is now to set up a forestry type fire station within that vicinity and this is the wishes of the Commissioner.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, if I could say a word on this Sessional Paper...Council will realize that this Paper was forwarded to the Councillors last December. This is Sessional Paper No. 3, the third one that followed the last Session. I do know that Mr. MacKinnon is right. There is something further that did come from the public meeting that Mr. Smith held up the Highway and there will be a further Paper to this one. This one should be ignored in view of the meeting held on the North Highway just recently.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Clerk, my Paper indicates March 13.

Mr. Clerk: That was the date when they were all put together. This Sessional Paper should have been dated prior to December 20.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have brought to the Commissioner's attention that this Sessional Paper was not very satisfactory and he did take it into consideration.

Mr. Commissioner: May I say a word on this, Mr. Chairman. In the process of taking a look at this situation at Burwash, I would feel that there certainly has to be something of a reasonably constructed nature done without waiting on necessary appropriations to be made available and I am studying the possibility of having the Forestry Department establish a suitable fire equipment cache in this area that would be a little bit more providential. I would feel Mr. Chairman that we could come up with something, and although it is certainly not going to be the ultimate answer, it is certainly going to be a lot better than it is now which is exactly nothing.

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #4

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 4. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 4, re Question No. 5, Co-Op at Old Crow).

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, on this matter...I have been pressing for this for quite a number of years and Council has always agreed with the principle that if we can assist these native people to create their own industries that this is the correct way to go about it to provide some economic base on which they can live. The matter of them saying that everybody is doing fine over there is extremely erroneous. Last year they had to ship in by plane so many hundreds of pounds of reindeer in order that these people wouldn't starve. They have no economic base whatsoever except what they can earn on

Mr. Shaw continues:
their traplines and as we all know, trapping is a somewhat precarious existence at times, depending on how the game flucuates. I don't think Council can assist me any further on this. They have given their concurrence to the principles. I would say that this letter is an extremely negative answer and that I shall continue to see if something like this can be started in this particular area according to the wishes of the people.

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a short break.

Mr. Chairman: Order please. I will call the Committee back to order and will proceed with Sessional Paper #5. (Reads Sessional Paper #5 - Dawson City Flood). SESSIONAL PAPER #5

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is followed up on Sessional Paper #9 further.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Commissioner. I will proceed. Next is Sessional Paper #6. (Reads Sessional Paper #6 - Motion 13 - Dawson Bridge). SESSIONAL PAPER #6

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, the Deputy Minister knows more about the Deputy Ministering than he does about bridge building anyhow.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Deputy Minister is barking up the wrong tree and it's about time he got off his high horse and had a look at this place. Because to me your highline or what have you up there and with the production Cassiar and Clinton Creek are expecting, I think the sooner they build a bridge the better. It's a waste of money as far as I can see... the sky line construction.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we are continuously communicating with Ottawa and it is very apparent that something is being done about this bridge cost. We have supplied them with up-to-date cost factors concerning the operation of ferrys and construction and maintenance of bridges, the maintenance and operation of this sky line. It is becoming increasingly evident that Ottawa's original attitude of just no bridge period until you show us some more mineral production is gradually coming around to realize that this is going to be a matter of much more urgent priority than what they had originally intended. Two other factors have been brought to Ottawa's attention recently in this matter, Mr. Chairman. I think it only right to acquaint you of them. One of them being that we are contributing to water pollution in a very great manner by the umpteen hundred cubic yards of sawdust that we put on this river crossing each year and the cords of wood that we lay in there initially. Also during the period of break-up and freeze-up, the manner in which the road leads from Clinton Creek to Fairbanks makes it that the people who are going to be normal Canadian residents are going to find that they can get to the United States an awful lot easier than what they can get to other parts

Mr. Commissioner continues...

of Canada. I just want to advise Council, Mr. Chairman, we are continuously keeping the Minister and other senior members of our Department in Ottawa advised of these matters. There is no stone being left unturned here to keep the matter continuously under review.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'll be very happy to see them start this survey. When we get this knowledge it can be used and immediately go into production or whatever have you as has been stated. I recollect a few years ago when I was an alderman in the City of Dawson that the Fisheries Department came and complained about things being dumped over the sides of the river, particularly sawdust and wood products because they killed the fish. Well, we were hauling trucks steadily now and just hundreds of yards of sawdust ended up at that bridge. Another fact that with respect to this bridge is right below, practically below the City, and as you know a bridge constructed or an arch which is constructed is very strong, it is made for that purpose so that the arch does not fall so that it holds up the structure until the very last minute. So that you get sometimes 4, 5 or 6 maybe more feet of ice under this bridge. I am a little alarmed at what that might do when the river raises and the ice starts to go. It will not break up as a normal ice patch breaks up because it is held together with the structural stress of this particular bridge. In other words you have a sheet of ice which is solid right across, and if it breaks, which it will of course eventually when it gets sufficient pressure, it will have a tendency to jam very soon after it does break some place. It is a hazard in itself though last year this bridge was dynamited to some extent I believe, I don't think that that is very practical to blast things like that. I think it takes a great deal of powder to make that so it would break up. So I would place before you, Mr. Chairman, the fact that this factor is a hazard as well as the other things the Commissioner has brought up.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I had to look over this particular area not too long ago and to say the least it is a real sad state of affairs. We have a cable set up that cost us I don't know how many thousands of dollars, concrete abutments and everything else and the cable is laying on the ice like a dead duck. On top of this, as they say, we are hauling....I forget....700 truck loads or cords or yards or something of sawdust and the cable lying on the ice. This is brains, believe me, and I understand Mr. Cote, the man you are talking about is coming up here in a few days to open up some show over here. I suggest rather than he open the show that he spend his time up there on that river picking up the cable that cost us thousands of dollars to put there, and to keep it from sinking cut some more cordwood. Lets get them up there. We have been there, we have seen and we have learned. Four thousand miles away they sit there and talk. This will end some of this picadilly.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: I would like to possibly suggest that one of the objections to not building the bridge was that there had not been enough mineral found at the time to warrant it, but I believe there have been other mineralized areas worked on and some of them pretty promising. The Commissioner is familiar with this and possibly by this summer there would be an additional amount proved that would warrant the building of this bridge at this time. I think there is a lot more going on besides this Clinton Creek business that possibly warrants the construction of this bridge.

Mr. Commissioner: I can assure you that not only is my office aware of exploration activities in all areas of the Yukon, not only in areas adjacent to Clinton Creek. However, I suggest to you, Mr. Chairman, that it is simply a matter of dollar bills and priority in connection with these things and at the present time since the capital committments of our Department in the area are very heavily inclined towards roads, and possibly in the near future when some of these road committments are honoured and have been constructed, the possibility of securing funds for this bridge will be much easier come by than they are at the present time. However, this does not detract from the fact that the suggestion by Mr. Boyd that Mr. Cote be made aware of the problem involved is I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that I will personally see to it that it is well appraised. Not only that problem, but there are other bridge problems that are going to be watched as well and anything that is within my power to do to hasten the delay of building the bridge I can assure you will be done.

Mr. Southam takes the Chairman's Chair.

Mr. Taylor: I have a question I would like to ask in relation to this situation. I have been made aware of course of the swing and sway situation of this sky line in which I agree with Counsellor Boyd entirely, it is a waste of the taxpayers money. Why do not Clinton Creek ship their product to Valdez. They can go right directly to the coast. I wonder if Mr. Commissioner is aware of any reason why they shouldn't do that. That is the most economic way of shipping a product.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, for me to attempt to answer that without some research I am afraid it would not be practical, but I will certainly be quite prepared to look into it to see if an answer is available.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have already received a paper on this and there is a percentage of the minerals going to be shipped by Valdez. This was made quite plain by the Minister about a year and a half ago and on a percentage basis something like 20 per cent of the minerals produced is definitely going via Valdez.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think I can answer that question and I think any member would very easily see why that does not happen because the road does not lend itself going to the west towards Alaska and does not lend itself to the heavy truck hauling and grades. I would just like to bring your attention to the fact that in the fall of this year they expect production to get underway and they will be then hauling to Whitehorse regularly every day approximately 200 tons of finished product. I don't know what the production of Keno Hill was, I don't think it was a great deal more and if you recollect they built three bridges to get that out, so I have hopes the Commissioner would make every effort to see that this bridge is constructed at the earliest possible date and I think it would be, as Councillor Boyd suggested, and I think it would be very good if there was some possible way that we could get Mr. Cote to go up and look at the situation. I would be very pleased to accompany him and in fact take him up there.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that I read some place or had a paper on it that the Government before they would fix the road wanted a guarantee that Cassiar would ship their ore, 85 per cent of it at least, to Whitehorse for ten years. And this is the way that I understand it, and thats how they got the road fixed.

Mr. Southam resumes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: Is this an agreement with the Government then, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry I am not aware of this, but I can assure you that we will have this information tabled for Council.

Mr. Taylor: This is the reason for my request last year for all these agreements and I have not seen any agreement of this nature.

Mr. Commissioner: What request was this, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Taylor: I believe we have a sessional paper on this about an agreement between both our Governments and Clinton....Cassiar Asbestoes.

Mr. Commissioner: Oh, I see, oh.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Commissioner: To the best of my knowledge there is no question from the last Session that has not had something done about it.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear gentlemen?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Sessional Paper #7 - Motion #9. (Mr. Chairman reads Sessional Paper #7 - Motion #9).

SESSIONAL PAPER #7 - MOTION # 9

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Commissioner if there is any meetings with Industry and Labour being laid on to discuss this particular question?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge this is being attended to, but I will get a factual statement for Council on it.

Mr. Boyd: I am a little irregular here, but just for the records I would like to reiterate this sawdust that we are hauling as being hauled from Questen, a distance of a goodly number of miles that makes it perfectly ridiculous.

Mr. Chairman: We are on Sessional Paper #7 Mr. Boyd. Is there anything further on Sessional Paper #7. Order, please. Sessional Paper #8, Motion No. 21 - Water Supply. (Mr. Chairman reads Sessional Paper #8).

SESSIONAL PAPER #8 - MOTION #21

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #9 - Dawson Flood. (Mr. Chairman reads Sessional Paper #9).

Mr. Shaw: I have one comment on that Mr. Chairman. The fact is that the largest part of the area known as the City of Dawson was originally, I think, a swamp years and years ago. It has cleared and the townsite was laid. However, where you have conditions of permafrost where the ground, the top layers of ground are composed mostly of water, in other words the muck we shall say 90% - 80% water, a very large percent of water, and that when that thaws it does not replace itself unless, of course, there is a lot of water in there and the water has been very low over the past 70 years. So it is quite obvious that it must in the course of time gradually settle down. However, the outer perimeter in the form of a dike has been raised and that keeps the water from over flowing. However, there is a section in the south end of town that I would assume that years ago there was a slew that cut that off. There is a very deep dike that goes from the Klondike River and meets the Yukon River and I would imagine that in the very early days when they had very high water that this was a slew that actually went through the center of town, and incidentally this ground is not permanently frozen, it is thawed ground, so one of the problems would be that when the water gets high the ground in the southern section being thawed, the water goes right underneath and through the gravel and lays in the slew. So it would be very nice to fill in the slew. I don't know what it would take to fill that in. It would reclaim a certain amount of ground. Most of it is owned by the Government. It is part of the section that they own. They picked the thawed ground when they took their one third and left everybody else the frozen ground.

Mr. Shaw continues...

Remember that this is one of the problems in the Government compound. There is a very deep slew there and I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of yards it would take to fill it. That is one of the problems concerned here. I don't believe we can do much for the permanently frozen ground. Any area north, so many miles north of Whitehorse, as soon as you start to establish a community and drain it and open it up you are going to find that that will gradually also sink down to a certain level.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear?

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #10

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Sessional Paper #10. (Mr. Chairman reads Sessional Paper #10).

Mr. Boyd: Some time back before Commissioner Smith today, we discussed where we would buy certain types of material if electrical....I am not sure, but anyhow, if they had to be plans or merchandise passed by the Safey Committee....Safety Ordinance of Canada. Now has this been disregarded or are we getting into something.... what happens here now. Do we get around it, who's fault is it, and is it going to happen again, and have we deviated from the standard set-up.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I cannot speak from factual information here, but I would tell you that in the requisitions turned in to the Department for fire hoses for this coming year, it has been very clearly stated that the poor quality of what we have been getting in the past two seasons and we have stipulated the precisely what is required to get proper services. I am hopeful that this is.... We do not have budgetary control of this particular item, Mr. Chairman, this goes through Northern Affairs. What is wanted here is that in the course of our inventory write-off, the amount of hose that we seem to be going through is absolutely out of all reason, and this is why it is brought to your attention here to indicate it is the quality of the hose and not poor handling or improper handling which has caused this particular problem.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Smith. Is he aware as yet as to whether we will have a water....a Canso water bomber in operation next summer in the Yukon?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to the very best of my knowledge, the prices and the suggested cost of the Canso water bomber that were received, make it highly unlikely that we will have budgetary funds available to provide this particular service.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can only say having had some experience in this particular field, that Ottawa apparently don't place a very high price on our resources in this country if they refuse or have refused to get this Canso water bomber. The provinces all recognize the value of their resources, and it seems that our resources here especially in forest products end of the stick are just ignored by Ottawa. They have got to be. They have no personal value upon them whatsoever and I think this is another reason why we should start getting on our own feet in this Yukon Territory and start looking after our own resources here at home instead of depending on those characters in Ottawa.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Southam. Is their anything further on this paper?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper No. 11. (Mr. Chairman reads Sessional Paper #11 - Winter Activities - Bud Fisher).

SESSIONAL PAPER #11

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if I might ask from the chair Mr. Commissioner, why this stuff comes before council. Could it not be included in a news letter or something of this nature?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is certainly not included in a news letter if this is Council business. I certainly want Council to be aware of what is transpiring, and the manner of advising you, I am most prepared to go along in any manner because I am certainly....I feel that this is public money and this man was not in the Territory for a goodly part of the year, and I think the public is entitled to know what is exactly going on, and that is exactly why this is presented to you.

Mr. Chairman: What kind of direction is required?

Mr. Commissioner: I am sorry?

Mr. Chairman: Do you wish any direction on this?

Mr. Commissioner: No. Not particularly, but I certainly want you to know what is going on here.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to compliment the Commissioner for bringing this before the public. It's just about time that we get down to facts and put a stop to this destructive nonsense. Here we have a man in San Fransisco promoting the water highway around the Yukon and linked up with the Alaska ferry system. I gather there has been a dock promoted in the area of Anchorage which will by-pass all the small areas and then you will have a water highway from we will say....to Anchorage, Alaska. We will have no....nothing to do with the Yukon whatsoever. The request has been made by Council for the changing of

Mr. MacKinnon continues...

the Jones Act to add to this and it is time we got a little common sense here and put a stop to this stuff here and now on Doctor's recommendations. The Doctor might advise me that I should get the hell out of here....

Mr. Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. MacKinnon: ....then we go along with it and we send the man to California to a better climate because....for health conditions....just what are we running here. Is this some kind of a Welfare set-up?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, it would depend, of course, what....I don't know. We do depend on most of our tourists from California, Oregon and Washington, and if it does increase the value, I am not really qualified to say, but it could possibly be apart from the value if it cost him $1,000.00, if we could get exposure to 2 or 3 or 4 million people, that might be money that would be very well spent. Now I won't get into the ferry system deal, but that would certainly help the tourists coming into the country so far. Now that we continue or change the schedule some other place, I don't know.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Commissioner if any thought has been given to having Mr. Fisher at Expo '67 for the coming year or not with the booth in operation to dispense materials. Possibly that would be a useful position for him to cut down some of the other overhead.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that your Council Representative on the Committee would be in a far better position to give you an answer to that than what I can, but I would pass this comment on that certainly I would be very hopeful that if Mr. Fisher's presence is going to be required at Expo, it is not going to be for a very long time, because his value is here in the Yukon in the summer time. I would be very reluctant to see very much of his time spent at Expo although I am certainly not against anything from the Committee who is looking after this situation to secure him there for a short period of time, but, Mr. Chairman, could I suggest that you are in a far better position than I to say whether this has been brought up or not.

Mr. Chairman: Speaking from the Chair, the matter has received some discussion, but there has been no....but there is nothing currently being done on it.

Mr. Watt: I have to agree with the Commissioner that he could pass on to the Department of Travel and Publicity that possibly he could be used just as well to bring people into the Territory as well as after they do get here. This appears to be the main job that he has here rather than bringing them in. Then when the vote comes up on Travel and Publicity I'll ask....and this will serve as notice.

Mr. Boyd: I just want to say that I am very glad to know where Mr. Fisher is and what he is doing and what he has been doing, and if I didn't have this information I would be in a rather awkward position as far as the public is concerned. Certainly when I see Mr. Fisher back here I am going to welcome him and wonder where he's been all winter, where he has been. At least we will be able to tell him that this is worth while knowing. Gentlemen,....

Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on this paper, gentlemen? Clear?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, yes I am clear, but I hope the people realize just what kind of jokes we are playing on them, and where the money is being shot down the drain unnecessarily. We get all kinds of requests from California for Husky dogs and things like this. They have seen pictures of them and with all due respect to Mr. Fisher, I will give my honest opinion. It is nothing but a bunch of nonsense and it is time the Territorial Government took a firm stand and put their foot down on things like this and not follow along like a bunch of kids just because somebody is having a lot of fun and wastes the taxpayer's money, we overlook it, we go along with it, is it practical, does it make sense. Does anybody ask themselves this? They know very well it does not make sense, and they know very well there should be a stop put to it because we can do far more than carry on with a bunch of this nonsence, and I believe this is the reason the paper is in front of you.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I may rise once for the last time, Mr. MacKinnon seems quite alarmed and I would suggest he is quoting what is wrong and what he don't like, but also he is quite capable and has the opportunity of submitting something to correct these errors.

Mr. MacKinnon: In reply to Mr. Boyd I think I have made it quite clear that I would discontinue and I would advise the Administration to discontinue this bunch of nonsense.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I disagree with you all. I think Mr. Fisher is an advertising medium and he is earning his pay. I have had several remarks from people who have met him and I am quite convinced that he is doing a pretty good job. If you don't advertise how are you going to get the people here anyway? I don't think that it's out of reason, and if the poor old chap has to go south in the winter, well, so be it, so be it. He is serving two purposes. He is working for you and if you people want to throw him out, why don't you get up and say so and be done with it. Make a Motion to that effect and let's get it over with, but I'll still vote against it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam, will you take the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: I'd like to get my two-bits worth in on this subject too. I have had the opportunity of observing Mr. Fisher for some time and I am pleased with his work for the amount of money it is costing to have this work

Mr. Taylor continues...

done. Mr. Fisher, I believe has produced from his own revenue a great deal of money annualy towards the Yukon. If anyone can show me where, and I see nowhere in this paper where this is costing us money, and we are not making money on it, it becomes an impractical thing and an unnecessary thing, then I would certainly agree that something should be done, but I cannot honestly believe that anyone can show me where Mr. Fisher is costing us money. I think Mr. Fisher is obviously making us money and doing a fairly good job of it. I would support the stand taken by Councillor Southam that we continue this particular operation.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask if there is going to be anymore of this type of employment available. I would like to make application.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Personnel Department will advise if we have any more openings.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, advertising is just what Mr. Fisher is doing. Advertising is a business where you cannot ring up the cash register when the advertising is done. You get that afterwards. General Motors and those big corporations are paying now to the National Broadcasting Corporation about $250,000 an hour for a one hour show on television. That is the value of advertising and I presume it must be profitable to them otherwise they would not spend it. We in turn have Mr. Fisher as an emissary travelling to various areas to advertise the Yukon. I think myself he is doing a pretty good job in it. When he appears in the summer time, there is a rush of people to take his picture, so they can take back and advertise that they saw "Yukon Bud". That is all advertising that we get in the Territory. It is pretty dog-goned cheap advertising in my estimation. Whether the type of advertising he is doing is the best that his services could be utilized and more profitable in some other manner, I think that we should get an advertising agency who are better informed on that than I am myself, but I certainly think that the amount of money that we spend for this man's presence that we get a pretty good value for our money, and he does an excellent job. He is very well liked, he speaks to the people and explains the Yukon. I think it is cheap advertising we are getting. Now, if he has to go out in the winter, Mr. Chairman, as Councillor Southam says, so be it, so be it. He is not a young man and possibly the rigours of this northern climate....he cannot stand it. But if he is working for us down there, to all these appearances $1,000.00 is not very much.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner are there any figures to indicate that Mr. Fisher is costing us money, and that he should not be permitted to continue with this Department?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I have no figures in this regard at all. I have simply put this paper here because I feel it is important that Council and the public should know of all the activities carried on in this Department. My attitude, Mr. Chairman, is that anything that we are doing in the Administration which will not stand the fullest scrutiny, we should not be doing. I simply have tabled this paper for your information and comments, and when the budgetary situation comes up you have some background concerning the activities of the Department of Travel and Publicity. As far as the Administration is concerned, this is tabled for your information and I trust you will consider the information and the manner in which it is presented to you to be of value.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just one final comment before I resume the Chair, and that is that the last spring when we had the Klondike battle going against the City of Edmonton, incidentally, I would like to see this battle renewed, it was pointed out and very properly so that our Department of Travel and Publicity was erring in the manner in which they were conducting or running this Department by using a Bud Fisher oriented industry rather than a Klondike oriented tourist industry. Of course as members will recall, we finally got things on the rails. We have now got a Klondike oriented tourist industry and Bud Fisher is a very important part of this. I just want to say in closing that Bud Fisher is Mr. Yukon to many people across the continent and even possibly internationally, and to remove Bud at this time or even consider removing Mr. Fisher from this Department would be like taking Alice out of Wonderland. This would be a very, very poor thing to do.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to tell Mr. Taylor that the Vancouver Sun was referring to Mr. Fisher as Klondike Bud from Edmonton, and just where does this get us, and if you are referring to actual cost, I think if you will read the Sessional Paper you will find that the salary of $5,280.00 and I will also point out to you that there is an additional cost for appearances on television of $1,002.49.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if the honourable member can consider how much money is generated by the activities of Mr. Fisher, how much revenue is accrued back to the Yukon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Taylor to bring us up-to-date on this particular thing. Maybe he has the figures.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems we have an expert. He has got all the figures on the debit side, now what have we got on the credit side.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, anything further on this question?

Mr. Taylor takes back the chair.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, it appears that it is lunch time. I now declare the Committee in recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

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Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order and proceed to Sessional Paper No. 12. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 12, Yukon Tartan). SESSIONAL PAPER #12.

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I believe there is another Sessional Paperto follow this up, coming up fairly soon, gentlemen; if we could hold on the debate on this one until we get the next one. Will this be all right with you?

Mr. Thompson: What number is the next one, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Chairman: Next Sessionsl Paper will be No. 14.

Mr. Thompson: No, I mean --.

Mr. Chairman: Somewhere up ahead, but I'm not sure we will come to it this afternoon.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 14. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 14, Comparative Statement, Liquor Sales). SESSIONAL PAPER #14.

All: Clear.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, is that correct that Whitehorse, Dawson, Haines Junction and Watson Lake show increases of $239,000, $72,000, $6,000 and $33,000? That is the increase in last year?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 15. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 15, CBC Northern Service). SESSIONAL PAPER #15

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, may I say a word, that Mr. Norham at the present time is in the gallery in case any of the Council members have not met him. He is the gentleman with the glasses on the east side of the building here, and officially, as I understand it, takes up his duties in this capacity in the early part of the year.

Mr. Watt: Is he planning on staying very long?

Mr. Smith: I haven't hadany particular conversations with him along those lines, Mr. Chairman, but we could have a survey conducted.

Mr. Watt: That's fine.

Mr. Shaw: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Norham will be travelling to other parts of the Territory to gather up news from time to time, or will he be restricted to the confines of largely the south.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman I can assure you that Mr. Norham has already been to the farflung reaches of the Yukon and has arranged for stringer type service in many of the communities and I am sure that from time to time he will continue to travel throughout the Territory to keep himself up-to-date on what is going on so that he's got proper background .....

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear?

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER 16

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 16. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 16, Paving of Alaska Highway).

Mr. Shaw: Ever since I have been in Council there have been recommendations as far as paving the Alaska Highway goes. It has been an annual affair, its almost an annual motion which comes in by which members of Council take their turn and it goes on and on. I wonder if at any time the Governments of the United States and Canada have actually ever got together to discuss ways and means or the possibilities, or otherwise, of paving this highway. I wonder if the Commissioner can inform the Committee, Mr. Chairman, if at any time the two governments have ever got together, or any likelihood of ever getting together to resolve this one way or the other.

Mr. Smith: Well, Mr. Chairman, the question is in two parts, have they ever got together or are they ever likely to get together. I would suggest this to you sir, that you could construct a bibliography of the conferences, official and unofficial, and organizations that are set up with the paving of the Alaska highway in mind. I would also say this that there have been three conferences to my knowledge between the British Columbia, Yukon and Alaskan governments on which this subject has been number one on the agenda. There have been people get their doctorate in political science by writing a thesis on the economic potential of paving the highway. As to whether anything is going to come of this in the near future is something that is in the realm of conjecture and I don't think this is the answer that the Councillors are looking for. Certainly, gentlemen, there has been no lack of get-togethers of governments in the past and I am sure that it will continue for a long time on.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Commissioner if the study carried out by the Department of Public Works of proposed relocations of the Alaska Highway will some day become a reality. For instance, it is of quite some concern to Haines Junction to the by-passing of Haines Junction by four miles and I know people in the tourist industry that have been contemplating new buildings to handle this industry are holding up at the present time on account of the proposed relocation of the Alaska Highway. Now, are we going to have any final say on this, are we going to be able to make recommendations to the Minister that this proposed relocation should be looked at again, or is this an official fact; that it is going to continue the way it is. We have a book of reference.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge the study to which the Councillor refers is simply a study and recommendations and to my knowledge there has been no official action that would outwardly indicate that these relocations are in fact going to take place. I'm sorry I have nothing more definitive than that. While we are on the subject of the Alaska Highway I have suggested that the conference originally contemplated to be held early this year between the Territorial and Federal officials concerning the possible take-over of the maintenance of the highway by the Territorial Government will be held sometime in May. I have no confirmation yet from the Minister if in fact this is a suitable date for all concerned. As soon as I do hear I will inform Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible for the Commissioner to give some definite views as to whether this proposed relocation will be accepted. I don't know how you fellows feel about it but this is a drastic handicap to the people of the north highway. They don't know whether to build or get out of there, or just what to do. Everything was going fine until this proposal came up and the study by D.P.W. It is public knowledge at this time and there are maps to show where the Highway bypasses distant businesses at the present time and, like I say, the people don't know which way to turn and I think we should have a firm statement from our superiors somewhere along the line to get the people on the right track, because they are not going to build and be by-passed by four or five miles next year.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, in this regard there is not very much possibility of me giving you any assurances in this matter. I think the Highway at the present time is in the hands of the Department of Public Works and the policies with regard to it are going to be with them until such time as they come into our hands and possibly the best thing to do would be to communicate with the Minister and indicate to him the possibilities of some of the settled areas on the Highway being by-passed by future relocations of the Highway is a matter of some considerable concern and that some indication concerning a policy statement along these lines would help considerably to let people know just how we stand in this matter. However, Mr. Chairman, I have something further to suggest in this matter and that is the potentiality of all business communities in relation to highways and rivers and other things that are in close proximity to them are subject to the economic needs of the moment, and I think we are all aware that there have been suggestions that if further road connections are built to Haines, Alaska on behalf of Anvil Mining Company and it is very possible that a road connection could be built from Carmacks to Champagne to Dezadeash to Haines. Now I think you could use the same indefiniteness here and I am quite confident that no one would commit himself to a policy statement at this moment to say that this road either would or would not be built and if it were built there is no question in my mind that this would have a certain detrimental effect on traffic going through Haines Junction but by the same token it might triple or quadruple the total amount of traffic in and out of the Yukon Territory, so the question asked by the Councillor is a very real one and if I was a resident of Haines Junction I would feel very much unsettled businesswise there. I think we also have to realize that road locations and relocations in many instances are subject to the economic needs of the moment

and lots of times they can't be forecast too far into the future. However, I will certainly be very pleased to communicate with the Minister and see if a policy statement could be forthcoming.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think by the time the road is possibly built through the Champagne area there will be possibly one or two mines in the north and beyond 1016, which would put 1016 back into a pretty fair and comfortable position. This remains to be seen. So be it, but if I may ask the Commissioner a question. I have heard via the grapevine that it is possible that there would be about 50 miles of paving done this year on either side of Whitehorse and I know we have no way of knowing anything about it unless you have had a chance to see that Northern Affairs' budget. Would you know anything about this?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would say that I am not aware of any paving program coming up in the fiscal year 1967-68 that includes paving of the Alaska Highway. But I would certainly have the Northern Affairs' budget checked. There is a copy in the building. .... However, I would advise you of this Mr. Chairman, that the Department of Public Works might have certain flexibilities within their own budget and should such a thing transpire, and my only access to that information would be directly from the Minister concerned. Is it Council's wishes that I make further inquiries in this matter?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, it would certainly be nice to know if it is in the plans; if we could get it without digging into someone's private pockets, so to speak.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this Sessional Paper?

SESSIONAL PAPER 17

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 17. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 17; Criminal Code).

Mr. Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I thought that the days had long gone when we got answers like this. I can't agree with the reply; I can't agree with what has been done here. For law makers, or supposedly law makers we are charged with the business of making legislation in the Territory and I think a request for the Criminal Code for each member of this august body should have been dealt with some time ago and with more expediency. I feel there is no reason at all why these cannot be provided to Councillors. Three years is the length of the term for Councillors and I cannot accept this Sessional Paper No. 17. As far as I am concerned it is disgraceful because I feel that it behooves the Government to allow us this information to provide us with copies of

this Code or how else can we understand the law and make the law, and make good laws if we have no reference to go to like the Criminal Code. There have been many instances in my experience in six years in this Council when we have had to go to the Law Library to dig out the Criminal Code in order to defend some question and I see no reason why the Councillors, individually cannot be given one when they are given their Beauchesnes and their Territorial Ordinances. I really can't.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I don't agree with Mr. Taylor's remarks because I've seen lawyers from time to time, here, and you can ask them questions and they don't understand the book itself. It takes a lot of studying and so on, and I would hate to read one of those sentences out of the book and tell a man this is it and accept it. I think we would be treading on dangerous waters and would rather not have any part of the book in my possession at all. I don't want to know anything about it. If I want to know something I'll go and get it from somebody else but not from my own ability.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think that is up to the individual. If the individual is concerned about civil liberties and rights in respect of legislation to people and for and on behalf of people it is his prerovative whether he looks in the book or not, but the book should be there for his own use.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it looks to me that Mr. Boyd is saying he is scared to face the facts. He would rather know nothing about them and just as a point of interest we are putting these in the libraries and this was not the request. I am along with Mr. Thompson and Mr. Taylor in regard to this request and as a way out, Administration has side-stepped the request of Council and have seen fit to put these in the libraries throughout the Territory but don't see fit to permit the use for Council. Now if Mr. Boyd thinks we are better without the facts maybe he has a point.

Mr. Boyd: This is my last rise, gentlemen. I think they have done a very remarkable job because you, as Councillors are not the only people who should get a look at that book. Everybody else has as much intelligence as you have, or we have or I have, so they've done a very good job and made it available to everybody and not just seven individuals. I congratulate them on them on their thoughtfulness. I'm not a coward.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, you then assume that all Councillors should go to their local libraries and borrow this book and bring it to Council or would you not think it would be easier that the Councillors be given a copy.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, personally I don't want to have to pack around any more volumes than I have to bring. As far as the Criminal Code is concerned it is a very complicated book. As Councillor Boyd has pointed out, there are various and sundry ways of interpreting these laws. However, to resolve this particular matter, perhaps it might be a very good idea for a set of the Criminal Code volumes be put in Council Chambers at each session so that the members will

have them available at all times if they wanted them and when they are home they would have them in their libraries at home and I think that would resolve the situation to everybody's satisfaction and it would not be too much of a cost to the taxpayer. I believe these volumes cost quite a lot of money - around $20.00 or something like that, or perhaps Mr. Clerk or Mr. Legal Advisor or perhaps some member of the Administration could advise us of the cost. Could I direct that question to Mr. Legal Advisor, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Hughes: Martin's Criminal Code ....inaudible... costs about $10.00 and .....

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to turn back the pages and remind you of a thousand and some dollars that was.....

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, at the time this Motion was made I supported it because Councillors had quite a bit of time left as Councillors and that it would be worth having, but if the Councillors have as much understanding and interpreting Beauchesnes, then the interpretation of the Criminal Code would be in a pretty sad shape for the Yukon Territory. So maybe you would be safer if we forgot about this whole thing and carried on with something else.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I presume that Councillor Watt is speaking for himself.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on Sessional Paper No. 17?

SESSIONAL PAPER 18. Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 18. (reads Sessional Paper No. 18, Road Signs).

All: Clear.

Mr. Thompson: I would like to make a couple of observations: one, where it says in a couple of instances they have been marked as closed and I know they haven't been. And I think in the first week of October these people operating establishments on the highway for summer tourists are long gone by October so they better move this up by a month.

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER 19. Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 19. (reads Sessional Paper No. 19, Unemployment Insurance Commission).

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering what the present position is with respect to the Unemployment Insurance Commission in Whitehorse at the present time.

Mr. Smith: Gentlemen, this has been a matter of very urgent public concern throughout the past. I cannot tell you exactly how many complaints have reached my office but they

have been considerable and I would suggest that I forward Council each complaint I happen to hear of, and there were no doubt several others that we did not. The arrangement that was made by the Unemployment Insurance Commission with Mr. Leamy terminated when Mr. Leamy left this area. The Unemployment Insurance people communicated with me snd asked for suggested names of others who might be interested in this. This we were able to do but to date I have not seen any action. Yesterday morning I communicated with my Minister's office and asked him if he would communicate with his counterpart in both the Department of Labour and Manpower and Immigration to see if they could come to some mutual understanding between the three Departments that would take care of this particular pressing problem as far as a resident Unemployment Insurance Officer is concerned. I have also intimated to them that whoever this person is he should have full authority of an Unemployment Insurance Officer, not just authority to assist in making out his papers. I have no word back yet as to what success or failure these persons met with. As soon as I get word I will be happy to table it but I would certainly make it very clear to you that we are fully aware of the problem and are doing everything within our powers to do something about it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I have had lots of complaints .... ..... and this section where somebody makes a claim amd they pay them, I think, a dollar to make out each one of these claims - we might just as well not have anybody. It's not satisfactory and the fact that in the whole of the Yukon Territory you haven't one person is an affront to the Territory, I think myself, and it is about time they got someone back up here and got working on this. They have, I believe, five or six men in Manpower right at the present moment to process I don't know how many jobs in a month. Surely one or two of those persons could be an Unemployment Insurance representative and it would be no further cost to the taxpayer and it would be something I think might give them something to do. I can't see how five or six men can be employed in finding jobs in the Yukon Territory on a steady twelve months a year basis.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have something to say about this too. On receiving this Sessional Paper I had recommended to two natives in my area that Mr. Leamy was taking this position and would be able to assist them in making out unemployment insurance papers. However, when they made the trip to Whitehorse they found no such thing as Mr. Leamy was not available and I have corresponded with Prince George on several occasions ; one that I brought to the attention of the Commissioner which he furthered to Mr. Taylor and the end results were very good only this man was done out of Unemployment Insurance for over two months. There will be no reimbursement for that. There will be no back cheques coming though this man was fully qualified for Unemployment Insurance but just did not receive it because there was no office here. In correspondence with

Prince George they kept sending correspondence back saying that this wasn't right and th a wasn't right and something else wasn't right and I think the Commissioner amd Mr. Taylor found out there was nothing wrong. It was just a matter of saying this man qualifies and here is his cheque. But like I say, on these two other people I recommended coming to Whitehorse to see Mr. Leamy, they are not getting Unemployment Insurance yet and it is about time something was done about it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think it is a good idea if we moved the Income Tax to Prince George and moved the Unemployment Insurance to Whitehorse.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Smith, these people that are not getting their Unemployment Insurance and are delayed because of all this sawdust that gets scattered around. Are we, through the Department of Welfare, doing financing in keeping books and records in loaning these people money until it comes through? What would happen if we don't do it? Couldn't we get Ottawa off the prop?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I feel that from our point of view here that these people are citizens of the Territory and it is up to us at the Territorial Administrative level to do everything in our power and authority that we can to assist them. We will endeavor to assist them in getting their Unemployment Insurance claims properly established, and in the meantime we are assisting them with such cash and kind assistance as we have the power to do and when they can get the Unemployment Insurance through we get reimbursement up to the point which their ability will permit. As far as getting any further or faster action from Ottawa than what we have at the moment, all I can tell you, Mr. Chairman, is that if it is possible we will get some cooperation but certainly in the meantime I don't think that we have the wish to have certain facilities available to us in the Welfare Department that we are denying people simply due to the b ureaucratic bulldoging that goes on in some other departments of the senior government. Now if I am wrong in this, Mr. Chairman, I stand to be corrected but this is certainly the attitude that we have taken.

Mr. Boyd: It turns out to be that we now are the Unemployment Insurance Agency. Whether we call ourselves that or not, we are filling the gap and Ottawa is letting us do it. And they will continue to let us do it if they can get away with it - we are the suckers. I'm not saying that these people shouldn't get their livelihood but it seems to be an underhanded way of Ottawa leaving the Territorial Government holding the bag. I don't think it is right.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, here again we arrive at the same old problem we have with Ottawa, the senior government, that is when they say we ask for tax concessions and so forth for people living north of the Sixtieth Parallel, we are constantly reminded by the Federal Government that you in the Yukon are no different from any other Canadian and you shall enjoy the same responsibility to the senior government as all Canadians, but now when we come to the benefit side of this; be this in Unemployment Insurance as in other things, and we say well we feel then that we share in the

equal responsibilities - these people all pay into a plan we are forced by law to pay too, then we want the benefits and we find that the Federal Government is quick to deny us those benefits, which they showed us this winter and which in fact they showed when they pulled out the Unemployment Insurance aspect of Manpower to Prince George. What baffles me is that we know downstairs here, I don't know how many employees are down there in this Manpower Department what they are doing here anyway. And possibly the money saved by putting some of those people out on the street can best be spent by putting in Unemployment Insurance people here to assist the people with their problems. It's not just the payment, this has been a real battle this winter but some men can't get Unemployment Insurance because the employer retains the book or has lost their insurance book - it's the most confused, absolute messiest thing I have ever seen. And while all this goes on the employee, who may or may not have children or other obligations, he goes downhill and downhill and downhill, and some of these men have more pride and it isn't always that we can reach them with our welfare in time to tide them over. There must be for every one that applies for welfare as a result of not being able to collect unemployment insurance during a period of unemployment there must be a lot more we never see who just out of sheer outright pride hang on. So I think the matter, certainly Mr. Commissioner, has indicated Mr. Chairman, that he is trying to do everything within his power but I feel that the matter is so urgent that it must be pointed out to the Minister the urgency of this thing and the necessity of getting this operational. And at the same time there should be one enormous, big investigation into that Manpower operation downstairs for I honestly can't see what they are doing. The only one useful thing I can see that they are doing is the Unemployment Insurance and they cast that off. I'd really like to know what they are doing down there. They sit down there behind desks and look important before people - I don't know - this is done in other Departments maybe it is done there - I don't know. It should be looked into - a big investigation.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, may I offer a word to you as to what the background is on this Unemployment Insurance problem here. At some time in the course of the past year the Department of Labour was designated as the Department that would conduct the Unemployment Insurance Commission functions ... and the Department of Manpower and Immigration who were charged with the problems of dealing with exactly what it says. As a consequence of this move two officials were removed from here. The Unemployment Insurance Commission removed their officer and the Immigration Department removed their officer. The Immigration was no problem as this was taken up by Manpower ..... However, we are not the only place, unfortunately, or fortunately, in all of Canada who find themselves now with decentralized Unemployment Insurance Commission offices. We have been told how many offices have been closed up in each particular region and I believe this is known as the Pacific Region and there were many; it wasn't just closing up Whitehorse office - there were many offices

closed up and it would be my opinion , and it is an opinion only, Mr. Chairman, that we are not the only ones that find themselves in this completely untenable situation now and I am sure that it is a matter that not only our own Minister is having to do something about but I am sure that there are many other places which find themselves faced with this particular problem.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I agree, but because we are not the only place doesn't make it right, and if we had only one officer in the whole Territory , and this is some indication of the esteem to which the Yukon is held by this Department when they go and pull out their Unemployment Insurance people. As they say by law you have to pay into it and if you don't, boy you are sunk - there's somebody pounding at your door or throwing you in jail or something. You don't see them pounding on your door when you're in trouble - they don't care about you then.

Mr. Shaw: It appears to me we have a bunch of bureaucrats in the Department that figures they can do just what they like and that the people are secondary and it's just about time that this matter was straightened up. You can call it Manpower or Unemployment or whatever you want . They are working for the people and the citizens are those that pay the salaries of these characters and it is up to them to provide the service. They force everyone to contribute to both employers and employees to their Unemployment Insurance fund and by cracky they should give service to the people and when you take the minimum service to, Dawson City for example, when they want to get some information to fill out these forms they've got to send a letter a thousand miles to the south is utterly ridiculous. They will fill out these forms and send them to Prince George and they come back and say you have a comma in the wrong place, sign it again, do it over - so they do it over and send it down and it goes back and forth and in the meantime this person is trying to get this assistance in order to get by and we hear that they have decided they are going to move the office down below. I think this is utterly ridiculous and I certainly think there should be a representative in the Territory with full powers to process all these claims and it is about time some of these characters realized that. I don't know what action we can take about that but I think that certainly we should put this in very strong words to the Prime Minister if necessary because this other Department is inadequate to handle it. Last year I just had a continual stream of people up to my store about this Unemployment Insurance and what could I do about it. I was representing these people. ..... There should be an office in the Yukon Territory and I think that we should demand that there be an office in the Yukon Territory. We are paying these characters and by gosh I think it is about time that we got some service.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, may I offer a suggestion. Possibly the Commissioner the Commissioner could comment on it. Seems there is a lot of dissatisfaction and need for some change which is recognized by everybody. Would it be possible for the Administration here to have one of their officers

in the building here. I believe that there has already been talk to set up a fund for a few thousand dollars whereby these claims could be paid and re-applied for. After the claims came through the cheque be cashed and be put back into a revolving fund and possibly we could send the Federal Government cost of half of a body or whatever it would take to operate this... ... May I have your comments on that?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, in my conversations with the Department yesterday morning I told them that if there was an absolutely flat rejection from the Department of Labour or the Department of Manpower and Immigration shouldn't we get together and provide the service through the Manpower Office here. I would be quite prepared to recommend that we handle it through some Federal Department provided that we were given a written full authority with regard to the kind of authority that they have been prepared to hand out here now to an agent ..... And certainly we are not going to become buffers or allow one public service in the Territory here to become nothing but a baseball bat for someone to vent their spleen on when they don't have any proper authority to deal with the problems. I'm certainly hopeful that it will not come to this .... but the Government has certain obligations to the citizens here and we must see that the Government does something on their behalf..... As soon as I get word back from Ottawa, gentlemen, which I hope to have very quickly...and yet again inaudible....

Mr. Shaw: I'm clear to one extent, Mr. Chairman, and that is that this is a Federal law - they require payments as a Federal act and they should have people up here to service it. We should not have to take on the onus of something that is strictly a Federal Department and I would submit, Mr. Chairman that they should have a Federal representative in the capital of the Territory, and no if, ands ors or buts, just send one up. This is a lot of boloney.

Mr. Taylor: No doubt Mr. Commissioner will be keeping us advised as quickly as possible.

Mr. Smith: You have my assurance of that. This is a matter of grave public concern.

Mr. Shaw: I would thank the Commissioner, though, for his efforts.

Mr. Taylor: I think we all will await with great interest to see what will develop.

Mr. Boyd: One more remark, Mr. Chairman. I would like to think that we may be here for four or five weeks. Before we leave here we might get something back. This cannot go on this way. We are isolated in the first place, isolated by the views of banks who cash our cheques, isolated to the extend that half of the staff in Ottawa don't know that there is a Yukon - that they have heard of it but don't know where it is, and if we don't get this thing straightened out from this end by the best means we have at our disposal we are going to wind up going on the way we are. I'd

like to know more about it before we go home .....

Mr. Shaw: Could somebody inform me who is Minister in charge of this particular phase of government?

Mr. Smith: I can't tell you offhand. The Minister of Labour is the man who is directly responsible for the removal of the Unemployment Insurance Commission office from here and Mr. MacEachern is the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. I don't know who the Minister of Labour is. ..... We'll have it here for you in a minute.

Mr. Southam: Well Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Boyd is an optimist if he figures he is going to get an answer before we leave.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 20. (reads Sessional Paper No. 20, Power at Old Crow). SESSIONAL PAPER 20

Mr. Shaw: This misses the boat entirely. In regard to this resolution I wasn't complaining about the Yukon Electric Company - them charging 35 cents a kilowat and I can quite understand that they do not have a paying proposition, and certainly they might even have a losing proposition. The objective of this Motion was to not charge these people any more than was being charged in the nearest place south of them and with the Indian Affairs Department to assist them in modernizing their places and adding a few comforts. They complained to me that they couldn't afford putting in lights because 25 cents a kilowat is too much money - they do not have that money. As you know, if you assist them rather than give them a gift, this is the way to handle the situation. I wonder if the Commissioner has any further advice in respect to this particular paper.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I have nothing further to offer in this particular situation here. I don't know whether it is too soon to expect any information from the Yukon Electric Company much before the middle of April on this Mr. Chairman. As you see, it is expected that an early review of the whole operation will be completed about the end of March, 1967. I would suggest that possibly the end of April would be as soon as we can come up with something in the way of information from them and it would certainly appear to me that direct subsidy from the Department is something that they are just not prepared to entertain as I can see it, Mr. Chairman. We have the amounts of money that were involved in this and ..... was forwarded to Councillor Shaw.

Mr. Smith: We had the individual connections, a list of all the connections at Old Crow and the amounts of money people were paying for electricity.

Mr. Shaw: I don't remember receiving it - I could have done.

Mr. Smith: I will get this out because we had it given to us. I had asked for it.

Mr. Shaw: The point I am getting at is this - that I have listened to CBC for some considerable time in the daytime and I hear one after another the Indian programs what the Government is doing for Indians and ... what they are not doing for the Indians and how they can do this and how they can do that but from the time I have been here I have seen little that they have done. They have built the odd house and they give them some rations and this kind of thing, but when it comes to something of a practical nature, the ideas are no lifferent from when I came into the country thirty years ago. I asked to get a co-operative going - that is two or three years ago and nothing has been done about it. I thought we could help them clean up their shanties a little, give them electric lights and the government could assist them in paying for some of this. Nothing has been done about that. It has been referred back to the power and light company. When the Northern Canada Power Commission has to sell electricity at Dawson City at 12-15 cents it hardly seems practical at Old Crow. However, I will continue along with that later.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we did receive a paper from the Commissioner outlining what charges were and reasons why. As I remember this paper the Northern Canada Power Commission in Dawson are exempt from certain taxes which Yukon Electric pay and this is the reason for a difference in rate. Northern Canada Power being a division of the government, are exempt from certain taxes.

Mr. Shaw: My grief, Mr. Chairman, isn't with the power company at all.

Mr. Chairman: I'll call a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the meeting back to order and we are dealing with Sessional Paper #20 - Power at Old Crow.

Mr. Commissioner: Before you carry on with this may I say a word please?

Mr. Chairman: Proceed.

Mr. Commissioner: This relates to the Sessional Papers on the Unemployment Insurance Commission. During the coffee break I have been speaking on the telephone to Mr. L.T. Fraser of the Unemployment Commission in Vancouver and I have asked him to advise me promptly as to when he can pay a personal visit here so that he could talk some of these problems over directly with the Councillors and other interested people in the community. He has indicated that he will advise me within the next two days and at that time I will pass this information on to Council. It is a reasonable anticipation that he will be here within two week's time.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Commissioner. Mr. Southam would you please take the chair?

Mr. Southam: Yes Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: With respect to this business of power at Old Crow and the Sessional Paper, is there any possibility that Northern Canada Power Commission could purchase and run and operate this facility in Old Crow, offering the same rates as requested in the initial motion, or rates not in access of those paid in Dawon City? SESSIONAL PAPER #20

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, I think this is a matter of policy and to the very best of my knowledge it has not until now at least been the policy of N.C.P.C. to interfere where private enterprise was content to stay. Now I do believe that in the situation with Dawson N.C.P.C. felt that their presence was required there due to the total utilities that are involved, not only the power of electricity but also the question of sewer and water that is involved and to my knowledge, and I am subject to be corrected on this, I understand that there is only one other community in the Territory that N.C.P.C. is in the retail distribution business and this is in the town of Mayo. Am I correct? So I think this is a matter of policy, Mr. Chairman and I would be very hesitant to suggest any answer to your question except that the President of the Northern Canada Power Commission, and in the presence of Mr. Cote, will be in the area for a week or ten days and I would suggest that possibly this might be a very pertinent question to ask him. He intends to visit Old Crow as I understand it - we haven't got a finalized itinerary but as soon as we have we will make it known to Council and it will be made public - but this may be a very opportune time to present this

question to him Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor; Well Mr. Chairman, this does raise a possibility as well. I have always in the six years that I have been at this table, been very concerned about power and of course as many of the Councillors will remember the battles we had over the power franchise agreements, on and on and on and on. I never did win a battle. I can recall the Council approving a bill or two respecting this - writing the people into those agreements - but the Ministry refused to give consent to the bill so we were beat right to the ground in this, but I think N.C.P.C. are the logical people to operate power utilities in the Yukon Territory, not only at Old Crow but through the Territory. I think this is something that should properly belong to the people. We have here a free enterprise industrial giant taking and slowly grabbing full control, and only one giant grabbing full control in the Yukon Territory right under our very noses and we failed to recognize it, and I think it has got to be recognized. And that is where International Utilities through its Canadian subsidiary, Canadian Utilities, virtually control power in the Yukon Territory as such and they will become a greater giant in the future. I am not saying this is necessarily wrong but it is not necessarily right either. I think that you will also notice this same International Utilities, I believe through U.S. funds, U.S. money, control now the Bus Consultation System throughout the Territory - Canadian Coachways - and I believe they also control the White Pass and Yukon Railways, or a major portion of it now and gosh only knows where it goes from here, but I think that power, if we can get N.C.P.C. in here and provide power at little better than cost, we should look at this and I think some effort should bemade as to whether or not it would be advisable for the Northern Canada Power Commission to purchase from the Yukon Electric all their facilities in the Yukon and operate them and hold this facility in trust for the people of the Yukon until such a time that we reach an autonomous state in our development, at which time control of all power in the Yukon Territory would then become the responsibility of the Province of Yukon as such. And I wonder, Mr. Commissioner, what your thoughts would be in line of my remark?

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, what I have to say in this matter are strictly my own personal thoughts and they are certainly not to be construed as being part of Government policy now or possibly even in the future, but it would certainly appear to me that at the present time the private power operator in the Territory is doing a very very good job. I can't say anything about the past, nor do I intend to say anything about the future. I say that, at the present time, this power company is doing a first class job. They are in communities providing public power that have never had the opportunity of having public power in the past; they are in such small settlements as Stewart Crossing; they are in the process as I see it of operating their facilities and maintaining good service wherever they are located. Now as far as the total over-all question is concerned, all public power versus private power certainly

the experience of say the Province of Ontario where public power has been the order of the day for many many years, the Ontario Hydro Authority have done a remarkable job and there is no reason to believe that under similar terms and conditions that the same situation might not be a remarkable job elsewhere. In other words, the way I feel about it is this, Mr. Chairman: this is a question that should be very carefully scrutinized by all concerned, and at that point a long term long range policy laid on that would be for the benefit of all, for the benefit of private operators so that he knows where he stands, for the benefit of the general public and the big power user, and when I talk about the big power user I am talking about the big industrial power user. No doubt an integrated power grid throughout the Territory is a very real thing that is not too many years away but it is inconceivable to my way of thinking that anything less than a public power authority should bring this about. Now these are my personal observations to you Mr. Chairman for what they are worth, but I certainly do feel it is a question that is well worthy of a long hard look.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman I certainly agree and I would certainly like to see at the earliest reasonable moment some study made of this situation in order to determine whether or not it would be feasible for Northern Canada Power Commission to take on the responsibility of providing power all through the Yukon Territory on behalf of the people. My last question would be of course that Councillor Shaw has pointed out in relation to Sessional Paper Number 20, the answer doesn't really answer the question, and is it possible that a subsidy will be in effect, effected in order to relieve this power situation in Old Crow as outlined in the initial request.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I cannot answer in either the affirmative or the negative. I would say this: it is certainly not good policy to subsidize any one particular group of people as opposed to any other group of people, and while I realize that power costs in Old Crow are very much greater than possibly what they are in other parts of the Territory, it is my understanding that the Department of Indian Affairs where they instal electricity in housing that is specifically for natives, require the individuals who occupy these houses to pay the bills. Now with regard to the specific question here that has been raised by Councillor Shaw, I well see, studying this Paper, that it has not directly answered the question. However, I suggest this to you, that a further answer should await indications from the Yukon Electrical company as to what in fact their power rates are going to be after their annual review. Now at that point Mr. Chairman I would suggest that if these power rates are still not getting within reasonable hailing distance of other isolated areas in the Territory that any further request would get to the problem of subsidy where there be an order at that time. But I do feel that in all fairness you should allow at least this one year's experience and the resulting rates come before us before the matter is

resolved. Is this a reasonable situation Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Taylor: Well yes, Mr. Chairman. I know they say here it is expected that a yearly review of the Old Crow situation will be completed about the end of March, so possibly before we prorogue this session we could have this information.

Mr. Commissioner: I would certainly feel that this information would be through.

Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Chairman, I note Mr. Commissioner states that it is not the policy to subsidize electricty, but I think we are missing a point. These people whom we have given electricity to are not wage earners in the first place and I would think that if we were to suggest to the Department of Indian Affairs that they pay a nominal sum; after all, they do have children and there is school there and they are expected to do homework and so on, and surely they are entitled to light. And they knew this when they put the power in. And it was the original motion, I happened to second it, and it stated "and charge a nominal fee." Now you go into the Northwest Territories where there is Eskimos and Indians and they are spending many many hundreds and thousands of dollars more than they are spending in the Yukon on the Indian and the Eskimo and they certainly are, if they're getting them electricity, they're subsidizing it. These people don't earn money sufficient as a wage earner in order to clothe themselves. They don't call it subsidizing electricity, they are giving them clothes or food in lieu of money or in lieu of electricity. They are doing something, and you just can't expect somebody that's not a wage earner, that goes out and depends on fur; he doesn't even get paid for his fur, he's caught it. And this comes in the Spring and he has to have lights all Winter. I think there is something different here in this Old Crow deal that needs looking at.

Mr. Shaw: I think Mr. Chairman, if we look into the thing, we would find out the agent probably, the Indian Affairs agent and the staff that work in there, they are subsidized for electricity. I would imagine that being a civil servant and having a house in Whitehorse and all the amenities, that they are highly subsidized in their housing. So I don't think we are going away from... This isn't something that I would ask to subsidize, let's say, people of Dawson City. The Indian people are charges of the Federal Government and as I have stated before they are continually saying how they are trying to do things for the Indians here and the Indians there but it doesn't seem to be too evident in the Yukon Territory. That is why I have brought this up as a possible means, as Mr. Boyd has pointed out, the children they get home, got to do their homework and what do they do? They do it by an oil lamp. So I ma not complaining about the Yukon Electric at all. I think they're doing a good job. I'm very happy that they are providing power and I don't think that they would be able to cut their rates. As far as local consumption, I think most of the consumption would be the R.C.M.P. and the Territorial Government. The others are negligible, I think $2.00 a month or something, so it gives you an idea how many kilowatts they use, maybe four in a month.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I say a further word here. You had a question or a suggestion pertaining to a study of electrical energy and its provision, private power versus public power. I think you will find that in the economic study of the Territory that this is one of the things that will be taken into that particular study. Now I notice in one presentation that we have before us today - D.W. Carr and Associates - they indicate here a study of the service industries to examine the whole structure of the industry. There are special problems - the gaps in some services in the Yukon, possibilities for growth of certain services and measures to stimulate the service industries, and so on down the line. And I would like to suggest Mr. Chairman that the very question that you are raising on this matter will be one of the more important elements in the total economic study of the Yukon.

Mr. Taylor: Well yes, Mr. Chairman, this is possibly one way of getting at it but I don't think that we should ever put a drop and I think mention should be made of the situation, I think it's pretty important. Thank you Mr. Southam.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Commissioner, in respect to this type of thing, what is the procedure for an area or community that wish to have Yukon Electric. Do they approach through the Government, through administration or through... There is an area that is talking to me and they wish to make an approach either through the administration to approach the Yukon Electric or for (inaudible) to find out if it would be possible to get service.

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, the Territory falls into two categories as far as provision of electrical power is concerned and there are certain franchise areas in which the Yukon Electrical company has been given the right to provide public power. Now the area that you are referring to happens to fall within one of those franchise areas. No one else but Yukon Electric can provide it. If it is not within one of those areas it is an area that Yukon Electric would look upon in their private enterprise capacity as giving them an opportunity to make a profit. Certainly they should be approached direct; it would not come through the Government at all. Now if in their wisdom Yukon Electric do not see fit to come into this area, then of course it would be a matter of the area involved approaching the Government to see, or to ask for N.C.P.C. consideration. At least this would be my personal approach to the thing, Mr. Chairman, but definitely insofar as the day to day activities of the Yukon Electric company are concerned, they are a private business organization, and people would make their approach directly to them.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We will proceed to the next Sessional Paper?

Council: Proceed.

SESSIONAL PAPER #21

Mr. Chairman: Sessional paper #21 addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council. Interim Report - Yukon Pavillion - Expo '67

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #21

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Shaw: There is just one comment Mr. Chairman. I think that these people went and got this arranged did a very good job and should be commended for it and I think it will prove of some benefit in the Yukon from the advertising we will get from it.

Mr. Chairman: Clear gentlemen?

Council: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #22

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Sessional Paper #22, addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council. Alaska Highway.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #22

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #23

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #23, addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council. Clinton Creek.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #23

Mr. Chairman: Clear on this one?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Shaw: I just wonder if there were any new developments with respect to this Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Commissioner: Not basically, Mr. Chairman. The decision of the Clinton Creek company not to proceed with their townsite development this year is not anything at all to do with us. This was a policy decision on the part of the company and it is my understanding that they are going to proceed with a single man camp operation to start their mining and milling with this year. The other facilities that we can be called upon to instal such as the school are delayed for a year the same as their housing program is but the other things to the best of my knowledge Mr. Chairman are proceeding as they have been outlined and you will have before you in the green book on health services here the Northern Health Service plan for the provision of this health station and several similar facilities in the Dawson-Clinton Creek area.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Just from the Chair I just wanted to point out Mr. Commissioner that, as I mentioned earlier, that there are other agreements between Cassiar and the Federal Government. That's what I was digging for when I asked this question. There are other agreements between the Federal Government and the Cassiar Asbestos people.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could you give me an approximation of what these agreements would be and I would be very pleased to enquire further about them.

Mr. Chairman: I don't know; this is why I am asking the question. I know some of them.

Mr. Shaw: I think last year we got a paper indicating that the Federal Government were going to participate so much in the building of the road up there. They were to build the road up to Mile 34; from there on they were going to put in a third of it and then they were going to pay for two-thirds of the bridge, and in view of this the company or corporation had agreed that for so many years they would ship nine-tenths of their products this way or... there was some type of agreement. It came before Council either at the last Fall session or the Spring session.

Mr. Commissioner: It wasn't at the last Fall session Mr. Chairman. Perhaps you would undertake Mr. Clerk to look that up and bring it forward please?

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is #24 - Dawson Airport. SESSIONAL PAPER #24

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #24

Mr. Shaw: Is there any further communication since March 6th Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there has been further communications on this matter and my final reply to these people was this: that it isn't a question of whether what comes first, the chicken or the egg, it is a matter that if we are not going to get the airport improved we cannot ever get any more traffic on it because the airplanes that can land on this type of airfield went out of production approximately 25 years ago - they don't make 'em any more. So there has not been any reply to this as yet Mr. Chairman but all I can tell you is that we are keeping on trying to impress upon the Department of Transport that something of a constructive nature to bind the surface of this airfield is of vital necessity and I do believe that Councillor Shaw is going to be asked some further questions concerning potential traffic because a letter came today I believe from Mr. Cote requesting some further information to substantiate our representations with regard to the Department of Transport.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Mr. Commissioner for your work on this matter.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear

SESSIONAL PAPER #25

Mr. Chairman: Next Sessional Paper is #25, addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council: Workmen's Compensation Costs - Motion No. 28.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #25

Mr. Boyd: May I ask a question? Is Administration receiving complaints as to the high cost of compensation from lawyers' offices, who don't pay any, cafes, who do, and so on? I have had some people after me on this and the cafes seem to feel that they are paying a lot of money for which the hazards do not exist in comparison with what they are asked to pay for.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I have personally not had any representations made to me but could I ask if Mr. Clerk has had any representations made to his office?

Mr. Clerk: I haven't had any from the particular industries that Mr. Boyd mentioned but I have had some from other industries that were of a more hazardous nature that they were paying too much money. These haven't been too numerous at all.

Mr. Commissioner: Is it correct Mr. Chairman - I will ask Mr. Clerk - that there is only one underwriter left now who is writing compensation policies in the Territory, or do we still have two?

Mr. Clerk: As far as I know we still have two.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Clerk, would you undertake to find out whether in fact this is the case. This is one thing I was informed on here about a week ago and I was very concerned about it, that we were down to only one underwriter now who was prepared to handle workmen's compensation in the Territory.

Mr. Watt: With respect to the workmen's compensation I think that the service being given by the workmen's compensation is poor. I think both the individual that is paying it and the one getting it, should be receiving it, the service is poor and the employer that is paying it is paying two and three times as much money as he should be paying. Compared to British Columbia and other provinces I don't think there is any comparison at all in the rates that are being paid and I think the employer here is getting his eyes gouged out and I really believe this. And this whole workmen's compensation set-up is entirely unsatisfactory, it is entirely unsatisfactory. I don't know what the answers are but I don't see how it could be worse; I don't see how... it would take days of study and days of work to figure out a worse way of setting this up. Now surely there must be something better than this, something less expensive, or if it is expensive something that serves the country a little

bit better. Does Mr. Commissioner have any comments on this compensation service?

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, in looking over the representations that were made to the commission that was set up to look into workmen's compensation I was quite appalled to see that there was no representation made to this commission or no brief presented to them from the Territorial Council. Now I couldn't agree more with what the Councillor says. I think he is absolutely right. Personally I think myself that this whole compensation situation has got to be moved; the administrative detail on the day to day working of it has got to be moved to the Yukon just as fast as it is humanly possible to do so. I couldn't agree more with this. But I also say this, gentlemen, that the opportunity to really lay this thing on the line happend here approximately 18 months ago when a Mr. Legge, conducted a commission of enquiry and unless I have misread and misconstrued the representations that were made to him I saw nothing from the Territorial Council presented to him at least as a body.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, am I to take it that a provincial legislature when a commission comes up for a hearing, that the legislature makes a brief to the committee. I don't think this is our job at all. Now I think that something could be done about this right now. I think we could ask someone from workmen's compensation to come up here and listen to our plans and... Now what is this one particular thing that we have been presented with now in the mail? A pair of glasses for an individual which you are probably all familiar with - you receive stuff in the mail - and the workmen's compensation have in effect said that, yes, we are responsible for this and those glasses were broken this particular way and he could not get these glasses replaced. Is that not right? And why should these little things come to Territorial Council for? This is what we have a Workmen's Compensation Board for. Heavens knows we pay three times as much as we should have to pay for it and then we still have to be bothered with all these boards and details about somebody's glasses, and I have only heard of one case where they were satisfied in the whole of the last few years.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, I also received a letter in the mail and personally I don't believe it for the simple reason that if you work under hazardous conditions you are supposed to wear safety glasses or have glasses that will not break. I have to wear them as a personnel manager. This is in the Mining Act and this particular man that you are talking about that worked for Cameron McMynn , there seems to be some doubt as to how he broke his glasses. Did he break them on the job or didn't he break them on the job; and he was also issued with a pair of safety glasses. And then his safety glasses which we issued or which I did issue I should say, free, and if a man lost them then he has to pay for his next set but we changed the lense, you can change the lense, they're changeable and so on. So I think there must have been some doubt somewheres along the line that the man wasn't wearing his glasses or somehow or the other he got them pitted somehow, whatever the case was because I know of no case, of no case,

and I know of two or three different cases where a man has lost his glasses, the same kind of glasses that I wear, prescription glasses, or somehow or the other got them broke, got hit on the head with a chunk of rock or something and his glasses flew off and broke and they were replaced with no trouble whatever. Now to me, when I got the letter I just tossed it aside because I have no doubt whatever that this is a straight matter of misrepresentation and if I were the safety man in that particular place I would have fought it to a standstill before I would condescend to say "OK, give him his glasses." Now this is I think - I may be wrong in this - whether Cameron McMynn is under B.C. law or whether it's under the Yukon law, some of these contractors work under the B.C. law. Was he under the B.C. law, or was he... can you tell me? Was he working under the Yukon?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, he was under the (inaudible)

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, I would advise that in this particular case the employer pay for the replacement of the glasses.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, as I said in one particular case satisfaction was granted and that was where this person was injured for a larger outfit, not Keno Hill but something almost that size. The complaints that I hear are from these smaller outfits that aren't set up the way these larger outfits are in order to get the compensation to get an employer compensated for it. Now it's the little feller, the small operator, they are the people that are paying just as much per capita or more that aren't getting satisfaction with this set up at all. I don't think hardly anybody in the Territory is but surely there must be something we can do to improve this.

Mr. Southam: Well as you know just as well as I know the more people you have working for you the less that you pay; the bigger the amount of men you have got and the less accidents you get, naturally your cost is down. I don't know what Keno Hill costs are but B.C. mining costs are around $5.50 per $100.00 of pay roll. Ontario is round about $4.75, $5.00. Now I don't know what, as a small outfit, I don't know what they pay but to me this has gone up over the years. When I was in Ontario it used to be $3.00 a payroll and it's all according to what category you're fitted in. If you had from zero to 50 accidents then you paid so much. This is Ontario. Now in the Yukon I don't know, it's a straight insurance but Ontario is compensation.

Mr. Watt: How much is it in the Yukon?

Mr. Southam: I couldn't tell you off hand, I don't know. But you fellows are small operators, you should know, have a pretty fair idea, I don't know what it is but I think, and I just think this, I'm not too sure but I think it's somewheres in the neighbourhood of around $5.00, $5.50. I may be wrong there.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman. Yes. Last year the rate was $52.00 for $150,000.00 coverage. That comes under like for

cafes and that type of thing, but now the complaints that I have heard this year from the people that have had to renew their compensation that the rates are about double to last year on an over-all basis. And as far as the glasses deal that we were discussing I think it was a ridiculous situation and I would say that it's lucky the paper comes free from the House of Commons because I don't think anybody would use that much paper for such a ridiculous thing if they had to pay for it. But I think there is some concern about the initial cost of compensation. Whether or not we can do anything about it I don't know; I understand it's handled by private insurance companies and I don't think there is much we can do about it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam, would you take the chair please?

Mr. Southam: Yes.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, on this I don't think we are going to achieve much by picking out instances such as glasses and little specifics but I do think that when we left this thing last Fall, I certainly for one felt, and I'm sure other members did, that we had legislated a pretty discriminatory piece of legislation. Industry, labour and people of the Yukon generally have requested a workmen's compensation program and we have made the first step in trying to apply to the Territory to the best of our ability a program which is good and suitable. However, at this particular moment, without this Compensation Board being here in the Yukon, I understand though from Mr. Commissioner that there is a move afoot now to bring this to the Yukon Territory, this is a further step. But right now you wind up in a position where you can put a small operator right out of business if he has a bad claim, especially a claim of death or severe injury; it is possible that this legislation will put him right out of business and I think this is something that we agreed could only be resolved by a type of program, something that we may well discuss later on in this session when we get the information, supposedly shortly after the end of March from Edmonton as to what we are talking about in terms of dollars and cents in the administration of this particular workmen's compensation program. And I would submit that if this information is coming, that we defer to that point further discussion on this so that we do not get too repetitious and we can deal with it in depth with the facts and figures before us.

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman as soon as this information is available it will be tabled.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I don't think it serves any useful purpose to take these little individual cases because you are going to get many of them, such as these glasses. This fellow was welding, why didn't he have goggles in front of his glasses. I think that's required before you go to weld. I've done quite a bit myself and the first thing you do is put on goggles over your glasses, so I didn't pay too much attention to that. However we, as a legislative group

legislated last year to give larger benefits to the employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act. That is bound to raise the cost of insurance to the employer in order to conform with what is paid in other parts of the country, so I don't think it's any use complaining about the cost of it as long as it is operated by private insurance company, they are forced by their directors to cover themselves so they don't lose money on the operation, so therefore we are the ones that are responsible for the high insurance rates possibly for this coming year. I'm not saying that's wrong, people have to be covered but it doesn't alter the fact. Twenty years ago I submitted a letter to this administration when they had an investigation in which I stated that I felt that the Government itself should carry the insurance. That way they could build up a fund, they could lower the rates so they could (inaudible) the requirements of what was paid out, and until that comes about I don't think you will have a different situation than what exists at the present time. If they are going to pay more it's going to cost more. It's very simple, it's the law of economics and you can't change it, and you can't tell a company what they're going to make and what they're not going to make. If you want coverage by them you have to accept their terms and I do believe you will find Mr. Chairman that there are not many people who want to enter into this unemployment insurance field. In fact it's quite something to be able to get a company to handle this compensation. So I don't think it's any use complaining. We have raised the rates; we feel that workmen are entitled to bigger compensation and we just had to pay for it.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, one further piece of information: I am informed by Mr. Clerk that as of April 1st this year there will be only one commercial underwriter in the Territory underwriting workmen's compensation insurance. I believe this is the Prudential Insurance Company. The Northern and Employers Group are pulling out of their activites in the Territory as of the 1st April of this year. Also Mr. Chairman I would reiterate that it is my personal feeling that this workmen's compensation administration should be here in the Yukon Territory. I don't want to be misinterpreted that there is a move afoot. I have certainly recommended that it be moved here but I certainly don't want to leave the impression that this is about to happen. I have certainly made this recommendation. And also I wonder Mr. Chairman if I might be excused at this point?

Mr. Chairman: May the Commissioner be excused gentlemen?

Council: Agreed.
Mr. Commissioner: Thank you very much gentlemen.

Mr. Southam: May I leave the Chair now?

Mr. Taylor: Thank you Mr. Southam.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I am not surprised that these companies have moved out because I do believe, I don't know, I'm only guessing but I believe and maybe the clerk can correct me if I am wrong, that about eighty per cent of this insurance

we are talking about is handled by the Prudential, so it doesn't leave very much meat for the others. If I'm wrong there I hope Mr. Clerk will correct me but I would like to direct a question to the Clerk: is it so that I as an employer of $100,000.00 payroll, must take out this type of insurance within this Yukon; can I go out to British Columbia, Alberta and acquire the coverage.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Boyd was right in his first statement. The Northern and Employers Group had very very few companies. Prudential handled well over ninety per cent of all the companies in the Territory. The second point, under the present ordinance the amployers in the Yukon must take out an insurance from one of the approved companies in the Ordinance. I could read them off to you in the regulations but you can't go out to Toronto or something like that to get your insurance. They wouldn't cover you, that's primarily why.

Mr. Boyd: You are saying now Mr. Clerk that at the moment then there is only one source for workmen's compensation and that is through the Prudential Insurance Company.

Mr. Clerk: As far as I'm concerned that's right.

Mr. Boyd: All right. Now we have a monopoly, strictly, and I don't believe this is so. In the case of, shall we say, restaurants and lesser types, cafes and so on, that they cannot get coverage elsewhere. They can get adequate coverage if they are permitted to get it , and they may not be blessed with this monopolistic attitude. Do you agree with that Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, the regulations state that the following are approved as insurers under the Ordinance:
a) All insurance companies licensed to issue employers liability insurance in Canada under the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, Chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1952 or the Foreign Insurance Companies Act, Chapter 125 of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1952, and
b) Lloyds of London as registered in the Province of British Columbia. So they do have other sources where they can get their insurance. They can get it from Lloyds of London if they want to. Now I don't know how many other companies would be (inaudible)

Mr. Boyd: But didn't you say that our Act requires that they have a representative here in the Yukon in order to take out this insurance?

Mr. Clerk: No, I didn't say that.

Mr. Boyd: So there is no restriction; as long as I can get coverage I can go out and get it, is this true?

Mr. Clerk: I think that's right.

Mr. Boyd: I understand that the insurance company you deal with must have a representative in the Yukon and this makes it into a monopoly. Now if I am wrong I would like to know this because this seems to be one of the problems.

Mr. Clerk: Well if you leave that question with me I will certainly find out, unless Mr. Legal Adviser can answer right now?

Mr. Legal Adviser: I think what the Councillor may be referring to is that commissions on policies of automobile and fire have to be handled through a Yukon office. There is a sort of feed-back arrangement between the agents; this is to ensure as far as I can see that the local agents don't have all the business swept away from them into a province. Now that has been in the Ordinance, the Insurance Ordinance, a great many years, but that is in the Insurance Ordinance, not in the Workmen's Compensation. I cannot think of any provisions similar to the one Councillor Boyd is referring to in the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance.

Mr. Boyd: Well I know about the insurance and when we get to that angle I will be asking some questions concerning that too that are rather provocative for me. But this is along the lines that one of the people who have been complaining to me about his troubles and he appears to have been told, I think from probably Edmonton, that he cannot just go and get this workmen's compensation coverage elsewhere.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Well I can assure the Councillor if we can have some detailed work on it we will look into this particular statement because I do feel (inaudible).

Mr. Boyd: Thank you. I will be satisfied for now.

SESSIONAL PAPER #26

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this paper at this time gentlemen? We will proceed. The next item is Sessional Paper #26 addressed to Mr. Speaker, Members of Council: Yukon Activities - Historic and National Parks Branch.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #26

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Mr. Boyd: Well I am cleat enough with what is written here, but here I see three employees and I probably a little later on will look at six or seven because that's the way they work. I don't know what thee employees are really going to do in this Yukon. I think one could do an awful lot in a year. It's 365 days.

Mr. Shaw: One looks after the Keno and one looks after the Klondike.

SESSIONAL PAPER #27

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #27, addressed to Mr. Speaker, members of Council: Territorial Historic Sites and Monuments Board.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #27

Mr. Boyd: I am just a little concerned; this is a Territorial undertaking and at the same time we are talking

about national and we want to be faced with the duplication of the same people in the same field. I wonder...

Mr. Chairman: To whom do you address the question Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Well I don't see anybody to raise an answer. I will leave it in abeyance.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if I can supply the right answer but the idea is to get members from all over the Yukon; I don't know. Did you receive a letter asking you to name some person to be appointed by the Commissioner to go on this Board and this Board will then meet on some future date and they will review the historical aspects of the Yukon and no doubt each person at this Board will represent an area of the Yukon that are fairly conversant with the various aspects. They will get together and decide to preserve these relics or whatever they may be. A capital cost of $10,000.00 will go to per year to preserving what these people recommend should be kept for posterity. I think it is a very good idea that we should do this on a Territorial level. We are an entity of some sort and if we don't have the interest here in the Territory, we can't expect other people to. I think it is a very good idea. Did I answer your question?

Mr. Boyd: Yes you did, but you didn't answer the national part of it. When does it become national, what site would become national, who would decide it and a third party for all national historic site activities in the Yukon here. Who makes it national?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, when the national park is a national park; the Klondike that you have down here is a national historic site, the marker where gold was first discovered in the Yukon is a national site. However, you may take the road house between here and on the way to Carmacks, Montague House. It would appear to me that at least the exterior roof should be put on it. That I would say would be a Territorial historical site and I think these people should be fairly intelligent people who could figure out something that is of local significance and we would repair these and retain them for the travelling public to see and also for the children and children's children in the Yukon. No problem as far as these fellows are concerned coming up for the national parks; that's a different matter; that's to look after the Klondike and the Keno Federal Building.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this paper gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I move the speaker now takes the chair and hear the report of the report of the Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Boyd: I second the motion.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, just before I put the question, do I assume that we have concluded this Sessional Paper #37?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Gentleman, you have heard the motion. It has been moved by Councillor MacKinnon, seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. Ready?

Council: Ready.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare the motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Chairman: Convened at 10:30 a.m. this morning to discuss bills, memorandums and Sessional Papers. Committee first discussed Sessional Papers 1 to 11 with Mr. Commissioner in attendence. Committee recessed at 12 noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. to continue with Sessional Papers # 12 to 27. It was moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees and this motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor. You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed with the report?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We now have the Agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure in this respect?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that tomorrow we could possibly deal with the bills related to the immediate expenditure of the public roads, etc., Engineering Department and then possibly continue with Sessional Papers so that we might get a few of them cleaned up and I would suggest bills, memorandums, sessional papers and motions.

Mr. Speaker: By that, Mr. Taylor, are you referring to the bill covering the one-twelfth of the expenditure of the Yukon, operating expenditures and the capital expenditure in order to expedite contracts and so forth?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, that is one of the... I believe there is two bills.

Mr. Speaker: Yes. Is that agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you.

Mr. MacKinnon: I move we call it 5:00 o'clock.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Southam that we call it five o'clock at this time. Are you ready for the question?

Council: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed with the motion?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Any contrary? The motion is carried and this Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Mr. MacKinnon was absent. The remaining Councillors and the Commissioner were present.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed with the first item of business, namely correspondence.

Mr. Clerk: I have nothing this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any Reports of Committee? We have no introduction of Bills. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, we will proceed to the next item which is Notices of Motion for the Production of Paper. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Paper? The next item will be Motions. We have Motion No. 1, Mr. Watt, Council Sitting in Evenings.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, this is Motion No. 1, Moved by Mr. Watt, Seconded by Mr. Southam, "It is the opinion of Council that we respectfully request the Commissioner to make arrangements to sit from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, each evening during this Session." May I proceed, Mr. Speaker? MOTION #1

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: The reason that I made this Motion, Mr. Speaker, was that I thought it may hurry up the deliberations of Council. It may assist us in terminating our deliberations here a little bit earlier with our Main Budget, Five Year Agreement and being our last Session, it looks as if we are going to have a very heavy Session. It could possibly reach beyond the six week period as it is now. Last spring, I believe, we sat for almost two months. We had a couple of breaks but from the time we started until the time that we prorogued it was almost two months. If we endeavour to sit for awhile in the evenings....if four evenings a week is too much, possibly an amendment could be made to the Motion but I think that this would be a good start to try. Possibly we could attempt to do this next week if the Commissioner could see fit to make staff available for us. I think that an additional point would be that some members of the public who wish to see Council, who are working during the day, would have an opportunity to come to Council and see us in operation here. With an election coming up this fall, Mr. Speaker, I am sure that many people are interested in the operation of Council. One other thing, Mr. Speaker, we have meetings and witnesses...for example, a possible meeting with the City. These people are all working men and they normally hold their meetings in the evening and meetings such as that that they wish to hold with us could be held here in the evening rather than taking up our normal Council days. I would like the support of Council for this to try this for a little while anyway and if it proves unwieldy and, as far as Administration is concerned, they cannot handle it, then you would have to stop. Mr. Speaker,

MOTION #1 Mr. Watt continues:
could I ask if Mr. Commissioner could tell us how this would work with respect to the staff and secretarial staff and this type of thing. It may prove to be altogether unmanageable right now and then I won't waste any more time.

Mr. Speaker: I think that first the Members of Council might need first to discuss this before there are any questions raised, Mr. Watt. I think that would be the first order of business.

Mr. Watt: I thought it might save time, Mr. Speaker, if Mr. Commissioner could comment on this.

Mr. Speaker: If you wish to refer it to Committee...we are in Council Session right now not Committee Session, Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: Yes, but I am asking a question with respect to the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: That is correct....and discussion of Members, Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: Well, that's fine, Mr. Speaker, but according to our Rules if a question is asked, it should be answered before....

Mr. Speaker: We have a question period later.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, according to our Rules, a Member comes into this House fully prepared and knowledgeable in the matter that he is going to tackle and if he has to go and stand before this table and waste more time than he has already wasted in the six years I have been here in trying to bring this up before the table when he should be around the Administration like some other Members of this Council do two hours a day in addition to their Council Chamber's work, we wouldn't have to listen to this nonsense.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Speaker, as seconder of the Motion, I think that it has merit. I also think that if you people that want to get away all the time want to spend a little more time, well, you will have to work a few more hours. That's all. I can understand some of the ramifications of it. It means that possibly your clerical staff would have to be paid overtime. Maybe you can't afford this sort of thing or maybe you don't want it. I don't know. However, I do think it has certain merits but I am of the opinion that this is going to be a long Session. I have heard over the radio that it's going to be six weeks but at the speed we are going now, I would say that it will be two months or closer to it...possibly three. We're not getting anywhere so far anyway so, therefore, we may have to work a few extra hours. While I'm not quite in agreement with four nights a week, I do think we could possibly work a couple.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I think that we are on our second day and how do we know we need to work at nights. If we stay on the ball, we can accomplish a lot. If we are going to work at nights and get in the habit of asking questions that are irrelevant and so on...there are many questions asked and much talk goes on...times that we could avoid...and my opinion would be that carry on as we are and later on, when we know how things are going, if we are behind what we would normally consider schedule, then think about it again but I am not in favour of doing it at this moment.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, speaking on the Motion. I have heard from some other Members of Council. Mr. Taylor got off on a harangue on the person who made the Motion...he can speak on the Motion...which was entirely out of order but it is usual here. I had asked a question to Mr. Commissioner which I would like to have answered before I vote on this. I have made certain inquiries myself. If my inquiries are substantiated, then I will certainly vote for the affirmative and I will be happy that I made the Motion. If it would be allowed, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Commissioner to answer my question. MOTION #1

Mr. Speaker: Might I refer to your Motion, Mr. Watt. "It is the opinion of Council that we respectfully request the Commissioner to make arrangements to sit from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, each evening during the Session". You are not asking the Commissioner at this time whether he wants it or whether he doesn't. You are asking Council to request the Commissioner to make these arrangements. It doesn't appear to me that it is necessary.. the Motion...the content of the Motion is asking Council to ask the Commissioner so it would appear to me that that is not the objective of the Motion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I certainly stand by your ruling. If you refuse to let me ask a question, that is certainly your prerogative and I stand by your most respectful judgment.

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION #1 DEFEATED

Councillors Watt and Southam voted for the Motion. Councillors Thompson, Boyd and Taylor voted contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner a question if it is allowed. Is it allowed now?

Mr. Speaker: It is certainly allowed. This is a question period, Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner if he is aware of the flooding condition in the round house area. I think it is almost a matter of public importance.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, is this the area at the south end of town? Could I have a little more information on it and I would endeavour to answer the question.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is flooding from the hillside which I believe...and it could be from beyond the City Limits of Whitehorse from Territorial land. There have been some phone calls made to DOT and CNT in the area and each one says it's the others responsibility. Irregardless of whose individual responsibility it is, I believe we as a Council, as a Government, have some responsibility towards individuals there in order to try and rectify the matter and then pass the bill on later on. Here are some pictures I QUESTION RE FLOODING CONDITIONS ROUND HOUSE AREA

QUESTION RE FLOODING CONDITIONS ROUND HOUSE AREA

Mr. Watt continues:
had taken on the way down here this morning. Here is a vehicle that is about half way between a manhole that is flooding over and the railroad track sign. Within the next couple of days, it will be over the railroad tracks. From what I can understand, this has happened in the last couple of days. So, if we could have our Engineering Department look into it, or the Commissioner look into it, and if we can't find out whose responsibility it is, then rectify it ourselves and then pass the bill on to whoever is responsible for it.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, this is something that has not been brought to my personal attention until now although it may well be knowledge to our Engineering Department. I will certainly see that this information is passed on to Mr. Baker immediately and ask him to give me a report as promptly as possible so that we can have some factual information and knowledge and at that point see what has to be done.

Mr. Boyd: I would just like to...for my own knowledge here.. what are we talking about here? A broken sewer line or something of another nature?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Watt, could you please explain to the Councillor the details on this.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure. It is coming out of a manhole from down below. One opinion that I heard was that it was a broken water line up above...in the area beyond the City Limits...that it's coming down to this sewer and it isn't getting away from this sewer. I understand it could very well be a broken water line up above some place...beyond the City Limits. This is a possibility. I am no authority on it but this is an opinion that I have heard.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, may I ask if this has been going on for some several weeks or is this something that has just occurred in the course of the last several days?

Mr. Watt: As far as I can determine, Mr. Speaker, this happened within the last two or three days.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have three questions this morning. One is kind of...puzzles me...I would like to ask the honourable member from Whitehorse West what the Territorial Engineer thought when he consulted him on this matter.

Mr. Speaker: Coulc you answer that question, Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I interpret that question to be simply a facetious remark and I don't think I have to answer facetious remarks in this Chamber and I don't think that Council should expect me to.

Mr. Speaker: That is your privilege, Mr. Watt. Have we any further questions?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think I made my point very well the last time. I have two questions in addition this morning. I have one respecting the Jones Act - Canada Shipping Act. "Can the Administration advise what progress has been made pursuant to the request of Council that the Canada Shipping Act be amended to permit full beneficial use of the Alaska Ferry System by Canadians". I have another question, Mr. Speaker, respecting Tidal Access. "(1) Can the Administration advise what progress is being made by the Federal Government respecting tidal access negotiations with the Government of the United States of America; and (2) Is the land lease proposal receiving any consideration whereby Canada lease land from the State of Alaska for port facility purposes."

QUESTION #1

QUESTION #2

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Have we any further questions? That completes the daily routine and Orders of the Day. What is your pleasure at this time?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bill No. 7 which is the Interim Supply Ordinance; Bill No. 8 which is the First Appropriation Ordinance for capital; and Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers as per the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will now take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: We will be proceeding with Bill No. 7. I will declare a short recess.

Mr. MacKinnon enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. We will be discussing Bill No. 7. (Reads Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory).

BILL #7

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I move that we vote Bill No. 7 out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I would have to rule that out of order. We still have Schedule "A" to consider which is the itemized portions of the Bill. This I believe is the one-twelfth of the annual budget required to keep the Government going for the next month. (Reads Schedule "A").

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could we have a little breakdown or a little detail on this half a million item, Capital, Project and Loan? The reason that I ask this is that I wouldn't want to be committing ourselves to some large expenditure which will appear in the other Bill or the other Bills and conceivably if we have an idea whether this is the completion of existing projects or the introduction of new projects...I think that this should be clarified.

BILL #7

Mr. Commissioner: In this particular item, this is constructed as per item No. 2 in the Ordinance itself, Mr. Chairman, and is predicated on one-twelfth of the total budgetary requirements. Insofar as a breakdown of this is concerned, this is one-twelfth of the total Capital Project and Loan Vote which you will be dealing with in your Main Estimates. This is a matter of the tidying up of the Ordinance to include one-twelfth of all monies that you will be asked to vote. The expenditure of any of this Capital Project and Loan money will not be made until such times as you have dealt with the Project and Loan Capital Account in the Main Estimates.

BILL #7 MOVED OUT OF COMMITEE WITHOUT AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be moved out of Committee without Amendment.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #8

Mr. Chairman: We will now proceed to Bill No. 8. (Reads Bill No. 8, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory). Under Schedule "A", we have the Whitehorse-Keno Highway in the sum of $450,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think we will possibly require a few more details than just the amount in this particular matter, will we not?

Mr. Chairman: I believe you will find the breakdown in your Budgets.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there is one very large difference here. The Canol Road in our original Estimates reads $5,000.00 as opposed to the $65,000.00 that they are asking for here and your Pre-Engineering Costs for $20,000.00, I don't see in the original one. I am just wondering whether this is just a nice form of padding in case something...I can't see $20,000.00 would be necessary for pre-engineering for roads under the Federal-Territorial Engineering Services Agreement.

Mr. Chairman: This is on the Canol Road.

Mr. Thompson: Well, the Canol is one aspect of it. As far as the $20,000.00, I don't see that at all in the original Estimates. Mr. Shaw just asked for details on any of it and I imagine that if $450,000.00 is in here I imagine it's for upgrading the road. This is a yearly figure that we see each year.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could I be excused for just a few minutes and I will get the details. They are in our big books here but I don't know just where exactly where to find them and I will have these details right here for Council.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a short recess.

Mr. R.J. Smith, Chief Accountant, and Mr. J. J. Smith, Assistant Chief Accountant, both of the Department of the Territorial Treasurer, enter the Council Chambers).

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee back to order. We will proceed with the discussions on Bill No. 8. The Whitehorse-Keno Highway in the amount of $450,000.00. BILL #8

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, you will find the details in connection with this item on page 15 of Vote 20. This item is 100% recoverable and as a general explanation of all this total fund, they fall into this similar category and we are asking Council's concurrence to vote these funds so that the necessary contractual obligations may be entered into in ample time to permit the full use of the construction season.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a good move and I am glad to see it in here. I have no further questions.

Mr. Chairman: Next is the Stewart Crossing-Dawson Road in the amount of $220,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, might I inquire if this is the section just above Rock Creek that is going to be widened out here?

Mr. J. Smith: I believe that is the fact but Mr. Baker, the Territorial Engineer, would have to be the one to tell you.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I say a word in connection with this. This is the start of the upgrading program on the Stewart Crossing - Dawson Road so that you will have eventually the same class of road, or the same standard of road, from Clinton Creek right through to Whitehorse. This is the initial part of this program on the Stewart - Dawson section.

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next item is the Canol Road in the amount of $65,000.00. I believe Councillor Thompson had some questions here, gentlemen.

Mr. Thompson: Two things come to mind. It's all very well to say that it's 100% recoverable but it's still taxation money. In the original book that we got, there was an amount of $5,000.00 for the Canol Road and all of a sudden it's $65,000.00 so there must be some explanation for this large increase.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I speak to this? It is very likely - in fact we were in conference with the management of the Anvil Mining Company here yesterday in connection with their freight hauling requirements and our road maintenance and reconstruction program in line with this and in order to give the very best possible transportation facilities service to these people, we wish to be assured of adequate funds to take care of any and all reasonable road requirements in this area so that there will be no hindrance or hold-up to the progress of the construction program that these people are planning to proceed with immediately. This is the main reason for requesting this particular size sum of money for this project.

BILL #8

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Commissioner if there is any consideration for the re-opening of the Cantung Road. I understand that there's a necessity of moving fuel in there in the near future and that a Company are contemplating the opening of the road on their own due to the date that the Territorial Government has set for the re-opening of the road. Now, could this be changed - the re-opening date?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge the Cantung Road is open right now.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the road has been maintained all winter but the Watson Lake - Ross River Road has been closed. It was allowed to snow in even though we were given the assurance it would be kept open all winter. It wasn't used to the full extent. We funnelled everything up the Canol Road again. This road should be opened rather than forcing it up the Canol Road and I think that this year certainly the Federal Government and our own Administration should cease the business of taking money away from this particular road project to subsidize others. I know we have had a heavy snow fall this winter which necessitated the shuffling of funds from one road to another in the Territory but we feel very strongly that this road link should be kept open. It cost a lot of money to build it and there's no use building roads unless we're prepared to keep them open on a year round basis. Secondly, people are plotting and planning their projects for the summer and they largely depend upon these facilities and if we come to them and say, "Well, we have now decided to shut the road", it changes all their plans and thinking and routing of freight and supplies for the coming year. I believe that this is possibly what Councillor MacKinnon refers to.

Mr. MacKinnon: That is correct.

Mr. Taylor: I believe it is supposed to be open at the end of this month and I really hope that as the Councillor suggests that this will be done.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, let us put it this way. If there is any reason that the road referred to will not be opened promptly, I will so advise Council.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would this not come under Operational Cost rather than Capital Cost? The opening of this road?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, but I think the question, as I understood it, was in effect as to when this road would be opened.. re-opened

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the idea was that I felt that the Canol Road...eventually we would stop spending money there unless somebody gets a mining showing there this coming season and that all efforts would be put into getting the other road link from Watson Lake through to Carmacks and back to Whitehorse. I thought this was going to be the answer but apparently we won't be through to Carmacks until at least the close of the season, if that. I don't know

Mr. Taylor continues:
where we go here so we are going to have to spend some money to keep this road open to provide for Whitehorse and Anvil...and the White Pass end of the stick but I do not think that we shouldn't bottle up the south end any more than necessary. I think that we would like to share in the Southern Yukon a little of the economy that is going to be had in the Ross River area. That's the whole picture of it.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on the Canol Road, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think that the money that is being allocated here is not for maintenance, as has been pointed out. It's for probably relocation and upgrading so I don't think that this has anything to do with your Watson Lake - Ross River Road. I think that this is a case of allocating funds to keep it open and, also, I would like to direct one question to the Commissioner with reference to the Dempster Highway. I understand that the Territory was obliged to open this road for an operation this winter and I am wondering to what extent or the amount that was required to open this and if there were any tangible results from this operation.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the amount fortunately was very nominal. We were able to open the road in I believe two or three days of work. The tangible results were nil as the Company that originally contemplated going in there, after they had received cost indications of what was going to be involved, decided that they could not proceed with their program and the Federal Government bore the costs that were involved in this particular instance and in order to protect the road...we were in there approximately only about a month earlier than we would have been on our own, it was decided to keep the maintenance crews there so that the necessary culverts would be thawed and other normal maintenance that is required at this time of the year would be taken care of.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in this particular instance, I think that the Government did a good job in opening up the road on the one hand. On the other hand, I think that when we undertake to spend public funds on matters such as that, that these companies should have something down on the line themselves on what they will do. There is no doubt that this does cost an additional amount of money and when it was all opened up and ready to go.."We're sorry, boys, but we've changed our minds". It's not too good. I think that these people who are going in there...I am very much in favour of giving them every encouragement possible but one doesn't like to be made a fool of and that's just about what happened in this case.

Mr. Boyd: I don't think that's quite fair to the Company. There were circumstances, Councillor Shaw. There were very serious ones that involved, I would say, $300,000.00 over and above what they anticipated spending. They anticipated spending half a million and when they got their quota, it was closer to a million due to the lateness of the situation.

BILL #8

Mr. Boyd continues:
Believe me, it was a matter of I would say three or four days that decided the whole issue that time was not available. It was just about a week short and whose fault it was is anybody's guess. These people dealing out of Calgary are like Ottawa. They don't realize the conditions. They think it's frozen up there until June and that you can go. This was one of the thoughts. As I understand it, they postponed it and they intend to go in this fall. It was physically impossible for them to get in and out with their machinery with safety.

Mr. Chairman: I will call a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. We are discussing the Dempster Highway and the amount is $65,000.00. Is there anything further?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: The next item is pre-engineering for roads in the Federal Territorial Engineering Services Agreement - $20,000.00.

Mr. Thompson: I don't concur with this. I think this is just a nice way of padding an Estimate. We've got an item in the Whitehorse-Keno Pre-Engineering $20,000.00. We've got an item in Stewart Crossing-Dawson for miscellaneous and unforeseen $10,000.00 for the Canol and miscellaneous this is all there is for Canol - miscellaneous and unforeseen construction; $65,000.00 is quite a bit of miscellaneous and unforeseen. But as the Commissioner has pointed out this is to up-grade the road, but whether this is in fact to have a reconstruction program under consideration at this time or not, I don't know. But this is what it seems to be. They have got contingency a lot in each of these votes, so I don't see why an additional $40,000.00 and then down below just to make sure that we are going to have plenty, we are going to have another $22,000.00 for miscellaneous minor projects. Well, this is quite possible because they always have unforeseen items that come up. But I don't agree with this continually adding to or padding and I think this is exactly what it amounts to.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on this item, gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: I am curious to know what day labour inspection means? Do you have inspectors out inspecting the labourers? Is he a time keeper?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it should read as if it were two separate items: day labour and inspection. They are not quite the same thing.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, we have pre-engineering for roads under the Federal Territorial Engineering Services Agreement - $20,000.00. What's your pleasure here?

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not in favour of this. I am just wondering if the Commissioner has any comments with reference to this. Does he feel that this is something that is justifiable in view of the miscellaneous and pre-engineering costs in the other sections of this vote? It certainly...it's all Federally subsidised and it is 100% recoverable, but it is still your taxation dollar and I don't see that by continually and practically in every instance throughout the budget these additions are added to. Now the stock answer that

you get is fine. It is here for emergencies, if you don't spend it, it is reversed. But I noticed that at the end of the Five Year Agreement that anything that has been left has been very conveniently transferred and made use of. So, I think that maybe Mr. Commissioner could give us some explanation on this.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would have this to suggest to you, that we deal only with the one that we have here before us right now, mainly funds for $20,000.00 for pre-engineering for roads under the Federal Territorial Engineering Services Agreement. And when we come to the main Estimates here that we have either got to be able to justify the request for these other items here or simply Council in it's wisdom does not give them to us. Now it is just as simple as this. This $20,000.00 that we are requesting here is part of the total $820,000.00 on your schedule. I would be perfectly prepared to justify this, Mr. Chairman, because we are voting or are asking you to vote on the first four items here, the very things that we need the $20,000.00 here for to do the necessary engineering work on or the necessary administrating and engineering work on to give effect to this. This is basically what is being asked for here and quite frankly, Mr. Chairman, I am in full agreement with the Councillor's question. I think he has a very good and a very potent point. However, I would suggest this to you Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be any kind of a share monger or a calamity hollerer until something happens, but I want you to be well aware of the fact that we may be faced here this spring with the worst break-up conditions we have experienced in the Territory in a long, long time. Now remember that every year we are adding many miles of roads to the Territorial road network and each mile of road that we add is another mile of road that the spring washouts and various other natural hazards can give us trouble on and require money to fix. And as one of the Councillors just pointed out a few minutes ago, there is not very much point spending millions of dollars on a road and then provide the maintenance money allowing it to deteriorate and make it unusable. So that while some of this unforeseen and contingency money may seem at the present time to appear rather superfluous and maybe in the past has proven to be superfluous to our needs. I think that we should be well aware of the potential catastrofic results of the what could be quite bad run-off this spring, and I say that one of the major items of conversation yesterday I am advised by the Engineering Department that the Anvil people are concerned with this very matter on the Canol road. I trust Mr. Chairman that the explanation concerning the $20,000.00 asked for here is clear and is satisfactory to Council, mainly as it has to do with the first four items. Now the other contingency items that are in the main vote here, I would strongly suggest that we either satisfy Council of the need of this money when it comes time to vote the funds, or Council in their wisdom see that the money is simply not voted.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson has a point that he could go through the whole book and take the same attitude, and when you are dealing with eighteen million dollars as said before for this Dempster Highway, he might as well have said ninety thousand dollars and we wouldn't have been any wiser and he could have left $20,000.00 out. You could go along this way. It's $820,000.00 or it's half a million dollars for a certain deal and what categories they list down here has done the best to explain something. But, I agree with Mr. Smith. I have seen floods on the highway. One in particular when we were building; well, overnight we lost something like ten miles of road you wouldn't even know a man had put a shovel through it in a matter of two hours. And with the amount of snow kicking around these hills and particularly those mine roads such as the one we are talking about. Anything could happen so I am quite happy to leave the money in there and see what happens.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion on this item of $20,000.00, gentlemen?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: I see this total under Schedule A is $820,000.00. What's your further pleasure at this time?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that Bill #8 be passed out of Committee without amendment. BILL #8

Mr. MacKinnon: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker... Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 8 be reported out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for any question. BILL #8 MOVED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITHOUT AMENDMENT

All: No questions

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary?

All: No contrary

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: I declare the Motion carried. Gentlemen, it is with pleasure that we resume with the Sessional Papers at this time, please. We have proceeded now to Sessional Paper #28. I am wondering if we might have the permission of the Committee to deal with Sessional Paper #12 . Something was just gotten in today. It shouldn't take too long. MOTION CARRIED SESSIONAL PAPER #28 SESSIONAL PAPER #12

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in relation to Sessional Paper #12, we read it yesterday and there was no discussion. I felt there was no discussion neccesary. However, there seems to be some concern here and I still assume it is the desire of the Yukon Legislative Council that the tartan matter be adopted as a Yukon tartan. I am just looking for some guidance here. If there is anything further that

Mr. Taylor continues...

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must be done to make sure that this is completed, then I would certainly like some direction as to what has to be done so that we may assure the people who are producing this tartan for the Yukon that it is in effect recognized as a Yukon Tartan. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Commissioner may have something to add on this, or possibly Mr. Legal Advisor.

Mr. Commissioner: I would like to appreciate that Mr. Legal Advisor, Mr. Chairman, spoke on the matter as I understand this, as it stands now and Mr. Legal Advisor.... everything has been done that can be done out of the Council Chambers. I will pass to Mr. Legal Advisor on this situation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Advisor, could you enlighten us?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman; perhaps if we could remember the terms of discussion when Council considered Councillor Taylor's motion last fall, it was, however, my understanding that at that time Council gave its unreserved approval to the tartan as the Yukon Tarton. At that time though, it is not clear whether this was a function of the Minister to give us recognition at the Federal level. But subject to that I understood Council was in effect saying we approved and as a matter of protocol forwarded the matter to the attention of the Minister. The Minister's reply as you can see, I myself have seen Mrs. Couture, the designer of the tartan. We have attempted to assist her to register it with the Copy Rights Department. This is being done and I know from personal knowledge that she has made commitments in the belief that she had clear cut recognition of the Council. I can say that I have also been corresponding with Lord Lyon of Scotland and in correspondence assurred him that this tartan had the Council's support and recognition. But still it appears as far as the Councillor's are concerned they have adopted it as the Yukon Tartan. I must confess that the fault is mine entirely, if I am wrong in any particular, but if the Council is satisfied that it has adopted it so far as it applies to this tartan as a Yukon Tartan there is no more to be done. Or alternatively just to put the matter beyond any possible doubt, it could be at this time affirmed that it is the official tartan of the Yukon. It does not really call for any legislation as I see it, but at a later stage if the Department of Justice has a contrary opinion appropriate legislation could be approved. In the meantime, Mrs. Couture has entered into substantial contractural commitments in the faith that she had the Council's support. As a matter of fact, she heard a newscast and she telephone me from Watson Lake because she got alarmed that she was out there on a limb. So, it is up to Council now to decide whether or not there ever was any reservations. This is the time to clear it up, but as I understand it from the discussion last fall, no further action was really called for by the Council.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think to clarify this matter it appears to me that members of the council are perfectly in agreement with this particular tartan. And as the Legal Advisor has pointed out it was sent to the Minister for reprobation as a matter of protocol, and we have a reply contained in Sessional Paper #12. I think perhaps to clarify this without any doubt that perhaps the mover of this particular motion could process the motion to the Council that this tartan be accepted as such and this would clarify the whole matter, and it will be established on the records.

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Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would be only too pleased, possibly this is the way to clarify the matter and I would be only too pleased to declare a motion for mission under order for the day in order to achieve this if the committee so declares.

Mr. Boyd: We seem to be talking about something we thought we had done. ...lets look and see what the motion did say. We did have a piece of cloth here, alright, we passed it. Do we have to pass it again to make it legal?

Mr. Shaw: Yes.

Mr. Boyd: Or is it already legal now?

Mr. Shaw: No.

Mr. Boyd: Well, why isn't it?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the motion states that it is the request of Council that the Administration forward a sample of the attached tartan designed by Mrs. R. Couture of Watson Lake to the Minister for recognition as the official tartan of the Yukon Territory. It seems that we recognized it as such, but, however, we felt at the time that the Minister would have to give his approval to have this recognized. How one interpretes it I am not too sure. It was our intent that this be adopted as the official Yukon tartan by the Council. But as I say, with this reply and the way it is worded it kind of leaves doubt as to whether it really has been.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I resume the chair and we will proceed to Sessional Paper No. 28. This is Sessional Paper #28 (Reads the paper re Destination of Pupils Withdrawing from School During or at the End of the School Year, 1965-66).

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, could I say that when we go through these Sessional Papers could we read the title to it and let somebody have the question. Most of us have read these Sessional Papers at home, and when you come to the title to it, read the title and let somebody discuss the questions about the Sessional Papers and carry on to the next on. I think it would save an awful lot of time, Mr. Chairman.

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I am at the direction of the Committee in this regard and it is generally felt that adoption has not been tabled in this legislative body or in any other legislative body, and so unfortunately it has to be read. If you wish to detract from this particular procedure, gentlemen, I would suggest that this would have to be done by amending the rules accordingly.

Mr. Watt, Mr, Chairman: I don't know, but I have often seen memoranda to the Commissioner, even during the Sessions, the Clerk would ask do you want to read the whole thing, and sometimes he would say no. So, he wouldn't have to read every word of it. I don't know where they have taken the rules from. It was only a suggestion. If the Council does not agree with it, well then say so.

Mr. Chairman: I would remind the honourable member it is a matter of impropriety to cast reflections upon the Chair. Gentlemen, I would ask for your indulgence.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think that there are some of these, that generally these are read, unless it is instructional to read it adopted as through. However, it has been the custom in the past, for example we have Sessional Paper #28 which includes a lot of detail in it and it has been the custom in the past that the Committee Chairman request the Committee's indulgence not to read this, but to proceed on these very long ones. But it is expected to read these bills and sessional papers complete, but upon request it can be just....given the title.

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Mr. Chairman: May I proceed gentlemen? I will proceed again. (Reads Sessional Paper #28 re Destination of Pupils Withdrawing from School During or at the End of the School Year, 1965-66). Attached you will find the documents related to this Sessional Paper. Is there any discussion on this Paper, gentlemen?

All: Clear

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Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #29, re Fire Investigation Report Whitehorse Elementary and Porter Creek Schools.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to interject at this time to ask for your indulgence. If you want to proceed with this Sessional Paper that you just cover Whitehorse Elementary School at this time, and I would like an adjournment with reference to the Porter Creek School until probably the first of the week.

Mr. Chairman: Is it your decision that we leave this whole Sessional Paper until such a time as we can discuss...

Mr. Thompson: No, I have no objection to your discussing the Whitehorse Elementary portion of this Sessional Paper, but I would ask for a deferment until the first of the week, because I would like to have some wittnesses called with respect to this and I feel that some time should be given and a time certainly set so that this could be done.

Mr. Watt: I will second his motion to defer this Paper until the first of the week. SESSIONAL PAPER #29

Mr. Chairman: There has been no motion made to request to defer the Committee, and I think the Committee agrees that no motion is required. Does the Committee agree to defer this paper to a later date?

All: Agree

Mr. Thompson: Could I conceivably have a concurrence with Council to set a time for certain for this?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, I would suggest that it be done on the agenda and make a note of it for this evening, Councillor Thompson, and I am sure the Council would agree to meet at the time so stated. Next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper #30. (Reads Sessional Paper #30 re Landing Facilities - Ross River). SESSIONAL PAPER #30

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is a result of many months, in fact, years of effort to try and get this strip up-graded. It is being used now with fairly large aircraft, the DC3 and the Beach, except its a little dicey to say the least. The Federal Government has now agreed to undertake the up-grading of this to a full standard gravel strip with the concurrence, of course, of Council that we would agree to look after operation and maintenance of the runway and I will also prepare a motion in this regard.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on this Sessional Paper?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: Next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper #31. (Reads Sessional Paper #31 re (1) Data - Graduates of Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre, (2) Training Underground Miners. SESSIONAL PAPER #31

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #32. SESSIONAL PAPER #32

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I interject before you carry on. Could I ask your consideration of taking up Sessional Paper #40. I could offer a word as to why I am asking for this, Mr. Chairman. This has to do with the flag contest which has been undertaken as a Centennial project by the Royal Canadian Legion, and at the present time the entries, or the people who have placed entries in this contest, they are all on display at the present time in the Board Room at the Department of Education in the Polaris Room. And I would ask Council's indulgence, Mr. Chairman to give consideration to the request that I have made here to Sessional Paper #40, so that if this

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Mr. Commissioner continues...

request was taken up and Council were appointed Committee they could go and view the entries in this contest and make the necessary decisions so that we may have the Board Room for other purposes. I would like to mention Mr. Chairman that the general public are not being allowed to see these entries until Council or Council Committee have seen them and make their selection.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that the Committee as a whole go over and have a look at these and possibly afterwards we could decide on...we could do this at lunch hour...today or tomorrow, and possibly after that we could decide on a Committee if we wish one or possibly we will all agree on one of the flags. I'd like to see the Committee go over as a whole.

FLAG CONTEST

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, possibly we could proceed with the reading. Gentlemen, I have located this Paper addressed to Mr. Speaker and Members of the Council - Flag Contest.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Watt suggest we go over at 1:00. It would suit me fine, but other members have some commitments at that time. Would it be possible if we left here at 4:30. It would be fine with me. Would it be fine with the other members? This is a suggestion to get things rolling.

Mr. Watt: I concur with that suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Boyd: Well, I understand there are over a hundred of these flags and if we are going over there at half past four to look at 100 flags we are cutting time a little short. It's alright to go over there and take a look, but I think we are going to have to go as a full committee or something.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we have until 10:00 tomorrow morning to review the situation.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I know that there must be at least over a hundred. I got a whole bundle in the mail yesterday. Apparently, they didn't know where to send them and they sent them to me via the grape vine. I would suggest this, that there must be at least over 100 entries in this flag design, and unless we get caught ourselves in the great flag debate of the Yukon of 1967, that the Canadian Legion who have been kind enough to more or less look after this thing, that they break this down and get this thing down to a smaller number that the Council can then deal with them. This is a better approach than asking the legislative body itself to take time out to go through about 100 of these flags and come up with something, it's going to be hopeless. I think that if we can have the Legion narrow this down to a small number from which the Yukon Legislative Council can make a decision, I think that this would be a more amenable approach to the problem.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, might I suggest you would give consideration to having either the Financial Advisory Committee or the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker meet with the Legion people and put forth your suggestions along these lines. FLAG CONTEST

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I disagree. I believe that this is a 100 flags that we should be capable of taking a look at - the whole hundred flags. I don't think it is up to the Legion. They are not the elected members. I think we will be in the final analysis responsible for the flag that we adapt and that we should see them all. I wouldn't like to see the nicest flag in the Territory set aside by the Canadian Legion and put out what is their choice. I think this is very wrong.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if this be case I can only say, here, start the great flag debate of the Yukon, 1967.

Mr. Watt: I agree with Mr. Shaw that we should go and take a look at 4:30 and after that decide what steps we want to take...I think this is a reasonable suggestion and I certainly agree with Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Boyd: Well, speaking as a Legion member I think the Legion would wish to thank you for not having to take this thing over. Not that I am a member of the Whitehorse Legion, but I think with Counsellor MacKinnon that we should have a look at them and then after that we should form a Committee, and it is my opinion, gentlemen, that you long time residents of the Yukon should be the Committee.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, could we agree then that we go over at 4:30 and look at the flags for comments and perhaps a preliminary investigation and then we could decide from that time on how we will go along. I would move therefore that the Committee adjourn at 4:30 and go over to look over these flags.

Mr. Watt: I'll second that motion.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think if we conceiveably went over after tea we could do enough culling in the 1/2 hour or 3/4 of an hour that we would be there that we could leave it in the hands of the Council as a whole or a Committee as a Council. So I would make an amendment to the motion that we adjourn after tea to discuss and peruse the flag applications.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I am very opposed to a committee and I think that this is something that is Council's duty to deal with and I don't like cowards. To form a Committee and then to make the decision would be a very wrong thing.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, what time are you talking about...3:00 o'clock? So far it has been moved by Councellor Shaw and seconded by Councellor Shaw that, what..

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Mr. Shaw: That the Committee adjourn at 4:30 to look over the and I believe an amendment came forth that it be 3:00 o'clock or right after three.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a short recess, gentlemen. I will now call Council back to order. I have a motion that has been moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee adjourn at 3:00 p.m. for preliminary investigation for flag designs for the Yukon. I will declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Chairman: I will now declare Committee in recess until 2:00 o'clock.

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I will now call Committee back to order and we will deal with Sessional Paper No. 32. (Reads Sessional Paper 32, Paving 8th Avenue). SESSIONAL PAPER 32

All: Clear.

Mr. Boyd: May I ask the Clerk a question Mr. Chairman? Does the Territorial Government collect the property tax on this 8th Avenue we are talking about?

Mr. Clerk: Not all of it, certain lots west of 8th Avenue are in the City and certain lots are outside the City. It is sort of staggered boundary there.

Mr. Boyd: Those that are out of the City - so called City line.

Mr. Watt: To further clarify Mr. Boyd's point. The reason for the Motion was we do have a normal agreement with the City to share 50-50 for paving within the City in this area. We own a fair percentage of the lots so we should pay in addition to that in respect to taxes .....inaudible. It is only fair. Otherwise it puts that area at a disadvantage with respect to paving. Now they have been paying taxes there for 30-40-50 years and they have no pavement, and 7th Avenue won't be paved for the simple reason that is scheduled to possibly be closed and we are not going to pave something that will be closed. 6th Avenue is paved now, as you know. 5th Avenue won't be paved because it is scheduled to be closed or there is a possibility it will be closed, so the only one left in this area that can serve this area is 8th Avenue. So I made a Motion so they are not held at a disadvantage. I think they are entitled to it as much as they are over in Riverdale where some are paying taxes for the first time this year and last year and have pavement already. This was the reason for the Motion but it was misinterpreted by Administration in that they say they have already paid 50% but it is clear in the Motion that we should pay beyond that-we should pay for what we are getting in taxes from the area as if were the system on a per lot basis.with the City. I know the member from Watson Lake will disagree with this because he disagrees with any suggestion I have ever made and he appears ready to rise. But this was the reason for the Motion, I think it's fair and I think it's honest.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I just want to draw your attention to the attendance of Mr. Commissioner this afternoon. Is there any further discussion, Gentlemen?

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 33 (reads Sessional Paper No. 33, Feasibility Study). SESSIONAL PAPER 33

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this was a Motion presented by myself. I would like to remind the Commissioner that

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this is the capital city and we are comparing this with municipalities from jerkwater places in the Provinces but at the same time you should be basing it on a framework such as-we will say, Edmonton, being the capital of Alberta, or Victoria, B.C., not a farm town. Now we know very well that Dawson Creek outweighs the entire Territory in population and there we just have a small operation; here we have a fairly large one. We have seven members at the table here that classify themselves as the Territorial Government and I think some consideration should be given to the fact that the men in the position to perform the duties of the City of Whitehorse should have some consideration as the capital city of the Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussions on this paper?

All: Agreed.

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Mr. Chairman: The next is Sessional Paper No. 34 (reads Sessional Paper 34 , Correctional Program).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the only thing that puzzles me is it appears that we are getting the Corrections Department mixed up with Welfare and I would like to ask the Commissioner if he really feels this is fair and just to the public.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, it isn't a matter of mixing up the Corrections Department with the Department of Social Welfare. What we have done is, we have taken the people who have specifically been charged with operating the two institutions, located them at one of these institutions as their headquarters and the Probations Officers who are effectively officers of the Court, have been placed in the Department of Social Welfare. Now, we can't have Probation Officers at all points of the Territory so what we are doing is the Probations people are completely retaining their identity of Probations Officers and in those parts of the Territory where the court assigns probations work, we are delegating that work to the Social Workers in that area. This is a matter of trying to eliminate duplication of services and bring about an orderly and economic operation to both Departments. There was certainly no attempt to be unfair to the public. In fact I think this is the very opposite result, Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as we are trying to get the public as much mileage as we can for the many dollars that we spend in both these social programs - Corrections and Social Welfare.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Commissioner, this is what puzzles me; I am wondering if the mileage is outweighing the balance .

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, the proof of the pudding is in the eating and at the present time we certainly cannot assess what values we are getting from the Corrections Program as it has not had any opportunity to be in operation. I will say this, that the Probations Officers and the use of the Welfare Officers in the outlying districts as acting on behalf of the Probations Branch certainly appears

to be having good mileage for all concerned. The Courts seem to be well satisfied with the work these people are doing and this would certainly appear to me to be the only proof I have to offer. As far as the total work of the Department of Social Welfare is concerned, I feel that we are doing the very best that we can here as well to give the public as much mileage as possible. This is a very costly Department but also a very, very necessary one. However, I would say, Mr. Chairman, that in any place where public monies are being expended vigileance is the watchword and there is constant room for improvement-don't misunderstand me.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, if I may just put in a word. There were many things to take into consideration as far as this institution is concerned. Most of all decisions, and serious decisions had to be made and I am most happy that the results of the decisions taken. I think they are wise and about the only solid course that could be followed if we were going to open this building and put it to use. I don't know how many people visited the place on open house day but it was a very considerable number, more than expected by far which showed an interest and also I am confident that the people who visited the place had a very good impression and were, I think, tend to end idle nitpicking talk. So I think the Administration has done a very good job and lets leave the thing and give it a chance to see how it goes, and the Council elected for next Fall will have something to look at.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to suggest we have something to look at now. and we are just about three years late in looking. If we had been looking we would not have had such a mess to begin with.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, the gaol has been instructed that it wasn't quite up to our expectations--the program in general, but I think that right now it is really on a solid foundation. We have to have lock-ups whether you like it or not. It is one of those things that society must have. It looks to me as if it is going to be operating in a most efficient manner. I think the combination of the work to be done in the matter of probations, in conjunction with the social welfare Officers will be most effective in the long run, if I might quote a former member of the Territorial Counciloon something like this I think he would say that we are saving .... not enough money. .....

Mr. Southam takes Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Commissioner, before this gaol, institution lock-up or or whatever you call it, is brought into full force is not a bill required designating it - designating the unit itself as a lock-up by virtue of the amended Yukon Act?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I believe that that was attended to at the Fall Session. That was one of the Bills that I gave assent to at the last Session, Mr. Chairman. I think maybe what you are wondering about is, does this not

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have to be supplemented by a set of Commissioner's Regulations .....inaudible ... and both of these things are being attended to. A Bill was passed at the Fall Session and the regulations are being formulated at the present time in co-operation with all Departments concerned in this regard. But you were quite right, Sir, when you say that a Bill was required.

Mr. Taylor: While the debate was going on I was just trying to find amendments to the Yukon Act --this Bill C147. I could not recall this being officially designated.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Clerk is going to have a copy of this sent up.

Mr. Taylor: I have a copy here.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to bring to the attention of the members and even though I might not be here next Fall, I would like to make my point quite clear that I disagree with the Corrections Department being combined with Welfare. Now to date maybe your values of the estimation and the end results are not thoroughly considered and I would like to point out to you at this time that I think it is a very drastic measure that has been taken.

Mr. Shaw: It looks to me a very good thing and perhaps I have overlooked something. Perhaps the member from Carmacks-Kluane might enlighten me on why it is a bad measure, I might not have seen it in that particular light.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, all I can say to Mr. Shaw is that if he would reread the Sessional Paper it is self-explanatory.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, Maybe I'm too stupid to be able to see what it is - perhaps it can be explained to me. Besides being in agreement with my stupidity I want an agreement as to an answer to my question.

Mr. MacKinnon: There is no answer, Mr. Commissioner to Mr. Shaw's question.

Mr. Boyd: I'm at a loss to to understand ....inaudible.. I'll put it another way . Is he worrying about the cost being thrown in with Welfare and so on. I would think this ...inaudible ..coughing....because we are going to be able to see what is Welfare and what is Institutional costs. This is the only point I can see they are making - is this right Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I can only say the same words to Mr. Boyd as I said to Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Boyd: I move we go on to the next Bill, Mr. Chairman; I think we have this one covered.

Mr. Taylor resumed the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: All clear?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 35 (reads Sessional Paper No. 35 - Attendance of School children outside Whitehorse - Visit of Her Royal Highness, Princess Alexandra). SESSIONAL PAPER 35

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, may I say a word on this matter. This proposal was brought forth to me but I am very hesitant to proceed on this without concurrence of Council. Now I would like to say I am quite in favour of this but I certainly don't think it is something which should be embarked on without the knowledge and concurrence of Council and there are no strong feelings on it as far as Administration is concerned and we think that it would be a very fine and desirable thing but on the other hand we also don't feel that there will be any long-term suffering if we don't proceed with this. In some instances it is very easy to get the children into Whitehorse; in other instances it is quite costly and time consuming process. We don't feel we could do something for one school outside Whitehorse area that we are not prepared to doin an equal manner for other schools in the Territory and this is why the question has been brought to Council and I would appreciate your guidance on it and I would also suggest Mr. Chairman, that I would like this guidance as promptly as possible so that if the guidance is in the af rmative, we will have as much time as possible to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Southam takes Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I concur with Mr. Commissioner in this regard. I think that for the children of the area this would be a real highlight in their lives and I think it good that if we follow a system of Royalty in this type of thing, I think it a very good and wholesome thing that these children participate to meet their Princess Royal and I would entertain, or I would propose a Motion in this regard in order to set this thing straight that we move that Council, that Committee concurs with the proposals outlined in the Sessional Paper No. 35.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this is royalty thirteen times removed, isn't it?

Mr. Watt: I'll second Mr. Taylor's motion. I'll second any motion no matter where it comes from .....inaudible.. laughter.....

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I can't help but agree with Mr. Taylor and here again we get into the deficit area and I am referring to Whitehorse, by the way, and we suggest the school children from one particular little place we call the capital and I think it is wrong. I think Mr. Taylor has a point there and I will stand with him.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on this?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, a thought strikes me - I would like to see these children get in here but I am thinking of Old Crow. Are we going to fly a plane in to bring two children out or twenty? We are going to fly the plane anyway for the same price for two as for twenty - small plane - oh - well then lets look at it from another angle - bring all

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we can, but I don't think we should limit it to two - there's not going to be some such place like this where they are going to have to get here somehow and we are going to have the transportation to pay - there is no bus service, for instance at Ross River and there are other places too. We are going to have to use a special vehicle, special taxi.

Mr. Shaw: ....inaudible - maybe we could take the Princess up to Old Crow .....

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to remind Mr. Boyd, which is more important, winter in California or the welfare of the children in the Territory?

Mr. Chairman: Order please.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the Motion.

Mr. Chairman: Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Watt that the Committee concurs with the proposals outlined in Sessional Paper No. 35.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Taylor resumes Chair.

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, the next Sessional Paper is No. 36 (reads Sessional Paper No. 36 - Organization - Yukon Administration).

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this will mean, I presume, that we will have what I call a Purchasing Agent - a separate department.

Mr. Smith: May I say a word in this connection.

Mr. Chairman: Proceed.

Mr. Smith: One of the biggest single things that is involved in maintaining budgetary control here in the Territorial Government is through purchasing and at the present time each Department effectively acts as its own purchasing agent. Now in two instances, the Department of Education and the Engineering Department no doubt can justify having people who are assigned to this duty as their purchases are large enough to justify this, but other Departments simply cannot do so and as a consequence we have purchasing procedures going on but in many instances there is a lot to be desired. We have no uniformity in these matters. Likewise ...coughing..inaudible.. retaining uniformity is very difficult in the purchase of even office equipment because you do not have any standard set to be maintained throughout the organization. The centralized purchasing and inventory control is actually the biggest single change in this thing and will affect every Department in the Government. Now I made very clear to you gentlemen in my opening speech that we are not about to go chasing around throughout the Territorial organization wielding great sloths and changing all these jobs and everything overnight. This is a long-range goal that is subject to continuing review as we go along to see whether or not the changes we are proposing here are changes for the better. As we come to deal with them we see that they

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are not, they are not going to be made. I wanted Council to be appraised of what our long-range planning is and I am happy to answer any questions in connection with it but I make it very clear to you, gentlemen, that this is going to be accomplished only insofar as we can see that it is going to serve the purpose for which it is intended, mainly to give us more economic and efficient operations. Also I reiterate the fact that this is a very long-range goal and is not going to happen in the course of the next month .....noises....in many instances will take possibly two to three years, if in fact they are ever going to be made, because when we get to them and are ready to make them and see not practical at that point they are certainly not going to be made, but this is certainly a goal towards beinging our organizing up-to-date in line with the needs of 1967.

Mr. Taylor hands chair to Mr. Southam.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am concerned about this change as it is probably intended to be very good but I see here where we are going to integrate some of the Federal responsibilities into one Department. Mining Inspections, Yukon Forest Service and so forth, and it appears to me that the Departmental Accountant will head up this Department. I don't agree with this. I think that it would not be a retrograde step to have Federal people heading up these Departments. These people should be Territorial, answerable to this Council, and to the Commissioner, of course. I believe the Administrative Assistant may be a Territorial employee, I'm not too sure, I believe he is now. But certainly the Executive Assistant is not. He is a man who is employed by the Federal Government and I think that his duties should be as applied, to act as an Executive to the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, but I don't feel that he should be heading up a Territorial Department administration and I say this without qualification. I feel that as we accept these functions and put them into one Department, they should be headed by a Territorial employee answerable, as I say, to the Commissioner and the Council and the responsibilities undertaken by this Territory be the responsibility of the Territory. We want to integrate the Mining Inspector and the Yukon Forest Service then these must be under Territorial control. I feel that any step towards making Department heads out of any of these people or integrate them, integrating them into our Territorial administration without taking over complete and absolute control of these functions would be retrograde and not in the best interests of the Territory.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, in fact you are doing these functions now but we are doing them on a very inefficient manner, Mr. Chairman, and all we are indicating here - we are simply switching around or grouping them in a manner that is going to allow us to provide proper administration services for them on some kind of an economic basis. We are not changing any basic responsibilities; in other words we are not telling Yukon Forest Service that they no longer have jurisdiction over the things that they may have jurisdiction over now. ..... We are simply indicating that administration services of these people

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require accounting services and things of this particular nature and this is all we propose to provide on their behalf and as far as my two Assistants are concerned whether they are paid by the Federal payroll or the Territorial payroll, they are responsible directly to me, Mr. Chairman. There is no delusion of responsibility and where it finally winds up ..... it is complete regrouping for organizational administration and general efficiency purposes. I can assure you that there is nothing being proposed or even suggested or that is going to purport to say that the Territory is taking over the handling of something which they are not already handling but which they are not going to have any control of.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is exactly what we are going to do and I don't know. If anyone sells this one they are a good salesman because as I say, if we are going to provide administrative services to these Federal Departments and integrate into our grouping here, then I feel they should be Territorial but the Federal Government has given us no control over lands in the Yukon Territory. The Supervisor of Lands has control over all lands in the Yukon Territory and dispenses them for the Federal Government. Forestry, we have no say in what the Yukon Forest Service does and what they don't do. We have no say in this whatsoever, therefore I don't feel that we should be providing administrative services for them. We have no say in what the Mining Inspector does other than where it may affect an Ordinance that he may enforce on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory and I think we had better draw the line here., because it is just another case of where we keep giving a little more and a little more back to the Federal Government and pretty soon we might as well wrap it up and send the whole package back and say 'well the Indians won't take it back, you take it' and go to be with British Columbia or Alberta or some place. No, this is not what I consider to be progressive thinking and progressive action. Though the thought and intent is no doubt good here, I'm not agreeable to taking over any of the responsibility now in the hands of the Federal Government unless they give us the work . Otherwise let the Federal Government look after their own. We are paying enough to the Federal Government now .

Mr. Smith: No, I have no comment on that.

Mr. Thompson: I haven't delved too deeply into this particular aspect, but Mr. Taylor has mentioned, I notice, that the Territorial Secretary is expanding at great strides and I would presume from this that this will probably be the last Session we will have the honour of his presence because with sub-Departments he will have under his control I don't think he will be able to afford the time to come up and be with us so we'll have to appoint one of his assistants to this role . I think that there are many questions that are on a lot of the Councillors' minds with reference to this and I think, in view o our afternoon program, that we should probably defer this subject until tomorrow morning and I think, if with Mr. Chairman's permission that inasmuch as it is after three now that a motion would be in order for the Speaker to resume the Chair and hear report of

Committees.

Mr. Taylor resumed the Chair.

Mr. Thompson: In Committee today gentlemen, it was moved that the Committee adjourn at 3 P.M. I should have actually moved that motion out of order because a Committee cannot adjourn its own sittings. However, I would interpret the reading of the motion to mean that we recess in order to carry out a function revolving itself around the preliminary investigation of the flag designs for the Yukon so I would suggest that having completed this we would have to come home, at which time I would entertain the motion that Mr. Speaker resume the Chair, but under the way this is set up right now I have no choice but to recess for the purposes outlined here and come back and go into Council.

Mr. Watt: I would like to second Mr. Thompson's Motion Mr. Speaker .

Mr. Chairman: I rule the Motion out of order.

Mr. Shaw: .....we have had in committees directions that we recess in order that we do our visit to the flag department .... under these..... conditions it will be necessary to recess at the time appointed and then come back and as a committee and then take over work.... and report to the Committee Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I now stand the Committee in recess for the purposes outlined in motion this morning and I would suggest that we do resume this Committee, sitting at approximately between 4 and 4.30 this afternoon.

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Mr. Chairman: All right gentlemen, I think at this time now, being 4:15 p.m. we will call Committee back to order. Gentlemen, we have concluded the business at hand of making the examination of the flags; what is your further pleasure in this regard?

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, if I may suggest we seem to have divulged our first choices and there are at least four for #37 as first, along with the Legion who have come up with this same number and it would seem to me that this is automatic that it is a majority, a majority in favour of #37 and I would move that 37 be the flag known as the Yukon flag.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion gentlemen? Is there a seconder to this motion?

Mr. Thompson: I think Mr. Chairman, I don't doubt that there are four members, but up until the moment this is only hearsay on Mr. Boyd's part that there are four members who have viewed all of these flags, and come up with #37 as their first choice. I think probably that there are several excellent suggestions and possibilities for a Yukon flag and I have heard some intimation that a representative number be displayed in some public place so that all the people of the Territory can view them and may be also voice their opinion on this and I don't think that it behoves us to go off the deep end right at this moment and say that this is the final selection. I would like to hear from some of the other Councillors as well.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, as we all realize, it is quite difficult picking out a flag and I have my choice and I agree with Councillor Thompson that we don't want to rush into this too much. I would suggest Mr. Chairman that we submit to the Clerk the numbers we have chosen as first, second and third choice and that he bring these exhibits to the Council chambers and on each one he can put the relative number of choices more or less in the amount of times that they have been chosen as first, second and third possibly for review and at that time I think we could establish the one that we prefer. At least we have it boiled down to just a few flags and there will only be a choice to be made of possible... well I don't know, maybe five or six or seven flags, so that we won't rush into it at that time and they can be brought up into chambers and we can make a decision then. I have no strong feelings on this Mr. Chairman, it is just something that I have suggested. In the first place I think we should submit our choices to the Clerk and he could possibly give us the ratings and we would know then what the majority was for what flag.

Mr.Mr. Chairman: Would Committee agree to this proposal?

Mr. Watt: I think Mr. Thompson had a pretty good suggestion

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here. We have a motion attempting to say this is now the Yukon flag but I think this is a little bit hasty. Suggestions I put down, I did not put down a first, second or third choice and I just put down three numbers and I wouldn't know which is first, second or third. But as far as I am concerned the winning number seems to show up predominantly in Council and it looks like the Legion showed up predominantly there too, so I don't know why bother with second and third. We were simply asked to choose a winning design at this time and it is all we were asked to do at this time and it would be a simple matter to let the Clerk tabulate it and say number such and such is the winning design. This is the first step I think.

Mr. Southam. Well Mr. Chairman I can kind of half agree with Councillor Thompson too, although I did pick this particular one that is mentioned. I think there were some very good designs there and some that were more or less compositive. If they were changed around a little bit they would make a far better flag and simple. But I think probably some of these people got carried away with the idea of this centennial year and if this centennial theme was off a bit and the shield moved to the fly it would make a far better looking flag. Now this is my idea. Now although I do admire this particular one that we are talking about, I do admire that, I think it has some very good things too, but the other one took my eye too. But however, as John says here, Mr. Watt, my right honourable friend Mr. Watt here says that we are just concerned with picking what we figure is the best flag. I don't see that this should be the flag of the Yukon.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think it must be clearly understood that when we pick the flag - at least this is my understanding - it is going to be the flag of the Yukon. There's no ifs and ands about it, that's what we are doing. Well, what is the understanding? Who is going to pick this flag and who is going to decide what is going to be the Yukon flag? Mr. Thompson, can you answer that?

Mr. Thompson: Well as it has been pointed out Mr. Boyd, we have been asked to make a selection of the winning design for a flag. There was nothing to say that it was going to be incorporated as the Yukon Flag.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Adviser, can you shed any light onto what the terms of reference are in relation to the Council and the selection of the flag. Is this to select a Yukon flag or to decide the winner of the contest?

Mr. Legal Adviser: I only have the message that was read this morning Mr. Chairman. I didn't draft that, I was not a party to the administrative discussions that led to that. It says there at Sessional Paper #40 "does respectfully suggest therefore that Council might wish to consider the appointment of a Committee to review the designs and make a selection". Now this is simply suggested to you by the Commissioner; it is not a duty that you are compelled to discharge. It seems as though he is enquiring whether

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it is your wish and I think there is no guarantee that having selected it that it would receive other approval if necessary. The approval I am thinking of now is the assent to any ordinance that we might bring in to adopt the particular design. I have just been doing some research on legislation in other places. So far I have only been able to find an Act in Ontario where they passed an Act in 1965 adopting that particular flag design. British Columbia doesn't seem to have done that and one or two of the others don't seem to have done it. But I would recommend that if you do come to this that I should be given a little time to see whether it isn't desirable to have an ordinance, quite a simple ordinance really, and that I may say with your leave Sir that I am also looking at the question of an ordinance to support the topic. Now this has not been done in other provinces so far as I can find out but I will discuss this with people in the Department. So that to return to your particular question, it seems to me that you are being asked to say whether you wish to appoint a committee. You have gone part way to answer that by your conduct I suppose. Possibly further clarification of what you should do should come from the author of the message, although beyond that, once a selection is made I think I shall have to recommend that you do have an ordinance to adopt it.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Legal Adviser.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in view of the ambiguity of Sessional Paper #40 on exactly what we are doing, Councillor Thompson certainly had a point there. However to resolve this matter I think that if we can by some means convey to the administration which flag we think is our choice of the flags that we have seen this afternoon and we will see what happens after that. I think the main intent of this is to have something and we have been chosen to make the big decision on what shall be the flag, chosen from this group of a hundred or so. If we can make that choice we will have to see whichever way the pickle squirts after that. Before I make a motion Mr. Chairman I would first like the Clerk to have these papers that we have written down on choices of flags so that he can give us the one that predominates in the number that we can go from there. I think we should give it to the Clerk to decide.

Mr. Chairman: Councillor Shaw, I just have one question from the Chair I would direct in your direction. That is, would you wish to have the designs of those selected by the numbers on their papers when submitted brought to the chambers for further consideration?

Mr. Shaw: Well if we have a clear-cut answer Mr. Chairman, if there is predominantly one number that is there in this group it would appear that it would be the number that is chosen, but if they were very close then it may perhaps require another review, but if there was one number that was outstanding it is possible that is the one that can be accepted.

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Mr. Chairman: Thank you Councillor Shaw. Now would Committee agree that we submit our first, second and third choices to Mr. Clerk at this time and have these tabulated then along the lines suggested by Counsellor Shaw?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Clerk, would you kindly pick up these documents and I will declare a short recess gentlemen while Mr. Clerk does this.

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Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen I will now call the Committee back to order and I wonder Mr. Clerk if you could advise us as to how this debate worked out.

Mr. Clerk: Yes Mr. Chairman. In the first place there were four choices for #37, one choice for #35 and one choice for #57. In second place there were three choices for #32, two for 64 and one for #85. In the third place there were two for #10 and one for (inaudible). Number 1 without any doubt at all was #37 - four out of six.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen, what is your further pleasure now?

Mr. Watt: I move that we declare #37 the winner of the contest.

Mr. Chairman: Moved by Councillor Watt... is there a seconder?

Mr. Shaw: I will second the motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Flag design #37 be the winning design. Gentlemen, I have a motion moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Shaw that the flag design #37 be declared the winning design of the contest. Are you prepared for the question?

Council: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Council: Agreed.

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Mr. Chairman: Are there any contrary? I declare the motion carried. Gentlemen, would you wish a copy of this design or the design itself conveyed to chambers for any purpose or reason?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman I think it has been requested that all these designs could be put in a public place so that people could look at them. We have made our choice and I suppose it will be outlined as such. I don't think it will be necessary. We have the decision that has been made and it would appear to me that this must be the shortest flag debate on record where they did have a debate and I think now the decision has been made that whatever further

steps are to be taken will be taken. I think we are through with this particular phase.



Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, may I suggest that possibly the next step should be a letter to the Legion to inform them of the choice.

Mr. Shaw: I think that the Legion will be so informed, I presume.

Mr. Clerk: This is what I was suggesting, that a letter be sent to the Legion telling them of this motion that you have just passed.

Mr. Shaw: Yes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Clerk will you take that in hand?

Mr. Clerk: I will.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would further like to make a motion that a committee of Council be formed to consider a flag design for the Yukon Territory and I would like to suggest that possibly a committee could be formed of Mr. Southam, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Thompson to consider a flag design for the Yukon Territory and present to Council.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen, just before we have a seconder I believe Mr. Legal Adviser is doing some research on the subject of flags and possibly you may wish to wait for a few days until we get this information before we proceed with anything further on this flag.

Mr. Legal Adviser: Mr. Chairman, my research is just into the best steps to take to adopt a flag legally. Irrespective of the outcome of your discussions I just want to have this on my file so that if the question comes up at that time. But may I make a suggestion that the Commissioner be informed of your present selection so that anything Administration is doing or is prepared to do be tied in. The Legion was invited to conduct a contest; it is not clear who invited the Legion to do this but the Legion was invited. The message upon the face of it doesn't say who invited them and they have handled the entries. And it is the view of the Administration that the final decision should be made by the Council, or a committee, to do this. You might like to talk it over with him, see which way the cat's going to jump, but your motion as far as I am concerned doesn't affect my legal research.

Mr. Watt: Well this design is in the fire; we might as well try and bring it to a conclusion of some kind. Right now we have had a contest and declared a winner. I don't know - as Mr. Hughes says, it doesn't say who invited the Legion to have the contest so I don't know who invited the Yukon Territorial Council to judge the contest. I read it in the papers and I was surprised - honoured, I should say - but I think the next step is - and this is what they did in the House of Commons and we will shorten it a little bit if we can - and that is they had a committee to select a flag and then present it to the House of Commons, or in this case to us and (inaudible). Then we would have a

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flag. This was the reason for the motion at this time, that a flag committee be formed and I suggested three names and I would like that motion to stand to see if there is a seconder so that, as Mr. Southam has said, he liked the design but possibly there might be something that might be changed in it to suit us and I think we should ultimately decide. And if the Administration has something to add to this they can do it through this committee instead of taking up Council's time at this time. I restate my motion that Mr. Southam, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Thompson be honoured with the position of Yukon flag committee. Is there a seconder for the motion?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, after reading over this here paper #40, if I interpret it right you have already got a Yukon flag, now - the winner of the contest. Is that right or wrong? I was just wondering, it appears to me. It appears to me, this is my interpretation of this Sessional Paper #40.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam, would you take the Chair?

Mr. Southam: Yes Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just to get into the big flag debate, we have had a contest. It seems there has been some difficulty in trying to determine who created it, how we got into it, but certainly the legislative body of the Yukon Territory have determined, as asked for by somebody, the winner of a contest of a Yukon flag. I think that fact should be clearly understood. Now it would be kind of pointless to bring this thing before the legislators of the Yukon unless we were prepared to accept the winning design of this contest; and grown ups and children all over the Yukon Territory have submitted designs, we have made a selection, therefore it only follows that this flag should be adopted as the flag of the Yukon, if a flag is to be adopted at all. This was the object of the exercise and the reason for the contest. If you say that the contest was held from all of the people of the Yukon for a flag and find somebody has just won a hundred dollars, fifty dollars or a trip to Hawaii - I don't know what the prize is in this case, be it what it will - and then you say OK, now we are going to have a committee of Council and go out and see if we can find a flag again; I think this is a little redundant and a little wrong. I think that no Committee is required. If any decision as to an official flag or legislation to create an official flag is made it should be made by the committee of the whole, not by any committee of the house. The matter is of that importance, this is the way I see it. We have selected a flag and we have a winner - fine - there is your flag. To hold another one would be redundant.

Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Chairman, what we have done is move a motion proclaiming a so-called winner of a contest. The purpose of the contest is obvious. As I see it now it is a case of making a motion to the effect that we accept the design indicated by the winner as the Yukon flag and I

will move a motion to the effect that the design indicated by the winner of the contest be the Yukon flag.



Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we are getting an awful lot of motions at this time. I think we have indicated the flag which we feel is the most presentable looking flag for various and sundry reasons which appeals to us most and from there on I feel that we could let the matter rest for a little while. When it comes to making up the flag or deciding on it to become the Territorial flag, there are other decisions to be made in this flag. For example, you have in this flag blue and green and white. Well white is a fairly obvious colour but blue... you may need a little darker blue or a lighter blue, a lighter green, a little darker green, so the final conclusion has not been reached. I think if we would just let it go as it is right at the present moment and give our opinion about the flag, that we like it; we have - #37, and just let it sit at that for a day or so. I think we will just be getting more confused otherwise.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we are again running into a problem that I ran into the other day with Administration on fuel tenders, where you tender one thing and then you go ahead and do something else. Now here we have asked the people of the Yukon to submit a Yukon flag, a design. Now the winner is naturally going to be able to very proudly say "my design was selected and I have designed the Yukon flag." Now this apparently was the object of the whole exercise and it seems to me that we have to make a decision now. Having accepted the winning design we must either be prepared to accept this as the Yukon flag or run another contest. This is about the sum and total of it because everybody that submitted a design did so with the idea that their design was going to be the Yukon flag.

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman, surely it can still be the Yukon flag. As far as I am concerned it would be a good flag for the Yukon. I just don't quite understand who invited, and all this kind of stuff. We have made a decision, that is the flag we like, that's it. Now if the Administration has felt that that is the way it was, well there will be legislation made and we are in business.

Mr. Taylor: I would second Mr. Boyd's motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think you are being very very hasty. This is something that might last for a good many years, providing the Russians don't take us over, and I think you should be very considerate with this flag and take your time. Don't get excited, it is not a matter of finishing it up before five o'clock today, it is something for the future and I think it is something that every individual in the Territory should have a chance to look at and something that we should receive recommendations from the people. We are not so important, we are only seven members elected by the people and unknowingly to the

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to the public at that time that we would have a flag for the Territory presented at this time. So I suggest to you that the flag be set aside, be made a Territorial issue at the time of the Fall election and get the wishes of the people. For once can you gentlemen agree that the people should have a say in what the future planning of the Territory is. I would like to hear comments from Mr. Boyd on this.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the honourable member knows what he is talking about. First of all has he seen the flag we are talking about and does he know what number it was and what was his selection?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Taylor, yes I did. Number 37 and I have been there and seen the flag and I am as well aware of the possibilities of this flag as you are but I suggest to you that there is no powers we will say equal to the "god almighty" around this table and I suggest to you that the people of the Territory are entitled to have some say in what type of flag we adopt.

Mr. Taylor: This is why we had the contest Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman I would just like to say that if I thought I had been going over there to willy-nilly just pick a flag for the Yukon Territory in a matter of five minutes I wouldn't have gone. I was under the impression that I was supposed to write down figures to pick a winner for this flag contest and this is why I made the motion that we select the winner that had the most votes. But if I was asked to go to pick a flag for the Yukon Territory I would give it a lot more thought than walking over there, looking at a hundred flags for ten minutes. It says here that the Council should be the authority on who says what flag should be adopted by the Yukon Territory and this may not be exactly what I want adopted but this as far as I am concerned was the winner of the contest. This is why I suggest that this flag committee be formed and they could deal with this, but I think that this motion of Mr. Boyd's is pretty hasty. I think something is being jammed down the people's throats, including mine. If I had known that I was going over there to pick a flag for the Yukon Territory in five minutes, come back and say "this is the flag", this is pretty hasty. There are a lot of things to be taken into consideration, so I had made a motion that three members be selected for a flag committee and they could deal with this and then make a recommendation to Council. As Mr. Southam had already said he thought there may be a few changes that could be possible and Mr. Thompson indicated that he thought more thought should be given to it - but apparently those that I suggested should be on the Committee didn't feel they should second the motion for themselves and those that weren't on it felt so bad about not being on it that they wouldn't vote for it either, so we have an impasse. I would have to vote against that motion of Mr. Boyd. Now the distinguished member from Carmacks, he may second this motion.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I only rise once more before a question is called on this motion to say that we have had a contest. To declare that the winner of this contest

has not designed the Yukon flag would be a terrible thing I would think for the people of the Yukon and this is one time when the people's representatives must stand up and be counted and make their decision. That is what the contest was for; we were asked to decide as a legislative body as to what we liked out of the designs submitted, and this gentlemen is what I feel permits us to say to the one person of this contest "from wherever you were in the Territory you gave a design, you won the contest, and your flag is now the flag of the Yukon." That is what they designed it for and that is what we are here to do. That is why I hope we support this motion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say just one thing more. Something like a flag is fairly important to a country or a part of the country. It is going to be with us a long time and surely it should have the respect of a motion in Council, not merely a committee motion. And certainly we have time if they don't want to do it through a committee to have a motion in Council in the morning to debate this properly as a Council, not a mere committee where rules are kind of up in the air. What I would like to suggest is that the maker of this motion and the seconder have the courtesy to withdraw so that if they don't wish to have a committee, and overnight they could possibly think of a committee of one or two or three people to judge a flag for the Yukon or bring the winning design, and if they want to change it, OK, present it to Council and say "OK, we are now discussing a flag for the Yukon Territory. We are no longer discussing a winner of a contest and I think this is the footing this would be on. I know Mr. Boyd is in an awful hurry to leave, a pretty hasty motion, but I would like to suggest that they both withdraw this motion and this would simplify things.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I mentioned before and I mention again, there have been too many motions at this particular time. We have been asked to choose a flag. We have chosen a flag. Period. Let it sit at that for the time being and later on I think myself that we could find out all the terms of reference which are involved in this particular thing from the Administration. It appears to me that this is possibly their intention that this will be the Territorial flag. On the other hand it might not be. So in the meantime we have passed a motion selecting a flag and I would submit Mr. Chairman that this time we just let it go at that. In the next few days we can possibly debate the matter again but don't take any further action than we have taken because this might be a little bit too hasty right at this time to get involved in it. Because there is a divergence of opinion. If we were all unanimous in this matter it would be quite all right but it seems to be split very much and I don't see the point in continuing on at this particular time.

Mr. Boyd: I am the mover of the motion and I would like to point out in answer to Mr. MacKinnon where he is talking about the people and making it an issue of the election

of next Fall, that the people in Canada by and large don't care whether they have a maple leaf or an acorn on their flag and secondly the debate that lasted so long was just skullduggery, politics. We are not in this category at all. Now as far as I am concerned I don't want to be hasty; I will withdraw the motion if the seconder will on the basis that we will deal with it in a couple of days and at that time I am not going to go for a committee either. If Administration want to take it further from us and bring it back to us at a later date, fine, but I will be on the basis of making a decision and getting away from the politics that existed before and I will withdraw the motion on that basis if the seconder will.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I regretfully withdraw. I am decisive in this matter because I know what it was set up to do. The flag of Canada was arrived at on division. I can see no reason why we cannot be decisive here unless we have the courage of our own convictions but however I will bow to the wishes of the mover of the motion on the agreement that this other nonsense stop as well, that no more motions be forthcoming on this for a couple of days until we have a chance to settle down. But if I withdraw as seconder and nullify this motion and we get any more of this nonsense that we were getting here before, then I wouldn't withdraw. So I respectfully withdraw as seconder on those terms.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to mention that the honourable member from Watson Lake could possibly have a pecuniary interest in this flag #37. He told Council yesterday morning of his delivery of several flags to this location that we just took a look at.

Mr. Taylor: Point of order Mr. Chairman. The man is rambling Mr. Chairman; let him show his proof.

Mr. MacKinnon: So I will suggest that this is unfair and being reasonable I went to see those flags...

Mr. Boyd: Point of order Mr. Chairman. We have withdrawn the motion on the basis that we would leave it in abeyance for a couple of days and I thought that ended the discussions for now and I hope Mr. MacKinnon is going to give me the courtesy to admit this.

Mr. MacKinnon: Order Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Order.

Mr. Boyd: And we will get along by calling this day to an end.

Mr. MacKinnon: I am sorry for the interruption by Mr. Boyd...

Mr. Chairman: Now order Mr. MacKinnon. The motion has been withdrawn and I don't think we need any further discussion on it.

Mr. MacKinnon: I think that we should never deny the facts, Mr. Chairman, that exist.

Mr. Chairman: Order please.

Mr. Taylor: Councillor Southam I will now receive the Chair.

Mr. Watt: I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Committee minutes.

Mr. Boyd: Second the motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you prepared for the question?

Council: Question

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary? I declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:25 a.m. to discuss bills, memorandums, sessional papers and motions. Committee first dealt with bills. It was moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Bill #7 be reported out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill #8 be reported out of Committee without amendment. This motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee adjourn at 3:00 p.m. for preliminary investigation of the flag designs for the Yukon. This motion carried. I was in error at this point, Mr. Speaker, in that the motion was in effect out of order as the Committee has no right to adjourn its own sittings. Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 2:00 pm to further discussion of sessional papers. It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee concurs with proposals outlined in Sessional Paper #35. This motion carried. Committee recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. It was moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Shaw that flag design #37 be declared the winning design of the flag contest. This motion carried. It was then moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees and this motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. You have heard the reading of the Chairman of Committees' report. Are

agreed with the report?

Council: Agreed.

AGENDA

Mr. Speaker: Well gentlemen the next item will be the agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that we continue and see if we can catch up with some of these sessional papers that we have on hand.

Mr. Speaker: Bills, memorandums and sessional papers?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, have you had any communication from the City of Whitehorse on what they wish to speak about and when yet?

Mr. Shaw: No I have not Mr. Watt. This is the letter that was sent: "Your letter of the 28th March requesting meeting with Territorial Council is hereby acknowledged. In order that this matter may be brought up in Council would you please advise what topic or topics would be discussed. Immediately upon receipt of this information the matter will be placed before Council and possibly a date set." I haven't had a reply yet.

Mr. Watt: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Does that answer your question Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: So tomorrow on the agenda we have bills memorandums and sessional papers. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Boyd: I would draw your attention to the clock. It is now five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Do we have a motion for adjournment?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, I move we adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: This Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Mr. MacKinnon was absent.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any correspondence this morning?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have Sessional Paper No. 61, Report of Financial Advisory Committee, Spring 1967. That's all I have this morning, Mr. Speaker.

SESSIONAL PAPER #61

Mr. Speaker: Before we have Reports of Committee, I would like to table a letter I sent on your behalf, signed as the Speaker, to Her Excellency Madame Vanier, Government House, Ottawa, Ontario. This was written March 5, as follows: "It was with deep regret that we heard over the radio this morning that your husband, Governor General Vanier, had quietly passed away in his sleep. On behalf of the Council of the Yukon Territory and the people whom we represent, I express condolences to you on your great personal loss. As a soldier his courage was unassailable. As the representative of Her Majesty the Queen he was a unifying bond for all of Canada. He distinguished himself as a statesman, yet at the same time, always being a very down to earth native son who loved this land of ours. He was a gentleman in all it means and a great Canadian who served this country to the utmost of his ability, which was considerable. I sincerely hope that your memories of these fine qualities which he carried so well will uphold and comfort you at this very trying time." This is signed George Shaw, Speaker of the Yukon Council. Mr. Taylor, would you please take the Chair?

LETTER TO MADAME VANIER

Mr. Taylor takes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any Reports of Committee?

Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have the Report of the Financial Advisory Committee to table at this time. It's a rather long document so perhaps it wouldn't be necessary to read it at this time. As the Chairman, I would just leave it on the Council table for approval.

Mr. Shaw resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further Reports of Committee? I might just ask one question. Mr. Clerk, was there any communication from the City of Whitehorse in reply to the letter of mine of March 30?

Mr. Clerk: None yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We have no Bills to introduce. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution this morning?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS #2 #3

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion respecting the Ross River Airport and I would also like to give Notice of Motion respecting Yukon Tartan.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Are there any further Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, we will proceed to Orders of the Day. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPER #1

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers respecting Territorial Government Fuel Contract.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Have we any further Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? We have two Questions here. We have no answers to them yet I presume, Mr. Clerk, namely No. 1 and No. 2, Mr. Taylor's.

Mr. Clerk: None yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any questions at this time?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of questions but is Mr. Commissioner expected? I would like to direct these questions to him.

Mr. Speaker: Well, he's not here this morning. Would you care to put them in a written form or wait until the next sitting?

Mr. Watt: I'll wait until the Commissioner is here, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? If not, we will proceed to Public Bills and Orders. I note that we have Bill No. 7 and Bill No. 8 for Third Reading.

THIRD READING BILL #7

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given Third Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

TITLE TO BILL #7 ACCEPTED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the title to Bill No. 7, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be accepted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #7 PASSED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Bill No. 7 has passed this House.

THIRD READING BILL #8

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 8, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be given Third Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the title to Bill No. 8, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory, be accepted as written.

TITLE TO BILL #8 ACCEPTED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Bill No. 8 has passed this House.

BILL #8 PASSED

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, in view of the urgency surrounding the processing of these Bills, I would wonder if possibly Mr. Commissioner could now be informed that these Bills have now passed this House and he be asked to give assent to these Bills.

Mr. Speaker: I think that is a very good suggestion, Mr. Taylor. We will call a short recess. Mr. Clerk, could you ascertain if Mr. Commissioner could be obtained in order to give assent to these two important Bills.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council back to order. We now have Mr. Commissioner with us. Mr. Commissioner, we have completed the readings to Bills No. 7 and No. 8 to which we respectfully ask your assent.

Mr. Commissioner: It is my pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to give assent to Council's wishes with regard to Bill No. 7 and Bill No. 8.

BILLS #7 AND #8 ASSENTED TO

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Well, gentlemen, I think that completes the Daily Routine and Orders of the Day. What is your pleasure now? Oh, just one moment, I think this would....Mr. Watt did have two questions and I think we could permit these two questions at this time. Mr. Watt, do you still have those questions?

Mr. Watt: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. I am grateful for your courtesy in this respect. I would like to ask the Commissioner if there are any plans or anything allowed for the schedule of Mr. Cote to meet with Council when he is visiting Whitehorse.

MR. COTE'S SCHEDULE

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, we are attempting to work out an itinerary for Mr. Cote and as soon as we have some time elements established then we will be in a better position to properly answer the question that has been raised. I am sure that if time permits it will certainly be the Deputy Minister's desire to meet with Council. I will be able to confirm just what arrangements along this line as soon as we know the time element of his trip. I would say that the Deputy is going to endeavour in a very short space of time to cover many of the outlying areas of the Yukon Territory and in the Northwest Territories and I am sure that he would be happy and pleased to expose himself to as many meetings with interested groups, not only the Territorial Council but as many as his time schedule will permit.

Mr. Watt: One other question I would like to ask...possibly Mr. Commissioner could answer this. Do you have any idea when the Financil Agreement Ordinance will be introduced? I think it is important that it be introduced as early as possible so that we can look at the possible taxation suggestions and this type of thing.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I can only answer that question by saying that it will be introduced just as quickly as we have this made available to us.

KLONDIKE HIGHWAY

Mr. Watt: I have one more question I would like to direct to the Commissioner, Mr. Speaker. Are there any further plans or have you heard of any further reports or comments from the Federal Government with respect to the Skagway-Whitehorse Highway...Klondike Highway?

Mr. Commissioner: No, Mr. Speaker, I can say that we have had no further comments from the Federal Government since I tabled for Council's information last Session the report of the Department of Public Works on the cost factors of the Carcross-Skagway Road. However, I would say this to you, Mr. Speaker, that it is highly unlikely that any comments further will be available to us from the Federal Authorities until the Travacon Research Report has been made as this in fact is the tidal access report that is going to give indication as to where further roads or railways, or combinations of both, would be located in the best possible manner to give economic access to tidewater for the Yukon's products. So, I think it a reasonable assumption that we will not hear anything further until that report is made available. As to when the availability of this Report will be, I do not know. If memory serves me correctly, I believe it is called for in either May or June.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Would there be any further questions at this time? If not, I would be pleased to receive a Motion with respect to converting to Committee of the Whole.

FLOOD CONDITIONS Y AREA

Mr. Commissioner: May I be permitted a word at this time, Mr. Speaker, with regard to a question raised yesterday. Councillor Watt requested attention to a serious flooding condition in the Y area of Lot 19 and I would report, Mr. Speaker, the condition has at least been temporarily alleviated, at least it is not getting any worse and I have asked the Health Authorities to give me a written report promptly if there is any health hazard involved. The Engineering Department are keeping a continuous eye on it to see that any recurrences are brought under control just as promptly as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner, for your prompt service on this matter.

Mr. Watt: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner and Administration, for your prompt action.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, we will be discussing Sessional Papers this morning. I will declare just a brief recess while we get our papers in order.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. We were discussing Sessional Paper No. 36 relating to organization of the Yukon Administration. SESSIONAL PAPER #36

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think probably the Commissioner might be able to enlarge on paragraph 3, the Territorial Secretary's Department, and in conjunction with this, it looks now as thought the Territorial Secretary's Department has taken on an additional six or seven subheadings and are going into....will be administrating the Public Administrator's office, the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, the Registrar of Securities and the Registration of Corporation Securities, the Registrar of Societies, as well as the Department of Liquor and also the inspection services in connection with Workmen's Compensation, Labour, Liquor, Business Licences, Motor Vehicles, and so on. I am wondering and I am hoping that with the change in setup here, it would appear that the Legal Advisor will be sitting in his office twiddling his thumbs and this could conceivably mean that he would have more time to devote to Council and Council business and also to assist us in conceivably preparing legislation. Where we have had considerable trouble in getting this legislation...draft legislation...from Ottawa, it is my hope that conceivably more time can be given to Council in this respect and I am wondering if the Commissioner can enlarge on this in any way.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is precisely the idea. If we are going to have our Legal Advisor conducting and supervising, on a continuing basis, what are basically clerical duties, we are never going to be able to have the value from this man that his professional qualifications make it possible for him to do, particularly on behalf of the Council and the Administration in preparation, consultation, vetting and continuous updating of legislation. This is one of the big vacuums in our operations here and it has been a constant bone of contention with Council. Mr. Chairman, I agree wholeheartedly with what Council's complaints have been in this. This is one of the big hopes that I have in this regard that we will finally have the legal advisor in a position so that he can conduct the very functions that he was originally intended to do. To give him this time, we must remove from his immediate minute-to-minute responsibilities the supervision of clerical staff who are effectively doing clerical duties. This does not mean, and I make this very clear to you, that we are going to be in the process of registering companies and conducting these other Registrar functions, that we are going to be bypassing the services of the Legal Advisor in this regard. He is still going to have to, in most instances, personally vet all the documents that are involved in this. These are legal documents and he is going to have to vet these documents but he is not going to be faced with the day to day supervision of the clerical duties that are involved in getting these things attended to. I also would bring to your attention that common licence inspection can only be brought about if we have a common licencing issuer. Now, the issuing and inspection of licences rightfully, in my opinion, falls into the one Department's hands. One of the complaints that Council has had over the years, and I fully concur with this complaint that Council has, and that is that licences are issued and are

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Mr. Commissioner continues:
promptly forgotten about after the money has been put into the till of the Territorial Secretary or the Liquor Vendor's office. There is no proper licence inspection to see whether in fact the conditions under which the licence was issued prevail before and after the issuance of the licence. One of the complaints that we have at the present time is that we are calling upon...asking the Police Department to conduct the administrative duties of checking on liquor licences to see whether or not in fact the people who have these licences are maintaining the conditions after they got the licence that were supposed to prevail before they got it. Now, this is another factor that we are talking about. I further reiterate to you, gentlemen, that none of these changes are going to be made under any circumstances until I am perfectly satisfied and I know in my own mind that I am making moves that are to the benefit of all concerned and that they are going to meet with the approbation of the elected group of people. We are not charing around with no thoughts in mind at all as to what the end results are going to be.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to ask the Commissioner if all thought of ever getting a Senior Legal Advisor has now been eliminated.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the man that you have now is a Senior Legal Advisor. I think what the question possibly should be, Mr. Watt, is an assistant to the Legal Advisor. Am I correct in my assumption of this?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the assumption...either we get a Senior Legal Advisor or the Legal Advisor that we now have be given the duties that were laid out in the Police Agreement so that one of his duties would be a go between between the Police and the Territory. This is one of the main reasons why we threw out the Justice Vote. The first time, Mr. Thompson, myself and Mr. MacKinnon gave this, and other reasons, that our Legal Advisor needed help one way or another, before throwing it out. Following that, it didn't seem to have any effect so we threw out the Justice Vote once more. Mr. Taylor didn't abstain this time. He voted with us and it passed the next time. We went to Ottawa. Those who did the voting in this respect had very little to say. Mr. Shaw did most of the talking and apparently they got the impression that the only objection we had was that it was a bookkeeping entry and we were being charged with something that we shouldn't be charged with so, therefore, it is no longer in our budget. This is merely what happened to our throwing something out. This wasn't my intention. My intention was to try and have something constructive done about Justice. I had quite a few complaints about it...and try to improve it...not simply to change their bookkeeping entry, take it from our budget and put it into the Federal budget. It's still a charge against the Yukon Territory and where as before we had very little to say about Justice. It took us two years to stop them parading suspects down Main Street. This is how little effect we did have but we did have a little effect, but we have put ourselves in a position where now we have none and I'm going to be in the peculiar position this Session where I am simply going to have to make a Motion that Justice be put back into our budget and to have any effect on it, I think I'm going to have to take about three Votes and make a Motion that about three entire Votes be thrown out of the

Mr. Watt continues:
budget in order to have any effect on any of them. This is the only effect that we are going to have in not passing an entire Vote for half a million dollars is simply they are just going to make a bookkeeping entry and just charge it against us in a different way so that we have absolutely no say over it. We would have very little effect in throwing out the entire budget. I am sorry to see we are losing control of Justice and I am going to have to try...I don't think that those who backed this proposal to begin with had a chance to get their opinions across and their reasons across in Ottawa to an adequate extent. Those who had abstained and voted for the inclusion of Justice in our Vote were the ones that did all the talking in Ottawa and their opinion was the one that Ottawa received so I think our efforts in that respect were lost. I still think that one of the main things that we do need with this reorganization is to have our Senior Legal Advisor as a go between Justice and us to help improve justice in the Territory. I think it is bad for a half a dozen different reasons. It could be improved upon and one way is to take some of the administrative responsibilities off our Legal Advisor as you are suggesting here. This will help a bit. But, before we have, I think, very much satisfaction from our Senior Legal Advisor, and it's not his fault...he's burdened down with these duties right now...but before we have a great amount of satisfaction, particularly with his job as it would be as far as Justice is concerned, I think that by that time we will have a different status, possibly as a province or some type of a status as a province, before this will ever happen. So, I think that a lot of this paper that is before us...I think we need an entire reorganization of the Yukon Territory before it is put into effect.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I continually seem to be accused by Councillor Watt of taking up all the time in the talking. I don't think that the record would show that that is the case and certainly in Ottawa every person, and that goes also for anyone who is listening right now, Mr. Chairman.. if I seem to recollect....recollect every person at that meeting had their opportunity to say what they had to say. I recollect very well at the meeting that we had with the Minister of Northern Affairs when Mr. Watt was asked about his opinion of autonomy and I think, if I recollect correctly, that he said that he had no comment and he didn't understand what we were all talking about.

Mr. Watt: No, I think that is a false remark. I didn't say that....

Mr. Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Watt: I didn't say that at all.

Mr. Shaw: However, if I may proceed, Mr. Chairman....

Mr. Watt: I would like that struck off the record. This is entirely a false statement, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Chairman: Councillor Watt, would you kindly resume your seat.

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Mr. Shaw: The only time, Mr. Chairman, that I ever make any reference to a Member in a personal sense is when the same remarks are passed on to me....I do not think.....I continually hear Councillor Watt referring to Members of this Council in a personal sense and I do not think that that serves any useful purpose except to create antagonism and I think the sooner we get away from this kind of thing and get down to business, there will be more work that is accomplished. Now, I was going to say something on this other affair here until Mr. Watt kind of took my train of thoughts away. What paper was that?

Mr. Chairman: Sessional Paper No. 36.

Mr. Shaw: As far as accusations about me talking too much, that will just give me a little more incentive to talk a little further. Mr. Chairman, what I do feel....is of a little concern to me in this switch of the Administration is the Legal Advisor being taken away from certain.....day to day operations I should say...from being right close at hand. The matter of the (1) Public Administrator (2) Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (3) Registrar of Securities and the Registration of Corporation Securities....those four items are matters that from day to day require legal advice in many, many cases. I process quite a number of titles and so forth in the Dawson area and quite frequently legal advice has to be given by the Legal Department here before the Clerks can register the document.....

Mr. Watt leaves the Council Chambers.

Mr. Shaw: It would appear to me that if we give all these duties to the Territorial Secretary's office, which will be apart from the Legal Advisor's Office, then we are going to get quite a lot of telephone calls and memoranda and a great deal more paper work which will be going back and forth. I can quite understand the Commissioner saying that the Legal Advisor should not be bothered with clerical and office duties. I can quite understand that as he has better qualifications, however, it does appear to me that if we are making this switch that we require a Legal Advisor...you can call him Junior or whatever you want to call him...for the Territory that will go..that will be very close or perhaps incorporated into this Territorial Secretary's Department, otherwise I think that we are going to get a great deal of delay. The persons who are registering and processing these various and sundry applications in these Departments will not have the same knowledge that a legal man would have and I think that if we are going to switch this that we should also include some type of a legal man that would at least go to this Department once a day and process everything that has to be processed. Otherwise it would be, I would think, a continuous chain of memoranda and telephone calls and what not that the man would be just as busy as if he were sitting there. I wondered, Mr. Chairman, if the Commissioner might have any comments in respect to that.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it has been a constant request of Council, directly and indirectly, not only in conversations of the Justice function but in other matters, that an assistant to the Legal Advisor be made available and I would certainly concur with this basic request. I don't have the history of this in front of me at the moment, Mr. Chairman, so I am very hesitant to go into too much detail with regard to it, but, certainly, if we are going to get the professional values that are available in the position of Senior Legal Advisor, it is not only necessary that we remove the day to day administrative details away from this man but also that we get such perfunctory legal services as are required to be provided by a junior man of the necessary professional qualifications. The point that is raised by the Councillor, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest is a very good one and is one that is certainly very much in my mind when we are talking about this particular type of reorganization and also the desires of Council to have a person available who has time and the abilities to construct legislation and perform duties along the particular lines that Council has continuously requested.

Mr. Boyd: Just one thought. It seems to me that we have been trying to secure an assistant for the Legal Advisor for quite some time with no success to date and I don't think any hope of success in the future on the basis that they are advertising for a man. I see the situation just as it is now unless the Government is prepared to....we are paying school teachers more than we are paying lawyers...we the Government are paying tractor operators more than we are prepared to pay a lawyer. How do you reckon this, Mr. Smith?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, might I suggest that the possible manner of overcoming this would be for the Territorial Government to give consideration to the hiring of an assistant legal advisor instead of leaving it as a Department of Justice position. This may possibly be the answer to this. I would advise Council that I am conducting investigations and studies into this matter at the present time to see whether or not in fact this is not the proper method of curing this problem.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would go further than this as I stated yesterday. I am unalterably opposed to the provision of administrative services to Federal Departments in an effort to integrate them. Here again, in the office of the Senior Legal Advisor I believe he is called now, why should this employee not be an employee of the Territorial Government. Justice has no part of....we have no Department of Justice in the Territorial Administration at the present time. I believe this gentleman is an employee of the Federal Government. The Federal Government have not, as I pointed out in Ottawa, lived up to their end in terms of the current Five Year Agreement which I believe expires today. I think that the answer lies in getting our own Legal Advisor and this should be strictly a Territorial position and our Legal Advisor should not be Federally employed. He should be Territorially employed. Justice, as we pointed out in Ottawa... that this has been a responsibility of the Federal Government since 1898 and still is the responsibility of the Federal Government until such a time as we have an Attorney General and I think it should be an Attorney General, not a Quasi Attorney General as promised in the last Agreement. We have

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Mr. Taylor continues:
no control on Justice as Councillor Watt pointed out but we also have no more control now than we had under the old scheme. This is the big point. We're no further ahead.... we are further ahead in terms of finance but we're no further ahead in any other form because we have never at any time exercised any control whatsoever over Justice. I might say that about four years ago in Council, the Honourable Member from Mayo at that time got up and made quite a statement. He said there is no justice in the Yukon Territory as such and I might say that as I, over these past four years, and as I look around I see that certainly there is justice but there is not too much of it. I see our Judge going to Los Angeles I think over this recording equipment. Now, he's made three trips to Los Angeles - nice little vacations I assume. I see Court cases pending...a stabbing in Watson Lake around a year ago...I believe it was the first week in April a year ago...a man was stabbed. The man who stabbed him has been in and our of Court two or three times for other violent crimes and now, finally, has committed another violent crime which keeps in jail but this Hearing, this case has never come before the Judge. The Judge is too busy to hear this for some reason or another. I know the transcripts of this case and everything was in his office in June and here it is next April and still no Court case. Now, here is just one case in point. What do we do about it? We can't do a doggone thing as a Council. This is strictly the Federal Department of Justice and the only answer lies between, I think, the Commissioner of the Territory acting as a liaison between Council and the Federal Department of Justice through the Northern Affairs Department. Based on this, I say if we can't do anything about Justice, let's get right out of Justice entirely and remove our Senior Legal Advisor from the Department of Justice payroll and put him on the Territorial payroll. Either that or get him an assistant and let him go to Justice and we will have our own Legal Advisor.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would personally concur very much with this particular approach. I cannot personally see any justification as to why the Territorial Administration does not include in its normal staff requirements the position of a legal advisor. I see no reason for it at all and, Mr. Chairman, I couldn't agree more with the remarks of Councillor Taylor. One thing, Mr. Chairman, I would appreciate...perhaps I would ask Councillor Taylor if he would take time to appraise me of this case in question so that I might acquaint myself with the circumstances. He may do this in Council or in my office whichever he considers to be the best.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, certainly I would be most glad to give any information possible. The big thing is that the Commissioner agrees, we agree. We go to Ottawa...I've got the minutes of our meeting with the Chief Superintendent of the Police Force and all these people from the Department of Justice...they agree but nobody does anything. This is the big thing. Sure, everybody agrees that it is a despicable situation and boy we agree that it's not the way it should be but nobody does anything about it. We could sit here and agree for the next twenty years and never get anywhere. We say we want a legal advisor. We should be in a position to go out and do it as a Territorial Administration....get something going. Heck - how long have we been trying to get this assistant legal advisor?....about three, four, five years..six years?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there is only one thing I can assure you of and that is this. We cannot correct in a matter of a few months all the things that have been hanging undone for several years, but I want to assure you of this, gentlemen, that with regard to any of these things that are crying and calling for attention, there is absolutely no effort being spared on behalf of either myself or my Administration to try to rectify them or bring something up to date with regard to these requests and the reasonable requests that Council is making and this is one particular thing that has brought these matters up that I have before you right now. We are trying to work in a 1967 situation with a 1898 model and we have got to make these organizational changes so that we can in fact do something about some of the problems that Council have been crying for and asking to be rectified for many, many years back. I want Council to know in the loudest and clearest terms that I can give to them that this is why we are trying to reorganize some of these things to take care of some of the proper legitimate complaints that Council has had in this respect. You have no stronger supporter than I am, gentlemen, in this respect and I promise you I will do everything in my power to rectify it but I can't do it in five minutes.

Mr. Chairman: I will call a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. We were discussing Sessional Paper #36. Mr. Taylor did you have something further? SESSIONAL PAPER #36

Councillors MacKinnon and Watt absent.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just to conclude my remarks in relation to the legal aspects, the aspects of the Legal Advisor, I have one suggestion which possibly the Administration could take into account in further consideration of this problem. And, that is if we do set up our own Legal Advisor or Legal Department, shall we say, that I think it time in view of the fact that we are transferring the Registrar of Joint Stock Company, Securities, Corporation Securities, Societies over to the Registrar General, that this Department, this man could do those things which Councillor Thompson enumerated; that is spend more time drafting legislation here and working on legislation, programing and this type of thing, advise the Council and spend more time with the Council than it is presently possible for him to do. And, of course, advise the Administration in areas of Administration on legal matters, but most important the Legal Aid Program could be implimented for people in the Territory. We have talked much in Council about legal aid and here is a golden opportunity to really make this Department work and work as a Territorial Department clear and free as it should, and I do want to state that into the record so that when Administration peruse this they could give it some consideration.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: I think that covers it quite adequately, and I think as the Commissioner pointed out this will be taken care of in due course. Mr. Commissioner has mentioned this is a long term plan and you are not going to change everything over night. But, I think that we are on the right track and I think that one of the interesting aspects of this...proposed is here Central Purchasing can control units and this is something that I am very happy to see. I have been a firm advocate of this ever since I have been in Council and this is another way that we can streamline this Administration, and have it working more effectively, and I would just like to have that on the record that I am very pleased to see this, and I think this will help the overall efficiency of the Administration.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair. Councillor Watt rejoins the Council.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to add my two cents worth. I think it is a step in the right direction and Government in my opinion is the same as any other business. You have to get it together and bring the different Departments and change them around somewhat now and again to get the efficiency you desire. I think the Commissioner is doing a very good job of getting it straightened around. I understand and I understand business fairly well myself too, that you don't do these things overnight. It is a long range program, and I am glad to see for a change that the Yukon is beginning to do long range planning; a thing that has been sorely needed for quite a number of years. Not only in the Administration, but all through

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Mr. Boyd continues...

the Territory and I am glad to see that it is coming about and I hope that it turns out to be quite successful and I am sure it will.

Mr. Shaw: I just have one small remark before our Territorial Secretary vote and this is a tremendous responsibility for one man to have all these particular Departments under him. He must have about 15.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this may well look to be the situation, but when it comes right down to it, many of these functions are interrelated and are strictly, I would hardly say of a clerical type of nature, but they are so related that they don't present anywhere near the comprehensive problems that the names and functions would seem to indicate. There is at the present time these various functions that effectively are being duplicated in every other Department of Government. All we are trying to do here is eliminate these Departments and not only that but all of these functions are functions where we are serving the public. In other words, this is the Department, the Territorial Secretary's Department, a Department where Joe Blow meets up with Government and it is only rightfully so that we try to have as many of these public service functions under one department head as is feasible to do. Also, I say this to you Mr. Chairman, that the people who are going to be looking after these things under the Territorial Secretary's total direction are competent and skilled people who will continue to have effectively the same basic responsibility as what they have at the present time. We are not going to remove their responsibilities, we are simply changing the line of command as to who they report to. But, I think it is very important that where Government is serving the general public that we have to get these services as much under the general direction of one Department head as possible so that in turn, when the person who comes in to buy a licence or conduct their business with Government, is not going to have to chase around about half a dozen different office even if they are in the same building in order to do the once in a year or once in a lifetime transaction he has to do.

Mr. Chairman: May I ask a question from the Chair in respect to the Liquor Department. Is it assume then from the Sessional Paper that the Liquor Department will become a Department will become a Department of Administration and have to get in the Budget under the Territorial Registrar.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I say something further in this regard. You will notice that in the smaller communities it is not practical for us to have several Territorial Government men conducting a public service function. It just is not practical. Some of these communities no doubt in the future will become large enough where we will be able to economically separate the functions of the Territorial Government agents and the Territorial Government Liquor...for example. But we are not big enough to do this, but there are many

communities where this is not liable to happen in the forseeable future. The way it is now this man who is effectively an employee of the Liquor Superintendent finds that he is reporting to three other bosses as well. In this way we will streamline the whole package and be able to get much better serivce for the smaller community and at the same time it will be much easier for the man doing the job to get direction from one superior source instead of possibly two or sometimes three or four as the case is at the present time.

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Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on this Sessional Paper, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: I think, Mr. Chairman, that through the course of the Session that probably other related matters concerning the proposed changes and up-grading will come to mind and I think probably that if we get towards the final review, because I think it is pretty hard to comprehend the tremendous changes that will ultimately take place and the effect to these administrations is going to be somewhat...of such consequences that it is going to tkke a little while to comprehend them all. So I would say for the time being that we have voiced the apparent concern on various items and questions that we have in mind, but I am quite sure that when the Session is through there will be other questions and details.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear, Gentlemen?

Mr. Commissioner: I appreciate the Council's comments and the time it takes to discuss this particular problem, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, we will proceed to Sessional Paper #37. (Reads Sessional Paper #37 re Motion No. 7 - Central Complex).

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Mr. Watt: I would just like to ask the Commissioner do you have any suggestions or recommendations of how we should proceed with this further in order to keep the ball rolling with respect to an Administrative Building and a Central Building in the Yukon Territory. I realize that if we keep the ball rolling now it will be a while before we get the architect and a while before the boiler is tested and that these things all take time. So that if we keep the ball rolling now a bit if you have any suggestions then possibly in five, six, seven or eight years we may have the building. But, I think we should keep the thing going now...

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can assure you that at every opportunity I am advising the Departmental people in Ottawa that this matter is something that has to have attention in the near future and I would suggest to you that this might be a very good point to draw Mr. Cote's attention to...

Mr. Thompson: Yes, I wholeheartedly concur with the Counsellor from Whitehorse West. I think that this is something that very definitely should be instituted.

Mr. Thompson continues...

Something concrete should be proposed even in the form of pre-engineering reports or surveys. But I think that the longer we delay in establishing this, the longer we are going to be in getting a say in our own welfare.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, here again I am skeptical. As indicated in the paper by Mr. Bolger, the Minister had appeared amenable to a proper capital building. As I recall our discussions with the Minister after a lengthy debate on autonomy and so forth, and asked about such a building, his reply was no we are going to build a building, no, his reply was well we are doing it in Yellowknife, I don't see why we can't do it in the Yukon, too. And that was it. In other words he said absolutely nothing. In any event it is my sincere hope that a building does come forward. But it is also my sincere hope that when the Territorial Administration has selected a site that the Territorial Administration and the Council, the Legislative Council of the Yukon Territory as a body will have an opportunity to sit down and work on the rough plan and design of this building. Because when we build a capital building for the Yukon Territory it is going to be quite a project. It has got to house the legislative body, and it has got to provide for an autonomous form of Government, a responsible form of Government, such as found in the provinces. And I feel that we would be remiss if we did not insist that we help design this building. Now, as I stated before as indicated in the paper, I was content to leave the question of a legislative building to the Federal Government in the hope it would be a gift. If the Federal Government are serious about their interests in the Yukon Territory, then it will be a gift; and if the Federal Government is as serious about the Yukon and the Canadians that live in it, I think that they will also agree to our request that we participate in the design and construction of this building.

Mr. Boyd: Well, I just have one thought that strikes me. This building was adequate all these years. Sure things have change and we have built a lot more schools and so on, but by and large the population has not changed one iota, and here we have the Federal Government taking over the whole building, we are required to move out. Who is taking over what? The Federal Government is walking in and we are being pushed around with no arrangements for our future at all. And I hear rumours, I don't know if there is anything in it, but the post office is talking about a new post office. This means that more Federal people will be in this building again. So, the Federal Government is really going to town in the Yukon, and we don't seem to be going anywhere except into corners all over the City of Whitehorse wherever we can find a hole we seem to get into. This is where I think the weakness of the whole thing is. There has been no planning, no preparation whatever. I just give Mr. Smith another little thought he can jot this on his agenda for the future...soon.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just to clarify one point. When I speak of a capital building, a legislative building I speak of a building to house the legislature and to house the Ministers of the Crown and this type of thing. Another building is going to be required to house the Administration, the day to day Administration. When I speak of a capital building this is for a legislative body, the Ministers of the Crown, the Premiers or whatever it happens to be to house the Administration. At this point it is going to take possibly another one or two buildings in the complex.

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Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: I proceed to Sessional Paper #38. (Reads Sessional Paper #38 re Dawson Flood). Anything transpiring here, Mr. Commissioner?

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Mr. Commissioner: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I cannot say anything further on this. I have no further information at the moment, but the requirement of getting these conditions fully investigated have been brought to the Department's attention and they are as indicated, they are endeavouring to secure the services of the Department of Public Works to do the necessary investigation.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 39. (Reads Sessional Paper #39 re Mr. Don Green, E.M.O. Co-ordinator Yukon and N.W.T.). Are you clear?

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All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #41. You will recall that we dealt with Sessional Paper #40 yesterday, gentlemen, in relation to the Flag Contest. (Reads Sessional Paper #41 re Pioneer Hall - Mayo).

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Mr. Southam: Well, I do not know too much about this thing, but I would say it might be a good idea to leave this until such a time as this Historic Sites and Places Board is put together and I think myself that it is probably a good thing if somebody would take hold of it. I have been in the hall and it is in fairly good condition as far as that goes. I don't know what else would have to be done to it. I certainly think it should be the Historical Boards and Parks thing or whatever you are going to call it to be the ones to look into it. This is my opinion, gentlemen.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I say a word in this connection?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, proceed.

Mr. Commissioner: Actually what is being asked for here, sir, is that they are in the process of asking me for tax forgiveness under the powers that are given to me under the Financial Administration Ordinance. Now, I am quite prepared to give this tax forgiveness, but I certainly am not prepared to do this without the full concurrence of Council because I feel this would lead to multitude other requests for tax forgiveness and I want to establish the precedence here, that these matters are going to go to Council before I exercise this ordinance in this type of situation. This is the point I want to make here.

Mr. Chairman: Might I ask if this building is owned by the Order of Pioneers?

Mr. Commissioner: It's in the hands of a group of trustees...

Mr. Shaw: In relation to the problem, Mr. Chairman, I am not quite acquainted with the hall, but I recollect a number of years ago they used to give tax and licence relief to the Lights and Power Company at Mayo because they could not afford to pay the normal licences..... The municipality of the City of Dawson on museums and certain historic buildings, they do give tax relief. This seems to be somewhat common on historic buildings and artifacts and things like that and if this is an non-profitable organization or a community organization it falls into this category as an historic aspect, I would certainly be very, very agreeable for tax concession or tax relief or whatever you call it, being made. I do think though that if this has not been done in the past as a matter of policy that this be attended to if it falls in this certain category. I think terms of reference should be made as to what buildings would be considered worthy of tax consideration and if this is one of them, if it is one that is going to fall down well I think that that would certainly help. I know you do have certain problems, for example, we had, I'll just state one in Dawson as to...well that has been kept for many years at considerable expense to the people, to the organization; one organization spent $1,000.00 on it to repair it and so therefore that was given tax relief by the City and it has been very worthy of it. In fact I think the City finally took it over.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, you certainly have my approval with respect to tax remission.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this item, gentlemen?

Mr. Commissioner: I would take it as I hear no voices of disapproval that I could proceed on this, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: I have no words of dissention. Any dissentors to this proposal?

Mr. Shaw: I would move that the Commissioner take it under consideration and if he finds the request is warranted he could provide the remission.

Mr. Thompson: Well, it seems inconceivable that a place as large as Mayo that is in the process of having a water and sewer system installed at great expense cannot come up with $40.90. It would take one bingo game, or two dances or maybe three summer picnics, if the summer is that long up there, to come up with this amount of money. And, I cannot for the life of me see where a community of this size and supposedly of a progressive nature cannot rally around and raise that money. It seems inconceivably that this cannot be accomplished and I would like to hear a few words from the member concerning that area concerning this.

Mr. Southam: Well, I think it would be better left unsaid, but, however since you put me on the spot I am of the same opinion as you are. I think people are getting too much given to them and I think it is about time some of them helped themselves and I don't care where they come from or what part of the Territory they belong to either. Now, for a small sum of $40.00 I figure the same as you that they could have a bingo, they could have anything they wanted to raise the money. Now, maybe, you don't know this or not, but Mayo has been helped considerably in the past and is looking to get more help in the future. We have been very generous from the camps in helping Mayo out in lots of ways and I have come to the point that I think it is time where they should help themselves. And I for one am firmly against paying the taxes. I will say that right now.

Mr. Thompson: Thank you Mr. Chairman, that answers my question.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, in order that some guidance may be given to Mr. Commissioner what are your collective feelings in this regard. Do you wish the Commissioner to proceed to pay these taxes, or is it the wish that this be left to the Town of Mayo?

Mr. Boyd: Well, if I may say for $40.00 this very lot could be in a few years now...the people living in Mayo do not have much concern or pride or respect for the building, or it wouldn't be in this condition, they would look after it. I think this is just a case where someone is just going along lackadaisically, letting Joe look after it, but Joe didn't look after it so here we are. And, I think there will be a lot more of this if we don't look out.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, there is just one thing I would like to bring to the Council's attention. In the first instance, I dont know anything about this hall and the circumstances, but I do know that many buildings in Dawson that were historic buildings,real historic buildings, like the Lord Alexander Hotel was one of the quite unique pieces of old architecture like the old Regina Hotel, that looked like one of those castles you see in a nursery rhyme that was torn down because the City insisted on the taxes being paid...so they were just naturally torn down in that particular case because the taxes had to continue being paid. You must always remember that any historic

Mr. Shaw continues...

is a building that actually belongs to all of the people in the Territory, it is not something that belongs to that particular locality. It belongs to all the people in the Territory. It's part of their early day history, and therefore, all of the people in the Territory should participate in endeavouring to keeping that building existing as it is. That is my remarks, now on this particular subject I am not personally...it is just a general principal that I think is well worth believing.

Mr. Watt: Well, Mr. Chairman, speaking in refereace to the memorandum to the Commissioner it appears that the people who are holding this inquest are not prepared to pay the taxes on it. And, it appears to be either a choice of paying the taxes or tearing it down and as I say it is the last of its kind as the one in Dawson burned down, so I think we have an argument here and we offer tax relief for an awful lot of things and I suggest if this property is ever rented out for Commercial uses or anything else then back taxes could be charged against it. But, for the time being I personally feel that we should go along with the memorandum and if the time ever comes when they rent this out commercially, things start to pick up in Mayo, and they are able to use this building to a greater extent, then we can collect any back taxes that are owing on it.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to get my two cents in here also. I actually feel there is one logical answer to this. This building was constructed in 1921 and it has served as the last pioneer hall in Dawson. We have created a Historic Sites Board and I believe we have money in the budget for Territorial Historic Site programs. I think the logical thing to do here which would get the community off the hook and assist the Territory, is absorb the taxes, just absorb them or have them paid from this fund and have the building turned over to the Territorial Historical Sites Board as the property of the Board. I think this would solve the whole problem rather than go and make exceptions from taxation and create a precedence which would endanger our position in the future. I think this is the logical answer. We have the funds in the budget which we will be approving and it is a very interesting historic site for the cost of $40.00 or whatever the taxes, it need only be a transfer of funds from this Board to acquire this as an entity and I would suggest this course of action.

Mr. Shaw: I would like to direct a question to the Commissioner. Would not this Historic Sites Board, Mr. Chairman, this will be formulated I assume early this summer, that they would investigate matters such as this and they would make a report to the Administration of the Commissioner and he would act accordingly. Would that be the procedure? In the meantime, this would be left in abeyance without selling it for taxes.

Mr. Commissioner: This is in fact what will happen and also remember this gentlemen, that the initial work of this particular Board is going to be very comprehensive because there has been little or no work of any kind done in this regard except for the part of individuals and organizations without any overall planning done in the thing. The reason that I have brought this particularly to Council's attention is to illustrate to Council the (a) plights of some of the older buildings in the Territory that may conceivably be looked upon as historic sites. Now I say conceivably, gentlemen, because remember that this Board that we set up, under the terms of reference it is going to be up to them to indicate whether in fact an item, an area or a building is going to be a historic site. It is not going to be something that Parks wants because somebody wants to get rid of a building, they are going to be able to turn it over to the Historic Sites Branch of the Government in order to get it off their hands, but I brought this matter to Council's attention particularly to illustrate the plights that some of these things are falling into and the apparent lack of interest on the part of the community in retaining these things. Now, I can assure you Mr. Chairman that the remission of the charges in this particular instance would be my suggestion. Remember that this comes up on an annual basis. In other words this is not ad infinite that this is something that comes up annually and can be reviewed each year. Certainly at the present time I would feel that the thing to do is to give the tax remission, but I think that if we are going to in effect create a proper Historic Sites complex in the Territory and this affects all areas of the Territory not just Mayo and Dawson. It affects the communities everywhere. There are many, many places in the Territory. The communities themselves have got to take a considerable interest in these things. In other words, we are never going to have sufficient funds to have a fleet of maintenance vehicles equipped with men and materials travelling around the Territory at all times of the year keeping up these things in perfect condition. It is not possible. The communities themselves within the scope of their abilities and their finances and such other facilities as they have available it is up to them to do their part too. Now possibly in the case of the I.O.D.E. in Mayo they felt that they had done as much as they rightfully should be called upon to do, and I am not about to quarrel with this at all. I brought this matter particularly to Council to illustrate this point and I would assure you gentlemen that I am prepared to go ahead and make the tax remission under the powers I have under the Financial Administration Ordinance, I certainly did not wish to go ahead and do it without bringing this matter to Council's attention to underline the fact that there has got to be a certain amount of community effort as well as senior Government monies made available for this particular thing. I wonder, Mr. Chairman if Council under these conditions would agree that I would give a tax remission in this instance?

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is not the money I am worried about. The $20.00 is nothing but...$40.00...for a few years taxes. The point is, you give a remission now, next year you will get another remission and you will keep on and then you will go from here to debt. This to me...remission of taxes in this instance is not the answer. Sure, give it to them now with the understanding that no more if it is not historical. Then let somebody be responsible for it. I will go along with this, but just because somebody, I have respect for all their thoughts and everything, but this is my outlook on it and if the Historic Sites will go look at this building and say it is ours, fine, and if it is not theirs, then no more taxes. Finished.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, you have three peoples' names here who are the trustees of this estate. One is E. Kunze; I don't know whether this is the gentlemen that sold the million dollar mine and there is...

Mr. Shaw: It's his brother.

Mr. Thompson:..T. Fisher. I don't know whether that is the one who spends his summers in California, or winters in California, and there is another one by the name of MacIntyre. I am not too sure what he does, but it seems absolutely inconceivable that a place the size of Mayo, be it the I.O.D.E. or the Board of Trade, or somebody, you would think that they would have enough civic pride to get together and raise $40.90. To quote Mr. Taylor, I am unalterably opposed to this donation in this instance. I think this is something that they should be able to come up with themselves.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, one point: I didn't say I was unalterably opposed to this donation. Just for the record, I just thought that to get the Committee off the hook and in order equally important to preserve an old building for future generations, that maybe we should just let the Historic Sites people take this on. But I am not unalterably opposed as indicated by the honourable gentleman.

Mr. Thompson: I didn't mean to infer that you were unalterably opposed to the donation at this time. I did say I was using your term 'unalterably opposed' when you are so inclined against a certain motion.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, one thing would be to look at the alternative. What if Council says no, they pay the taxes. The inevitable result would be so what, if the Council doesn't care to retain this historical thing, we couldn't bother less. So the next thing that happens is, the building is torn down, there are no taxes coming forth and the land reverts back to the Government, so you have nothing. That is the alternative. It is something I have seen happen many, many times. So this is exactly what could happen here.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, maybe this land should revert back to the Government rather than...and Mr. Martin I presume is down here now...

Mr. Chairman: Order, please gentlemen, order.

Mr. Boyd: We're not going to...ah...it's only two years, nothing is going to happen. Nothing has happened for as much as many years because taxes weren't paid. Why not just leave it in abeyance, and...ah...the next Council can take it up after the Historic Sites reviews the situation, and we will know where we stand then. SESSIONAL PAPER #41

Mr. Taylor resumes the chair.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, have you reached a decision on what action to give Mr. Commissioner in this regard, now?

Mr. Shaw: My decision would be to allow the Commissioner to go ahead with this recession.

Mr. Boyd: I have expressed myself. My thoughts are clear to the Commissioner.

Mr. Thompson: Contrary

Mr. Watt: I am in favour...

Mr. Southam: Contrary

Mr. Chairman: It would appear Mr. Commissioner that you have a majority of members of the Committee going along with your suggestion on remission. Gentlemen, I think that in view of the time, I will declare Committee...

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could you clarify this? Did you say that there was a majority and that he could go ahead and remiss. Could I find out who the three people voting in favour of this were?

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen...

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Commissioner's recommendations respecting tax remission for the Mayo Pioneer Hall be accepted.

Mr. Shaw: I second the Motion.

Mr. Boyd: I would like to ask a question. Would Mr. Southam know when this building was last used for any purposes?

Mr. Southam: I am very sorry that I cannot tell you, but I know it is not used at all because they use the Community Hall for practically every function.

Mr. Chairman: I have a Motion moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Commissioner's recommendation respecting tax remission for the Mayo Pioneer Hall be accepted. Are you prepared for the question? Those in agreement with the Motion please signify, those contrary please signify. Motion is defeated. Gentlemen, I will now declare Committee in recess until 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. MOTION RE TAX REMISSION MAYO PIONEER HALL

MOTION DEFEATED

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Friday, March 31, 1967.
2:00 p.m.

Councillors Thompson and MacKinnon absent.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, at this time I will call the Committee back to order and we will proceed with Sessional Paper No. 42 respecting the Yukon Mace. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 42 - Yukon Mace).

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Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the Motion asks that the estimates and details for the provision of a Yukon Mace design, that is the one designed by Mr. Ballantyne, be provided for this Session and obviously this information has not been provided, and really the Sessional Paper tells us little more than we have already known and it is unfortunate that no members of the Administration are present here today to discuss this matter further. I would like to take it further and I would ask that possibly we could refer back to this at a later date in the Session when the Commissioner and other members of the Administration are present.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would point out that we have Mr. Commissioner in the Chambers now.

Chairman: Thank you Mr. Shaw. Mr. Commissioner, we were dealing with the Sessional Paper respecting the Mace and I noted that I would like possibly to have some members of the Administration present for discussion of this subject and I suggested that it be deferred until we had yourself, possibly, and Mr. Legal Advisor present.

Mr. Shaw: Do you wish to have Mr. Legal Advisor present to continue with this now?

Mr. Smith: I think Mr. Clerk will get the Legal Adviser-- I don't think he can stay too long as he has some other things to attend to.

Mr. Chairman: I'll declare a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee back to order. What is your pleasure.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, we had Mr. Legal Adviser come here for a purpose and I would suggest we carry on with that part of the situation so that he can be excused.

Mr. South m takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of Sessional Paper No. 42 respecting the Yukon Mace, a question was asked that the Administration endeavour to determine costs of producing a mace submitted by Mr. J. Ballantyne and provide Council with such estimates and details at the spring Session, 1967 and

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Mr. Taylor continues.
unfortunately the Sessional Paper has failed to give us the estimates of the mace design submitted by Mr. Ballantyne. They have given us the cost, though, of a replica of a mace which was made apparently out of brass. I am wondering, first, if any such information as requested here is now available since the issuance of this paper and I would ask that question first before I continue.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, as far as I know this is as much information as we have available here and I'm not too firm on the background of this information but it would certainly appear to me that this is present here as a guide what maces in general are liable to cost.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at the Spring Session and many Sessions prior, uh, it goes back years and years, there have been requests for maces, or a mace for the Yukon Territory as a symbol of authority and respect, such as we find in all legislative bodies across Canada and the Northwest Territories government. The only remaining place in Canada which has not a mace as a symbol of authority is the Yukon Territory and it was with this in mind that a contest was held, a design contest, in order to provide this mace, and a Mr. Ballantyne won this contest. I believe he was the only applicant if I'm not mistaken.

Mr. Smith: I know of no others that were submitted.

Mr. Taylor: However, Mr. Ballantyne certainly submitted a mace design which was of interest and was displayed before Council at the last Session and the Motion asked that we get some cost estimates on it and it was suggested at that time, certainly by myself at least, that this would be a wonderful project for the Indian Affairs Branch of this Department and that possibly by the spring Session we would have their estimate as to what it would cost to produce the mace design as submitted by Mr. Ballantyne, and I frankly wonder if this was purposely shelved or if it is intended by Administration to provide the Council with this information because it was my intention to propose a Motion that we construct this and have it ready for the new Council in the Fall.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, we have all the information that we have been able to get. We run into stone walls too. In effect the replica of the Northwest Territories' mace cost $3200. We find that $7,000 was the estimated cost of providing a mace, I'm assuming, of a similar nature for this new Territory here of Nunassiaq as they call it here and this is as much information as we have been able to get. In other words, what we were telling you is that this is going to be somewhere nothing less than $3300 and possibly nothing more than $7000. Now, from the Indian Affairs point of view I don't even know where we would go in Indian Affairs to find out as to whether or not they would do this. .. were you thinking of talking to some of their handicraft people, those operating handicraft operations in other parts of Canada because there's nothing that goes on here that I am aware of unless there is an individual who would be involved.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the mace of the Northwest Territories was based on a narwhal tusk and there were Eskimo people and Indian people and so forth through that Department that can fabricate it. This is why I suggested that Indian Affairs could give us some idea, showing them the design, and I would suggest we could start with the local Indian Superintendent. There is no difficulty that I can see.

Mr. Smith: Well, I certainly misunderstood Council -- I did not realize this aspect of it at all so if there has been a lack of getting together with the Department of Indian Affairs on the manufacture of this project it is certainly my fault. I certainly didn't understand this at all.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I had another question I would like to direct to the Legal Advisor. He may not be able to answer this but in the sittings of the Northwest Territories Council does the mace play as important a role in those sittings as in the sittings of say the House of Commons or a provincial legislature? I wonder if he may have that information?

Mr. Hughes: Mr. Chairman, I have no direct information. I believe that the replica was manufactured so that it could accompany Council when it was in Session at the different places but how much symbolism, how much weight is attached to this symbol of authority in the deliberations, I don't know. I will find out and I should be able to give you a full reply by about Wednesday.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I feel that we should pursue this with great vigor now that we are getting close to possibly having a mace and I only raise this point to show the importance of this problem. I think it is almost imparative that we have a mace fabricated. We seem to have a reasonable design and it was my hope we would have all this information available so that this may be fabricated for fall Session of the new Council. I think it will add dignity to this House and God only knows this House could use a little dignity, and we have nice quarters now; we are getting on our feet and the new Council - I think this is something that they should have on behalf of the people of the Territory. We are the only place in Canada who do not have this symbol.

Mr. Shaw: One thing, Mr. Chairman, I don't know what this mace looks like that this Mr. Ballantyne has concocted, it seems, according to what Mr. Taylor was talking about, has something to do with the Indian Affairs Department making it up. I think that a mace should incorporate a great deal more than just one group. In the first place I think a mace was used as a club. That worked very good. Later on when the king was running things, he had that mace as a symbol of authority in front of his chair or some place in the vicinity. Later on when the authority was given to the people, in other words the House of Parliament the mace was transferred from the king's boudoir to the chambers of the House of Commons in England. That, I think, is how a mace was started, though if we are going to have a mace in the Yukon I wouldn't like

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The mace to just take one particular mace and one particular person- this should incorporate many things ; partially the history of Canada as well as the history of the Yukon Territory and if there is just one design I do not feel I would like to see this program embarked on and in the fall there was a mace and that was it. I think that certainly the people concerned should know what this mace looks like and concocted accordingly, and particularly of all strata of industry or I should say perhaps metals that are produced in the Yukon as well as having some historic background pertaining to Canada as a whole.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the design was here at the table. I don't know why the Honourable member from Dawson had not seen it. It does in fact incorporate all these things If the Honourable member refers to it. It was at the table here and I thought everybody had seen it. Well the idea here behind the Motion was that we unanimously approved was that we get all the information that it would cost to fabricate it.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, if I recall I was told by Commissioner Cameron that the cost of this mace was either $5000 or $15,000 and I am positive one of these figures, and I think it was $15,000. Now this kind of shook Commissioner Cameron as it shook me too, and it seems to be where it stopped and I don't wonder it stopped there.

Mr. Watt: I believe we had a mace designing contest at one time and when we asked if there was a winner, I understand, and when we asked to see the winning design everybody just simply shook with laughter. They never showed it to us. There was one entry I understand. I understand he was the winner or she was the winner, whoever it was. See what I mean, they start shaking with laughter whenever I mention it. I'm really curious to see what the design was.

Mr. Smith: Well, Mr. Chairman, we had it tabled in Council. I don't see how the Councillors say they haven't seen this design . I know Central Registry had it. We had it out of Central Registry - we had it here and if you wish we could get the Clerk to get it for you now. And also, too gentlemen, I tell you this right now-that if you are going to proceed with the manufacture of a mace, be fully prepared to be requested about $15,000 for the cost of it and be prepared to hire a professional designer to design it. Now if you are going to do it you are going to do it once .....coughs..... and certainly I will go right along with any suggestions that Council have. I'm a hundred percent behind you but I want you to be fully aware of what you are getting involved in as far as this particular thing is concerned. Anything less than a professional design , in my opinion, is not going to come up with what you are looking for,- namely something that is not only going to be a symbol of authority for a legislative body but is going to wrap up in itself, in the creation of this symbolism it is going to represent all the facets of the economy and the cultural background of the country. Do you wish me to have the Clerk get this for you now?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, we did have it here. I'm not interested in seeing it and I'm not interested in spending $15,000 at this present time and not even interested in even talking about it. I think we can afford to wait a little while. It is not that important to me.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to hear the Legal Advisor on this point.

Mr. Hughes: Mr. Chairman, I have no comments, of course, on what the Councillors are saying now. I have been able to get the information that you requested. Mr. Fingland was secretary of the N.W.T. Council and he assures me that the mace is used in exactly the same way at the N.W.T. Councils as it is used in the House.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, this points up the fact that if we are going to put this -- if we speak in terms of autonomy, self-government, responsible government and other things we must then have a mace, one of these symbols of authority and if it cannot be done by this Council and this Council feels that $15,000 is too much for such an important item and we'd rather go on on a semi-poker game basis in the Yukon Territory, well I can only say that I hope that the next Council that follows will have a little more interest, at least to the degree of providing the Yukon not only with a better form of government but a mace as a symbol of authority of this Territory.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible for us to get a picture of this mace we are discussing? I believe the Commissioner has offered to produce it, if you so wish? We have the picture?

Mr. Smith: I will be very happy to have the Clerk get it for us. It is in Central Registry.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Well, this so-called mace picture was on the table here last fall and it was passed around. I can't understand you people who didn't see it. I just don't understand it. Where were you? Were you here? It was here right on the table. Now, talking about the cost of a mace I see in 1845 the mace cost 500 pounds so if you take 500 pounds in 1845 it is going to cost today $25,000. You said $15,000. You are out $10,000 because as the Commissioner says, you are going to have to get a designer, and if you go to the Indian Affairs and they don't move a little faster than they moved with the co-operative in Old Crow you are never going to get a mace anyhow. So, therefore, I think you might as well forget about the Indian Affairs and stick to the professional designers and you may get your mace in time for when you get autonomy in ten years from now.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we are bandying a lot of figures around - we're up to $25,000 now whatever the mace is going to cost is according to what you are going to have. You might have to cut the garment according to the cloth and in fact you might end up with a new chin bone or some thing and you can get that very cheap. It isn't $15,000.

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Mr. Shaw cont'd.

So this design might be a little too rich for our blood. Maybe we can do with something else. So I don't say that it has to cost $15,000 or $25,000 or even $5,000, but as far as the picture being here before us I say I do not remember - I didn't say that it wasn't here, Mr. Chairman, it was here and I had forgotten, but there was a lot of water run under the bridge and a lot of things happened that I could forget about something like that very easily.

Mr. Chairman: I'll declare a short recess while we wait for this.

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Mr. Chairman: I'll now call the Committee back to order. Gentlemen, we were discussing the mace, Sessional Paper $42.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, well I'm not sure we are talking about $15,000 or $20,000 unless we want to do the same thing as we are doing with the flag. We are now just as bewildered as ever. We are going to take something amateurish, with all respect to the people I'm referring to, but it seems to me that every time we sit in this Council we come up with something new. Now we have come up with something new to the tune of $100,000 here already this Session which was never in the picture before. The taxpayers' money has got to be involved somewhere and now we come up and we are talking about something that in my mind is, well, we'll say $15,000. We were going to get something that is sensible and I think we have to draw the line somewhere and slow down for the time being until we have a little more money. If we don't have a mace it is not that important and I would prefer first of all to see us get something in black and white. This here is the history of the mace starting way back in 1792. Well, that's fine. We've got the history, but let's get some facts concrete dollar-wise. There are some on record that I know and now I recall the situation there was a blueprint of it and this man that is mentioned and the price was $15,000, so if you are not satisfied to accept that then let's get something concrete but we can't go on talking about something without having something concrete in the first place. I suggest we leave this and move on.

MR. SOUTHAM TAKES THE CHAIR

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this battle to get a mace in the Yukon has gone on for many years. This design was submitted in 1964 and, gentlemen, this is 1967. The former Councils felt strongly enough about it to have a contest organized to try and get a mace designed and we get a mace designed but everything fell flat on its face from there on and I can only say this, that I hope and trust that the new Council, whoever they may be, will take this matter into consideration and provide this Territory with a mace, and if this Council obviously cannot go down on record in history as being the Council which provided this to the people of the Yukon, it may possibly go down in history as being the most indecisive Council in history.

MR. TAYLOR RESUMES THE CHAIR.

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Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen, about the mace.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 43(reads Sessional Paper No. 43 - Public Restrooms-Whitehorse).

SESSIONAL PAPER #43

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, may I say a further word on this. In the new City Hall complex it is my understanding that publi washroom facilities are being provided.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear on this paper?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next paper is Sessional Paper No. 44. (reads Sessional Paper No. 44, Low Cost Housing Program).

SESSIONAL PAPER #44

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 45. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 45 - Low Cost Housing Program).

SESSIONAL PAPER #45

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We have Sessional Paper No. 46.(reads Sessional Paper No. 46, Financial Assistance for Post-Secondary S udents).

SESSIONAL PAPER #46

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, it's time now to change stenos so I'll call recess.

ABSENT:
Councillors MacKinnon
and Thompson



Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee back to order. Is there anything further on Sessional Paper #46 - Financial Assistance for Post-Secondary Students?

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Mr. Watt: I would just like to say that I think this falls far short of what we should have here. I think that we could with respect to this provide more assistance along the lines of that provided by the NWT. They have the more complete assistance to students and this is in the classification of a loan and there is a forgiveness clause that at least trained university graduates come back and live and work in the Territory as whatever they graduate in and I would like to have the Administration look into this this session and make a recommendation. We had a paper on this a couple of sessions ago and at that time I believe I asked that we try to get more assistance along the lines of those provided in NWT that not only offers the benefit to the student but also offers a benefit to the Territory after the student is trained, that it entices them to come back in order for a foregiveness of a percentage of this loan, if they come back to the Territory and live here and work here after they have graduated here.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we have gone to tremendous amount of work and effort to look into this matter entirely. Also I have this to suggest to you: that the system of the Northwest Territories and what it accomplishes is entirely different from the situation that we have here. Remember that in the Northwest Territories they have basically speaking only one centre of population that even approximates in work opportunities for summer time employment or distance from university or anything else. They are in an entirely different geographical local than what we are here and the ordinance that you are referring to there Councillor Watt, is this the ordinance that they changed at the Fall session of their Council last year? What is the date on it?

Mr. Watt: No, this is 1964.

Mr. Commissioner: Well I'm afraid this is out of date then Sir and has not to be referred to as what is going on there right now, because they have found it necessary to change their plan. I'm sorry I don't have the details of it but I am sure we can secure them very promptly for you to bring your information up to date. To the best of my knowledge your information has been superceded by a change in the legislation at their Fall session last year. Now, gentlemen, with regard to this student financial assistance for post-secondary education we have a very bad anomaly here in the Territory where a student who has completed Grade 12 who wishes to participate in vocational training can go to the Vocational Training School and get all kinds of assistance to get vocational training. The young man or young woman who wishes at the present time to participate

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in university education, unless they can qualify through high scholastic standards for a scholarship assistance, they are strictly on their own. Now there are two choices available to us in this matter. One is where you turn around and hand out post-secondary education on a silver platter, the other situation is where you try to give a certain amount of assistance so that in turn the student is going to be called upon by their own efforts to provide some assistance as well, and as I see this thing, gentlemen, what we have constructed before you now fills that particular bill, in as much as it provides good sound basic assistance for the student and also calls upon the student to do something on his own. Also I would suggest to you that the numbers of students that we are estimating here is the very minimum who may qualify. We may find that double these numbers will qualify and indeed I hope that they do, so that there must be a financial limitation on how much assistance in total that we can effectively make provision for and in terms of what education costs are and our estimated budgets for the course of the next couple of years for us I feel is pretty close to the upper limits of our financial abilities along these lines. Certainly I tell you this gentlemen: that if you see fit to adopt this in your budget, and this is where you will have the opportunity to adopt it, certainly it is a tremendous step forward over what we have available here right now, which is basically zero as far as post-secondary education is concerned. I would further assure you Mr. Chairman that I will see that up-to-date information is made available for Council with regard to what goes on in the Northwest Territories. I would also bring to your attention that there is no relationship at all between the problem of securing post-secondary education from the vast majority of settled areas in the Northwest Territories as compared to the settled areas in the Yukon.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, could I suggest that there is more information that I feel I need and I would like to hear possibly from the Superintendent of Education too, so could I possibly suggest that we just hold this in abeyance until we come to this part on education in our budget when the Superintendent of Education is here and then I will have more time to think of all the facets of this.

Mr. Chairman: Are you gentlemen agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: May I proceed to the next sessional paper then?

Council: Agreed.

SESSIONAL PAPER #47

Mr. Chairman: Sessional Paper #47 - Cemeteries and Burial Grounds - Yukon Territory.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #47

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, might I ask a question in respect to cemeteries? Above the hill above Dawson City there is a tremendous sized cemetery. It must be - I don't know

exactly but possibly a third of a mile long and a couple of hundred feet wide or so and it's got trees this big that have grown right in the middle of it; it's a tremendous size. I wondered, who does that cemetery belong to, who is responsible for it, whose is it? I wonder maybe the Legal Adviser would be able to advise us. I don't know if the Commissioner would be aware of that. Would this mean that those that are not actually within the limits of the Municipality, or a municipality, would then become the responsibility of the Territorial Government?

Mr. Legal Adviser: I certainly can't give a specific answer to the first question without research, I can only speculate. It sounds as though the ground had been used on the basis that it was a reserve for a cemerery which of course would not change the title, it was probably still in the name of the Queen and the right of Canada. This is just a piece of guesswork. Does that answer the Councillor's question at this point? It is of course possible for a municipality to actually own ground outside its own area. A municipality is of course a corporate entity and can buy ground just like any other corporation even though it is not in the city. But it couldn't for instance write its own byelaws in the city and extend them to the other ground simply because it owned it; it would then have ground that would be subject to somebody else's laws. It could have its own housekeeping regulations of course. So the history of some of these cemeteries is obscure in the Territory and Council will remember in the opening address there was a reference to the Cemeteries Ordinance which it is hoped will do something to eliminate this uncertainty in the future.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Gentlemen, is there anything further on this paper?

Mr. Southam: Well Mr. Chairman, I think this is a very good move and it hasn't come too soon. On about Mayo Cemetery at the particular time, nobody seems to know where anybody is or don't seem to be any records kept but I would like to ask the Commissioner a question and this is in regard to our Veterans' Field of Honour in Mayo. We have cleaned it up, levelled it off, fenced it, put a flag in it, also put footstones, with the idea that we will eventually top-dress it and sow it down to grass, at least the Legion intends to do this. Now is the Territory going to take this cemetery over or are you going to leave it with the Legion to look after and, if so, I would assume that this will be kept up as we have started. It is more or less after the Veterans' Fields throughout the country where we levelled everything off for cheap maintenance. This is what we were after. It's not the work we're doing now, it's the work that's coming behind us. Now we also got an extra piece of land from the Government a few years back; we fenced the whole thing in, cleaned it up and in fact without a doubt I believe outside of the cemetery up in Dawson by the RCMP it is as good looking a cemetery as there is in the Territory and I was wondering if you intend to take this one over. Is that the idea behind this?

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Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman I would suggest to you that Item 3 and Item 7 would determine just what would happen here. It would be determined which if any of the cemeteries and burial grounds in the Yukon Territory are the direct responsibility for maintenance and record purposes of any agency other than the Government of the Territory. I mean this is one thing that has to be found out and #7: Perpetual maintenance of all cemeteries and burial grounds in the Yukon Territory will be arranged for either by the Government of the Yukon or other responsible agency. Now this is another one of these situations where I think you have to feel your way and deal with each individual item on its own merits. There may be instances in the Territory where communities, organizations, etc. wish to maintain and look after their own burial grounds; there may be other instances where it will be necessary for the Territory to take them over and arrange for maintenance of them and this is precisely what we are suggesting here in this paper, that we are hopeful of arranging an over all program that will take care of these various problems, but each one has got to be analyzed on its own merits. Please remember gentlemen that this has to be done by a legislative process.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #48

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is #48 - Director of Fitness and Amateur Sport.

READS SESSIONAL PAPER #48.

Well Mr. Chairman, I asked a question of one of the persons connected with it. I understand this doesn't apply to people under 16 - children. Could I get any clarification on that from the Commissioner or the Legal Adviser? Is this correct, or am I correct in assuming this does not apply to children under 16?

Mr. Commissioner: I'm afraid I would have to defer that question unless Mr. Legal Adviser can answer it.

Mr. Legal Adviser: No Sir. I don't administer the scheme at all. We can get the answer very quickly.

Mr. Commissioner: I wonder if you could get Mr. Fraser?

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on this item gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: That's what I was given to understand. Now this may not be so, we will just have to wait for this answer. But I feel this fitness and amateur sports fund should be directed to the children and to get a Director that is incorporated with the school system as has been proposed in this paper I think is very good indeed. That is why I directed this question, because I seem to have in my mind in some place that it is pretty well restricted for those over 16, so I am wondering how that would work out in a case like this. And I think in this amateur sports they should be the main beneficiaries, not the adults - the children - because when you can keep children interested in sports activities, especially at the ages of 13, 14 and 15, that is one of the means that you can keep them out of other mischief; it gives them an opportunity to blow off steam.

I think that when we get this answer Mr. Chairman it might throw a little light on the subject.

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, I can assure you that even if the projects that are applicable for grants here even if they only do apply to organizations whose participants are over 16, I would certainly see nothing that would prevent us still using the man that we were asking you to appoint in connection with the total school athletic program. This certainly would not have any detrimental effect here. And also remember that the terms and conditions under which we get this 60% from the Federal Government, we have no control over this. This is the problem here.

Mr. Chairman: Just speaking from the chair at this point I don't believe this restriction is effective because in 66/67 there were substantial grants made to the Whitehorse Minor Hockey Club, the Whitehorse Minor Ball Club, Dawson Guides, Boy Scouts, Old Crow playground, Whitehorse Minor Hockey again.

Mr. Commissioner: Where are you reading from Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: This is in the expenditures for 66/67 appended to this paper. Proceed.

Mr. Southam: Well Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding that this fitness and amateur sports grant is as much as possible for children from 9 to 16 - school children. We get a grant, we sponsor all the children in the Mayo district. We have, well I think it's three, four hockey clubs this year, one in Elsa, Keno, Mayo two, and the same with ball - Peewee stuff, midget. And I understood from Judd - this is where I got it - this was one of the main objects of this thing here, that the school children would be the ones that would benefit the most from it. Now whether this is so or whether there is anything to tie that down or not I don't know.

Mr. Shaw: That might be right Mr. Chairman, but I know it is supposed to be for adults. I notice most of this expenditure by far : Ladies Curling: $4800; Yukon Ladies Curling: $4800; Whitehorse Senior Hockey: $3000; Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous: $2800; Shakwak Community Club: $3700; Boy Scouts: $140. So I was wondering whether there was some restriction in relation to this.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I wholeheartedly agree with the Sessional Paper. I think if a co-ordinator can be appointed and can work through the school system so much the better and I think we will make far better use of our physical fitness fund with far less trouble. A lot of this has been coming to the Territorial Councillors. I know it has been to me and it shouldn't have to, and I think this particular individual would take a lot of the trouble and the burden off the Territorial Councillors' shoulders and make better use of this money. I certainly agree with the recommendation.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, isn't this person just taking the place of Mr. Fraser, except that he would have a full time job?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, all Mr. Fraser has actually done is the book keeping that is necessary on this particular thing, and there is a lot of book work involved... If we are going to get a director we no doubt are still going to have to provide certain administrative services on his behalf, such as the handling of the actual money, but this man we hope is going to be involved in planning and assisting in the doing of these programs Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen we have with us Mr. Fraser at this moment; possibly he could answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Fraser, Mr. Chairman, I notice that most of the expenditures, or the largest expenditures in most cases, are for adults in this fitness and amateur sports program. In other words it doesn't seem to be used in any large amount for children's activities and I was wondering if there are restrictions as to what ages might apply for assistance. Does it have to be more or less adults or does it start right down with small children, the same category as it would elsewhere?

Mr. Fraser: The Fitness and Amateur Sport have advised us as a result of a submission last June for the Whitehorse Minor Baseball League that they cannot support age groups under 16 to attend competitive events outside of the Yukon Territory. They let us move as we wish to here because we are not in competition against teams that are not subsidized or supported by Fitness and Amateur Sport. The age group 16 is the cut-off and it is a National Advisory Council policy at the moment. We wrote a strong letter objecting to it, we had a reply, we have written again asking when this policy will be reviewed. They are evidently considering it. The National Advisory Council, which is the Council that advises the Minister of National Health and Welfare, they have not as yet changed this policy of assistance for teams from the Yukon or the North to go out and compete against teams in Southern Canada which do not receive the assistance. In the Yukon we have not refused anyone any assistance except for this one project and this was turned down by the Fitness and Amateur Sport Director in Ottawa. Any organization that applies - I'm not certain what list of expenditures you are looking at Sir - the present current fiscal year, there are 39 projects and there's a goodly number assisting children.

Mr. Commissioner: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. Just to further clarify this: for assistance here for example, say we bring in a hockey coach in this connection. Now as to whether or not this man coaches boys in hockey who are aged 12, is this of any concern of Fitness and Amateur Sport?

Mr. Fraser: Fitness and Amateur Sport? This is the one project they will support - bringing in coaching and instructional staff. It has been done in the past year. The baseball team brought in an instructor to Whitehorse; Minor Hockey, which is a big project, they brought... well they employed one of the locals, Mr. Jim Fowler, who is well qualified as a coach and he did an excellent job.

Mr. Shaw: Well thank you Mr. Chairman, that explains it very well. I was barking to some extent up the right tree when I got around the age of 16 but it was not exactly as I thought and I must say that as far as this paper goes, and if we can get these children operating by having a person connected with the education department I am all for it.

Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Chairman, the children are getting all they ask for. The children are getting everything they are capable of using. There has been no let up on them. The only thing is that they cannot go out for competitive playing, they cannot get their travelling paid out and expenses paid out for competitive play-offs if they are under 16. Now this is the only restriction on them. This man we are talking about here, this Director of Fitness and Amateur Sport in this Sessional Paper, I take it is an instructor that you are talking about and he is going to be in the Department of Education as far as management is concerned. Now this to me is one hundred per cent correct because who is looking after these children? And this answers your question Mr. Shaw - the school teachers. You say this is what you expect them to do and what they are supposed to do, according to people's thinking. School teachers are there to teach school and not handle physical fitness after school hours and this is where the children have been let down to some degree. You might just as well say you are going to hire a school teacher who is going to teach physical fitness, but when is he going to teach this? Is it during school hours, after school hours or what is the score?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I can tell you this, that we have physical education fitness teachers on the staff. We don't have them at every school because not every school has a complement of students that calls for this. Also we have many teachers on our staff who as a supplement to their normal professional qualifications do have qualifications for instruction in physical education. What this man is going to be involved with - if you feel that this man is going to travel around to all 17 or 18 schools in the Territory to try to find a period a week for each class in order to give them instruction in physical education I'm afraid you are barking up the wrong tree. What this man is going to be called upon to do is to co-ordinate and facilitate every aspect of working where we can give them assistance through these programs that are available to us here. This man will have to be a fully qualified man, not only in some administrative aspects but also certainly he will have to be qualified as far as general physical fitness and education is concerned.

Mr. Boyd: Just to supplement further then, you say we have qualified physical fitness teachers on the staff. Now we are going to have another one under another category. Is this what you are saying Mr. Smith? What is the purpose of this man, who is he going to be with, the children in the school or after school hours or is he just going to see that the qualified physical fitness teachers carry out their duties in school?

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Mr. Commissioner: Not necessarily. I think that you will find that in all communities in the Territory there is a certain amount of organized, disorganized and unorganized effort as far as physical education as it takes the form of basket ball, baseball, hockey and so on down the line. We are certainly hopeful that through the school system this man will be able to promote, co-ordinate and generally expand these activities. Now as far as this being done during school hours, why there may be some of it done during school hours but the vast majority of it is going to be extra-curricular, but at the present time who do we have in the Territory who endeavours to have, let's say, another school or another community minor hockey league game, anything of this particular nature? I mean is there any effort along these lines? When it came the time for the Winter Games - I am sure Mr. Hughes will be very happy to verify this - we were on tenterhooks because we felt that the only people who would be able to participate in this would be people in and around Whitehorse here because there was no method of any orgainzation around these other communities to bring about their participation. This has been a very real cause for concern and I am confident that Mr. Fraser and Mr. Hughes will verify that I have brought this matter up on more than one occasion. Now this is what this man is going to be involved in and believe you me gentlemen, his activities will be open to the fullest public scrutiny if you see fit to go along with it and I assure you that he, can, if he is the right man, become one of the most valuable men to the young people in our community. As far as him being a school teacher is concerned, this is just out of the question Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, just for to straighten up the record I hope that it will be disregarded on the words or the sentiments that Councillor Boyd expressed were as my sentiments. They weren't that at all. My sentiments were that by far the largest of this money is being used by adults and I feel that more of it should be used for the children. Just how far this could come about I don't know but this Director will I hope make sure that there could be more participation and more activity through professional promotion, you might call it that way, as far as the children's sports are concerned and particularly in the areas outside the municipality area of Whitehorse because this is something that is required in all these smaller communities, organizations which they are pretty well strafed in providing.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman I move we accept the recommendations of this Sessional Paper.

Mr. Shaw: I will second it.

Mr. Boyd: Now I don't want to be misunderstood here. I know that too much is expected of the school teachers and when these children are supposed to get their physical fitness work in in the past has fallen into the lap of the school teachers. If they don't take the situation on then the children suffer and this is where I was trying to make Mr. Shaw's point clear, that it was not the fault of anybody that these children did not appear to be getting their proper allotment. But I don't see that we should expect the

school teachers to spend their hours looking after the school children, so if we are going to hire this man and he is going to be looking after this situation and have it organized out of school hours and see that it functions, this is fine, but when I saw it was going to be under the Department of Education and probably a part of the school education control then it began to look a little different to me.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have a motion before me. I wonder if you have any more questions of Mr. Fraser at this time or could he be excused? Thank you very much Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser: Thank you very much.

EXIT MR. FRASER

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have a motion. It has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Committee concurs with proposals outlined in Sessional Paper #48. Are you prepared for the question?

Mr. Boyd: No, just a minute. Will this man be able to participate in, shall we say, teaching the children to swim in this swimming pool, will he be a part of the hockey arena, or will the City be hiring another one of these people would you think Mr. Smith? Will this man suffice for the City of Whitehorse or will we need two of these?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I suggest to you that the City of Whitehorse would participate in the use of this man only to the extent that he has time available and to turn around and suggest that we would commit this man's time as on a full time basis to the City of Whitehorse at any particular time or for any particular reason would be contrary to the total needs of the total Yukon Territory and I say this to you, gentlemen, that the City of Whitehorse have a completely and totally autonomous government and they know what they are doing themselves and I strongly suggest we leave them alone to do it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it appears to me that this person, besides doing the main book work associated with that. that he for example go up to places like Mayo and Haines Junction and point out to the people there what would be available under the sport and tell them how they can participate in these grants and things like that. That appears to me to be his function, he wouldn't be running hockey games and this sort of thing I would imagine would he?

Mr. Commissioner: Well I would certainly hope Mr. Chairman that he would go to all communities in the Territory and assist them in getting these things organized, but certainly he is not going to be involved in any amount of book work because I am going to provide administration services for him that is not going to confine this guy to a desk and a chair in an office, because if all he's going to do is sit in a steam-heated office and take a look at

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the weather outside we'd better not hire him. I can hire girls for $450 a month for goodness' sake to do that kind of stuff. You're talking about a man here you're going to have to pay eight or nine, ten thousand dollars a year to - you want to get him out where he's going to do some good.

Mr. Southam: Well Mr. Chairman I take it, correct me if I'm wrong, but this man would be a sort of a co-ordinator; in other words he would advise on what you could do, what you should do and also probably work out a schedule whereby Mayo could play games with Dawson and back and forwards and so on. This is what I think he is. And also maybe give some tips on certain sports. In other words he is a manager-coach, whichever way you want to put it. This is my idea of the man.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to have Council's continued support to give me budgetary authorization to hire this man and let's put him to work and if he's not cutting the mustard in the manner Council sees fit and they so tell me we'll fire him.

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have before me a motion; are you prepared for question on the motion?

Council: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any contrary? I will declare this motion carried.

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Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is #49 - Yukon Regional Libra y.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this was brought about by the question raised by the Financial Advisory Committee as to just what use we are getting out of these libraries.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would the Commissioner be able to indicate whether per population this would be considered good use or otherwise?

Mr. Commissioner: Without having factual information before me all I can do is pass an opinion to you that I have formulated in conversations with Mrs. Collier from time to time, that on a per capita basis our library circulation is very much greater than in most parts of Canada.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Sessional Paper #50 - Quarterly Statistics, Child Welfare Services.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Commissioner, on the advice of the Welfare Department, feels that the Child Protection Ordinance is adequate to fulfil their obligations in this respect.

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, the only one I would suggest to ask that question is to ask the Legal Adviser if the legislative Programming Committee have had any request from the Department of Welfare for any changes in the Child Protection Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: I believe Mr. Legal Adviser is out at the moment.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask that I answer that question later in Council; I would want to have factual information.

Mr. Shaw: The reason I ask that Mr. Chairman is there are families all through the Territory where the parents go out and get drunk and leave their children and the Welfare Department gets them and looks after them, then a week later they're sober, they're probably broke, they get the children back and as soon as they get a few dollars the same thing happens and it seems to be continually back and forth and I wondered if the reason for this was by virtue of the fact that they couldn't do anything in the way of reprimanding the parents in some form or other.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Legal Adviser, Mr. Shaw raised a question here as to whether or not we have reason to question the adequacy of the Child Protection Ordinance or such ordinances that are designed along these lines and I suggested to him the only way to answer that was to find out from you Sir if there had been any request to your knowledge made by the Legislative Programming Committee for any changes in this particular ordinance.

Mr. Legal Adviser: I am not aware of any points of strain. Certainly there have been no concerted organized demand. Now and again one finds problems, but between the Child Protection Ordinance and various other bits of legislation we can generally deal with a given situation. I would look at anything that the Councillor is aware of though.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman I don't have anything specific, I just wondered if the laws were adequate to handle the situations as they arise from time to time in a general sense and I seem to have the assurance that the ordinances are adequate.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I might suggest that in this particular field this is a very very sensitive field to be operating in and I don't think it is always the adequacy or the inadequacy of the legislation, I think it's a matter of the particular problem that is faced and the particular individuals that are involved and while some cases may be able to be handled quite easily and with not too much difficulty there are other cases, it wouldn't matter what kind of law you had constructed you still wouldn't be able to deal with them. So I realize that no doubt from time to time there seems to be things that come up that I am sure will wind up on the Legal Adviser's desk from the Welfare Department, but as he says they seem to be able to handle them within the confines of the laws that they presently have available and unless there were any specific points gentlemen I would suggest that it appears to be as the Legal Adviser tells us, that it's in hand and I suggest that this would be sufficient for this particular situation.

Mr. Shaw: Yes, well the reason for the question Mr. Chairman is that if you go through a stop sign or if you park a car too long in one place they haul you up to court and you get fined, but it seems you can leave your children not quite starving and it's all right, someone else will come and look after them. It seems that the laws are adequate for automobiles but I wondered if they were adequate for these more personal matters.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with the new provision for parking for Territorial Councillors during Council Session that the City of Whitehorse has assured us of I think even that matter has been (inaudible).

Mr. Shaw: Nothing personal in that question.

Mr. Commissioner: I merely suggest Mr. Chairman that the corollary between the two questions is hardly...

Mr. Chairman: Anything further gentlemen?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I ask to be excused at this time please?

Mr. Chairman: Committee agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you very much gentlemen, have a pleasant weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday - for a flag debate, is that correct?

EXIT MR. COMMISSIONER

EXIT COUNCILLOR WATT

Mr. Chairman: We just have barely a quorum. I would say that members do have to gain permission of Committee first. It seems that we are fast getting to the point where we will not have a quorum which will make it rather difficult.

Mr. Shaw: Can I be excused!

Mr. Chairman: The next item of business is Sessional Paper #52 - Children's Group Homes.

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I have a letter from a certain outfit concerning this very subject and handed to me very recently. This is where these people now own what is known as The Ten Mile Ranch down here at Tagish, they bought it and they have paid for it, a Mr. and Mrs. Harter who are somewhat dedicated in this kind of a deal and a John Pacy who is one of our school teachers at the present time and this John Pacy, his salary is in the neighbourhood of $11,000 a year at the school. He is also a boys' counsellor and educational adviser and so on in the school here and he has had three years' experience of working in these very homes that we are talking about and they want us to take four boys to a home, four boys living with a man and wife down here and there will be cattle and there will be a garden, this kind of stuff, there is cattle there now and so on, and they list a cost of $13,000 for four boys which is about #3300 a year. Now I am just drawing this to your attention. They're very sincere about this and they want to go ahead with it and they have handed it to me for attention but I am mentioning it to you now - I don't know what to do with this - in lieu of this Sessional Paper. It would be considerably cheaper than what we are talking about. This thing will get off to a great big governmental situation similar to our corrections jail up here or something like that as I can see it so I am mentioning this right now so that we will have it in mind. I wish to discuss it later with somebody, probably Mr. Murphy or somebody.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this paper that Councillor Boyd has, has he brought this to the attention of the Administration?

Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Smith has the original of this letter and this is dated March 27th. Now I know he has been a busy man and I haven't asked him about it; just two days before we sat here. But I didn't realize this was going to come up but certainly I intend to get after him on this.

Mr. Shaw: I would just mention Mr. Chairman that this is very good. There is only one thing we must take into consideration; that is that though these people can do a very excellent job and economic, they may die or they may decide to move out and then we have nothing and we must have something that we know we have continuity, because these children are requiring this care from day to day and month to month and year to year and it will probably increase as time goes on - it always seems to have done. But I think that Council itself can possibly keep these down to a minimum cost as we have the full details of this when it comes into being. I don't think it should get away like the correctional program and if it does it will be our fault.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I would suggest that possibly you can keep this in mind when we do have the budget and we do have administration here. Apparently there is

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nobody here from Administration at this time to discuss this with. Would you suggest this as a reasonable course of action?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, the more I read this the more I think is should have some consideration because, as I say, Mr. Pacy is here now and he is a devoted type and he knows just exactly where he's going and he wants to devote his life to this kind of stuff rather than go further in the schools.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, with your concurrence it will be deferred and picked up again for review.

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: And I would suggest that you note this in your budget when we come to this item in the budget. Next is Sessional Paper #53 - Indian Drinking.

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Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper #54 - Motion #11.

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Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam, would you take the Chair a moment?

Mr. Southam: Yes Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: This is typical of the hogwash that we are getting out of the Minister of the Crown and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Retardation and I know I speak to four walls and four deaf ears but it is typical of the attitude conveyed to the Territory by senior officials of the Government so many miles away in Ottawa who say to us: "Fellers, you can talk all you want, you can make all the demands you want but frankly you're not going to get any form of autonomy." As far as the Federal Government, the Minister and the Deputy Minister and the whole shooting match in Ottawa are concerned they have no intention of giving us any control of resources now or at any other time and the only way we are going to get them is to fight for them and believe me it's going to be a real battle some day when we get around to doing it. The Minister absolutely refuses, and predictably so, to give us any form of autonomy whatsoever and though I must agree that prior to the acceptance of resources in the Yukon Territory good responsible government, that is government by the people and for the people, has got to be instituted in the Territory but as I say, read this and read it well and you will see it is the same old hogwash that we get from the Minister and his deputy.

Mr. Shaw: Now just so it isn't too one-sided Mr. Chairman, I don't feel that we are at the moment prepared to take over

the full resources and full management and that is all I will say in the matter, although I do feel we should be making steps, but not one jump into the pond, it's a little too deep. Let's learn to swim first. SESSIONAL PAPER #54

Mr. Taylor: Yes, well Mr. Chairman, remember one thing. The first step towards autonomy is responsible government and this is why the Minister also refuses to accept any form of autonomy for the Yukon Territory. The old philosophy which he himself expounded in Yellowknife where he states that the reserves of the North belong to the people of Canada and it will be developed by the people of Canada for the people of Canada, not for the people of the North. There is evidence right here.

Mr. Shaw: Yes Mr. Chairman, responsibility is a large word. It is the responsibility of all members to be here at all times at this Council table, that is what they elected for and they are here so that is also responsibility; it works both ways.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what else can the honourable member expect when you exist under a Crown Colonistic form of government, and that is what the Yukon is - a Crown Colony. There are places in Africa, the Atlantic and the Pacific and all over the world who have reverted from colonial status to an autonomous form of government and some, granted, have had their problems but they are working them out. But the Yukon Territory is nothing more than a Crown Colony ruled by a bunch of bureaucrats in Ottawa, and though I cannot agree that these members are acting in a proper manner by not being here I can also say that for all the little we can accomplish here, maybe it's a good thing they didn't show up.

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman, if they don't show up they can't run the country so that's an unfortunate state of affiars too. One of the most important things is that the Captains must stay with the ship and when the Captains decide to leave the ship for a couple of hours that's when it might go on the rocks.

Mr. Taylor: This ship sank many years ago Councillor Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: Oh she's still a-floating, there's four of us here.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you Councillor Southam, I will resume the Chair. Clear gentlemen?

Council: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Do you wish to proceed?

Council: Proceed.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is #55 - Motion #29.

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Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, no that's not clear. In the fourth paragraph the Minister has recommended that the financial agreement be for two years only instead of five and then goes on to say that steps have been taken to appoint an advisery commission for the purpose of enquiring into the form of Government in the Yukon Territory during those two years. Now that is a little erroneous there, we're mixing up the wheat with the chaff here. This two year agreement was on purely financial matters - I know because I made the recommendation at the meeting. It was purely for financial matters and that was that during that period of time we would have a study to see the relationship between the fiscal agreements of the Territorial Government in conjunction with the Federal Government to find out what we were paying and what we were not paying and how much of the monies that we were collecting in the Yukon Territory and how much was taken from it, how that would be based to know what relationship we would pay in the matter of the total budget of the Yukon. So that's that. Now the type of government we should have and advisery commission, such as something similar to the Carruthers Commission, I was under the understanding that that would almost get into gear immediately as soon as it was required to get the personnel for it so that is a little misleading as far as I am concerned. It goes from one thing into something else entirely and I think that needs a little straightening up. I wondered if you members feel that I may be correct in my assertions?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Southam, would you take the Chair?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Well to a degree. I would say you are right. I held a different view at the time and I still hold it on the matter of agreements but to a point the Councillor is quite correct. He states here that he has instituted an advisery committee similar to the Carruthers Committee report in order to determine the constitutional position of the Territory.....

RE-ENTER COUNCILLOR WATT

I took deference to this; I certainly agree that if he does institute such a study that it is going to be a dreadful waste of the taxpayers' money and I urged that this not be done in Ottawa when we met with the Minister and it is nothing more than a smoke screen to becloud an issue already over beclouded by the Federal Department of Northern Affairs, and I say when he speaks in this manner he speaks with a forked tongue. The matter of autonomy, if decided by anybody - and rightly it should be decided in this centennial year - should be decided by Parliament, by the House of Commons of Canada and the Provinces of Canada who must accept us as a brother province some day. The Minister has no absolute intention, when you read his press releases,

when you read his comments, there is no dobut about the constitution of the Yukon, we are a Colony. There is no doubt about where we are going, that's clearly defined. Maybe, as has been said, the more sophisticated manner in which we achieve this could be discussed at some length but there is no study required, action is required. The Minister was to come (inaudible) we might lessen the area encompassed by his absolute bureaucracy and absolute control and I think this is a matter which we could not readily discuss this evening. I would like this Sessional Paper stood over for consideration when we next discuss Sessional Papers.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Taylor, you talk about a waste of money on this study. This is what was agreed to in Ottawa. Maybe your vote was defeated but it is what was agreed to so there is no dilly-dalliance here insofar as changing anything is concerned and if you want to go through what we went through in Ottawa all over again with a Royal Commission as you just about got us into here I think you are wasting a lot of your time anyway, it's not ours. I don't see anything to carry this over for.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, every time anybody at this table comes up with anything concrete, a real step forward for the Yukon Territory, all we hear is bleating, people run like sheep, they hide under tables or do something. It's about time that some of the Councillors and people of this Territory stood up to be counted, and I stand and I remain to stand here until the day comes when we do get autonomy in the Yukon Territory. I am getting sick and tired - as I said before, this Council will very likely go down in history as being the most indecisive Council ever in the Yukon, before or in the future, and I dearly hope that the next Council that comes here will be decisive and take a stand, to stand for that autonomy, for something better for the people instead of this and I ask again that this matter be stood over until next time we discuss Sessional Papers in view of the lateness of the hour.

Mr. What: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to remind the last speaker that when we were in Ottawa, and I would like this for the record, that we had a discussion with respect to autonomy and a motion was made by Mr. Don Taylor that a Royal Committee, a Carruthers type committee report, a Royal Commission be appointed and this was made by Mr. Don Taylor to study steps for autonomy in the Yukon and the Minister didn't think it was necessary for a Royal Commission but he thought a committee report would suffice. The rest of the Council agreed with that but Mr. Taylor didn't agree, therefore he voted against it. I voted against with him because I didn't think a Royal Commission for a study or a committee report would offer us much good at this time so I voted against it too, but I would like to remind the last speaker that all he was doing was splitting hairs. He made the motion. The only difference with the motion that he made was that it was a committee report that was voted for instead of a Royal Commission and it amounted to just about the same thing, the only difference is that one is

compelled to be made public and one not necessarily compelled to be made public and the Minister assured us he would make it public anyway. So he who is doing all the squawking is the man who initiated this and started the ball rolling on this committee type report and he is living on both sides of the fence. When he is in Ottawa he is jumping up and down saying we need this Royal Commission and the information he is handing back here saying Council agreed to this. They could have substituted what was written in the paper, instead of saying Council or Councillors they could have said Don Taylor in most places. I think that the action that was taken there and the way this was done wasn't a particularly commendable effort on the part of the Territorial Council and kind of a breach of trust on the part of some members, or one member anyway and I am sorry to see that this had to happen with something going pretty good for us. I think we can start it up again in a little bit better manner and I think there will be some concrete results come in the not too distant future. I haven't said much today Mr. Boyd so if you will just hang on to your chair for another moment. So I would like to say, just for the record, that if anybody is trying to live one life in Ottawa and another life in the Yukon they are mistaken and let's have the record straight - the original motion before it was amended was made by Mr. Taylor. I forget who seconded it but I would say that I am of the opinion that any further report such as this, a Carruthers type report, the basis of it is, just the very definition of it - 'Carruthers type report' - says that the resources of the Yukon Territory or, in the case of the actual Carruthers report, the resources of the NWT, should be held in trust for all of Canada. Now I don't believe this and I don't believe that the Minister of Northern Affairs believes this. If this were so he would say that the resources of all of Canada should be held in trust by the Federal Government for all of Canada. He doesn't go to Quebec and say that the resources of Quebec should he held in trust and this is the basis of the Carruthers type report and we have just finished passing a motion in Council two sessions ago saying that Yukon resources, some of the jurisdiction should be passed on to the Yukon Territory. Then we vote for a Carruthers type report the very basis of which is that the resources should be held in trust for all of Canada. Our resources. And it is... I am kind of at a loss for words, the way that the Yukon Territorial Council can flip-flop back and forth from a different point of view here, go to Ottawa for a completely opposite point of view and come right back here for another flip-flop. So I just stand astonnded Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: I guess we had a bunch of sleepers in Ottawa by the sound of it. I think, for the sake of the record - apparently these last utterances were for the sake of the record - that there was no motion made by myself or anyone else in Ottawa in respect of anything, nothing in the whole week because we were not a duly constituted body and we went down there as individuals to fight for our individual areas in the Yukon as a whole. Number two is the matter of a Royal Commission. You are absolutely right. I supported

that position only after the Minister convinced a sufficient number of councillors that he didn't want to give us any form of autonomy but would hold a study as a smoke screen and when a Carruthers type study was proposed I said no, this is a matter for parliament, a Royal Commission to study this to be answerable to the people, to the Parliament of Canada, because a Carruthers type report such as has been suggested by the Minister is answerable to the Minister; he can cover it up, he can do what he wants. It's no good to us, it would set back the Yukon quite a number of years. Apparently someone has a guilt complex round here. Insofar as the Minister not saying anything, what he did say in Yellowknife on the evening of January 18th 1967 was, and I put this into the record: "Finally I want to say that there is one other major approach in the Carruthers Commission report which I accept without any qualification and that is the continued sole responsibility of the Federal Government to Northern resources. These resources are held by the Government of Canada for all the people of Canada." And he goes on to say that Canada as as a whole shoulder the cost and share the benefits of the great development that could be expected. That is in effect what he did say, so that is just to keep the record straight. I ask once again that this matter be deferred for further debate at a time when more members are present and when we next discuss Sessional Papers, Mr. Chairman.

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Council: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: It will be twice as bad when more members are present but I go along with you and I would now suggest that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of Committee.

Mr. Taylor: I will resume the Chair Councillor Southam, thank you.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

Mr. Chairman: It has been regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you prepared for the question?

Council: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary? I will declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:30 a.m. this morning to discuss bills, memorandums, sessional papers and motions. Committee first dealt with sessional papers with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. Councillor Watt departed from Committee proceedings at 10:55 a.m. without having received permission to do so from Committee and returned at 11.20 a.m. Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.. It was moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Commissioner's recommendation respecting tax remission for the Mayo Pioneer Hall be accepted. Motion defeated. Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. for further discussion of sessional papers. Mr. D. Fraser attended committee to assist discussion re Sessional Paper #48. It was moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Committee agrees with proposals outlined in Sessional Paper #48 and this motion was carried. Mr. Watt again departed at 4:20 p.m., again without permission of Committee. Mr. MacKinnon was absent from Committee during the entire day's sitting and Councillor Thompson was also absent from the afternoon's sitting without permission. Mr. Watt returned at 4:45 p.m. Mr. Speaker, I cite this in today's Committee report. I feel it is an important matter if we are to get the business of the Territory done and Rule #4 of the Standing Orders and rules of the Legislative Council of the Yukon state that every member is bound to attend the service of the Council unless leave of absence has been given him by the Council. This is making the work of Committee rather difficult Mr. Speaker. It was then moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. This motion carried.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor. You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees; are you agreed with the report?

Mr. Watt: I would like draw Committees attention to an omission. He forgot to mention that four times during the afternoon Mr. Hughes left and three times during the morning and afternoon Mr. Commissioner left and came back again and if this is a new precedent that is being established there was a rule read out by the self-appointed Chairman and it was directed at myself mostly and the rule concerned attendance when Council is in session. I would like to clear the record and say every second that Council was in Council today, both this morning and this afternoon, I was in complete attendance. I had a splitting headache and I left for a short while this morning and a short while this afternoon and every time I rose I did exactly what (inaudible) asks you to do, what every legislature does, which the House of Commons does when they're in Committee: I came in over here and I politely bowed to the Chair in acknowledgement of the Chair and quietly walked out without disturbing anybody and I think it is order and it is quite proper.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed with the Chairman's report?

Mr. Watt: Well I have to register disagreement with his new interpretation of the rules Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we could get down to it in a different vein. The people of the Yukon Territory elected members to be here present at Council meetings and in Council meetings we have Committee meetings which are practically the same thing and are informal, and it is only right that permission should be obtained for leaving the chambers and that if a person is away and leaves without permission or with permission it should be noted in the records of the Council. If it is not true then it should not be there; if it is true I don't think there is anything wrong with it. I am very sorry that you had a splitting headache and had to go away but it doesn't alter the fact Mr. Watt that you are not present during the time designated, neither was Councillor Thompson or Councillor MacKinnon. It is just barely recorded as the time that was spent attending to the people's business and I have to accept it if it is not incorrect.

Mr. Watt: Well Mr. Speaker, there is nothing I can do about the rules of Council. We have had the request for a Parliamentary committee; anything such as the conduct of any members could be referred to it but you and the Chairman of Committees and Mr. Boyd decided that they didn't want this type of thing and you yourself said that you could handle this thing entirely by yourself. So you go ahead and handle it entirely by yourself Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I don't think that was called for Mr. Watt. I am put here at the pleasure of the Council to try and operate under the rules that Council give me. That is what I am trying to do. If the Council do not wish me to sit as Speaker they have to inform me and I will be very pleased to step down. In the meantime this has been recorded that the members were absent and I see no call for any objections. It is a fact, it is true and it is entirely correct and any person that should object to the truth I think certainly should not have a legitimate complaint. What is your pleasure gentlemen on the future agenda for tomorrow?

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Speaker, I believe that Mr. Commissioner will not be available tomorrow morning and I believe that the stenographic staff have had some difficulty in getting started with the first week of the sessions and have been working long nights and I would suggest that we do not sit again until Monday morning.

Mr. Speaker: Well gentlemen the rules of Council state that we sit on Saturday morning from 10:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock noon. The suggestion is not sufficient for any infraction of the rules; it would require a motion from Council to put something like that into effect.

Mr. Taylor: Well I would move then Mr. Speaker that Council do not sit again until Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Mr. Southam that Council do not sit until 10:00 o'clock Monday morning. Are you ready for the question?

Council: Question

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed with the motion?

Council: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any contrary? The motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: This Council now stands adjourned until Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Mr. Southam: I just wanted to ask permission Mr. Speaker to be absent a half an hour; I may be a half an hour late. I have to take my wife to the Doctor's. I will get here as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much. You may be excused.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Mr. Watt was absent.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the Agenda will be the correspondence. Have we any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

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Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I have Sessional Paper No. 62, Teslin Subdivision, for tabling this morning. I also have Sessional Paper No. 63, Porter Creek Elementary School, and Sessional Paper No. 64 regarding Motion 48 of the 1966 Spring Session. That's all for this morning, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Have we any Reports of Committee? We have no Bills to introduce. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution this morning? If not, we will proceed to Orders of the Day. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Paper?

Councillor Watt enters the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker: We next proceed to Motions. Under Motions, we first have Motion No. 2, Councillor Taylor, Ross River Airport.

MOTION #2

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this has been moved by myself, seconded by Councillor Southam, "That in the opinion of Council the Government of the Yukon Territory should assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Ross River Airport as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 30, 1st Session 1967." May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this Motion arises out of our discussion last week on Sessional Paper No. 30 respecting the Ross River Airport whereby the Federal Government have agreed to put this Airport into proper shape and bring it out to D.O.T. standards and they request our co-operation in assuming the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of this facility at Ross River. I understand from Great Northern Airways that they intend putting a scheduled service on in light of the Anvil announcement and these facilities are very desperately required out there. The present facilities are just sufficient but it's pretty dicey for DC 3 and beachcraft operation so I would ask for the support of Council in this regard.

Mr. Speaker: Just one matter, Mr. Taylor, what is the definition of "dicey"?

Mr. Taylor: It's something like hairy, Mr. Speaker. It's a very marginal situation.

Mr. Speaker: Hazardous, is that the.....Mr. Taylor, hazardous?

Mr. Taylor: Somewhat, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION #2 Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Have we anything further on Motion No. 2?

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MOTION #3 Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to Motion No. 3, Mr. Taylor, regarding Yukon Tartan.

Mr. Taylor: This is moved by myself, seconded by Councillor Shaw, "That it is the will and pleasure of the Yukon Legislative Council that the Tartan designed by Mrs. R. Couture of Watson Lake, and referred to in Sessional Paper No. 12, 1st. Session 1967, be accepted and recognized as the official Tartan of the Yukon Territory." May I proceed, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: This Motion is in line with Sessional Paper No. 12 which indicated to Council that the Minister had no responsibility in this regard and that in fact this was a matter for the Council of the Yukon Territory to resolve. I have not been aware of too much more information on the Tartan until this Session and I understand that Mrs. Couture has now made arrangements to have a supply of this material made available for Centennial year and things seems to be progressing fairly smoothly. I would ask, of course, that Council do give their approval to this Motion and I think it is self-explanatory from that point on.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to say something on this. I think that Council voted on this awhile ago but with respect to the Motion that was made...but I think at that time...I don't think that all the information was given to Council as I understand it. Since that time, I have heard complaints from some people in my constituency that there are other people with designs for a Yukon Tartan. I have heard complaints that we should have had a contest and let other people submit a copy of a Tartan too. I understand that there is more involved in this than simply a Tartan for the Yukon Territory. I understand that there is royalties involved and things like this that a person could obtain for maybe the next hundred years so I think that more thought should be given to this than have somebody come in some morning and present a little piece of Tartan and have a Motion saying that this should be the Yukon Tartan. I think a little more thought should be given to this. It's not a big thing and I, personally...I'm not too worked up about it but in fairness to other people in the Territory, they should be given an opportunity and I think this should be handled in the same way as other contests are handled and a Motion made that it be accepted as the Yukon Tartan at that time as the winner, I understand...possibly someone has more information on this...if they do, then they could possibly enlighten us a little bit more but I understand that there will be royalties paid to the person that designs the Tartan and it could be quite a thing. I didn't realize all that is involved when the Motion was originally presented to Council, Mr. Speaker, and this may be the last time....I don't know if the maker of the Motion was aware of it at the time. If he was, he should have given us this information so that we had it at that time and this would have been a step ahead of where it is now. I don't disagree with the Yukon Tartan but

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Mr. Watt continues:
I have felt the criticism and I think their criticism was justified and I believe that originally I acted a little bit hastily and if I had the information then that I have now, I would have been making a suggestion that this be up for contest.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, we talk about a Yukon Tartan but unless it is wholly Yukon, then I don't know that it is a Yukon Tartan as it is subject to control by one individual or a group of individuals for that matter. Then it's not Yukon. I would think that if this is going to be declared a Yukon Tartan that the Yukon itself, meaning the Territorial Government, should have the full control of who will produce it and what it will be sold at rather than have somebody say, "If I let you, you can do it". This is the position it's in now...strictly private monopoly on this deal. I'm not against the Tartan as Mr. Watt explained it but I am against having it in the hands of one individual. Anybody should be able to probably produce and sell this Tartan and I will have to vote against the Motion on the basis that I see it for the time being.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to see the Council getting together. I remember raising a lot of these points last year and got no support so I can compliment the Members.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further discussion on the Motion?

Mr. Southam: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think it doesn't make any difference who makes up the Tartan. You will find out that there will be somebody somewheres along the line that will have to be responsible for it and I don't think the Government will be the one who will pick up the royalties. It's not so in Nova Scotia. It's not so in New Brunswick. They have Tartans and it's a private firm that manufactures them. All you have to do is look on the back of the ties or look on the back of the Tartan cloth. This is all hogwash. That's all that is. If somebody has got up and come across with a Tartan, then give him credit for it. I understand from speaking to different people that there has been Tartans in the Yukon brought forth years ago. What happened to them? Did nobody push it, or what? I can't understand what all this controversy is about.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Taylor.....just prior....if Councillor Thompson has any remarks in this respect. This will close the debate.

Mr. Thompson: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Prior to my closing remarks, may I be permitted a question to Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: I would like to ask Mr. Legal Advisor if...I should state this in a different way, Mr. Speaker....in view of the information I have whereby individuals hold copyrights on provincial Tartans..I believe Nova Scotia is one...could I ask Mr. Legal Advisor if he has any information in this line whereby an individual would hold a copyright on a provincial Tartan? I believe this is done.

MOTION #3 Mr. Legal Advisor: I have no direct information but people who originate these designs and have them made up, of course, they do incur an expense which might be quite considerable and at some point of time, if you want to assume copyright, you would have to possibly consider paying off those original expenses. In the case of our flower painting, I believe that is a registered design and the royalties on that go directly to the person who originated that painting. I have no direct information...I haven't done any research on it but it has always been my understanding that it is backed by the artist who originally designed it so there is possibly some precedent very close to home. I can double check that a little more easily than I can look into the question of the Nova Scotia royalties but there does seem to be some precedent in the flower design and in order to safeguard the originator of a Tartan design, it is quite conceivable that some arrangements were made between the Government and the originator about the royalties or for payment of the original expenses.

Mr. Speaker: I would direct a question from the Chair in relation to one particular facet of the Legal Advisor's remarks - when you state that the Yukon flower, the fireweed namely...the person who did this painting has copyrighted the painting. I would like to ask the question whether the painting is the one that is accepted by the Government as the official flower of the Yukon or if the fireweed is accepted as the official flower of the Yukon.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The flower itself, of course, is accepted as the official flower under our Floral Emblem Ordinance but the design, the painting which you see frequently on plates and things like that, is a registered design and it has somehow become linked together so that it has at least a quasi official status but the design as such is not shown in our Ordinance as part of the Schedule...it doesn't come in there.. whereas if we had a Tartan Ordinance, we would incorporate the design into the Schedule. It falls a little short although by usage now everybody seems to agree what the official painting is although it possibly isn't quite official.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think that in closing this discussion that there should be some things pointed out. As I stated earlier, it has come to my attention that the provincial Tartan of Nova Scotia is held and copyrighted by an individual rather than government and possibly this situation may exist in other provinces. This information was just conveyed to me this morning. I understand that royalties will accrue to the person who holds copyright on the Tartan but it must also be recognized from the other side of the fence that the person who has created the tartan and has gone to not only the legal expense but the manufacturing expense of the initial material and, indeed, more material.. this Council had agreed that this would be a Yukon Tartan.. has placed this person in a rather untenable position should Council refuse to accept this as a Yukon Tartan and it should also be borne in mind that this was a Centennial contribution to the Centennial Year in the Yukon and I think that in voting on this particular matter that these items should all be given some consideration by each individual Member voting. If it is

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the case, as it appears to be, that the provinces' provincial Tartan can and indeed are held...copyrights to them are held by individuals..then there is absolutely no reason at all why in the Yukon Territory this should not be as well. I would leave the matter at that point and allow you gentlemen to make up your minds but I would ask that you support this Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the Motion?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any contrary?

Councillors Watt, Boyd and MacKinnon vote contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Would those in the affirmative please raise their right hand.

Councillors Taylor and Southam vote for the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is defeated.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I believe Mr. Thompson agreed. Didn't you, Mr. Thompson? Did you agree with that Motion?

Mr. Speaker: I asked for those in the affirmative to raise their right hand and Mr. Thompson did not raise his right hand. Do you wish to have that vote taken again?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Will those in favour of Motion #3, Yukon Tartan, please raise their right hand.

Councillors Thompson, Southam and Taylor raise their right hand.

Mr. Speaker: Will those not in favour, please raise their right hand.

Councillors Boyd, MacKinnon and Watt raise their right hand.

Mr. Speaker: Therefore it is up to me to give the casting decision and I, at this time, will vote in the negative. I would say that I am not against the Tartan or any facets of the Tartan but I do feel that possibly it needs a little more investigation.

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Mr. Speaker: That completes the Motion. Mr. Commissioner... I see Mr. Commissioner in the Gallery. Would you please join us.

Mr. Commissioner enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: The next item on the Agenda will be questions. Have we any questions this morning?

QUESTION RE TWO YEAR FISCAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have one question. I am wondering, this being Monday morning, if Mr. Commissioner may have received any additional word from Ottawa as to when we may expect the draft of the forthcoming Two Year Fiscal Agreement.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would advise that I have no further word at this time. Mr. MacKenzie, the Territorial Treasurer, has been in Ottawa and while he was in my office for a few minutes this morning, I didn't have any opportunity to question him on this subject, Mr. Speaker. If he has any information, I will procure it from him at lunch time and report it to Council.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions this morning? If not, I will be prepared to accept a Motion in respect of the Speaker now leaving the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to study Bills, Sessional Papers, Motions and other matters.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: I will declare a short recess. I presume we will be going into Sessional Papers.

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Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. Councillor Shaw asked permission to be excused for a few minutes. He will return shortly. Gentlemen, we will proceed with Sessional Paper No. 56, LPRT Installation at Carmacks. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 56).

Mr. Shaw enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am not clear on this point. Carmacks, I think, has been in existence just about as long as the Yukon has been in existence. It's been there for many years in any event. The CBC convey to Mayo and to Dawson and eventually, as I indicated here, on to Clinton Creek radio services...LPRT services...and it's going right by the door at Carmacks.....got to be...it's got to go by that way to get to Mayo...and it seems to me that it is not unfair to make a request for this LPRT installation and it also seems to me that it is grossly unfair that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation could not provide this facility this year. It is interesting to note that Clinton Creek is a new community and is a government community, possibly.....pardon me, a private enterprise community controlled by a company and it seems to me that the company pressure for LPRT is somewhat greater than the pressure of the people at Carmacks for radio service. I do not agree with this. I feel that this is grossly unfair to the people at Carmacks and it is distressing. I note here Swift River, as we all know, will be getting one this year. It has

Mr. Taylor continues:
taken three and one half years to get this. It took three years to get one at Teslin and this is absolutely unfair and I would feel that the Administration should take the CBC to task and ask them if they could purchase....I believe that this is a physical piece of equipment...purchase a piece of equipment this year and get that LPRT into Carmacks. I think it should also be noted in relation to Carmacks that Carmacks is going to be, from my knowledge, the kingpin... the central community for the future developments of some resource industries such as Anvil in the coming years, in the transportation of products from this Anvil development to the ocean. Everything goes through Carmacks. Carmacks has the coal. Carmacks is geographically the communications and future supply point for that general area even looking on into the future towards the development of Crest, the large Crest iron deposits and the deposits on the Bear River held by another group...Pacific Giant Steel I believe they are called. I don't think this should be left at this point. I think these people are entitled to this just like everything else. It's the same old argument. When we ask for tax relief from the Federal Government, they immediately tell us, "No. You can have no tax relief. You're as good as any other Canadian in the South and you must shoulder the burden, bear the expenses with everybody else in the South." That argument we hear every year, but when we ask that we be provided with facilities on the benefit side which are equivalent to those people in the rest of Canada, then they keep firing this nonsense back to us. They say, "No, you're not good enough yet to be...a good enough Canadian to have this facility from our Crown Corporation because it is pretty costly." Well, I would say that the Federal Government is highly inconsistent in their thinking. As I say, I think this should be furthered and I see no reason at all why for the cost of a few thousand dollars and a hook up that the people of Carmacks cannot enjoy radio - not three years from now but this year.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Taylor if he has ever had a submission from Carmacks in this regard. I was over there a short time ago, along with the Commissioner, and they would like something but they realize that there is difficulties in getting this. I didn't feel it was overly pressing to be honest about it. They are not right up in the air.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in answer to Councillor MacKinnon, certainly I have had no submission from the people of Carmacks but I stand here as a Yukon Councillor. I don't only represent Watson Lake. I represent all people of the Yukon or attempt to do so to the best of my ability and no one can stand at this table or anywhere else and tell me that the people of Carmacks do not want this facility. I feel that it's not just for, as in any other place....Ross River or Old Crow...this is a facility which not only gives enjoyment to people in the North who have no television services, who have no other radio station other than possibly radio Moscow to listen to, and it brightens their day and it is also a means of communicating with the people things of national interest and importance. It just goes without saying. This is a necessary facility.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in the discussion I did hear the matter of Clinton Creek being brought up and, of course, being that I happen to represent that area, I would like to give you an insight into the radio facilities there... radio reception. Apparently that's an area that is almost blacked out. You just cannot get radio reception there period. You possibly would if you had a great big antenna and a $50,000.00 receiver but the average receivers bring absolutely negative results in that area so when they get CBC there, they will at least have a single program which, of course, is about the same that we have in Dawson. We are not fortunate enough to be in a situation where the radio waves come over and we can pick up stations from Fairbanks, or Edmonton, or Grande Prairie. Incidentally, in Old Crow, they do get good reception from Fairbanks and I also understand they pick up CFWH way up there. It must jump up and skip down or something which, of course, we do not. Now, as far as Carmacks is concerned, I don't know how the situation is there. It states it's on a fringe area which would mean that they do get reception. I wondered if the Member from that area, Mr. Chairman, could answer as to whether they do pick up CBC in Whitehorse as a fairly regular program.

Mr. MacKinnon: Oh, yes, fairly well, Mr. Chairman. They have their ups and downs like the rest of us and at times the reception is very, very good and at times it's not so good. I have listened to the radio on several occasions over there and it's just about as good as they have at Canyon Creek. I don't say that it isn't something that we should have but I think that Mr. Taylor will find that we have taken this up with the previous Commissioner and we went into this in great detail and came up with the actual cost of this installation and due to the explanation given to us from officials of the CBC, from the present locality of the Alaska Highway, there is a large expense involved to detour this thing back into the Carmacks District..... but I think we have been assured that it is going to come just as quick as they can see fit to install it. Now, if harping on the subject you think will speed it up, then let's harp, but I think that the CBC was very fair in their explanations when we had that private meeting with them in Ottawa so I think there is very little to be accomplished other than going on record as saying "Yes, it is a necessity. The sooner we get it the better."

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I will close my remarks on this particular endeavour at this point. You gentlemen must just decide whether you wish to provide this service to Carmacks who are as good a Yukon citizen as people anywhere else in the Territory and I would suggest that as a Council, as elected representatives of the people, it behooves us to do this and I go on record as supporting this and I hope that when the Federal Government read these Votes and Proceedings that they will take into account this situation because Carmacks is going to be a pretty rapidly growing community. Instead of waiting three years for such facilities, I think that they should be there now. This retarded form of development is by the board. I think that we have got to get at it and if we are to be effective as a Council, we should demand these facilities.

Mr. Commissioner is excused from the Council Chambers.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chairman's Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on Sessional Paper No. 56?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 57, re Fire Insurance. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 57). SESSIONAL PAPER #57

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, it says in this Porter Creek deal that "settlement may be expected in amounts equivalent to the full extent". It doesn't say that they are.....there has been no settlement as yet. It will be very interesting to know if there has been an appraisal and what the settlement is.

Mr. Shaw: Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, this could be deferred until the Commissioner is with us to continue discussions.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Next is Sessional Paper No. 58, Community Development Grants. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 58). At this time I will call a short recess. Possibly by that time Mr. Commissioner will be back. SESSIONAL PAPER #58

Monday, 11:40 a.m.
April 3rd, 1967

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen I think at this time we will call Committee back to order. I believe the Commissioner is still unavailable as he is on the long-distance line to Ottawa on some Council business so we cannot proceed without him at this particular point and I would suggest gentlemen that we recess at this particular time and I hereby recess Committee.

COMMITTEE RECESSED

Monday, April 3, 1967
2:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Chairman: I think at this time we will now call Committee back to order. Before we proceed with Sessional Paper #58, I believe there is a question on Sessional Paper #57. We have Mr. Commissioner with us at this time gentlemen, will you proceed with your questions.

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Smith on Sessional Paper #57 indicated that he expected that this school was insured for $2,700.00 and that we would receive $2,700.00. Is this still applicable, or have there been any further developments?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, with regards to the fire insurance recovery, you should have an attachment to that paper. Do you have it there? I do not have it myself. There has been no change on that recovery statement.

Mr. Boyd: Well, one more question. It reads here that settlement of our insurance claim may be expected for amounts equivalent. You say may be. The reason I am a little skeptical on this--I have heard on the grapevine and I'll admit it was on the street, but where there is smoke there is usually fire--that the assessment was for less than $2,700.00. I am wondering if you have anything further.

Mr. Commissioner: Could I see the statement you have along with the list?

Mr. Boyd: This is a paper I am reading from.

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, I realize that, but we should have, Mr. Chairman, a statement on the back here. Mr. Chairman, may I have Mr. Clerk procure the balance of this statement? This statement, Mr. Clerk, is not complete. I think you will find that there is another page to it.

Mr. Boyd: I see, this covers the Whitehorse Elementary School.

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, you are quite right, Mr. Chairman, this statement only covers the one school, and you need a statement here, and it will answer Councillor Boyd's question. There is another page that goes with this. So, Mr. Chairman, could I take this question under advisement at the moment and I will have the balance of this paper tabled for you, and this will answer Councillor Boyd's question.

Mr. Boyd: Well it will...providing it is fact. You say may be expected and this is the point I am querying. If I do get this thing you are proposing to give me, they would be actually factual and this is a fact...

Mr. Chairman: Would Committee agree to this course of action?

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All: Agree.

Mr. Chairman: Alright, gentlemen, we will now...

Mr. Shaw: On this, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might pose a question to Committee at this time. I do not expect an answer right at the moment. In the year 1965, I think it was 1965 in the spring, I brought up the matter and introduced a resolution at that time in respect to fire insurance rates for the Yukon Territory. The overall picture of fire insurance rates which were extremely high and on top of that there was a Yukon surcharge and it was of such a nature that I felt it was in respect to the number of fires that had occurred in the Territory that I was aware of, that it was improportionate and that the public was certainly called upon to pay something regardless of whether it was justified or otherwise and possibly that this was under some form of monopoly. So, I understand that in following the introduction of this resolution and it's acceptance by Council, some people from the insurance company did come up in fact to Whitehorse to, it would appear, effectively brainwash the members of the Administration with whom I discussed the matter, and certainly from what I understand, the Territorial Treasurer was not here at the time and I never got a report on that in any manner shape or form and I am just wondering if you could find time to possibly go back . It might take a little time which I quite understand, to find out what the results of this investigation were and in fact if there were any results. And, of course, in the interim this year the Government itself have been doing pretty good in the fire burning business and possibly that would ensure a very poor picture of what the insurance rates are now in relation to half a million or so of loss, but nonetheless, at that time I heard nothing from this resolution and I would certainly like to know if there were any meetings, or if anything resolved out of it, was it just swept under the rug? Because, as far as I am concerned it certainly is under the rug or someplace. I have no knowledge of what happened.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I can assure you that if there have been any beneficial results of this investigation I can assure you that they haven't appeared on my personal insurance premiums, because they look a little bit worse all the time ,and I can assure you that I will be very happy to get as much information as I can concerning the question you have raised. I was not aware of the fact that you still had this unanswered and I will do my utmost to get this paper to Council as quickly as possible. Could you come quite close as to what Session this would be, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Shaw: I think it was in the Spring Session, Mr. Chairman. I don't think it was last spring, I think it was the Spring before.

Mr. Commissioner: No, it was not 1966, I can assure you.

Mr. Shaw: It would be 1965, because these people came in the summertime. I think one of the points I have brought up is the fact that the insurance companies would

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group the Yukon in with a large section of northern B.C. and they have for quite some time in past.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I can tell you one of the results was that insurance rates were increased in a number of capacities and the result was definitely higher insurance in Whitehorse at least.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I recall we did get a paper and that was the second Session that I had sat in and as Mr. Shaw will recall, we only had one underwriter at the present time in the Yukon and that was T. A. Firth, and the best possible rates that could be given and we were very well satisfied with the result and our policy was something within the vicinity of a million dollars.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe possibly that what Councillor MacKinnon refers to here is the Territorial policy. Involved, I understand, in the underwriting of insurance in the Yukon there are about six companies. What puzzles me is this 25% surcharge and possibly while Administration are looking into the matter raised by Councillor Shaw, they could give some thought to this 25% surcharge charged on Territorial fire insurance. Now, the reason I cannot honestly say it is unfair, I think it to be unfair, but I can't say because I don't know the reasons behind this, but I do know that if you live in northern British Columbia you do not pay this 25% surcharge on fire insurance. I site, for example the people of Lower Post , fifteen miles south of Watson Lake do not pay this 25% surcharge, but fifteen miles up the road across the boundary in Watson Lake the people do pay this 25% surcharge. But possibly, an effort could be to determine why this surcharge, because it doesn't seem equitable to me and I think a view could be expressed on this point and possibly our Legal Department could look into this to see whether or not there are grounds to drag the six companies into court under the Combines Investigation Act if there is something not right here, if they are setting insurance prices on the 25% surcharge contrary to that act. Because something should be done to look into this. People cannot pay these rates. It seems to me they are going to have to come up with some pretty heavy justification to justify this.

Mr. Commissioner: I can assure you as a starting point we will definitely find out what transpired as a result of what was originally tabled in Council. This we will certainly do. As far as the other aspects that you have raised at the present time we will try to find out if there is anything apparent with these things and if there isn't we will so advise you and at that point we will be subject to Council's further instruction as to what Council wishes us to do in turn.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

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Mr. Chairman: Is there anything further on fire insurance, gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: Well, it's a serious proposition and I am quite prepared to accept Mr. Smith's proposition and I think...that I am hoping the next Territorial Council will be so advised by Administration that they will make it a point of discussion because it doesn't sound right at all.

SESSIONAL PAPER #58

Mr. Chairman: Well, we will leave this problem gentlemen and proceed with Sessional Paper #58 on Community Development Grants which we read this morning. Will you proceed with the discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: I note Mr. Chairman on Sessional Paper #58 Community Development Grants that the Commissioner of the Administration has made specific recommendation which I at this particular time do not necessarily agree with: (1) Division permissible between Capital expenditure and Operation and Maintenance should be firm. I agree, that or I feel that this should be for Capital expenditure only, however other members may have a different view. But in any event there should be some firm statement of policy in this regard. Now the breakdown of each dram of $8,000.00 before it's expenditure, well its a pretty hard thing to do, in the outlying districts. I think we had a discussion on that point earlier. We certainly did in the Financial Advisory Committee and I would not like to see any change throughout the Territory in respect of this. I think the manner in which it is now distributed is a fair and reasonable manner. The Councillor for the district can get his people together and find out what their requirements are and naturally the requirements are far in excess of $8,000.00 because $8,000.00 doesn't go very far in a big district, and then make a recommendation to the Commissioner for the dispensation of the monies and then be expended and they are accountable by the groups who are receiving these through their reports, their annual financial reports backed to the Territorial Treasurer as required under the Societies Ordinance. So, I would quite frankly not wish to see any change at this time. Possibly other members may have other views.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, while the Councillor is on his feet, how about the other two items over the page.

Mr. Taylor: Well, you say in Item 3 that the grand expenditure should be for the lasting development of a Capital nature and I agree wholeheartedly. I think there is nothing wrong and this is why I say on Operation and Maintenance I think that any Community should be able to provide janitorial services and this type of thing. I think the money we have got should go into Capital projects, as little as it is. However, I say that maybe some other members might be of a different view. The grant Beneficiary thing I covered by saying that these people are registered under the Societies Ordinance....and it has always been my understanding it had to be, they certainly are in my district, and consequently these revenues are accountable for in their financial report.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I be permitted to say a word in connection with this? The reason I have brought this to Council's attention at this time, is that there doesn't seem to be any really firmly written-down procedure in connection with these grants. Now, don't misunderstand me, I have played my part to get this grants in the manner in which they are and I certainly am not in any shape or form being critical of them and as you know there was an attempt to cut these grants here last year and I was able to get them reinstated with no qualifications of any kind. However, I suggest this to you, gentlemen, that I don't feel that the Commission or the Commissioner's office should be put in a position of where they are called upon to pass judgement as to the validity or the non-validity for a Councillor's application for funds under this grant. And this is why I suggest to you that we should have some laid on procedure to take care of it. Now I can see the point that the Councillor has raised here on Item 2 wherein I have suggested a breakdown of each grant of $8,000.00 should be included annually in the Territorial Estimates so all members of Council may be aware of the manner in which each grant is proposed of and may hold upon such distribution. I can see the validity of arguing that this is not possbile to do; could I suggest an alternative here in this particular connection that as well as the Commissioner's recommendation that this is a satisfactory manner of expenditure on behalf of the applicant that before the monies were actually committed that the Financial Advisory Committee of Council would also have to be in agreement and secondly that this would be a matter that would be tabled at the next following Council Session in detail as a Sessional Paper indicating all areas, in other words each electoral district grant and where it had been issued to and expended and what. Would you gentlemen consider this as a reasonable alternative. In other words instead of putting it in the instead of going into the thing before the money is expended in Council we pass the $8,000.00 in Council, but after it has been spent that it will carry the approval not only of the Commissioner of the Financial Advisory Committee as far as expenditure is concerned and will be the subject of being tabled at the next following Council Session.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the thought, but I can't see that working either, but I think though that the idea of coming up for instance this spring session now assembled where a full report is given where money is expended in each district during the last fiscal year this being given to Council and tabled so that everyone will know where money is being spent, but I don't think that the Financial Advisory Committee, well first of all, I feel that more so than ever the Financial Advisory Committee is an unworkable thing anyway, because you have one man in the Chair and and another man to move a motion and unless all members are agreed you cannot produce anything out of a motion out of the Financial Advisory Committee so, therefore it cannot work unless it were increased to five in number. A three man committee just cannot work; it is impossible, unless they were all unanimous on the one item. So this is one reason why I don't think this would work. Number two is that often

Mr. Taylor continues...

members of Financial Advisory Committe or members of Council as a whole are not aware of the needs of the various little districts. For instance, Old Crow may have decided last year when the budget was being prepared and I don't know how many months before this was tabled this budget is prepared, but they wanted to put a roof on their community hall, but then before the spring rolls around they changed their mind and they say no we have found something we need a little worse, we had a meeting so and so, so we are going to fix up the interior walls and this type of thing. So it makes placing these in a budget unpractical. But I think the system it works on now is good at least for the moment, and I think though that I do agree with the suggestion that every spring at the Spring Session that this be accounted for by distributing to all members of Council where these monies went, where each Councillor distributed his funds.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can't quite agree with Mr. Taylor, it looks to me what he is suggesting would just make for good gossip and why table it if there is no control over the spending is it going to be of any value to table it to other members just to say I have done this or I have bought six more gold nugget spoons or something of this nature. I don't think this would be very beneficial.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, in the first place this money belongs to the people and it is charged to them through the medium of the purchases they buy and it has a very definite intent in the first place and had it not been for this money, this would have been a pretty sad Yukon. Because it would have been no community hall, it would have been no many, many things would not have got attended to. Now, as far as I am concerned, I don't think and I think all the other Councillors...there are no secrets as to how they pay this money out. That is the last thing that I would want to think would happen. I speaking for myself have been very reluctant to publicize it because it would seem in the eyes of some that I am politicing or being a big-shot with somebody elses money. This is one reason I lay low, I don't try to publicize I don't go around with my picture in the paper with a cheque handing it out to some organization for publicity. Because it is not my money and I am not a big-shot when I am doing it as some of the people seem to think. I am not thinking of these Councillors either. Now, the manner in which Councillors are speinding their money, I am going to think for myself in this case. I feel the money has been spent in a very sensible way, and if I do say so better than if it had been handled by Administration because how do you get after Administration, how do you get ahold of Administration, how do you do get the run-around. I am saying this with respect because it is a fact. Now as a shining example of what can happen, the museum here was short $7,500.00 and they were instructed as I am told by an Administration to say the Contractor was instructed by this Administration that when the allotment had been spent that you cease the work--for $7,500.00. I don't blame Administration. I don't blame anybody. The money wasn't

Mr. Boyd continues...



there, but we were that building would have had whatever was left for $7,500.00 well say it was the roof, couldn't have been put on and it wouldn't have been put on. I had submitted certain monies for a golf course and I went to the people who were a little bit behind schedule and hadn't spent the money and asked them if I could allocate the money towards the finishing of the museum to get the roof on and they heartilly agreed. So the roof is on. Now if I had had to come to Administration to get that $7,500.00, nobody else could get it because the contractors were told to shut down. Had I had to come before Council and ask to get it here, another six months would have gone by. I have had a marina deal in the wind for six months, it takes this long to get something going by the time Council has come to sit and I have said and I intend to do this, but I didn't get it done, I have to come within that period of voting time the money lapsed or another Session flew around and it had to be done again. There is no freedom and this is my point. There is no freedom of this money and there are times when money has to be found fairly fast. I know of some of this money that was used in connection with these winter games to purchase some necessary equipment. If they had to come to Administration, then again with respect, they couldn't have got it. Where was it going to come from. It had to be voted by us, by Council. So as far as I am concerned I am very happy and proud of the way I have allocated any monies at my disposal and if there are criticisms then I would like to hear them. But I don't think we should try to...as the Government monies are handled. Sometimes they appear to be handled awful loose too, but at the same time it is just as hard to get some action when you need it.

Mr. Watt: I agree partly with Mr. Boyd that I think that if the recommendations are followed by the...Financial Advisory Committee or Council it would burden it down so that it would be lots more difficult for monies to be spent. For example, a lot of the dealing I have had are with the City of Whitehorse and it is often difficult to communicate with the City of Whitehorse, and by the time they have the Council meeting to discuss the proposal, then it goes back to the City Clerk I believe I talked to the Commissioner about a proposal shortly after he was appointed and just a week ago received a reply from the City which I hope meets the Commissioner's objective at that time to the proposal in principal, and I hope it will be accepted this time, but I still have my doubts because it is not too definite yet and still not broken down too fine yet. But if we had to put this through the Financial Advisory Committee we may run into another road-block there. But I think I know what you are getting at, but would it be better if we laid out some definite principal, would this take care of the objection that the Administration has now. I believe there was a proposal at one time by the Commissioner of the past, Mr. Collins I believe, that when he accepted the principal that not more than 10% be used on other than and in the fine sense of the word capital expenditure, not more than 10% of a year's development fund be used for maintenance and operation or anything other than the fine definition of capital expenditure. Would

something along this take care of the objection. I think I know what you are getting at, but I think that the cure is going to make things too burdensome for us. May I ask Mr. Commissioner for an explanation.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, actually what I am indicating to you here gentlement is a reasonably firm set of guide lines that Council instruct the Administration on is what I am asking. I am not interested in putting any road blocks in the way of money expended, but I do think that there should be a reasonable set of guide lines that everyone has agreed to and this is what we are going to follow. I don't think that the Commissioner's discretion should be permitted to go beyond those guide lines without specifically coming to Council and asking. Now I agree with what the Councillors have said here in connection with the monies and the manner in which they spend them. I don't think they have anything to be ashamed of, I don't think this in any way, shape or form. And I also say this to you gentlemen, that each and every one of the proposals that comes before me have to be judged on the basis of its own merits. And this is why I would like to feel that we have a set of guide lines that are basically agreed to here and at that particular point why the Commissioner's discretion is limited within the combines of those terms of references and this is where... Excuse me, if I could enumerate them here, on point number one, could I ask Mr. Chairman if the permissible division here between Capital and operation would be looked upon as 90% Capital and 10% Operation and Maintenance?

Mr. Chairman: Are you asking a question?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, I asked Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Oh, do the g ntlemen of the Council agree with this...

Mr. Boyd: It depends on what you call Capital. We had a little trouble with this thing before. In the area of Whitehorse we have many, many organizations and they all, not all but a lot of them, for instance, a rope for the ski lift. I forgot what it cost them, but it was a pretty fair share or chunk of money. The other one was just wore out. Now is this Capital expense? At one time it was understood that this had to be Capital expense in the form of a building nature and this is not, was reached, we passed the building stage in my mind and there are other things that are just as justifiable and in need of attention. So, it would have to be a very broad term if you were going to say Capital. It would have to include more than a building and wear and tear of maintenance in my mind.

Mr. Commissioner: Could we say, Mr. Chairman, Capital or Capital Replacement. Would this cover?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that anything that is used should be considered as Capital even if it were Capital replacement it is still Capital policy. For instance, I refer to the second one you have here...it should be clear I think, it should be firm objection to development money installation whenever it may to improve facilities rather than communities cost...Administration would accept 90% Capital Expenditure and 10% Operational

Mr. Shaw Continues...



alongethese particular projects. Well, with the one exception in my particular area over the years, Mr. Chairman, it has been all Capital Expenditure, there has been no Operational Expenditure as I am aware of. So, I think it should be as has been suggested 90% Capital and 10% Operation. I think that is a yardstick which we can go by and it's something that we will have somewhat permanent, excluding fires and things, permanent structures. It will develop the community accordingly. On Item #2 if the Council spoke on each particular item that comes up, I do not think it practical in any sense of the word. In the first instance, a person may have someone approach him and they want to do a certain and he gives him the Ok, the member of that area, and then later Council disapproves it for some reason, it could be any reason they decide it shouldn't be done. They might have a hangover from the day before and vote accordingly, and I have seen that happen. So that I don't think I could go for that particular question. But, Mr. Chairman, I do believe that any monies that are expended should certainly each year be reported, tabled for Council. It is public money and it should be subject to the finest scrupulence to say this money is expended in the manner in which it is intended in the first place and if it is spent in the first manner, I don't think anyone has anything to worry about as far as these matters have been expended. Now your third question should be for the lasting development of a district and should be incurred upon such things as Community Clubs and Capital items of a like nature. I think I covered some of that before, but also these particular items, these monies that are expended on Capital nature should be something that is for the benefit actually its available to the whole community. now it's obvious that the children's skating rink, now I wouldn't want to join in there, but if I had children they could join in there. In otherwords it wouldn't be an exclusive club, a community effort. I think number four is pretty well on that particular line so that I think I am very much in agreement with the policy that will state 90% Capital and 10% operation and if there should be any diversions from that particular thing it should be brought before Council and Council should have the right to make an exception in that particular case. There could be certain things come up in time that couldn't apply in this particular instance in which case it would Council would have the prerogative of giving special dispensation in that case, let's put it that way. But other way, the policy would be 90% Capital and 10% Operational.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, on number four, I didn't deal with that. I don't think this should be should be must be registered under the Societies Act. In Whitehorse, I don't know how many are not registered, but they certainly are doing a service here to the Yukon and may fall in this category. Another point that I want to make clear here is that I am dead set against maintenance as such,/if somebody is operating something and they haven't got enough money to buy their fuel or pay their salaries with, or this kind of stuff, lights and so on, I am dead set against this. They have got to raise their

Mr. Boyd continues...

fees for those whom they serve. This only comes under the heading of good management or poor management whichever case it may be, but certainly maintenance as such is out in my language. Now I would just like to make one more point. I think I may have left the wrong impression here and just want to correct it. When I was talking about the museum and the roof and the guarantee I made, I didn't have to fulfill that guarantee because after the roof was on and the contractor had gone home the Government did find some money and they put it in where it should rightfully go. It was out of the Centennial funds something hadn't gotten completed somewhere else so the money did become available in the long run, so I wasn't called upon in the long run, but it did serve the purpose of getting the roof on the building last summer.

Mr. Shaw: One thing, Mr. Chairman, as far as I see and possibly you cannot have it too firm in some respects, the registered societies, and I agree with that, for example I would quote the community up at Old Crow. I don't think that they have a registered society in that case so we have to go ahead and build a social hall for them in any event. But generally speaking in the more settled areas, the registered societies, has been a very good thing because it has prevented a lot of crank outfits who have all of a sudden decided want to start to take up something and take the money out of this particular fund. It has been done to organize social activities in the area, so there is some consideration in the societies, where the registered societies are, and it has a very good point. But of course as I have given an illustration there are areas where it cannot apply.

Mr. Watt: The Commissioner would like an answer on these four questions. The answer to the first question is I agree with the 90% - 10% Capital and Operation and I would like the Commissioner to use the Capital Replacement formula and I agree with that. The breakdown in Council I agree with that, but I am not particularly strong on the point, but I think it would be a good idea. I don't think this leaves us in a position where it could be deducted from Council afterwards. It's for information of Council and its given after the money it's spent, this information is given after the money is spent so that we know exactly what is happening and I approve of that and I therefore agree that the information is good information for the Council. Question #3, I think it's defined a little bit fine when you interpret it as capital expenditure of a lasting nature. I interpret, usually interpret capital expenditure for such as buildings and stuff in buildings that I use of a capital nature of a lasting nature it may wear out in 20 years or 30 years but I consider it a lasting nature because buildings is the same thing. You are at a thirty year goal... I think that's defining it a little bit fine and that I am not real strong on that point, either, because, it could be interpreted very wrongly and I agree with Mr. Boyd that it should not be necessary for any recipient of this to be incorporated under the Societies Ordinance. I think, I don't think it offers any kind of a protection concering odd things incorporated under the Societies Ordinance...I don't think this is any particular

Mr. Watt continues...
protection. As far as the financial part with this particular thing ... I think in the past this Administration has required that the in many cases that the money be spent before it is given the installment, and a letter comes from Council and it is not usually forthcoming until after the money is spent and this proves it is spent. I think this will offer sufficient protection for the number four item. Am I clear enough on those four points Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, as I interpret this, gentlemen, from what the conversation has been as I see it around the table at the moment, number one here the division permissible between Capital or Capital replacement and Operation and Maintenance should be firm; apparently the 90%-10% formula appears to be a reasonably acceptable compromise. I understand Councillor Boyd indicates that he doesn't agree with the maintenance involved, but perhaps Mr. Chairman I will read this off as I interpret this and you could verify whis with the Councillors.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Maybe Councillor Southam has something to say first before we finallize this, Councillor Southam?

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have a little and the only thing I want to say is that I am quite agreeable with Councillor Boyd. I see no reason why once you build a community hall or whatever you build that you should have to maintain it. These people are running shows, they are running bingos, they are running Lord knows what. What are they doing with the money? This is what I would like to know. I don't see any reason why we should have to maintain such a general thing, unless it is something like a big expenditure where you have to tear the roof off or maybe put on another roof or something like this where we could come to the rescue of the people. If it's feasible, well that's something else. But the general maintenance, I can't see it. It goes back again to what we were discussing the other day. I think that we are just bending over a little bit too much backwards in trying to keep everything going. It is time people started to help themselves a little bit. Now the other, I think it should be spent practically all for Capital expenditures and very little maintenance if anything, because if they are running these things there is no reason why it shouldn't be able to pay for itself, as I see it and I agree it should be for such things as community clubs, skating rinks for the kids and stuff like this. That is about all I am going to say at the present time.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, I will carry on to the next point here...

Mr. Thompson: Excuse me sir. I would just like to say that on these various items, the one thing that immediately comes to mind and the various Councillors will bear me out on this, we have all received letters from the City of Whitehorse asking us for support in the operating of rinks. Now this is a money-loosing proposition. It is a community service, but as we all know it is run at a loss. Now each

year the City comes to us and asks us for some assistance in this. Now under the terms that you are setting up here now, our hands are going to be tied. We will be able to give approximately $800.00 out of the $8,000.00 under this 90%-10% set-up. I think that in an instance like this, your breakdown is inequitable. I think there should be some consideration in this instance. This fund, I don't know how it came about originally, but I think it very aptly covers when they say community development. They don't say how or at least they are trying to spell out here in very narrow terms of reference here , you will do this you won't do this. But I think if it is for community development, then it should come under the terms of the grant. Now you can't very well take an example in Old Crow and have it apply to Whitehorse, because where there is probably one community organization in Old Crow you have 15 or 20 in Whitehorse and invariably all of them feel that they are entitled to some of this fund, and this may be quite true. But when you start nailing it down to the wall in this then it should be strictly capital expenditure then I think you are going to run into a problem, because you get to a point where you get so much capital expenditure your monies are diluted to the point where the many and various clubs haven't got enough to carry on and then it's going to be just like the City. They are going to be coming around and wanting some assessment or this is something that should be taken into consideration particularly in the Whitehorse area. On Item #2, I don't think that it's any concern on the rest of the Councillors and I am sure it's no concern of mine how the other six Councillors spend their grant. I think it shows up in the votes when we get a paper to state where it was spent. I don't think we should have to vote on a distribution of somebody elses. On number three, I think it covers it. It says it should be for lasting development of the district and should be incurred in such things as community clubs. Now here again you are going to have to take a look at this in the broad sense. I think if it is going to be a lasting development for the community, fine. But we also have an occasion here where a team wanted some uniforms and the money was not forthcoming and so they come back to you and they say alright this community program, this is an up and coming youth program, well why can't we conceivably have some money for something of this nature. And to be quite truthful., I can't see any reason why they shouldn't. But under these terms, it would not be possible. We put in an amount of anywhere from $1,000.00 to four or five thousand dollars right in the budget each year for things of this nature and the Boy Scouts. So I think that some of these other clubs should have the same privileges. It doesn't appear in the budget, but this is the place where these monies could be forthcoming. And as far as registration under the Societies, some of these outfits aren't registerable, but I still think they are entitled to their grants. But I think you have to have a fairly dry approach to this subject. I don't think you can just say it's going to be 90% and 10% because I think that each application or each request for funds has to be taken into consideration under the light of it's own request and I think that this should be kept in mind.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, in reply to Mr. Thompson in one instance he talked about the City and the Civic Center Arena. Now the difference between there and Old Crow is that the City is a municipality and they prepare a budget and pay taxes to the people. They submit their budget to Administration and they receive grants from the Territorial Government. And to me this is where the Operation and Maintenance, because that is what is happening, the City is operating and maintaining it this is where all their money should be arrived or received. Now, the thing I don't like about we Councillors being asked to put money into the maintenance because they are not operating on a profitable basis. I am not criticizing it either because it is a fact that it corrects nothing. And, I don't like the way the figures have been submitted concerning the Civic Center. I have never believed them to be actually factual. If we are going to be required or to be asked as individual Councillors and always be expected to toss a little bit into their individual kitty's to cover up the mess this I am not for doing. I want the mess in black and white so that the Administration and the Territorial Council if need be can see it, and see where we are going. Later on in the show we want to know how they are running it and this is quite different from Old Crow. They are managers and capable of taxing and shouldn't come out of this fund as such.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to clarify this position I take with respect to this 10% for the operation of maintenance. As you all know this Whitehorse Civic Center is not just a civic center, it is a whole complex. It is a ball park, a swimming area. This whole area is part of the civic center complex and it is used not only by those within the city limits of Whitehorse, it is also used by those west of Eighth Avenue that should be in the City of Whitehorse, it is used by Camp Takhini, by Hillcrest by Valleyview by Crestview and by Porter Creek but the City of Whitehorse is being asked to pick up the deficit for this and this is just a drop in the bucket and I think there will always be a deficit. All we are ever haggling over is how big is the deficit. We all agree there is a deficit there and I think this money should or part of it should come out of this fund. And I for one certainly think it is a well used area. Right up to now. Even last night we had a lovely hockey game there last night, I must compliment the airforce for winning the commercial hockey league, it was an exciting game last night. I would think that 10% could be used and should be used and rightfully used for maintenance and operation and if not more.

Mr. Boyd: I wonder Mr. Chairman if I could ask Councillor Watt if he could verify as to whether or not the attendance receipts would cover the expenses involved last night or how much over would they be?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we had a very good attendance last night as you have at most senior games there. But that isn't where the cost is. The cost is where the two or three thousand kids are using it. It's the two or three thousand kids that aren't paying their way and this is, and we don't expect them to pay their way, some of the parents are being taxed for it and some of them are not. This is broadening the tax rates that supports the Civic Center. If you think that a few hockey

games a week is going to pay for the operation and maintenance of that swimming pool and everything else or even the hockey rinks, well I say that the two or three hours it certainly paid for itself last night, and at a profit. But it is the children that are giving the dificit there, the two or three thousand children that are using it summer and winter, and they are not just from the City of Whitehorse. They are right from McCrea too..I think that this 10% should be put in there and possibly in the future there would be a consideration of more of a different type of basis put into the Civic Center.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, what we have to do is to set up a policy I think. I think that is what the Administration has requested at this time and as we have found out with discussion around the table we do have different problems and so forth, but what would apply in one area would not apply in another. But I still think you should have some general policy on where you are going in a certain program. In this particular instance where we have the major portion of this to be expended of a capital nature, I think it is wise and generally speaking provide perhaps some basis for some direction by just wanting to get funds in order to have facilities and take away the initiative of endeavouring to work for the operational cost. Now the proposition as far as the skating rink or community whatever you call the area, in Whitehorse, I am not too complacent to that, that is something that I feel is of most concern to members who represent the Whitehorse area and what they wish to do if it is necessary to keep this going, because it does provide some considerable program of sport for the children it may be required that it would require more operation of expenditure and I think it would be a very good time as I suggested before that that be so the normal policy would be enunciated that from time to time when something like this came up exceptional circumstances.....before Council and they could then give us their direction or otherwise and it would not ensure hardships, but the object of this and I am...Mr. Chairman, since the start of the program I helped battle to get this particular amount of money as the Commissioner is very well aware, and proportionately the amounts as they are today and the objective at that time was to build up community activities in a captial nature such as community clubs and areas, and if we kept to the general concept of the original idea that we would possibly be further ahead and have it much easier to Administrate and more sensible in line with the original concept of the idea.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, possibly at this point the most equitable way of resolving the situation, I might take these items 1, 2, 3 and 4 and ask for your concurrence or otherwise. Commissioner what is your proposal on Item 1.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, as I see it we are suggesting a division a permissible division between capital or capital replacement and operation and maintenance of a 90%-10%. In other words, if the Councillor requested that 10% of his allotment for a year, be made available for maintenance, this would be his prerogative to do so and the Commissioner would not have to come to Council for any more consideration on this. On the other hand, the Councillor who did not request any alleviation and...100% for Capital this would be

Mr. Commissioner continues...

his prerogative to do so.

Mr. Chairman: I asked those in agreement whether this should be a capital and operation maintenance on a 90%-10% basis be acceptable and three members signified this would be acceptable. I asked for those who were...capital only, and three members signified they were for capital only, and being the deciding vote I voted in favour of the capital side. Now if I may have your instruction that this is not fair, please tell me.

Mr. Shaw: I do sympathize with your position Mr. Chairman. It is certainly tough. Possibly I am confused and it is my fault. In this vote I thought that it was whether we take this division 90%-10% or not; in other words if it were not then perhaps there was some other way invincible to alternative. You could take an alternative Mr. Chairman and I think this would, this is what I misunderstood. So with the division 90%-10% that would determine whether it was for capital and that agreement or not. We would have to go for something else to get another vote.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, I will try again for the last and final time. Would those who agree with the proposal that this division of 90%-10% between capital and operation of maintenance be accepted policy please signify. I count three.

Mr. Boyd: The situation where I can see where the outside areas are not in the same category when it comes to this situation as we are in Whitehorse, here we have a different situation again. Now if I vote one way here I'm probably voting against what may be creating a hardship on some outside areas. However, ...

Mr. Chairman: Do I have it at three or are there any other members who agree with Item 1.

Mr. Boyd: It's been based on 90%-10% all the time and I will go along with that.

Mr. Chairman: Therefore, I have four members in favour of this Mr. Commissioner; it shall remain as indicated. Now, Item 2 gentlemen, Mr. Commissioner, would you elaborate.

Mr. Commissioner: As I would take it, council seems to be indicating to me that a tabling at the next Session after expenditures have been incurred for information purposes is their desire.

Mr. Chairman: Does committee agree?

All: Agree

Mr. Chairman: Item 3, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: As I interpret this Council is indicating basic agreement as long as there is a reasonable interpretation of community clubs and the term lasting development.

Mr. Chairman: Does the Committee agree to this?

Mr. MacKinnon: WellMr. Chairman, under lasting development. Now if I can go through this little book here, we only have one lasting development and that's at Pelly River and of all these projects that have been attempted. I am lost.

Mr. Chairman: May we take it then gentlemen that we agree with Item 3?

All: Agree.

Mr. Chairman: Now, Item 4 Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: As I interpret this it is not Council's wish that beneficiaries should be alledged to and should be required to register under the Societies Ordinance, however, I have not heard anything Mr. Chairman that would indicate that the Council would not wish to have financial statements from the organizations. I haven't heard any comment on that.

Mr. ShawL Anyone requiring public money for their organizations...required...regardless...

Mr. Chairman: Are we agreed on this point? Does Committee agree on this point that these monies must be accommodated?

All: Agree

Mr. Chairman: The only remaining question, should this be restricted to Societies Ordinance or applicable. Do I have this right Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: This is the question as I see it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Under the Societies Ordinance, I would like to hear a few words from the Legal Advisor as to whether this could get out of hand. If this money is going to be donated to some club that doesn't come under the Societies Ordinance, then from there on they would have the control of the spending of that money and it might not be used for capital expense at all.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Legal Advisor is not longer concerned with the Societies Ordinance. You have to get it...with the Societies here and I can't give you any policy on the future of the Societies Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Legal Advisor. I think gentlemen, that we are over our time for a change of stenographic staff, so maybe we will think this one over and declare a short recess.

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Mr. Chairman: I will now call the committee back to order and we have one item under discussion now and the final item is Section 4 where we speak of who the grant beneficiaries should be. SESSIONAL PAPER #58

Here Mr. Watt was excused for a few minutes.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, As I understand Council's wishes on this, is that annual financial statements would be required to be produced and by their examination it would be possible to ensure that expenditure has been properly incurred and as a corollary to this that monies would only be paid out on approved projects after the expenditure had actually been incurred and was in place.

Mr. Chairman: What are your feelings, gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: I agree, we should be very careful about paying money out before it has been spent.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, as a consequence of your discussions here I will have a policy paper on this matter constructed on the basis of your comments and suggestions and will table it for the Councillors' approval.

Mr. Chairman: Committee agreed?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: That concludes the discussion on this paper. Anything further?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is No. 59, a rather lengthy paper. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 59, Public Opinion Poll on Tourism).

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, when I received the questionnaire as a businessman I went over it and it seemed to me that the present Terms of Reference were pretty well all inclusive and the various people I spoke to felt the same way. I was wondering when these questionnaires came back did the Commissioner note that very likely in the additional information was given further to what was in the Terms of Reference; in other words instead of like No. 1, Assess the tourist potentil, well cross that out, or put it in that they pretty well agreed with these things and the addendum, or whatever you may call the following appendix would be trying to clarify what they thought about it. It appeared to me that that is how the thing would work. out but I didn't know and I just wonder if the Commissioner could state it or not.

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Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, What the Councillor has indicated is quite correct; that there was not really too much analysis of the Terms of Reference as they presently stand but the vast majority of people took time out to answer this questionnaire and as you can see from the information on the first page here that we have that we have 95 questionnaires returned. The vast majority of them were quite constructive in what they had to say and as a result of this one of their biggest single implication was that the general public didn't feel that there was enough internal liaison between our Department and the Department of Travel and Publicity and the people who are actually dealing with the tourists when then get here, and we have taken such steps as are within our power to try to correct this; two major items being that the Director of Travel and Publicity has been, with a few possible exceptions throughout the Territory during the latter part of January and the month of February, also, I believe, extending into part of March, and it is my intention to continue in this particular program. In this manner, in this way he is getting a continuing person to person contact with the people who are actually dealing with the tourists. Another thing is that we have proceeded to create a tourist advisory council and I do believe that Council has already received, on an individual basis, requests for appointments to this Committee. Now we are not going to correct all the evils under the sun in one fell swoop here, but I certainly hope, gentlemen ,that you will agree with me that these steps which we have taken to try to improve the day to day working arrangements and the general liaison between the tourist industry and the Territory and our Department have been well founded, and you can see fit to give us an opportunity to continue with these things. It is a very indecisive thing when you are dealing in national advertising campaigns and publicity matters away from the Territory that people who live here and pay the taxes do not see in actual function; and quite frankly, gentlemen, I have to agree with the people in what they say. They feel that they want to know better and have better communication with the Department that is responsible for doing these things so that each will be better appraised of the other's needs. There is no stronger supporter of Council's attitude of this than what I am and this was underlined in the answers that we had in the questionnaires and we have taken steps in the correction department to cure some of these.

Councillor Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, one of the things I feel is of some immediate urgent concern in relation to the results of this poll and that is reference where its made here to a suggestion that some loans be given and a fund be created for the provision of better tourist facilities, accommodation facilities in the Territory and this is a bug bear because we have these great tour buses coming through and I am sure this season it is going to be nearly impossible for the existing operators to accommodate, to fully accommodate these people, these booked tours, because of the impact of local economy or local resource development in all

areas of the Yukon this coming summer and that means that the mining people and associated people to the resource industries will be taking up the existing accommodation. Now, it was also recognized that tourism is only a short seasonal industry and I think I suggested some time ago when we got into this that a fund say of a million dollars be provided whereby an operator could put up a summer type of construction, seasonal type of construction, and borrow money to do this, somewhat like our Low Cost Housing Ordinance, and borrow money at low interest rates in order to provide this facility. I think this is absolutely necessary and possibly as an encouragement for the development of this type of facility I think we said that we would allow them, consider allowing them a liquor license during the period of seasonal operation to provide for their patrons and this type of thing. And I really think we have got to do this because we recognize that there is little or no housing accommodation available now in the Territory and it is going to be worse this summer. And, certainly there is no reasonable cost, or any cost - travelling public accommodation available or will be this summer. I notice even now the hotels are starting to get some pretty long-term bookings for the season and the tourists aren't even starting to arrive yet and I very much would like to see this matter pursued by the Administration, possibly with Ottawa to see if such a thing could be implemented because I think this is rather important. If we can't accommodate the tourists we are just not going to have them, we'll just have to be content with seeing people with their campers and trailers moving on through. If we expect them to stay in the Territory and drop a buck or two and visit with us and see what we have to display for them, well we've got to provide the accommodation. I think this is on way you should put it.

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Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, we have been pursuing this matter of investment funds with Ottawa, and while there is nothing of a concrete nature to report at the present time, certainly the matter of an industrial development fund and proper administration of such is one of the items of major importance as far as the economic development of the Territory is concerned. I have from time to time spoken to the Minister in this connection and while he is very sympathetic to it, we are not in any position to give firm commitments at the present time but I would like to assure Council, Mr. Chairman, this is certainly very apparent as far as the Administration here is concerned that the development fund will not be available other than those funds which are available through Industrial Development Bank or normal financing sources and we will continue to pursue this not only on behalf of any one segment of the economy but on the total economy as we not only have problems of financing to take care of ....business that is offered by tourists but by other service industries that are finding it very difficult to get established in an area but for which there is definitely a need.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is so and I certainly hope that something can be done at an early date on this or

Mr. Taylor continues.
else the Yukon loses out, really. We have the other aspect too, of course, this is trying to get low cost or reasonable cost accommodation. As you see the situation in Expo 67 everybody is jacking up the rents for the six months. The same thing applies even in this area - they have summer rates and winter rates and this type of thing whereby there is a great demand on rooms and accommodation and they get more money for the rooms. We say they are supposed to post rates and this sort of thing. However, accommodation is pretty high in the Yukon Territory for what you get and I think by providing a seasonal type of unit which is open in the summer time we might get outselves some low-cost accommodation. Because industry can support possibly a nice, big, high-priced hotel room and certainly a tourist can't.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, well I expected ..... low cost. Well things are getting higher every day and I think that Mr. Taylor should realize this, that rooms are not going to get cheaper but higher; raise in wages, the price of food is going up, liquor - we hope not - and then you are talking about a cheaper room? You are lucky to get it for what you are getting it for now and you want to realize that 100 days out of every year is not very many days,- and it is just not long enough to operate a successful business. And unless the government does do something they are going to find themselves very, very short along the Alaska Highway and it's just not as glorious as it looks. You build a new building and say you are going to have cheaper rooms - well then maybe the government should be considering an annual subsidy to go along with this loan deal, if we are going to have them cheaper.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, That is the problem around the Yukon. It seems to be kind of half resolved around Whitehorse because you have a lot of year-round business in this particular area but every other part of the Territory they are operating under tremendous difficulties, namely in obtaining sufficient finance to build any accommodation that's considered up to the standards in this day and age. As Councillor MacKinnon pointed up the season is so short that it is very difficult to get any return on the money invested. Now, as far as rates go I think the rates in the Yukon are extremely reasonable to some of those I paid in Ottawa and Edmonton and those other cities that we have gone through quite recently. I think all Councillors have paid those charges and it is much, much higher than what we pay in the Yukon Territory in practically any establishment that I know. As far as jacking up rates, I think you will find if you go to areas such as Penticton, and I know this because I have been there quite recently where you will rent a little suite for $95.00 a month contained. Well that same room in the summer time rents for $14.00 a day so there is a difference between summer rates and winter rates. The big, big problem is the finances for the type of construction we would like to see, and once that can be made available then you pay it back in the short season in which you have to pay it back and that almost seems to be an impossible situation. It is one I cannot answer.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen? Will you take the Chair back?

Mr. Taylor: Thank you Mr. Southam, I'll resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: There is nothing further, gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I would just like to thank the Commissioner for the efforts he has made concerning this matter. It is a very well done job.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, the next Sessional Paper is No. 60(Reads Sessional Paper No. 60, Reference for Advice-Student Residences).

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it does appear then that these children coming from outlying areas to come to school to higher grades in Whitehorse that after grade 8, that the drop-out is quite considerable. It would appear to me then that we should perhaps endeavour to see if it is possible to teach a higher grade in the smaller schools. The big advantage is, of course, that the children are staying at home. I know that very few parents like to see their children leave home and come to Whitehorse and especially at that particular age, a rather difficult age, I am certainly in accord with making every effort possible to teach these higher grades. I know there are limits to what can done; there are limits to what facilities can be provided but you also have to weigh that against the changes, the differences that meet children when they get away from home. At that age it is better if they can stay where they are if it is so desired rather than take them ..... and putting them down in a strange area where they don't know anybody and get started all over again and I am for this, trying to, where it is compatible at all, to piece the break in these outlying areas.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to see a survey completed by the Department of Education to make sure just what the people want. I had been led to believe that they wanted Grade 9 here and Grade 9 there and I found out at a couple of the schools in my district that they don't want any such thing, when it comes to one of the schools even getting it now and I had a phone call from Haines Haines Junction a couple of days ago from a person saying that she had contacted all the children who would be going into Grade 9 next year and everyone wants to come to Whitehorse, so just where you get off at is very hard to determine. And I think that the Commissioner can tell you that he got the same results talking to the children at 1202. And I think that it would be necessary for the Administration to make a survey with all the parents and children that are going to move into Grade 9 to see what the score is.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think it is a very many tentacled octopus. First thing that concerns me before all else is why these children are dropping out. I think that it is pretty important that we should know this, know the basic reason why these children are dropping out before we embark on the creation of additional facilities for senior secondary school. They are dropping out at an alarming rate and it is my understanding that possibly since this paper was prepared that there have been more drop-outs. I know of one instance in Whitehorse here where an honour student dropped out, one who had got a scholarship, I believe it

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was our scholarship. I think it was a Territorial Government scholarship. He went to University, couldn't cope with it, had to come back take another grade again and eventually dropped out. There is something wrong here and I don't know if we may find the answer in the curriculum, maybe it is too tough - maybe our own Department of Education and the B.C. Department of Education- I do believe we follow the B.C. Curriculum - have set the standards too high for these children. This may be, maybe it is changes in society, maybe insofar as some of the children who come from the outlying districts, maybe the effects of coming to the big city and possibilities of high wages and private enterprise have lured them away - I don't know what it is . I think before we embark on anything we should attempt to understand why we are getting these drop-outs. Now, that is one aspect of it. Another aspect of it is, we say 'shall we bring these children into Whitehorse or shall we try and keep these children at home as much as possible and wherever possible in their home environment in the outlying districts.' It is my submission, Mr. Chairman, that costs permitting, and all being well and reasonable, every possible effort should be made to see that a youngster may receive the education to the highest level possible within his own community thereby keeping him in the environment of his own home and family. I think that this is something that should be considered rather than just looking at a column of figures . I think you have got to look at this from the humanitarian aspect too. Too often children have come to Whitehorse for schools. I'm not saying that this is so in all cases I just say it is in certain cases that have been brought to my attention children have left the outlying districts, come to Whitehorse for an education and just gone right amuck. They tangle up with the wrong crowd - some of them have got into trouble- go along with the gang or you are chicken and if you are chicken you are not wanted - its a social problem . This has happened, and some parents, and even some children just don't like this . I think it possible to at least teach up to Grade 10 at main outlying centres and I think it possible to teach to Grade 13 in the outlying - I believe they call them medium spot centres here - that is Dawson, Mayo, Watson Lake and Whitehorse. No doubt in the near future we will be adding more, possibly Carmacks, possibly Ross River, somewhere else but it seems to me we can put these children, if we have only three or four in a class say in Grade 11, we have maybe two in Grade 12 and one, say, in Grade 13, that a type of correspondence course can be given, not alone but under the guidance of one of the existing teachers in that school. In other words you are essentially taking a correspondence course but you have a teacher to supervise and answer questions and work with the child. Here is a system that could be looked into. At least to keep the child in the environment of his own home and community without taking him away. This, I feel, should be looked into. Insomuch as the dormitory facility is concerned that has been projected. I believe we all saw copies of it, the preliminary drawings referred to in the paper, at the last Session, I am unalterably opposed to its construction. I am unalterably opposed to its construction for these reasons. One is that I feel some attempt should be made to utilize

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those facilities which may be available to us, that is through the hostels if that is at all possible, and if, regardless of what we do here, if necessary that further accommodation can be provided, that we provide a modest, efficient, safe type of accommodation, more in keeping with our budget, that we should not go and take every architectural splendour that the architect sends to us as the finest in Canada - we'd love to have it but I say we can't afford it-let us moderate and temper our requirements and provide something reasonable and modest. These are some of my thoughts on this paper and maybe I covered a lot of ground in what I have said but I kicked them out for discussion. I think it is very, very important; I think we have many aspects that - in addition to this that should be looked into.before we make the decision here.

Mr. Smith: May I be excused.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering if we should continue with this discussion while the Commissioner is not here. There are going to be quite a few things to be said and so on - how do the Councillors feel?

Mr. MacKinnon: Gentlemen, I think that it will be necessary to have the Commissioner here and as I have suggested, there is no use in Mr. Taylor saying 'let's teach Grade 10' if the people there say they are going to send their children to Whitehorse because the school is better in there. Now this is what they are starting to say and I am surprised they are saying this, more so than you are because when I ....coughing.... tried to get this built up in the other areas but from discussions of this recent trip that we made there is every other indication that this is what they want. Now I've had people tell me that it does not matter if they teach Grade 9 at Haines Junction, they are not going there anyway. They are going to come to Whitehorse so I say let's have a survey by the Department of Education and find out just what the values are. People have to have the say.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, one of the reasons for your drop-outs - and I think it is that your University standards - your marks for passing are too low. When you can get a scholarship with 60%, which is a little better than 50% marks, there's something wrong with the educational system. Now when I was raising a family it took 85% or better to go to University . And I think this is what is the matter with your educational system at the present time. You knowjust as well as I do that when a student goes to University he is on his own, he or she, or whatever the case might be. And I think this is one of the things that is wrong with them. Another thing, are we going to let the pupils tell us what school they are going to go to ? If you are going to teach Grade 9 or Grade 10 at Haines Junction and Grade 10 at Elsa, are we still going to send the children to Whitehorse? I don't think so. I don't think this is the idea behind the whole thing. And I quite agree about these children, keep them home as long as you can providing they can get the tuition and I don't think it is up to the children to say that they are going to go to Whitehorse when they've got schools at home. So, therefore, I can't see

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see why we have to worry too much about whether they are going to go to Haines Junction or Elsa or wherever the case might be. I understand, at least the general idea is at Mayo now that they will teach to Grade 10 and if necessary will come to Whitehorse from there on. Also, there is talk about eliminating Grade 13 - Grade 13 in any case is the first year of University in most cases and therefore there will probably be a junior college here sooner or later. So I think this thing, as the members have said, it is going to take a lot of discussion and a lot of deep thought before we go off the deep end on whether these things are possible or not possible. Now, I suggested again to them in Elsa that while they have the school facilities they can teach to Grade 8 but I still think, and I still maintain that they should bus to Mayo for their Grade 10. This is a thing I think somebody has to set a definite rule on.

Mr. Thompson: I think that there will be much more comment from all the members, Mr. Chairman, and I think in view of the time it would be advisable to have the Speaker resume the Chair and have the report of the Chairman of the Committees at this time.

Mr. Boyd: I second the Motion.

Mr. Chairman: Is it agreeable that we pursue this in the morning?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded bu Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of the Committees. Are you prepared for the question. Are you agreed? Any contrary? I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, the Committee convened at 10.40 am this morning to discuss Bills, Sessional Papers, Motions and memoranda. The Committee first dealt with Sessional Papers with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. The Committee recessed at 11.35 and reconvened at 2.15 p.m. to continue discussions on Sessional Papers with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. It was moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of the Committee and this Motion was carried.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the reading of the Chairman of Committee's report. Are you agreed with the report?

All: Agreed.

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Mr. Speaker: Now, gentlemen, there is a matter that I should have attended to. I'm sorry I didn't-this morning there was a reply under correspondence, and as it may be quite important perhaps I had better at this time, in order that you can set the agenda, read this letter that I received from the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse. It is addressed to myself as Speaker:

"Receipt of your letter of March 30th, 1967 is acknowledged.

Speaking broadly, My Council wishes to discuss with the Yukon Legislative Council matters surrounding our financial position. It is appreciated that a matter such as this would normally be referred to the Territorial Administration but as our present position is as a result of Legislation which has already been passed by your Council we thought it adviseable to have a round table discussion.

You are undoubtedly aware that our fiscal year has now been changed from a calendar year, and it is our understanding that the Legislative Council believes this was done at the specific request of the Municipalities in the Territory. Our recores indicate that the first suggestion for change came from the Territorial Administration and while the City appears to have agreed, we do not feel that the persons concerned properly appreciated the ramifications which might arise out of such a change. We now find ourselves in a position of being required to budget for a period of fifteen months based on revenues collected over a twelve month period only.

It has now proven impossible for the City to do this without incurring a considerable deficit and for this reason we seek the assistance of the Members of the Yukon Legislative Council to have new legislation passed to rectify the situation or have the old Legislation revoked.

A rough calculation indicates that unless something can be done Legislative-wise the taxpayers of the City of Whitehorse will be faced with a Tax Mill increase of approximately 23 mills for a Grand Total of 61 mills.

For your information and the Members of the Yukon Legislative Council I am enclosing herewith our Budget covering the period April 1st, 1967 to March 31st, 1968, our proposed Capital Expenditures for the same period, and our Estimated Expenditures which we have incurred during the period January 1st, 1967 to the 31st of March 1967.

As proposed, it would be very much appreciated if the Yukon Legislative Council would grant us an audience for the purpose of discussing the foregoing points. In setting a date might the period from April 6th to April 17th be excluded please as a number of our Aldermen will not be available during that time."

This is signed H.W. Firth, Mayor, and there is the proposed budget of the City of Whitehorse enclosed with other data which I can get the Clerk to have copies available for all members. What would your pleasure be in respect to this gentlemen? Something pertaining to the agenda.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, they have pointed out that members of the Aldermen may not be available from the 6th to the 17th so I would suggest that 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon be set aside for the purpose of meeting with the City Council of Whitehorse, and attend to this matter.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Speaker, in view of the facts I would suggest it would possibly be better to wait until Mr. MacKenzie returns from Ottawa seeing he is quite well versed on these matters.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, Mr. MacKenzie is in his office this morning so he is back. The reason I suggest this is before the 6th, and if we get a start at it tomorrow afternoon at two possibly it may run on into the 5th, Wednesday and would give us time to complete the matter at hand. I would still suggest two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I agree to meeting them but I would also ... this is rather a different set-up. We have not had one word of communication or indication from the Administration as to why they haven't been able to deal with the City in a satisfactory manner and I would like to have some of these questions asked at least an hour or two before we meet the City Council, because this is a procedure that is just a little bit out of the ordinary. I'd like to know what Administration has got to say about it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, that is the only reason why I suggested we wait for Mr. MacKenzie's return - I understand he is here so if he could attend I am satisfied with any time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I still think that two o'clock tomorrow would be a good time for this - either that or we would have to drop it off till way after the 17th, maybe around the 20th or the end of the month so there is no time like the present to get rid of it.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Watt, were you wishing to rise?

Mr. Watt: I just wanted to say that I agree with Mr. Taylor's two o'clock tomorrow afternoon - it would be satisfactory to me.

Mr. Speaker: Well, is it agreed, gentlemen, that we endeavour to contact the city to have a meeting with them scheduled for two o'clock tomorrow afternoon?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker before we go that far I think we should find out if Mr. Mackenzie and the Commissioner can be available at that time - now we don't want to get caught in a bind here and not be able to get ahold of either Mr. MacKenzie or the Commissioner, - then we don't know what we are talking about, so this, I think, concerns facts and figures which we have never seen.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe that it is the usual practice to first of all set a date and indicate to the

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Chair those people we wish to be present. I am sure Mr. Commissioner will be present and certainly Mr. Treasurer should be with us. Once again I suggest two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I understand that Mr. Hutton, whatever his title is, very high up in the City management, is out of town and we should find out if we could meet him on this day or not. But I would still like permission to ask the Commissioner a few questions tomorrow morning concerning this meeting, if Council would agree to that also while we are discussing it.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, I wonder if it would be agreeable to Council if I endeavoured to make the arrangements before the 6th so that we could assure that the Commissioner, the Territorial Treasurer, the Mayor and whoever he wants to be here at that time that they could all be gotten together so that there would be no confusion.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I understand the letter states that from the 6th to the 16th the City would not be available.

Mr. Speaker: This is the 3rd and we have ....

Mr. Boyd: Did you not say the sixth a minute ago?

Mr. Speaker: Correct, but we still have tomorrow and the next day. I state that, gentlemen, because as has been pointed out it is the desire of some members of Council to let the Commissioner and the Territorial Treasurer also be here and they may not be available possibly tomorrow - this is rather short notice tomorrow afternoon, If that is agreed I will look into it as soon as possible.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Taylor: If it isn't too confusing, Mr. Speaker to the other members, I would suggest that Bills, memoranda and Sessional Papers and Motions for tomorrow morning and continue with the Sessional Paper we were dealing with. I hope this doesn't need any .....

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor: So, tomorrow we will consider the first meeting of Committee, Bills, Sessional Papers, Memoranda and Motions. kWe all agreed with this?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now

Mr. Boyd: I take it that includes the question I made although it doesn't say so.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. MacKinnon. I move we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Boyd: I second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Council do now adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and this Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Councillors Watt, Thompson and MacKinnon were absent.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: I have no correspondence this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any Reports of Committees? We have no Bills to introduce at this time. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution? Mr. Taylor, would you please take the Chair.

Mr. Taylor takes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Speaker, I have a Notice of Motion in relation to a proposed Yukon Territorial Flag. NOTICE OF MOTION #4

Mr. Shaw resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, we will proceed to Orders of the Day. The first item is Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers, Mr. Taylor, re Government Fuel Contract.

Mr. Taylor: This is Motion for the Production of Papers No. 1, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Boyd, respecting Territorial Government Fuel Contract. "The Administration is respectfully requested to table before Council all documents related to the 1967-68 Territorial Government Fuel Contract Tender." MOTION FOR PRODUCTION OF PAPERS #1

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Commissioner Smith and Councillor MacKinnon enter the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: We are endeavouring to get a clock in the Council Chambers, gentlemen, and the Clerk is working very hard to get one up here. There are no Motions this morning. Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would direct to Mr. Commissioner on behalf of the Administration and that is would the Commissioner have any information as to when we might expect the Game Ordinance and the Labour Standards Ordinance which we thought we might have for this Session. QUESTION RE GAME ORDINANCE & LABOUR STANDARDS ORDINANCE

Mr. C. P. Hughes, Legal Advisor, enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, the Clerk informs me that the Game Ordinance appears to be well in hand but there is question concerning the Labour Standards Ordinance. Also, Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if Mr. Legal Advisor, who has just come in, if I might have the opportunity of directing

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Mr. Commissioner continues:
the question further to him as he may have some further information.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I think so. Proceed.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Legal Advisor, we have the question before us as to when Council might expect the Game Ordinance and the Labour Standards Ordinance and I have replied, according to information from Mr. Clerk, that the Game Ordinance would appear to be well in hand and should be forthcoming to Council fairly shortly but the Labour Standards Ordinance presents another question, Sir.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Commissioner, I can't give any useful estimate on the Labour Standards Ordinance. This has been the subject of correspondence with Ottawa. Your Legislative Programming Committee, which works to try and timetable a number of Bills so that the Session isn't overcrowded, has laid emphasis on the need for this, but the difficulties seem to be at the other end. I will have to refresh my memory about the particular Ordinance, and if I may, supplement this answer at a later stage. The Game Ordinance just requires a few marginal notes, which the draftsman has in hand in Ottawa, and should be available in final form during the course of this week in which case it will be typed up here and available for Council I would think early next week.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Legal Advisor. Do we have any further questions?

QUESTION RE MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Boyd: Yes, I have a question, Mr. Speaker, that I would like to direct to the Commissioner. As you know, we have a request from the City Council to meet them concerning financial arrangements and this strikes me as being rather backwards. I am wondering if the City Council have made any attempt to deal with Administration and why Administration is not presenting us with whatever the requirements of the City are rather than having the City come direct to us and not through Administration.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, speaking from memory, we had had two meetings with the City Administration and members of my Administration, one in particular which dealt with the problems that have arisen through changes that were made in the Fall Session by Council on the Municipal Ordinance. The City Council at this particular meeting felt that these changes in the Ordinance had been made without concurrence of the affected body, namely the City Council of Dawson and the City Council of Whitehorse. At that meeting, it was pointed out by means of producing the papers that had transpired between my Administration and the City of Whitehorse that indeed the changes to the Municipal Ordinance had been brought about at the specific request of the City Council of Whitehorse. The end result of this meeting was rather inconclusive as the City Council left still feeling that, even so, they were faced with trying to operate a fifteen month period with twelve months of income. We had a further meeting, if my memory is correct on this, Mr. Speaker, at which we endeavoured to get from the City a reasonable statement of their budgetary requirements

Mr. Commissioner continues:
for this coming year. The City did not have this available at the time as their own Administration were not able to have this available and it was suggested to them before any further action could be taken or any constructive efforts put forth on our part that we would have to see a financial statement, in other words, a current financial position statement from the City, and likewise, their anticipated budget for this coming year. Now, this morning, Mr. Speaker, just before coming to Council, I had delivered to my desk a document which I am suggesting is possibly containing most of this information but I have nothing to suggest further as to why the City Council has chosen to make their representation directly to this Legislative Body instead of coming to our Administration first. It may be that they feel that as a consequence of the legislative changes which the Legislature are responsible for....they feel that possibly alleviation is only going to be available to them through legislative means. This may conceivably be the reason. If there is anything further that I could offer in answer to the Councillor's question, Mr. Speaker, I would be most happy to do so.

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Councillor Thompson enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Boyd: One more question. From your answer, it seems to me that the City were asking you to deal with something without first giving you figures and when you asked for the figures, you never had them supplied to you except possibly as the ones you mention before us now.

Councillor Watt enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, this statement is in essence correct.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Have we any further questions?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct another question to Mr. Commissioner, and that is is he aware of and would there be any truth to the current rumour that there have been recent cutbacks in Federal road expenditures in the Yukon Territory. This is on Federal road and bridging contracts, for example, the upper Canol Road, Watson Lake-Ross River Road and other projects throughout the Territory.

QUESTION RE CUTBACKS IN FEDERAL ROAD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, it is hardly fair to say that there have been cutbacks or there are anticipated cutbacks on this. What we are running into at the present time and are endeavouring to correct by all manner and means and I would say that I have spent considerable time when I was absent yesterday morning from Council on this particular subject with Mr. Hunt of our Resources Division in Ottawa to see what can be done to make....not exactly the reinstatement of these funds but make funds available for these projects, some of which the Councillor has mentioned right now, that are suffering as a consequence of two things. Last year you may remember that it was very late in the season before the contract awards were made to permit work to progress on the Dawson City Boundary Road and also on the section of the Ross-River Carmacks Road starting from Carmacks towards Ross River. I do not remember off hand the contractors' names in both cases but it was very late in the season before these people were able to get to work. As a consequence, the money that was available in last

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Mr. Commissioner continues:
year's Federal Estimates was mostly unused for these projects so that the funds that are committed in this year's Estimates are, unfortunately, going to have to be used to take care of commitments that were created in the last fiscal year. I realize that from the point of view of most of us that Government accounting of this nature is rather hard to accept, particularly in view of the fact that some of these road programs are tied in very closely to resource development. In other words, we are dependent on the completion of certain of these road projects at given times so that other resource projects that are going to come into production at these times will have use of these facilities. I would like to assure Council that every effort is being made by my Administration and by the people in our Department in Ottawa to find some means of rectifying this budgetary anomaly so that these jobs may be proceeded with.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would be most interested in hearing anything further on this if we do get some further information. I have one final question that I would like to direct to the Honourable Member from Mayo in light of our discussions yesterday on the Yukon Tartan. I am wondering if he could now inform me as to who holds the copyright on the Nova Scotia Tartan.

Mr. Southam: Yes, Sir. Mr. Taylor - Nova Scotia Tartan, registered No. 13119590, Nova Scotia Tartan Limited, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions. If not, I will make a report, gentlemen, on the work I undertook of endeavouring to get the meeting arranged between the City and this Council. I could inform you as follows.... that it will be necessary to have certain Members of the Administration we wish to have here, namely, the Commissioner, Mr. MacKenzie, and I forgot to mention at the time, they also need Mr. Spray, who is the Administrator of Municipalities, and also Mr. Baker. I think that also comes under his wing. These latter two gentlemen, I believe, are in Watson Lake and will not be able to be here until Thursday morning so in order to follow this up, I will notify the City Council and ask them if this will be possible for them to meet with us on Thursday morning. That, of course, is the 6th, but as these Members of City Council are leaving the country, they possibly will go on the plane so it may be possible to get that meeting in at that time otherwise it will have to be after the 17th of April. I hope that that will meet with your concurrence.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, in this regard it is not only, I think, highly desirable that these Members of my Administration be present at this meeting to answer any technical questions that may come up, but also we need the time element between now and Thursday morning to prepare proper information from our files for Council's use when we are talking with the City Council of Whitehorse. In other words, Mr. Speaker, it is a matter of preparation time that is required just as well as the time element for the presence of these people.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Did I miss something or did you also include the Legal Advisor? I think it is partly a legal problem too.

REPORT ON ARRANGEMENT TO MEET CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Speaker: I did not include the Legal Advisor because I believe the Legal Advisor is more or less a member of this staff as the City Clerk is. I may be wrong in that assumption.

Mr. Watt: I mean't our Legal Advisor, not the City Legal Advisor. Possibly the City Legal Advisor would be a good idea too if that is who you were referring to. I think this is partly a legal problem.

Mr. Speaker: Are you referring now to the City Legal Advisor or our own Legal Advisor?

Mr. Watt: I was referring to our Legal Advisor....if he had other plans. I would suggest that his name be on the list of people that we need. We couldn't do too much without him. Possibly it would be worthwhile having the City Legal Advisor here too so he fully understands and so he can fully advise the City in this respect.....get this solved once and for all if we can.

Mr. Speaker: Before we become too confused, in the first instance, our Legal Advisor, unless he has some other commitments of which he usually notifies me, is generally here when there are matters which require legal interpretation and so forth so don't worry about that. As far as the Legal Advisor for the City goes, the City will no doubt inform me of the members who will be present on behalf of the City and if they wish a Legal Advisor, that is entirely up to them.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, may I suggest to you, Sir, that since there is going to be a fairly large number of people at this meeting, might I suggest to you, Sir, and I would be quite prepared to offer the help of the Clerk of the Council or his assistance in this matter, that a proper agenda for this meeting be drawn up so that this meeting can proceed with the utmost despatch so that we don't become wound up and entangled in the sewer problems in the Y area instead of getting down to business with the problems at hand.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We will work that out and have this Agenda if these gentlemen.....we will have to first contact the Mayor and find out his pleasure in this matter. Have we anything further?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I feel it only right that I should comment on a question that was asked at the table yesterday morning in connection with the Fiscal Agreement between the Territorial Government and Federal Government. I will be tabling information for Council in this regard either this afternoon or tomorrow morning. I merely mention this so that Council doesn't think I have neglected to look into this.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: We will continue with the discussion on Sessional Paper No. 60. I will declare a short recess while we get our papers in order.

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Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee to order. We were discussing Sessional Paper No. 60 respecting Student Residences. Would you proceed.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, two or three of the Members have spoken on this and expressed their opinions and I would like to go back to some points that I can't agree with. One was that, first of all, these children who are...what....in Grade Ten....15, 14, 16 years old....the indications by Councillors are that these children should be in their own home. Now, I know of one instance at least where the parents were exceedingly happy that their child had come to Whitehorse to go to school. He went back home at the end of the holiday period a much more satisfied child, brighter in every way. After all, it would seem to me, a youth of this age living at 1202, 1083, Carmacks and so on, would find it much more interesting to be in Whitehorse, the capital, with all its TV and so on. They get a chance to rub shoulders with many more people of their kind. Also, it appeared right off the bat that Councillors from the outside areas indicated that Grade Ten should be taught in the outside areas. I don't agree with it because, in the first place, there are not enough pupils to warrant the cost. The cost becomes prohibitive. Secondly, we have a pretty high calibre teacher in an outside area teaching possibly five pupils when they could teach twenty-five for the same money. I don't know.. you talk about drop-outs. You talk about not being able to compete here. We have all kinds of students here that are Whitehorse students who are not competing here either. They are outside in Vancouver at the expense of the parent - not because the education is not good enough but for other sundry reasons. Now you will find this will happen in the case of a child coming from 1202 or 1083 or wherever it may be. It can happen but this is only an isolated area and I think, by and large, the people of the Yukon would benefit to a far greater extent by keeping Grade Ten in an area where we can give them all the facilities that go with the teaching of this Grade and high class, first class teachers that will be doing a first class job rather than a good teacher wasting away in a small area teaching four, or three, or five children.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think this is a little more involved than just what Councillor Boyd has stated. For one thing, you equate this particular problem with how much it is going to cost here, how much it's going to cost there. You move people around just like you would move people around on a chess board because you have more amenities down here. I think that if you look at it from that viewpoint then you'll move everything down here. You don't need anything any place because you have more amenities here. I think that you also have to take into consideration that if you want people to stay in the Yukon Territory, you must provide amenities in other areas of the Yukon. Take your pick. I think that you will find that this system in the Northwest Territories is coming under quite a barrage of fire in respect of taking all the children to

Mr. Shaw continues:
hostels and plunking them in one part of the Northwest Territories. The Council has increased now and they apparently appear to be voicing the objections of some of their constituents. I just read that quite recently. I think it was in the answer to the Commissioner's address. Now, I don't know what the situation is there. I must say that there was a certain amount of rumour prevalent in my particular area which I am very happy to see that the Commissioner has said is not correct, that they were going to move the Grades Eleven and Twelve from Dawson to Whitehorse. I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that the people were particularly up in arms about having to move their children away and send them down here. They had their opinion on what value all these amenities were and some of the amenities might be a little questionable. In the past, the Members from the...we might refer to the hinterland...they have always, up to this time anyway, have asked that we provide just as high an educational facility or high grade as possible. That has always been the request that I am aware of in the time I have been here. Whether that is prevalent at this time, I don't know, but it does appear that in line with this request of many years, the Commissioner is endeavouring to provide higher facilities in the outlying areas. I think, if we go back on the record, we will find this will be the case. I think that it is very much of a step forward for Council that the Commissioner does give consideration to the past requests and endeavours to put before us the factual information on the cost and so on that are related with this program. I cannot speak for what happens on the Watson Lake section, how the people feel, or on the Kluane Lake section or any other section, but it certainly appears to me, as is evidenced by the school at Pelly River, that the people do desire to have their children with them as long as is reasonably possible. That's a human trait and not something to be assessed in dollars and cents. At the same time, a certain balance must be kept by how much or how good this education will be by taking it in the higher grades. This effort by the Commissioner to increase the standard or whatever you may call it, I think, is most commendable. Now, if the Members don't want it, I suppose they don't want it. I don't know but I always was under the understanding that they did want it. I feel, by looking at these figures, that when we start in a large type of hostel arrangement, or dormitory facility, whichever you may call it, that we are running into tremendous expenditure. It's going to cost us pretty near a million dollars to get this in operation... build it and operate it for the first couple of years or so....it will take about a million dollars and to spend this amount of money when in the past we have had so many requests for higher educational facilities, it seems something that will certainly have to be gone into possibly a great deal more than what it is at present. There's one thing that is a certainty, Mr. Chairman. If we are going to propagate the practice of building everything down here and yarding everyone to this area, take all the facilities and put them in one place in the Yukon Territory, that you can forget about getting people to come into any other area and I would like to remind you, Mr. Chairman, that it is these outlying areas that are going to produce the wealth and the minerals for the Territory and those are the places that, from now on, are going to require a great deal more consideration as to

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Mr. Shaw continues:
amenities because the people coming from other parts of Canada will not tolerate the type of conditions that the pioneers had to live in years ago. I know, myself, I can see tremendous changes. I can see where people will not stay around. Where's your high school? Where's your doctor? Where's your TV? Where's this? Where's that? "Oh, poof! I can get that outside and I can make just as many wages as what I make here so why should I stay here and put up with conditions such as that". And, as a result, you lose these people. Some of them are good people. They have good brains and good muscles and they could contribute a lot to the Territory. So, I think we must, in this Council, consider that if we are going to have people stay in the Yukon, and the Yukon isn't just Whitehorse...if we have to have people here, we have to provide these amenities or they will not stay. They'll leave and I can see that every day, particularly now that there's a large investment of capital and people coming in to this new mine at Clinton Creek. They look around. "Well, what's here? Where's your TV? Where's this? Where's that?" and they stay for a few months and they say, "Well, we'll make some good money while we are here and get out." Unless we try to provide more things for these people, we will not have them and we will never get any place. We will never have any taxpayers to work from so that is also to be considered...than the amenities that you may have around here. I would remind that to Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd: I would just like to rise while I have my thoughts collected and I won't rise again, I don't think, for awhile. Mr. Shaw seems to be talking about dear little children who need their mother's help to get their breakfast. I am talking about students who are capable of going to work. These are the people that I am talking about. Another point Mr. Shaw mentioned - he is talking for his area....Dawson City only. He doesn't know anything about Watson Lake. He doesn't know anything about Teslin. He doesn't know anything about Carmacks or 1016 and so on. You have got to talk about the whole of the Yukon when you are talking about our school setup for Grade Ten pupils.

Mr. Shaw: Don't put words in my mouth.

Mr. Boyd: I would like to take them out sometimes but, anyhow, we have a situation with the Councillor at 1016 who says that...where we had put....setup...and the people don't want it, and I think I can understand to a degree why but surely Mr. Shaw is not supposing that we can hire teachers of this calibre and put them in all these little outside hamlets and keep them there. It's just as difficult to do that as it is to convince you that they should be where they can get a better education. You say Clinton Creek people go to Dawson and they say, "Where's your doctor? Where's this and that?" You've got a Grade Ten, Eleven and Twelve at Dawson City. Where is your Doctor? Where's the Doctor at Mayo? Where's the Doctor at Teslin? Why isn't he there? Because a Doctor is the same as a School Teacher who is capable of doing things and cannot see themselves sitting in a hamlet vegetating. They must have something with which to put their ability to use with or to use their ability. This is why you have no Doctors and you will have no School Teachers under the same circumstances. Teachers are no different to anybody else. They want to be where they can utilize their ability.

Mr. Shaw: I would like to answer Mr. Boyd. He's talking about vegetating. That's exactly what I was saying, Mr. Chairman. The more you take away from these small Communities, the more vegetation you have because it's not run over. Now, when I talk about going up to Grade Ten, I am assuming that this will be within practical and reasonable capabilities as to what you may have at that time. Now, in Whitehorse we have a Grade Thirteen. As far as I can see, this Grade Thirteen is pretty well a flop. I think you have a bigger drop-out in Grade Thirteen than you have in any phase of the education. My information is not official but I think that's about the way the case is. I would like to ask....we have 3,000 students, I think, in the Yukon Territory, or there abouts....would the Commissioner know off hand just how many we happen to have in Grade Thirteen?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would have to get factual information before I would care to say and I would be happy to do that. It will not be difficult to get. I will get it for Council immediately.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think one thing that I would prefix my remarks with and that is I think the author of this document, which I believe to be the Superintendent of Education, should take part in these discussions. He will be able to answer some of these questions. He used to have all this information right at his fingertips when here. I would like to comment on some of the statements made by the Council and rise, of course, to support the position as expressed by the Honourable Member from Dawson. One Councillor has stated, "Well, I don't know what Watson Lake is thinking." Well, if he doesn't know what Watson Lake is thinking, he wasn't listening yesterday afternoon when we discussed this because I went to some pains and some length to explain what Watson Lake is thinking and what Watson Lake is thinking is generally the same thing as they are thinking in Dawson or anywhere else in this Territory. This is something affecting all of the people. You cite a case of Doctors not coming to communities. This is the same old situation that you have no industry unless you have power but you also have no power unless you have the industry to absorb it. You can take this and put this back down to education or relate it to anything. As has been pointed out, when a family comes to the Yukon, there are two things they look at: Will my children receive the benefits of a reasonable education and do we have access to medical aid? If they cannot find both these facilities, they will not stay and this is not conducive to the good development of the Territory. As I stated yesterday, it is my opinion tho' that it is stated here that a more sophisticated education can be obtained in Whitehorse, that the education available in Whitehorse is a daily project, and when the child leaves that school, then he gets an education of another type and I am one that very strongly believes that the parental guidance of these children, or students, or young adults, whatever you wish to call them, that they can receive at home, is far better than that which can be given them by a paid employee or custodian in the City of Whitehorse in this so-called urban environment. It may be a good place

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to learn how to race cars and to throw bricks through windows and maybe smoke dope. I don't know. I don't know what things all they do...to grow beards and long hair and walk around with placards against everything in the world. It's a good place to learn that. You don't learn that in Dawson. You don't learn that in Carmacks or Watson Lake. If you do, I haven't seen it. No, this is a situation where we must think not only of how we're going to cram the student full of ABC's and equations and those things which will better enable him to go through life as a good citizen; there's more to it than that. This student is going to have to learn to adopt and retain a sense of values and this isn't only found in the classroom. This is where, generally speaking, that the home comes into the picture. I had an opportunity last evening to discuss this with some people, not all from my constituency either. As a matter of fact, we had a very lively discussion on it. The general concensus of opinion is that if this Council were to support this program as laid out here, they would far sooner send...if we are going to force them....to take their children away from them... from their homes to give them an education, they would darn sight sooner send them to Vancouver, or Edmonton, or Toronto, or put them in private schools, or do anything than send them to Whitehorse under this system here. The drop-out system. Why? I am still asking that question. Why the drop-outs? Why does an honour student who won our Territorial Government scholarship last year...why does he suddenly drop out? What happened to him? There must be a good valid reason why and to go build this facility...to provide these facilities in Whitehorse and take these people away from the outlying districts is not conducive to good thinking in my opinion. I will never...I will resist this with everything I have got and everything within my power. I feel that we have hostels over here. Native and white children seem to get along on the religious end of the stick. I am quite sure they can get along on this program for those children who do wish to come to Whitehorse or parents wish the children to come to Whitehorse and if another facility is required, then let it be a modest one - one where the taxpayer gets value for his dollar. For the rest of it, let us provide in the outlying districts up to Grade Thirteen if necessary, correspondence courses. You can't get a full classroom of Grade Thirteen students right here in the City of Whitehorse. I would like to see if there are twenty students out of the three thousand students in our school system today...if you can get one classroom of twenty students in Grade Thirteen.. I would like to know if this is so. You are talking about building huge facilities at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars to accommodate this. This is not good as far as I am concerned. If you have one student in Watson Lake, two in Dawson and one in Carmacks, we have Teachers teaching other grades, Grades Eight, Nine, or Ten...I think that they can give the student the guidance to take on a correspondence type course. This thing is not insurmountable. People at this table...where did they go to school? Some right out of the depression years....one room school houses or whatever have you. This is ridiculous. As I say, I vigorously oppose this and I will continue to do so because it is not good and to accept it is to deny what the people of the Yukon don't like. You can't impose this upon them and if you do, you do a disservice to the Yukon and those who go along with it do a disservice to themselves.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, to report on the Councillor's question, there are 9 Grade Thirteen students attending the F.H. Collins High School.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, when you have nine students in one grade out of three thousand students in the Yukon, it doesn't seem to be too effective a program. I notice the Commissioner is discussing the matter of giving larger grants...a better program of grants...to people going to University in lieu of Grade Thirteen. I think that this is a program that would be the best answer to that and discontinue the Grade Thirteen. I know that if we had something like a classroom such as this in other parts of the Territory that my Right Honourable friend on my left would complain about the cost, I think, to operate it. What is the cost to operate this Grade Thirteen per pupil? These must be indeed the highest paid help that we have to teach them so it doesn't seem to be necessarily working out, however, this program of trying to upgrade the grades, I think, is a good program and there will be places where it will not be practical to put it into operation but where it is, I certainly commend the Administration for coming up with this new type of approach.

Mr. Boyd: I don't read it the way Councillor Shaw is talking. I think the Commissioner is asking us questions. He is asking Council should we have..should the Territory embark...as the paper says, "to seek your advice....Should the Territory embark upon the construction of a large residence in Whitehorse for secondary school students? Should the school facilities in our smaller centers be enlarged so that these institutions could teach up to and including grade 10?" He's asking us a question. He isn't recommending anything. You are congratulating him for a policy of upgrading the schools out in the outside areas to bring them up to Grade Ten. He is not doing this. You are jumping the gun. "Should the Territory consider taking over the operation of the Indian hostels?" This is what he is asking us.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I am congratulating the Commissioner for giving us a choice and asking our opinion. That's what I am congratulating him on and that is something that is a little unusual. As a general rule, "Here's the program". You take it or you leave it. Here we have two choices to make and I think that is really good. There was one question, Mr. Chairman. I wondered...in the event...like some of these places...in relation to where you are going to increase the facilities...and it's a little bit doubtful as to whether it will be fulfilled.....would it be possible to have, for a start of this, Mr. Chairman, that there could be facilities, school rooms we shall say, that could be put in there we might say of a semi-temporary nature that could be taken away if the population didn't increase....some of these mobile type homes...something like that?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think that there is going to be an ever increasing trend towards this type of construction in school facilities for two reasons, No. 1 reason being that the cost of conventional construction is arriving at a point where if we are going to construct all Government buildings on a conventional basis, we will never have enough money to pay the bills. Secondly, it is not always possible in an area such as we are in....it depends on resources... we cannot always be assured that where there is a requirement for a school today that there is going to be a continuing requirement for at least that size of a school four, five or six years from now, or even possibly next year. For these

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two reasons, certainly we are going to be dependent upon what surveys we can make and what recommendations we have from the school authorities and from our own Engineering Department, but if we are going to provide the facilities that are required within the limitations of our Budget, and let me assure you, gentlemen, that there are limitations, we are certainly not going to be able to provide a conventionally built public structure in all communities. This is completely out of the question. We are going to have to use pre-built type structures - not necessarily mobile to the extent that they will be rolling around the countryside on wheels every day of the week but we are certainly going to have to be considering pre-built type structures and our experience with these until now, while it is not very lengthy, has not been unhappy. It has been quite satisfactory. One completely pre-built installation is the one here at Pelly Crossing where we have the school that came in on a pre-built scheme and also the teachers' houses came in on a similar basis.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the question before us, I don't feel right now that I am adequately informed by the Members from the outside areas to make a decision on whether we should construct this now or not. There have been a lot of suggestions made here - some of them from outside Councillors - and I think there is more emotion involved than there is facts or common sense. There was a suggestion by Mr. MacKinnon, I believe, yesterday who suggested that a Committee be set up to find out about this. In the Mayo area, I have heard at one time where they really wanted the higher grades taught there and a trial was given to have the higher grades taught in Whitehorse...assistance given down here...and a year later, Mayo had completely changed their mind. As far as the information I have, they completely changed their mind and they were happy with the system of these people coming down here. I understand there has been a change in the Highway North people too...a change in the thinking of some of the people there. This changing back and forth of the thoughts of the people of the area and the wishes in the area confuses me more. There is not unanimity in the thinking of the people in the areas concerned. I think that in some cases the representatives of the areas themselves aren't sure. I think that if a Committee was set up, composed of a couple Members of the Administration and a couple of the Councillors...I think that possibly these should be out-of-town Councillors...to find out...or just possibly a couple Members of the Administration...to go to each of the areas and, with the Councillor, make a report on each area...a report of the Councillor of the area plus a couple Members of the Administration. They could come back with a report to Council and then find out what the wishes are. I think it's quite a good idea if there's quite a bit to be offerred in the larger center. You can provide more types of education, a greater variety and I think there are certain advantages. As far as the arguments I have heard about Grade Thirteen are concerned, I think that Council took steps to have Grade Thirteen established. I think that they were steps that were well taken. Just two years prior to that, steps were taken to have Grade Twelve taught in here and Grade Twelve is two classes now as a rule and anybody who wants to cut out Grade Thirteen, I think, is taking a

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step backwards. The next step that we should take with respect to this is to teach First Year Arts...within two years, I believe, we will be doing that. I think we would be doing a disservice to the people of the Yukon Territory to cut out the teaching of Grade Thirteen. I think it is a very good thing. I'm afraid I haven't got specific information. I can't really make a decision on what the Commissioner is asking us now. I am at a loss. If there was more unanimity in the outside Councillors whose areas this concerns mostly, then I would be able to have more of an idea. What does Mr. Commissioner think of that suggestion?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, first and foremost, I would say this to you, gentlemen, that when you are talking about the education system and long range planning in respect of it, you are dealing with the very life blood of Canada. It is not a subject that should be dealt with on the basis of emotionalism but should be dealt with on the basis of the hard facts of life and the end results and the consequences to the boys and girls whose responsibility it is our, not theirs, to see that they have made available to them the very best educational facilities that we can possibly provide them. Anyone who cares to disagree with this particular statement, I don't feel can deal with the problem that we are faced with here and I am quite confident when I make this statement that everyone around this table agrees with this basic tenet so on this basic tenet, we have got to see what, here in the Yukon Territory, is going to give effect to this particular requirement. There is what we are faced with. There is something that strikes me particularly when I am travelling around the Territory and that is the great divergence, or the great diversity, of what can be done in the different communities. I can reaily understand how a parent at Haines Junction sees advantages to their boy or girl coming to Whitehorse to take the higher high school grades. I can see this because it is quite a simple matter, under normal conditions, for this boy or girl to spend the weekends at home with his or her parents. In other words, we are talking about two hours of travelling time and, to the best of my knowledge, public transportation is available. In other words, it is possible...I stand to be corrected on this...but I do believe that it is possible for the boy or girl to get home on a bus on a Friday and come back here on a bus on either a Sunday night or a Monday morning. I am subject to be corrected on this but there is public transportation available. I can also see that a parent will say in Teslin, or Carcross, would conceivably have the same opinion, but when you get into areas that are beyond this particular type of travelling distance and are small communities, I can readily see where the parent feels that the higher the grade that can be taught in the local school, the better it is as far as that particular home is concerned, and quite frankly, gentlemen, I completely agree with them. I happen to be a parent myself and this, I am sure, would be the approach that I would personally take. On the other hand, I think that when a person is starting to get beyond Grade Ten that the boy or girl in question is in a very formulative area in his or her lifetime and certainly the option should be available to the boy or girl or his or her parents that if one particular line of educational pursuit that the youngster seems to be addicted to or applicable towards, that the

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parent should at least have the option at this point of time of sending the boy or girl to a central location in the Territory where these particular facilities are available and in the full and secure knowledge that the living accommodation that the boy or girl is going to is going to be operated in a manner that they would consider satisfactory. This is what I think we have to deal with, gentlemen. I don't think we can take an adamant approach to this and say we are going to create certain schooling conditions in certain areas and as a consequence, boys and girls who live in those areas must participate in those educational facilities. I think there should be an option available to those boys and girls and to their parents. Quite frankly, gentlemen, I think that what we are going to have to come up with here is possibly a combination that is going to look after all of these things...in other words, a course of action or a policy that will indicate to the Administration that they are to teach as high a grade as possible in all schools in the Territory and, also, for boys and girls who cannot find the particular diversity of educational programs that are completely unattainable in smaller schools, that there should be available for the parents accommodation in the larger centers that is going to be acceptable to the parents to send their boys and girls to for them to participate in this diversity of education. You will notice that in connection with the Trade School program, that Grade Ten is effectively the minimum basic educational requirement for entry into practically any of the Trade School courses. This, I feel, is a further justification for attempting to teach at least to Grade Ten in as many of the schools in the Territory as possible. Also, too, I think that we must all agree that Vocational Training and Technical Training is just as much a part of the educational system as what academic training is so that, while we have a certain amount of hostel accommodation available at the Trade School now, it is not adequate and it is certainly not being...providing a satisfactory basic accommodation for the students at the Trade School completely. Certainly, I don't think we can turn around and say that we are not going to have any hostel accommodation because, quite frankly, gentlemen, I think we all realize we cannot provide Technical and Vocational Training in all parts of the Territory. So, I think we have to come up with a policy here that is, first of all, going to suggest that we teach as high a grade as possible in all points in the Territory and that, secondly, we are going to provide hostel accommodations and, quite frankly, Mr. Chairman, I agree with what Councillor Taylor has to say, that it should be provided on some kind of an economic basis. I can't see any point in building a whole bunch of grass huts around here to make it look like a village in Tahiti or something. I think the thing should be of a practical nature but I certainly do think that we have to provide this type of accommodation. Thirdly, I think we have to take a very, very hard look at the element of Grade Thirteen. We have suggested to you a program of assistance to students insofar as grants and loans are concerned so that they can get to University. I am going to be tabling a paper for you in the next day or two that is going to have suggestions along these lines concerning Grade Thirteen and the attitude of the Universities towards students who are coming from Grade Thirteen. At the same time, I am going to be telling you in this paper

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of the good points involved here. There are good points and there are bad points in connection with it. I also feel that there is a great element of merit in the suggestion that was made around the table here that in certain grades, where we cannot provide either separate teaching staff for them, that the element of correspondence courses must be explored. I cannot give you a professional opinion as to whether or not this is a practical situation but I am in full agreement that this should be explored absolutely and completely. Also, too, we should also bear in mind, gentlemen, that the demands on our educational system, particularly in the provision of schooling facilities in connection with the tremendous increase in populations that is bound to come about in the course of the next two years has got to be another matter that we keep uppermost in our mind so that if we are going to put all our money into a very elaborate hostel system here, we're not going to have any money left to build school rooms with, to do basic teaching. Also, we must bear in mind that we cannot get highly qualified professional people to go to a lot of outlying areas so that much of the higher educational requirements are of necessity going to have to be dealt with in bigger centers such as Whitehorse, Mayo, Watson Lake and Dawson. It is practically impossible, and I am sure that Councillor Boyd will agree with me on this as he has worked on the Salary Negotiating Committee for the Teachers and I am sure he is going to expound on a continuing basis on the reticence of these highly qualified people to go to the smaller areas. I suggest to you, Mr. Chairman, that this Paper has been provided to give you background so that when we come to deal with the Budgetary requirements in connection with these things that you will have had an opportunity to have informed yourselves in the meantime in connection with this Paper and, also, we will have available people from the Department of Education who can supply you with further factual situations with regard to any questions that you will have but believe-you-me, gentlemen, when I tell you that the basic tenet that we are faced with here is the education of the boys and girls who are the very life blood of the Nation we are living in and this is something that we cannot deal with on the basis of emotionalism. It has got to be dealt with on the basis of very, very hard and concrete facts. I give you my assurance that I will do everything to see that Council is supplied with any and all information to assist them in making a proper appraisal of it. I am also going to be tabling a paper for you, gentlemen. I feel that the School Committee's Report that was made here approximately six years ago is rapidly getting out of date. I am going to be suggesting to you that possibly next year we should be making provision in the Budget for to have another full investigation into the whole school situation to see just where we are going on this thing because some of the recommendations that were made by the School Committee, while they were very good at the time, we are beginning to question their validity in the light of conditions in 1966. Thank you very much.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee back to order gentlemen; we were discussing Sessional Paper #60. Would you carry on Mr. Taylor?

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Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, several things have been pointed out in the Commissioner's remarks and I would like to say that I agree with him in his assumption that we must look at the hard cold facts and the assumption that the members are looking at the hard cold facts. We want to give good education, as good as possible within our limitations, financial and otherwise, in the Territory, to the children of the Territory. But I think that in looking at the hard cold facts you are not just looking at a column of figures and I don't want to say that I am bringing emotions into it when I state things, such as I have stated about the child remaining in the home environment. I think this is good for them because, I think I pointed out that there is more to education of children than just the education that they receive in the schools. I stated yesterday afternnon that in terms of the facilities, and I believe Mr. Commissioner pointed out that the cost of educational facilities is becoming almost prohibitive in relation to the budget that we carry on every year, and I agree with him wholeheartedly. We have as I said the F.H. Collins High School across the river, we have a vocational school equal to any in Canada, we have fabulous schools, we have got fabulous structures up here, some of the finest in Canada and down in Ottawa these Federal officials look with great pride on all the buildings they have put into the North, but the good question is, can the people of the Territory afford it? No. Can the people of the Territory afford this cottage-type installation as designed by the same architect who seems to design everything we have here for the Territory. The answer to that one is no too. I also stated yesterday that it was my opinion that we could provide a modest and reasonable facility at a much lesser cost to accommodate those students whose parents decide that they should come to Whitehorse from the outlying district. We also have the hostels over here. The question has been asked in this Sessional Paper: should the Territory consider taking over the operation of the Indian hostels? I say to this, yes and no. I would say yes, the Territory should take over the operation of the hostels and make no racial barrier in them and take over the full responsibility for the children that are in them. This means taking this responsibility away from Indian Affairs. If you suggest this to the Federal Government they say "No dice, we're not going to give the Yukon any responsibility over Indian Affairs and that's it." So this is where this argument would fall down. I say that the Indian residential schools, one being at Carcross, the other at Lower Post, should be taken over. The one in Lower Post unfortunately is in British Columbia and it should be taken over by the BC education system or the BC government and the one at Carcross should be taken over by the Yukon Educational system and every effort should be made to empty both these schools and get these people back into the

environment of their own homes and integrated into our school systems, in the little communities where they live, which would be scattered all over the Yukon. I think it was once suggested that once we had this at Carcross we would then be able to provide a facility already pre-built and set up for juvenile detention facilities, saving the taxpayer a capital cost of thousands of dollars to develop one here in Whitehorse. I feel that in terms of education there is apparently no reason, and this again is the hard cold fact, can be determined I think from the query to the BC Department of Education as to their correspondence programs as to how well it works, how efficiently it operates. These are the hard cold facts which should be considered in considering this. We have not these facts at the table. I feel that possibly the Director of Education should be here whenever we discuss this thing next; he may have some of these answers and I feel that there is no reason at all why the smaller schools in the Yukon, that is to say two-room schools or up, why Grade 10 cannot be taught in these schools because you have teachers there and you may have to, yes, use a correspondence type of guidance to handle it but I think it can be done and I think it can be done well. There is no reason why in the medium sized schools found in places like Dawson and Mayo and Watson Lake and I believe Teslin, there is no reason why Grade 13 cannot be taught in these schools by utilizing a correspondence facility until such time as the community has grown to a size where you can have a full time teacher to teach Grades 11, 12 and 13. You see somehow it appears to me that we are thinking in terms of the present and the past but we are not really looking in depth at the future. Here we are on the verge, I think all members will agree, of great dynamic industrial advances in the Yukon Territory. We have the Anvil project. Just what does this mean? This means the influx of a great number of people and with people and families we are then faced with the responsibility of education. And this is why a two-room school in places like Ross River can open up to a requirement for an eight-room school in the space of a very few short years and new communities spring up from time to time and we are not thinking about this.

I think the statement was made by one councillor this morning that there is not enough pupils to teach Grade 13 or 11 or 12 or whatever it might be. That's maybe today but if you develop these facilities and make them available in the outlying districts I think you will see people moving in. But they are only going to move to where the facilities are provided and I think it is in the best interests of the people of the Yukon, I think his tax dollar is well spent when we make an effort to give him a return on his tax in education, a facility which will enable those parents of children to have their children educated in their home community and retain them in their home environment where they can also receive the other education of growing up and learning a sense of values and these other things. And I say this at the risk of being accused of being emotional. I am looking at the hard cold facts. These are the facts of the case and there is more to this than just a couple of colums of figures.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, since I spoke last the Commissioner has made a statement which I agree with and I am convinced that the Adminsitration is taking a proper approach with respect to this problem and I agree with the recommendations or the suggestions made by this Sessional Paper and I would like to go on record as agreeing with this.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, may I ask what recommendations Mr. Watt is agreeing to specifically? Are they numbered and so on?

Mr. Watt: The proposals are, if Mr. Boyd hasn't read this - he should have read this three or four months ago as all of us have when we first received this - (1) Establish adequate secondary schools in the larger centres. The Commissioner has pointed out they will do this when possible and proper to do so. (2) Establish student residences so the students in the smaller settlements may obtain higher school education. (3) Consider the feasibility of enlarging the educational facilities in the smaller centres so the schools may teach up to and including Grade 10. And Mr. Commissioner has also suggested verbally that this would give these students an option of coming to Whitehorse with the possibility of controlled residential facilities. Now there is nothing wrong with these controlled residential facilities. Some of the (inaudible) members of the congretation here have suggested that the school children should grow up in and around the home. I don't consider myself particularly a drop-out or misfit or anything else and I must certainly say that I left home at the age of 13 to go to a residential school because we didn't have the facilities in the little town that I came from. I don't think I suffered unduly but they did have controlled residential facilities such as Mr. Commissioner is suggesting and I think they do a very good job. Here's an example of the type of product they turn out.

Mr. Shaw: I was just wondering, it would appear to me Mr. Chairman that we will eventually be in a position where we will have to have increased dormitory facilities in Whitehorse and increased upgrading up to higher grades where possible in other areas of the Yukon. The construction costs as I have before me here are $735,650. Now this apparently is for this cottage-type program. I very much agree with Councillor Taylor that the economics of the situation are perhaps more important than the aesthetic value of having thatched-type cottages and my question Mr. Chairman to the Commissioner in this respect is if we built a facility for dormitory accommodations, is it not possible to cut down on this huge figure of $734,000 and still have a practical unit that would have the possibilities of expansion if and when we require them, say something for around the nature of $300000, which is less than half of this. It seems to me that you can build a hotel for $300,000 that has about 40 rooms in it - I'm just being very rough about this - but it would accommodate about a hundred people and it seems to me that we could lay out dormitory facilities that would be much cheaper for the accommodation required than this amount and still have the possibility that it could be expanded in the future if required.

Mr. Commissioner: Well Mr. Chairman, in answer to this we have supplied you gentlemen with factual situations as we have them before us here, now, to enable you to assess on our behalf a principle. Now if you see fit to endorse the principle that we are going to in fact have to provide hostel accommodation and quite frankly gentlemen, I think that this is an irrefutable fact that we have to do this, I would certainly make every endeavour to see that the facility that we feel is going to be functional is the proper thing and aesthetically in keeping with the proper thing but certainly I would like you to feel gentlemen that I am in full agreement with Council's approach here, that three quarters of a million dollars in relation to the amount of accommodation this is going to provide certainly seems to me to be far out of line with what we are spending or what we are able to spend on other things. However, I would ask this, Mr. Chairman, that Council consider the principle that is involved here as opposed to the dollar bills that are involved; once we have the principle established then we can proceed to present Council with other factual information that is more in keeping with the wishes that Council would have as far as the actual physical structures are concerned.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, why even think about building and creating a new facility when we may in fact have a facility available to us here in Whitehorse, depending on the program undertaken to accommodate those children who would come to Whitehorse to attend academic courses - I assume we are speaking here only of academic courses, we are not talking about children going to vocational school - and as I say, may be there is room in this hostel or there is plenty of room in the hostel, this I don't know. It is possible as I say that we might have a facility we can utilize here already.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, might I assure Council that from the studies that we have made up until now, firstly, there would not appear to be room in the hostels for the pupil load that we conceivably are going to face when looking for hostel accommodation; secondly, and I agree with this, that the present hostels are strictly institutional type buildings and if and when the day comes when they are no longer going to be operated by Indian Affairs, it would certainly be my suggestion that alternate housing other than hostels be looked at for these buildings. When you start to consider, this is what I was getting at here a minute ago when I spoke to you concerning the making available accommodation that was going to be satisfactory from the parents' and from the students' point of view. You must remember that in these hostels at the present time we have boys and girls of greatly varying ages who, due to the nature of the building, are being, literally speaking, thrown in together in a great huge group which hardly does anything for them as far as getting proper guidance and proper education is concerned. Remember that in this hostel system as we envisage this, and I think that this is a very vital point, and that is that we will try to retain the boys and girls in age groups, we will try to retain them under the proper guidance of people who are dedicated to this type of work and who are going to assist these boys and girls.

Remember, school only lasts five hours a day; there is a lot of other time when these boys and girls have to be taken care of, attended to. They have to be guided in doing their homework, they have to be guided in their recreational hours, they have to be guided as far as many other things are concerned - their hygiene, their proper clothing, just the things that go on in a normal home and gentlemen I strongly recommend to you that unless it was an absolute necessity that we do not consider at this time the use of the hostels as we know them here for accommodation of our boys and girls, they are not in any way, shape or form suitable either by their present limitations of pupil capacity or by their physical structure to bring about the conditions that I strongly suggest would be very necessary to give proper accommodation to these boys and girls. And also remember this gentlemen, we are talking about the total educational package here, we are talking about hostel requirements not only for the academic school children but we are also talking about it for those that require it for the technical and vocational training school.

Mr. Boyd: I think that before we decide very much of anything we should decide how we are going to operate the Department of Education. In other words, how is the Department of Education going to operate? It leaves a lot to be desired the way it is, according to my thinking. Now the first question that I wonder is who are those people over there in this hostel, where do they come from, because I know of no hamlet in this Yukon where we haven't got school facilities, and why are they not at home? I hear an awful lot of talk about this. Why are they not at home? Who is doing the dictating? Nothing is clarified. I know at Carcross, I go over there and it's no secret, pupil after pupil that you say hallo to, he's from Whitehorse. What's he doing over there? Why is he there, why isn't he living in his home? I didn't put him there. You can laugh if you like, this is what I am saying about the Department of Education - nobody knows who's who and who's running what. But here we are talking about doing a lot of things and we don't know whether the children that are here should be there, whether they're going to be at home or whether the parents are going to send them some place else. It's the willy-nilliest set-up I have ever run into. Nobody has any control, the parent is at liberty to send his child from any corner of this Yukon, regardless of where he lives, to wherever he likes. That's fine, but here some of you gentlemen are saying we will build Grade 10 secondary schools at places like 1016; you are suggesting a hostel type set-up there for these pupils and you haven't the foggiest idea as to whether or not they will be used. You put in expensive teachers, expensive facilities and we don't know, we don't have any control. There is a lot more to this as far as I am concerned and I would certainly like to see a study made on our school system. I would like to find out how much money we are losing by bussing pupils all around the place when we could send them to their own schools. I would like to see it in black and white; where is our money going? How is it being spent? Surely I think there is ample room for all kinds of economy in the operation of our schools and we are concerned about costs since it is the first

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thing we shou d see be done about it - are we getting the most for our money?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would inform Councillor Boyd this is what you call lend lease. How it came about and how it works is beyond me to explain because we are involved in the charges of the Federal Government and the requirements of the Territorial school children; it has created quite a lot of expense. But discussing this particular paper, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Commissioner has put this before Council to give their either individual or collective opinions on it and my opinion is that I certainly (1) would approve all extended educational facilities in areas outside of Whitehorse where possible and (2) a program of dormitory facilities to be provided in Whitehorse for students who will of necessity be required to utilize such facilities and be of a type that could be expanded if and when required.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion gentlemen?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, would it be convenient for Council if I ask to be excused at this moment? I understand I have to attend a meeting in my office in two or three minutes' time.

MR. COMMISSIONER EXCUSED

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, it seems we find ourselves back to four walls again. I just wanted to point out that there are many inconsistencies involved around this and also point out that I am not prepared to vote any money for this dormitory which is going to cost us $806,775 or more, not $734,000 as outlined in the paper, if you will note in your budget. But mind you, there's only a hundred thousand dollars or so of the taxpayers' money involved there, don't get too concerned fellers, and I suggest that if we continue this discussion we should have the Superintendent of Education here to answer additional questions and we will leave it at that point for now.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this is the third time this morning that the honourable member has got up and suggested that we have the Superintendent of Education. I think if he wants the Superintendent of Education he should say so and not keep on just suggesting.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have said it three times already, if I didn't want him I wouldn't suggest that he come but I alone as one member can't bring him here, I need the concurrence of the committee, if this is all right with the honourable member from Whitehorse North of course.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen, do you agree that we bring the Superintendent of Education here to question?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I have no particular question myself to ask of him. If the member wants him and he is available I don't see anything particularly wrong in it.

Mr. Boyd: Well I don't know what it will prove - questions, questions, questions. What we are working on here is a principle of what way is Administration supposed to go. I don't think we can get any more out of anybody else than we have already got before us. The problem is which is the best way to handle education. I don't see where Mr. Thompson is going to tell you any more than you already know.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, that statement was sure full of ifs, and I can only say this much, that if you are talking about this is only a matter of principle you are in some sort of a different railroad than I am on because this is a matter involving the expenditure of a lot of the Territorial taxpayers' money and it is our duty to come here and ask questions and get the answers and if you do not get the answers or if those answers are not in good keeping with the project on hand then you don't vote the money, it's as simple as that. However, as I did say, when we next discuss this, either in the budget or this afternoon or whenever it is I would like the Superintendent of Education to be here. That's all there is to say.

Mr. Shaw: Just one thing, Mr. Chairman. I note this large amount of money for this building. I think, I'm not sure, this is merely thinking, I think this is omething that was started two or three years ago with this Tahiti-type village and that was the thinking of Council. Now on the matter of costs and with the acceptance, we might say, of this new type of pre-fabricated buildings, that we may find that we can do the job required at a much lesser cost. I think also if this is a left over from about two years ago, at that time there was quite a move by certain members of the Administration to bring all the facilities here. Now we have a slight change in thinking, in fact not slight, a very substantial, fundamental change. We may find that we can construct these residences as mentioned in a smaller way and still serve the purpose and be adequate for the facilities required.

MR. TAYLOR RESUMES THE CHAIR

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this paper gentlemen at this time?

Mr. MacKinnon: I move we adopt the paper as written Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman I couldn't adopt an expenditure of $750,000; I would adopt the principle to some extent.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen, the paper apparently is a matter of information and asks for no particular recommendation at this time.

Mr. Boyd: I would just like to make one point. Mr. Shaw is vitally concerned about seven hundred and some thousand dollars and so is Mr. Taylor, and I agree. But at the same time you are asking to have Grade 10 taught in the outside

school areas and you have no concern about the cost of this at all. This is fine. Get them there and then maybe people will come. If you would say "as warranted" this would make a lot more sense to me but this is not what you are talking about; you put them there and find out later whether the people want to use them or not. "Warranted" is quite a different set-up.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think I gave my feelings on this and I said "if possible" or "where possible". Now if "warranted" is just a matter of semantics... and also proceed with the dormitory facilities.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen at this time we will declare Committee in recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

recess

Tuesday, April 4, 1967
2:00 o'clock p.m.

Councillors Thompson, Watt and MacKinnon absent.
Commissioner Smith Absent.

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MR. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, I will perhaps call Committee back to order, and we have come to Sessional Paper #61. (Reads Sessional Paper #61 re Report of Financial Advisory Committee Spring 1967). Is there anything further on this Paper, gentlemen? Commissioner, do you wish to join us at this time?

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, it appears that we are somewhat lacking grossly more than a quorum. I thought there might be some discussions on this matter on whether the - I could hardly myself move Mr. Chairman that the Committee accept the Committee's report without a few more participants and there are hardly any left over than can proceed.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the support of the Financial Advisory Committee be accepted and be commended for the details as listed for the benefit of the Council.

Mr. Southam: I'll second that.

Mr. Chairman: Do I have it that it was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the report of the Financial Advisory Committee be accepted. Do I have it correct gentlemen?

Councillor Thompson enters the Chamber.

Mr. Boyd: I take it that the last paragraph is concerning the Commissioner's car. It ought to be dealt with a little more possibly when we are going through the budget itself. I quite agree in keeping with the provisions - desireable.

MOTION RE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have a Motion that has been made by Councellor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the report by the Financial Advisory Committee be accepted. No question, all agreed and no contrary. I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, we are not through discussing the figures bill we were on this morning, are we?

Mr. Chairman: I believe this was deferred until the Budgetary position, until we get to the budget.

Mr. Commissioner: I am afraid, Mr. Chairman, that I excused myself before you arose for lunch. I am sorry, perhaps Mr. Clerk...

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Mr. Boyd: As I understand it, Mr. Taylor requested that Mr. Thompson be here so that we could discuss this bill further. Am I right there, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: This is correct. This is at a time when we must discuss this item and I assume that to be when we get to that item in the budget. I believe that, unless I have it wrong that this is a Sessional Paper setting out the facts on the matter and that we would be discussing this again in the budget. Is this not correct?

Mr. Commissioner: Oh, yes, Mr. Chairman. The factual situation that you have presented to us here is basically background to assist you in the budgetary items that are presented to you for your consideration along these lines, absolutely Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: I am at the direction of Committee though...

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, are we on this particular paper now?

Mr. Chairman: We are on Sessional Paper #61, or we have concluded 61 at the present time.

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Mr. Shaw: Now, we are on this one here, right?

Mr. Chairman: You are right, yes.

Mr. Shaw: Well just to I would move that the Committee accept the this Sessional Paper and for further discussions ...umm...for further discussions under the Department of Education.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I don't believe there is any necessity for a Motion. However, if I could have that written...

Mr. Shaw: Well...ah...I don't want to make a lot of work here unnecessarily, but we should have...ah...say yes, no or something like this. I think for everyone of these agreed to or disagreed or process them further and my Motion is just to process it for further discussion under the Education.

Mr. Boyd: Well, I don't know if this is sufficient or even proper. The Administration is asking us to put some pertinent questions to us. Which don't deal with what's in the budget at all, I don't think. For instance, we seek your advice should the Territory embark upon the construction of large residences in the Whitehorse in Whitehorse for secondary schools. They are asking us a question...ah...should the Territory consider taking over the operation of the Indian Hostels. Should these not be answered in some form or other as of now?

Mr. Chairman: I am at the direction of Committee. If they are I would certainly like to have pardon from Mr. Thompson. However, it could tie us up for some considerable time this afternoon, no preparation having been made.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think that we should be able to figure out from this literature we have been given what we feel should be the policy, what our recommendations would be for the policy and if we should take each section at a time perhaps we could take a vote on that and go accordingly by a Motion. For example, we have the first one as the matter of the facilities in the outlying area. Perhaps that could be treated as a separate question as well as the Yukon taking over the Hostel arrangements if that would be satisfactory.

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Mr. Chairman: Does Committee agree?

Mr. Thompson: What's the point of rehashing it. We spent the whole morning yakking about it. We are going to talk about it again when it comes up in the budget. What's the point of talking about it again?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I do not want to prolong it, but I think Administration is entitled to a firm direction from the Council and all I was endeavouring to do was to get this into a firm direction.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, how do you wish to proceed now. Do you wish to follow the recommendation of Councillor Shaw. We will be discussing this again in the budget, of course, and...

Mr. Shaw: Well, as far as policy goes Mr. Chairman, I would move the Committee approve extended education facilities in areas outside of Whitehorse where possible and warranted.

Mr. Chairman: Is there a seconder for this Motion?

Mr. Shaw: I don't know.

Mr. Boyd: Is that all of your Motion, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: That's the first part.

Mr. Boyd: The first part. I will second it providing you have that word warranted inserted in...

Mr. Chairman: Any discussions? It has been moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Council or Committee approves extended educational facilities in areas outside of Whitehorse where possible and warranted. Are you prepared for the questions?

MOTION RE EXTENDED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF WHITEHORSE

All: No questions.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed to the Motion?

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary

All: No contrary

Mr. Chairman: I will declare the Motion carried.

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Mr. Boyd: I would just like to bring up one point here Mr. Chairman for the benefit of Council and the Commissioner. On Page 5 it says estimating the number of students in Grades 8 to 10 being educating in 11 schools under the consideration, under considerating totalled 125, the per pupil operation cost equal $2,940.00 per pupil per year. Now that's $3,000.00 per pupil per year to instigate grades 8 to 10 in outside areas. Now, I would wager it would be more than this if you get down to the true facts. Because the average here is 10 pupils per school and I think it is safe to say that there will be schools, there could be, where there will be five pupils. Now, here again the cost considered having a full classroom of 10 pupils or 20 pupils as it should be, you run into 5, the cost of educating that pupil or those five pupils is going to be about $4,500.00 instead of $3,000.00. And, this is why I am so concerned about the word warranted. The word warranted is very important because we cannot certainly go on ignoring costs if there is another way around it. I am only drawing this to your attention for the very reason that I am doubtful about the cost.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would also bring to your attention that the figures here show the amount of almost $2,000.00 to keep a pupil in the dormitory here. Then you have your educational cost on top of that. So, again this cuts both ways. That could equal the amount Councillor Boyd has mentionned...

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, effectively speaking this is what the Paper claims to show here that one literally off-sets the other. In otherwords the hostel keep for students in the hostel is going to be roughly $2,000.00 plus the cost of education plus the cost of transportation back and forth possibly two or three times in the course of the year. Now, some of this possibly will be borne by the parents where they are able to assist and likewise $2,940.00 per year is using this average on the other side here and it's quite correct on it's individual cases as pulled out. And as Councillor Boyd has suggested that the individual instances could conceivably be doubled in amount. And, I could not agree more with what Council suggests. Where warranted is the kind of direction we are looking for.

Mr. Boyd: I will accept that.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a further Motion that a program of dormitory facilities could be provided in Whitehorse for students who will of necessity be required to utilize such facilities and be of a type that could be expanded if and when required.

Mr. Boyd: I will second that Motion.

Councillor Watt enters Council Chamber.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any discussion on this Motion, gentlemen?

Councillor Southam takes the Chair.

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Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just want to say that I don't feel that I am prepared to accept this at this time. I am not in favour of the existing program for dormitory facilities in Whitehorse, and I wish to make that point very clear. One area that has not yet been explored and that is if dormitory facilities are required generally speaking throughout the Yukon Territory it may be possible to place some of these dormitory facilities in the larger centers in the outlying districts. That one hasn't been explored yet. As I say I disagree with the type of facility that is programmed for this area and I will if ever given a vote, vote against it. I feel that much more information must be gleaned from this item. And, as I say I am in the Chair and will only have a deciding vote. Using that decision I would vote down this Motion for the reasons I have just enumerated. I feel it is a waste, an utter waste of taxpayer's money the way it is programmed now.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

MOTION RE DORMITORY FACILITIES IN WHITE-HORSE

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved that a program, by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Boyd that a program of dormitory facilities be provided in Whitehorse for students who will of necessity be required to utilize such facilities and be of a type that could be expanded if and when required. Are you prepared for the question?

All: No questions.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

All: Agreed.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary? I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Boyd: Could I direct a question to the Commission, Mr. Chairman. No. 3, should the Territory consider taking over the operation of the Indian hostels. If we were to take those hostels over we would only be operating them. The Department of Indian Affairs would still tell us who was to be going in there and so on, would they not?

Mr. Commissioner: I am afraid that the question of taking over the hostels as they are here and I much prefer not to use the word Indian before hostel here, because I think this is where the whole thing fell apart, Mr. Chairman. This is something that I feel very inadequate to properly answer. There is certainly no question in my mind that... Department of Indian Affairs by virtue of Federal Statute retains the necessity or the right whichever way you place it, to look after the native boys and girls and in fact the total native population that it would be very unwise for us to consider shouldering a portion of this burden of the hostel nature here, as I don't think it will ever be a clear cut and clean straight forward deal. I think that there would always be a grey area in which we will find ourselves, I won't say logger-heads, sir, but I would

Mr. Commissioner continues...

say that there is always going to be the question that we have X number of boys and girls here, who is going to get priority for the fact that we have only got X plus 10 number of spaces here. In other words you would run into the proportion of population question. I think it would be very highly adviseable, certainly for the time being that matters with regard to these two hostels should be left as they are at the present time. I must say that there a number of boys and girls who are charges of the Department of Indian Affairs who are placed in these hostels who are not and never would be even should we accept full responsibility for native education, the responsibility of the Territorial Government as they are indigent people of the Province of British Columbia or other neighbouring areas and possibly even the Northwest Territories and possibly even Alberta in some instances. So I think it would be a very difficult--we would be creating more difficulty Mr. Chairman might I suggest than what we would be curing. This is my present approach to this, but mind you I am not adverse. If Council feels we should look into this very, very carefully, get provision papers made up on it, I am quite prepared to do this. I don't want my own immediate personal views to be used as a means of guiding Council in this matter.

Mr. Boyd: Well, that answers my question. It would be a case of the Federal and the Territorial running a supper board between them and nobody having any real authority and I would move that for the time being this number two question, query not be taken into consideration until further studies have been made at a later date.

Mr. Chairman: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Shaw: I will second the Motion, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, speaking on the Motion, I think that we should keep our finger on this and I would have to vote against the Motion. I think that we should take more responsibility off the hands of the Federal Government in respect to the Administration of the Indian Affairs money if we can. I think the Administration here is far more efficient and it has its finger on the pulse of the problem a lot better than the Federal Government has in Ottawa. And, you get better dollar value having this money passed through local hands. With respect to the hostels in particular, there are an awful lot of students, brothers and sisters to some of them that are in there now that should be in there, but because of their father possibly being off the Indian list after, before they were born, instead of after, with the same father, same mother but they cannot attend these places I understand, because they are not of Indian status, but their brothers and sisters can because they are of Indian status and possibly their brothers and sisters can't. We do have a responsiblity to do now, but we are not getting paid for it. I think we could be taking this responsibility and working towards this end and work out a fair and equitable agreement with the Federal Government toward the native people in paying for them. Under the B.N.A. Act, I believe they are responsible for the welfare of the Indian people. They would still be

Mr. Watt continues...



financially responsible, but we here in the Yukon Territory would be in a far better position to administer this money and do a better job of it, and the Indians themselves would be served much better. I would have to vote against the Motion because I think this is our responsibility and we can do a better job than the Federal Government can with respect to the native people.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think we are embarking on something that is quite profound. In the first instance, the Indian people are under the care, under the wing of the Federal Government, and they have had special treaties on this, they have had certain considerations made and in fact they have many agreements in the past in respect to that, and here we are talking about what we should do for the Indian people. What the Federal Government should do about the Indian people. Now, in view of these treaties of the past and whatever may be in the British North America Act, the Federal Government have undertaken to look after these Indian people and to see that they have their rights in one form or another. We are talking very loosely I think when we say we will take over the Indian people and the hostels and this and that. What have the Indian people got to say about who takes over what. I seem to remember quite a scourge just a year or two ago when there was discussions on the Province of Quebec taking over the management of Indian affairs and I think the same thing would apply in the Yukon Territory. I feel that the Territorial Government should make every facility possible for the Indian people the same as they make for anybody else; in the school system and any other kind of endeavourances we have in the Territory. But, beyond that beyond the responsiblity of the Indian department, I think that this is the responsiblity of the Federal Government and if a change should be made, certainly the people themselves that are under this care should have a say on whether they want to have a different kind of boss to what they have now. Maybe they are quite satisfied with what they have, maybe they are very satisfied with sending their children to hostels than keeping them at home or vice versa, I don't know. The only part about this hostel business that annoys me is the fact the Territorial Government who do provide the education frequently don't know whether the children are going to be in Whitehorse, whether they are going to be in Carcross or Dawson or Mayo or some place else. I think that there should certainly be more consideration given to our Government in our earnest endeavourance to give the best possible education to these children. But when they start talking about taking over a hostel and running it, I made the Motion because I do not think that we can very well operate something that is half Federal and half Territorial and if we don't know where we are going it's going to be a case of we would have to run the whole show or let the Federal Government run the whole show. And, I am prepared to let the Federal Government run the whole show at this time until they come up with a better solution. In the meantime, we will provide the best educational facilities that we can for them, the same as we provide for other people. That is the reason I made the Motion, uh... seconded the Motion, Mr. Chairman.

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think the Motion is a good Motion, but...do not deal with it until further studies have been made. Now, Mr. Watt, can't get around this factor and he is quite within his rights to make a Motion in accordance with his thinking and put it before Council if he has got something in mind. But we are dealing with a specific thing here and now and not the welfare of the Indians at large. I call for a correction on the Motion.

Councillor Southam resumes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor, Well, as I mentioned this morning, I have mixed emotions on this. I think that all matters related to Indian children of Indian status as such, this should be wiped out. It should all be one, one Territorial educational program. There is a colour barrier. It is a disgraceful thing really. There is something else that should be looked into and that is the impact of the Indian Affairs Department in this Administration upon the education facilities that we provide in the Territory. Because I can recall back a few years ago when we entered into this current Five-Year Agreement, we went to the Indian Affairs people and said alright, now are you going to get these children out of the residential schools and get them back into the community and if so, we will enlarge our school facilities at Carmacks or wherever have you throughout the Territory in order to provide for them. They can then go leave these schools and go back to their own home and attend day school in their own community. They said certainly, we are ready to go along with this. So, we did, we went and expanded in the first year of this Five-Year Agreement, this has expired now, we went and added on to several schools. We embarked on a very ambitious program of costly construction. And then, low and behold we get all the classrooms built and Indian Affairs jammed those schools, just jam full as tight as they could get them, und filled these dormitories over here. In other words they dragged these kids in and said the heck with it, you go back over here. Whether or not they have made any effort since then and that was four or five years ago to try and get these children back into day school and into their communities or not I don't really know. I haven't seen any great evidence of it. I cite this just to show you the great impact this has on the educational cost and programming. Now, it seems to me one of the greatest disgraces in the north is the operation of Indian Affairs as it relates to up-grading and education of these people, socially. Social education of our native people, children, adults or anyway you want to look at it is non-existent in the Yukon Territory. And, I think that this Council and probably Councils before I was here six years ago have no doubt looked at this and I think you will find and agree with me when I say that there is nothing and this is one of the most important steps getting these Indian children integrated into our system. And, the Federal Government have been absolutely reluctant to accept the advice or opinion of this Council or of any individuals of it in the provision of this social education at the community level and until the Indian Affairs Department walk up and provide this facility, we are going to have trouble... Now we talk about the hostels. For this very reason I say no. This is where, Mr. Commissioner,

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Mr. Taylor continues...

I agree with you. We should endeavour to put ourselves in a position in the future whereby we can accept responsibility for natives...and then taking on these facilities and using them to the best possible advantage of all people. But the way it is right now I would say no. If they are going to allow us to take over these hostels, they should allow us to take over full Administrative responsibility to go with it.This I am afraid they would not do. I often think that they like to keep these native people as political footballs for their own political ambitions in Ottawa. They give them the right to vote, but they won't give them any education or what they are voting for or anything else. They elect the members at this table. They have every right--and we have no right to legislate on their behalf and every time we get up here and say we would like to help you Indians get a welfare worker in your village, we are politely its politely inferred fellas, that's none of your business. You...that's a matter of the Federal authority and you keep your nose out. And every time we do this we get our nose into their affairs, so, something has got to be straightened out. And, I cite this today in relation to education because I think this is something that has got to be determined before we go much further in our educational program.

Mr. Watt: I would like to remind the last speaker that his election results looked pretty bad from Ross River, and he shouldn't criticize too heavily the native vote and their intelligence when they vote.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, may I commend the member for his finally recognizing this factor. I am very surprised to see him so observant today for a change.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Commissioner, as I have it, it has been moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Shaw that Item 3, Sessional Paper #60 be not considered until further studies have been made. Are you prepared for the question?

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All: None

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed to the Motion?

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Any contrary?

All: No contrary.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare the motion carried.

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Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this Paper at this time, gentlemen?

All: Clear - proceed.

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Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper #62. The matter of 61 has already been dealt with gentlemen. (Reads Sessional Paper #62 - Teslin Subdivision) Are you Clear?

All: Clear.

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Mr. Chairman: The next is Sessional Paper #63. (Reads Sessional Paper #63 - Porter Creek Elementary School). And on the back you have a sketch gentlemen showing the attendance area for the Porter Creek School.

Councillor MacKinnon joins the Council Session at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Shaw: One question Mr. Chairman, did they bus prior to the fire a bunch of children from Porter Creek to Whitehorse?

Mr. Chairman: Order please.

Mr. Commissioner: May I say a word on this. The boys and girls attending the separate schools were bussed from Crestview and Porter Creek to Whitehorse. Boys and girls from Grade 8 up were bussed to Whitehorse schools and 10 grade 7 students were bussed to Whitehorse schools. Now within the Crestview - Porter Creek itself, within the area 90 of the 141 students were being bussed to the schools. Do I make that clear now Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Shaw: 90 of 141

Mr. Commissioner: Within the Porter Creek-Crestview area itself were being bussed.

Mr. Boyd: There were 141 pupils attending the school and there were 90 over and above this being bussed. So there were 141 pupils all told in the Crestview area of which 90 were being brought down to Whitehorse leaving 40 in the Porter Creek School?

Mr. Commissioner: Could I say this over again Mr. Chairman? First of all the boys and girls going to the separate school system were all being bussed from Porter Creek-Crestview to the Whitehorse Separate school. The boys and girls from Grade 8 up--8-9-10-11-12 and 13 from Crestiiew-Porter Creek are being bussed into Whitehorse, or were being bussed into Whitehorse and still are. Of the 141 students attending the Porter Creek School 90 of them required bus service to get them to school. They live in the Porter Creek-Crestview Area but still required bussing service to get them to school.

Mr. Boyd: To the Porter Creek School?

Mr. Commissioner: This is correct. The one that burned down had five Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shaw: I want to get this straight, Mr. Chairman. There were 51 children attending that school.

Mr. Commissioner: There were 141 attending this school Mr. Chairman

Mr. Shaw: Attending this school.

Mr. Commissioner: This is correct. All told 51 walked and 90 required bus service.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, could I ask the Commissioner... what size of school do you plan on building and if it were in area 1 that would reduce the buses required in the Porter Creek area.

Mr. Commissioner: If you look under Item D, Mr. Chairman you will find the suggestion here that it would consist of seven classrooms. My administrative people in the Department of Education seem to feel that seven classrooms, although one of them here is referred to a kindergarten classroom which is certainly not going to be proceeded with according to Council's wishes. Certainly it doesn't have to be referred to as a kindergarten room, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that to you that it is simply one of seven classrooms that our school authorities feel would be an economic and useful size to build. Mr. Chairman, may I continue to say why I have these maps up here for you? On the left hand side you will see a map of the Crestview Subdivision and on the right hand side a map of the Porter Creek Subdivision. As a means of explanation of the marking of them, the green areas have been withdrawn from sale for one reason or another. Each individual item would have to be explained because there are multitudeness reasons why property is withdrawn from sale. The ones that have the red lines across them means that they have been bought and the conditions of sale have been complied with and have been issued. In other words it is a completely free piece of property that has an owner at the present time. The ones with the red dots on them have been sold under an agreement of sale and as probably most of you a agreement of sale contains certain conditions that have to be complied with before a pass is issued. The point I am making to you gentlemen is this that in the Crestview area there are very, very few unsold surveyed lots, approximately 10 unsold lots in Crestview and the way property is selling now, these maps were made up here approximately a week ago, even some of these might be sold now. In the Porter Creek area relatively few lots remain to be sold except gentlemen, you will notice there has been nothing sold in this area here. We have not as yet opened this area up for sale, as we are doing our utmost to get a concentration on these other areas so that if Council does decide that a sewer and water system is to be installed, or water or whatever the request is, that we will at least have concentrated areas where there is going to be use made before we open up other areas here. Now, the question that you may have as to what land may be available other than the land that was taken up for school purposes and there certainly would be, without I haven't taken a look at this, but it would certainly seem to me that there would be no difficulty in securing adequate and proper space from property that is already in the hands of the Crown at the present time. I don't think that we would be faced as far as I am aware of having difficulty to purchase land should the decision be made to go ahead with the school in a location other than the one that was...Thank you very much, gentlemen.

Mr. Boyd: I would like to ask the Commissioner one question. I want to get this bussing deal clear myself, and I hope the rest of us. Of these pupils attending the Porter Creek School 90 were being bussed there, and also from that area 90 were being bussed from downtown.

Mr. Commissioner: No.

Mr. Boyd: Well, how many were being bussed downtown?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I don't have that figure available. I could secure it with no difficulty at all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Could I ask the Commissioner how far has a child got to be away from a school to be bussed? This seems to me as though...ah...

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't have the actual figure in front of me, but it is a policy that has been agreed to and set down by the Territorial Council, Mr. Chairman, this I can assure you of. Was this not changed at all, ah...

Mr. Watt: The policy that was laid down was two miles. The Committee seconded that part of it.

Mr. Commissioner: Oh, I see, but the normal course of events is two miles.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think we should hear from Mr. Thompson. I understand he held a meeting at Crestview and I think we should hear the wishes of the people of Crestview through Mr. Thompson. The results I should say of Mr. Thompson's meeting at Crestview.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, the people of Crestview do not want a school in Porter Creek. It is as simple as that. The people of Porter Creek would like their school to be built there.

Mr. Chairman: Just from the Chair I would inquire with one question. Is there any specific reason why the people do not want the school in Porter Creek?

Mr. Thompson: Well, they are of the opinion I gather that the educational facilities are considerably higher in the City of Whitehorse than they are in Porter Creek.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, you have 141 pupils going to school in an area such as Porter Creek where they are all fairly close. It would seem to me that its logical and reasonable and beyond question that you just put up another school.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the member of Porter Creek and Crestview what his opinion is. I think he is the one who should form an opinion and sort of make a public decision on the situation in Porter Creek.

Mr. Thompson: Well, gentlemen, as I said before, the residents of Crestview are not interested in a school at Porter Creek, and the residents of Porter Creek-99% of them want the school rebuilt and the only person that voted against it was the busdriver that brings the kids to Whitehorse.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have heard some discussion on this of course. It has been a fairly controversial item for some time and certainly from what I have heard of it, as a matter of fact I took a drive on Sunday around it to acquaint myself with the development in the area, and it's certainly growing. It's a place where people like to get out, get a good sized lot and get some elbow room and get away from the restrictive regulations of the City. I can see it developing. I think the seven classroom school is a good thing. It has been stated there is to be no kindergarten but I am quite sure the developments in this area and throughout the Yukon will certainly see that school full when it is constructed, and I would most full heartedly support the construction of the school in that area, I might say too that I could not help but pass comment on Items 2 and 3 on Page 2. It is a pitty it didn't come out in the last discussion about how children would feel more at home in their own school than in some other school and people like to settle where a school is located nearby and this type of thing. I guess it depends on which way the Administration is programming this, how they..., but in any event I would go along with the idea of putting this school in Porter Creek. I believe there is another question here too. One, was what effect...ah...we have got that. Oh, yes, it's location. This location number one--Mr. Chairman, might I direct this to the Commissioner. Is this in the area that is to get so that it is presently withdrawn? The area number one which is recommended here?

Mr. Commissioner: Generally speaking, yes. Now mind you the sketch here is simply looking on the population area and if it is Council's decision that the school is to be rebuilt, we will at that particular point have proper surveys made and bring them back here to Council so that you can see what grounds are available, but generally speaking it is this area here. But I think that we have to hear from Council on the subject of whether to build or not.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, just to conclude my remarks and be done with the matter and that is that the recommendations of course are that for the school year 1967/68 that the same arrangements be employed as now employed by necessity there is no school. Number 2, is that the new school should be planned and constructed--I would concur in this regard, but I think it should be started on the earliest possible moment in order to get it ready for the next school year. And that is my thoughts on it, Mr. Chairman.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Being so well acquainted with that district and having an amount of business there I hear from those people quite frequently and I again honestly feel that this survey should be carried out by the Administration and not be put to the onus of the elected member. Now I asked the elected member several questions that I didn't expect an answer to which he didn't, and I don't think it's fair to ask the elective member of that district to decide whether it should be or should not be. I think the Administration should analyze the value of the school and do as they see fit. Now this is my personal opinion. Crestview for instance as Mr. Thompson pointed out, does not want a school and Porter Creek does; now there would be only one way to determine whether we should have a school there or not would be in the final analysis of the value Government wise of having the school. So I think it should be left strictly in the Administrative hands. Now that is my personal opinion and I don't think an elective member should be faced with this type of problem.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, in answer to that to leave this in the hands of Administration to do would be a complete and utter abdication of responsiblity. A man runs for election to represent his people and his people as a whole and if he is not prepared or capable of representing those people, to the best of his ability, he doesn't run for office. It is as simply as that. And this is possibly this attitute that I have just heard expressed is one of the reasons as I have said earlier that this Council will probably go down in history as being the most indecisive of any Council. It is a difficult choice that one must make, but a Councillor makes every effort I am sure to determine the wishes of his people and he could do no more than this. And when there comes a day when he must stand up and suffer the thins and narrows of the job and as they say when you are going to stand in the front line, you must be prepared to be shot at. If you are not prepared to do that, you have no business running for Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I will agree if they follow the policies laid out by the honourable member, it will be very indecisive.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, ...if you can't stand the heat you get out of the kitchen. I would move that the recommendations by the Commissioner be accepted as written down.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Just one moment, is there a seconder to that Motion?

Mr. Watt: I'll second that Mr. Chairman. ... I would like to say that I agree with the suggestions here and I think that the plans that are made for the Porter Creek school, exact location I don't know, but the suggestions laid out are pretty reasonable. They look awful reasonable to me. And I think that the main objection to the school at Crestview or in Porter Creek is that the school itself

Mr. Watt continues...

isn't in Crestview or in Porter Creek. I think that is where...but I think there should be plans made for the school at Porter Creek because it is going to be necessary. It will be the after the vacant land, Lot 19 is used up this year in my constituency, the fastest groing constituency in the Yukon Territory. I think that Porter Creek will be the next fastest growing constituency in the Yukon Territory. It is the last area of land that can be purchased that cannot be purchased other words in any other place in lower Whitehorse here, and there are a lot of takers for this type of land. We have quite a bit of land in the Riverdale area and it is building up and being used, but it's just like a grocery store. You have to have a little bit of hamburger with the caviar and we have a lot of this caviar type of land in Riverdale but we need a little less expensive parts of land too. And I think this is going to create quite a growth factor in the Porter Creek area. And it's going to be two years before this is occupied anyway, I believe. So, it's not too soon to get started on it; in fact, I think that the way things are going here and unless more land can be released in the lower Whitehorse area, we better start planning a high school there too.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I might as well add my two cents worth. I am quite in agreement with the school, but I think you better leave the kindergarten in it, you better put an extra room on it and make it eight. Because I am positive that within the next five years you are going to have to make allowances for kindergartens. It's a trend that I see crossing the country, it's coming into being and it's the trend. And if you want to run it as a public system, then you better approve room so you can hold a kindergarten. They have to have some place to be. Look at what's happening in B.C., Alberta, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec--go all through them, I don't care where you go, but this is what's happening. Well, gentlemen, if you cut out these things then sooner or later you will have to put on another room on some place, so why not make allowances.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to say a word on this. I have been ammember of the Financial Advisory Committee where I would say I was beaten down by the two other members and I would like to express my change of thinking in regard to the kindergarten school. This could quite easily become a necessity. I tried to entice the other members of the Financial Committee to give a little consideration to bring this matter before the entire Council and hear the opinions of the other members and the values that might be there. Now possibly there is none. This would be a decision for the final analysis of the entire Council. But to knock it out of the budget I don't think it's proper. I don't think I am quite well enough versed on the situation and kindergartens are getting very, very strong support throughout the provinces of Canada and it's creating great interest at the present time throughout the entire Yukon, and whether it's something we like or not or can afford, it's possibly a necessity. Now in my own little area of Canyon Creek,

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it has become necessary where one of the employees there of the Crown Park Rations seen it necessary to send their child out to Victoria in British Columbia where she could attend kindergarten. Well, unfortunately, I can't afford to do this with my children, but they are not of school age. But, maybe it's worth looking into.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, I have a Motion before us moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Watt that the Committee accept the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper #63.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before you get around to voting on it, I would like to make a few comments if the rest of you don't mind. I think the only reason Mr. Watt's area is the fastest growing is because they sold a few lots down here on lot 19 last week. Other than that, I am sure the Porter Creek-Crestview area is by far the fastest growing area, and no only that, but I would like to point out that it is the largest place outside the metropolitan centre of Whitehorse. It has more people and more homes there than any other place in the Territory. Now one of the aspects of the rebuilding of this school and I think one of the first questions says should the Porter Creek Elementary School be rebuilt. I think this is a rather redundant question because we had a school there. What has changed? They didn't say should they build one there four, five or six years ago, they built one because they saw the possibilies of the area expanding. And, there has been no change other than to a greater degree of expansion. They say this has tied in with the proposed water system. Here again, this is at the discretion of Council. The Whitehorse Elementary School had a fire and before the embers were cooled and the smoke had died down, the decision had been made to rebuild and get along with the job. But here it is two months since the fire in Porter Creek and nothing has been done. And we have the old excuse of well, we have to bring it to Council to have some decision made. Now, they say that we can't do anything for another year. It can't possibly get started until the fall and therefore, we have lost approximately a year and a half where children have to be bussed. This brings up another problem of bussing. Mr. Boyd is quite concerned about the number of children that are being bussed from Crestview past the school and into Whitehorse. I can only point to the fact that we have a separate school system in the Yukon and this precludes the Department of Education, the parents, anybody saying where their children have to go. And I can assure you gentlemen, that if two families live next door and they are a mile and a half from school and they have the option of getting on a bus at 40° below zero and going downtown to school, or walking a mile and a half to school, they will take the bus. And this is precisely what happens. There is nothing that says you have to go to the Porter Creek School if you live in Porter Creek, and you are eligible to go to one of the seven grades that exist. So, your argument falls flat on it's face as far as being concerned about bussing costs because you are going to bus them one way or the other it would appear. Now the reason that the school was in the location that it was, was to

Mr. Thompson continues...



accommodate both Porter Creek and Crestview. We knew at the time that the school was built that the subdivision was laid out in the manner that you can see on the map behind, but we took into consideration the people of Crestview so that if in fact they were going to have to walk, and believe me, some of them do and if you think that walking along the Alaska Highway at 50 or 60 below zero trying to beat that weather and traffic is easy you have got another thing coming. And, this is why the people of Crestview are very strong in their feelings of having their children go to Whitehorse. Because of this walking to school. The same thing holds true in Porter Creek, just by the size of the area there are people who are literally two miles away from the school where it existed. Now by moving it over into the new proposed area this will cut down on the number of people who are likely going to have to walk. But this doesn't necessarily say they are going to walk one block if they can get a bus and go to Whitehorse, then they will, I can assure you because they are doing it every day. But this isn't Porter Creek's problem, this is the educational problem or this is the problem that we are saddled here with in the Yukon with separate schools and we have got these and we have to live with them. So, don't blame Porter Creek or don't blame any particular neighbourhood. I think the final selection of the site should be up to the people of the area. They are very adamant in their recommendations for a school. I think this should be a site that has been suggested by Administration; I think that with the school you have to absolutely of a necessity consider the water situation, the water system. And if my memory serves me correct, I think it was five years ago that a water system was promised to Porter Creek. Surveys had been done, associated engineering surveys and everything had been carried out, but because of other requirements the areas of Watson Lake or Mayo received these facilities or the monies at least for facilities in their areas. Now, we don't object to this because in most instances health reasons have predicated these changes be made. But I think that we have sat by quietly and very peacefully long enough. I think it's about time we were given the opportunity to have a few of these amenities and not be under the domination of Whitehorse people who seem to think everything should be centered in Whitehorse. Now, I don't know whether I have made myself clear or not, but I want it very adamantely understood that the people out there as they do anywhere in the Territory feel one of the best things for a growing community is adequate schooling. And, there is no reason if in the decision to rebuild that enough foresite is taken to realize that what has been said around this table today, that we are a fast growing Territory and if we take these things into consideration we won't consider replacing the burnt edifice with a five-room temporary moveable building, but a structure that will be a credit to the community and a place for the community activities to center around.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, again I wish to make a few comments on this, and I would like to point out to the Council that they are completely overlooking the situation and the necessity of establishing two schools. One in Crestview and one in Porter Creek. We could then discontinue this very very unnecessary bus system that we have today. We could stop the children from taking a very, very dangerous position out along the Alaska Highway and waiting for school busses where naturally children start playing, and I have drove through there in early of hours of the morning going either way, and I...the school children were standing out playing on the Alaska Highway where the through traffic is very, very fast and seeing that it looks very much in this area that we would only go to the extent of primary grades in either locality at the present time. I think it would be very sensible to for instance have a two-room school in the Crestview area and possibly a three or four room school at Porter Creek whichever applies. And think this should be taken into consideration and it is a very necessary fact and I think it is time Council took a strong look at this and get away from these big ideas of big schools in the area and putting on bus drivers and have the children standing out at 40° below zero to freeze to death while they are waiting for a bus. Maybe their clock is ten minutes wrong and they are out there 10-15 minutes early and there is a necessity to have a school in both of these localities. Gentlemen, if you would take an honest look I am very certain you will agree with this.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out for the Councillors edification that according to the schedule covering the Crestview area last year, the property taxes collected was less than $4,000.00 for that area.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I think at this moment, the time being 3:20 I think we will declare a short recess.

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Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen I will call Committee back to order. We have a motion before us. It is moved by Councillor Shaw, and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee accept the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper No. 63.

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Mr. Boyd: I have some comments I would like to make before we deal with that motion. .....inaudible....but I want to point out a couple of facts . We keep talking about a seven room school, - it's seven classrooms. Now on top of the seven classrooms you have another seven rooms which makes it a fourteen room deal and I would like to think that in view of the motion that was passed here a few minutes ago that somebody will bring up the idea of Grade nine and ten out there. It may be warranted but I don't know how you are going to decide whether it is warranted or not because there is nothing to say whether those grade nine and ten students will go to that school even though you build rooms for them. Now this gets to be kind of ridiculous . On top of this, the way I have it added up you have 141 pupils at Porter Creek and you have 120 that are not in Porter Creek school but they are from that area. 261 pupils, all told, in Porter Creek of which 211 of them are bussed one way or another. That leaves 50 pupils only getting to school on their own shanks ponies. The percentage-wise doesn't make sense. One more bus would takec care of the extra 50 pupils and would save the installation of a whole school including what is listed in here over and above the seven classrooms, a kindergarten room, a library, health room, staff room, a large activity room. Now, I don't think anybody pays anything to get on that bus to come down town; if they do I would like to know about it but I'm of the opinion they don't. I'd jump on a bus if I didn't have to pay for a streetcar ticket too, and go where I liked. A kindergarten room, I suppose this is gratis free. Others elsewhere I presume were paying some rent for their room - heat and so on but there are all these little incidents. Well, build a school in Porter Creek if it is warranted - if we can overcome a lot of this stuff where it is costing the people terrific money fine, but I think we should --I would like to think the Commissioner is going to take a good hard look at this system we are using and maybe put some rules in it to the extent at least that if you live in Porter Creek you go to school in Porter Creek if there are facilities there to take you. We've got to come to something.

Mr. MacKinnon: Possibly Mr. Boyd was one of the members sitting in Council when they adopted the two party school system, the Catholic and Protestant; possibly the Commissioner was one at the table in my seat at that time so this is a very very hard thing to say and draw a very blunt line because if somebody wants to send their child to a Catholic school under the present system they reserve that right and so we can't say if they are in the primary grades they must go to that school because this is not so. Under your system it is not so so don't try to fool yourself because they don't have to. They can go where they like and you must furnish a bus; so you are going to have this problem existing until you change it and I don't think that anybody is prepared to change it at the present time ....and you have got to live with it so you don't just tell people you can't go down town, you can't demand a bus to take your children down to a private school because

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Mr. MacKinnon continues
somewheres along the line you have regulations saying that they are permitted to do so, so the only thing I can see fit for that area is a school in both localities of a minor nature, we'll say for secondary grades and I think people are broadminded enough, or primary grades rather, and in the secondary grades it doesn't create much of a problem where the child goes to school - you realize this and if you established a school in Porter Creek and asked a six year old child to walk from the extreme area of Crestview, which I believe is well over two miles to the proposed locality in the north area of Porter Creek - it just doesn't seem quite right and you are going to have a bussing service that will exceed the cost of a school in the Crestview area which would be more suitable and I certainly maintain it is very worthy of thought the derogatory attitude.?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I'm quite well aware of all you have said but I'll make the situation clear so that I am not misunderstood. Now, when I was talking about the people going willy-nilly where they want. There are only 15 children of the Roman Catholic faith going to Christ the King Elementary school - 15 of them are being bussed there with their own choice. Now, out of 211 people being bussed 15 is a pretty small thing to be talking about and I'm not talking about them at all. I'm talking about a principle - of a population of 260 pupils 211 of them have to be bussed so what if 15 of them are bussed down town? Probably they would be quite willing to pay their bus fare- maybe they are paying it, I don't know but somebody is paying it and this is where the thing is wrong, this percentage of pupils that we are paying for. It is a terrific cost and if the parents are not concerned about it then I don't know who should be - certainly they are going to be asked to put it on their tax notice or pay it in lieu of taxes and I would think if we were to go to them and say look maybe we can make a better arrangement but they might be quite prepared to do it, Certainly I know that a lot of these children would walk a few more steps - do they use it in the summer time or just in the winter time? There is another thing, can we lay off some buses because in the summer time I don't think a child minds walking any distance since in pretty nice weather he is up there at eight o'clock in the morning and raring to get out.

Mr. MacKinnon: Now Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Commissioner a question. Does he have available the approximate distance from the extreme point of Crestview to the proposed new locality of a school at Porter Creek?

Mr. Smith: No, Mr. Chairman, I don't have that information readily available but we will endeavour to ascertain the information for Council.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I still have a motion moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Watt that the committee accept the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper No. 63. It is the recommendations found on the last page, page 3 of this Sessional Paper. Have you anything further or do you wish the question called?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say in answer to Mr. Thompson that I think that we do have the question of the water for the school and I would certainly support any

Mr. Watt continues

motion relating to council would suggest to help getting water, or sewer and water, I think it would be foolish to settle for less -complete sewage and water facilities particularly in this area - if they can get it in this particular area of Porter Creek. I'll certainly support it and would certainly support any recommendations from the Councillor of the area in respect to that and particularly to servicing this school. I would like to remind the Council that they immediately eliminated the Canyon Crescent sub-division a few years ago which possibly would have been the easiest to service -- the fastest growing sub-division in the Yukon Territory. It is my constituency and it would probably built so fast it would have made two Councillors in my area.

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, question has been called. Are you prepared for the question?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to hear from the Councillor of that area. I don't think that a hinterland member should have any part of this motion. I don't think it is right because what would a member, we'll say from Dawson City, would he have a complete knowledge of the situation of that area and feel that he should second that motion or should this more or less remain in the hands of the member of that area?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, If anybody wishes me to withdraw the motion I will withdraw -.....get on with the job -- cut down the yaking and get on with building the school. That is why I made the motion.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, the question has been called on the motion. Are you agreed with the motion?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Any to the contrary? I will declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this Sessional Paper?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think in all your anxiety to cut down on the yaking and get the job done I think you failed to realize that by passing that motion you have precluded the possibility of a stepped-up program to get this school in operation by next fall. It says in 1967-68 which means until June of '68 that the Porter Creek and Crestview students will be integrated in Takhini and Whitehorse Elementary and I feel strongly enough about this that I think that every effort should be made to get this into operation as soon as humanly possible. And as I said before if we hadn't taken two months to get this before us, that it was quite conceiveable that work could have been started quite some time ago.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we discussed this, I think, for about an hour before I made the motion. Now, if this is not doing the right thing for this particular school I am very sorry because my intentions were strictly to get this

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Mr. Shaw continues

thing going for these people as soon as possible. I didn't think it would be possible to get the plans and get this thing going. However, perhaps at this time I could ask Mr. Commissioner that in spite of what this says here would the Administration endeavour to perhaps finish this before then - it would be possible to get this school finished by, say, Christmas time or something like that . I am all for getting a school back up there. I think there should be a school back up there the same as before and I certainly did not intend by any means to hold back construction and I wonder, Mr. Commissioner, if it is possible to get this going sooner than this time .....

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would put it to you this way- that just as soon as Council has voted the money in Estimates, and it would appear that they have given tacit approval by going along with the suggestions in this paper, that we will proceed promptly. Now, I couldn't agree more with what Councillor Thompson has to say. I think that the school should be built just as promptly as possible and made available to the boys and girls in the area just as promptly as possible but I certainly don't think that it would be even fair or reasonable for me to say 'Yes it will be finished by Christmas'. I will say this, Mr. Chairman, that just as promptly as Council sees fit to vote the money we will proceed as promptly as possible to give effect to Council's motion.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I will be very happy if the estimates were brought forth tomorrow- I would be glad to approve this - as far as I am concerned get this show on the road, get the school up before anything else came up because this is necessary and we need it and why delay?

Mr. Thompson: Thank you Mr. Chairman and thank you Mr. Shaw. I think that's about the best suggestion I've heard around this table this session.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, have you anything further in relation to Sessional Paper No. 63?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, yes I would just like to make my point clear that this is a very inadequate move. The extreme points of Crestview is 2½ miles from the proposed school. This will call for bussing service which is an unnecessary thing and if we were to build a school also in Crestview and more central part of Porter Creek, that we could completely do away with a very, very costly bussing service. If the other members are willing to hold off for a few minutes, possibly the Commissioner could get us figures on the actual cost of bussing service on the past in this particular area. It is a ridiculous figure and you could well have two schools and money in the pocket. I think that the Council should be willing to take a look at this and use a little common sense. Maybe it doesn't seem reasonable but at some time or other I think we should show a little common sense and work for the public.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Councillor MacKinnon. I believe you will find the answers to your questions at the bottom of page two. Is there anything further, gentlemen, on this paper?

All: Clear.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I fail to see the answers I asked for.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, the cost of transportation - of bussing school children is $10,000.00 per year and now transporting .....inaudible.... an additional $10,000.00 per school year, making a total of $20,000.00 per school year at the present time. May I proceed, gentlemen?

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Bussing school children

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention that $20,000.00 is a lot of money and I think it is worth a little consideration. I believe the estimated cost on these two classroom schools is somewhere in the vicinity of $100,000.00. Now I'm not sure whether this includes the initial cost of the buses and I still say it is worth some thought. It's another community, a community we'll say that is bigger than Haines Junction and 1083 and you are denying them the right to have a school. But you are willing to build a school on the basis of the population of Porter Creek and then spend $20,000.00 to haul them down into Whitehorse because they refuse to walk that 2½ miles to your school.

Mr. Chairman: If there is nothing further I will proceed with Sessional Paper No. 64. (reads Sessional Paper #64-Motion #48, 1966 Spring Session).

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Territorial Park

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, with respect to this particular Sessional Paper, it appears that the Federal Government has gone on its own and has hired an employee who was previously employed with the National Parks Survey, to make a survey up here with respect to Territorial parks, and make recommendations. Now, we didn't ask for this survey and we asked for the park and we asked for the Administration to take steps but here's another case where the Federal Government at the federal level has gone and hired an individual to make recommendations for these parks and he was previously with the Parks Board which I understand is a body that helps administer national parks. It looks to me a lot as if this is the thin edge of the wedge for a person that is pretty well picked , familiar with national parks, to start surveying us for park services. Now we specifically stated in the motion that the Administration immediately take steps to establish a Territorial Park in the Yukon Territory and that was the intent of the motion and it was made after a heated discussion and a rejection of a national park under their present policy. And it states in this paper that there has been no change in the National Parks Act. And I would just like to say that I can foresee the recommendation that this individual is going to make and will be strongly recommending a National park for the Yukon Territory .... inaudible .....time, and we have been rejecting it -unless there are some modifications made as to size or as to change of the National Parks Act. I would simply like to say I think that steps should be taken to establish a Territorial Park but I don't think this is a sufficient step . I think that more concrete steps could be taken without having this individual come up here and make recommendations. I think with respect to a Territorial Park

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Mr. Watt continues
we should have made the appointment from the Territorial level, and we would have had something more in line than what the motion had or the intent of the motion. I would like to add just one more point. It says that we have 41 Territorial campgrounds within our service here which would make a good base for our parks program. I would like to suggest that we could have 42 and include the Robert Service Park in it. It would be the simplest way to solve the problems that are rising out of that.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I'm afraid that I disagree with some of the Councillor's remarks. We had asked the Administration to take steps and they have taken steps and they are very good steps. It is stated here that it is the view of the Federal Government that the creation of a Territorial Park system is a Federal responsibility. Now, Mr. Chairman, whether you like it or whether you don't like it, I'm not referring to you personally, the Yukon Territory is the property of the Federal Government, and the Federal Government can in fact create an Order In Council and make a park any place that they so wish in the Yukon Territory, be it a national park or a Territorial park. There are a number of us here who have objected to a national park under the present regulations, I myself being one of those. However, we have felt that we do need a park in the area - and we need a park and therefore we will call it a Territorial park where maximum use could be made of resources and the Federal Government are sending a man up, this Mr. Baker, I don't know Mr. Baker from ..... but it appears that this person has qualifications to know what type of area, terrain and various other factors should constitute a park. In other words he has had experience at it and he will no doubt go to various areas in the Territory and submit his recommendations in due course to this Council at which time we will be able to discuss them, but we will have had the experience and information from a man who has had experience in this field and I think this is a very good step. I will be looking forward, Mr. Chairman, to see what his recommendations will be. I am sure that he is not coming up here to say that this is a park or that is a park. He'll assess what he can see or what's available I am sure that in due course he'll come back with his recommendations and I think that's very good. We'll be able to get the maximum use of resources by having a Territorial Park and as soon as one gets started the better I'll like it.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, unfortunately I can't agree. I thought, as Councillor Shaw did that this was the intent of the proposal. I thought that we could create a Territorial Parks system and we all agreed that this was the answer, this park, but I would like to draw your attention gentlemen if I may to Sessional Paper to show you what I mean . I submit that this is the means by which the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development are trying to siddle in with the National Parks issue again because they make statements 'a broader Territorial park system has been under investigation for some time'. There has never been a Territorial park system under investigation by anybody in the Federal Government until we recommended this at the last session. So the Territorial park system that they have been investigating is one under the National Parks concept. In the next paragraph it is stated that arrangements have been made with Mr. Baker to conduct a study of Yukon park development, including the possibility of a system of Territorial parks. kWell he is coming up here to look at national parks and also if he has got any time

Mr. Taylor continues
to spare he'll give us some advice on Territorial parks. Note this well gentlemen, it is in your Paper. Lands and forests are a Federal resource and it is therefore the view of the Federal Government that the creation of a Territorial park or park system is a Federal responsibility. All right, next item - Federal responsibility. But, however, we can have the game preserves - they are under the control of the Council and the Commissioner of the Territory. It is my suggestion that we take all these game sanctuaries the MacArthur, the Kluane, and the Pine Creek Game Sanctuary and call them Territorial Parks. They are defined here in our Game Ordinance. We have full control ..... It goes on to say that they are looking at the British Columbia Department of Recreation Conservation Act and Regulations and they say this will enable the Crown to create several categories of parks ..ha ha..guess what one category is going to be? The big issue, the national park which the people of the Yukon do not wish and cannot afford at this time, and will at the same time, it states here, make adequate provisions under Park Use Permits for mining and other resource exploration and exploitation. The regulations in providing the administrative protection of the development of the Parks will, depending on the category of the park, put considerable control in the hands of local advisers or park boards - considerable control ....coughing.....it doesn't give us any control -the Yukon Council, and that's what we set this thing up to be. If we are going to have a Territorial Parks system we are going to have money in the budget and develop this. This must be under the unfettered control of the people of the Yukon Territory, not the Federal Government. I think we have given enough responsibility back to the Federal Government and the time has come to stop retrogressing and get on our own feet and start assuming this responsibility ourselves. And I, as many other people in this Territory, feel that the time has come wheb we do not allow the Federal Government to dictate to us in terms of parks or anything else. This is just another means of foisting upon the people of the Yukon a national park and gentlemen, it's clear as a bell, there is money in the budget for a Territorial park system and I strongly recommend that when we get around to the expenditure of that money that it not be expended unless we have full control of the Yukon Territory over a Territorial park system. And that is my views and I think you've got to agree that a Territorial park system should be under the control of the people of the Yukon Territory. It is about time we made a stand on that and insisted.

Mr. Shaw: Now, Mr. Chairman, if it is a Territorial park it will be under the kind hand of the Territorial government which is as people here, in the government here - yes .....inaudible.....

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions gentlemen.

Mr. Boyd: I'm going to save my comments until I hear from this gentleman coming here - I'll wait and see what he comes up with.

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Mr. MacKinnon: I don't know what everybody is so scared of ..... some two hundred and some thousand square miles-if we have to set a little area aside for a national park we would have the Federal monies spent it might help the tourist industry a little bit and this would no doubt in turn help the entire Territory. Now I would suggest that we set these proposed 20 square miles that were passed in motion of council a few years back with solid gold, it would be a good thing to leave it for the future. And this is not going to hurt the Yukon. Now for instance, we have a Centennial project from all across Canada - you are putting the flags of every province on top of these mountains and there is a lot of money being spent- there is a lot of money in the budget from the Territorial contribution toward this and what do you want to do, go up there with a bulldozer next year and knock the flags all down, and tear those mountains apart. I think that we should think of the future a bit and establish some sort of National park. It doesn't have to be a big thing- it is not going to hurt the mining fraternity and I think the main object in opposition to this is that each individual prospector thinks he is going to stumble onto something awkwardly and make a million dollars for his own pocket. I would much rather see this preserved for the future of the Territory. We are only about the first generation and I think it should have some thought in that respect and I hope the Federal government will see fit to outweigh the majority wishes here. They have seen fit before and I think that they may possibly again. I hope they do.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further discussions.

All: Clear.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I would like to have a little say on this serious park business, being a parks man. I can see nothing wrong with this man coming up and making a survey and spending some of the Federal money. Why should we pay for it? If the Federal Government wants to pay for it, let them pay for it. He's going to make a bunch of recommendations whether we are going to have a Territorial park or whether we have a fit place for a Territorial park or not. I can see nothing wrong with it. I think it would be very wise to wait and see what he has to say before we go off the deep end. Let us listen to him and at least give him a chance to come up and say what he thinks before we cut the feet out from underneath him, and then if we want to do that it's time enough then as far as I'm concerned.

Mr. Thompson: I think Mr. Chairman if he reads the Votes and Proceedings he will think twice about coming up to do this survey but I think as a proponent of a park that it is in our interests to have the survey undertaken and findings tabulated and if he is not coming up until August it will be next fall or next session to sit and review the findings and deliberations.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, this now concludes the Sessional Papers before us. Is it your desire to proceed with Bills.

Mr. Southam: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: We will proceed to Bill No. 1, an Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordimance. (reads Bill). BILL #1
Do you wish the explanatory notes read gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: This was a request I made in the last session where the paper was brought before us, I thought unnecessarily. I would move that this Bill No. 1 be passed out of committee without amendment.

Mr. Thompson: Is there just the one section, Mr. Chairman that this has reference to. It says Section 36 and I am just wondering if it appears in any other.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Adviser, can you answer that?

Mr. Hughes: Well, the expression does, of course, appear elsewhere but ..... at the last session dealing with Section 36 and can find the change to that. That was where there was dissolution and so you are actually dealing with the Co-Operative Association at the last session; that's Bill No. 2, Mr. Chairman. It was in connection with dissolution of the Whitehorse Co-Operative Association that you made this comment dealing with Section 44 of the Co-Operative Association and you felt that it was rather tiresome to have to give your attention to an administrative matter of this nature so we prepared these two Ordinances. As i was going through the Co-Operative Ordinance it occurred to me there was a similar provision in the Societies Ordinance in Section 36 so I thought that if you wanted to do it with one you wanted to do it with the other. They are not world shaking. If the change isn't made life will go on pretty smoothly so it was only brought in because of the Council's ... last time.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Advisor, might I ask a question? from the Chair. Is there a right of appeal to this dissolution anywhere through the Societies Ordinance?

Mr. Hughes: Well, where a Society is struck off an aggrieved person may under Section 38 of the Societies Ordinance they may apply for restoration to register. As a matter of fact we have had one instance of it this year. One Society had failed to file its returns for something like four years. They had been given every accommodation so finally they were swept out with the rest of the societies that didn't comply. They then discovered that they hadn't quite tidied up their affairs so they'd been restored to the register under Section 38 of the Societies Ordinance. So, there is a right of appeal where the admmnistration always look, look at this again if they can show good cause, but they can't be just left not complying with the requirements of the Ordinance relating to filing and so on. Sooner or later somebody has got to crack the whip, but they do have a right to appeal.

Mr. Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: I find a little difficulty here Mr. Chairman. I'm not so sure that I would like to see the Council give up this particular privilege, Commissioner in Council, just give it up that quickly to the administration because there is nothing expressed in the Societies Ordinance that I can see that absolutely gives .... before magistrate

BILL NO 1 Mr. Taylor continues that this Society is being dissolved the right of appeal. It is only an agreement that the Administration could look into any such appea; as an internal administrative matter and I don't think I'd be prepared to see this deleted until such time as right of appeal was written into the Societies Ordinance, clearly setting forth the method of appeal and what rights the Society would have. I note that in the discussion on this at the fall session that it was pointed out that this was the only co-operative association in the Yukon registered under this. This is what brought it about, but there was no motion as such to the effect that this change be made. It was suggested, I notice, I believe Commissioner Smith suggested this. ..... Mr. Chairman, I would be very happy to speak with the Legal Advisor and see if we can renovate this apparent wrong resulting out of this statement ....I believe .....Mr. Shaw. But as I say I don't think I would be in agreement here. I would rather leave the power of dissolution to the Commissioner in Council at this time until such time as the right of appeal section has been provided.

Mr. Hughes: Mr. Chairman, may I comment? As I indicated we have just brought these here because of the way in which we interpreted Council's remarks last fall and the administration has no special case to argue . However, I would reassure the Council that even if no specific right of appeal was written in, there are, of course, the various time-honoured remedies such as a writ of prohibition, a writ of mandamus, the various commonlaw writs by which an aggrieved person could seek an order from the court quashing the order off the Registrar or prohibiting the order from registering the dissolution of a society. An aggrieved person would not be entirely without remedy. So we are quite content to take the Council's further instruction if Council has the least reservation about these two Ordinances. I deal with them as two together, then they are not worth arguing about. It was an effort on our part to meet the wishes of Council. That was all.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman: I am in accord with Mr. Boyd. I can't see any point of arguing this fact. I think this was the intention and I think that the possibility of any wrong-doing happening is very unlikely so I would second Mr. Boyd's motion.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman. lJust one thing. I hear lots of agreed ..... but I just point out to you gentlemen that you are again abdicating your authority by giving away control, or partial control in conjunction with Mr. Commissioner, and his administration. You are now saying we don't want any more to do with this so we will leave it up to you and you give away each time a little chip and you give away some of those things which -safeguards which the people now have. And in effect you are doing it here because, gentlemen, I remind you that what is not expressed in an Ordinance is not implied, and I would agree in a minute to Section 36 being deleted as I can see

Mr. Taylor continues
that it could have some housekeeping benefits, but I could never, never agree to this unless there were safeguards in this Bill whereby there was a right of appeal through a specified series of actions as in other Ordinances. And, oh, I could never agree to this and I wish you gentlemen would take a second look at this. BILL #1

Mr. Watt: As I understand it, Mr. Chairman and as I understand the time we spent over the Co-Op Ordinance the last time we spent a lot of time in petty administrative detail and I understand this is why this.... was requested and the only thing we are getting rid of here is some petty administrative detail that can better be looked after by the Administration and not have to bother Council and I think it is going to save future Council's time by having the administration look after the wind-up of these Ordinances, Societies ---coughing---

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, I can't agree. If somebody came up tomorrow and said, or administration decided to offer for one reason or another we are going to dissolve the Yukon Historical Society now for one reason or another and just went out and resolved it, or dissolved it, then what recourse do they have - none - by virtue of the Ordinance. At least they could not dissolve or the administration, should they have erred in such a case, could not dissolve a Society without first coming before the Council of the Yukon Territory, and until such a time as we take a more active part in its administration I say leave it the way it is or else put the safeguards in the Bill.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the administration have been more than lenient and tolerant. I think they said they waited five years for this particular society to make any effort to rectify the wrongdoing and they didn't get around to doing it so I don't know what all the palaver is about.

Mr. Taylor. The administration of today is not the administration of tomorrow, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Taylor seems to be showing a great deal of concern about the Societies Ordinance - when it came to the point of the individual Councillors squandering the Recreational Fund we didn't want any part of the Societies Ordinance and now we find it a dire necessity to stick with it. The Recreational Fund - we were willing to come under the administrative end because we thought it was easier to deal with than the actual Societies Ordinance and if Mr. Taylor recalls the conversations yesterday in this regard he'll realize that he is backtracking.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: All right gentlemen, the question has been called. Are you agreed with the motion. Any contrary. I declare the motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #1 PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITHOUT AMENDMENT

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: This is Bill No. 2, an Ordinance toAmend the Cooperative Associations Ordinance. (reads Ordinance).

All: Agreed.

BILL NO 2

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, everybody seems to be clear. I would like to move that this Bill No. 2 be passed out of committee without amendment.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second the motion.

Mr. Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, In order that - I know you gentlemen are so learned and given great interest as good Councillors should in this matter - can any one at this particular moment tell me what Section 44 of this Ordinance says? Has anyone read it or have it in their possession?

All: Question.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, I would like to have an answer.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, just give me a minute and I'll look it up.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, my esteemed and honourable colleagues seem to be all knowledgeable here - nobody even bothered to take the time to look at the Cooperative Association Ordinance to find out what the implications of removing the words "in council" from this section are. If this isn't irresponsibility I'd like to know what irresponsibillty is, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Thompson: Well, I would suggest that the Councillor read us what Section 44 is and we would be knowledgeable and equally informed.

Mr. Taylor: This is the point, Mr. Chairman. We haven't had a chance to get our books open . I've got mine here and I'm just in the process of reading it, and I suggest that some of the other members do too. Mr. Chairman, Section 44 as I see it in this Ordinance does not contain the words "in council" - I fail to see them so obviously there must have possibly been an amendment · is this correct?

Mr. Hughes: Mr. Chairman, the Cooperative Association as I have it in Section 44 reads "on sufficient cause being shown and upon such conditions and subject to such provisions as may be deemed proper, the Commissioner in Council may revoke and cancel the incorporation of any association and declare the association to be dissolved. That is on page 272 of the green book , chapter 23.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, if the honourable member will turn to the proper Ordinance here-I think he has still got the Societies Ordinance.

Mr. Taylor: .: Well Mr. Chairman, I am looking at the Cooperative Association Ordinance this fast legislation I don't go for it. I'm looking at page 280 - 44 where it states that the director shall elect the president and vice-president - but apparently this is an appended schedule

Mr. Taylor continues

of the Ordinance. Well here again gentlemen I can only say as in the first Bill you are taking out the Commissioner in Council, you are writing the people right out of this Ordinance and you are offering no safeguards for the Society and though I'm not permitted a vote in this case unless there is a tie, I register my objection very, very vigorously to this Bill. BILL NO 2

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, if the Chairman would like to keep from hiding under that Chair he has an excuse for not voting most of the time I would be glad to accept the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, any further discussions?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to compliment the member on finally coming to the right chapter and right page in the book.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 2, an Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance be moved out of committee as written. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary?

Mr. Taylor: Contrary, and I wish my vote recorded.

Mr. Boyd: I would move that the Chairman now, the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Committee.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I'll second the motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Speaker do now resume the chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. I refer to the question, gentlemen. Are you agreed. Any contrary. Gentlemen, I would declare the motion carried. And may the Commissioner be excused. BILL #2 PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITHOUT AMENDMENT

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I'll now call Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, the Committee convened at 10.20 a.m. to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions. Committee first discussed Sessional Papers, with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. Committee recessed at twelve noon and reconvened at two p.m. to continue with Sessional Papers. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the report of the Financial Advisory Committee be accepted. This motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Committee approves extended educational facilities in areas outside of Whitehorse where possible and warranted. This motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Boyd that a program of dormitory facilities is to be provided in Whitehorse for students who will, of necessity, be REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

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required to utilize such facilities and be of a type that could be expanded if and when required. This Motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Shaw that item 3 of Sessional Paper No. 60 be not considered until further studies have been made. This Motion carried with Councillor Watt opposed. It was moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee accept the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper No. 63. This Motion carried, Mr. Speaker. It was also moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Thompson that Bill No. 1 be reported out of Committee without amendment. This Motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 2 be reported out of Committee. This Motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair to hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees and this Motion also carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen, you have heard the Chairman of Committee's report. Are you agreed with it?

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention that the roll call report was omitted.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you for bringing it to my attention. I will see to it that it is attended to.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was in error in not reporting that. There was barely enough to effect a quorum to start this afternoon..to proceed...Mr. Speaker. There were three Members absent.

DATE SET FOR MEETING WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Speaker: Well, gentlemen, there are a few matters, one in particular I would like to give you the information which I have. At the present moment, according to your instructions in relation to the meeting of the Mayor and City Council, this meeting has now been scheduled for Thursday morning at 10:30 am, April 6, and at that time the delegation from the City of Whitehorse will be six members. One other matter - it was asked this morning about Labour Standards Legislation and I believe the Legal Advisor has some advice in this respect. Would you proceed, Mr. Legal Advisor.

LABOUR STANDARDS LEGISLATION

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Speaker, I have looked into the progress of that legislation and reference has been made to Ottawa some time ago asking for policy clearance. We wanted some direction from them. We haven't heard from them so a wire was going to be sent again today to see whether we could excite a little progress on the question of the Game Ordinance which was also raised this morning. It so happened that the Game Ordinance, what I believe is in its final draft form, arrived. I was able to study it and it appears to be in order as far as drafting is concerned and the Game Director has seen it and believes it meets what he is looking for so probably tomorrow afternoon the Clerk of Council will be instructing the girls to set it up and I hope we would have it on Monday.

GAME ORDINANCE

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure at this time, gentlemen?

AGENDA

Mr. Thompson: I would like it to be placed on the Agenda for discussion tomorrow Sessional Paper No. 29 which relates to the fire investigation at the Whitehorse Elementary School and the Porter Creek School.

All: Agreed

Mr. Speaker: Is it your pleasure that we then continue with Sessional Papers, Bills, Motions and Memoranda, all for tomorrow. AGENDA

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Southam: I'll second the Motion, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

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Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

SESSIONAL PAPERS

Mr. Clerk: I have three Sessional Papers for tabling this morning, Mr. Speaker. Sessional Paper No. 65 in reply to Motion No. 2 of the last Session, Central Utility and Shower Baths in Indian Villages. Sessional Paper No. 66 in reply to Motion No. 23 of the last Session re the Bill of Rights. Sessional Paper No. 67 in reply to Motion No. 17, Jones Act and the Canada Shipping Act. That's all the correspondence I have this morning, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Reports of Committees? We have no introduction of Bills. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion re Mine Rescue.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give Notice of Motion with respect to Kindergarten Classes in the Yukon Territory.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion re a Business Licence.

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Mr. Speaker: Have we any further Notices of Motion and Resolution? We will now proceed to Orders of the Day. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? Have we any Motions for the Production of Papers? If not, the next item will be Motions. Mr. Taylor, would you please take the Chair.

Mr. Taylor takes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Shaw, would you be prepared to discuss Motion No. 4 this morning?

MOTION #4

Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Speaker. It was moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Boyd under the title of Proposed Yukon Territorial Flag. "It is respectfully requested that the Administration prepare a copy, made on a scale basis and with defined shades of colouring of the flag design which was designated as number 37 at the recent Flag Design Contest managed by the Royal Canadian Legion, Whitehorse Branch at which Members of Council were invited to choose what they considered the winning design and to which a majority of the Council had chosen number 37 to be their choice. It is furthere requested that when this project has been completed as per above request that this design then be brought to Council Chambers that the Members may then review this presentation and determine whether or not this flag design designated as number 37 should carry their recommendation for adoption as the Yukon Territorial Flag." May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

MOTION #4 Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: This Resolution is fairly well explained I think, however, after the Council Members had chosen a flag, there seemed to be quite some doubt as to whether we were actually choosing a design or choosing both a design and a flag that should be designated as the Yukon Territorial flag. We might have had the time but it might take quite some time to chose a flag for such an important purpose and, quite rightfully, many Members felt that this had to be given more consideration. I quite agree with that, Mr. Speaker, and as a result I felt that if this design were made on a larger scale and a good drawing made of it, more or less of a professional nature, that Council would then be in a better position to see what it was like on a large scale and they could make their decision accordingly. I also felt, Mr. Speaker, that it was up to the Members of Council to determine whether or not this is the one that we should accept. This is Centennial Year and if we do not make a decision at this time then, of course, we do not have the benefit of having our new flag proclaimed and instituted during this one hundredth year celebration of Canada. I think that's about all I have to say on this, Mr. Speaker. I hope that Council will go along with this and we can proceed on this particular flag business.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Shaw. Is there any discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I feel that if the same fate befalls this as befell the Yukon Tartan, we probably won't have anything decided by the second centennial. I can see Mr. Shaw's line of reasoning here but I think probably it doesn't go quite far enough. I think what would be a great deal of benefit to all concerned is to have the Administration make two or three flags from the top flags on that design and I mean have a flag maker make actual flags to show the various colourings, the various shapes, so that it is much easier to come up with a decision. I feel that in this instance that there would be a great deal more benefit derived to the Territory because you will actually see a creation of what we might conceivably approve and I would suggest that something along these lines be instituted as opposed to having the Administration prepare a copy, which I imagine is what the mover has in mind....in this instance, a copy on paper and shaded and something of this nature, and I think that this is something far less than should be instituted at this time.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, the Yukon now has had its name "Yukon" for almost seventy years and no flag. For many years it has been considered that we should have a flag. We can see the Alaska flag flying along side of our Canadian flag time and time again right here in the Yukon and we can never see a Yukon flag. By majority we did pick the contest winner insofar as flag designs were concerned and it would seem to me that is the design that we should be considering unless we are going to simply say the flag design chosen to be the winner is not adequate to be a Yukon flag. In other words, it is not good enough. If we want to say that, that's one thing....we haven't seen it yet. The purpose of this Motion is to get something on a reasonable sized piece of paper, cardboard or whatever it might be according to scale.. something that will say how big the flag is, how much of it is green, how big the tartan is, and also the blue and green would be designated by a code number which is in existence in Government records. They have numbers for practically

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everything that exists in their parts depots, clothing depots, paint depots, and so on, so a number or code number could be given to the painting that is on the design that is proposed here and it would be firm. It would be that. You would be judging on something that is actually stated to be factual. If you don't like it, then you will say no. I think this should be given a chance...this Motion.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I had much the same thing in mind as what Mr. Thompson has brought up and I believe that I had mentioned it to all Members at recess a couple of days ago - the value of taking a movie camera and having film made of various flags and showing it then on a slide system which would enlarge it and bring it up to what the flag would actually be. I do go along with what Mr. Thompson had to say in regards to this.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I think the Legion should be commended for taking the initiative with respect to this contest. I had made a suggestion the other day that a flag committee of three Members be formed to make a presentation to Council of their suggestions of a flag and they could have possibly used this No. 37 as a basis and I think that by this time we would have had the recommendations of this Committee before us. You would have had three Councillors, possibly four, five, six or seven, in complete agreement already on this, but Council chose not to accept this suggestion which seems to be the procedure that has been used in other parts of Canada so now we have somebody saying that we should take this No. 37 exactly as it is and make that the Yukon flag. This is the apparent suggestion of the Motion. I agree with Mr. Thompson that a full scale size model of the flag should be presented to Council so that we can vote on it. Now, I was over there to judge a contest. I came back and found I had picked a flag. The flag that has been picked.....I had No. 37 down. I think it was my first choice....I didn't put my choices in number. I didn't pick No. 1, 2, 3, but it was one of the three and I forget which one of the three it is now. So, here I am asked to decide a flag and I don't even know which one of the three it is right now. I think that if the Committee had been formed then they could have brought a flag to us and possibly made any amendments to it that they wanted to as far as their recommendations were concerned. I don't want to prolong this. I think the Yukon should have a flag. We have mountain climbs coming up and we should have something to put on a mountain. If we don't have a flag by then....if Council thinks that they want to actually see a replica of this chosen flag before them before they vote on it, I would certainly go along with it.....in lieu of putting a flag on a hill, they could put a copy of our crest on the hill or something in lieu of it. I don't think that there would be any particular hold up if it was requested that a full scale model of this flag be designed. It's too bad we don't have a flag committee to help the designer and the manufacturer of this...to help guide them. I hesitate on this Motion. I don't want to delay it. I hope somebody makes an amendment to fulfill the objections that I have. I am quite at a loss. It appears that something has been pushed at us pretty fast here. I don't hesitate to make a decision but I lack information on which to base my decision. Unfortunately, it appears to be somewhat engineered....I don't know....the hastiness of it. There had been good suggestions made to cut out the doubt that we had about it. I would certainly like to go along with an amendment to the Motion so that we could keep the ball rolling on this. If the manufacturers can't give us a replica of this shortly, then the next Council

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can do it and it will still be within our Centennial Year. We are going to have to live with this for a long time. Once a decision is made, it is made forever. At least we should know....I'm not even sure of the colours of it. I don't know whether it was the brown and red one or which one it was. There were several just about the same. I picked two that were quite a bit the same. Possibly..... because it looked like the same type of work. I would like to hear from other Councillors a little bit more before I vote on this. There's some doubt in my mind.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, would Mr. Shaw possibly have a copy of the flag at this time?

Mr. Shaw: I just have a rough copy of it in my pocket, Mr. Speaker. I don't think anybody could understand it but myself. I would pass this over to the Honourable Member from Carmacks-Kluane and possibly he can decipher it.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, you have in the Library over here that's cost you pretty near a million bucks...and in that Library is a book on flags and I would suggest that the Council get it over here and have a look and then you will know what you are talking about.

Mr. Shaw: I cannot see the opposition to this. This Motion that I have introduced is about as negative a Motion as a Motion could be in relation to positive action. All it is asking is that a design be made and presented to the Council for their approval or otherwise. I am not asking them to adopt this. My Motion states very clearly that...to review this presentation and to determine whether or not this flag shall be accepted. What I have endeavoured to do, Mr. Speaker, is to get this before Council so that a decision can be made. These references to ulterior motives are childish. There are no ulterior motives. It is Centennial Year. About 137 Yukoners have gone to a great deal of trouble and I think they put a magnificent effort in in providing various and sundry designs of what they individually would consider to be the flag of the Territory. I very much appreciate their efforts. In the meantime, the Legion Centennial Committee has asked the Members of Council to pick the design from these 137 magnificent efforts and come up with the one which we think covers what we consider to be required for the Yukon. So, by a majority, they have chosen, the Members of Council have chosen, this particular flag as the winner of this design. Now, I would feel that it is up to the Council Members, as representatives of the people, as people that have been also chosen to judge this design, that they go further and say, "Is this flag good enough to be used as a Yukon Territorial flag?" The suggestions that have come forth from various Members as to getting a replica made by a flag company are quite sound...quite good....however, until we get discussing this particular Motion, Mr. Speaker, we won't be able to take any action whatsoever. Once this flag design, if this Motion is accepted and this flag design is brought down here and shown to the Members of the Council...that will possibly be the time to have a replica made in cloth or nylon or whatever you make it with but, in the meantime, we have to get this suggestion before Council on the Whole and from there on Council can recommend, if they see fit, to get a design made or two designs or whatever they see fit. I don't know..... we might find out that it will take two months for a flag designer to come up with one of these. It may only take two days. I don't know. I do understand that it takes about two or three days to even draw this flag according to scale. So, this is a start, Mr. Chairman. It doesn't

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determine anything. All it does is bring the flag down and we can then decide whether or not we wish to incorporate it. If this Motion is defeated, then that is the end of the great flag debate and possibly it would be the shortest in history.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Speaker.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, Mr. MacKinnon. The last Speaker closes the debate on this issue according to our rules.

Mr. MacKinnon: As a point of interest.....

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid....if you wish to make an amendment, gentlemen, that is your prerogative, however, there will be no more debate.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make an Amendment to the Motion, seconded by Mr. Watt, and the Amendment would be that the top three selections of the recent Flag Design Contest, as chosen by Territorial Council, be manufactured in cloth and/or nylon, preferably three feet by six feet, and that these finished flags be submitted to Council for their final decision of a Yukon flag.

Mr. Watt: I second the Motion, Mr. Speaker, and as seconder of the Motion I think that it is a positive step that is adding to the original Motion. It has taken a step positive and in furtherance with the original Motion. I don't think it has taken anything from it and I fully support the Amendment to the Motion and the Motion as amended. I think it is a positive step. It is taking this process a step further. I don't think it is delaying it at all and I think that from there on, after this has been presented to us, a Council, or this Council will simply pick one of the three choices and say, "This is the Yukon flag." It has been the procedure in the past, I believe, that the last Council that has been elected usually has a summer Session for a few days to tidy up any loose business. Now, this Council could still be the Council that picks...that says that this particular flag of the three is the one...if it is necessary to call a Session during the summertime and we have had this happen in the past. If that does happen again....if we happen to have a short Session, this may be back in time for us then or it may be back in time for us this Session. It may be us or it might be the new Council but they have got something to start with...something there...and something they can point out and say, "This is the flag." I think the amendment certainly receives my support and likewise the Motion. It will solve this thing as fast as anything we can do.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, I wonder if you could acquire a copy of this Amendment for me. (The Clerk gives Mr. Speaker a copy of the Amendment). I am troubled with the Amendment in two matters. One is that where we amend the Motion No. 4 and the other is I believe the words "In the opinion of Council" should be in the Amendment due to the fact that we cannot spend the taxpayers' money. This is something that the Administration can only do. So, might I ask the mover of the Motion where we amend the Motion. Is this in addition to it or what?

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the Motion be amended to include "It is respectfully requested that" and add the amendment in its entirety, deleting the remainder of the Motion.

Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, I wonder if you would convey this back and I will declare a brief recess while this is prepared in the proper form.

MOTION #4 AS AMENDED

Mr. Speaker: I will call this Council back to order. I have before me an Amendment which is as follows: Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Watt....The Motion would be amended to read: It is respectfully requested that Administration have manufactured as soon as possible the three top selections of the recent Flag Design Contest as chosen by Territorial Council in cloth or nylon, preferably three feet by six feet, and that these finished flags be submitted to Council for a final decision of a Yukon flag." Is there anything further on the Amendment before I call the question, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Speaker, I see no objection whatsoever for Council to have the three designs of the flags here to peruse in order to make their decision. That is quite sound, however, by stating that these should be made of cloth entails a great deal of work. You have to get the person who can do it, and there could be quite some doubt that this could be done in sufficient time for to have it before Council at this Session. Not only that, but it is going to cost a considerable amount of money I think to have these particular flags copied so we have the problem there. In other words, it would appear to me, Mr. Speaker, that this Amendment could effectively stop any progress on the choosing of this flag during this Session. So, what was a fairly simple Resolution has turned into almost a filibuster. I am sorry but had there have been a drawing made of these flags, the three flags, with the colours in, I would have been very glad to have gone along with the Resolution but when we are attempting to make a flag at this stage, after we haven't made the choice....I agree that we did make a choice of the other one that for final analysis a flag could be made but, as I pointed out previously, I think this will effectively put the end to this matter of chosing a flag for this Spring Session and for Centennial Year we will be without the Yukon Territorial flag and, of course, in the next Session, we will get all stirred up again and probably reach the same end.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say...Mr. Watt is a very efficient person and I asked him if he could draw the winning flag and this is what he drew. I asked Mr. Shaw what he thought flag No. 37 looked like and this is his version. It is very clear that we are not too sure. I was talking to Mr. Southam at recess and he thinks that possibly it should be red here instead of blue so I think it is necessary to follow the Motion as read out by Mr. Thompson and let's be sure of what we are doing.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask the Honourable Member a question. Could he tell me what colour the flag is...give me a little detail on it. He seems to consider other Members don't. Surely he must know. I would like to know what they are myself.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, no. I honestly forget whether it was blue on this side or whether the green was on this side. I couldn't say for the life of me.

Mr. Shaw: Question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I took quite some considerable time, at least half to three-quarters of an hour, looking over these designs and I copied these designs and I can assure you as to the veracity of my remarks...as which is being flag No. 37, Mr. Speaker. If any Member thinks that I am wrong, if they want to put up the money, I will cover it to go along with my assertion of what this particular flag is...at any time.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Speaker, I am at a loss to understand the Councillor who say they don't know what they are talking about. They went over there to do a job...to find a winner of a contest and they don't know what they picked insofar as design is concerned for a flag, for a winner. Now, this is a disgrace.

Mr. Watt: What colour is it, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: An absolute disgrace.

Mr. Watt: What colour is it, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Boyd: Another thing, you claimed here by making a Motion that you did pick a winner of that contest. Now, you want to examine three different designs and make a choice to see which one will be the flag. I suppose if you picked something other than 37 to be the Canada flag, who would be the winner of the contest that you have just named?

Mr. Watt: What colour is it?

Mr. Boyd: I like smart alecks and I like people who talk plain English and stop filibustering and fooling around. I know the colours and I am not going to bother telling you. You are not capable of remembering for more than 24 minutes let alone 24 hours so you'd better get down there and look it over and mark it down if you don't know. What are you getting at? Are you going to refute the winner of the contest until you have had these three designs prepared and then judge them? If you are, then let's get it done but let's not make monkeys out of those people who designed the flags and who are waiting for our answer. This is just a waste of oratory. The whole issue. If we don't want a flag and we want the next Council to decide it, if that's what you are aiming at, let's get it that way. I suggest you do it. I am not going to vote for this Motion here...this Amendment.. because who is going to decide what the green will be? Who is going to decide what the blue will be? Who is going to decide how big the crest will be? Who is going to decide what the fireweed will look like? Are you going to ask somebody else to do this? Do you ask them to draw it according to scale or do you do anything of this nature? You lay nothing down. You leave it to, oh, some girl, with respect, or Civil Servant, or a man who works in an office drawing charts. He's going to decide all this for you and then you are going to look

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at it and say, "No, I don't like it." You should give this man some colours and something...name something by which to go by. What do you want? Do you want to see it? What are you going to look at when you've got it? I don't know. Who's going to decide if that's what was on the drawings?

Mr. MacKinnon: Clear.

Mr. Boyd: I hope everybody is clear - real clear.

Mr. Speaker: Well, gentlemen, I think it's about time we closed this debate on the Amendment and I will now call question on the Amendment.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #4 CARRIED

AMENDMENT CARRIED

Councillors Thompson, Watt and MacKinnon voted for the Amendment. Councillors Shaw and Boyd were contrary. Councillor Southam abstained.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, I will now call question on the Motion as amended.

MOTION #4 AS AMENDED CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors Thompson, Watt and MacKinnon voted for the Motion. Councillors Shaw and Boyd were contrary. Councillor Southam abstained.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Shaw, would you please resume the Chair.

Councillor Shaw resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, could I say a word? In view of the Amendment that has been passed just now, would Council not deem it advisable that they should further contact the Legion and advise them that it is not decided as to who was the winner of the contest. I think we are being a little bit awkward here insofar as they are concerned. When they hear this Motion that passed today, it refutes the one that we passed the other day.

Mr. Speaker: Well, it does appear to me, gentlemen, that the original terms of reference in which Council went down to choose this flag...they are to me and I think to some Members...a little bit ambiguous. What was definite was that we choose the winner of the contest. That we have done. We have chosen the winner by majority approval. The next question, of course, appears to be a separate question.... the choosing of this for...the winner of this contest for a Territorial flag. Now, it's quite possible that the Members of Council could choose the winner of the contest as the winner of the contest and then also choose a different flag as the Territorial flag. It might sound a little queer but I think that's about the way the situation would be, Mr. Boyd, as far as I can see.

Mr. Boyd: Could I ask you one more question, Mr. Speaker? Who would get the $100.00 prize in this event the way things stand now?

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Mr. Speaker: The way things stand now, it would appear to me that the person that designed No. 37 would be the winner of the contest. I think that what would have to be decided...what we are trying to decide after we have chosen the winner of this contest is is this flag, in our opinion, sufficiently good enough to be a Territorial flag.

Mr. Watt: Could I just say something on this. I think there was a formal Motion made by myself, seconded by somebody else, in Committee about 3:30 Friday afternoon declaring....we made a Motion declaring No. 37 the winner. We were asked to declare a winner. We made a Motion and it was passed, I think, unanimously....close to it....it was declared the winner.

Mr. Boyd: Could I ask the Councillor a winner of what? Did he define this?

Mr. Speaker: The winner of the contest, Mr. Boyd. I think we have discussed this subject. We will proceed to the next matter. We have questions. Have we any questions this morning, gentlemen. If we have questions, I shall call a short recess in which we can contact the Commissioner. If you have no questions, I will continue. Do any of the Members have a question at this time.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a question.

Mr. Speaker: That is fine. I will call a short recess and endeavour to contact the Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council back to order. We have Commissioner Smith with us at this time. Do we have any questions?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have a question and that is in light of the Amended Motion carried this morning respecting I think what is called the great Yukon flag debate, might I ask if the Administration intend on getting to this matter of production of these flags with despatch in an effort that these may be ready for viewing by the Council prior to the closing of this Session?

Mr. Speaker: Are you aware of what transpired about five minutes ago, Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: No, I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I wasn't present at that time.

Mr. Speaker: Could that serve as notice of question, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions?

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner...if he hasn't got the answer this could just serve as notice... he may have had a communication today. Have you had any communication from the City or the residents of the Round House area with respect to requests they have made to help achieve title. I want to thank you for your co-operation at the meeting last night. Have you had any communication today?

QUESTION #3

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I would advise that I have heard nothing so far today on this particular subject.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have two more questions, one I would like a written answer to, respecting the Upper Canol Road. "In view of the intense resource development activity in the Ross River area (a) Is it intended that the Upper Canol Road will be re-opened to Sheldon Lake this summer season? and (b) Is it intended that one of the small Dawson ferries be installed at Ross River this summer to facilitate the use of the Upper Canol Road?" My second question is an oral question, Mr. Speaker, I would direct to Mr. Commissioner. I would ask, Mr. Speaker, if there is any truth to the current rumour that a Cabinet Minister is coming to Whitehorse on his way to Juneau, Alaska, to negotiate in respect of tidal access on behalf of the Canadian Government?

Mr. Commissioner: On the question of a cabinet minister possibly going through Whitehorse, I can say, Mr. Speaker, that I have no official notification of this. I do believe that Mr. Pickersgill is going to stop here enroute, either going to or coming from, some point in Alaska but I must advise, Mr. Speaker, that I have no official notification of this. Secondly, I have no knowledge concerning the reasons or the discussions that this man would be going to have in Alaska. I would suggest this that as he is the Minister of Transport, it might be a reasonable assumption that it would be transport matters that he would be going there to discuss. I have no official notification of this. If and when I do, I would be very happy to advise Council.

Mr. Taylor: I have a supplementary question to my first question and that is would the Administration consider the possibility of a representative of the Territorial Government being a part of negotiations in respect of tidal access if this is so...I mean if the Cabinet Minister does come and go to Juneau to discuss this problem?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I am not very much up on protocol and I certainly wouldn't want to indicate that I know the ins and outs of these methods of doing things but I would suggest that as this is strictly a Federal matter that it would be a matter, if anyone from our Administration was going to participate, we would first have to have an invitation to do so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Commissioner: May I have the privilege of answering orally at the moment a question that was asked two days ago concerning the fiscal agreement?

Mr. Speaker: By all means, proceed.

REPLY TO QUESTION RE ARRIVAL OF FISCAL AGREEMENT DRAFT

Mr. Commissioner: From present information, it would appear unlikely that a draft Financial Agreement will be available for presentation to Council at this Session, however, the situation may develop in such a way that a draft will be available. The circumstances concerning this, as are known here, are beyond our control. We are making continuous requests for to have this here and there will be no hold up as far as our Administration is concerned if and when it arrives, but I would make it very clear that its arrival or non-arrival for this Session of Council is a matter that is definitely beyond our local control here.

Mr. Taylor: In light of the Commissioner's remarks, Mr. Speaker, I would direct a question to Mr. Commissioner. In view of the fact that our last Agreement, our Five Year Agreement, has expired and that no firm agreement has been made with the Federal Government by the Territorial Government of the Yukon Territory in respect of finance, would the Commissioner not agree that the Council should give no serious consideration to any budget until this draft is provided to Council? RE FISCAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, do I understand the question now that Council should not consider the budget?

Mr. Speaker: I believe that is the question.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I don't know just what ramifications are involved here but it would certainly appear to me that your Administration, in co-operation with your Council as a body in its initial stages, and your Financial Advisory Committee in its final stages, have worked together and have effectively agreed upon a budget that would be presented for your consideration at this Council table. So, what would be gained by not considering it at this point, financial agreement or not notwithstanding, Mr. Speaker, I would hesitate to say what might be gained at this particular point by not considering it.

Mr. Speaker: It did appear to me...I believe the Councillor was questioning the legality of the move. Is that not correct?

Mr. Taylor: This is correct, Mr. Speaker. I am wondering, Mr. Speaker, if Members of Council would agree to discuss this first off in Committee of the Whole where a more liberal discussion could take place on the matter.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to this. We have a report tabled from the Financial Advisory Committee... a very good report. I haven't read it all yet. I understand there was some discussion about the possibility of a two year agreement with the Financial Advisory Committee. Is there any discussions with respect to the new fiscal agreement at all in the report of the Financial Advisory Committee, Mr. Speaker, could you tell me? I think you were the Chairman of the Committee that helped make the report.

Mr. Speaker: I would say at this time that there are about thirty pages and it was involved through discussions of two days....now just exactly what is in that....all I can say is just read it and that would provide the answer because I cannot remember.

Mr. Watt: The reason I asked....maybe I could clarify the question, Mr. Speaker, and I think it would help all around. If there was reference to the new agreement and I understand that since our time in Ottawa there has been counter proposals made by Ottawa with respect...and I hear part of this over the radio...with respect to a possible two year agreement and taxes that may be levied. I understand there was some submissions made to the Financial Advisory Committee and if these references were made to the Financial Advisory Committee, they should possibly be in the report and then we can consider sections of the financial agreement as tabled so they would

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Mr. Watt continues:
be open for discussion. We are leaving ourselves in a pretty vulnerable position, both the Administration and the Territorial Council, in that there are things that come over the air that sometimes we may have to try and unofficially deny, suggesting new tax raises and stuff like this...leaves us in a vulnerable position that if we do this then we are violating the confidence of the Territorial Council and the Administration are leaving themselves in kind of a vulnerable position too so if we could table something that would make this open for discussion...even if we don't want to discuss it in Council right now...so the proposals or counter-proposals are open...they are more or less open. They are more or less open secrets now but there are members of the Administration that may be in a position that they could be accused of letting go secrets.

Mr. Taylor: Point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is a question period. What is the Member's question?

Mr. Watt: Possibly the Territorial Council is in the same position. The question is can we consider the Financial Advisory Committee report as sufficient tabling to make this open for discussion so that we are not all vulnerable to suspicions of violating confidences?

Mr. Speaker: I will explain that I think. First, the Financial Advisory Committee met to consider a one year's budget. The Five Year and Two Year Agreements had been discussed in Ottawa of which all Members are aware of the discussions. The Financial Advisory Committee discussed this year's budget as presented by the Administration and made their recommendations accordingly. This was tabled in this Chambers two or three days ago which made these documents public property and I do not think that any secrets were divulged to anyone. That is about all I can say on this particular matter. Are there any further questions?

QUESTION RE TWO YEAR AGREEMENT REPORT

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Two Year Agreement, Mr. Thompson, if he is going to submit a report to Council, even if it's a brief report, with respect to our discussions on the Two Year Agreement.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, as you are well aware, the proceedings of the meetings in Ottawa were taken over by the Federal authorities and I was no more the Chairman of the meeting than you were so I haven't got anything to add to it.

Mr. Watt: I think my question was misunderstood, Mr. Speaker. We had discussions here for a week with the whole Council after the Financial Advisory Committee met and we elected Mr. Thompson as Chairman of this particular group, this group of Council as a Whole. We discussed the possibility of a Five Year Agreement and a Two Year Agreement. If there was a report, even a brief one, tabled before Council then I think this would eliminate a lot of difficulties and this is why I asked the question. It wasn't with respect to the meetings in Ottawa and I would like to resubmit the question to Mr. Thompson...if he intends to make a report, even a brief one, with respect to the Fiscal Agreement discussions that we had here in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will be very pleased to submit a report concerning this meeting. It may conceivably be a day or two before I have this together.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, just one final question. Would Council agree that the first matter of discussion on the Agenda this morning could be the matters involved around the forthcoming Fiscal Agreement?

Mr. Speaker: The Agenda is usually made up the night before and I think that at this stage of the game, it would require a Motion of Council to have this brought up as the first matter under the Agenda. We also have another matter which comes first on the Agenda as you know.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Watt, that the first item under the Agenda when we revert to Committee of the Whole shall be the matter of the Fiscal Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

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Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Watt, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions and particularly the matters on the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, just before you possibly have a recess, there has been an invitation come in by telephone a few minutes ago from the Anvil Mining Corporation asking if Council and members of the Administration might like to pay a visit to the Faro property in the Anvil area this Friday. I don't know the exact time that is suggested for this but I believe they are suggesting a departure here sometime around about noon and return four or five hours later. I don't think it's anything more than possibly a four hour excursion but I have indicated I would try to give them an answer just as promptly as possible and I wonder if Council would like to give me their indications so that I can pass this on to the Anvil Corporation.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, at this time, I will declare a short recess.

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Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee back to order. The first item of consideration this morning is matters related to the financial agreement between the Yukon Territory and the Government of Canada.

MR. SOUTHAM TAKES THE CHAIR

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it was with some distress this morning that I learned that it is very likely that we will not receive the terms and conditions or draft of the Interdepartmental Committee on Federal-Territorial Financial Relations at this session. I don't know why; I can only assume why. But I can say this, that possibly it is because the Federal Government would rather deal with the new Council who have not the background or the experience of the old fiscal report and it is entirely possible that they feel they would get a more receptive agreement with the new Council than it would with this one who of course have dealt through the past agreement and who have negotiated for the forthcoming agreement. Now we don't know at this stage whether it is a five-year agreement or a two-year agreement or a five-year agreement with a midway review or just what it is. There has been a lot of discussion on this item and nothing seems to come out of it. We don't really know what we are talking about in the terms of the agreement. To get down to the agreement itself I have a copy of the ordinance produced and moved by Council and approved by Council in 1962 respecting a financial agreement between the Yukon Territory and the Government of Canada. This was assented to on May 11th, 1962 and expired on the 31st day of March of this year. Now in this agreement we agree with the Federal Government by firm and solid agreement on what taxes we should levy, in what areas we are permitted to tax during the term of the agreement, and we also agree what taxes the Federal Government will levy on the people of the Yukon Territory during the term of the agreement. That is why there is an agreement. We agree on the operating grants for the fiscal period, we agree on what is going to be done for the field of health and welfare and capital expenditure sometime during the period of the agreement; we agree on such things as sewer systems and hospitals and schools, classroom requirements and so forth. We agree on who is going to pay Justice; we agree on all these things by virtue of this agreement. Now we have arrived at a position where we don't know where we are going; we have a budget before us. I say gentlemen, don't consider this budget, don't consider one portion of this budget until such time as we have come to grips with the problem of negotiating a fiscal arrangement with the Government in Ottawa. And I am not too sure of the legality of this matter but I don't think we are permitted to legislate a budget unless we do have a firm agreement with the Federal Government in Ottawa. Item 7 in the agreement now expired on the bill, just to give you an example: "Neither the Commissioner nor any local administrative district shall do any act or exercise any power to collect any tax in contravention of the provisions of the agreement." In fact gentlemen, this means that unless

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you have an agreement you can't tax, and so forth, and I can go on through it - I won't because the newer members of this Council possibly were not here when we initiated this, the members of the old Council will certainly recall. And gentlemen I say to you in dead earnest that we should refuse to consider any budget for this current year until such time as the Federal Government get off their bottoms and get an agreement up here, because I do not feel we have even the right to negotiate this agreement and this is a matter of grave importance. This Territory is presently without any agreement with the Federal Government and I would like to hear the views of some other members on this. This is one of the most deadly serious things that has ever come into this chamber in the six years I have been here.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this agreement, if we are getting down to the legal end of it, expired on the 31st of March I believe so therefore I suppose for many years past apparently that wasn't assented to until May, the former agreement expired in March so the country still went on in that interim period of two months. I think we do have the safeguards in the matter of the public's interest to the extent that if all of a sudden the Administration and the Council get blown up tomorrow by some nefarious means, or maybe justifiable means, the people's business would go on just the same, they have to have services, they have to have this, and these things must go on. Now the cabinet in France, they used to go in and out about every month, or the Government used to, and the Government still went on just the same and I think that we have a similar situation. Now it is my understanding on this agreement that we made this five-year agreement, however, due to the economic transitional period of the Territory we put it down as two years of a firm agreement and the three years were as they were (inaudible) at that time, subject to negotiation at a later date after this economic study of the relationship between the Territorial and Federal Governments was concerned. Now the fact that this agreement has not been signed at this time is very much the same as what happened five years ago. Identical. There is no reason whatsoever why we could not proceed with h the work on hand and though this agreement may not be completed at the time that we end this session there is nothing to say that another meeting of Council cannot be called to finalize the agreement. Here we have the people's business to transact; we have already authorized one month's expenditure so if this agreement isn't signed, as has happened in the past, there must be some legislation created either by Governor Generals or Order-in-Council that we can continue the business. This particular advice that we received this morning from the Commissioner I felt that no doubt this agreement should have been here but the facts are that it is not here and the Federal budget is also going on at this time which ties up these people. There has been a tremendous amount of work gone into this agreement. There must be a tremendous amount of work involved right now as far as the Federal Government is concerned due to the opening up of this Yukon Territory. That must put another load on the shoulders of the various departments and the Minister so I think that we have many things to take into consideration. After all, Mr. Chairman,

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I would submit, look how long it has taken us to get around to even bringing up discussions on the flag; now these people are talking about a five-year agreement involving a hundred million dollars or may be more, I don't know. I think that we should carry on just the same as before and endeavour to see if this agreement comes and if this agreement doesn't come then we request that Council session be called at a later date when we can go through this. I don't by any means construe this as any ulterior motive on the part of the Government of Canada or the present Administration. I suppose they have problems like all of us do but I think these problems can resolve and that we should continue to go on with the business on hand on behalf of the people.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, I can agree only that the Government of the Yukon Territory will not cease to function but in this case it must be functioning on Governor-General's warrants. I will give you another example gentlemen. In the agreement now expired it states, Section 6 of the bill, and this is how far-reaching this is: "Upon expiration of the agreement" (this is the agreement that has just expired) "the ordinances of the Territory and any regulations, rules, byelaws and orders made thereunder including those of any legal administrative district, shall for the relevant periods provided in the agreement be deemed to be amended, suspended or inoperative as the case may be to the extent necessary to give effect to the agreement and to permit the Government of the Yukon Territory to fulfil every obligation assumed by and under the agreement. This dives right into our ordinances, our laws, everything. Not just financial. Another example in the terms of this agreement that was just cancelled: "The natural resources of the Territory"- here's one that's near and dear to our hearts - "except game are administered by the Federal Government. All revenue from natural resources except royalties on fur export and game and taxes on Crown granted mineral claims accrue to the Federal Government. The 1957 Committee recommended no change in this arrangement. The Committee agrees with the view of the 1957 Committee arrangement." Why don't we start taxing? There is nothing to stop the people of the Yukon Territory from going down and taking all the income tax and corporation tax and having it accrue to the Territorial coffers, the consolidated revenue funds of the Territory. There is no agreement, we should be starting to get royalty revenues pouring in here now. There is no agreement and as I say, Ottawa in their wisdom or otherwise with all these hundreds of people in the Department of Northern Affairs and all their learned individuals, if these people cannot come up with a fiscal agreement there is something downright wrong and I say too that this is a pretty weighty situation and there should be no consideration of any budget. We have given the Territory one month's money to operate on and I think that our message should go to Ottawa, if Council so agree and as they should, that Council will not consider a budget until such time as we have come to grips with a financial arrangement with Ottawa.

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Mr. Commissioner: Could I offer just a word Mr. Chairman here. I have just been speaking on the telephone with Mr. Gordon, the Assistant Deputy Minister in our Department and he assures me that every possible pressure that can be brought to bear on the Department of Finance has been done so to try and get this matter resolved. The agreement at the present time is in the hands of one of the Deputy Ministers of Finance and it requires concurrence and agreement there at this particular point before it goes to the Minister of Finance and I just want to assure you Mr. Chairman that there is no effort of any kind, shape or form that is visible to me of any reticence on the part of our Department in getting this matter brought to a head as promptly as possible. I simply want to give Council this assurance Mr. Chairman, as after the answer I gave this morning I felt that I should do something further and this is what I can offer at this time. I wonder also Mr. Chairman if Council would see fit to excuse me at this point until two o'clock this afternoon?

MR. COMMISSIONER LEAVES

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say something briefly. I heartily agree with Mr. Taylor. I realize that the Administration is trying to assist us in getting something resolved here. We as a Council have spent a lot of time on this already and our time will be lost unless we can come up with some kind of an agreement or financial arrangement for the next year or possibly two years, and it is hoped that we can do something for two years. Now when we first discussed a financial agreement we discussed a large number of taxes and it was first on the basis of a five-year agreement and among these taxes that we discussed here before we went to Ottawa and some of them we discussed in Ottawa, there was sales taxes, liquor taxes, occupancy taxes, an increase in property taxes, an in school taxes, an increase in motor vehicle taxes and licences, camper taxes, amusement taxes and Territorial income taxes, and possibly others that I have overlooked at the moment, and the Federal Government has made a counter offer and they seem to be requesting that we levy a liquor tax and an occupancy tax for the time being, now. Now if we don't have a firm agreement they could come along next year and ask for us to add some of these other taxes, so in effect what we would be doing is going from year to year adding more taxes at the request of the Government. Now we have done things for the Federal Government so that they in turn are giving us operating deficits. For one thing we have agreed in the past not to levy a Territorial income tax such as they have in some of the Provinces and the Federal Government are receiving the revenues from resources. I have an inkling of what they have done in the Northwest Territories and they have firmed up this agreement for another few years; the Territory has promised not to tax revenue so this is something that the Federal Government is getting and NWT have in turn promised not to enter this particular field. Now the two remaining taxes, the liquor tax and the occupancy tax, if we levy them this year, if it is the wish of Council - I don't particularly agree with it and I think that we could do something about this too - but we are leaving the Territory vulnerable for an increase of these additional taxes next year and the year

after and the year after. Now the feeling that I got from Ottawa was that Ottawa are willing to accept a financial understanding or an agreement for two years and from all appearances of this agreement it would merely be an extension of the old two-year agreement and they agreed to this, and my interpretation of their reasons were that first of all the cost of living in the Yukon now is higher than it is in other parts of Canada and these taxes would only add to the increase in the cost of living. We are competing with other Provinces such as BC for labour and we are going to run into a shortage of labour. And secondly within two years the conditions and the tax base of the Yukon Territory are going to be so vastly different than what they are now that a five-year agreement will be completely obsolete. They are asking us to create an increase in revenue of approximately one million dollars; this will be done just by broadening the tax base rather than by hitting each individual harder, so you will get the required increase simply by the broadening of the tax base and the increase of population and the step up of the using of fuel tax and every other type of tax that we have now in the Territory. Now I would like to offer this suggestion, and I think it is fair. Now first of all I think that Ottawa looked favourably upon the suggestion that I made and supported and that Mr. Thompson supported with figures of how this could be done: instead of raising a million dollars or the figure that they want we could tighten our belts a little bit and save a million dollars and leave the taxes the way they are for the time being, at least for this two-year period. Now I say a two-year period instead of a one-year period because we have gone through quite a performance now and I wouldn't wish this upon another Council next year. I think a good approach for us would be to ask the Commissioner to contact the Federal Government and ask them if they will simply extend the financial arrangements in the old two-year agreement with no tax increase for this two-year period. I know that we are going to have members, and we had this before, saying that we have got to accept our responsibilities, we have got to increase taxes, everybody is increasing taxes, but my argument against this is that last year in BC, this year in BC, last year in Alberta and this year in Alberta they didn't see that they had to increase their taxes. I don't see why we have to increase our taxes either. Their natural population growth will take care of their increased needs at this time. Possibly at the end of the two-year period we may have to increase our taxes but I think this is the stand that we could take and I really think that Ottawa looked pretty favourably upon it; they didn't blink when we mentioned this approach in Ottawa last year. This is simply a counter proposal that they have made and I think we are leaving the Territory in a fairly vulnerable position and I don't think that we are shirking our duty either. I think we made an honest effort to reduce our expenditures, cut down the overhead a little bit and the frills, that we could very well reach a financial understanding with Ottawa for the next two years and at that time I think that you will have a Council that is experienced here and you will have a different situation altogether. I think that Ottawa realized it and I think they agree with us and I think we all know it.

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Mr. Chairman: At this time gentlemen I will call a recess until 2:00 pm.

RECESS

Wednesday, April 5, 1967
2:00 o'clock p.m

Councillor MacKinnon absent.
Legal Advisor absent.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order, and we were discussing the Five Year Agreement. Do you have anything more to say on this Mr. Watt? DISCUSSION FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Watt: I think I have said sufficient Mr. Chairman for the time being.

Mr. Boyd: Well, I was going to ask a question, but I will delay the question until some of you Councillors run down to see how things shape up.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, you will never run this Councillor down, because he is going to stay right with this one to the bitter end. Something I failed to point out too this morning in the discussions is that by virtue of the Agreement which has just expired, states under Section 14 that no amount shall be borne by the Commissioner pursuant to this Ordinance after the 31st day of March, 1967. In other words the Territory is no longer authorized to borrow money in relation to the Federal-Territorial Financial Agreement, there being no agreement. There has been no agreement to replace this. We have passed two bills at the Session authorizing the Commissioner to spend money which in effect is money which we really legally don't have. And it's just an absolutely ridiculous situation. As far as I am concerned the Deputy Minister is coming up here in a few days, I understand, I don't know if a date has been set yet, but I understand he is here to open a trade show. And, I think he should attend Council and Committee if it would do any good, I doubt it, and this matter taken up with him. But I consider after all I have seen and heard from Ottawa and through everything else on this subject, I thought we were doing fine. But, with this approach on behalf of the Federal Government, I would say that it appears to me as if they were trying to forestall this for the new Council. I think that we are the members that negotiated this and whatever it may be a two year or a three year, I think this is up to us to decide, and, I think that they should be--we should refuse the budget as I say, refuse to discuss it or do anything with it until such time as they have produced an agreement. And, I certainly hope Council goes along with this as I said this morning. In other words, we are now quite legally in my opinion able to tax the Federal Government, tax CNT. We can tax any of these people now because there is no agreement saying we can't.

Mr. Boyd: Well, I have finally changed my mind, gentlemen. I don't agree with everything Mr. Taylor is saying and that's for certain. And I see no reason why we cannot carry on the way we are, we have from now until the end of the Session to see if the Five Year Agreement shows up. And, If it hasn't shown up when we prerog we could be called back a month later without any trouble and unless the Commissioner has fear of obstacles in operating, then I see no reason why we shouldn't proceed in the normal manner we are going. I know better than to think we can tax anything we like. This is idle talk. You can daydream

Councillor Thompson present.

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Mr. Boyd continues...

if you like. But,if you start pushing an elephant around, he is going to be there when you quite pushing. So, you are talking up the wrong...(inaudible).

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, Councillor Boyd is just voicing something I have been hearing around this table too much of late, and that is whatever the Federal Government got why fight them, why not just go along with it. And, as long as we have men at this table who say well we will go along with it when it's wrong to go along with it, then the Territory will just keep going retrograde. Right into the ground back into the dark ages. I think what this Council needs is some good fighting and fight this thing. This is nothing more than out and out nonsense, and it's about time we took a stand in this Territory and did something about it, and we can if we want to.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think we are flogging this same horse or elephant and the information the Commissioner has given, I guess this is the only information that is available to you right now, indicates quite clearly this is not the fault of the Northern Affairs Department. The Northern Affairs Department have apparently submitted this to the Department of Finance and that is where the holdup is. Possibly if the Legal Advisor were here, or possibly the Commissioner could answer a question that I would like to ask, Mr. Chairman. And, that is insofar as the past agreement that we had, we apparently went along and spent public monies and all this kind of stuff for about seven weeks before the agreement was signed, before we had the legal document saying this was an agreement. If that was possible at that time, were we wrong then? Is it possible to continue in the same light now? Is there some law perhaps I could put this question in a more specific form. Are there means available that we are legally spending public monies as of April 1.

Mr. Commissioner: The normal day to day routine as far as normal activities are concerned are effectively taken care of for a period of one month and the problem will arise concerning the ability or the authority under which the ...will or will not secure monies on a loan basis from the Federal Government. And, the point that was brought out here a minutes ago, that legal authority expired on the 31st of March is absolutely correct and in order to take care of the monopoly that this has created and during the interim, well, we do not have a firm official agreement with the Federal Government will be gentlemen presented to you for your consideration in the form of an Ordinance which, if this is adapted, give the Commissioner interim authority up to a maximum limit of money to secure funds from the Federal Government. Now as far as the, any other problems that are concerned, why all I can tell you gentlemen, that as they arise we will simply present them to you. I can't forecast exactly what the future will bring in these things, but I can tell you this gentlemen, that insofar as I am able to determine and I am subject to correction here, we have the same problem that arose at the last Five Year Fiscal Agreement in which we had a period of approximately six weeks during which in effect there was no firm agreement in force at that time, and really gentlemen,

Mr. Commissioner continues...

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there is nothing at the moment I personally can do any more than what I have done and to the best of my knowledge there is nothing more that any of the officers of the Department of Northern Affairs can do at this present time, and I am sure that Mr. Cote when he gets here on Monday or Tuesday will be very happy to verify to you what I have told you here today. And, I felt that the information I got for you, gentlemen, by telephone during the period I absented myself from Council this morning was most up to date and factual that I could secure for you at this time, and I am afraid Mr. Chairman at the moment unless there were any other specific questions that I would try to answer on your behalf, I really have nothing further that I can tell you.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I have prepared a Motion that was seconded by Mr. Thompson and I think it would be a good starting point. I don't think Ottawa will find it too repulsive, they may make a counter-offer I don't know. I hope the Commissioner could possibly extend the Motion if it is passed by Council and possibly the resulting comments on it, to Ottawa and possibly this would simplify the drafting of the Ordinance which would solidify the agreement. The Motion is very simple, not complicated and I think Ottawa will probably respect the Motion or accept it such as it is. It is simply requested that the Administration contact Ottawa to pass on its proposal to simply extend the last Five Year Agreement for two additional years without changes in the tax structure as requested by Mr. Thompson. And in making this I think that we had some pretty fair discussions with Ottawa, and they didn't seem to frown upon our wishes to keep the cost of living in the Yukon Territory down if it is reasonable. They recognize that to develop northern areas of both Russia and Canada you have to offer some kind of financial concession. There are none offered right now. And, we are being penalized I think with the high cost of transportation and the lowest standard of living we have here in the...for people in the consumer category outside. I think they recognize this and appreciate it and the Minister of Northern Affairs, I think has indicated that he is willing to co-operation in just about every respect with us. And he appeared willing to go to the Cabinet and go to bat for us if he could prove we had an argument for this. And both Alberta and B.C. have not extended their or increased their taxes last year or the year before. And I think that with the changes that are taking place there is going to be a new--there is going to be a new country, a new tax rate, because you are going to be talking about a different animal altogether. And I would like to have support for this Motion, it's still early in the Session and this is a starting point and possibly the Commissioner could have an answer back from Ottawa so we could proceed further with our discussions on this next two year or five year agreement or whatever it is, depending on the answer that we get back.

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Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, I have Motion before me here and it was raised by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Thompson in respect that the Administration contact Ottawa to pass on the proposal to simply extend the last Five Year Agreement, two additional years without changes in the tax structure. Any discussion on the Motion gentlemen.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I could be no part or parcel to this Motion. I think it's premature in suggestion that we in any event if we did continue on with the Five Year Agreement, I think you gentlemen will realize you must renegotiate. No matter what you negotiate, the two year the one year. You still have got to negotiate it. Now we have spent years and months and weeks and days at considerable expense to the taxpayer of the Yukon Territory in respect of negotiating the current agreement. Whatever it may be, we still are not sure whether it's a five year a two year or what, still it's thrown before us. But, we have been to Ottawa to discuss it, we've been everywhere, and to stand up in this Council Chamber and say well we'll just carry on with the old agreement, isn't good enough fellas. It's certainly not good enough for me anyway. The product of what we laboured on, on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory is laying in Ottawa regardless of which department or what department it is in, it's there. We want it. We want a chance at it. We want to see what fruits our efforts bore. And, I would strongly recom nd that this motion be not accepted because in accepting the Motion you are saying we were quite content with the old agreement, and we were not content with the old agreement as those who negotiated it will recall. And, I believe the mover of the Motion was in Council when we negotiated the last one, and we were not satisfied by any means, because we didn't get many of the things that we wanted provided in that agreement and this is premature and absolutely uncalled-for--this Motion, and I would strongly recommend that this be turned down, defeated.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just don't see the point. There has been months and months of labour gone into this agreement--this financial agreement, and to think that we just on an impulse on a matter of not more than three or four hours at most--should we throw that out the window and decide on going on another course of action. To accept the same agreement as the past Five Year Agreement would mean that you have twelve million dollars to spend this year whereas our budget indicates about eighteen million dollars. How do you work that one out. I do know we spent hours, days and the Administration has spent months going through this particular agreement. When we first went to Ottawa we were approach with the--we were told the necessity of collecting an additional one million dollars in taxes in the Territory, and we did manage to cut this down considerably to $250,000.00 without loosing the original amount of expenditures or grants from the Government. In other words, these matters always have to be negotiated. There is one party that wants to have their formulae for it there's another party this end of the provinces in the Federal Government and I could not in all sincerity, Mr. Chairman, on an impulse take an attitude of saying

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phooey on all that work. There is a little bit of a delay here, we haven't got things quite the way we want it and we won't play because we want to play it our way. No, I think that this is--no I can't go for that Motion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to answer a couple of questions Mr. Shaw seems to be concerned about. First of all if he thinks that I have just implusively made a Motion and have just jumped up and done this, he is wrong. As you recall we did have meetings, I don't know if he remembers anything of them, we had a week's meeting and then we went to Ottawa and had a full week's meeting there and all the time we were formulating plans for the next Five Year Agreement and we discussed this particular problem with Ottawa, and it wasn't particularly frowned upon. And I might add that during these discussions we were fighting some of these Territorial Councillors who wanted to keep pushing taxes up in the Yukon Territory. Now I don't think the people here should be asked to spend any more than they have to. I consider my job here to help to increase the standard of living here in the Yukon Territory and part of this is reducing the cost of living as much as we possibly can. And, I would like to say I don't think our time has been wasted, we have come up with something, we had a meeting of minds with Ottawa. Ottawa has our point of view, and this point of view expressed. It was considered by Ottawa and given a lot of serious thought by Ottawa. And the first part of it with respect to the Two Year Agreement, I think Ottawa has pretty well agreed to that. This is the impression I get and Mr. Laing ...Cabinet and go to bat for us with this respect and most of the taxes that were discussed, quite a few were asked for, he has appeared to have gone to bat for us and reduced this to a couple. And, in lieu of that I think those of us who are trying to keep the cost of living down have said that we would try to make up this deficit of a third to a half of a million dollars by instead of raising more taxes by cutting out some of the frills in our budget. I would like to ask the rest of the Councillors to support this. If you go to buy a car you don't walk into a store and the first thing you see, say well the $4,000.00 car I'll buy it unless you have an awful lot of money to waste and squander. When I do that type of business I usually go in and consider their offer, and I expect them to do the same if they make a counter-offer. So, I think that this is a good starting point for us and it won't take long for the Administration to get an answer back, and it will simplify the drafting of the Ordinance and I think this will be serving our taxpayers well by if we can have initiated a simple extension of the present Five Year Agreement. Any changes we are going to get, now Mr. Taylor says that we didn't get what we wanted--well, we didn't get necessarily what we wanted, but any changes that we did get cost the taxpayer more money, and any changes that we are going to get now are going to cost the taxpayer more money. If he thinks he is going to be able to take our old Five Year Agreement and knock part of the taxes out of that instead of holding the tax level at the way it is now, and letting the natural increases take care of the increases that are necessary, if he thinks he is going to be able to reduce the fuel tax or reduce the light tax or reduce the property tax, I don't really agree with him. I hope he can.

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I don't think he is going to be able to. I think this is a more realistic approach. And I think that if Ottawa realizes that we expect a population increase of taxpayers of those who pay this type of tax that we are already paying, then I think that they may come across to the line of thinking that this $350,000.00 that they think we will need an increase that we will get it from the States, and I really think...that the number of people that are simply going to build are going to increase the tax state and help make up this $350,000.00 or $400,000.00 deficit that we have to make up that is lacking here. So, I would like to urge the Councillors to support this motion at this time and then we can hear from Ottawa. It would be too bad if we had to go through every particular path in this one Motion unless we think we think we can do something decisive and when we hear from Ottawa and then we will do this all over again. I think this is a sensible Motion and Ottawa knows about it, and it was considered--it was considered seriously and they appreciated the approach that we were taking. I think they would go to bat for us further and try to make this point.

Mr. Taylor: I don't think I have ever heard such nonsense in my life as this little merry-go-round that I just heard. Obviously the honourable member does not understand the implications of what his Motion, which was made I am sure in haste, what implications it has. What he suggests in his Motion is that we go back to the Federal Government and say wash out all the work we have done on a current agreement and let us renegotiate somewhat along the lines of what we had negotiated in the last Five Year Agreement. Obviously the honourable member must find another source of revenue to add, you know to provide for an eighteen million dollar budget and some of these services these taxpayers are requiring. He states there should be no additional burden on the taxpayer. I heartily agree. No greater burden than he can bear and what he does bear in paying taxes we see that he gets the services back for it. But he gets good value for his tax dollar, and this tax question is the subject for another debate. I don't know why we are debating it here. And, if this Motion is put here to blockade taxes, then he has missed the point. Because there is a matter more important than taxes or anything else and that is this agreement. And, I think the day has come when we will debate it. Quite frankly I am opposed to these taxes and always have been, and I still will be when we get down to it. But lets bring the debate back to the fiscal agreement and quite lobbying on taxes. Now, the member is very inconsistent in his thinking Mr. Chairman. Because, first he stands up here yesterday and says when I was in Ottawa, I did this and I did that and I told everybody--and some of the members agreed with me that we should tighten our belts. And this is what the honourable member stated yesterday. And, then in the same breath comes out and says that I think we need a two million dollar kindergarten system in the Territory. If that's tightening the belt I don't know what is. Now, we are talking about taxes and one minute we are talking about how we are going to tighten our belt and save the taxpayer some dollars and the next minute we are talking about how we are going to spend the taxpayers money and thereby putting a bigger tax burden on him. And, I don't know where the member is going. But let's get back to this agreement. And let's not approve this Motion because

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let's see the fruits of our efforts in relation to this Agreement we have been discussing. Let's see that at the table. Why nullify it with this Motion, and this Motion and this Motion would nullify it. It would absolutely nullify all the work that has been done.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Talk about the meetings. I was at all the meetings at every minute of every meeting and further to that I think, Mr. Chairman, if you will look on the records you will find it was myself that proposed this Two Year Interim Agreement. Now, as far as taxing and raising the cost of living, I am like any elective representative. That's something that's abhorrent, is the raising of taxation. However, you have an alternative of fitting your appetite to the money or providing the money to fit your appetite. Which ever way you take. The proposals as I have stated were for a million dollar increase and Council, all members objected to that very very strongly because they thought that this would raise the standard of living in the Yukon. The cost of living, I beg your pardon. Would raise the cost of living. So, the formulae was arrived at such as you will find as proposed by the Government of the Financial Advisory Committee of a raise in taxation of approximately $350,000.00, give or take a few hundred thousand here or there. And, that certainly wouldn't raise it in the first year because it had to get under way. And, if it did get under way, Mr. Chairman, there is nothing in there that I can see that would raise the cost of living to the average Yukoner. Such as they had, as has been cited this morning of how Premier Bennette runs things; they didn't raise taxes, they didn't need to. They had that 5% sales tax which if we had in the Yukon Territory would solve all our financial problems, but it certainly wouldn't solve the problems of the fellow on the street so we didn't accept that rightfully so. The measures that were finally proposed upon and which the Government agreed in which, Mr. Chairman, the Minister had to propose to the cabinet and I think credit should be given in endeavouring to take this before the cabinet and the Department of Finance. That is one of the problems that I think you will find is possibly slowing down this matter. I could go on and on-- it's no use, but I certainly couldn't go for this Motion that Councillor Watt has raised. It seems irresponsible in my estimation.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, Ottawa is our banker. They are our financier and what the Motion is saying the way I understand it, is that you sell me the car now the $4,000.00 car you are talking about and a half a million dollars worth of rooms and another million dollars worth of welfare and salaries; you give me that now and two years later I will make up my mind what I want to do. Now the bank manager is used to doing business this way, and Ottawa is our bank manager. I don't think the Motion has common sense in this respect.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

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Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think probably that the intention of the Motion which I seconded was the fact that we have no agreement period. There has been a great harrang about the length of time and everything when we discussed it and worked on it, but there is nothing here in front of us and I think that this is probably just a method whereby things could continue to operate efficiently and without fear of legal entanglement. I would appreciate the Commissioner's comments in respect to this. Mr. Commissioner, do you care to make any, regarding this Motion?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would not like to find myself in a position where I am putting thoughts or words or suggestions into Council's wishes in the matter of their thinking Mr. Chairman, and while I would be prepared to say a word in connection with this I certainly hope that I wouldn't be misconstrued as to what I am suggesting to you, and I think that in many ways the Motion has a lot of merit to it, but by the same token I certainly do feel gentlemen that the urgency of such a Motion at this particular point and time, I think really that this is the question before you is to whether or not Council feels there is urgency for this type of a Motion, and I felt that I had helped to alay Council's fears in this matter mainly that we have interim supply voted by you gentlementhere to take care of the month of April. And that we have in the process of preparation an Ordinance that is going to see fit to permit me to borrow certain funds from the Federal Government. Now possibly at that point in time, if there is still nothing forthcoming from Ottawa then maybe we should be thinking about something along these lines. But, I suggest to you Mr. Chairman, reall, I don't think there is quite the urgency at the moment in connection with the fund, on the other hand if it is Council's wishes that this should be dealt with in the manner as proposed here, if Council passes it I want to assure you Mr. Chairman, that I will certainly act on Council's wishes. ...and appreciate the fact Council has seen fit to approach me for my comment on this, and will do everything in my power in the way of expressing Council's wishes to my Ministers in connection with this.

Mr. Thompson: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Mr. Commissioner, I feel that probably this has given us a degree of insite into the facts that surround or the possible consequences of this. But one matter I would like to further query the Commissioner on is this proposed Ordinance that we speak of that if at the end of the month we are still in deliberations and requirements are made for money and an Ordinance is brought forth...is given the powers to borrow monies from Ottawa, how does this effect a proposed financial fiscal agreement. Is this a point blank deal, do you go merrily along and if you don't get an agreement then what are the ramifications, what would be the implications? Could I have the Commissioner's comments?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Ordinance if it is necessary will be present to Council before a specific amount of money that I would be given legislative authority to borrow from Canada on behalf of the Yukon Territory, and I think at this point and time, gentlemen, it is only right for me to advise you that just as it is not Council's wishes

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to conduct their affairs on a continuing basis without a fiscal agreement with Canada, neither is it Canada's wishes that the Yukon Territory carry on it's financial affairs without an agreement. Now, I want to make this very clear to you, Mr. Chairman, that it is just as much in Canada's interest that there be a frame work within which the finances of the Yukon Territory are going to be assisted, managed and developed. It is just as much in Canada's interest Mr. Chairman as what it is in the Yukon Territory's interest. This is not a one way street, and it would almost appear to me that this is being lost track of in the discussions that you gentlemen are having here this afternoon. It is very, very much in Canada's interest that there be a frame work of an agreement within which the Yukon Territory is going to secure certain finances and have certain abilities and have certain limitations. Just as it is in the Yukon Territory's interest for the same thing. Now the further question Council raises is just do we go merrily on, I think that what I have told you right now, Mr. Chairman, should answer that question. It is neither in our resources nor is it in Canada's interests to go any further than it is absolutely necessary without an agreement. Now, gentlemen, I think also that it is no one individual's fault that this agreement is not here at the present time. The period of time that has elapsed between the finalizing of our discussions in Ottawa which if I remember correctly gentlemen was approximately the first week in February. Now I am subject to correction within a few days on this. Effective the first week in April there has been literally speaking eight weeks pass by. Remember that the content of our discussions in Whitehorse, the contents of our discussions in Ottawa and all the necessary changes had to be reconstructed right here in our own Treasury Department before it went back to Ottawa. Then this took approximately three weeks time. Ottawa has effectively only had an opportunity gentlemen of approximately four weeks on this and it has during that time--it has cleared all these Departmental people we spoke with in Ottawa, Mr. Garner, Mr. Fry and the other gentlemen who were present along with us. And, I told Council here this morning that at the present time it is in the hands, and I am assured of this by the Assistant Deputy Minister, that it is in the hands of the Deputy Minister of Finance. And he in turn is having this analyzed and constructed by the Officers of his department and people who have worked along with us on this matter, particularly I believe Mr. Garner are being called on a continuing basis question. They are our champions in getting this agreement approved by the necessary fiscal people in Ottawa, gentlemen. These people are not working against you, they are working for you. They are public servants of Canada and they are doing their very utmost to secure an agreement along the lines our Minister indicated to us that he would endeavour to secure for us on our behalf. Beyond this point, the Minister of Finance has to be prepared to approve it and at that particular point and time I do believe this would be...to Cabinet approval. I am sure that if the Minister of Finance and our own Minister are prepared to recommend to Cabinet that this agreement be accepted this is effectively...approval as far as I understand. Now this is certainly not any effort on my part to soft-petal the

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issue, cover up for anybody's deficiencies or anything else. This is a statement of fact which I am quite prepared to prove if I were called upon to do so. Now, the very thought of going on merrily without an agreement between Canada and the Yukon Territory, I am sure if our Minister was here right now, he would say emphatically he would be the first person to be against this particular...

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, yes, I can see this point and I think that in the first instance the Minister directly should be notified of the dissatisfaction of Council in this regard and that all the parties there to be notified in Ottawa that we want this agreement...yes...but, this should be kept up. It seems to get at Ottawa you have got to keep hammering and hammering and hammering to get things done. But in respect of this Motion, this Motion is a--it involves a matter too important to make a snap decision on. The Motion certainly has not been considered, or I am sure the mover would not have moved it. And I would ask that the mover and seconder of the Motion consider withdrawing the Motion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Taylor, I think there may be some misapprehension on the part of the Commissioner and possibly on the part of some of the others. I do not mean that an extension of this is some...carrying on. I mean this is a firm agreement. This is an agreement the same as if I contact somebody to haul a thousand yards of something for fifty cents a yard and he wants another thousand yards, I just extend the agreement for another thousand yards, it's the same thing. And it's a firm agreement, it's the same as a purchase, and I don't mean to say that this is just a slipshod sliding on. This would be back in the form of an Ordinance and in the form of an agreement. Now, I don't think there are too many here that were in the discussion of that last Five Year Agreement. We have got a blue book there which is the second draft. We haven't even got to that stage yet. Now the second stage of the draft came approximately twelve months after the first draft. And associated with that we had two drafts of Health Services Agreements. Now, as long as you fellas understand what you are opening up and getting into, now if I thought that any agreement we could possibly reach right now would last five years, I would go into it. This is going to take approximately four to five to six months. ... This is what it's going to take, and I would be willing to go into it, but I think our position is going to be so completely changed in two years--in 24 months, we are going to spend approximately two of those 24 months in Council. Part of this agreement will already be--the extension of the Two Year Agreement will probably be partly gone well on it's way before we finish Council. But if we go into the complete opening up of the Five Year Agreement, and go over it part by part and which is what we should do and what we could do if we wanted to go right into everything. Then, we are as long as you know what we are opening ourselves up to and what we are getting into I am prepared to take the time if I think it is worth the effort. But I don't think it's worth the effort to spend six months to go over an agreement if it's only going to last 24 months and if we can serve the purpose just as well or maybe better to make a formal agreement to extend our present five year agreement for two more years.

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Now, this isn't out of the ordinary, and just because the Northwest Territories did it doesn't mean that we have to do it. Now, this isn't what I have based my decision on. I really think that I cannot serve the people that I represent better, I can't think of a better way to serve them right now than to make a Motion like this and support this proposal. I think this is the best possible thing we could do. The only other thing we could do is to start opening this up and haggling over these taxes individually. Now, this is a proposal, it's a submission, it's a counter-offer to the Federal Government which they may accept or reject as the Commissioner has said that he would gladly pass on our acceptance of this Motion if we pass it, but they may insist on a further counter proposal which we could then consider. And we are narrowing the gap between our differences of opinion. But, if we take the suggestion that has been made here, that we take the whole Five Year Agreement and start from scratch you have differences of opinion in about forty to fifty different phases. Now we have differences of opinion basically in a couple of differenct passages. So as long as you know, this is a counter-offer and this is, I think, the best possible way we can serve the people of the Yukon Territory and it is no intention to slip over my responsibility as Councillor or ask Council to do so. It's something as the Commissioner has pointed out the Government of Canada wants a firm agreement with us and we want a firm agreement with them and this would be in a form of a firm agreement. The Federal Government has in fact and in effect recognized, already I believe, this is my interpretation that there is--this is a high cost of living area and a severe climate and that we do not have the financial compensations that they do in other parts of the world for severe climate, and I think with that in mind they have bent over quite a ways towards supporting the proposals that we made in Ottawa and I think that they are willing to go a little bit further. I really think they are and I know that we are willing to try too. And, I think that the support of this Motion will take this Two Year Fiscal Agreement a big step further and possibly it may take it to a satisfactory conclusion for everybody. It's a chance we are taking. I don't see how we can serve our people better.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is utter nonsense. Here we are talking about one of the most important things we have ever discussed in the Yukon Council in six years; The matter of our fiscal arrangement with Ottawa and all it embodies and it embodies just about everything. It involves itself with our Ordinances, our complete financial structure. And the honourable member in Ottawa when the question arose over the fees verses deficit grants by the children of the Federal Servants, a naughty little problem we were dealing with, brought a comment from Mr. Boyd that the members and the Commissioner should discuss this question before a decision was reached. And the honourable member from Whitehorse West got up and he thought this was too important a matter to make a snap decision, on an item like this. But here you bring up the most important thing that has ever happened in Council history and bango, he's makes a snap decision. This isn't important, aye? Well, I can only say this, that what is suggested by the honourable member I suggest you go back again and look again and get

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this thing straightened around in his own mind because you cannot open up an agreement which does not exist and there is at this time in existence no agreement. The agreement expired on the 31st day of March 1967 which is a few days ago and you can't open it up because there is nothing to open up. You have to renegotiate a new agreement. If you approve this Motion, you renegotiate a new agreement on the basis of the old one, with little changes if any, or actually there are no changes according to this Motion. If you withdraw the Motion or have the Motion defeated then we may proceed and see what we can do about getting some agreement from Ottawa, the one we have been working on. And, that's the sum and total of the whole thing.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, Councillor Watt is discussing a counter-offer and now of course a counter-offer has to have a counter balance. One off-sets the other--you know, scales. The Motion, or the discussion on the Motion by Mr. Watt to the effect that we go back to the old agreement having no increase in tax; well, thats a very good point, I go for that part, not having increased taxes. But, of course, to counter-balance that we have the amount of money that it would contain in the last years' agreement and taking the largest amount in all these years as twelve million dollars, when you compare that with this year's budget at eleven million dollars by going along with the resolution having things equal, would that mean that we must adjust our budget for 1967/68 to meet with last years, both from revenue and capital. In other words we will have to adjust it to twelve million dollars this year from eighteen million dollars. Is that correct?

Mr. Watt: If that were correct, I think that it would only be fair to ask our population to reduce itself to the same level that it was last year. We are working on a gradually growing economy, a greater number of people, a broader tax base and there is something to be said if we do this, there is something to be said in Ottawa in respect to do this, but it's (inaudible) but I think that if it is fair and I think that Ottawa may accept this and it's worth taking a chance. We had to...in Ottawa of those who wanted to raise taxes and those who wanted to hold the line and it appears to be lining up to the same here in Council. But, I think this motion should be supported and I would like to ask the Councillors to support the Motion and go along with it and see what Ottawa's counter-offer is. I think that we will narrow our points of view down to where it's something manageable. This is the worst that could happen. The best that could happen is it would be acceptable.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to get one thing straight for the record. Mr. Watt states those who wanted to raise taxes and those who didn't. I think I can speak for all members of Council when I say there were no members of Council who wanted to raise taxes and I do not recollect the Commissioner intimating he was of the same position the Council was.

Mr. Chairman: Here, here...

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, listening to everybody I still think you are barking up the wrong tree. I don't see any great thing to be too worried about. The agreement isn't here, but there's a good chance it will be here and I think it's a good chance at the rate we have been going we're going to be here too for the next three months, so, no doubt your agreement will be here. I certainly cannot go for this Motion for the simply reason that what's past is past. Let us look to the future. Are you going to live in the past forever? I think there's too much of that in the Territory. It's time we had a new agreement and also if you are going to raise your standards of living you have got to raise your budget to do it. Now there's only one or two ways you can do it. It's either the Federal Government comes across with a bigger percentage of it, or you will have to have a few more taxes. Now I am the same as the rest of you, I am not too fussey about paying a whole sloth of taxes. I know what it is, I know what it is more than anybody else does. But, I would like to see the standard of living in this Territory raised considerably from what I have seen them. My own is very good I admit it, but there are others not too good. The thing is as I see it that I think we are a little hasty. I don't think we need to jump off the deep end on a thing like this. It may have it's ideas, you may be trying to force somebody to do something. This is what I think is behind it. This is the whole thing behind it. You are trying to force the Federal Government to come across and say alright, we're going to give it to you fellas and we're going to do this. But you are not going to get it that easy. I don't think so and I certainly am not in agreement of the same kind of a financial agreement as you had last year if you are going to go back to four million dollars--spend four million dollars or whatever the case might be where you should be spending eighteen to keep the Territory looking ahead. And you are going to have to raise it because if you're going to have expenses, how are you going to work on a budget like you have had in the last five years? Tell me that one. You can't do it. You just can't do it and go ahead. You are going behind all the time. You have got to look ahead and therefore you have got to raise your sites and raise your budget. So, therefore, I say that you cannot go back to the old agreement. You have got to look ahead, and if you don't do that your Territory will stay where it is and stay there forever. I am telling you that gentlemen.

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Mr. Boyd: This is the last time I am going to rise on this and I hope the question will be called pretty soon. But, obviously Mr. Watt does not consider that his proposal will be accepted even though it's accepted, it will not be accepted totally by Ottawa because he's talking about a counter-offer from Ottawa. I don't like to deal with counter-offers, or thought there was going to be one. So that the Motion in the first place seems to have some shakey legs. Now, there was an arrangement while we were in Ottawa for a study to be made concerning the Federal and Yukon relationship, with a view to reorganizing what the Federal will pay for and what we would pay for and so on. This study is about to be made this summer, according to what was stated. And at the same time, it was agreed in Ottawa, that this would be a Five Year Agreement that we are talking about, but with two year quorums only, and at the end of the two years we would take another look see at the last three. Now there shouldn't be any further argument about this at all. This is what we are dealing with and

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this is what we are going to come up with in the long run. Even if it's sixty days late--so what.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, what Mr. Boyd is talking about isn't embodied in this Motion. If he wants to have another Five Year Agreement, well, as I said we are going to be talking for six months. I've been through one of these Mr. Boyd. These take an awful long time. And there is two or three drafts of Health services, Motions and if you think we're going to--a counter-offer is too much difficulty right now, you are going to have a thousand counter-offers to contend with. And I don't...ah...to Mr. Southam 's suggestion that...ah...Mr. Shaw's suggestion that we reduce our budget, from eighteen thousand dollars to twelve thousand dollars, this isn't intended at all. But this is intended to point out to Ottawa, and I think that we did point it out very adequately that a lot of this increase in spending are Federally initiated. Such us our penal institutes and our minimum and medium security. There is $600,000.00 a year. Now these were Federally initiated. This is almost this percentage of that eighteen million dollars and that increase we are asking for. And, there are certain factors that will act in the Federal Government favour and I think there is a good chance the Federal Government will accept it, I think there is a good change the Federal Government with accept this. But, some of you--would you object Mr. Shaw if they did accept this. Would you be willing to accept this with no increase in taxes for the next two years and firm up an agrrement along the basis of the old agreement, extend it for another two years and then let a new Council who has a couple years' experience under their belt renegotiate for a new Five Year Agreement if we still have a Territorial status, which I think we will. I think our system, our country, our tax base, our population, our industry will be so completely different that a Five Year Agreement will be something that will be completely foreign to us.

Mr. Shaw: Well, the answer to the question is the fact that we went all through this in Ottawa about what we would accept and what we would not accept, and the chief matter of dissention was apparently the matter of the taxes we may have to further increase and it bore down to the Federal Government putting in about six million dollars and we collecting on our own about $350,000.00. Originally the idea was for a million dollars. We got it cut down to about $350,000.00. That was the barganing. We got it cut down two thirds. Now, at that time, Mr. Chairman, we couldn't get it cut down to nothing and still get this additional six million dollars. So, we had to agree somehow raising the money that was required. Now, we couldn't do it in person, Mr. Chairman. I don't think any resolution coming such as this was cooked up in a couple of hours. We'll all go up there and they will say, well, have to cut off...

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was just going to suggest a tea break.

Mr. Chairman: Well, it will be another fifteen minutes yet.

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Mr. Watt: Could I ask the Council a question. If Ottawa were to accept the extension of this...but he didn't answer the question. He didn't say yes or no or anything. If Ottawa were to accept the extension of the Two Year Agreement with no tax increase, such as the Motion suggested would you be in agreement then, if they were willing to accept that. That was the question.

Mr. Shaw: I certainly would, Mr. Chairman, but I would have as much chance as going over to the building across there and saying give me an automobile. So I would be just wasting Ottawa's time and our time.

MOTION RE EXTENSION 5 YEAR AGREEMENT

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have before us a motion that has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor Thompson that it is respectfully requested that the Administration contact Ottawa to pass on a proposal to simply extend the last Five Year Agreement for two additional years without changes in the tax structure. Are you prepared for the question? Would those in agreement please signify. Would those contrary please signify. I will declare the Motion defeated. Is there anything further on this subject as this time, gentlemen?

MOTION DEFEATED

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Mr. Chairman: I believe that there is a--the Commissioner has a document of some importance which he would like to discuss with Council and I would at this time entertain a Motion that Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling this document.

Mr. Boyd: I will move Mr. Speaker resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling this document of importance.

Mr. Southam: I will second the Motion, Mr. Chairman.

MOTION RE TABLING SESSIONAL PAPER #70 MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: It has been regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling an important Sessional Paper. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary? I will declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will now call this Council to order. The business on hand at the present moment has been given to you at the table, Sessional Paper #70 in respect of an Oil Contract Tender and also another paper, that doesn't have a number on, oh...it's part of this Sessional Paper it's Tender Fuel Supply.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, are you asking us to reverse back to orders of the day. Is this what you are...right now?

Mr. Speaker: That is correct.

Mr. Watt: Could I ask for an explanation as to why we must do that right now. Could anybody answer this?

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Mr. Speaker: I can just say it is apparently an important document and it was to be here this morning, but they could not get the Gestetner working at the time, there was something haywire and it took a little later till after the business on hand could be attended to in the normal course of proceedings. So this is the matter of submitting it to Council so this can be processed on accordingly. Are Council agreed to the tabling of this document? Are there any contrary?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, in order to revert back to Orders of the Day you have to have the unanimous agreement of Council, and to table something specifically like this. I simply asked, I am not throwing something away. If it's something of a matter of urgency, fine. If it's a big problem where it had to be tabled this morning to discuss it and you have to have it this afternoon, but for somebody to hand me a piece of paper now, to table it now presumably to discuss it now, this is waiving our 24 hours notice of anything that is discussed in Council and the tabling of such. And, if you are going to make an exception to this you are going to make an exception for anything anyone wants to do here. I would like sort of an explanation, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I would think this is an answer to a question, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Chairman: Well, Mr. Speaker, just to stop all this time wasting and this is all it is, is just utter waste of time, I would point out that the Motion to resume the Chair, Mr. Speaker to resume the Chair, was for the purpose of tabling an important Sessional Paper and receive the sanction of all members in Council.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any contrary to having this matter tabled?

Mr. Watt: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask Mr. Taylor a question. Is there any reason, Mr. Taylor, why this could not be tabled in a normal fashion so that we could consider it in our normal fashion? I have just received it. I haven't even read it. I just read the title and I presume we should have a little bit of notice when we get these Sessional Papers and Motions and Bills and everything else, but here is something given to us now, jammed down our throats and we would get up and walk out of hear after a while and find out what we have done. ...

Mr. Chairman: I believe this document does have reference to a Motion of Production of Papers and the matter is of some importance as indicated and I suggest that we stop wasting time Mr. Speaker, and I would move that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the Council resolve as a whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to...it seems that we are going to have a few home-made rules--but we normally revert to Orders of the Day for our Daily Routine, Sessional Papers, Induction of Bills, etc. and a satisfactory answer hasn't been given to me for not following our normal procedure, and I understand you have to have the unanimous consent to waive our normal procedure and our notices and I would therefore dissent at this time. This is not

Mr. Watt continues...

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satisfactory. I don't intend to obstruct or anything else, but we have to have a little bit of time to consider some of this stuff that is put in front of us.

MOTION RE SESSIONAL PAPER #70

Mr. Speaker: I would just state at this time for all member's benefit the Motion was put forth and I asked if all were in agreement. I heard all in agreement. I had no against. Councillor Watt got up and made a speech. Had he said he was objecting to the matter, that would have finished the matter and we would have got back into business. I would now ask again...those who are agreed please raise their hand. Those who now disagree. So the Motion is defeated. That would have saved a lot of time had that been followed the first instance. What is your pleasure at this time.

MOTION DEFEATED

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I would once again move that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve into a Committee as a whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Momoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION RE SPEAKER LEAVE CHAIR

Mr. Southam: I'll second the Motion, Mr. Speaker. Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that the Speaker do now resume the Chair--that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the Council resolve itself as a Committee as a whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will now take the Chair.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I will now declare a short recess.

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Mr. Chairman: We will now call Committee back to order. The next item is Sessional Paper No. 29 here on our list respecting the fire investigation report of the Whitehorse Elementary and Porter Creek school. Is this agreed gentlemen? SESSIONAL PAPER #29

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: .....inaudible....something to do with the Porter Creek fire insurance.

Mr. Thompson: No, I think we can go ahead and discuss it- there was some concern about the fact Fire Marshal wasn't in town ....inaudible.... with us.....but he hasn't been in town for ages, for any of these fires or since then so he is no more learned about the matters than we are conceivably. We have the fire investigation report in front of us and I suggest we continue.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Clerk, could we have it a little quieter over in that corner, we can hardly hear what is being said.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I will proceed with the reading of the Sessional Paper, if you wish to take it section by section, or do you wish it read right through and then debated. It is a very lengthy document.

Mr. Boyd: What number is it.

Mr. Chairman: It is number 29.

Mr. Thompson: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the section dealing with the Whitehorse Elementary school fire report covers the 3½ pages and that we read this first and discuss it and carry on with the other.

Mr. Chairman: (reads the Fire Investigation report on the Whitehorse Elementary school-Sessional Paper No. 29).

Mr. Boyd: I notice Mr. Smith is in the gallery. Maybe we would prefer to have him up here.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Smith: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I have just one question at this time and I would like to direct that to the Commissioner, and that is, according to this the investigation has not been closed and I am wondering if the R.C.M.P. or any other investigation organization such as insurance companies have still this matter under active consideration, or is there anything further that could be added to this paper at this time.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would answer in the affirmative- the first part of that question, namely, are these fires still under investigation I would say yes, they are under continuing investigation by all agencies that are involved. We anticipate the arrival of Mr. Whatmough - I believe he is due in here today and he is here, while in the course of other duties, but also in further connection with these fires. I would like to give Council assurances that if at some point in time it appears that it is in the public interest to have a public inquiry into one or both of these fires that there will be no hesitancy on my part in giving

Mr. Smith continues.
effect to this and I understand that I have authority under certain of our Ordinances to do this. It may be a question from Council if this matter has not already been done I can assure you that the question has come up on several occasions and upon investigating with the investigating agencies it has been the opinion of myself and those of my Administration who are directly concerned that at least up until this point of time that a public inquiry - or the time for calling a public inquiry had not arrived. But I wish to make it very clear, Mr. Chairman, that this is not precluded.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if Mr. Whatmough has been up and investigated this particular fire himself, personally - either of these fires?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would have to check into this for factual information-on the Porter Creek School fire I I don't believe that he has, but he was certainly here shortly after the Whitehorse Elementary School fire and I am sure conducted such inquiries of the staff here and other investigating agencies as he saw fit in his position as Fire Marshal.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think probably that this is something we could best consider, the possibility of a public inquiry into this or both, one or the other, but conceiveably maybe some information that Mr. Whatmough has at his beck and call that the Commissioner doesn't have may alter this somewhat. But I have no other questions with reference to the Whitehorse Elementary fire at this time, just so long as it is understood that the possibility of a public inquiry can be instituted if it is the desire of Council from the findings of the rest of this investigation.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Commissioner a question. With respect to a public inquiry could it be possible in such an inquiry, I'm not too familiar with .... inaudible... If you had such an inquiry not only with the two fires we have had, but would such an inquiry possibly make recommendations as to type of structures that we could have, or faults in our present structures - this type of thing? Would such an inquiry cover recommendations -this type of thing, as well as the actual fine points of the two fires involved at the moment?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Commissioner, without going into the fullest details of this my immediate answer would be that the terms of reference given to the public inquiry would indicate as to what their answers would be. In other words if they were asked to inquire into the possible causes of the fire, also to give recommendations in connection with their findings in this matter I think that it would be the terms of reference that would be given to this Board of Inquiry but would indicate what kind of a report it would bring back in. Certainly I would feel, gentlemen, that if the time does arrive when we are going to have a public inquiry on these things I would certainly feel that the terms of reference should be as reasonably comprehensive and all inclusive as would be practical.

Mr. Watt: If terms of reference such as this could be in such an inquiry I would certainly vote unhesitatingly right now for such an inquiry, because I think some thought, some investigation should be given into this aspect - I'm not so sure yet about this other one - the .... of the two fires under investigation -possibly you will call an inquiry, but if such an inquiry could possibly include within its framework examination of the type of structures that we would have in the Territory for school buildings, I would certainly - I'm in favour of a public inquiry now,- that could be included in the framework -this is necessary and could possibly save other fires in the Yukon Territory that could wind up in tragedies.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would that put the Fire Marshal out of a job?

Mr. Thompson: I certainly hope so.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Commissioner made himself quite clear. As things progress they will determine whether or not to call a public investigation. I think we have to respect that suggestion, also the matter of having suggestions concerning future building requirements and so on. This is very simple and is usually a part of that procedure when a deal like this is carried out. That is part and parcel of the arrangement.

Mr. Southam: I would like to ask the Commissioner a question. Are these schools inspected at any time by electrical inspectors or safety inspectors who come around to the Yukon, to the mines anyway once a year, from Ottawa. Is the electrical equipment ever looked at by any chance?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Commissioner, The inspections that are normal in our public buildings are those that are conducted by the Fire Marshal and such officers as he either appoints or has along with him on these inspections and reports are given to us and whatever he tells us has to be done on these buildings we got to see that we do. As far as indicating to you that there are, say regular routine inspections of all equipment over and above the Fire Marshal's inspections, I don't think I would be giving you factual information if I said 'yes'. Boiler inspections are carried out as per the terms of our own Ordinance here and mining inspections are carried out as per the terms of our own Ordinance and regular routine maintenance inspections of mechanical equipment and things of this nature are carried out by our own engineers in the course of their normal maintenance and upkeep of all Territorial buildings but as far as inspections, we'll say by an electrical inspector as a corollary we'll say to a boiler inspection, this would only be done if specially called for by the Fire Marshal or by some other responsible officer.

Mr. Chairman: Do you wish to proceed now with the other half of this paper?

All: Agreed.

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Mr. Chairman: This is rather lengthy and will take some time (reads Porter Creek Elementary school report on the investigation of the fire - Sessional Paper #29).

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is the conclusions are very inconclusive and as far as I am concerned they are covering both fires and there are nine pages and absolutely nothing that would give me any indication that anything has been done to come up with any concrete solutions to these fires and I think that we would be quite within our rights to ask the Commissioner to take under advisement the possibilities of proceeding with a public inquiry into both of these fires and I am also agreed with Mr. Watt that the terms of reference should be reasonably flexible to take into account the possible recommendations for upgrading our schools and other public buildings to a greater degree of fire resistence. There are innumerable questions here that I could ask and we could probably continue this discussion or debate for some considerable time but I don't think that anything would be gained from it now. I think that our course of action is quite clear that a public inquiry or investigation should be called for and I think it is the place of Council to give the Commissioner this direction and Mr. Chairman I would so make a motion that a public inquiry be instituted covering the aspects of both of these fires.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would the Commissioner just assure us that investigations were going on in these particular fires?

Mr. Chairman: Is there a seconder for this Motion?

Mr. Watt: I second the motion. And as I understand it-if I interpret the motion properly it also includes the type of structures that would be used and could be used. I don't want to conflict with the Commissioner's statements already but this would put us on record as suggesting that we want an inquiry, we want full satisfaction with respect to the fires that are in existence and with respect to the types of buildings in the future. Maybe there is nothing we can do ....inaudible ...it could be possible... inaudible ... I'm no professional on this and I would like professional advice as Councillor with respect to the types of buildings we vote money for in the future. And I think the motion has merit and part of it is being considered by the administration now but I don't think anything in this motion is going to hinder anything but I'd like to hear the Commissioner's comments on this.

Mr. Chairman: I believe there was one question before ...

Mr. Shaw: Yes, I thought the Commissioner had given Council his assurance that this was still under investigation and if at a later date he felt it necessary he would bring it before Council and be quite amenable to a public inquiry but at the moment the investigations are still going on. Do I have that correct?

Mr. Smith: This is quite correct.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the Commissioner a couple of questions. First of all, would the motion, if it were passed, interfere at all with what is presently going on, presently going on secondly, if the motion were passed would it possibly assist those who are investigating ..... while they are investigating they could possibly make recommendations as to type of structures we could use in the future if changes would be warranted. In other words I can't see the motion, if it were passed, would interfere with anything that is going on now, and I would like assurance on it ..... when I seconded the motion I interpreted this it wouldn't interfere with anything that is going on now.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Commissioner, I would see no harm in the Motion, the only thing I would want to be understood that I would not wish to be committed to a time in this matter as I would feel it would be very unwise on my part to suggest a public inquiry before the investigating bodies who are already working on this, had concluded their investigations. I don't think this would be quite fair, Mr. Chairman, and I would want Council to know that I have no reason or does any of my administration have any reason for not wanting to expose to the fullest public information or exposure any and all circumstances in connection with these fires but at the same time I think that we must respect the public agencies who are charged under our laws to investigate these things and I think that we must give them ample and proper opportunity to have completely completed their investigations before we proceed with anything on our own in this matter Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, any further discussion on this motion?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify one point with the Commissioner now. The Commissioner says he wouldn't want to be tied down to any specific time. I'm thinking in terms of the Whitehorse Elementary school fire. was October. - November, December, January, February, March April - six months ago. I'm wondering how much longer he feels would be a reasonable time - are we thinking of another six months, or three months, or what, because if this is the case then I'm opposed to this. I feel that this conceivably has dragged along quite some time now without any firm conclusions, so I would like the Commissioner to specify, are we talking about a week, month, year or what and then this will have a basis on vote of Council.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think we must understand what we are talking about when we are talking about a public inquiry. What we are talking about there, gentlemen, is where the investigations and results of investigations and the manner of them that are being carried out by bodies charged by the laws of the land to investigate such catastrophies are indicated at a public hearing. Now, you may find that until such time as they have completed these investigations and the results that would be obtained .. public inquiry would be no more conclusive than what we

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Mr. Smith continues
have presented to us here in these papers today. Now I agree with what the Councillor says that the time element islquite important in this thing and I would suggest this to you, Mr. Chairman, for Council's consideration; that they would permit me to report further on the subject if these two fures some time in the course of the next two weeks and at that point of time we may all be in a better position to assess the value or otherwise of the public inquiry on either or both of these fires and also if it is decided it would be desirable as to the time element of what .... proceeded with.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen; what is your pleasure. I wonder if I could have a copy of this motion, Mr. Thompson - I have ....inaudible...

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we have a statement from the inspector that it is still under investigation? I assume that they are going into it as rapidly as possible - if not they should and when they are through with the investigation there will be more evidence no doubt for a public inquiry. In the meantime the schools have both been burned and in the process of being paid for by somebody- we can't stop them from being burned and in view of what the Commissioner has stated in relation to the investigation I cannot see that we should have a public inquiry until this investigation is completely finished and then I feel that the public should be notified of everything and I am sure the Commissioner would be very pleased to also, as he has intimated, that nothing will be kept secret- there is no secrecy except that in an investigation it covers many facets and possibly if things are taken out of their proper place difficulties could creep in. So I think the motion is a little premature at this time, unless the investigation is complete.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest at least that the mover and seconder of this motion consider withdrawing and at the same time consider Mr. Smith's remarks that he can probably report a little further progress at a later date during this session and two weeks or three weeks at this stage of the game is neither here or there and maybe at that time the motion could be worded differently -it may not be necessary or it may be necessary. I think this would be far better.

Mr. Watt: As seconder of the motion I think there are parts of the motion that should be definitely passed by Council so that any inquiry whether public, initiated by council or Commissioner or anybody else should include types of structure of buildings ..... the future and as Mr. Boyd suggests maybe we will have some more information before this session is over but at any rate I would like to-- I'm prepared to withdraw the seconding of it now but this would leave the major promotion in a position to remake it before the session is over, and if we don't have any information with respect to types of buildings or any kind of investigation going on I will certainly second his motion again and I won't withdraw ..... inaudible.....

Mr. Smith: I will be guided by Council's wishes.

Mr. Watt: The motion embodies some very good points and I think there should be - the framework within which an investigation works and I would be willing to withdraw it if the maker of the motion wishes so, if not I will vote for the motion bit I think probably the motion would be defeated now and couldn't be made later in the session when we may get more support for it.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, all I can say is that if you gentlemen don't feel that an inquiry is warranted, by all means this is your prerogative to stand up and say so, but the Commissioner did intimate that by the passing of this motion if there was not a time factor attached there would be no harm in passing this motion because it would be in conjunction with and not opposed to other investigations going on. The only point that I would like to make is that I don't think I got an answer from the Commissioner as to the length of time he had in mind. I asked whether I thought it would be a week, or two weeks or a month or a year and I don't just remember how you got around that one but I don't remember hearing a week or a month or a year, but I feel that from this Sessional Paper that it is highly necessary and something that should be looked into further but as I say, if you gentlemen don't feel that this is right and proper, well by all means you have this prerogative but I have no intention of withdrawing the motion at this time until at least I hear from the Commissioner.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I'm very sorry if Council feels I am trying to get around the question as this is not my intent at all. But it is very difficult in a case of this nature where investigations are being carried out that require a tremendous amount of research, the end result may possibly be court actions, it is very difficult to place a time limit on when an inquiry might be called. However, I would tell Council this, Mr. Chairman, that Council has no stronger supporter than I in having these things, no matter what they turn out to be, brought into the fullest public scrutiny and if Council would see fit to allow me to report back further to them in this connection I would be prepared to put a time limit on this and I would suggest that I would quite prefer to report back to Council further within two weeks concerning the whole subject and how the investigations are proceeding as they are lining up in connection with the public inquiry... Mr. Commissioner, and I am very very sorry if Council feels that I am trying to avoid coming to grips with the question. I am not but I would like to feel that we are not nailing ourselves to something that when the time comes to do it we would have to back away, as well as the public bodies that are charged with such an investigation ... completed their work. This is the only thing that would be involved as far as I am concerned.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion then.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen, I still haven't got the motion. Is it the intention that you wish to proceed with the motion or is it intended that it be withdrawn.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would state that I would be pleased to go along with the Motion if it were amended to the fact that after the investigations are completed.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder if Councillor Thompson would wish to proceed with this motion. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Thompson: Could I ask for an adjournment, or a recess?

Mr. Chairman: I think so. I declare a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call this committee back to order and what have you gentlemen decided?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, under the circumstances I understand that this motion would be in direct conflict with existing investigations that are proceeding and I can assure you that this was not the intent of the motion. My only concern was to get some answers and get them as soon as we can. I feel that six months is quite a reasonable length of time to expect some results but if it seems to be the general concensus that this motion would in fact, it wouldn't exactly hinder the existing investigations but it wouldn't do anything to enhance them or speed them up so in view of this and in view of the Commissioner's remarks that conceivably he will have something futther to report to us within a reasonable time I would like to say that if these findings or remarks are forthcoming by the time that we have completed our deliberations here I would very much like to again introduce this motion so if my seconder will back off I'll do likewise.

Mr. Watt: I'll back off, Mr. Chairman, and like the maker of the motion, before the session is over I'll second another motion with respect to this if things aren't forthcoming.

Mr. Chairman: Would committee agree to the withdrawal of this motion. Any to the contrary. The motion is withdrawn.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, would you have anything else on this sessional paper?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Speaker do resume the chair and here report of Chairman of Committees.

Mr. MacKinnon: I'll second that motion.

Mr. Smith excused.

Mr. Taylor: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Mr. Speaker do now resume the chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Shaw resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear

the report of the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, the Committee conveyed at 11.15 a.m. to discuss Bills, memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions. The committee first dealt with matters relating to the forthcoming fiscal agreement with the Commissioner in attendance. The committee recessed at twelve noon and reconvened at two p.m. Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Thompson that the administration contact Ottawa and pass on a proposal to simply extend the last five year agreement for two additional years without changes in tax structure. This motion was defeated. Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling important sessional papers. This motion carried. The committee reconvened again at 3.10 p.m. to discuss Bills, memoranda, sessional papers and motions. The committee discussed sessional papers with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. It was moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Mr. Speaker should now resume the chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees and this motion carried. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman, are you agreed with the Chairman of Committees' report?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Now tomorrow I would remind you gentlemen that in suggesting the agenda we have the Council of the City of Whitehorse in attendance at 10.30 a.m. AGENDA

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I believe we have some Sessional Papers remaining and possibly we could deal with these until 10.30 rolls around if this is agreeable and I would suggest Bills, memorandaand Sessional Papers....

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, it was stated that we would make some kind of an agenda as to how the meeting with the City, how it would progress and on what basis question number one who was taking care of this? Or is it being done? And will we see it before we meet with the City.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, did you have an agenda prepared? There is nothing done in respect to that yet. Perhaps some suggestions could come from Councilmembers at this time.

Mr. Boyd: I have another question then. It seems that these figures that are submitted to us have never been presented before or dealt with by administration and we are expected to deal with the City of Whitehorse with these figures without first having had a chance to discuss them with administration and learn something about them ourselves and I would like to think that we should have at least possibly an hour or whatever time it takes to familiarize ourselves with the situation before we meet with the City. I would like to know what Council thinks of this because I'm not very happy about sitting down green with sharp people.

AGEMDA

MEETING WITH CITY OF WHITEHORSE

Mr. Watt: If I thought we were going to sit dpwm and haggle over a bunch of small figures I would make a motion that we don't meet with the City. I don't think this is going to happen. I think the general principle involved here that they will be discussing and very little could be gleaned out of figures. I think it is just a matter of proof of financial obligations and I think that possibly the meeting could be conducted the same way..... inaudible.... with respect to Lot 19. So we had had meetings before when we had large numbers of people present such as the discussions on Lot 19 and they proved satisfactory and the Chairman of Committees, I believe, chaired the meetings in the past and this could happen also in the future, tomorrow. I see no problem, Mr. Speaker and I don't think that anything could be gained by sitting down and haggling over figures ahead of time. I've gone over them at home just briefly and I realize that there may be something that they want to be brought up with respect to them. I think the conduct of the meeting could be here in Council with a few additional chairs with the members invited sitting any place the Chairman wants to arrangeand I see no problems.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I don't know, my feelings on the matter - I don't think there is any problem with the manner to be conducted. I believe the Commissioner did indicate, as Councillor Boyd has stated, that some sort of agenda would be drawn up in order to assist us in the conduct of this affair. I might say, in commenting on this, Mr. Speaker, that it seems to me highly unusual that the City who have made a request to appear before Council, have not given any indication of what it is they desire other than they feel they have a problem that can be alleviated possibly through some formxof legislation and I think it is a normal way of dealing with this is that the City put up their legislative proposal for the consideration of Councillors and then if we wish to inquire of them of to ask any information from them they are invited to Council-it has not been done in this case and I would suggest ... set terms out as Council .... debate between the City and Council .. all we do is proceed with the normal routine....

Mr. Speaker: Is there anything further on the discussion. ..... due to legislation created by this body this has cost them hardship and they are coming to us which I think is quite within their rights to put their case before us. That is what they stated in their letter to this Council. Are you all agreed?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Watt: What is the time scheduled for that Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: 10.30 Mr. Watt, as close as we could get it after the routine and orders of the day.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure at this time?

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Mr. Southam: I move we call it five o'clock Mr. Speaker. AGENDA

Mr. Thompson: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is moved by Councillor Southam and seconded by Councillor Thompson that we call it five o'clock at this time. Are you ready for the question. Agreed with the motion? Any contrary. The motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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This Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Councillor Thompson was absent due to illness.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: At this time I would inform Council that I regret that Councillor Thompson is not feeling very well today. The Doctor has instructed him to stay in bed so, therefore, he will not be here. We hope that he will feel better and be here tomorrow morning. Mr. Clerk, have we any correspondence this morning?

SESSIONAL PAPER

Mr. Clerk: We have, Mr. Speaker. Sessional Paper No. 68, Whitehorse Airport Plans; Sessional Paper No. 70, Oil Contract Tender; Sessional Paper No. 71, Abandoned Buildings; Sessional Paper No. 72, New School Committee; and Sessional Paper No. 73, Land Reservations, Yukon Territory. We also have Sessional Paper No. 74, Activities of the Travel and Publicity Branch. That's all I have for tabling this morning, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Reports of Committee? We have no Bills to introduce at this time. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution? We will proceed to the next item. Have we any Motions for the Production of Paper? We will proceed to Motions. The first Motion on the Agenda is Motion No. 5, Mr. Southam. Would you care to proceed, Mr. Southam?

MOTION #5

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Motion No. 5, moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Thompson, re Mine Rescue. "It is understood that the Mine Rescue Program because of the closing down or reduction of work force of the United Keno Hill Mines will cause the Mine Rescue Program to operate at a deficit that may amount to $10,000.00 per annum and, since there is no item in the Five Year Agreement to make up this deficit I would recommend that the Administration ask the Resource and Economic Development Group to take over the financial administration including any deficit that may arise out of the operation of the program." May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Southam.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, it has been brought to my attention that the Mine Rescue Program was to collect $2.00 per man on the payrolls of mines that are underground and $1.00 per man for the mines that are working on open cut. With the reduction in the force that is expected at the United Keno Hill from roughly around 600 to in the neighborhood.. if it stays at the present rate....of around about 400... will mean a possible deficit of between $6.000.00 to $10,000.00 a year in this program. The equipment and everything will belong to the Territory. The Territory will still maintain and look after this but the Mine Inspector is a Federal employee who has the control of it and also the Mine Rescue Instructor is a Territorial employee and the equipment, as I said, is Territorial. Now, to operate this program right, there is the possibility of a deficit accumulating over the year of between $6,000.00 and $10,000.00. We arrived at a figure of $10,000.00 but it's more liable than $6,000.00, therefore, I would suggest to you, the Council, that we ask the Administration to approach the Resource and Economic Development Group, which is Federal, to take over this until such time

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Mr. Southam continues:
as the Territory can see its way clear to make sure that this Mine Rescue problem is ironed out. That's all I have to say at the present time. My seconder is not here. Personally, I think the thing speaks for itself.

Mr. Speaker: Do we have any further discussion on this Motion?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I agree. I think this is a good idea except I could not but take note of the fact in line five of the Motion that there is no item in the Five Year Agreement. There is no such thing as the Five Year Agreement to my knowledge. I was thinking of possibly proposing an Amendment to change that to forthcoming fiscal agreement but I don't think I will. I think it's a matter...just as long as everyone understands there is no Five Year Agreement.

Mr. Speaker: So we have any further discussion on Motion No. 5?

Mr. MacKinnon: Thanks for enlightening us, Mr. Taylor.

MOTION #5 CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: We next have Motion No. 6, Mr. Watt, Kindergarten Classes. Mr. Watt, are you prepared to go ahead with this?

MOTION #6 DEFERRED

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, could I have Motion No. 6 deferred until a later date?

Mr. Speaker: By all means. We next have Motion No. 7, Mr. MacKinnon, Business Licences. Mr. MacKinnon, are you prepared to proceed?

MOTION #7 DEFERRED

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to defer that Motion until a later date.

Mr. Speaker: That is fine. Well, gentlemen, we next have the question period. I see Mr. Commissioner in the gallery. Would you care to join us at this time, Mr. Commissioner?

Commissioner Smith enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any questions this morning? if not, we will proceed to Public Bills and Orders and we have Bills Nos. One and Two for Third Reading.

THIRD READING BILL #1 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, be given Third Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor voted contrary to the Motion.

TITLE BILL #1 ACCEPTED MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the title to Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, be accepted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #1 PASSED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Bill No. One, An Ordinance to Amend the Societies Ordinance, has passed this House.

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. 2, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, be given Third Reading at this time.

THIRD READING BILL #2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Taylor voted contrary to the Motion.

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the title to Bill No. 2, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, be accepted as written.

TITLE BILL #2 ACCEPTED

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Bill No. Two, An Ordinance to Amend the Co-Operative Associations Ordinance, has passed this House.

BILL #2 PASSED

Mr. Speaker: That concludes, gentlemen, the daily routine and the Orders of the Day. On the Agenda is a meeting with the Council of the City of Whitehorse at 10:30 A.M., plus Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions. What is your pleasure at this time?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to meet with the Council of the City of Whitehorse and discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers as per Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, we can possibly proceed with Sessional Papers. I will declare a short recess while we get our Papers in order.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, it now being 10:30, I will call this Committee to order. We have with us Mayor Firth; Aldermen Jim Light, Bob Cousins Sr., Steve Henke, and Darrell S. Collins; City Office Manager Herb Driechel. We also have K. J. Baker, Territorial Engineer; Doug Spray, Director of Municipal Affairs; Keith Fleming, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner; K. MacKenzie, Territorial Treasurer; and Commissioner Smith. I am not too clear on just what the matters under discussion will be so I wonder if I might call upon Mayor Firth to give us some opening remarks.

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Mr. Firth: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner and Members of the Territorial Council and Members of the City Council. I would like to first express our sincere thanks to the Territorial Council for providing us with this opportunity of meeting with you and we hope we can bring to your attention some of the difficulties under which the Municipality of the City of Whitehorse, and possibly the Municipality of Dawson, are labouring under. This primarily has to do with some of the amendments that have

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Mr. Firth continues:
been made to the Municipal Ordinance and I think from there we can go into other facets of Municipal administration which we feel are of enough importance for us to bring it to the attention of the Territorial Council. We have discussed these matters in Committee with the Territory Administration and have had a fair hearing but we do feel that some of the points that we will be bringing before you today has more of a bearing on the Territorial Council rather than on the Administration and I feel that these points are of sufficient importance to warrant this meeting today. We have prepared a brief on the various submissions which we will make to you. I would ask Councillor Collins to now address you and lead you through the various submissions and suggestions that we have. Copies of this brief will be made available to you afterwards. Thank you.

Mr. Collins: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Territorial Council, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to make it perfectly clear that I am speaking as a Councillor, as an Alderman of the City of Whitehorse, and in no way am I setting myself up as a legal expert. I do not perform the functions of legal advisor in the City. I am not the legal advisor for the City and I am not here as the legal advisor. I am here to present the brief on behalf of the City Council. This is another point that I would like to make clear. We are not intending, although it may seem so throughout my presentation of this brief, we are not intending any criticism against the Members of the Territorial Council. There will be criticism but it is not directed against the Members of the Territorial Council. The Territorial Council have to pass legislation on the advice of members of personnel from Territorial Administration. We are perfectly aware of this and they, I think, are entitled to assume that the advice that they get is proper advice. The purpose of this brief is to show that notwithstanding the very probable good intentions of the Members of the Territorial Council, the Amendments made to the Municipal Ordinance which were assented to and became law on the 12th of May, 1966, do not represent an improvement over what went before. Some of the Members of the Territorial Council may be of the view that the Amendments made to the Municipal Ordinance were requested by the Municipalities, particularly Whitehorse. A search of our records, as well as a review of correspondence provided to us by the Territorial Administration, suggests that the original idea for the Amendments came from the personnel of the Territorial Administration and we will establish conclusively for all time that the whole of this idea relating to the Amendment emanated from the Territorial Administration and did not in any sense of the word come from the Municipalities and I will produce proof of this through the Territorial Administration's own correspondence at the end of this brief. Indeed, it appears that while the matter of Amendment was discussed with some of the representatives of the City of Whitehorse, it may be said that this served the purpose of simply informing the City of what was going to be done. In any event, and even if the City did approve in principle, and that is all they could have done at the time, the actual Amendments were never referred to the City before they were passed. And more importantly, the effects of the Amendments were not explained to the City, nor, it appears, were they explained adequately, or at all for that matter, to the

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Mr. Collins continues:
Members of Territorial Council. Had such an explanation been offered to either group, we think that the Amendments would not have been adopted at all and if adopted, would have been in quite a different form than they are today. The Amendments have had the effect of creating situations that we believe were never made known to the Members of Territorial Council and I now give you a few of the examples of the effect these Amendments have had. While we understand that one of the prime purposes of amendment was to ensure that the City's budget was prepared and delivered to Territorial Administration so that it could be considered with Territorial estimates, the Amendments do not really achieve this purpose. Under the Amendments, the budget will be prepared as soon as possible after 1 January each year. This is little or no different from what was formerly provided for. Another purpose that is suggested for passing the legislation was to change the year in which levies for taxes were made from the calendar year to the year beginning 1 April and ending 31 March. What possible advantage this would give the Municipality is difficult if not impossible to ascertain. Likewise we can't see that if offers the Territorial Administration any advantage either, or the Territory for that matter. In adopting the Amendments, no allowance was made for tax collections for the year 1966 or for the period from 1 January 1967 to 31 March 1967. Compliance with the Ordinance as amended would have meant that the Municipality could not and should not have sent out tax notices in the Fall of 1966 for the collection of taxes for the calendar year 1966. The Ordinance as amended repealed the old procedure and no provision was made for the collection of taxes for the calendar year 1966. This meant that had the Municipality complied with the provisions of the Ordinance, they could not have sent out a tax notice during the Fall of 1966 for the collection of taxes for the calendar year 1966. They could have only sent out a tax notice on or before the last day of February, 1967, and this would have been for the collection of taxes for the 12 month period from the 1st of April, 1966, to the 31st of March, 1967. This, in turn, would have meant that no taxes would have been levied and collected for the period 1 January 1966 to 31 March 1966. Now this problem became apparent and was made apparent and was drawn to the attention of the Territorial Administration early last fall. The information concerning these deficiencies in the legislation was brought to the attention of the Territorial Administration authorities last fall by both municipalities, that is to say the City of Dawson and the City of Whitehorse. As it happened, and because they could offer no...first of all, they couldn't offer any explanation. It was apparent that they didn't understand their own legislation. They couldn't offer any explanation nor what could be done about this. They gave us no directions on how this matter could be rectified so in the end, the Municipalities ignored the Amendments and they sent out tax notices in the Fall of 1966 for the period 1 January 1966 to 31 December 1966. This was a direct contravention of the Ordinance because that procedure had been repealed. Most, if not all, taxes were collected and the Municipalities were able to carry on. However, this levy of taxes was illegal and if anyone had refused to pay the taxes for that period of time, he could not have been forced to do so. Indeed, this still applies and when confirmation of any tax sale held in the future comes up, difficulties could arise

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Mr. Collins continues:
as to whether or not taxes claimed as unpaid are legally outstanding. While it may be said that the Municipalities were able to resolve their problem of tax collection for the calendar year 1966 by ignoring the provisions of the Ordinance, no such solution exists for the period from 1 January 1967 to 31 March 1967 - this three month period that has just gone by. Compliance with the amended Ordinance means that a tax notice should have been sent out on or before the last day of February 1967. This tax notice would be for the collection of taxes, as I previously mentioned, for the period 1 April 1966 to 31 March, 1967. This could not, in fairness to the taxpayer, be done because taxes had already been collected for a portion of that period, namely, for the period from 1 April 1966 to 31 December 1966. This was included in the 1966 calendar taxation year...calendar year....when the taxes were collected for that period. As a consequence, the Ordinance has again been ignored and no tax notices were sent out prior to the end of February 1967. This means that no tax notice can be sent out until on or before the last day of February 1968 based on an assessment done between now and then and relating to the collection of taxes for the period from 1 April 1967 to 31 March 1968. The taxes collected in response to that tax notice will be due and payable on the 1st of April, 1968. This is in accordance with your Amendment. Accordingly, the Municipalities must, if corrective legislation is not passed, get along from 1 January 1967 until 1 April 1968 without being able to collect one cent in taxes. Even when the taxes become payable they will have to be applied to covering the expenditures of the Municipality over a period of 15 months from 1 January 1966 to March 31, 1968, rather than the normal 12 month period for which the taxes are levied. This cannot help but result in a deficit as represented by the expenditures made during the additional 3 month period. Now, gentlemen, we do not come before you merely to complain. There are various ways of perhaps resolving this dilemma and you must agree with me that this is a dilemma. These are four in number and are as follows: (1) The Amendments could be revoked and the old provisions brought back. This would permit the Municipalities to carry on as they have in the past with little or no disruption in procedures or otherwise. It is our view that legislation should not be changed or altered unless there is good reason for so doing. While there may have been a few reasons for desiring a change in May 1966, we do not consider that any of those reasons were good enough to justify the complications that have occurred and are bound to occur in the future as a result of the adoption of changes. In short, we do not consider that a change of the year in which taxes are levied is for any reason justifiable at this time nor was it justifiable in May 1966. (2) The Territorial Government could commit itself to a grant to cover the deficit. We do not consider that we are the authors of the predicament that we find ourselves in and accordingly we do not think that because of the Amendment we should be forced to give the taxpayers and the residents of the City of Whitehorse considerably less than what they have received in other years and what they should be able to expect they should receive. In short, we think that it would be unfair to the taxpayers and residents of the City to be deprived, through no fault of theirs, of the usual capital expenditures allowed for and made each year, such as paving of more streets. (3) Corrective legislation could be passed at this Session that

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Mr. Collins continues: would authorize the Municipalities to budget for and collect taxes for the 15 month period from 1 January 1966 to 31 March 1968. While over the long run such a procedure would not result in taxpayers paying any more taxes than they would normally be called upon to pay, the effect would be that their tax bill, which would be due and payable on the 1st of April 1968, would probably be greater by at least one-quarter than usual because of the additional 3 month period covered. Now you say, now where will we get the money? Once we are permitted to draw up a budget on the basis of a 15 month period such as this if the legislation were passed, we could get the money from the Bank. If we go to the Bank to get the money, we will have to go immediately because there is no way to collect any taxes until April 1968. Absolutely no way under your present legislation. We would have to go to the Bank immediately and we would have to borrow a large sum of money on which we would have to pay interest and, therefore, the cost to the City would be considerable so that this proposal...while it's a proposal, it isn't, we think, the best of the four proposals we have to put to you. (4) The legislation could be left as it is. We do not support this proposal. In order for the City to meet the anticipated expenditures, including expenditures for what we consider needy capital improvements, we will have to find an additional $188,000.00 approximately over and above the revenue we could collect if we were not to increase taxes. This represents the additional expenditures involved in budgeting for a 15 month period rather than the usual 12 month period. This would mean an increase in the mill rate of 23 mills. We do not think that, in the circumstances, such a burden should be placed on the taxpayer nor do we think it justified. While we are prepared to admit that mistakes have been made in the past, we do not concede for one moment that we are not capable of administering the affairs of the City of Whitehorse. As part-time officials, we find it difficult enough to attend to all the needs of the City and we find it doubly difficult when what appear to be roadblocks are thrown up in our way. We think that the two levels of government should co-operate to the fullest extent. We do not consider that such co-operation has been enjoyed by us for the past year or two. For example, we think that the Territorial Treasurer's Department should, if it is aware of ways for us to collect more revenue, tell us about these ways. They should help us. They shouldn't hide these things. We are reliably informed that this is not being done and that potential revenues about which we are unaware are therefore not being recovered. Instead of the Territorial Administration encouraging us in our efforts to maintain our autonomy, they have even gone to the extent of writing to Ottawa to seek advice on how they could secure more control of our Administration. Now, if you think I'm just talking off the top of my head, I have correspondence to prove this and will do so. The Territorial Administration have effectively gained some of the control they desire by saying to us in effect that if we don't do what they want us to do they will withhold our grants. Another glaring lack of co-operation is the apparent refusal of the Territorial Treasurer to adequately explain or explain at all the system of Territorial grants in lieu of taxes. All he will say is that it is 10 mills across the board. This

Mr. Collins continues:
means nothing to us. The Federal Government are supposed to pay grants in lieu of taxes in accordance with a formula set forth in the Municipal Grants Act. Does this result in larger grants than the Territory pays? We don't know. And if so, why doesn't the Territory pay the same? We are unable to get answers to these questions and we would like to know why. We are prepared to co-operate to the fullest extent and we only ask that the same co-operation be extended to us. Now, having heard what I have said up to this point, you might well ask "What was the real purpose behind the Amendment?" We think we know the answer and I think you will know the answer when I have referred to certain correspondence and I do that now. On September 29, 1965, the then Commissioner of the Yukon Territory wrote to the Mayor of the City of Whitehorse and this is what he said. Follow this carefully, gentlemen, because we have been informed that you have been informed that the Amendments were passed at the request of the City of Whitehorse and possibly even the City of Dawson. So, bear this in mind and listen carefully to these letters that I read to you. "Following yesterday's discussion with City Council I think it would be well to set down in writing the following points:-" This is written by the Commissioner. "In order that the budget may be prepared"... in order that the budget may be prepared...."and be in my hands before the commencement of the fiscal year to which it relates, the City fiscal year end is to be changed"... is to be changed..."from the 31st December to the 31st of March. 2. Section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance is to be changed so that lands shall be assessed at 65% of their fair value and not 100% as presently laid down. These two points will be taken care of and you will be notified further in due course."

Mr. Commissioner: How about the rest of the letter?

Mr. Collins: Yes, I will read that. "I would take the opportunity of advising you that your budget for the current calendar/fiscal year has been examined and is approved. With three-quarters of the year gone by it is really too late to do anything but approve and had the budget been presented to me earlier I would have urged that City expenditures be reduced so as to produce a higher excess of revenue over expenditures. The excess estimated of $8,206.16 is really minimal and your current position is not sufficiently strong to justify the heavy expenditure estimated." This is signed by the Commissioner. The next piece of correspondence is a memorandum to the Commissioner from the Territorial Treasurer dated December 7, 1965. "You will remember asking me to arrange for the City of Whitehorse to write to you and ask for their fiscal year end to be changed to the 31st of March and section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance to be changed so that lands may be assessed as 65% of fair value instead of 100% as at present. These proposed changes were in accordance with a discussion with the City Council on September 29, 1965. I have written to the City twice asking for written confirmation that these proposed changes are desired by the City and I have asked verbally for written confirmation. I can trace no letter from the City of Whitehorse in this connection and I draw the matter to your attention for appropriate action." And then a letter from the Commissioner

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Mr. Collins continues:
in response to the request made, no doubt, by the Territorial Treasurer. This is dated the next day, the 8th of December, 1965....a letter from the Commissioner to Mayor Jacobs. "Dear Mayor Jacobs: Over this past year the subject of changing the City of Whitehorse fiscal year-end from December 31st to March 31st has been discussed. Section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance has also been discussed regarding a change in the Municipal Ordinance allowing land to be assessed at 65% of fair value instead of 100% as at present. We have written the City asking for your confirmation on these proposed changes and are unable at this time to locate any reply. May we be favoured with an early reply so that the necessary action may be taken on the above subjects?" In response to that, on January 18, 1966...incidentally, gentlemen, you will recall that this was at the time when there was a complete change in the...not a complete change in Council but a substantial change in Council, including a change in the Mayor. This letter was written to the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, dated January 18, 1966, and it is signed by the City Clerk. "This will confirm arrangements for meeting between your department and the City Council on Friday, January 21st, 1966, at 3:30 PM. Topics that Council wish to discuss are: (1) Re-Assessment in 1966 - your letter November 29th, 1965. (2) Assessment of Land - your letter November 22nd, 1965. (3) Expenditures, Civic Centre - your letter November 22nd, 1965. (4) Change of Fiscal year to April 1st." That's the correspondence and that's the extent of the correspondence....on the question of changing the tax year from the year ending December 31 to the year ending March 31. Now, gentlemen, and this is most enlightening. I have a copy of a memorandum from the Commissioner, the then Commissioner, to the Director, his Director, in Ottawa, dated November 22, 1965. It is marginally noted Municipal Ordinance. "I write to confirm having discussed during my visit to Ottawa earlier this month the need for the Territorial Government to be provided with the power to control the financial affairs of the City of Whitehorse. At the present time and during recent weeks the City has incurred and is incurring substantial expenditures on the Civic Centre which are, in my opinion, unwise and the Territorial Government appears to be powerless to stop such expenditures. It was arranged during our discussions that the Municipal Ordinance would be amended as may be necessary. This matter is urgent and important and Ordinance amendment should be achieved with the minimum of delay." In reply to that memorandum, the Director wrote back and this is dated December 13, 1965, and this is at the same time that this correspondence with the City of Whitehorse was going on concerning this. Marginal note... Municipal Ordinance. "I refer to your memorandum of November 22nd regarding discussions held relating to amending the Municipal Ordinance in order to exert a tighter control over the finances of municipalities in view of the current situation relating to the Whitehorse Municipal Council. There are several controls over the expenditures of Councils. It may be best to outline some of these controls. One is the control exercised by the courts. Municipal corporations are not unlimited in the scope of their operations for their councils may exercise only the powers granted to the Municipality by the Ordinance. If council should expend funds for purposes for which they have no authority, if no one objects, the expenditure will stand. It may, however, be questioned before the courts by the action of a ratepayer. In practice this is not a very effective method of control as few ratepayers are sufficiently interested to go to the necessary trouble and expense involved. A somewhat more effective

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Mr. Collins continues:
"control is that of having the financial affairs of the municipality subjected to regular periodic examination and inspection."....a matter that the City of Whitehorse, and I am sure any other municipality, would be delighted to have done. "The fact that their records are subjected to scrutiny tends to keep councils within bounds but in no case has the inspector power to take action with regard to illegal or unwise expenditures. I note that Saskatchewan has an interesting provision whereby a council member who votes for an illegal over-draft at a bank is deemed not to be eligible for re-election. This is an interesting type of sanction if not so practical for the present situation. In some provinces there is an indirect control by the imposition of an upper limit on the rate of taxation. Another control is the influence over expenditures exercised by the senior municipal officials who are in a position to take a long view and to advise councils as to the financial problems which unwise expenditure of funds may be developing. Particularly are the clerks and auditors qualified to advise and warn the elected representatives in the matter of illegal, unauthorized or unwise expenditures. A most important control is your power relating to municipal grants. I see this power as the most practical and effective in the existing Whitehorse situation. You also have the power to disallow by-laws. This power is not effective in this situation because it could not be used save in rare instances of outright illegaility and is clearly in the public interest. Your other remaining power is your power to appoint an administrator in any case where a municipality is in serious financial difficulty and you deem it in the best interest of the municipality, the ratepayers and creditors thereof that its affairs be conducted by an independent administrator. This power is not available in these circumstances. The ultimate control rests with the electors. If they are satisfied with the spending program of their representatives they will re-elect them. If they are dissatisfied, whether because the program is too restricted or too extensive, they will indicate it at the polls. The electors themselves, however, frequently exhibit contradictory tendencies. Two common criticisms of councils are that they are reckless spendthrifts and that they are penny-pinchers and frequently both criticisms are aimed at the same council. The elector may be critical of council extravagance in general but he protests any curbing of expenditures on matters which concern him or his interests. Whether the electorate's control is normally very effective is doubtful but when the tax burden becomes sufficiently onerous such control unquestionably becomes very real. In the case of Whitehorse my feeling is that, in general, the people are more aware of what their civic administrators are doing or failing to do than would be the case in larger communities. I would like to emphasize your power in the dispensing of grants. This power could, if you so choose, be made very effective if used in a way to bring home to council the wisdom of acting prudently." And now comes the meat of this memorandum and I submit to you that the Territorial Administration acted in direct contravention, deliberately and knowledgeably, of the advice given in this letter. "It is possible to amend the Ordinance whereby you would have the function of approving municipal budgets. Every estimate of expenditures that is prepared by a municipal council could be directed to be submitted to you for approval. An amendment could provide that these estimates should not be used for the purpose of calculation of the tax rate until you have given your approval. This measure, in my view, would be a retrograde step. It takes fiscal responsibility out of the hands of the council and puts it

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Mr. Collins continues:
into your hands. There is a vast difference in responsibility and accountability after the action has been performed. Quite apart from the public outcry an amendment of this kind would likely cause, the debilitating effect on local government I am sure would in the long run create more problems than it would solve. Whitehorse has had fiscal control of its affairs since it was created a municipality in 1950. It would be a mistake to weaken it. I strongly recommend that no such amendment be proposed even though in the short run it may appear to be a solution to the existing situation in Whitehorse. Signed Director."

Mr. Chairman: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a five minute recess.

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MR. CHAIRMAN CALLS THE COMMITTEE BACK TO ORDER

Mr. Collins: Gentlemen I have one more point to make only and this has a direct bearing on the last memorandum that I read to you from the Director to the Commissioner, wherein the Director strongly recommended that no legislation be passed which would have the effect of curbing the handling of the fiscal affairs by the City Council so far as the City administration was concerned. Now the Ordinance, notwithstanding this strong recommendation, was amended to have that very effect of curbing the City Council in its actions relating to expenditures. Now a brand new section, one that hadn't been in it, didn't replace another section or anything else, a new section was added to the ordinance which reads as follows: "121A: The Council shall provide for all expenditures of Municipal Funds by byelaw." Now gentlemen, this is probably the only Municipal Corporation and the one in Dawson city that has to pass a byelaw every time it has to expend one cent of Municipal funds.

Mr. Watt: What date is that?

Mr. Collins: This is May 12, 1966. Gentlemen, this means that every time the financial committee of the Council sits down and considers the Municipal expenditure and the bills and what has to be paid for that month they place their recommendations before Council and Council has to pass a byelaw before anyone of the business men in town can be paid their amount. But before that can be done, before payment can be made, this byelaw must receive the approval of the Commissioner. Now gentlemen, the practice prior to that time was that the only byelaw that was passed was one authorizing the levy of taxes for the purpose of meetng estimated expenses for a particular year and this is all that is necessary and all that is normally done in a Municipality. So that what has happened is that the Administration has taken upon itself the direct control of what we spend from day to day and this is, we submit, in direct contravention of the advice received from the Commissioner's own directive. That is our submission.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Collins.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, am I correct in assuming that when we corrected the legislation to change the fiscal year, that this was unknown to the City, that it wasn't agreed to by the City?

Mr. Collins: No, that's not a correct understanding Mr. Shaw. The City were aware that the change was going to be made, yes. They were unaware of the form of changes that were made until after they were made. They knew that there was going to be a change in the fiscal year from a fiscal year ending the 31st December to a fiscal year ending the 31st March, yes. This had been under discussion for some length of time, and as is evidenced by the correspondence

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that I have read the decision had been reached that there would be a change and it may well be that the City Council as it was then constituted agreed to this change, but Gentlemen they certainly did not agree, and if they did they didn't know what they were agreeing to, to the effects of the change.

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman I have the votes and proceedings of this particular meeting in which I brought up this very question. I have had a little experience in municipalities myself and I do know that they do have their difficulties from time to time and when this change came about or was proposed I was quite concerned about it and I asked if this change would provide a lapse in period of approximately six months going from one thing to the other, but it was actually three months and I was informed by Mr. Firth - this is on record: "Mr. Chairman I think Mr. Shaw has a point there. Several years ago we requested the Territorial Council to agree to our changing our fiscal year to the 31st December. That was done at the request of the municipality. I think the reason that we are asking to put this off to the 31st of March was that this would coincide with the fiscal year of the Territorial Government. Our figures then would coincide with theirs and it will be more convenient to work with the Territorial in this. In other words in this matter I say that someone's conscience is catching up with them. That was in prior discussions on the one year's collection of taxes for nine months of service. Mr. Firth goes on: "No not particularly, I think it is just a matter of expedience so that we get our figuring done at the same time as the Territorial Government. We could then present our wants to the Territorial Government at the same time that they are figuring out their budget. I think that is the reason. Another one is the election of Council." I could go on but I don't think it is necessary but what I am trying to point out Mr. Chairman is that I think Council acted with all sincerity in making the change and I certainly for one was of the opinion that this was at the request of the municipalities. I think if I went through this I could find where I did make the request at the same time, possibly to the Legal Adviser, I'm not quite sure, that the municipalities agreed to this change. Now I will very much go along with the possible fact that everyone was not fully aware of what something like this might entail and while I am on my feet I would like to ask this question Mr. Chairman, that if the ordinances were placed back to have the fiscal year on the 31st as it was before - we have changed around half a dozen times now - would this solve the present dilemma.

Mr. Collins: It would solve the present dilemma if certain other provisions and amendments that were made on the 12th May 1966 were revoked and the old provisions brought back into place, yes.

Mr. Shaw: This is rather confusing Mr. Chairman. We in all sincerity try to make things as comfortable as possible for everybody; we can't always do it any more than we can for ourselves and it is somewhat disturbing

when a great deal of work has gone into something and it seems that you do have agreement and then we find that a situation arises such as appears to have arisen at the present moment.

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Mayor Firth: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shaw is quite right about the proceedings at that meeting. I don't think any one of us were aware of the ramifications the change would have, both on the Territorial Administration and particularly on the Municipal Administration. We thought that we were going along just trying to do something to co-operate with the Territorial Administration so that our figures would be ready at the same time as their budget. Now this is the way it was presented to us and we didn't go into it deep enough at that time to realize just what we were getting into, nor realize the results that this has produced.

Mr. Boyd: I'm a little bit bewildered here Mr. Chairman. It appears to me from the votes and proceedings, and I recall this quite well, that the City did come to us and ask us to do virtually what Mr. Shaw has read out of these votes and proceedings. Now were you ordered to come here by Administration and plead with us or did you do it of your own volition? According to the brief Mr. Collins read that you were forced into this position and I cannot understand you taking this attitude that you come up and stand before Council and take the stand that you as a City Council want it and then have us believe what Mr. Collins says. Where is the discrepancy in my thinking?

Mayor Firth: Mr. Chairman, we were not forced to do it but you can see from the correspondence that we were asked by the Administration if we would consider this change and apparently the Council at that time did consider the change. We just came in at the tail end of it, the new Council.

Mr. Shaw: I see we have a problem; I don't think going back over these things is doing a great deal. The only thing I did want to establish Mr. Chairman is the fact that I think all concerned at the time were well aware and concurrent with the change; the fact that they didn't understand all the ramifications of course is a different problem but according to the brief I have just heard it appears to me that someone was misguided; and I don't think that we were misguided, possibly anyone was misguided, but certainly everyone wasn't cognizant with all the implications that would come into being when these became legislation. So I think that is about where we are situated right now, whether there is any way it can be resolved.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: I would like to make a couple of comments. First of all it was just before this time that your Whitehorse City Council went to bat for the City Council and made it possible for you to come before Council when amendments to the Municipal Ordinance were in the offing, and this wasn't without protest from other Territorial Councillors. So you have had a new area of co-operation and it started about five years ago that we didn't have before. I say

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this to point out that we are co-operating with the City Council every way that we possible can and we are bending over backwards to change anything to co-operate with you to avoid things like this happening. Now I recall when this was discussed before and we were all around this table except for the Commissioner and I believe two of your Councillors, you were here, the Mayor was here and the Aldermen and the Councillors. We were all here and we were all over the age of 21 years old. We had a Legal Adviser, the City have a Legal Adviser, I notice in your budget you vote $3000 for him, he wasn't here. He's your Legal Adviser and in matters of importance like this I don't know why he wasn't here. I don't know why he isn't here today, but that's your problem, it's not my problem. But there seems to be some legal difficulty here and misinterpretation by somebody and if we were misled I assure you that I wasn't misled intentionally, I thought I had my eyes open and I took our Legal Adviser's word for it. I assure you, and I think I am speaking for all Territorial Councillors, that we don't want to take over the Administration of the City. I don't for one. Mr. Collins is making the point that somebody wants to take over the administration but I've got enough trouble right now without taking on any more. I would like to help the City in any way I can but I want to stay at arm's length at the same time. There were four alternatives that have been offered by Mr. Collins I believe, and the only one that seems objectionable to me as a Councillor and as a taxpayer is the increase in taxes and I sometimes wonder what happened to the three months taxes that appeared to have been paid and that were used up in a nine month period. Now we have been taxing for a good number of years and you have had a change in the Ordinance that had the effect of giving a year's taxes and you have used it up in nine months to make a new fiscal year and what has happened to that, or am I misinterpreting this? And I would also like to hear from possibly the Commissioner with respect to this to see if he has any solutions that he has already put forward to the City or that could be put forward now and I would certainly like to assure City that we don't want to take over the City.

Mayor Firth: Mr. Chairman, in reply to Mr. Watt, I appreciate his remarks and we appreciate that the Territorial Council are and have been doing everything in their power to co-operate with us. This is primarily the reason why we are here today, that we have hit a snag and we wanted you to be made aware of it. In connection with our Legal Adviser, we would have had him here today but unfortunately he is in Hawaii. In connection with the 12 months revenue for nine months taxes you are misinformed on that all right. This did happen but we were dealing with a budget at that time of possibly $450,000 and today we are dealing with a budget of pretty near $650,000 and this is a difference of approximately $100,000 in revenue and we possibly made $80,000 revenue under that nine month period which we assume went into a sinking fund for the City, if there was a profit. But today with the (inaudible) budget and its three months period in reverse we find ourselves about $188,000 short, so there is a difference in there of about $100,000.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I very well remember that, I remember one of the Councillors, namely the member from Whitehorse North, I assume, I don't exactly know the definitions of the electoral district - Councillor Smith - was really up in arms about (inaudible) and getting the benefits from it.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, is there any further discussion in this matter?

Mr. Shaw: Just one question Mr. Chairman, the order of what can be done to alleviate this problem, would they be put down in the order in which they are desired by the City in the brief?

Mr. Collins: If I may answer it Mr. Chairman, yes, they are set down in the order that we would prefer them to be considered.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you.

Mr. Commissioner: This particular problem of the City taxation year and the problem of assessment and the form that assessment is going to take in the municipality of Whitehorse has been a matter of considerable discussion and complete and utter confusion to City Councillors, City Managers, City Clerks, Territorial Councillors, Territorial Treasurers, Commissioners and also I may say the Courts of the Yukon Territory, dating back to about 1957, and while I am in full agreement with the things that have been said here insofar as the position of the City of Whitehorse finds itself in today I certainly do think that before any moves or any possible solutions to this dilemma are looked at I think that the whole problem should be taken a look at and we should not try to construct a solution to this particular problem and find out in the process of solving this one that we have created 19 more. Now I cannot help but agree that the things that have been read here today are all factual, and while I realize that they have taken place at a time when my predecessor was in office I think that it has been constructed here today that there were some ulterior motives involved in the Administration of the Yukon Territory in making these enquiries and taking a look into these problems and I would strongly suggest to you gentlemen that I don't think that there were any ulterior motives at all. I think that they were motives that were prompted by a very apparent awareness in the Administration of the Territorial Government that there were a lot of things to be desired in the Administration of City Government that it might be in the best interests of all concerned to be taken a pretty hard look at. And I am very sorry that I have this interpretation of it and I hope that my interpretation is completely wrong. I also would suggest to you gentlemen that insofar as I am concerned, and I speak for my Administration, that we are prepared to co-operate with everyone in the best interests of the total community, but we are certainly not prepared to simply be criticised as having ulterior motives with regard to the dealings of the City of Whitehorse because

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I am here to tell you Mr. Chairman that we have no ulterior motives at the present time and as long as I am here nor will we have any in the future. Now as far as this amendment here is concerned and what should be done about it it really doesn't matter very much who asks for it or how it was constructed; it was presented to Territorial Council and I'm sure it was presented in all good faith and also Territorial Councillors in their wisdom saw fit to accept it in all good faith. The end result has apparently been a return to a situation that was the converse when I happened to be in Council and Mr. Wylie was the Mayor. He didn't agree with me very much at that particular time that he had collected seven years taxes for six years of administration of the City of Whitehorse but I see him smiling there today and chances are that if the chips were down now he would probably agree with me. However, it was not only nine months taxes Mr. Chairman that disappeared down the hatch there was exactly fifteen months taxes went down the hatch Mr. Chairman because it was a move of three times, each time three months. So I think that the person we should be concerned about here is somebody who I think we are all elected and appointed to take care of and that is the poor old brow-beaten taxpayer and I think before any more midnight moves are made we take this man into consideration and see what can be done to come up with a formula not only of assessment, a date of assessment and a taxation year and a date of taxation year so that the poor character knows just what he's going to be faced with. Now this I think is what we are appointed and elected to do and I think it is about high time we did it and instead of making any of the hasty moves of any of these four alternatives that are suggested I would strongly recommend that we should be getting together and see what can be done to have a complete and utter vetting of the Municipal Ordinance only as it applies to Municipalities that are now in existence as well as to how it will apply to those that will possibly come into existence and make sure that we have a set of conditions and rules so that everybody knows what they are and can organize themselves accordingly. I am also here to tell you Mr. Chairman that the problems and trials and troubles of the City of Whitehorse were perpetrated upon them and shoved down their throats by the Federal and Territorial Government in 1950. They organized the Municipality of Whitehorse against the wishes of the taxpayer and they never even gave him a five cent piece to buy stamps with in order to pay his bills and there's where the trouble stemmed. And I'm talking not only as a Commissioner but also as a taxpayer in the place and this is exactly where they were. They should have been given a capital grant to get the Municipality organized with and we wouldn't be in this trouble today. Now as far as this interpretation that is put on this 121A, I disagree entirley with the interpretation that has been place upon it here today; a Council should provide for all expenditures of municipal funds by byelaw, just the same way gentlemen as what the Territorial Government can only approve of expenditures of funds by ordinance. This is an annual requirement and it is not (inaudible) any supplementary estimates are to be

passed and this interpretation is open to a lot of question about this monthly byelaw bit and furthermore I don't think that these byelaws have ever come into my desk since I've been here anyway so I don't think that this was the interpretation that was put on it when it was to be passed it was to be done on an annual basis and any supplementary estimates that were required were expenditure of monies not provided in the city's budget were to be taken care of with a byelaw as well. The problem of the city taxing, the City of Whitehorse has the power to tax and it would appear to me that the municipal ordinance which was originally constructed by the gentleman who presented the brief here today must have been pretty adequate in his interpretation when he was the Territorial Legal Adviser or else he wouldn't have proposed the changes that we passed in Council, so I find it very hard to accept the fact that the City of Whitehorse doesn't have the power to tax. They certainly have and they by one means or another I see no reason at all why if this three month period is such a tremendous problem, and no doubt it is in the face of the size of today's City budget, that possibly a further amendment of the ordinance that would permit under special occasion or a special ordinance that would provide taxation for this three month period might not take care of. Now the further situation that I would like to suggest here and I would ask Mr. Chairman that there be some understanding between the Municipal Council and my Administration while they are here, is that while we have these four points before us here today I think that they all have to be studied and vetted very carefully and I would like to ask Mr. Chairman if the City Council would see fit to either appoint their Legal Adviser or someone, who would meet with my Department of Municipal Affairs and my Legal Adviser and see what can be done to either give effect to either one or a combination of all four of these things here to bring about this, with the distinct and firm understanding that whatever proposal is arrived at or a combination of proposals is arrived at would be made available to the Territorial Council at this sitting so that if legislative action is required it can be done and also as a long range aspect of this thing that we should possibly be looking at a complete revision of the taxation and assessing provisions in the municipal ordinance to make sure that we don't have this perenniel problem coming up on a continuing bases. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman.

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Mr. Chairman: Might I ask a question from the Chair? to Mayor Firth. Would this idea that the Municipality of Whitehorse and the Administration get together as Mr. Commissioner has suggested be acceptable to your group Sir?

Mayor Firth: Mr. Chairman, it would be just ideal and I think this is the way to approach the trouble as the Commissioner has suggested and we will be quite happy to go along with this.

Mr. Chairman: Would the Committee agree with this course of action?

Mr. Boyd: I heartily agree it has got to be done. I was thinking while you were talking here that we have Legal

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Advisers from both ends and we were acting in good faith and we thought everything was legal and hunkydory and satisfactory to everybody but it turns out that i was not so and the next time a bill comes before us I suppose we will have to take the Legal Adviser's opinion and assume that it is correct even if it might come back six months later again. But it will be in good faith at least.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to mention that Mr. Commissioner did make a good suggestion that when the City first started up it was hoisted upon them by the Federal and Territorial Government. Now in the NWT, and I think Fort Smith, Yellowknife and Inuvik they have sewer and water systems which the Federal Government paid up the tab. Now I think a lot of the problems would be solved if a request went by the Territorial Government and the City for the Federal Government likewise here, because the City is going to be shouldered with a lot of trouble and expense and excuses with Lot 19 (inaudible). This would put the City in a better financial position to develop these areas - there are a couple of areas in my constituency that expect to be accepted into the City and we realize the cost involved in that but this would make it possible for the City to expand in several areas. There's an area down here and there's two areas up there and there's other areas that the City could expand on their own without Territorial Council having to develop the areas and ask the City to turn them over. If we eliminated this one big debt which I think there is a precident set, I think this could be done if the City and the Territory got together and had the co-operation from the Federal members and possibly from the Department of Northern Affairs; I think this would be possible; it's worth a try.

Mr. Shaw: It just amazes me that the outcome of this meeting will be a meeting of the Administration and the City. If this were up in Dawson I could understand it; there are 350 miles between the two but here they are having to by-pass each other on the streets to get to work, that this meeting couldn't have been effected long ago when this trouble started and we would probably have had the results by this time.

Mr. Chairman: Well gentlemen I think at this point we have reached some agreement. No doubt the Mayor and Mr. Commissioner can get their heads together and plan a course of action. I might say on behalf of all members of Committee that we most appreciate your coming here. I think it has given us all a new awareness of the application of the Municipal Ordinance and I am sure that all members will give consideration to everything that comes out of our discussions as proposed and so gentlemen, once again I thank you for coming and at this time I would declare Committee in recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

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Thursday, April 6, 1967
2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Smith Absent.
Councillors MacKinnon and Thompson Absent.
Legal Advisor Absent.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee to Order. We were discussing Sessional Papers and the next Sessional Paper is number 65. (Reads Sessional Paper #65 re Motion #2 - Central Utility and Shower Baths in Indian Villages). SESSIONAL PAPER #65

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, could I just suggest that possibly this could be deferred until any discussion is requested on from Mr. MacKinnon. Mr. MacKinnon was waylaid temporarily but briefly for a very good reason.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I would note the hour being two o'clock, the honourable member from Carmacks is absent and all members are bound to attend this Council. However, I am at the direction of Committee. Does the Committee agree to defer this?

Mr. Shaw: Well, I would like to leave it at the discretion of the Councillor who is absent if he would like to make some remarks concerning that at a later date, Committee would be prepared to listen to it.

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: We will proceed, gentlemen. The next Sessional Paper is number 66. (Reads Sessional Paper #66 re Bill of Rights - Motion No. 23). SESSIONAL PAPER #66

Councillor Southam takes the Chair. Councillor MacKinnon enters.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is typical of the type of reply can expect on such a serious issue. We have asked as a Legislative body on behalf of those native citizens that we have the honour to represent that they be given some consideration in respect to their civil liberties and civil rights. It has been pointed out that their rights are being denied them, they are being discriminated against, and this is being done by the Department of Indian Affairs and under the direct control of the Minister involved of that Department of that branch of Government. And, just to refresh everybody's memory, it states in the Canadian Bill of Rights, Section 1, Subsection (i), it states "It is hereby recognized and declared that in Canada there have been in existance and shall continue to exist without discrimination by race, national origin, colour, religion or sex the following human rights and fundamental freedom, namely". And we get down to Sub Clause (b), "The right of the individual to equality before the law and the protection of the law"and direct violation of this is Section 94 of the Indian Act, the very root of the problem here, which states an Indian who (a) has intoxicants in his possession, (b) is intoxicated, or (c) who makes or manufactures intoxicants, and the next three words are very important gentlemen, off a reserve is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary

conviction to a fine of not less than $10.00 and not more than $50.00, or to imprisonment to a term not exceeding three months or to both fine and imprisonment. Here is the inequality, here is the case where the Indian citizen has no rights before the law. Here is an area in which the Indian people themselves through these Councils, Indian Advisory Councils mentioned in this Sessional Paper, here is where those extending to the Yukon have made such recommendation. Here is where I believe Indian Affairs Department locally have made recommendation that this be changed. Here is where the Legislative Council of the Yukon Territory recommended a change be made. It states off of a reserve. He can neither have them, he can neither be intoxicated neither can he manufacture these things. Now, if, Mr. Chairman, an Indian wishes to exempt himself from here he must be on a reserve and I think it is clearly understood there is no such a thing in the Yukon Territory as a reserve, for that Indian to go. Neither has a treaty been signed with him. It was also understood when I approached justice on this matter, or a representative of the Department of Justice, he said, well, we in the Justice Department must look at this think objectively and as far as we are concerned, this is a Federal law and the Indian of the Yukon if he wants to get on a reserve can go to British Columbia or to Alberta or to some other province. He doesn't have to live here in the Yukon, there are reserves and Federal reserves upon which he can be and therefore not fall into this category. This is the attitude that Justice have taken towards this. Now, I don't know how we do this. If we had a member of parliament in Ottawa maybe he could do something about it. But, obviously we have no member of parliament in Ottawa. At least if we have the residents of the Yukon Territory...(inaudible)...so not only has he not been in Ottawa for any length of time he certainly isn't sitting there fighting to up-grade the native citizens. This legislative body is and all we get for our efforts on behalf of these people, is rejection by the Minister. The Item, Proclamation dated February 4, 1963 declaring Subsection 3, Section 95 of the Indian Act to be in force in the Yukon Territory was the matter of where we granted by Provincial and Territorial rights right of the native to consume liquor. But this did not remove the penalties imposed and the imposition imposed under Section 94 which penalizes him for being off the reserve even when no reserve is available for him within the confines of the Yukon Territory as we know it. The Minister has stated here he wishes to make it quite clear that the need for revision of the Indian Act is a matter of continuing concern. Well, it was a matter of continuing concern gentlemen quite a few years ago. And it's going to remain a matter of continuing concern until somebody gets down and is a little decisive, and that is our Department or our Minister or our Deputy Minister or our senior civil servants whoever is involved until they take this to their own respective governments and the Department of Justice and say we want a change. And I think this is a change that would be welcome and supported by the House of Commons and Senate and all peoples involved. It's a piece of utter discrimination in a country that is supposedly discrimination free, and I leave it at that at this particular point. Obviously we have been turned down by the Minister. He cannot get as enthusiastic about a

Mr. Taylor continues...



change as we can. I cite this gentlement to refresh you --problem, I am sure you are all aware of it. I trust that the Minister will reconsider this and will make every effort at the earliest possible moment to rectify this most disgraceful situation. In light of this I am going to do more reasarch and if I can determine what is going on since the last Session, I will be no doubt before the end of this Session now assembled be promoting a Motion, another Motion in relation to this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: At this time, gentlemen, I see the Commissioner in the Gallery. Do you wish to join us now, Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussions, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. I don't understand a lot of these things being a layman and the Legal Advisor unfortunately is not well today, and not able to be here. This apparently is the magistrates dictate that these people cannot drink off a reserve. Now as I pointed out before, as a layman I don't understand some of the facets of some of the laws that we have in this country. At this time I am not referring to the law which the Council made in an effort to keep all the people the same and give them the same privileges and responsiblities. I am referring to Federal law. The Federal law states that an Indian is not allowed to drink off the reserve, or be intoxicated.

Mr. Chairman: Order please.

Mr. Shaw: Then, we get another law, Mr. Chairman which is called the Bill of Rights that states you shall not discriminate against any person by any means under the law. Now, surely it appears that these two law conflict and whichever law one wishes to subscribe to is correct. They have both laws. I do not believe the Bill of Rights says that this excludes Indian people, I never noticed it. I think it's the same for everybody. So, if somebody else can be intoxicated some place, I suppose an Indian should have the same opportunity to get intoxicated someplace else, and be charged in exactly the same manner as what the other person that is not of Indian status be charged. So therefore in my humble estimate we have two laws in this country that in fact conflicts with each other. It is obvious. I think that some of these lawyers ought to be straightened up and given an interpretation on something like this. In other words, can they are they so privileged that they can make a law to fit whenever they want to fit and both these laws might conflict or either one might conflict with the other. I don't think so. I think that this is about time somebody whether it's the Department of Justice or it's the Minister of Justice all of a sudden decided to settle down and tell us which law is applicable to the Canadian people. The Bill of Rights or this section that is in the Indian Act that

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does certainly make discrimination. It is his duty, that is what he's paid for, that's what he is put there for. He is a public servant and it is up to him to provide anwers to legislation that is created by the Parliament of Canada, the same as what we have to answer to the legislation that we provide here. Now, he might be on a much very higher pedestal up there, but his obligations are nontheless exactly the same. My question, I don't know where I will get an answer from, Mr. Chairman, but my question is which is the law. The Bill of Rights or this section that provides discrimination for a group of Canadian people. I would like that question answered, and I would like to know if anyone can advise me where I can get that answer.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think the Paper is quite plain. The explanation clearly states that it's continuously under review and being closely consulted and our recommendations are being given every consideration. Now, where you go on from there I think that possibly that we will have to have more word from Ottawa in regard to the progress being made. Evidently they are attempting some progress, and just to delete the Section 94 this might do a lot more harm than good and I have said before when the Motion was first brought up last year. Now Ottawa has looked into it and they come back with an answer stating that possibly Section 93, there could be something wrong with this in its entirety too, as well as 94. But maybe not those complete sections and so the Motion as far as I am concerned by making the request as a layman to delete Section 94. Because you could evidently do more harm by deleting the whole section than what is anticipated by the member that made the Motion in the beginning and I notice in the reply that they do something in Section 93 as well, that is more or less discriminating against the natives. But, I would suggest at this time that instead of arguing and arguing that the Paper is a very good one and steps are being taken. Now, I hope the other members will see fit to look at it with an open mind and let it go at that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if the honourable member were to have an active interest to look into the Yukon Act, Section 93 is a person who directly or indirectly or by himself or by any other person on his behalf knowingly sells, barters or supplies or gives intoxicants to any person on a reserve or an Indian outside of a reserve. This reference in this Sessional Paper is to the time we give right to the native people, native citizens of the Yukon to buy liquor and to enjoy all the rights of his neighbour and refers to Subsection 3 or Section 95 which gave the provinces and the Territories the right to induce this legislation. But Section 94 has not been deleted. Section 94 is still in force and has not been changed, amended or anything and it is discriminatory only in the Yukon Territory to my knowledge because there are Indian reserves in other areas of Canada where treaties have been established. And this is the problem that it is hear in the Yukon Territory. It is the Yukon native citizen who is being penalized and more so than it is

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the native citizen in the rest of Canada in other parts of Canada. And nowhere in the Paper in the reply from the Minister, we specifically asked that Section 94 be dealt with of the Indian Act, and nowhere in this paper does he say anything with dealing with Section 94 of the Indian Act. He makes reference to it in regard of our 1963 February 4 Proclamation but he makes no mention, he doesn't answer one way or another. This is good politics I suppose, but there is no answer here and it appears that we are not about to have one, because I gather from this paper here that he is quite unenthusiastic about changing this Section of the Ordinance and I feel it is up to us as a Council to keep hammering at him until he does. As I am sure the people of Nova Scotia are not going to speak to the people of the Yukon, the people of the Yukon must speak to their own.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest that Mr. Taylor is talking strictly to C.B.C. and the newspaper and as long as he gets his good publicity this will continue. There is no doubt that this will continue, and instead of taking care of the business of the Territory this nonsense will go on and on and on and as quite easily said here accomplish nothing until the middle of June or maybe the end of June if we want to sit and listen to all this nonsense. This is a matter of getting your name into the news during the evening, I would say we would be better off without any press releases or anything else. Then maybe we would get some of this Territorial business taken care of.

Mr. Taylor: I am going to shout this one from the roof tops I'll go buy me a newspaper and print it if it will do any good to get anything done. I am here to do the business of the Territory. I don't know what Councillor MacKinnon is here for when he is here. I didn't see him in his seat when we began this Committee as usual so I don't think he has got much room about who is here to do business. People here to do business are the people that have an attendance record which is next to perfect in this Council. So, I wouldn't be calling the kettle black if I was the Member.

Mr. Boyd: If you were to ask a native what he thought of the preamble here, he probably would tell you it was a white man's answer. And that's the kind of answer he has been getting for generations. A white man's answer. It didn't prove anything and it didn't correct very much up to now. Another thing that strikes me, first of all I think the situation is terrible, but I could use a stronger word. One thing it is creating for certain is a paradise for such as magistrates, judges, lawyers, these people. A real paradise at whose expense. I think this part of it is a disgrace to our own intelligence. I am most unhappy about it. We have a Bill that covers discrimination, when you get down to it it isn't any better. There is just as much leeway and loop-holes in that as there are in the Bill of Rights, so there is another angle that both go hand in hand. However, talk as we may, I do believe from the things I have read and listened to over the radio, that the Indians are

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now banning together and being organized or organizing themselves in an effort to deal with the Whites and possibly rather than yak on this particular deal, this particular Sessional Paper any further, it seems to me we might expect something to happen between now and say fall when the Natives of Canada do get themselves somewhat organized. I think this has been-there is trouble in the first place now. Where there is power they are going to resort to what you might call a principle of a union in strength, in numbers of strength and I think that they have come to this conclusion.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing, but nonsense in the matter of what a person states his rights on. That is not nonsense. That is something that parliaments are creating and I cannot see how any person would call nonsense a subject of basic rights of a group of people. The Bill of Rights gives everyone the same rights, privileges and responsibilities. A section in the Indian Act concocted, gosh knows how many years ago, does not. Further to this, this Bill of Rights I believe was concocted about five years ago. How long does it take to say or to review others acts that we might have. If this parliament not this parliament, but what has been going on in the last number of years. If they would spend a little less time looking at the sex scandles and a few more of these other deals, it would be a lot more important and it would not be nonsense. And there is an answer I would like to get and I shall endeavour to get it at some time from some place. What is the law as Councillor Boyd has just stated. This makes a field day for lawyers and people like that of the legal profession have a wonderful time because we have two conflicting laws. One conflicts with the other and then they talk about everyone treated equally. What interpretation is a judge going to make. I don't think that is so. It is very evident it isn't so. Now get it straightened up. What the results are is not the point. The point is that one should be followed or the other. And they should make up their mind which it is. We cannot have two laws conflicting and that is just what we have.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify one thing in noticing Mr. Shaw looked at me stating that somebody says it's nonsense. I don't say that the situation should not be clarified and straightened out. I say the arguments here are nonsense because may I read to you the last couple of lines of this Paper and it states clearly national Indian Advisory Council are being closely consulted and their recommendations are being given every consideration. To me gentlemen this is just about as clear as we can get. And I appreciate the people that have worked so closely with this and if we can urge it on a little bit, fine, I am all for it. But I think the paper itself is very good and I don't see where we can help the matter very much. It is the same as our supplimentary estimates. We can get them so far and that is all we do until it is time for the review and study and the Paper plainly says this particular item is under constant review and study and they are contacting the Indian Advisory Council. Now what else can we do? You tell me Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would be pleased to answer that qeestion. This is a matter of what the Parliament of Canada do in the manner of making the laws. They say that all people should be treated equally. It is up to them Mr. Chairman to assure that all people are treated equally. Not to say, well we will review it and think about it. They answer immediately. That is their duty. That is why they made that law. They didn't say, well, we will leave out certain groups. As far as this Paper goes this is, it excepts the facets that we normally hear of something. And, it will be looked after. Well, this has been going on for five years how long does it take them to do it. It takes them two minutes to bring up some scandle or other that is going on. And they go on with that for weeks. If they spend some of that time looking into something like this I think it would be more important. I am directing my criticism right to Parliament, right to the Minister of Justice.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman in reply to something that Mr. Shaw has said. This is not been going on for five years. This was brought to the attention of the Territorial Government less than two years ago after Magistrate Trainor had brought this particular thing in view and it was passed as a Motion last fall. And less than six months and this is not giving Ottawa very much time to reconsider this. Now this item was something that has been overlooked for a lot longer than five years. Because possibly it is as old as the Indian Act and the last review of the Indian Act, but this is very wrong to say it has been on the go for five years in Council. Council has never brought this up five years ago.

Mr. Shaw: A man might be taking money from his employer for fifteen years. He might only have been caught six months ago. It doesn't mean the offence hasn't been going on for fifteen years and this is the point I am giving in connection with the Canadian Bill of Rights...and whenever that was and since that time its retrocede as been in force.

Mr. Watt: Well, Mr. Chairman, in the Territorial Council we work under the frame work laid out for us in the Yukon Act. There are some things that we can do something about and there are somethings we can't do anything about. I regret that we can't do something about a lot of things and this is one thing that we are going to have difficulty to do much about unless one of us is elected to the House of Commons and I think that this is where this change will be made. So, we can holler all day and I think there could be an inconsistency here in which the native is discriminated against, but we have to remember it is equally illegal for anyone else to get intoxicated off the reserve too. Unless it is in their own home. ..(Inaudible)...intoxicated in a public place or in their homes. So we are all pretty well under the same restriction only the interpretation has been given that we do have a reserve and going back to the interpretation of the court that we do have a reserve here and the native people can get intoxicated on the reserve area as far as I understand it, but we could talk here all afternoon and have as Mr. Taylor wishes to do, holler from the roof tops and buy his own newspaper and I don't think it is going to make one bit of difference, or so little

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difference that we are wasting the taxpayers money, and we have made the point and have gone to Ottawa. This was a Motion that was made at the last Session and more time was spent on it then than it has now and every argument that has been given now has been given then. How many more times are we going to go over it. If the Legal Advisor were here he may be able to make a concrete recommendation and we could so something constructive. Right now all we are doing is throwing casts into the air. If you want to continue. This is fine. If you can offer something constructive, this is good. I will sit and listen to it, but I have got quite a bit of things to do for my consituency and if I think that I can serve them better here I will certainly remember and continue to remain here, but if we are simply still in the cast in the air to do nothing, as to a few people not being here in time and stuff like this then I think we are wasting the taxpayers money in getting personally insulting and (inaudible)...but...Now according to my watch, Council started a couple of minutes early this afternoon and I had to listen to quite a harrang about somebody being here on time according to my watch. But I would like to suggest that we go on with another Sessional Paper. I haven't heard one new argument that has been given that hasn't been given in the past in connection with this Motion, and I think it has received the unanimous consent and approval of the Territorial Council. So we are supporting any suggestions along this line and we have registered our vote and registered our disapproval and I think we have done what we can do at the moment. And when I see something else that can be done I will certainly support it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the only difference about hearing constructive ideas is not logical and sensible and intelligent constructive ideas, but this doesn't necessarily say that everybody will agree that you have to be logical and a little bit intelligent to understand this. Whether this is the case here or not, I don't know that is up to each individual to decide. Whether or not I think it will make a bit of difference, it is not a case of whether I think it will make one bit of difference or not, it has to be. It has to be remedied. It has got to be done. As individuals here, we are the only people that can do it. Through ourselves and our Commissioner and our Administration and through the purusal of the Votes and Proceedings of this discussion and I don't know about the honourable member from Whitehorse West, but I am here to work for all the people of the Yukon, and work darn hard for them while I am here, and this is what I am doing today. I did before we closed discussions, want to point out something else that I failed to point out initially, and that is we have another Sessional Paper dubbed 53 that we have discussed or that we have gone over states that because of the fact that drinking privileges have been granted under the Federal Indian Act the Federal Government realizes the revenue of fines levied during the calander year 1966, these fines totalled $7,409.77. I wonder where this $7,409.77 came from. This I feel should be natuarally in the Territorial revenue.

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But regardless of where it goes at the moment it came from the Indian people and must be charged under the Indian Act and not the Territorial Liquor Ordinance. And gives places a basic minimum fine of $10.00 and so we know we have got to pay that much. And, I would suggest gentlemen to you that a good 80%, a figure of course drawn out of the air, but I think it is pretty close...80% of these people who were charged and paid contributing to this fund were social problems. Were not criminal problems at all. Criminal as defined in the Indian Act and criminal as defined anywhere else. These people are social problems and here is another compounding of discrimination being shown by the Indian Affairs Department or the Northern Department of Indian Affairs and now Northern Development. The failure on the part of this Department to provide social education at the community level and has created a most distressing situation, indeed. I will dwell no longer on it. I think through many sessions I have brought this up. I just wanted to bring back to your memory that this is quite well related to Sessional Paper #67 and the problem embodied there. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. SESSIONAL PAPER #67

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on this paper gentlemen?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper #67. (Reads Sessional Paper #67 re Jones Act and the Canada Shipping Act - Motion No. 17). SESSIONAL PAPER #67

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next item is Sessional Paper #68. (Reads Sessional Paper #68 re Whitehorse Airport Plans). SESSIONAL PAPER #68

Mr. Watt: I just have a couple of questions I would just like to ask the Commissioner. First of all I would like to say I am happy they are finally starting a stabilization program. Secondly, one question is--there are two questions here. First of all I understand that we are going to have a jet or turbo-jet service in the Yukon before 1969-70 when this extension is planned. Now would it be necessary to step this up in the light of the recent announcement to the effect we will be receiving an additional and increased service in connection with turbo jets through CPA. And the other question I have to the Commissioner is is are the work plans here for a new terminal facilities here. Are these to be completely shelved now? I know that they have been improvising on a hangar and making repairs which are...to accommodate passengers. I would like to ask as far as you know are they completely shelved the plans of a completely new terminal building?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, in answer to the first question concerning extension of the runway, I have

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no factual knowledge of this question, but the Department of Transport through their licencing and the normal procedure with regard to all transport in Canada must certainly have been a party to giving permission to the Canadian Pacific Airlines changing their equipment on this run. It would certainly appear to me that CPA would neither desire nor would DOT allow CPA to land equipment here which was not compatible with the air field or vice versa. So I would certainly think without going into the matter further that the Department of Transport is basically the licencing authority that they would certainly know what is going on. Now, as far as the other question about whether they have given up entirely about building a new passenger terminal facility, I am afraid I can't answer that question at all. I have no knowledge nor have I seen anything in the several months I have been here that would indicate any other information. In fact we had to ask this information from Ottawa to secure it for Council. I am afraid I have nothing beyond what we have discussed here.

Mr. Watt: With respect to the first question, I believe we were given this information in Ottawa to the effect that the CPA had requested an extension to the runway to accommodate this service this summer. Have I heard the information correctly. This is why I have been wondering why the delay if the increased service is going to be delayed. If it is going to be delayed until the 1969-70 season then it is new information to me and I think quite a few groups in town that would if this is so they would like to make representation to possibly Mr. Pickersgill or the Canadian Government to try and improve the services CPA are providing right now. There are an awful lot of complaints here in town.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further.

Mr. Shaw: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, ...this is half a million dollars the airport here. I think that if I were sitting in my vote I would be sincerely happy to get this. I am endeavouring to get an out-house in our airport and I can't even get that much. And here is a half a million dollar improvement. I think that is pretty good.

Mr. Watt: Just to explain to Mr. Shaw it is not the things that are being provided here--it is the services being provided here, the places being bumped off the airplane and stuff like this. And people are waiting for stuff that they con't get and you can't blame the people in the offices here because it is not there fault. There is something inefficient about the system someplace, and according to the information I have, this is one of the best paying routes CPA has and the oldest paying routes CPA Has. It is one of the routes that helped build them up, but it provides one of the poorer services. In other words here we are subsidizing other CPA routes that are getting better service. And the Chamber of Commerce in Whitehorse have made presentation before about asking for increased services, or improved services both passenger and freight. And this is the service I am mentioning here, not merely the physical facility of the runway.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, here...(inaudible)...supplies that came all over the Territory. I am looking for a piece of merchandise that left Toronto of October of last year. I haven't caught up to it yet--air express. SESSIONAL PAPER #68

Mr. Chairman: Just to clarify the point gentlemen. In Ottawa the reply received indicated that Canadian Pacific had requested the Department of Transport to extend the runway for larger type aircraft and the Department of Transport has the matter under advisement as indicated in your records of those meetings. May I proceed?

All: proceed.

Mr. Chairman: This is Sessional Paper #70. (Reads Sessional Paper #70 re Oil Contract Tender). SESSIONAL PAPER #70

Mr. MacKinnon: Clear

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not quite so sure I am clear because I have noticed more and more that here we have where the Commissioner has been advised I presume by our Legal Department and I say our Legal Department assuming it is the Territorial one even though it is a Federally employed one. Now he has taken this man's advice, I am only assuming this, Mr. Commissioner, correct me but it is the over all that is happening in any case. To take this man's advice but when we want to know something which concerns something, shall we say vital to our own how we shall, how much we can do and say impose we will say, to use the word with respect, we go to Ottawa and find out. But it it is simply saying trying to cut in the same line and we kick around a little bit and we say we can get away with it. It is a matter of interpretation. In other words it is the white man's answer again. (Inaudible) This is the way I see this. Now, you say you have termed this as a discount. Why is it...why was it not put in the tender that a bid for all would be considered, but instead it seems to me there is a clause in here which is stated "qualifying conditions to this paragraph will not be considered". Qualifying conditions. Now if you are going to say that I offer to do something for you if you will do a little bit for me. This is a qualification and I don't care how you look at it. Whether it is in the form of a can of peas or a five dollar bill. This is the impression I get and to qualify--to make your decision feel or seem a little more practical or sound, we get to the point where we are pointing out how much money we have saved four tenths of a cent or something amounting to $1,763.00. Now this is big business we are talking about. What would it be three quarters of a million gallons of fuel oil for the Yukon Territories? It might be a million, I don't know, but it is big business. It is the biggest in the Yukon, and if we are going to allow one bidder to pull these kind of quotes in order to get the business we are going to find out we have no other competitors soon. It won't be worth their while staying here. The same as what has happened in the case of the Workmen's Compensation Insurance. We had two or three companies that did not want to go, but we did still have 85% or 98% that turned out to be on the business, so we had nobody on the competition. And the very fact that there is competition, gasoline or

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fuel is down about four cents maybe five cents compared to what it could be or would be if there was no competition. So these are my thoughts concerning this and I would wonder why the little gimmicks are put in here if they don't intend to call something according to the way it suits them to interpret it at the time of the occasion.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, it appears to me that the Commissioner has accepted the contract as is and prior to accepting the contract ascertained from the Legal Department as to what qualifying meant and upon that advice has acted in the manner that appears to me to be very sound in saving the taxpayer an amount of $1,725.00, whatever it may be. The qualifying section in this appears to be the legal interpretation of that particular word "qualify" qualification. If the Commissioner has been advised by the Legal Department, that this is so. Legal talent has said this is not a qualifying factor that has entered into this, the Commissioner himself I think has decision is very sound. However, another Legal Department apparently feels that this is not so. So that we do have something that might appear about the only thing that can settle that is the court. Certainly that if the court should settle it in that direction when the next tender comes up the next Administration will be in a better position to be more specific in the contract. It is quite likely, but in the meantime we have that one word that these legal beagles will have to fight over for a little while to find out why--and when it is decided, I think we will all know better where we are going.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is the very point of the whole thing and this is why I asked that this be brought before us. It states in the tender and I have had these complaints from the south end of the Territory and I have heard a few rumbles from the north. And, from some of the major oil companies. I have had phone calls from some of them too. And, they didn't know that they could qualify their bid even though Section 10 of the tender form states "Qualifying conditions to this paragraph will not be considered". It stated that there will be no consideration given to qualifying conditions to this paragraph. The paragraph states the lowest price for each product at each location at which delivery is specified may be excepted, i.e. contract may be awarded according to the location and not necessarily according to the lowest overall bid. Qualifying conditions to this paragraph will not be considered. But then the people, individual bidders apparently as I understand it were the low bidders without the qualifications. Then I note in the file that a company or a successful company appended their bid with a memorandum supporting and forming part of tender for fuel supply for the period from April 1, 1967 to March 31, 1968 and they have stated a tender has been completed in compliance with Item #10 under the section, and the other provisions of the instruction to tender. However, and here is where the condition comes. Usually if is the word that denotes the conditions, but here he

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says however if as provided by Item 10, the contract is awarded on the basis of the lowest overall bid, we offer a volume discount off all prices quoted of so much per gallon. Now, gentlemen, if this is not a condition I don't know what is a condition. Mr. Legal Advisor in his wisdom has found the manner in which he feels that maybe this isn't a condition. Call it a discount, call it what you will, this is still a condition. I believe any lawyer is going to give the advice to the persons required and he can fight both sides of the case. A lawyer can take the good side and fight the prosecution or he can fight on the side of the defence, so whether we have been right or wrong, I don't know. Maybe both sides are right. But this is certainly a condition and this is what the oil companies are up in the air about, and the small operators throughtout the Yukon Territory--and the efforts to bid this contract. Now, when you apply the effect of this bid, you find out that by accepting the qualification the taxpayer saves $1,763.85, but that isn't the way the tender was called. And as far as I am concerned I must take the stand that the contract should have been awarded and should be awarded to the individual bidder throughout the Territory based on the way it was tendered. Either that or another tender call should go out allowing all the major oil companies to tender this thing with a condition. This is most certainly and absolutely a condition and this is why I brought it to the table. We have the same problem going on with the Federal fuel deal. I have been working on that for the last two evenings. They have got a Federal deal. They don't go around to the little operators in the Yukon any more. They have got some sort of Federal arrangement. And, I was informed yesterday from the DPW that indeed this was quoted by six or seven of the major oil companies in Canada outside, not in the Yukon but outside. They do this in Ottawa. These aren't gazetted or--this is public money, but it doesn't go out to the people anymore. It is by invitation to tender by these big oil companies and they say we get somebody, I believe the same oil company is involved here, has that contract too, but it seems odd that the Department of Highway foremen are running around certain communities in the Yukon Territory looking at our prices to see where they can get their best deal, so obviously there is nothing tied up at all. To get back to the Territorial fuel contract, I think ...and I would like to see the matter cleared. I would have hoped that we would not have to go to court, but maybe it would, I don't know. Mr. Commissioner has pointed out in the Sessional Paper through Council that this is a possibility, but this is a qualifying condition and I feel that the contract should be properly retendered to the individual bidders who were the low bidders in this matter in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I don't know quite what our position is in respect to this. Now, the fuel tender called and this was presented for saying that it may be going to court. I don't know if we are asked to be in a position of judge, jury or lawyer. As far as being a lawyer is concerned, I think I would be an awful sloppy

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lawyer, the same as I am an awful sloppy mechanic and I don't intend to do as much of either of these things as I have to. I just hire somebody to do it for me. Now if this does go to court the only thing it proves as far as I am concerned or as far as I can see right now is that we are a sloppy tender caller and we should make sure the tenders are called without ambiguity and this type of thing has been brought up in Council before. I don't know why that this has been brought to the attention of Council. We have had to waste Council time on it before. It seemed to have some merit at that time. Why do we have to keep coming up with this. You would think that the Administration would be able to work out some kind of a tender that would not be confusing. Possibly there is something that the Commissioner would like to explain that I don't understand. But Council is sitting here and I fail to see what I can add as a Councillor to this situation at this time unless there is something wrong that we should try to...(inaudible)...those and tell them to try to fix it up. And, I can't even tell them exactly how to fix it up. We have a half a million dollars worth of brains in the Federal Building here and they certainly have had more time and training on this than I have. So, maybe there is something I don't understand that the Commissioner could explain to me that what are we expected to do with this at this time.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, this was tabled in response to a request for a Motion to Council, Mr. Chairman. And it is tabled here for public information. There is nothing here to hide or to ask any advice on or anything else. Council has asked this information be tabled, Mr. Chairman, and here it is tabled fully. The whole file is here on it and there is no...

Mr. Watt: Well, in that case, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that we thank the Commissioner for giving us...for tabling the document and we carry on with the next Sessional Paper and find out what happens in court. Then if something happens in court through the tender calling or to whom ...(inaudible)... then ask Administration to pull up the loose ends of that case. It could be that this thing goes to court and goes through court and it proves that the tender calling is perfectly proper, is right and there is no reason to panic then we do exactly the right thing. I can't see what else I could add at this time unless somebody else has something they could talk about.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Boyd, have you...

Mr. Boyd: No thank you.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I feel very much like Councillor Watt. The member of Council seems to be so certain this is wrong it would seem pretty well a sinch then for someone fighting this in court and that will determine it accordingly. I noted that the that the people have been saved money on the proposition. However, I can add little.

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This is something if the tender had of been accepted it would tie in with somebody else. I think...I remember we had a right to certainly raise quite a holler about that. Because I don't think that the lowest tender is not necessarily accepted. This is a matter that seems to be some sort of a legal interpretation. The Administration have acted according to legal interpretation. This part seems to me at this time under a very complicated matter like that, that the legal interpretation is wrong that they got. I think the legal beagles will have to fight that out among themselves in this particular instance. And, like Councillor Watt says what else can you add to it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, in my views I think the Commissioner is quite capable of making his decisions and along with the price I am sure there is more than that taken into consideration. Undoubtedly, there was some reasoning given to the service that was...that could be given and possibly if it comes to court the Commissioner has very good reasons why it was handled in the manner it was.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

Mr. Taylor: The only thing I have to say, I brought it to the table for discussion. I thought you gentlemen might feel as I did that some direction should be forthcoming from this. Am I to understand Mr. Chairman, that there is no court case in progress at the present time.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am afraid I cannot answer that in a definitive manner. I think you can see from the letter attached here from Wylie and Collins this-- I am sorry it doesn't appear to have a date on it, but this was dated just a day or two ago, Mr. Chairman, and there is certainly every indication here from this letter that court action was indeed anticipated. Now, whether or not in fact anything has been proceeded with up to this moment, I am afraid I cannot say. But, I have certainly had no indication that they are not going to proceed with court action.

Mr. Taylor: Well, what I referred to, Mr. Chairman, the Territory have been subpoenad. I believe that this is quite a problem too because the Territory is a non-legal entity and it can neither sue or be sued.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is exactly what I am trying to tell Council. We may have been in fact been subpoenad and I am not totally aware of it at this particular point. This is what I am trying to say.

Mr. Taylor: Well, I just don't like to litter things up like this, but I can't get any enthusiasm out of the members as usual in this matter. I feel it is monopolistic, has no proper place any more in the Yukon Territory. I feel that the other larger oil companies, but you say you are not going to accept the qualification and then you accept one, then you are nothing else morally permitted to allow the other larger companies to have the opportunity to

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submit their reduced discounts. Who knows we might even be able to effect a greater savings for the taxpayer, maybe from one of the others if they were allowed to do this and which they weren't in the tender. Only one company was allowed to do it. I figure that is grossly unfair and it is a discredit to the Administration I am sure, and I kind of hope it does come to court and force a settlement because obviously this Council won't. I will just drop it at that point gentlemen and will continue to look into the Federal Fuel Contract.

Mr. Shaw: One last word Mr. Chairman. This is a contract that's already been given. Now, if the Territory should take that away and say we are going to give you something else, then we are subject to just one word--hopeless. And if the court says that what we did was illegal we are not subject to suit, imagine it that way. Whichever way you look at it. I certainly don't believe we have monopolistic control of anything, but it does appear that one company has a lawyer that might be a little smarter than the other company and put something over, I don't know. But if we have already committed ourselves to accept this contract and it appears that we can't just simply say well ask the other fella because then we would be up for breach of contract. We would certainly be allowed in this suit it would appear so where do we go. It would ultimately end up that the taxpayer will pay a little more. It does appear to me though, Mr. Chairman, that perhpps the future contract with something like this should be shied away from. And it will certainly be a lesson, but in the meantime, I think we have just been locking the door after the horse got out or burnt up, whatever you are adding here, and serves no actual useful purpose.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I never have been able to condone the attitude expressed by Councillor Shaw in this regard, well you did it, naughty, naughty don't do it again. The failure in the first instance to accept the other bids or allow the other oil companies to allow a qualifying condition. What the Territory did is a pertinent matter and I feel that the contract should be broken and that the lowest overall tender avert to ah...this tender call. That is the smaller operators who bid in this contract.

Mr. Shaw: Well, just one thing Mr. Chairman, when you are head of the Administration and you have a legal department and you say well, look this might be a qualifying deal, is it? And, they say no it isn't. You have no alternative but to accept that lowest bid. Now, it is up to somebody to prove the legal department is wrong. It is as simple as that.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion, gentlemen?

All: Clear

Mr. Chairman: Well, at this time gentlemen, I think we will call a short recess for tea.

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Mr. Chairman: I will call committee back to order and the first thing I would like to read to you is a memorandum to Mr. C. Pearson: "Due to the present state of the weather and uncertainty of conditions tomorrow for the flight to Anvil Mining, would you please obtain the phone numbers of all Council members where they may be contacted early tomorrow in the event the Great Northern Airways phone here to cancel the flight. Thank you. T. Sparks - whoever Sparks is. I imagine that is the radio operator. So there you are gentlemen, put your phone numbers down. Mr. Taylor will you take back the Chair? SESSIONAL PAPER #71

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Councillor Southam, I will. Are you ready to proceed, gentlemen, with Sessional Paper No. 71. (reads Sessional Paper No. 71, Abandoned Buildings).

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner, would you care to join with us at this time?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, this originated from an attempt on my part to get some housecleaning done in Carcross and while nobody seems to pay any taxes on the buildings and they are a menace to health and so on, sombody always seems to turn up and say it is my building, don't touch it, you owe me a lot of money, so this is how this comes to come into being. I think it is an excellent move. There are far too many buildings not going to be used and yet if you touch them they turn into gold as far as dollars and cents are concerned and there is no revenue from them whatever.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I being an old resident of Carcross, I would like to ask Mr. Boyd if he has met with the community club there and is this a request from the people or his own idea or just talking to people on the street corners.

Mr. Boyd: No, I'm very careful with my dealings along these lines Mr. MacKinnon and you will find the people are behind this.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: We now have Sessional Paper No. 72. (reads Sessional Paper No. 72, New School Committee). SESSIONAL PAPER #72

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I don't much approve of this. There are many sections of the School Ordinance that perhaps could be brought under review at this time and if this person who will come from outside someplace because considerable experience in this line and how things are done there will have had experience and he may very well receive some very good pointers there.... could bring the matter up-to-date and could save us a considerable amount of money . I very much concer with this, the necessity for some changes.

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Yes, I very much concur with this and the necessity for some changes.

Mr. Boyd: Yes, I wholeheartedly agree also and it is high time and I am sure there is ample room for improvements and certainly when it comes to looking at the dollars they should be uppermost in our thinking in view of the cost of education today. I hope this man will initiate most of this worthwhile study.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, I too think it is a step in the right direction and no doubt if you get the man from outside he will probably have a lot of new ideas and which may be quite beneficial to the Territory as a whole and I certainly concur with the idea.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman; I concur and I think this type of thing would also be useful with respect to dealing with Ottawa and hiring somebody knowledgeable with respect to our fiscal agreement. .....inaudible.....

Mr. Boyd: I have one thought. Being on this Teacher Salary Committee I had occasion to go into how the teachers will be hired and at what cost and so on and the arrangement we agreed to was that we would pay teachers' salaries from as far east as Winnipeg inasmuch as this is where the bulk of our teachers come from, Winnipeg to the West coast and I learn that starting at the beginning of Easter we have at least one school teacher in Quebec, I should say Toronto and Montreal soliciting their school teachers and I am wondering what got into their heads to go at this time of year to solicit school teachers from that far away when we do not propose to pay their way and I am wondering if these teachers, this is a question to the Commissioner, what have these teachers that we are interviewing in Montreal and Toronto been promised? I can't see why they would go this distance at this stage of the term without knowing what the requirements are? I understand we are receiving applications at the normal rate of course as far as par for the course is concerned, and this just alarms me to think that we are going that far away to find teachers in view of the transportation end of it.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, the policy of sending a team of interviewers from the Yukon to outside points during Easter vacation to interview prospective applicants for teaching positions in the Territory is apparently one that has been established and in use now for several years. As to whether or not the the normal points that they visit are as far as Toronto and Montreal I'm afraid I cannot say. However, I think the point the Councillor has raised is a very valid one and I would offer, if agreeable to Council, to table a full explanatory paper with regard to the wholething including the question of transportation for teachers and such benefits as would appear to justify the recruiting teams going to such distances as Toronto and Montreal.

Mr. Chairman: All clear?

All: Clear.

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Mr. Chairman: The next matter is Sessional Paper No. 73. (reads Sessional Paper No. 73 - Land reservations-Yukon Territory).

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: One question from the chair I would like to direct to the Commissioner, and that is I state here now that these lots will be placed on sale on a first come first served basis. This, in deference to the highest bidder over an upset price on a lot - is this a change in policy?

Mr. Smith: Would you say that again now, please?

Mr. Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what I am referring to here - I note an interesting part here - that if the Territorial Government in sub-divisions wish to release land they had been holding states here that they placed on sale on a first come first served basis at the place of sale which is the office of the Land Agent, rather than where they were auctioned off, in the past, where the highest bid price on the lot is accepted. Is this a departure - have we been able in the past to do it both ways?

Mr. Smith: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think both methods have been used and there are some advantages in some ways but I am of the opinion, and this is one of the reasons why I have tabled this, that this tends to give a bit of an advantage to an absentee prospective buyer to whom money is no particular object, whereas the local resident to whom money is possibly a particular object and could be able to present himself or have his agent present on his behalf at a local sale and he will be buying on the same basis as what the lots were originally put up -in their original selling price for, and I am suggesting this means here in preference to the use of any upset price on a bid basis to see if this would not give a little bit more equity to a local person who is involved in the situation to whom possibly a business opportunity with limited capital is pretty important.

Mr. Taylor: We have a problem at the moment, for instance I cite Ross River sub-division where it is rather difficult for some one - they either have to fly in or drive a considerable distance to get into this Land Office. If he happens to be in the Ross River sub-division and if he just gets out of town a little ways he might have to fly to Watson Lake to do this because the Land Agent at Watson Lake has the other side of the street there is a highway to the Canol Road and it can get very confusing at that point but no doubt I think in a short period of time we should be in there to have a look at the situation and possibly prescribe a cure. There's one thing though that I would like to say in respect to this lot business and sub-divisions and that is I feel most strongly, and more so now than ever before that the people who are resident in a residential sub-division anywhere in the Territory should be given more say in the creation and implementation of recommendations and regulations respecting their sub-divisions. Now one item is the old battle over the size of lots and they've got out at Ross River -have everybody jammed into 75 by 100 lots because three members of Council here decided that this is what the people of Ross River were going to have and they, like the people who are swarming into the Porter Creek area, want 100 by 200 lots for some room, elbow room. They find it very hard to under-

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stand that when they go to develop what right now is virtually a piece of wasteland, try to develop it into an orderly community, why they have to be crammed into little lots. And at this point we run into trouble too because we have two of our laws in cor'lict -two of our Ordinances. You have under the regulations, possibly, or maybe under the same ordinances we have stated that you cannot put a well and a septic tank on a lot unless it is a certain size. And we state that we cannot have a well closer, nearer than so many feet from one another. And when you go and cram all these 75 by 100 foot lots - 75 feet wide up and down the street, and by the time you get two or three wells and septic tanks in a block you are done. On the other hand we don't provide sewer and water facilities when we locate these lots so we can't get by it that way so they have to buy two lots to attempt to conform and if some guy gets a septic tank up on the corner of his lot and the guy next door comes to the corner of his two lots and he's got his well right beside the septic tank that defeats the thing and it leads to nothing but confusion. And also he is double-taxed. His lot requirement is -his building requirement is 100 by 200. Here he must have 200 by 75 - and, pardon me, 150 by 100 is what he winds up with by buying two lots and he is taxed doubly on both of them. As I say I think that the people in these sub-divisions should be able to have more say in the creation of and the implementation or regulations as they apply to the subdivision. And this should involve itself on the size of lots , matters of zoning, matters of future planning, matters relative to whether or not they have the $2500 work clause or whether the resident can buy a residential lot fre - one lot to each individual upon which he can do what he will and this type of thing and certainly I think we have made a step forward in the creation of the attempt to create an improvement district. This is a good start and I would like to see this expanded but prior to the development of this improvement district. As I say, I think that the community associations in these various sub-divisions - they should be part and parcel of the preparation and implementation of these regulations.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say a word on this because this is basically, I mean Councillor Taylor know pretty well why this paper has been tabled-here I want to make sure that all things are reviewed on an annual basis. But Mr. Chairman, I want to tell you something of the position that the administration finds itself in dealing with non-publicly elected community groups. We find, and this has been my experience in the Territory for the last twenty years - it is not confined to the three months I have been in the Commissioner's chair, that when you were dealing with non-elected community groups you generally find that they represent one segment of thinking in the community and the people who are non-members of that community represent another group of thinking. There is only one type of group that administration can deal with and that is and that is people who have been elected or have been chosen by some means that their actions are subject to review at polls or something along these lines. We cannot deal with community groups such as community clubs or community advisory councils, things of this nature, and also I would tell you

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this, gentlemen, that generally when we go into these areas initially to create a subdivision there are few, if any, residents there. Who do you talk to about the size of these lots; who do you talk to about these regulations? Generally speaking its the old situation, which comes first, the chicken or the egg? And I certainly feel that it behooves every Councillor to endeavour to encourage the aspects of the municipal Ordinance as it applies to such groups as the Councillor has mentioned here. I believe that Watson Lake is the first place to avail itself of this particular group of people and I believe that they are elected trustees, are they not, Councillor Taylor? Now this is the thing our Administration can deal with. We know that these people are elected and that their position is subject to review by means of voting or polling, just the same as the City council is, and I think that it behooves every Councillor to encourage the development of this kind of municipal government starting at its very first point - I would like to see it encouraged and if there is anything that any member of my administration can do to assist councillors in getting these groups formed in the unorganized areas of smaller settlements, I assure you, gentlemen, of my wholehearted support. I think that these area development organizations are just about the finest thing that can happen in these small communities.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I might say that the Community Club is the only recognized body in any community up to a point , speaking on behalf of the community up to the point of becoming an improvement district. A community club is the only organization that has the right to speak for any unorganized area-in this Territory that is the way it works out. The Chamber of Commerce doesn't. They represent the business end of the community but not the little guy down the street. The community club represents all segments of community life. But we still have not - this business of lot size where a group, such as our own august body here, to come up and say we don't like the lot sizes - we have a problem here - sewer and water, somewhere in the north, so all over the Territory henceforth we won't let people have big lots. This has been done. This is why we have the mess at Ross River - the little lots. And fortunately before this land reservation came on we ....inaudible..... get land outside the sub-division and this type of thing, and this is where I think that the people of the area should be included in the development of their sub-division ....inaudible ... it started this way ....such a manner, it is pretty hard to change except resubdivide lots into two and make one lot out of them because they have to pay double taxation otherwise, and these problems would never be if the people in the sub-divisions had a little say by some means or manner and the community club might be the answer.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think Councillor Taylor is one of these fellows who wants his cake and eat it too. Now, what's the difference between 150 feet of ground or two 75 pieces of ground - both come to 150 feet. You can have your choice. You've got a real advantage but if you were to come along to me and say I have to take 150 feet, when I only need 50 I'd feel I was paying a lot of somebody else's taxes for nothing.

Mr. Boyd continues.

There has to be an orderly sense of development. The way Mr. Taylor talks I might want a quarter section. This would be fine to have a lot. Joe Blow might want 50 feet-this would be fine - they might all want 300 feet .... this is fine. What kind of orderly development can you get in a kind of place like this - you'll have it running for miles-then they want services. You must accept the fact that there has to be some plan and system used and it's used all across Canada. We are in the starting stage and if we are not big enough to take the stand that is fair to all and not just be guided by the whims and wishes of individuals because they happen to light in this area. It doesn't make it that they should be able to create something that is not going to be acceptable ten years from now or further, if you want but you have to start off on a planned basis and I disagree with your angles entirely. I know if I go out here anywhere and there is a lot for 75 feet - that's it. I'm not going to complain with nobody but if I want another one I'll buy it and I'm not going to be double taxed. I'm only paying for the lot I bought and you should have this choice. This has been the trouble out at Porter Creek as far as I'm concerned. They've got a 100 feet by 200 - wait a little later on and we'll hear about it some day.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, you have a 100 feet by 200 foot lots in Porter Creek and I don't know, we were looking at a map the other day, and Crestview and it looks pretty orderly developed to me and for some strange reason the people are buying lots and are getting out of there to avoid this business of being crammed into a corner down town here, and maybe excessive prices to boot - they want a little elbow room - they are Yukoners - they live in the north and they don't want to be cooped up in a bird cage. And number two--the whims and wishes the Councillor spoke of are the whims and wishes of the people of the Territory we are here to represent. I know Councillor Boyd's concern - he was the one that raised the business of these lots in the first place and he was the man that championed the cause to have the lots reduced in the Territory to 75 feet by 100. But could Mr. Boyd possibly tell me in his wisdom why we sell 75 by 100 lots to an individual at Ross River when we have a law that will not permit him water and sewer facilities other than piped facilities. Could you answer that question.

Mr, Boyd: I didn't get the question. We have a law that what, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Well, Councillor Boyd, you have reduced, championed the cause to reduce lot sizes in the Yukon to a minimum, or maximum of 75 by 100 - had you taken into account the law which means people are not allowed to live on these and have water and sewer facilities, that is a septic tank and a well. Have you taken that into account?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, very much so, and they are permitted to have it without any trouble.

Mr. Taylor: Well, I would like to know where. The Public

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Health Ordinance and I believe the Area Development Ordinance says uh uh, you can't have them - you can't put a well and a septic tank on a lot - too small. They have to be so far apart.

Mr. Shaw: I would feel that if the persons were going to a section of the land - they wanted land and they wanted 200 by 200, and I think that it would be a very good thing if they had it - providing they would sign a document to the effect that at no time would they ask for sewer and water facilities. Every foot has a sewer and water facility - it costs a tremendous amount of money - if you were building a town and were constructing it over twice the area your costs of servicing the area are also twice as much which applies to roads and everything else. Now I have been up recently to Porter Creek. They are only 100 by 200 and I know different people who have acqui ed them - they have acquired them because there isn't any place available in this particular area but they do look on this 200 feet as an awful lot of land and they can't imagine what they can do with it except make a park of it so it is common in any community or area that I have been in that these lots are usually around 75 or 60 or 50 foot lots-in Dawson you have 50 foot lots and nobody seems to mind. Some people have twolots . If, for example, at Porter Creek if the lots were, which they are, 100 by 200 and you wanted a larger area then I suppose, provided you put up buildings and utilized the land, you could have a 200 by 200 section but if you had to pay at the same rate - say as you are at Riverdale for water and sewer at $1.95 a foot that would mean you would .....inaudible ..year at what you consider rates besides taxes in order to pay for this and it would appear that the people would strenuously oppose to pay 400 a year to have this service just to pay over a 20 year period ..... you do for this ....so it appears a 75 foot lot is fairly adequate, in that area at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Taylor: But what year? The thing is it takes years and years to have these facilities. Here you put this in when you open up a sub-division - would make sense but the government would not do that .... and therefore the man must live and must get water and put down septic tank or something and you can't do this. Secondly, as I see it I don't thing the member from Whitehorse East should tell the member from Watson Lake how people should live at Ross River. Now it is the same thing. This is the point I am trying to say. The people should have some say in development of their own communities.

Mr. Boyd: I disagree, you have just as much right to .... ....and I will try to do the same with you, and I would do the same with the people if it would help them. Now two 75 foot lots we are talking about, you can buy two. So we'll get off that subject. But let's say I only want 75 feet - and my neighbor only wants 75 feet - he doesn't want a lot of acreage. Those two fellows can drillone well between them They can have one septic tank between them and it would save 50% on the cost instead of each one having his own and paying a large tax - structure for 150 feet. They've got all kinds of compromises and there is no argument on their part. I don't want to hear any more because you can either take one lot or two lots- this answers a man's question as far as space is concerned - according to his pocket book.

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Mr. Taylor: Councillor Southam had to leave in a rush and I gave him permission, and I now resume the Chair. Is there anything further on this paper.

Mr. Watt: Speaking on the subject, I noticed a couple of comments I couldn't let go by. I heard somebody saying that we were interfering with Watson Lake and I would like to remind the members here that they eliminated a whole sub-division in my area - if that ..... we wouldn't have the sewer and water problem at Porter Creek - if they had let that sub-division grow which it should have been allowed to grow ....wiped completely off the map here. And I am glad to see that the Commissioner suggested that any unorganized groups in small comminities become organized.... .....inaudible..... One more thing. Something I would like to leave with administration. In any new sub-division, particularly around Whitehorse, not only the sub-divisions but particularly the extensions to Whitehorse, possibly the Riverdale area I think that 50 by 100 lots should be a thing of the past. Now I would just like to quote for example one particular area that I had some discussions with and that is Grande Prairie. They have no 50 by 100 foot lots for sale, in Grande Prairie, now that they have been sub-divided the last two, three or four years. The type of home structure has changed in the last five years and the main type of building now is bungalow type with a carport or garage and the only time you can put a building like that on a 50 by 100 foot lot is the corner lot. You have to have an odd shaped house to do it otherwise. So all their lots are 60 by 100- all their normal lots, and then they have their exceptional lots , odd shaped ones ..... I think that any new sub-division that goes over in Riverdale if another one is planned this year - if you plan an extension over there - that these lots be a little bit larger. I'm not suggesting that we re-subdivide Lot 19 or anything like that. I'm not suggesting that .... and a good part of that Lot 19 I think will be multiple dwellings where your border lines .... not too much difference, so I'm not suggesting for minute that be re-subdivided. This is something for the future but I think administration should keep it in mind. And one other thing is I would like to know if administration is - has any plans for the further releasing of land, residential land in the Whitehorse area other than Riverdale or Porter Creek. I mean something along the lines of lot 19. Are there any other plans? We see how successful this has been this year and I would like to say that there are that we could do the same thing for at least 25 lots per year, for the next five years, right in close to Whitehorse here. And I don't necessarily mean Riverdale because it is proven that a lot of people don't want to live in Riverdale and quite a few people don't want to live in Porter Creek, and this is proof of the pudding the way that these lots - in Lot 19 did sell, and is there any other provisions being made for a continuous release of land as it is needed. This is one of our main housing difficulties now - we haven't had this type of land available and if we had had it available two or three years ago then it would have been pretty well built up now and we would have had an extra 60 or 70 homes in the Whitehorse area. Are there any plans such as this for

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continuing release of land such as this?

Mr. Smith: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are certainly working on this at the present time and we are hopeful of getting together with the City of Whitehorse in this connection in the near future. One thing, gentlemen, that is uppermost in our minds, that is administration, at the present time is with regard to further sub-divisions and that is we are anxiously waiting to see the price for installation of sewer and water that comes for Lot 19 and this is going to have a very great bearing on just what goes on with our sub-divisions in the whole metropolitan area, Mr. Chairman, because it would certainly appear to me that we have arrived at a point in time where now where we can open up sub-divisions in metropolitan area here or for that matter in any other heavily populated area or potentially heavily populated area without selling serviced property. By serviced property I mean where there are streets, lights sewer, water, electricity available. Now I am well aware that some of these things are automatically taken care of but the cost of installation of sewer and water on Lot 19 is going to have quite a bearing on all immediate future plans for other sub-divisions in this area. But I want you to know, Mr. Chairman, that my administration is working on this at the present time and are going to be approaching the City of Whitehorse and see if they cannot get together on some kind of a long-term basis with regard to opening up further residential land in the metropolitan area.

Mr. Watt: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: All clear gentlemen.

All: Clear.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I was very interested in Councillor Watt's remarks about Grande Prairie that they have decided it was impractical for this day and age to utilize 50 foot lots. Does Councillor Watt know just what size the lots are?

Mr. Watt: Yes, the 60 by 100 has replaced the 50 by 100, that gives you the extra footage suitable that you need to have for the space between the garage. One other thing I would like to add. They have found it necessary, and the City of Whitehorse may have to find it necessary, you can't build in Whitehorse within five feet of the edge - with their old lots they have had to reduce that. They have had to change their by-laws so you could build up to three feet which is getting pretty close for fire and getting between buildings but they have found they have had to do this with their old type of lots. Their 50 by 100 has been replaced by 60 by 100 lots.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: It seems kind of funny that you can't get all the land you want when you have miles of it but having lived in frontier towns before, I'm talking about Timmins now. When I was in Timmins the streets were full of stumps and this sort of thing, but all the lots were 50 by 100 and by the time we bought the lot and I built the house, in fact I built several houses there and paid for the sewer and water and improvements as time went on it was quite expensive enough and I found that we had plenty of land for the ordinary house, but the lots were 50 by 100 and of course if you wanted more land you bought extra land, and that

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was that. You paid for the frontage, the sewer and if you went past it you paid for the frontage on both lots and that was all there was to it. So, if you want extra land you can get it-fine-just like that. In most places that I know they are 50 by 100 and in some of the older parts of Ontario too they are smaller than that again, 30 by 100, pretty small.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next is Sessional Paper No. 74. (reads Sessional Paper No. 74 - Activities of the Travel and Publicity Branch). You have the small document attached to this, gentlemen.

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Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I think that you should have a further supplement to this. Is it there?

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this paper, gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that we have a lot of details to go through on this and I am sure most people haven't had a chance at the present time so we possibly could bypass the paper for now and come back to it some other time.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman this is so extensive I think I would recommend we not read it all through at this time. We can read it through at our own leisure and get the knowledge therefrom. It is an hour's reading.

Mr. Boyd: More than that.

Mr. Shaw: It is good information and I would just as soon you didn't read it at this time.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to say with respect to this particular paper I've no, I have read it and have no questions to ask on it. There are a couple of questions on the Department I would like to discuss briefly when we discuss the budget, but on the Sessional Paper itself I have nothing to ask on it. Is there anything specific that the Commissioner would like to draw our attention to with respect to this paper?

Mr. Smith: Not in particular, Mr. Chairman. I just felt that the activities of this Department, as it is a promotional type of Department we supply funds to for purposes of promoting tourist business and cordinating the activities within the Territory of the people who are dealing with tourists, that a report of this nature would be of interest to Council. I have asked that it be constructed. I checked it over myself and it would appear to me, along with the supplement that you have in this blue folder here that it should give Council a pretty fair idea just exactly what the activities of this Department are and it is for this reason that it has been tabled, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: My only comment on this without going through the paper is that it would appear the Department still operates as a Post Office and Statistics Center, disseminating information and there is very little promotion, I assume, unless this is a new policy adopted by the Department.... pushing pamphlets. I do notice that much of the pamphlets pushed are in conjunction with the State of Alaska - reference to the State of Alaska generally in all cases appears in the material disseminated, so I imagine that the State of Alaska must be cooperating with us and advertising the Yukon as well and we are getting some benefit out of it by advertising in Alaska. And one thing I do feel about this Department whenever they get around to reorganizing it and getting it on a different basis, that is to say getting some good PR man in there and to someone who will get out and really start a publicity campaign and this type of thing. I feel that it should be divided at that time into two basic functions, one to deal with tourism and tourist promotion and the other to deal with industrial promotion in the Yukon Territory; in other words selling industry, on why we think it is desirable for industry to come to the Yukon and bring in factories and whatever have you with them. And these have been my points of view for many years and I wish to reiterate them now.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, in reply to that if we are successful in securing an industrial development fund here in conjunction with this industrial development fund will be the employment of an industrial development commissioner or whatever title you choose to go along with it because promoting and endeavoring to encourage industry to come to this area is a very very highly specialized business that would call for someone with a very sound and basic background in economics and also it is not only a matter of encouraging industry to come but it is a matter of constructing incentives to make it attractive for them to come and also the provision of certain financing to make it possible for them to participate in the benefits you are allowing them so I would like the Council to know that this is certainly not lost track of and I am very hopeful that no later than this fall we will have something of a concrete nature ..... on an industrial development fund and an industrial development commissioner and the attendant promotional things that go towards this for Council's consideration at that time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in conclusion I would say that this is the goal that only autonomy, full autonomy can achieve. That is, the creation of incentives and those things inumerated by Mr. Commissioner. I agree with him wholeheartedly that the Federal government will never do it. We've got to be on our own feet and do it ourselves.

Mr. Watt: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I notice here in 1965 the number of tourists entering is 62,000 and in 1966 there was 108,000. Now I am wondering how many of this 108,000 would have gotten off the ferries at Haines and on to a bus or with their own vehicles on the ferries and virtually through to Alaska. The reason that I ask this question is that 62,000 people, using the year previous to that and sizing up Whitehorse tourist-wise, there wasn't twice the difference in Whitehorse last year over and above the period in the year before which is indicated there should be by the number of tourists

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....inaudible. And it seems to me, now here is another one there were 17,000, or what is the figure? Somebody probably knows it better than I do, maybe Councillor Watt does, that did enter Canada. They came into Carcross and turned around and went back. They were there for twenty minutes. You don't call these tourists, really, entering Canada in the sense of the tourist business, surely would be if we had the facilities but, are they included in here? This is a Haines ferry system and those Carcross people - would indicate to me that those people didn't stay here ten days, which is a very big percentage of the tourists. The revenue derived, calculated on the tourists being here, I think, for ten days-seven days. So, this is just a thought I had in mind-how accurate is this thing.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, If council would turn just to the other side of that page I think they would find basically the answers to the question the councillor has raised, and they are comparing here the survey made in 1962 and the survey made in 1966 you will see that arrival via the Alaska ferry system in this past year represented 27% of the totals that are referred to here. And arrival via the Alaska highway 73%, now when they are leaving the Territory 18% left via the Alaska ferry and 82% left via the Alaska highway. As well, I suggest to you this, gentlemen, that a survey of this nature is good for comparative purposes but it certainly isn't something that you would use with complete and 100% accuracy. The definition of a tourist I would suggest it should possibly be the word traveller - possibly this might be a lot better situation because in many instances the people who are travelling our highways and our ferry systems in Alaska and what have you may not fall into the category of tourists. What we are pointing out here is that these are people who are using the highways of the Yukon Territory whether it be for business, moving purposes as an individual say being posted from a United States base to an Alaskan base and so on down the line. It is not necessarily the person who is out hunting, fishing and camping. The length of stay that these people have in the Territory, I would suggest, is really the best indication whether you are progressing in the tourist business or whether you are not. And on the second to the last page here it would indicate the number of days spent in the Yukon in the 1967 survey it was just short of five days of the 1966 survey - increased ..... 7. I suggest gentlemen that this is the test as to whether or not we are improving our position with regard to the tourists.

Mr. Boyd: ...inaudible....

Mr. Chairman: Anything further.

Mr. Taylor resumes the chair, and excuses the Commissioner.

Mr. Smith: Thank you very much gentlemen, and I am assuming that weather permitting, is Council being recessed for tomorrow Mr. Chairman? We recess now until Monday morning and if weather is not satisfactory tomorrow will council convene as per usual?

Mr. Chairman: I don't know if we can. It depends on what we adjourn to. TRIP TO ANVIL

Mr. Smith: Thank you very much.

Mr. Chairman: What is your further pleasure gentlemen. We have completed all our Sessional Papers to date

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, it is getting late, close to five o'clock - I'll admit it is about ten minutes early from our usual time but to start bills and so on we don't have any Legal Advisor or Commissioner so I move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the chair and hear report of committee.

Mr. Southam: I second the motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Shaw resumes the Speaker's chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, the Committee convened at 10.15 am to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions. The Committee first dealt with matters related to the City of Whitehorse with Mr. Commissioner and the Treasurer in attendance. Also present were Mayor Firth, Mr. R. Cousins, Sr., Mr. S. Henke, Mr. J. Light, Mr. Driechel and Mr. D.S. Collins, Mr. Ken Baker, Mr. D. Spray and Mr. K. Fleming. Committee recessed at twelve noon and reconvened at 2 p.m. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do now resume the chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. There is one slight error I bring to your attention and that is the title of the gentlemen following the Mayor were the Aldermen. They were in the capacity as Aldermen. Are you agreed with the Chairman's report?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, we have the agenda to discuss for tomorrow. The kind invitation of Mr. MacDonald to visit the Anvil property. I might state that I have contacted Mrs. Thompson and Councillor Thompson is still not feeling well, not serious but he is not feeling well, and unfortunately will not be with us on the journey tomorrow. However, we will hope that he will be in better condition by Monday morning, or very shortly. In respect to the matter of this visit I think it will require a motion to recess the council for that period of time. Another problem to be determined by you gentlemen will be that in the event the weather is not suitable for travelling - what we will do in that particular case. Mr. Boyd did you have some comment? AGENDA

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Mr. Boyd: I would like to suggest to Council that in the event we are not flying we should certainly be down here at work and if a motion is in order I would be prepared to make one to that effect. But give Councillor's a chance to express themselves first.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Speaker, I fully agree with Mr. Boyd and I believe we should give serious consideration to sitting on Saturday as well and this is fine for maybe two or three who live here but myself and possibly yourself it is of importance that we sit as often as we can.

Mr. Chairman: I'm astounded, Mr. Speaker. However the last comment needs no remark. I would suggest that one way to get around it would be to adjourn Council until nine o'clock tomorrow morning and come down here and open it up and close it right down again. If the weather is good, if the weather is bad we could adjourn until ten. I understand the weather forecast is to be good tomorrow. If we adjourn until Monday morning I don't know if we can sit again, having made that decision.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, can we not adjourn with a proviso that in the event we do not fly we return to work. I would make a motion to the effect that we adjourn until ten o'clock Monday morning but in the event we don't fly tomorrow morning we return here and proceed with business in the normal way.

Mr. MacKinnon: I'll second that motion.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman the motion is out of order, you can't attach a rider to a motion.

Mr. Watt: I think we should meet if we can't fly.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I would like to state that these kind of things don't happen in Parliament, that we do try to go along with the Parliamentary rules and regulations as near as possible but a situation exists at the present time and if Council is in agreement, in full agreement with something like this, I think it is a sensible way of resolving the situation by the type of motion that has been presented.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Council be adjourned until Monday morning except in the event we do not make this projected trip in which case it will be ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Are you ready for the question. Are you agreed with the motion? Any contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: This Council stands adjourned until Monday morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I am very happy to see that we have Mr. Thompson with us this morning. I hope he feels a little better. Have we any correspondence?

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Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have Sessional Paper No. 69, a letter from the Crestview Citizens' Association; Sessional Paper No. 75 re the Canada Assistance Plan. We have Sessional Paper No. 76, Cities Visited by Recruiting Teams and Travel Allowances Paid Newly Appointed Teachers; Sessional Paper No. 77, Proposed Senior Secondary School, Whitehorse. That is all this morning, Mr. Speaker.

LETTER TO CITY RE PARKING SPACE ALLOWED COUNCIL

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Gentlemen, over the weekend I had the occasion to write two letters on your behalf and I would read as follows: This letter is first addressed to the Mayor of Whitehorse, Mayor H. W. Firth. "On behalf of Members of the Yukon Legislative Council I would wish to thank you and your Council for your kind consideration in providing a parking area for Members of Council while in Session. The requirements in representing constituents from all parts of the Yukon make the use of a car a necessity and being as each daily Session commences later than the normal working hour, it has been found extremely difficult to find a parking spot. Your action and prompt consideration in this matter is most appreciated."

LETTER TO ANVIL RE COUNCIL'S VISIT TO FARO

The other letter is to Mr. Colin MacDonald, Manager, Anvil Mining Company. "On behalf of the Members of the Yukon Legislative Council I would wish to thank your Company and yourself personally, for your kind invitation to visit your Faro No. 1 property. Your hospitality was of the highest order and the whole itinerary was most enjoyable as well as being most informative. We had the opportunity to view personally, on the site, the tremendous potential to the Yukon of this massive ore body and the part that your Company is playing in its development. We would wish you every success in this great undertaking and assure you of our co-operation in all matters that would enure to the mutual benefit of yourselves as investors and to the people of the Yukon that we may all participate in this challenging new future."

LETTER TO COUNCIL RE DEPUTY MINISTER'S AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORT'S VISIT

Those are the two letters, gentlemen, that I wrote. Now, under correspondence, this is addressed to myself as Speaker, from Mr. Fingland, Executive Assistant. "This will confirm our conversation about the possibility of an informal meeting between Mr. E. A. Cote, Deputy Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Territorial Council at approximately 4:30 P.M. on the afternoon of April 10. The timing of this meeting will depend on the punctuality of C.P.A. which is due to arrive that day at 3:15 P.M. This will also confirm our discussion of the visit of the Honourable J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Transport, and the suggestion that he meet informally with Council between 3:00 and 3:30 P.M. on the afternoon of April 14. This time should be fairly firm because

Mr. Speaker continues:
"Mr. Pickersgill will be arriving early that morning in a Government aircraft. As we agreed, I think it would be most appropriate for the Council to adjourn just prior to these informal discussions, and at that time, coffee can be served in the Council Chamber. If these arrangements are acceptable to you and the Council, I would be pleased to take whatever action you may consider advisable to arrange for coffee." I would just ask, gentlemen, is this agreeable to you..these arrangements that have been made?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: That completes the correspondence. Have we any Reports of Committees this morning? We have no introduction of Bills. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

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Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give Notice of Motion re Caution Lights. Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give Notice of Motion re a Time Change and, Mr. Speaker, I also beg leave to give Notice of Motion re Subsidy, School Children.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers. We have no Motions for the Production of Papers. We have Motions and Mr. Watt, No.6, Kindergarten Classes. Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to have this deferred for some time yet.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, why cannot this be dealt with at this time while all Members are present. This has already been stood over once. I would suggest we get on with it.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the Member is looking for more information or something. If it is so wished, we shall defer the matter. Motion No. 7, Mr. MacKinnon, Business Licences.

MOTION #7

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, Motion No. 7, moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Watt, re Business Licences. "It is respectfully requested that Administration consider the necessity of establishing a blanket type Business Licence for highway operators." May I proceed?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, this Motion is nothing new at this table. I attempted once before to co-operate in some form with the roadhouse operators which have a difficult operation as you are well aware. As you see at the present time, there's at least half of these places that are operating only four to five months out of the year. They are paying the year round licence. This is not just right I don't think and in order to accommodate these tourists, you have all types of different licences. Some roadhouses will have up to maybe six, seven different licences. It's just a matter of serving the public. It's actually of no benefit to the roadhouse owner but to give full co-operation to the tourist, it's necessary to do all these little things like fix tires and sell gas and everything it seems you do requires a different licence so I would like for the Administration to take a serious look at this and come up with some

Mr. MacKinnon continues: MOTION #7
type of blanket coverage...say a $100.00 licence to licence tourist outlets to give all the accommodation to the tourist that they so wish.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further discussion on Motion No.7?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, as seconder of the Motion, I think it is a very sensible Motion. A lot of these lodges are providing a lot of services, many of them incidental to the main lodge service such as the repair of tires and these businesses in themselves hardly carry the cost of the licence but they have to have it in order to provide the service. I think it is unfair to ask the lodge operator to pay the same Territorial Business Licence as say some operator that is outside the City Limits here that is doing the same type of business but with the percentage of...for example, tires... could be a $100,000.00 business close to Whitehorse and maybe a $500.00 business in some of these smaller lodges. There are so many of these licences and taxes to pay in these small outlets so that they are being taxed and licenced harshly and with the new taxes that are coming up, they are going to be penalized even further. I have heard a lot of dissatisfaction from lodge operators and I think that a lot of it is not just complaining. There's a lot of basis to it. There are very few additional lodges that have gone up in the last few years. There are more being lost than there are going up and yet it is necessary to provide this service for the public. These people are doing it on their own, the taxpayer, and this is just one more step to make it a little bit harder for them to operate and I think, in all fairness to them...I don't think this is discrimination or anything else...I think that they should have it...a lodge licence... the same as a...a grocery licence will cover an awful lot of things. You can sell a lot of things...a little bit of drugs and everything else. I think that a lodge licence is reasonable...a blanket licence of this type is a sensible Motion and offer a little relief whereas I think our present Ordinances are unfair at the moment.

MOTION CARRIED MOTION #7 CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: We now have the matter of questions. Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to Mr. Speaker. In light of the announcement this morning that Mr. Cote would meet with Council, I didn't quite clearly hear whether that was formally in Council or informally out of Council. I wonder if I could be enlightened on this.

Mr. Speaker: That is quite correct. The Minister will be meeting informally with Council over a cup of coffee sometime around four o'clock. It is not known, of course, whether the plane will get in on time. Apparently Mr. Cote has a very tight schedule and this was about the only opportunity that we could get in there as a tentative schedule. Have we any further questions? If not, I would be prepared to accept a Motion that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to study Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, we will proceed with Sessional Papers. I will declare a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee to order at this time. We have with us Mr. Commissioner and we will deal with Sessional Paper No. 69. This was one that was missed. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 69, a letter from the Crestview Citizens' Association.)

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out that this is further to the submission that I made with reference to the rebuilding of the school in Porter Creek and at that time I mentioned that the residents of Crestview were not in favour of rebuilding. They have sent a copy of this letter that has been set out in this Sessional Paper to me and I would just note it at this time that although the residents of the Crestview area are not in agreement with rebuilding in Porter Creek...I can readily see their reasons but I don't think that this should have any bearing on the fact that the Porter Creek school should be built and as soon as possible to accommodate the increasingly large growth of population in that area.

All: Clear.

SESSIONAL PAPER #75

Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional No. 75, Canada Assistance Plan. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 75.)

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, this is partly a result of a Motion that was put before Council by myself and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon with respect to Widow's Allowances and the thought behind it there was...it is partly answered...largely answered here..and that was a Widow was compelled to use her assets up until the time she became indigent before she could get any social assistance which put the family basically on welfare. It took the respect away from the family and it cost us more in the long run for further social assistance in the manner in which the children were brought up. There is still one factor here...there were two basic things...first of all, the amount and type of assistance available to Widows and possibly this other type of people...blind persons, etc., etc. Now, the second part is....I don't think it is completely answered here and that is do these people have to go and keep applying for this on a continuing basis? In other words, are they kept in a position of being welfare recipients? I wanted to get away from the category of having to go to the welfare people and having these people go and be continually under the scrutiny of the welfare people where it is under their discretion whether they receive some widow's allowance or not. I don't know of a single widow in the Territory and I

Mr. Watt continues:
know quite a few, where their husband had been killed, possibly in a construction accident and this type of thing, and there is an awful lot in this country where you have young families growing up and husbands working on construction which is more than usually dangerous so we have a larger share of young widows, possibly with several children, and I don't know of a single case...not a single case..where the Estate provides sufficient to carry the family until the children are old enough to finish their schooling. This appears to still be in this category. When we discuss the Welfare Vote in the Budget, possibly I could ask Mr. Murphy this at that time if Council agrees. There is just this one question left with respect to this widow's allowance and rather than have Mr. Murphy come down and make a special trip down, I could make a note of the question and ask Mr. Murphy how this would be done in actual fact if the Territorial Government did provide the necessary legislation. I have one question to the Commissioner. It appears that the institution of this plan is dependent upon Territorial legislation being passed. Is this legislation being drafted now, Mr. Commissioner, or do you have any idea when it will be ready?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the answer to the first question is yes, it is being presently drafted, and secondly, we are hopeful it will be available at the Fall Session of Council. I might say, Mr. Chairman, that this Canada Assistance Plan is a very far reaching and comprehensive piece of Federal legislation and our Director of Welfare has spent considerable time and effort not only in making himself acquainted in this regard but also his staff. He has been away on one convention on this that I am aware of and possibly others as well. This is an attempt on the part of the Federal Government to provide an equal part of social assistance throughout the Nation. The legislative program in connection with it is absolutely necessary if we are going to be able to participate in this and unless there are any unforeseen difficulties which we are not aware of, it will be available for the Fall Session of Council.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can't see any problem here. The Honourable Member seems to be concerned about the fact that social welfare in this field, under this program, would be dispensed by the Welfare Department. This is the proper place it should be. I think that the Paper as I have it shows us a great step forward in the getting together of welfare services and the dispensing of them and also it would appear to me that we are getting a much better deal from the Federal Government in terms of cost sharing in this and where it applies to widows, I see no reason why this is any imposition on anybody to have the Welfare Department give social assistance under this program and that this come under their scrutiny. Let's face it fellows....these are public funds and they do have to come under the scrutiny of some Department or some group and I think it's a real step forward insofar as widow pensions are concerned. I have had some experience in respect of this in assisting people who have lost their husbands, trying to get their family going

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Mr. Taylor continues:
again where they have been left little if any funds and the Welfare Department just jumped right in and they took right over and said "Fine". There was no embarrassment I don't think. Welfare just got in and got them located and relieved them of the worry of going to work right away and this type of thing and get them a home and make sure that they're.... they had sufficient food and this type of thing. We run programs the same way, other programs. I see no imposition here and I certainly, before resuming the Chair, would like to say where Mr. Commissioner has asked in this document for our information and approval that I most certainly and wholeheartedly approve of this as outlined. I think this is a wonderful step forward.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I just have one thing I would like to say. I agree with the Paper and I am hoping that this will put this classification of widows under the same type of classification as blind persons, etc. It isn't now but I assume this new legislation will. I would like to ask the Commissioner....is this legislation being drafted in the Yukon or is it being drafted in Ottawa?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, we have a Legislative Programming Committee and this is made up of the Legal Advisor, the Administrative Assistant, the Executive Assistant and such Department Heads...I believe the Territorial Secretary is permanently on this Committee...and then Department Heads are called in in connection with the legislative programs in connection with their particular Departments, and instructions are drafted here as to what form the legislation is to take and these instructions to the draftsman require policy clearance. Once this has been cleared, they are sent to the draftsman in the Department of Justice in Ottawa for preparation. At this point in time, they are given a rough draft and they come back here to our own legal advisor for further vetting to make sure that they are in line with other Territorial legislation and also for marginal notations and such other finalizing work as our legal advisor feels is necessary and at that point of time, they are ready for Council's perusal and vetting at that time. This applies to all comprehensive legislation.

Mr. Shaw: There's just one question, Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify, namely that paragraph on the bottom of page 2...."In addition, the reduction of the age requirement for Federal Old Age Security to 65 years by 1970 will eliminate the Territorial Old Age Assistance program in the fiscal year 1969-70, thus effecting further savings estimated at $30,000.00". There was just one question I had in relation to that, Mr. Chairman. The new increase of $30.00 per month that is given to some of the people who have no other form of income...the additional $30.00 per month...is the assistance they are being given by the Territorial Government as a supplementary assistance...is that affected in any way? Do they charge them more for services or do these pensioners receive in fact an additional net $30.00 if the Federal Government has seen fit to provide them with this?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I will have to get that question answered for you. I am sorry, I cannot give you an answer to that right now but I will definitely have an answer for you in the morning.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask the Commissioner.....this... under this program, Old Age Assistance, Blind Persons, etc., widow's allowance....they will be given without the Means Test...basically that is what it means, is it not? The next question I have which I will give you while I'm up... usually our legislation gets bogged down between here and Ottawa so it's usually two or three years behind schedule. Have you yet received this rough draft...you described this Legislative Programming Committee....you make a presentation to Ottawa of the type of legislation you want and then you get a rough draft from there. Have you yet received the rough draft on this....or what stage is it at now?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, in answer to the latter question. Before we go any further on this, we have presented this Paper to Council here and we are asking, as per the last question, "is submitted for your information and approval". If Council has any serious objection, there is not much sense with us proceeding with the legislative requirement until we know what Council's basic objections are. With regard to the first question that the Councillor raised here....I understand the question to be that as a Blind Person's allowances are given at the present time without a Mean's Test, are Widow's Pensions under this scheme to be given without a Means Test. Is this what I understand the question to be?

Mr. Watt: Yes.

Mr. Commissioner: I think that you will find that the question is reasonably answered there, Mr. Chairman. As you see it says here that this Canada Assistance program will provide means whereby special groups can be provided for. It says here that "Widows and dependent children are to be considered a special group", so I would certainly feel that it explains....here it goes on to say "It is desirable that within our general assistance program it should be possible that monies realized from a husband's estate can be used by a widow to provide some measure of security in the form of the establishment of trust funds for the dependent children, payment of the existing mortgage on a family home, or purchase of a home that can be used by the family on a long-term basis. A person should not be required to use acquired assets for maintenance purposes until funds have been almost depleted before being eligible to apply for social assistance. What is needed is a flexible policy that will provide for the use of several methods which can be used to preserve and ensure the systematic use of a widow's capital reserve without spending it completely on current maintenance, leading eventually to complete dependence on public assistance." Now, this doesn't rule out completely a Means Test. What it says here gentlemen is that as a special group, they will be given special consideration for social assistance.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, that's my interpretation of that particular paragraph too. The means test does still apply to this group of people. I won't object to this right now. Chances are that when we get the legislation there will be facts and figures and possibly, if the figures look realistic and their means test is not too stringent...in the past, this was the major objection...any welfare assistance, particularly the widows. It was so stringent. They applied a type of a means test such as the phrasing of this and it was so stringent that the family had to be dead broke and going hungry and bare foot before they had any assistance at all. They became indigent and dependent and the dignity of the family was lost, the children left home early. It was a pretty pathetic situation. I will agree with this Paper and when the legislation is drafted, there will be firmer facts and figures then, but I wanted my comments to be noted here so that they can be taken into consideration by this Legislative Committee and passed on to the drafters of the legislation.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, do I have it that Committee agrees with the proposals as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 75?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, we will call a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. We are discussing Sessional Paper No. 76, Cities Visited by Recruiting Teams and Travel Allowances Paid Newly Appointed Teachers. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 76). SESSIONAL PAPER #76

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is interesting to me at least because you will note that we pay fares as far East as Winnipeg only. In the past, we did not visit Toronto and Montreal. Last year, '66, apparently we did interview 15 teachers. This year we are interviewing 29 in Montreal and 28 in Toronto. Last years, if I remember the facts, we had possibly 1 teacher East of Winnipeg. Now, on top of this, we have interviewed 247 school teachers. We only have 140 school teachers all told. Do we have to go that far? Will they come without paying their way? Another thing that makes me wonder is that every teacher is graded. They state, "I am a grade 3 teacher, grade 4, grade 6. I am specialized to a certain grade.".....categorized in other words. You don't change this by visiting. They have a recommendation also from the Department of Education from where they came so I am not running the Department of Education... I don't pretend to and I don't pretend to know more than some of these people do....but it seems to me rather odd... just rather odd...and at this time of the year. Here we have, at this time of the year....I don't know how many applications we have but we have interviewed 250 of them. You would think that possibly we could kick out, by weeding, and interview 140 because you are only going to need 60 anyway by past comparisons. I am only making these remarks because of what comes before the public in their thinking. Possibly we will be looking into this. Maybe the Commissioner will be reporting something back to us later. I think it is customary to go out once more to interview school teachers. We are going to interview 500 of them.

Mr. Commissioner: Only one comment, Mr. Chairman. It is certainly not my understanding...now, I am subject to being corrected on this from my Administrative staff....but it is certainly not my understanding that there is any further interview tours laid on. It is my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that this is done over the Easter Holidays and this is it. Possibly the only reason that I would know of that there would have to be further interviews conducted, or any attempt at this, would be if we wind up in our recruiting program that we are unable to fill certain vacancies...in other words, if we have certain specialized vacancies. This is the only reason that I am aware of. I may say that while the number of teachers that has been interviewed this year appears to be almost double that which have been interviewed the last two years, possibly this is a good thing....that it will give us a better opportunity to be a little bit more selective. In other words, instead of just having one person for an available job, we will have our choice between three and four people. Also, I would suggest that possibly these interviews have been conducted already on the basis of a certain amount of selectivity. In other words, people chosen for interviews do not necessarily represent all applicants in the field and I would say this, Mr. Chairman, that I would be prepared to table another report for Council. I doubt very much that it would be available for this Session but I will certainly see to it that there is one tabled in the fall for Council's comparison as to see what has been the end result of these interviews, where we hired the people,

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Mr. Commissioner continues:
and I think that this is the point in question here as to whether or not in fact we are getting value from the interviews that are carried out in places that are particularly remote from here and beyond the scope of our transportation payment. I would assure Council, Mr. Chairman, that I will table a report indicating just what the end result was of this recruiting program.

Mr. Shaw: There is one question in relation to this, Mr. Chairman. When these interviews are conducted, are there such things as recommendations or references from school boards which have to be presented to the officials from the Yukon who will interview these people? Are there such things as that that are common...teachers leave one place and they get a recommendation or otherwise?

Mr. Commissioner: This is right and this is part of the necessary requirements of the interview.

Mr. Shaw: A further question to this, Mr. Chairman, and I would ask that very strong consideration be given to this and that is in relation to the teachers that go into the high schools such as Dawson, Mayo, Watson Lake, that these teachers have sometimes to teach two or three grades, and I think that a very important part of interviewing persons that will accept these positions is perhaps much more important than interviewing a teacher say for a Whitehorse school where they just have one grade. In other words, it requires, in the smaller schools, a person that has possibly had wider experience in teaching so that they can take over in certain grades more so than a teacher would have to have in a place such as this. For example, they get three teachers that specialize in...I'm using this as an illustration.....in English and we may not have a teacher that specializes in mathematics so that we would...and this has happened...we run into quite some difficulty in specific subjects..that I think that is something that has to be....in other words, we need, in the smaller areas, particularly high school I am referring to...we need teachers that are more versatile than would normally be expected...perhaps that's the word... in their knowledge and in their.....specific subjects.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't see anything very radically wrong with interviewing 247 teachers if you need 30 or 40. It's only a matter of about five interviews for the position required and, quite frequently, even to get an ordinary broken down miner, you interview about 15 or 20 and this is a specialized job so I can't see too much wrong with it. Another thing is, too, is that these teachers have certain times when they congregate in these places for interviews. In other words, I notice in the Ontario Globe and Mail that on certain days at the Royal York Hotel in through the Easter Holidays, the teachers congregate there just as if like there was a big convention...Saskatchewan has got its sign up here and the Yukon over here and B.C. is here and somebody else is over there and this is where they go for interviews. This is the way it is done. I can't see nothing radically wrong with it. If you want a special teacher, then you have to go out and get him. As far as paying the way again - gentlemen, you are going to pay the way. You can bet your bottom dollar on that. You will pay it wherever you hire them and you will pay it to where you bring them. This is the thing that you have got to get into your head that this has got to be because it's the same all through the country....not only here. I got a Halifax paper

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the other day that's advertising for teachers and they will pay the way and if they can pay it in Halifax, well you are going to have to pay it too because this is a thing that has come into being whether it is in teachers or anything in the professional line - I don't care what it is. I know this and we have got to live with it as much as we don't like it but this is the thing I see; and if you need 60 teachers, that means that you interviewed 4.02 interviews for your 60 teachers which is not too much.

All: Clear.

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Mr. Chairman: The next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper No. 77, Proposed Senior Secondary School, Whitehorse. (Reads Sessional Paper No. 77).

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there's a couple of things here, just to kick this discussion off...I am wondering why we need an automotive shop in our Senior Secondary School. We've got a Vocational School over there we can't afford to begin with and it seems that we are starting to duplicate vocational facilities all over the City of Whitehorse and I am wondering.. is this done across Canada....where now when you go to school you have automotive shops and all this sort of thing? If it is, it's sure news to me. There is one thing that I am unalterably opposed to and that is in the recommendations, that is recommendation No. 1 where it states that "the Department of Education, through the Territorial Engineer, enter into discussions with McCarter, Nairne & Partners, Architects & Consulting Engineers, to develop plans".....I see no reason at all why any of these future programmed schools or buildings or anything else, where we require architectural services, that we cannot tender some of this work to somebody else. I don't know what the great attachment is between the Yukon Territorial Government and this McCarter, Nairne & Partners but it sure must be great because it seems every bit of work we have done in the Territory is done by this one architect. I spoke the other day on the fact that sure we are spending lots of money but are we getting value for our dollar. I think it has been pointed out as well that if these fellows can develop us a very, very expensive school, they make more money because they get a percentage of the contracted price as their fee and I don't think this is in the best interest of the people of the Yukon Territory at this stage of our development. There is absolutely no reason that I can see... no logical reason...why the Yukon Territory must have the finest schools in North America, especially since we do, of course, scratch around and look for dollars....this is when we talk taxes and things like this....scratch for dollars to pay for some of these things...and to walk in and blatantly accept such things...why, we don't hear anything about tax dollars there. I think that any architectural work should be tendered to six or eight or ten different architectural groups. I don't imagine the McCarter, Nairne & Partners are the only architects in Canada...the only people that can design a school...and I think that every effort should be made in relation to school construction to try and find something which is modest and yet efficient and of a lasting nature, and, as I say, I am unalterably opposed to tendering this off to McCarter and Nairne again. Look what they did

Mr. Taylor continues:
with our dormitory...the new dormitory facility. They got us a thatched hut Tahitian thing....everything but the palm tree and everybody is going to accept this. I don't accept it and I don't think that Council should either. I think it is wrong. I would like to also...unfortunately our Director of Education is not with us....I think he should be in a discussion such as this...but I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner, is this automotive shop, Mr. Commissioner, is this a normal practice across Canada and, if not, why do we have it here?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, in answer to the last question here, I would not indicate that it is a normal practice across Canada. I would say this to you, Mr. Chairman, that if we are going to offer the full requirements of the British Columbia curriculum and are going to do our utmost to provide the fullest possible curriculum for the students, this is a necessary part of the school, however, if for any reason at all we feel that this should not be possibly part of the curriculum offering, I am sure that the school system is not going to come to a halt due to the fact that this would be deleted, however, further to this, you were talking about possible duplication of facilities as far as an automotive shop in the high school system is concerned and an automotive shop in the trade school is concerned and I have gone into this and I can assure you that this is not a duplication of facilities as far as use is concerned. There is a duplication of facilities. This is absolutely correct, however, from the use point of view, it is not possible to provide the use by the academic school children of the automotive shop in the trade school simply from a time element. I would also tell you that the automotive shops in the trade school are being used daytime and night time...not possibly to their maximum during the day...but I am told that certainly they are being given tremendous use as far as night schools are concerned and I would definitely advise you in this matter that the use of the two facilities for the two streams of education is just not possible as they are just not big enough for them. However, I simply advise you that if we are going to follow the B.C. curriculum and are going to give it the fullest possible exposure, this is a requirement, however, as I pointed out to you, I am sure that the whole system is not going to fall apart if in Council's wisdom they advise me that they would like to see this school constructed without automotive shops...this, I am sure, we can live without. However, the next thing here concerning architects, I do not know what the professional ethics or the routine is concerned with architects and calling tenders for them submitting plans and what have you...I have brought this matter up with the Territorial Engineer, not only as it applies to schools but as it applies to all Territorial construction, and I am expecting to be advised from him very shortly as to what the routine or how the exercise is laid on to secure architectural services on a competitive bid basis.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly like to hear that answer. It comes up every Session and there is always a complaint lodged somewhere around the table about this architectural business and I think it's about time we resolved the problem. I would also like to know, as I state, whether or not.....we have a wood shop...we have a power auto shop...we have metal work shops...electrical shops and automotive shops and so forth...I would like to know just how

Mr. Taylor continues:
important this is to academic education and whether or not, say places like Williams Lake, Dawson Creek and Kimberley, B.C., enjoy these facilities. These are questions I would like to know. Maybe they do. Maybe they don't. I would like answers to these if I could.

Mr. Commissioner: No problem at all, Mr. Chairman. I would be very happy to supply you with answers. I think the main answer is proposed in the requirements of the B.C. curriculum and I can assure you what we are suggesting here is the bare minimum. This can go on off into the land of limbo with so many options and one thing and another, Mr. Chairman, that there is just absolutely no end to it and what we have told you here in paragraph C, I can assure you is factual but I will get further information as Council has requested,"taking into account both the economic and educational considerations, the size and facilities of the proposed senior secondary school have been pared to the bare minimum within which the required programs of the British Columbia curriculum to meet the varying needs of our students can be offered.", and I will certainly be happy to supplement that with further information as the Council has requested.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think I must disagree with Councillor Taylor in respect to this matter of architects. First off, Mr. Chairman, I am not too well acquainted with all the ramifications that are involved in getting architects to do a particular job for you but it does appear that in Government that pretty well everything is put up for tender on the basis of the services that will be provided, or the merchandise that will be provided or what have you, with two exceptions...we do have two sacred cows. We have the architects whom we employ and, of course not as far as the Territorial Government, but the same thing applies to the matter of lawyers in defending people. It seems that they are two that do not come up for tender and it would almost appear that they have some monopoly for some reason. There are many architectural firms that provide good facilities for the children of Canada in the matter of schools and it would appear to me that perhaps this could be investigated, particularly when I see what has been referred to as Tahitian type dwellings for dormitories. I think that the aesthetic part was sort of gone overboard on. There is one question though that I note in the schools we have commercial education. Now, I don't know where that starts and where it stops but one thing I do know for certain, Mr. Chairman, and that is that our schools do provide pretty good commercial foundation, even going into the hinterland up in Dawson City, however, when these students take that and then go to Vocational School if they have qualified at all in their district, then they find that they have to pretty well mark time for two three months on a course that is given in a vocational school. There is no doubt that there is some duplication involved in this and when we have duplication, we do have added expenditures as far as the Government is concerned. We appear to be embarking on a new system that we are going to join to a certain degree the administration of the academic and also the vocational training in the Territory to see that we can get the maximum from both of these. I think that possibly when this comes about that we may find that we can save a great deal of money and still provide the necessary facilities. This new school, for the amount of pupils involved, is a very expensive school - one and a quarter million dollars. Whether it is necessary to spend that amount of money for a school, I don't know. I would just hope that the Commissioner,

Mr. Shaw continues:
as the Chief Administrator, will look at this very hard to see that every dollar we spend we get the practical advantage from it. I note Grade 13 is included in this program and from what I can gather, this Grade 13 is also a question on whether it is advantageous to the student or perhaps some other method could be utilized to take better advantage by having first year University...that has to be considered which might cut down to an extent the necessary requirement of this school although I do quite understand that a classroom is a classroom and if it can't be used for one thing, it can be used for something else, but before we embark on this, I think these questions will need to be answered. Myself, I think that if we need the facilities, we build them. It's just as simple as that, providing we are not duplicating something that isn't necessary. Further to this, this Collins High School, I would hope that in the event we go ahead and build this other school, any of the equipment that will not be required up to Grade 10 can be moved and utilized in this new school rather than purchasing complete equipment for this which sometimes is the case... complete furnishings...and the other is disposed of or put in storage space and that has happened in the past...similar things.

Mr. Boyd: This school is going to be approximately the same size as the school proposed for Porter Creek and I think we are talking about half a million dollars in Porter Creek... now we come along with a million dollars for this one here and I am just concluding in my mind that the Porter Creek one is going to be close to a million dollars too when we get through. I don't think there is any doubt about it. Another question I have in mind is pupils in Grade 11 to 13.. how many of those are likely to be studying to be a mechanic and if there are....well, it strikes me in the first place that most of these pupils would be going on further with their education and are not likely to end up as a mechanic. In the event that they did follow the mechanical line or wanted to, they meet with all the requirements educational wise, of attending the Vocational Training School. Everything is there. So, I am wondering if this is not a duplication in this sense. We pick auto, auto, auto. Everything is mechanic. I can see no reason for it. We don't have a wider scope if we would have talked about....dealing with....setting up in this school a means of studying electronics...how you are going to get a spaceman on the moon by the 12th of....or another month or so or two years away....it would be different. This is a lack of choice in this area. I think....we already have.... this will be three of them if we put one here. We've got one in the Collins and we've got one over there and it doesn't seem quite right to me.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify for Mr. Boyd that the cost, I think, of the proposed Porter Creek school as opposed to the proposed senior secondary school...there is no comparison. The one for Porter Creek is purely an academic and the senior secondary one has many and varied industrial uses, commercial uses and other large areas that have been proposed. I also am concerned about the possible duplication of services. It seems to me that

Mr. Thompson continues:
with the enrollment that we have at this time that it is inconceivable that all of these areas are being taxed to capacity. I would like, as Mr. Boyd has suggested, to see some firm figures as to the number of students that are in each of these specific programs, the ones that are using these various facilities and to what extent of time. Conceivably the Commissioner could tell us or probably the Superintendent of Education or probably the principal of the F. H. Collins school. I think that these are things that we should be aware of and that we should know because there has to be some connection between the amount of facilities you supply, the amount of use that is incurred and the number of people that you are servicing. I think some of these answers might be a little bit more enlightening at this time if we had something on this.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I would be very happy to see that this information is made readily available to Council. I would also say this as a further piece of information for Council. Shop space is at a very great premium at the present time and will continue to be so. We do not provide any shop facilities at the Separate High School. They make use of the shops at the main high school building..the F.H. Collins High School Building...so that the pupil load here indicated in the total of 600 is not correct when it comes to the use of shop facilities. You add to that the enrollment in Christ the King High School as they also use the common shop facilities. I also might say that, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Shaw indicated that possibly it was the architect's dream...the Tahitian village idea....for the proposed hostels. I suggest this to you, Mr. Chairman, that an architect in most instances will draw up and design what he is asked to draw up and design and, in this particular case, this is what the man was asked for so I simply want to clarify point here that it is not the architect's fault when it comes down to a lot of these things, Mr. Chairman. The architect is going to do, literally speaking, what he is told to do so it is just the same as getting legislation drafted, Mr. Chairman. You have to give the draftsman an outline of what you are looking for and this is the same in dealing with architects. They will only produce what they have been indicated as to what you are looking for. I want to mention this so that the architect is not getting blamed for something entirely here.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder, in view of the importance of this, if we could possibly have the Director of Education here this afternoon for discussion on this.

Mr. Commissioner: This is perfectly okay with me, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if he is available this afternoon or not but we can have Mr. Clerk check, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Is Council agreed with this?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I.....

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I just have one question before the Commissioner retires if I am permitted. Could we not embark on a program of functional buildings - buildings that are strictly constructed from the viewpoint of getting the utmost for the space that we are going to get...that we are going to

Mr. Shaw continues:
utilize instead of scattering them all over the country. They may look....terrific appeal as far as art is concerned but I think the important thing is the functional part of the building. The purpose of this building is for teaching children whatever you are going to teach. Perhaps in so doing we can get away with a building that costs us considerably less than having ones scattered all over the country, big drives and porches and all this kind of stuff....I think that we have gone somewhat overboard on this. It's very nice to have visitors come here into the Yukon and say, "Why, they are the most beautiful buildings I have ever seen. It's wonderful. It's wonderful.", but I think the ultimate objective is to impart knowledge to the students and a building that is built expressly for that purpose and nothing else, I think would save us a considerable amount of money.

Mr. Chairman: What was the question?

Mr. Shaw: The question, Mr. Chairman, can we embark on a policy of having buildings that are strictly functional?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there is no problems at all. We can bring in these ready-made buildings that cut the cost down for this school from a million to...I am sure we could do the whole thing for a few hundred thousand dollars. There would be no problems at all. The only thing is, Mr. Chairman, it isn't going to last very long.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think we are going in the extreme by a situation such as that. I did not think that we would bring in a bunch of bunkhouses and pile them one on top of the other at all. We can build a good sound building that utilizes the utmost of space. I think everybody very clearly understands what I am indicating.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I be excused before I get into any more trouble?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you very much, gentlemen. We will endeavour to arrange for Mr. Thompson's attendance.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a recess until two o'clock.

Monday 2:00 p.m.

April 10, 1967.

Mr. Speaker: We will call committee to order. We have with us Mr. Thompson of the Department of Education along with Mr. Commissioner for further discussion of Sessional Paper 77. Would you proceed gentlemen?

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, you are the man who requested Mr. Thompson to be here so I assume you wanted to ask him some questions.

Councillor Southam takes the chair.

Mr. Taylor: There are a lot of questions to be answered and there was one question asked this morning by Councillor Shaw with respect of grades which .....bring up. One question I have to discuss, or direct to Mr. Thompson is the requirement for these, what we call them, commercial courses, or industrial courses, I suppose, to have in our curriculum, - electrical workshops, metal workshops, an automotive shop as proposed for this new senior secondary school, wood shops, etc. And I am wondering, first off, if Mr. Thompson would answer if these type of facilities are desired in the B.C. curriculum as a target for the future or whether in fact these facilities are required in all B.C. schools you know, in population sizes to what is here in the Yukon and would cite Williams Lake, Dawson Creek and Kimberley, B.C., maybe you can inform me if all these three places in British Columbia have these facilities and are they necessary to the B.C. curriculum?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I can answer the first question - are these facilities necessary to the curriculum- by passing out a chart which shows the various streams at the secondary school level and the courses necessary if one wishes to specialize in a particular stream. May I do that Mr. Chairman? (charts distributed).

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, while we are circulating these my first question was, is this essential to the B.C. curriculum ....inaudible.....and is this done extensively throughout the province of British Columbia?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would say that the centres that you have mentioned, that Councillor Taylor has mentioned, Dawson Creek, Kimberley and Williams Lake, would have these facilities. At Williams Lake, as a matter of fact, they are now planning campus type secondary school which would embody all of these facilities.

Mr. Taylor: Here is another question? Why then should we not shut down the Vocational School and put up bunkhouses- why duplicate facilities ...inaudible....

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think when we were talking about student populations of the vocational school and when we were talking about the population of the junior and senior secondary school we were talking about two different student populations. The students who attend the junior and senior secondary school and go right through will graduate, with specialization in a particular program. The students who attend the vocational school may have graduated from a secondary school or may not have. A student can enter the vocational school, the up-grading program, for example, at less than Grade 7 or 8 standing and for most of the other courses the minimum requirements is Grade 10. They can also enter the vocational school with high school or secondary

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Mr. Thompson continues..

schools, and if they have specialized in say the mechanics of the Industrial Program this may cut down on the amount of training required at the Vocational School. Or if they are going to an Apprenticeship program this cuts down on the number of years of apprenticeship by one year. I realize there is a very good question here and that is the question of articulation between the secondary school program and the vocational school program. This is a problem that the Territory, the Education Department will be faced with - it is a problem that the B.C. education authorities are faced with at the present time. and it is one that has not been completely solved but the eventual hope is the time will come when perhaps the minimum requirements for entry into a vocational program will be secondary school graduation. There has been a gradual upgrading of the quality of students entering the vocational school. I think that Mr. Holland will attest to this.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, this year in the prerequisites in the vocational school the minimum grade 10 or equivalent is going to be insisted on and in some instances Grade 11, I believe.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it states here in the breakdown in all these, Academic-technical, Commercial, Industrial and so forth, the requirements to enrol is Grades 9 and 10 completed, including --it has always been my idea that initially you were targeting for academic education rather than vocational education. I may not have the right idea here but is it - another question - in B.C. is this part of their curriculum - is this done in the majority of the provinces?

Mr. Thomspon: Mr. Chairman, I would say that this is the direction the provinces are heading in - I would say that B.C. is perhaps leading the way but in the other provinces this is the direction they are heading. The point is this that let's remember, when a student goes through high school or secondary school, and graduates, he has just not taken vocational training, he has as the chart indicates, he must take English, he must take Social Studies, Guidance, Health, Physical Education, Maths and so on. He doesn't just specialize in trade training. This is the purpose of the vocational school - for trade training only, except for the upgrading program which they offer for students who haven't met minimum requirements. But the big thing in secondary education today is that it is a school for everybody's boy and girl, it isn't just a school for students for those young people who are universit oriented. This was the problem a few years ago in the Yukon and elsewhere in Canada where our secondary schools were actually biased in favour of a certain class, namely, perhaps the reasonably well to do middleclass who were hoping that their children would eventually go on to university, nurses' training school, normal school, etc. But today the secondary school education is a basic requirement of every youngster and consequently you must cater to all needs and all interests. And it is not good enough to offer just an academic program.

Mr. Thompson continues.

In B.C. they expect 20 to 25% of their students to go on to university and suggest that only 25% should be on the academic and technical program.

Mr. Boyd: One point which strikes me, Mr. Chairman, is not so much that we are questioning these studies as indicated. The part that seems to worry me in particular is that we have to have three different places where they can get what seems to be the same type of education. I know you have pointed out that at the vocational training school they are a step ahead of grade 8 school, say. I don't know whether the same could be said for the student in Grade 11, 12 and 13 - would the vocational training school be a step ahead of their so-called mechanical department? It seems to me that we should be able to for instances, take the vocational training school - I can see where we should have everything in one area and it is practically so, where maybe a lower type set-up could be set up under the vocational training roof so that it would take care of everything, one area for all these things rather than three.

Mr. H. Thompson: I am not in a position to answer this question. I know that earlier this year when it was quite evident that the shops we had in the F.H. Collins would not handle the student load next year one of the possibilities we explored was the use of the shop areas in the vocational school and we were told at that time by the vocational school authorities that they could not handle any students from the F.H. Collins school. They were not set up for that. Their shops were taken full-time by their own students.

Mr. Boyd: I appreciate that, but by the same token I know we have, I forget what the figure is, but it is half a million or more possibly to add to the vocational training school. It will probably not take care of any of the subjects that are being taught there now but by the same token it might be taken into consideration to take care of some of the subjects that are going to be taught in Grades 11 to 13- I don't know. Is this being co-ordinated and studied, do you think, or will it be?

Mr. Thompson: It is being studied to the extent of consider- whether or not the vocational school could handle an over- flow of F.H. Collins school in shop courses and as I said, at that time we were told that they can't handle the students. Their shops are taken full-time by their own students.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman: as I say, getting answers like this - for the time being I buy the idea that these services are beneficial to the student in order to get over the curriculum requirement. My next concern, and I'm still concerned with the academic curriculum may be taught.... inaudible..... Now, this brings us down to the plant re- quirement itself. So many rooms have been forecast. I think initially we forecast 6 - 10 rooms if I recall correctly- for this facility, of which four were academic --..... in any event, is this based on the assumption the Department will interest enough parents in outlying areas to fill the school or is this just based on the assumption that there would be a normal growth in Whitehorse to accommodate the children. I know something which I find disturbing --is the Department of Education forwarding a form letter throughout the Territory, not to the parents, but to the students, ask- ing them what kind of facilities they would like at Whitehorse. And I would personally .....inaudible.....but it seems to me it would be an effort to get the children

Mr. Taylor continues.

to convince their parents that they should come to Whitehorse, rather than ....inaudible..... What is the idea here-what is the requirement based on - the normal growth of the City of Whitehorse or the fact that we are going to ..... shut down as much as possible the ....schools outside and bring these people in.....

Mr. Thompson: Let me say this, our Grade 12 class at the Collins school and going back to the Whitehorse high school, has grown five-fold in size in the past ten years. I had the principal of the F.H. Collins School forecast his requirements over the next five years and the school that we envisioned in this space is a school for approximately 300 students in Grades 11, 12 and 13. I don't think that that there is any indication that this growth trend that has taken place in the past is going to decrease insize, if anything it is going to be increased but our forecast of 300-325 students is fairly conservative forecast of the size of this proposed senior secondary school. Now,with regard to where - most of these students are going to come from Whitehorse . If you look at our student enrolment - and I'll give you the enrolment as of the end of February - there had been drop-outs - it will come higher in September. But in Grade 12 we had 54, in Grade 11, 93, Grade 10, 98; Grade 9, 127; Grade 8, 127; in our Occupational program which was in the F.H. Collins school also, 40 students. Now, in our three public schools in Whitehorse we have 165 students in Grade 7. Most of these students will be in Grade 8 next year. So you can see that the growth trend is there and as I have indicated, I don't think the forecast made by the principal is overly optomistic by any means.

Mr. Taylor: What kind of requirements do you preceive in the outlying districts?

Mr. Thompson: Most of our students from outlying districts will come from the smaller centres. There will be a few cases of students from Mayo, Watson Lake and Dawson who will come to Whitehorse to specialize in areas that are not offered in their - courses that are not offered in their local school - for example - if Grade 13 isn't offered in the local school the student would have to come to Whitehorse. That is if that student wishes to take Grade 13 in the Yukon. In our schools in Watson Lake, Dawson and Mayo we we can offer the academic and technical program - we can offer what is called the diploma program - it is on the righthand side of the sheet which was distributed, we can offer the qualifying options in Grades 9 and 10 for the Commercial, Industrial and Community Services program, but we are not in a position at the present time to offer those programs at the senior secondary level, so if a student wants to specialize and graduate on a commercial program , for example, he will have to come to Whitehorse. Or if that student wants to graduate from secondary school on an industrial program the student would have to come to Whitehorse. So for this reason I say there might be a few students coming from these middle-size centres like Dawson, Mayo and Watson Lake. But by and large the students will be coming from centres like Haines Junction, Destruction Bay, Beaver Creek, Teslin and places of this size.

Mr. Thompson continues.

Now I know that reading the Votes and Proceedings, it is the wish of Council that Administration should consider going beyond Grade 8 in these smaller centres where feasible but as I understand the wish of Council this is not to go beyond Grade 10 so students would have to come in to Whitehorse from these smaller centres to enter the senior secondary school.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the curriculum here states that the requirement to enrol in any of these courses is Grades 9 and 10. So, in other words there is no doubt that you could teach up to Grade 9 and 10 in schools in the outlying districts because they wouldn't require these facilities till they hit grade 11.

Mr. Thompson: Well, they must have the qualifying options, Mr. Chairman. If you will read down each one of those columns you will find the qualifying options, for example, if the student wants to enter the Commercial Course by the end of Grade 10 , he must have not only his English and Social Studies and so on, but also typing 9, that is first year typing, plus one of either typing 10, record keeping 9, business fundamentals 10 and shorthand. In the Industrial Program the student must not only have the general, the constant subjects of English, Social Studies and Mathematics plus two of woodworking, metal working and so on.

Mr. Taylor: It states all students ....unaudible.....

Mr. Thompson: Right at the top of each column, Mr. Chairman, ....Commercial requirements to enrol - Grades 9 and 10 completed, including mathematics 9 and 10 or alternate courses, science and general alternate courses, typing 9 and one of typing 10 and record keeping and business fundamentals 10, shorthand 10. These are what are called qualified options- the typing 9 plus one of - those are the two qualifying options necessary for entry into the commercial program at the senior secondary level, and similarly at the Grade 9 and 10 level the qualifying options for entry into the Industrial Program at the Senior Secondary Level are two of woodworking 9, metalwork 9, electricity 9, Power mechanics 9, Graphic Arts 9. If you are trying to prepare your students to enter the non-academic course streams at the senior secondary level you must offer some of these courses in these smaller centres. Otherwise the only stream these students would be eligible to enter would be the academic and technical.

Mr. Taylor: Are any of these courses, can any of these courses be taken by correspondence under teacher's supervision?

Mr. Thompson: Some of these courses could, typing for example could and is being taken, record keeping, commercial courses are somewhat easier to take by correspondence and the industrial course. It is fairly difficult to take woodwork, ...metal work by correspondence you would have to have the shop facilities. A point with regard to correspondence courses is it sounds a simple thing but our experience has been that unless the student is a good student and really buckles down and works he or she doesn't generally finish the course. They are quite tedious, there is a lot of repitition work involved and it is pretty difficult for the average student to put his nose to the grindstone and finish one of these courses. This isn't always the case but

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but all too often it is.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was thinking under the teacher's supervision, as being the difference.

Mr. Thompson: Well, where the students are taking correspondence courses at outlying centres we we have the teachers, or the principal in most cases, keep a close eye on students and try to keep them up to the timetable set out. Sometimes they are successful and sometimes they're not.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, the third question is to .....construction and that is it has been stated that the firm of McCarter, Nairne and Partners, architects, are consulting engineers and appear to do all the building we have built up here and the majority of designing. I raise a question about this. I feel there are many architects who can produce possibly a more modest yet efficient plant and I feel thatthe time has now come when we cease to start handing this thing out ...it would almost appear to be a patronage business. There are lots of architects in the business. I would like to know if there is any reason why the Director of Education should feel that e should not give some other architects a kick at this thing and maybe get a few ideas and submissions from say eight or ten architects and select one. This gives choice, and possibly select a unit which may not cost us $1,098,00 but might cost us 600,000 or something like this. Would this sound reasonable?

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Department of Education doesn't initiate the contact with any arthitectural firm, and I feel that for that reason I would rather not answer the question. I can only say that it isn't the practice with schools such as this, as best I know with School Boards to invite designs from various architectural firms. Whether or not this is possible I don't know.

Mr. Shaw: I have a question to direct to the Commissioner or the Superintendent of Education. All I require is an answer. I'll direct it to the Commissioner and if he cannot answer it possibly the Superintendent of Education can. Due to certain actions of the Department of Education in the matter of sending out form letters there is a tremendous apprehension among the people in Dawson that Grade 11 and 12 may be removed from the curriculum. The last year or so the high school population has dropped to a certain degree, I must agree, but at the present moment due to the influx of a new company we look forward to seeing even more children - children actually themselves have not depleted very much as far as the school attendance is concerned. I wondered, Mr. Chairman, if I could get policy assurance from the Commissioner as to the intention of the Department of Education in teaching the Grades 11 to 12 in the Dawson area, if that is part of the policy of the Department of Education to continue this inasmuch as as long as there are children to go in these grades.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, I can state definitely that there is no intention of diluting the school program in the Dawson City area at the present time. We have no intention of removing Grade 11 or Grade 12 and so long as there are students there who present themselves for these courses it is our intention to continue to teach them. Now, at some day far off in the distant future when we have no pupils for these grades - now this is another matter altogether, Mr. Chairman, after all we cannot keep teachers and a physical facility going if we do not have customers, but there is certainly no intention, and I state this very, very clearly, and very definitely for you. Now, secondly, I want to say something about this notice that has been brought up twice now concerning a request that has been given to the students and whether the request is directed to the students or whether it is directed to the parents, our contact with the parents in the school system is through the students and these notices are a form notice that have been sent out by the Department of Education and we are asking in this form- and I will this form tabled for Council tomorrow morning, as to whether or not in fact the boy or girl in question is going to require dormitory in Whitehorse or literally at any other point in the Territory during the coming school year. Now this is a preliminary investigation on the part of the Department of Education and I would personally consider ourselves very, very remiss in our duties if we were not canvassing the student population point and time to find out in fact how many boys and girls are of necessity going to have to come to Whitehorse for educational purposes next fall. We must do our utmost to make provision for them and I would also advise you, Mr. Chairman, that there are many boys and girls who, irregardless of other factors that are involved in this, that have been brought out here to-day, find it necessary to come to Whitehorse to finish their education, possibly boys and girls who live in real small communities, Stewart Crossing, Pelly River, many, many of these small communities where you simply do not have school facilities, even beyond Grade 8. And they are not liable to have them there for some time to come. Also, we find that there are some boys and girls whose parents wish them to come to Whitehorse-and with this particular form letter I would be happy to have it tabled. It is a very necessary part of our next year's school program. We need to know how many dormitory facilities we will need because you know our dormitory facilities are very limited here in Whitehorse, at the present time. We must try to anticipate as best we can the use that is going to be required of them.

Mr. K. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I asked this morning if Mr. Thompson or the Commissioner could give us some indication as to the number of students in these courses that are making,- that are having available the various classrooms such as your electrical program or - what I was endeavouring to find out was the actual use of these various vocational facilities.

Mr. H. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, in drafting the size of the proposed, or trying to establish the size of the proposed school, I did ask the principal of the school to submit to the Department his requirements, and these were submitted to the Deputy Superintendent of Schools who is in charge of secondary education; I have a copy here of his proposal

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which indicates the courses to be taught and the number of classes and so on. If this would be of any help to you I could pass it around. I don't have specific information as to the number of students in each program and each grade from grades 3 to 13 inclusive. I want tommake it quite clear that students from Grade 8 to 10 inclusive are not on a specific program - I mean we don't have the 11 plus examination situation here whereas a student who is in say grade 8 or 9 has to make a choice and say I'm going to go on the academic program or I'm going to go on the industrial program or the commercial program and so on. In fact students are encouraged, and most students, by the time they complete grade 10 have qualified for at least two and in many cases three programs. So they make their choice after the end of grade 10, not prior to to the completion of this. As I said, I have the papers submitted by the principal showing how he arrived at the various areas that were required.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, the further supplementary information to what Mr. Thompson has here along with him right now - we are requesting his office to make available as quickly as possible so it can be tabled for Council's information.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, in the next day or two we hope to have the courses taught in the Collins School and the number of students in each course.

Mr. Shaw: This piece of paper we have here is a very enlightening document. It points out quite a number of things a person wouldn't normally think of? Are these made available to all students in high schools?

Mr. H. Thompson: Actually, Mr. Chairman, this is the insert that was included in the report card that went home with every student. We simply saved the plate and ran off some extra copies.

Mr. Taylor: I believe, Mr. Commissioner will be departing in a few minutes to meet the Deputy Minister and just before he leaves, I am wondering , pursuing this business of building construction costs and so forth. Will the Commissioner and his administration be giving any consideration to the tendering of this building, this school, to several architects for some ideas and designing costs rather than just offering it to one - McCarter, Nairne and Partners, thereby possibly affecting an economy in our Educational Bill?

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, as I indicated this morning, this is not only a problem, gentlemen, in regard to schools but it applies to all Territorial buildings. Now, I'm not very much up on the ethics or manner of dealing with this type of a thing but I have asked the Territorial Engineer to give me factual information as to how this can be gone about. Now in one or two things that I have looked into in this regard since the last session of Council I find that when you

Mr. Smith continues.

under some circumstances, when you invite design proposals you also have to be prepared to pay the bill for each design. Now, if this is in fact the case, and I have nothing to confirm it or to deny it, if this is in fact the case and we went out and invited say three different firms to submit their proposals, based upon a basic outline such as what we have here - if we had to pay the bill for each one of these submissions, then we would be in some pretty serious financial difficulty. However, I would want Council to know this-that the matter at the present time as to how we can go about getting varied architectural use and get ourselves more choice of so to speak, in building designs and things of this nature without incurring further costs and possible affect on the economy, is being studied at the present time. I will be tabling this information for Council's perusal as soon as it is available to me and I can assure you there is no one any more interested than I am -than feeling that we are exploring the field entirely not only in architectural services but in all other services that we go out and buy on behalf of the Territorial government. I feel that it is taxpayers' money and we must do our utmost to see that we get the most for it, and as soon as I have this information, Mr. Chairman, it will be made available to Council. There is no use of me pretending that I know the inns and outs of this because I simply do not.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, this same question was asked two sessions ago and Mr. K. Baker, the head of the Department answered it and the answers he gave at that time were very sensible as far as that goes and they were along the lines that Mr. Commissioner has just pointed out. However, he pointed out that these people knew the trials and tribulations of buildings in the north and so on. So Mr. Taylor has already had one answer to that question from the Department.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I've had lots of answers since we pursued this subject - I'm talking about effecting economies-getting better deals for our tax dollar in the Territory-that's what we are supposed to be here for. And as a guardian of the taxpayer's money I feel economies can be effected because I would say there must be at least a hundred architectural firms with the experience in building construction - building institutional-type construction in the north and this is what I'm saying-we've cited out one to do the bid-they have the F.H. Collins school and dozens of buildings around which have been designed by this one organization. I feel it is grossly unfair and I feel some of the other architectural people are entitled to an opportunity to provide to us some sort of sketch or design. I don't feel that we should have to pay for this. I think that the architectural fees on this proposal here would be in the line of around $54,000.00 and that is a lot of hay and I really think that for this kind of money- we are talking about this kind of money, and if we can reduce the capital cost of this from a million, or say one million one hundred thousand dollars say, down to six or eight hundred thousand dollars we have effected an economy - provided maybe a little more modest building but strictly, completely useful and functional as far as the Department of Education is concerned and safe and adequate as far as their codes are concerned. This is what I am striving at.

Mr. K. Thompson: I am just wondering, when this subject was first broached there was some discussion or talk about the possibilities of perhaps including an indoor swimming pool in the facilities. I am wondering if this has been dropped or if there has been other consideration taken into the over-all building of this or are we - the reason this comes to mind was because there was some suggestion that the new site of this school would be down in the Lot 19 area - probably where the existing pool was and to build a complex around this, and I am just wondering if this has been dropped or just to what extent, or how far the planning has progressed in this new secondary school.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, the total amount of planning that has been done until now, and I am sure that I am speaking from factual information, is what you see in front of you and I hasten to assure Council that the plans for an indoor swimming pool, if in fact there were any plans for it, have certainly never been approached .. and are totally unknown as far as I am concerned. Maybe we are just simply going to flood the basement from the high water of the Yukon River.

Mr. H. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to add - we have pared this thing down to just the very bare minimum you can get by on and offer the courses that we have to offer at the senior secondary level, even excluding the gymnasium from the school for the time being.

Mr. Watt: I will be brief. There's a couple of comments I would like to make. First of all, maybe I am old-fashioned but it is kind of strange to me that you have your automotive shops and your construction shop in this type of school. I have never seen schools like this outside where you have them together - maybe I am a little old-fashioned. I can visualize some hot-rodder .... up a scooter and going past a lovely library that we are putting in there and this type of .... students - possibly this is the thing that they are doing nowadays - it must be customary so I'm old-fashioned. Another thing, in the past I've heard complaints about our school construction being ahead of our needs and possibly they have been a little bit - just by weeks and months, not by a year or so. If we hadn't been right up to date with our school construction in the past we'd be really looking for schoolrooms this year, particularly after the last couple of fires. I think the Department of Education has been right on the ball and they haven't been over-building. I think that this school is necessary and by the time it is constructed with the development that is taking place in the Whitehorse area and all through the Yukon Territory it may even be outdated before it is even built - if things go ahead as we hope they will. There is one question I would like to ask Mr. Thompson - when he is projecting these figures - from grade 11 to grade 12 and 13, are there any plans for first year university, an arts class being taught? Or are there provisions for it in the next couple of years? Just before I sit down I would like to make one more comment about the swimming pool. I think it would have been a ... inaudible ..... at Porter Creek.....inaudible.....!

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, before the conversation gets any more rough.... may I please be excused?

Mr. Southam: May the Commissioner be excused, gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Smith: Thank you very much, gentlemen, I will be back shortly.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess.

Mr. H. Thompson: The question was: Are there any plans for first year university? Well, actually, Grade 13 is, to be quite technical, not a senior secondary --it is actually first year university A student who has completed Grade 13 and goes to the University of British Columbia goes into second year university. It is the equivalent of first year university. And this is why it is very important that the facilities in which Grade 13 is taught are up to the required standard and that the instructors be very well qualified.

Mr. Watt: When they are writing an exam - grade 13 exam- do these exams come from the university or do they come from the Department of Education.

Mr. Thompson: They come from the Department of Education of British Columbia, but they are accepted by the universities in B.C.

Mr. Watt: Do you foresee the need of, or the need of us having enough students to provide a second year university? Second year Arts class within the next two or three years and would this school be adequate to carry a class of this sort too?

Mr. H. Thompson: In the original draft of the Five Year Agreement there was a provision for a community college or junior college but that was deleted upon first examination by officials in Ottawa.

Mr. Watt: I didn't see that.

Mr. Southam: I will now call recess, gentlemen.

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Commissioner Smith Absent
Councillor Mackinnon Absent

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order. We were discussing Sessional Paper #77. Mr. Shaw, were you speaking on this particular item?

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Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I wonder on this Grade 13 experiment that we have this year, is this turning out very successful or not in relation to...it seems to me last year that nine students we had out of the three thousand we had in the Territory, that nine students does not appear to be too successful. Could we have an opinion from the Superintendent of Education on this?

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, there will be a Sessional Paper presented to Council within the next day or two on the matter of Grade 13 as a reference for advice. I think that rather than say anything at this time, I will just wait until the Sessional Paper comes up.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, that is fine--I will look forward to getting this information tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This gives rise to another question. It is unlikely that the Director of Education would be with us when we discuss this Sessional Paper. I would hope that he could be here to answer any questions we may have in relation to this. Because I certainly have questions I would like to ask as of now in relation to drop outs and why they do drop out...(inaudible)...

Mr. Thompson: The number of drop outs is contained in the Sessional Paper, yes. The whys are not.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask, Mr. Thompson if there is any recommendations that have been made or any studies made on the type of construction of schools in the Yukon Territory since fires. Have there been any study or recommendations or how do our type of construction compare with the same type of building outside. While I am up I would just like to say I don't think this is Mr. Thompson's actual field, but I partly agree with Mr. Taylor that possibly another architect one way or another should be given a change at designing some of these schools. I think that some of these excuses give by the Commissioner are not too valid...(inaudible)...I think these types of buildings that were designed here--I don't think either the Administration or the Council...(inaudible)...something designed and manufactured and visualized by the architect. I think we should seriously consider at least trying the hiring of an archtect for a year. The designing and construction of one building would pay for his wages for two or three years. I would like to ask Mr. Thompson if there are any changes--basic changes like construction materials or anything like that, that have plans or recommendations or have been studies by the Department of Education or do they know of any other...(inaudible).

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I am not aware of any architectural changes that have been suggested by anyone as a result of the fires. I understand that provision has been made in the Estimates to install sprinkler systems in larger schools where there is a sufficient supply of pressure and water, but that is the only thing that I am aware of.

Mr. Watt: Sir, I would like to ask Mr. Thomsson, you don't have to answer this if you don't want to, can you think of anything that--would you like to recommend any type of changes in the construction or anything like that. Do you have anything along that line you could offer as far as the head of this Department is concerned that could help?

Mr. Thompson: No, Mr. Chairman, I don't think that I have any suggestions to make.

Mr. Boyd: It seems to me a rather pointed question as far as--in as much as Mr. Thompson is the Superintendent of Education and he is not an Engineer or anything of such... and doesn't in any way dictate what the requirements are. I think that should come from our own Engineering Section.

Mr. Watt: I would like to straighten Mr. Boyd out. I was not trying to put anybody on the spot, and I made it clear to begin with I thought there might be something academically that could be change or some suggestion along that line that could have been offered.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that there is a Sessional Paper which relates itself to the problem here, I would suggest the matter related to the school in Sessional Paper #77 be deferred until we have had a chance to look at the paper on Grade 13.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I have heard lots of opinion on this matter and I am listening very quietly. I would like to say that I think the plan is a very good one and as far as trying to build a cheaper school, I think at this day and age it is impossible. And, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor, they both spoke of some cheap type of building, something not near so elaborate. Well, I don't think that is a very good plan in this day and age. We must keep up with the rest of Canada. They are not just building scrap heaps in other places. And I would suggest that we keep in mind the Federal Government takes care of these costs on a capital basis. And, if we can get a good school I think it is far more beneficial to everybody in Canada than to say for instance pouring rock into the St. Lawrence Seaway, so I believe that we should go ahead with the plan outlined by the Department and if anything look forward to the future of improving our Educational system. That is all I have to say.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Just to correct the record, I didn't say anything about cheap buildings. But stress should be on function rather than...(inaudible). While I am on my feet, Mr. Chairman, I would like at this time to commend the Department of Education for the good job that they did

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in the transferring of these children around--after we had these two disastrous fires. It must have been a big job and I think that they did very well at it. It is not an easy thing to have to switch things around the way they had to to have all the children going to school, but in most cases they had things straightened up in one day or two days and I think that the--that was indeed quite an accomplishment.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I too would like to add my sentiments to those of Mr. Shaw and congratulate the Department of Education on their excellent rearrangement of classrooms to accommodate the children from Porter Creek and Crestview and also to commend them on their recommendations that they submitted for the rebuilding of the school in that area.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen? Then, may Mr. Thompson be excused at this time?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Mr. Thompson. Mr. Taylor would you take back the chair before I get wound up?

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, this concludes all the available information given to us at this time and I am wondering if we could now proceed to Bill #3.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it would be possible at this time to go back to Sessional Paper #24? SESSIONAL PAPER #24

Mr. Chairman: What is this in reference to?

Mr. MacKinnon: Utilities in the native villages.

Mr. Chairman: We will be going through all these Sessional Papers in review again gentlemen. Do the gentlemen agree to go to--may I proceed? This is Sessional Paper #65. SESSIONAL PAPER #65

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in view of the request made by the Indian Department as to where he would contact the people of the community of the native communities and find out what their wishes are at the present time, well, I have taken upon myself to contact them personally throughout my district. This is Pelly River, Carmacks, Haines Junction and Burwash and I would just like to say for the record that the people there feel very strongly towards this type of utility. And they do not go for the idea of sewer and water in their individual homes. They would much rather have a central utility unit equipped with shower baths and facilities for washing clothes. Also, a place where they can get their water. Now I have just come back from the Indian Department and they informed me that they have a program already for the drilling of wells in these villages this summer, and I believe we should at this time urge the Minister to give consideration to go ahead with these utility and shower facilities. I belive this to be a great benefit for health purposes as well as convenience and more or less giving these people something to work for. I hope that Council see fit to go along with this and possibly we

Mr. MacKinnon continues...

could hear from some other members that have natives in their constituency.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: In the first instance Council have gone along with this in passing a Motion and the Council have gone along with it. There is no need to go any further in this regard, and I think it is up to the member to go and advise Indian Affairs that some of constituents, the native constituents, desire this facility, have them go out and make an assessment of this. Council have gone along with this. That is the way it is done down my way.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes , Mr. Chairman, I believe Mr. Taylor has got me wrong there. I was just wondering if he has talked to any of the Indian people in his District and if their wishes are to have a utility room in a central locality or do they go more for the sewer/water as was proposed by the Indian Department at one time instead of the central utilities.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, down our way wells have been provided and the natives are happy as a clan;until Indian Affairs come and tell them they are going to have a utility system, they have made no requests.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, Council has agreed with Councillor Mackinnon's Motion and I don't know whether they need a bath house or whether they want to have a bath in their home or whether they want a communal bath house. But, it is certainly agreed it is a good thing for all people to have bath tubs and...(inaudible)...this particular Motion might have been open here.

Mr. MacKiinon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am just pointing out that in my District the native people have reached a decision and if they haven't in your area, well, then I would say they are a little backward to mine.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would ask the honourable member from Carmacks-Kluane what the native people themselves are willing to contribute towards this program for their own benefit?

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that this is a little bit out of our jurisdiction and I am sure they will contribute as they always do and possibly they will build the house to house these facilities. There is every indication at our public meeting in Burwash that this was their plan and I believe if we could give a little concurrence from the other members that the Minister would see fit to make this program right at once and not wait until next fall and then it is too late. I have just pointed out here that Indian people themselves have reached a decision. Well, I say they have reached a decision. You don't want to come back here next fall if they do happen to get back here and find out this is as far as it went. They turn around and tell us they don't know if they have reached a decision or not, so I think it is our duty to go to these people and help them make their decision and not just wait. They have never seen this Sessional Paper. They possibly don't know that this is a question. This is the point, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, if it is any consolation, Council have agreed and you will find a Motion agreedng to it in the first paragraph of the Sessional Paper and there is nothing further required there. The rest of it is in the hands of the Department of Indian Affairs in which we have no control, and we can only hope the Indian agent in that Department will give the brief to the people of the Carmacks-Kluane District for providing these facilities and we can only hope that possibly the natives themselves might participate in the capital operation.

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Mr. Watt: I would like to say that I don't see the member from Watson Lake ...(inaudible)... from the natives down there saying that they should participate in the capital cost of anything down there, including the street lights or anything else. I think considerable reflection of policy that this deal that the makers of this particular Motion which did help a little bit. I am glad most of the Council went along with it and it did help a little bit. And, I described the situation we had here in Whitehorse which improved a little bit after pressure was put on from the Territorial Council, although it is in Indian Affairs we have to seem to put the pressure on here so it has any effect and this is the only thing that seems to stir the Department of Indian Affairs to any extent at all. Now we ...(inaudible)... Whitehorse reserve for people walking down to the end of the clay bank, the edge of the clay bank, and take any one of you, one minute to look into that creek that they are getting their water out of and they would almost throw up. It looks more like sewer than anything else that runs from the bottom of Two-Mile hill and runs to the clay bank or the tar pit that they have been trying to burn for years and then on down towards the river. And there is long green stuff hanging on to twigs and stuff in the creek and people were walking from a well that the Indian Department had put in because the water was so swampy that that it was better in the creek at least where ...(inaudible)...even if it was a little bit slimey. And, why do these things turn up? Because we have a Bill every year that comes along in our Budget on a half a million dollars concerning health, Yukon Health Service, and we pay this. And, I think that Mr. MacKinnon has a pretty good suggestion and I think that the Department of Indian Affairs have fallen short in providing a pretty good facility. After we first brought this up in Council the following year they provided a bit of a pump tap down at the Whitehorse Indian Reserve and in the winter time the water drips out of the spout and everything else so that there is a mound of ice about three feet high and if you can get close to the pump without falling you had to be an acrobat. And, I think that although this is largely Federal jurisdiction I think it is one of the fields in which Territorial Government could far better do this job for far less as we are close the the situation and close to the people here and we see the position and they belong they are residents of the Yukon Territory and we have some responsibility towards them whether they are natives or anything else. And I think that Mr. MacKinnon has a good suggestion and I am not too satisfied with the answer we have been getting in respect to this.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I am not too satisfied with the answers that I see in relation to the problems in the Yukon Territory, either, but never the less, all we can do, we have made our point, it is down on record,

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Mr. Taylor continues...

there is a Motion outstanding that this be done. To do anything further along this line would be redundant. And, there are many things wrong with Indian Affairs and I wonder if the honourable member is aware of the infant mortality rate in the Whitehorse Indian village in the new government housing . We have got many other things we should be doing to help these people which have much priority over programs such as this. However, in their wisdom. Indian Affairs have stated that these people want this, they will provide them. I think that this in itself is sufficient for me. I can't see what the gripe is about.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, the Indian Department is stating that they are not sure that they will act when the native people reach a decision. Now, are they going to go and ask them to make a decision. Do they want this facility or don't they, and I think this is the particular point and for no other reason did I ask you to turn back to this Sessional Paper other than to point this particular item out. Unfortunately, I was not here when the Paper came up the last time or the first time. And, so I believe it would be of great benefit for every native community or village to have this type of facility. A place to wash their cloths and a place to take their shower. This would be a start and so, I just wish instead of getting arguments we would get a little support and urge the Minister to dig up some funds for this particular type of utility service.

Mr. Shaw: I agree with Councillor MacKinnon that we should endeavour to get this particular shower. As my father used to say to me cleanliness is next to Godliness by all mean. However, as Councillor Watt has just stated it is quite a job to stir up the Indian Department or to stir the Indian Department. I agree, for over two years I have been trying to get a type of co-operative assigned to Old Crow and I can't get ...(inaudible)...Motion and we get answers such as this that really is somewhat negative and that is what we seem to have to put up with. So far as trying to Stir up the Indian Department it is just like trying to stir water in a collander. That is just about how effective it seems to be. I agree with the Motion. I don't know what further we can do with it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe the supreme eye, war cloud chief, the great white eagle is going to be having coffee with us here at 4:30 this afternoon. And, possibly the members could go and ask him because he is in charge of the whole cabottle.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Well, it seems to me a way back I seconded this Motion. Now, I won't bother telling you my opinion of Indian Affairs because I think you already know it. It seems to me that this is one of the smallest things we could do is to try to bring this about and I don't think it is too much to ask. Now, I haven't gone to the same trouble Councillor MacKinnon has gone to for his Territory, but do not these Indians get councillors in each part of the country--it would be a simple matter for the Department of Indian Affairs...or not I am perfectly in agreement and I think this is something that should be. Now, I sa' some

Mr. Southam continues...



of the houses that they took in Mayo and when you have a look at some of the ground that they picked to build the houses on, I don't think they should live in the places. I don't think so, and I am not going behind anybody's back to say it. There is a swamp where they get the backwash from the both rivers and I don't know to me I don't understand them. I just don't understand them. That's all. And when you go to ask them something, you can never get an answer. They go around in all kinds of shapes and forms to evade you. So, while I don't know what is the answer to this thing right here, it certainly has my support and I will support it all the way. And, I think Council Taylor has something too. Let us ask his Lordship what he is going to do about it when he gets here this afternoon. After all, if he is in charge of it, he is the guy that should be able to give us an answer of some kind. Now, I listen to the radio quite frequently, and I listen to the Honourable Arthur Laing and he says my brothers this and my brothers that, but what does he do. Well, he is doing to this and he is going to do that for the Indians, but what does he do. They are doing it in other provinces. I haven't seen anything in the Yukon. They are doing it in the Northwest Territories to a certain extent. But I haven't seen anything around here yet. You listen to him on the radio. It is is education in itself.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, is there anything further?

Mr. Boyd: May I ask Councillor MacKinnon a question. He said that...Department of Indian Affairs downstairs a few minutes ago. And he said they are also thinking about drilling wells in these communities you mention. Are there no wells there now?

Mr. MacKinnon: No, Mr. Boyd, there is at Haines Junction there is actually nothing. At Pelly River there is no well. They plan for instance to drill two wells in the village of Pelly this summer, and whether or not this is feasible it is not up to me to say. But, I believe that we should urge this program to be a little more extensive and instead of just putting a well there like Mr. Watt just explained to us to freeze up during the winter. It should be housed and along with the necessary facilities. It is not going to cost very much money and it would be a great benefit. You take for instance at Burwash. These people go down and chop a hole in the ice to get their water. Well, as some of you might be aware during the winter where the water is shallow it will freeze out for a quarter of a mile so that means the people pack their water for more than two miles. So, I would just like to see this particular extension and for the Minister to get ...(inaudible).

Mr. Boyd: Mr. MacKinnon pointed out he has contacted the people concerned and they have stated their position. That is as far as it has gone and it would seem to me with respect the present suggestion from Mr. MacKinnon, he should I would think get it in writing of what has transpired and submit it to the Department of Indian Affairs and get them to let you know where we go, the Motion in itself is quite sufficient. It has been passed and it is just a case of putting the Department of Indian

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Mr. Boyd continues...

Affairs shall we say...but unless there is something in writing to force them they will go along with a willy nilly deal there. I presume the digging of the well or digging of the whatever the case may be a result of this Motion. But the thing now to get to them is the Indians do want this communal washing and I think we should have it in writing.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I will go to that extent in my district. And, I hope the other members will do the same thing. I think this would really push things along. I would like to ask Mr. Boyd a question, As to what water supply the Indian village has at Carcross.

Mr. Boyd: They have the usuall, a river. It is quite shallow and, they walk out for some distance to get it.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, are you clear on this item.

All: Clear

BILL #3

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, we will proceed to Bill #3. I will proceed with the reading of the Bill. (Reads Bill #3 in connection with an Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance.) Mr. Legal Advisor, I wonder if you could give us an explanation.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, the present 34 wants to read "has in his hands any public money applicable to any performance". Now, you will see we are putting in the word any purpose, and then the rest of it goes on "and has not duly applied it". One of those small errors that crept in in 1958 and hasn't caused anybody to lose any sleep over the years but began to annoy somebody so they thought it would be a good thing to change.

MOTION RE BILL #3

Mr. Boyd: It seems quite simple and beyond any discussion. I would move that Bill #3, an Ordinance to Amend the Fianancial Administration Ordinance be passed out of Committe without amendment.

Mr. Southam: I will second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #3 be reported out of Committee without amendment. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary? I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #4

Mr. Chairman: The next Bill, gentlemen, is Bill #4, an Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance. (Reads Bill #4).

Mr. Boyd: Does this mean that your taxes fall due on the first day of April and if they are not paid, 6% of the tax will be added? I would like to ask the Legal Advisor a question. Does he owe the money in the first place, can you do it, is it the Bill as such. I am thinking of the electric lights company. If you didn't pay your bill by a certain day you were charged more. You didn't burn any

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more lights, it was just a penalty. But, it proves it seems to have had some bad taste and after it was looked into possibly action threatened and they decided you didn't have to pay this penalty. If you didn't pay your light bill, the lights were cut off. They didn't charge you fifty cents or five dollars because you didn't pay it on the second day. Would this fall in the same category, Mr. Legal Advisor, honestly?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, no, you are dealing here with legislation and it is legislation which should not be ...by Council. So if you pass this then a penalty can be imposed. In the case of a private contract however, in the absence of statutory support it quite often happens that a penalty is open to effect. A penalty on a contract. You cannot insist on a penalty as such although you may provide for liquidated damages, you may achieve the same result by giving it a different name. By in connection with this piece of legislation, Mr. Chairman, may I with respect suggest that the Administration be represented on this. I have in mind subject to the views of the Commissioner the presence of the Territorial Treasurer because I say quite frankly I am not certain what year we are speaking of. Because, this business of levying taxes in one year and then we suddenly find that we are in another year it is a matter which engages the attention of the Treasurer and with respect I think he could make a bigger contribution to the discussion of this particular item than I can.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, could we in view of the time factor, it is now quarter after four, we have business there, could we perhaps leave this in abeyance until we see fit to ask the Treasurer...(inaudible)...discussion for this time on hand.

Mr. Chairman: Possible tomorrow we could discuss this matter as soon as Mr. Treasurer is available with your concurrence. I would now entertain a Motion gentlemen that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Boyd: I will second that.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Southam and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of the Committee. Are you agreed, any contrary, I will declare the Motion carried.

MOTION RE SPEAKER RESUME CHAIR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will now call this Council back to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:20 a.m. this morning to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers and Motions. The Committee first dealt with Sessional Papers with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 2:00 pm

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with Mr. Thompson in attendance to discuss matters related to Sessional Paper #77. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #3 be reported out of Committee without amendment and this Motion was carried. It was also moved by Councillor Southam and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committee and this Motion was also carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. You have heard the Report of the Chairman of Committee. Are you agreed to the report? Well, gentlemen, we have the agenda for tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, we have now concluded all Sessional papers available to us at this particular time and are proceeding with Bills. No doubt tomorrow morning we will have more Sessional Papers and possibly Bills. I would suggest Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed that tomorrow we shall have Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers on, the Motions on the agenda?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: I would move Mr. Speaker that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that Mr. Speaker.

MOTION RE COMMITTEE ADJOURNED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that we call it five o'clock at this time. Are you read for questions? Are you agreed with the Motion? Are there any contrary? The Motion is carried and this Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Councillors Watt and MacKinnon were absent.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any correspondence this morning?

Mr. Clerk: I have none, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any Reports of Committees?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would rise at this time to draw the attention of the Speaker and Members to the presence in the public gallery of two members of the pilot project.... Local Improvement District in Watson Lake. This is a new project and I think all Members will recall when we created the legislation creating Improvement Districts. We have two Members here today, Mr. Bob Stubenberg and Mr. Rudy Couture. I am sure all Members would wish to meet them at the next recess.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. We are certainly very pleased to have them here and to see that the institution of this first new form of Government, we are very happy to see it started and to welcome these gentlemen here at this time. Gentlemen, we have two Bills this morning to introduce, namely No. 10 and No. 11.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 10, An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance, be introduced at this time. BILL #10 INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. 11, An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum not Exceeding Six Million Dollars from the Government of Canada and to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an Agreement Relating Thereto, be introduced at this time. BILL #11 INTRODUCED

MOTION CARRIED MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, we will proceed to Orders of the Day. Have we any Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers? We have under Motions, Motion No. 6, Mr. Watt. He is not here. Motion No. 8, Mr. MacKinnon; Motion No. 9, Mr. MacKinnon; and Motion No. 10, Mr. MacKinnon. Neither of the gentlemen are here at the time. We will now proceed to questions. Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I have one question pertaining to refund of tax. This will be a written question and I would prefer a written answer.

Mr. Speaker: Have you the paper, Mr. Thompson...the question made?

Mr. Thompson: No, I haven't written it out, Mr. Speaker. Does it have to be written out?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, if it's a written question, it has to be produced.

Mr. Thompson: I will have to forego it this morning.

Councillors Watt and MacKinnon enter the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to ask. Would it be possible or have you done anything about getting another speaker over here some place? I notice in the Votes and Proceedings...you carry on with a conversation.. like now, I am talking towards you. The closest mike is over here and all I get on the Votes and Proceedings is "(inaudible)" whenever I am talking towards you. Now, in the old Chamber we had an every directional mike sitting right in front here which caught the Speaker. It caught everybody that was speaking that way. When we first sat in this Council Chamber, we were talking about the poor acoustics...the possibility of a speaker behind the gallery there. Nothing has been done about it. Could you proceed to take some further steps in this direction, Mr. Speaker? Could you look into this on our behalf?

Mr. Speaker: I certainly will, Mr. Watt. I am surprised to hear that such is the case as you have outlined. Usually you speak very clearly and forcefully and it can be heard over most of the Chamber. It's hard to understand how your speeches are inaudible. I will look into the matter and do the best I can. Have we any further questions? If not, we will proceed to Public Bills and Orders. We have No. 3... Bill No. 3....for Third Reading. What is your pleasure?

THIRD READING BILL #3 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, be given Third Reading at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

TITLE BILL #3 ACCEPTED MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the title to Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, be accepted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

BILL #3 PASSED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Bill No. 3, An Ordinance to Amend the Financial Administration Ordinance, has passed this House. That completes the Daily Routine and Orders of the Day. What is your pleasure at this time?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Taylor: Gentlemen, this morning we will be discussing Bill No. 4, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance. I wonder, Mr. Clerk, if you could see if the witnesses will be available. I believe we need Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Commissioner. I will declare a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee to order. In view of the fact we have no one here to discuss Bill No. 4 with, we will proceed with the reading of Bill No. 5, An Ordinance Respecting Cemeteries and Burial Sites. (Reads Bill No. 5). BILL #5

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I note in section 6...we have two subsections involved in this particular section as to who may erect a marker on a grave. Here we have a relative of a person or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police without having first obtained permission from the Commissioner. It would appear to me that included in this particular section should be a subsection which permits, without having the trouble of getting permission...some Order or Lodges that bury one of their Members. Quite frequently, there are no known relatives and the Lodge itself erects a marker on the grave. I would feel, Mr. Chairman, that there should be a subsection that includes this category and it possibly would save a great deal of letter writing. I note, Mr. Chairman, that we have the Commissioner with us in the public gallery.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner, would you care to join us in Committee at this time?

Commissioner Smith enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Commissioner: Good morning, gentlemen. My apologies for my late arrival this morning, Mr. Chairman. I am getting the Forestry Conference under way and also the Corrections Institution Training Program and that is why I was late this morning.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner, we are dealing at the present time with Bill No. 5, respecting Burial Sites.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Chairman, I heartily agree with Councillor Shaw. Speaking for the Royal Canadian Legion now, it is quite frequently that we have to bury people. In the last two years in Mayo, we have buried three veterans that have no known relatives whatever and we have erected the footstones on the grave and done whatever was necessary. This again...I agree with Mr. Shaw. I think there should be a subsection to control this sort of thing. That's all I have to say about it.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, is it your wish that this Bill be deferred until we have the Legal Advisor available to draft this proposed Amendment?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, to expedite the matter... unless there are any other matters...I don't see anything further in relation to this that I would have any objections to and, if necessary, I would make a Motion that a subsection be included in this to cover what we have discussed. I think the Legal Advisor upon his return could refer to the minutes and it will very clearly outline what we wanted to have and an amendment could then be brought forth and we could attend to it at that time and defer this until this is completed, Mr. Chairman. If necessary....I think it should be....I think we should have a Motion to this effect.

BILL #5

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, might I ask if the subject at hand could be dealt with under Regulations?

Mr. Chairman: I don't know....Mr. Commissioner, it would appear that the Ordinance is pretty specific and I think this is the type of thing that should be provided for in the Ordinance itself rather than trying to correct it.

Mr. Commissioner: Might I ask, Mr. Chairman, just what is the point that Council.....

Mr. Shaw: I will read this. It says, "No person shall, without the written permission of the Commissioner, erect any marker, monument, sign, or notice on any burial site unless he is"....and there are only two persons...so that these Lodges that bury Members of their Order....if they have to write a letter every time that they want to bury one of their Members...it seems to me that it is an unnecessary amount of paper work. It has been going on in the past and certainly it is good. It is something that these Orders will do their utmost to see that their Members are buried in all decency and it should hardly be necessary that they have to get written permission to do an act such as that.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, do I take it that you wish to have a section here that enumerates the particular organizations who will have this privilege or would you describe them in a general manner? How would you propose to deal with this, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would propose to deal with it... now, the phrasing would be the Legal Advisor's, but I would say bona fide fraternal or lodge organizations such as the Legion and so forth. If you define them all, it might be getting a little bit too deep into it, but bona fide organizations should be able to have that privilege. I don't think that they should have to go and ask permission to put on a headstone. That is what we are asking them to do. Certainly, anyone has to ask permission to bury in any public cemetery but a headstone....of the Masonic Order, or the Odd Fellows, the Kiwanis, whatever it is....I can't see that.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, if we added after (a) a relative of a person whose body is buried therein; or "a recognized fraternity organization"...would that not suffice?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't specify it. I think this is something for the Legal Advisor to do. If we said a "fraternal organization", perhaps that would not include the Legion. I don't know. I felt that the Legal Advisor could read the minutes and come up with something that would fit the occasion.

MOTION RE CEMETERIES ORDINANCE

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Southam, that provision be made in section 6 of the Cemeteries Ordinance to permit fraternal organizations and the like to erect markers, etc.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner, do you know whether you could enlighten us on Bill No. 4, the Taxation Ordinance?

Mr. Commissioner: This was a subject that was brought up last fall at the Council Session, Mr. Chairman, and the principle of it was discussed and assented to and this is the end result of Council's discussion at this time. It is the proposed Ordinance here to amend the Taxation Ordinance to provide for the levying of penalties on unpaid taxes. BILL #4

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I haven't the Ordinance of last year's discussions. Was this where there seemed to be some doubt that these penalties would go on year after year and this is establishing where the penalty is only applicable in the first year?

Mr. Commissioner: There was discussion on both these lines at that time, Mr. Chairman, and the big question was as to what the amount of the penalty was to be and when it was to be levied because it was pointed out to Council at that time that the manner in which the penalties are presently levied and at the time that they are levied under the present Taxation Ordinance, it is not conducive or it does not add any benefit to people to pay their taxes on time. In other words, the price of money for them to....to use the Territorial Government's money is cheaper than what it is if they were to go to the bank and get it so, as a consequence, it is to their advantage not to pay their taxes on time. This is what this is designed to bring about. I believe at the time that Councillor Watt had some thoughts about the percentage that was being suggested here and also, I believe, there were some other thoughts about possibly raising this percentage charge even higher. The Bill that we have before you here was the concensus, as we interpreted it from Council's discussions at the Fall Session.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, under the present Ordinance, you have a tax levied and if you pay it before a certain date, you get a bonus...a certain percentage off. Is that not right, Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, this applies in the Municipalities but I can't verify the fact that it applies in the Territory, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Watt: My argument is that I know that it applies in the Municipalities and I was under the impression that it applied outside the Municipalities and this, in effect, would make a difference of 12% whereas before, you were being taxed and if you paid before a certain date, you were given a bonus of 6% for paying promptly. Now you are adding a penalty of 6% which makes a difference of 12% which is quite an increase in taxes. This is actually increasing taxes by 6% without doing it through the back door.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, my interpretation of this is that if you pay your taxes ahead of time, you get a 5% reduction. If you do not pay your taxes on time, it costs you 6% penalty for the first year plus 6% interest. If you don't pay your taxes for six months, say, you will have a total of 7% to pay which is ½% per month for two months, plus a penalty of 6%. In other words it would cost you 7% in two months, 8% in four months and so forth until you got to six months when at the end of six months, you would pay 12%, but from there on, it would be a straight 6% interest. That is my

BILL #4 Mr. Shaw continues:
interpretation of that. I don't know....I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Clerk has also, being a member of the assessing division, if he could say whether my interpretation is correct or not.

Mr. Clerk: I didn't hear Councillor's Shaw whole interpretation, however, I would like to point out that our Department only does assessments. We do not do the collections.

Mr. Chairman: I believe this is a matter for Mr. Treasurer, but he's tied up at the moment.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I think section 58 here, and this is basically what the discussion centered around at the Fall Session, "that all real property taxes levied in and for any year shall be deemed to have been imposed and be due and payable on the first day of April of that year." In other words, let's take the year 1967. In other words, we are going to levy property taxes for this year and they are to be imposed and to be due and payable on the first day of April in 1967.....April 1st...and we will say the tax bill that we are talking about is $100.00. The next thing that is to be inserted in here is the suggestion that you have before you...a penalty in the amount of 6% of taxes remaining unpaid after the 1st day of April in which such taxes are levied as due and payable on the 2nd day of April in such year. Now, the way that I would interpret this is that the penalty will be applied on the 2nd day of April. The next section here, section 3..."all taxes remaining unpaid after the 30th day of April on which taxes are levied shall bear interest from that date at the rate of 6% per annum. Now, I think this is what you were trying to overcome here, gentlemen, is this particular aspect of this thing here whereby people can have the use of their money for one year for 6% and this is exactly what you are trying to correct here. You are simply going to place a penalty on them for use of this money. You are not going to give them a benefit.

Mr. Watt: In conjunction with that and here's a Tax Notice, March 31, 1966. At the bottom of it, it says, "A discount of 5% will be allowed on current tax paid on or before March 31st." In other words, you are making a difference of 11%.

Mr. Commissioner: No. No. Mr. Chairman, this is not correct. This is 6% per annum we are talking about or ½ of 1% a month. In other words, if a person pays their taxes prior to the 31st of March, you are going to give them 5%. In other words, they are going to pay $95.00. Now, as of the first of April, they are going to pay $100.00. Okay, they wait until April 30. They are going to pay ½ of 1% penalty. In other words, they are going to pay 50 cents.....$100.50. At the end of May, they are going to pay $101.00. Mr. Thompson here is an Accountant. He can verify what I am trying to say here. Is this correct, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Thompson: So far.

Mr. Watt: It states here, "A penalty in an amount equal to six per cent of taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of April".....after the first day of April is after the first day of April.....6%.....per annum...."in the year in which such taxes are levied is due and payable on the second day of April in such year". One more point I would like to make.

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Possibly the Commissioner can verify this. The Territorial Government can borrow from the Federal Government a lot cheaper than you or I can borrow from the Bank. Here we are financing the Territorial Government ahead of time with the interest we have to borrow from the Bank. What do we pay now to borrow from the Federal Government? It's a lot cheaper than I can borrow at the Bank.

Mr. Shaw: There is one point though. You are not...you have the 5% of a premium for up to the 31st of March. On the 1st day of April, it is even break. On the 2nd day of April, you get the penalty and the interest and it would appear to me that, to be reasonable and make this work at all, that this should go, before the penalty comes on.... we'll say the 30th day of April....would give a month that it would be at par you might say...or before the 30th of April, it would be par. As it is, you have it on the 2nd day of April....well, there's no line in between. There's not a cushion we may say and I think the Municipalities do have this cushion. I think that is very necessary...and that the penalty does not commence until the 30th day of April would appear to be much more practical to put into operation.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, you will have to leave this with me then because we have certainly misinterpreted what Council's wishes were after the discussions here in the Fall Session. If it would suit Council's wishes, I will have the extracts of the Votes and Proceedings that we used in order to construct this particular Amendment and the interpretation we put forth on this.....I will have this available for Council first thing tomorrow morning, Mr. Chairman, so that at that point of time they can decide as to whether or not what their discussions have led to here last fall is still their wishes at this particular time.

Mr. Chairman: Are you gentlemen agreed?

Mr. Boyd: No. I don't know how Mr. Smith really knows what we want yet. I know what Mr. Shaw suggests sounds reasonable but I think that Mr. Watt is somewhat confused, but if you owe $100.00 on April 1st, you automatically on April 2nd owe $106.00 the way this reads and you start to pay interest at 6%. I don't know whether you pay the interest at 6% on the $100.00 or whether you pay it on the penalty as well. That's a questionable point, but certainly Council did conclude at the last Session that it was cheaper to use Territorial Government money that was due us and pay the interest than it was to go and borrow it at the Bank and this is the very point we are getting at, but I would like to see a fifteen day leeway....I don't care....I'm not going to argue about it if you want to make it thirty, but I think fifteen days is ample before the penalty is arrived at.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out to Mr. Boyd that on the tax notice it says "a discount of 5% will be allowed on current tax paid". In other words, if you owe $100.00 on March 31st, you go in and pay them $95.00 and you've settled up for that $100.00. With this new Ordinance, another 6% is added. So, you go and pay $106.00, a difference of $11.00 on a $100.00 bill. Now, this is pretty expensive money. I asked the Commissioner a while ago what

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Mr. Watt continues:
we borrow money from Ottawa for. What we in effect are doing...the individuals in the Territory are mortgaging their own property and everything else, borrowing money, or using their own money, to finance the operation of the Territory for the coming year. I am using this land here and I am not paying taxes for it while I am using it. I pay taxes nine months ahead, from April to the following year. Now, you are asking me to pay taxes before I even get to use it. That's like paying for a meal before you get it and then paying interest on it. This is what I object to. I think the Territory is in a position to borrow cheaper than the individual in the Yukon is. What do we borrow at, Mr. Commissioner, from Ottawa?

Mr. Commissioner: I am sorry but I can't tell you exactly what the rate is but I do believe that whatever the prime rate is plus a small Territory handling charge is what is charged the Territory. I am sorry but I can't tell you exactly what it is but I will certainly have this available when I have the further information concerning this particular suggested Amendment and I would be very happy to supply it. I bring this to your attention, gentlemen, that we have simply endeavoured to interpret the wishes of Council here and it would appear to me that possibly we have to get up some further information in connection with this to let you see what we did to construct this and at that point Council can pass judgement as to whether we have constructed it as per their wishes or whether they wish to make changes.

Mr. Chairman: I wonder if Mr. Treasurer would be available after recess.

Mr. Commissioner: I won't promise it but we will certainly see what we can do for you, Mr. Chairman. I am very sorry that Mr. Legal Advisor is ill. He is the proper man for this but we will do our very utmost to get Council the proper information so they can properly assess it.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: I will declare a short recess.

Mr. Chairman: I will call Committee back to order. We are discussing Bill No. 4, An Ordinance to Amend the Taxation Ordinance. We have with us Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Legal Advisor at this time. Would you proceed with your questions, please. BILL #4

Mr. Shaw: This is more or less to inform Mr. MacKenzie. We have Bill No. 4 in which it appears that the taxpayer will receive a 5% discount up to the 31st of March on the current year's taxes. On the 1st of March, it will be at par. On the 2nd of March, it will carry a penalty of 6% and it would appear that this would be practically impossible to administrate. For example, if this happened to come on a weekend, the 1st or 2nd, there would be quite some difficulty in assuming whether this should get a rebate or should carry a penalty or should it be at par. In other words, it seems almost impractical to be able to put into being by having just one day in which these taxes can be paid at par. It would appear that it would require at least we will say from the 1st of April to the 30th of April that this could be paid at par in order that it could be made workable at all. That appears to be one of the problems in this particular section in this new proposed Ordinance. Have you seen that, Mr. MacKenzie?

Mr. MacKenzie: No, Mr. Chairman, I have not. (Mr. Shaw shows Mr. MacKenzie the proposed Ordinance). May I ask what the particular question is?

Mr. Shaw: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The particular question is that...there are many questions but the point is...do you think that it would be possible to administrate something like this when you have one day at par?

Mr. MacKenzie: My impression, Mr. Chairman, is that we have a month at par. We have a month at discount. We have a month at par and then we start imposing penalties. There are two penalties. One is a lump sum of 6%. The other is the 6% per annum....½ of 1% per month. What we are trying to do is to get back to the arrangement that was in force prior to the Amendment of the Taxation Ordinance in, I think, '59.

Mr. Watt: Could I ask Mr. MacKenzie....what rate do we borrow money from the Federal Government at now?

Mr. MacKenzie: The present rate, I believe, is 5 7/8...in that region. The exact rate would vary according to the day. It could be more. It could be less. It depends on the money market which is quite outside our control. I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, concerning Councillor Shaw's question, that this matter be left with me, please, to look into to verify the date that is mentioned in the suggested Amendment.

Mr. Shaw: Just one question, Mr. Chairman. The taxes are due and payable on the 31st of March...is that correct?

Mr. MacKenzie: I think it is the 1st of April in fact - not the 31st of March.

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Mr. Shaw: Well, these are levied on the 2nd day of April. That is the point.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could I suggest that Mr. Legal Advisor might have a word that would be helpful to Council in this particular matter.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, section 58(1) provides that all real property taxes levied in and for any year should be deemed to have been imposed and to be due and payable on the 1st day of April each year, but this (2a) is speaking of the penalty becoming exigible on the 2nd of April, not the taxes becoming payable. The taxes are still payable and due on the 1st of April so you have one day, unless you take advantage of the discount period in March, which you could do....the present section 58(2), you have one day at par shall we call it where there is no penalty and no discount. It might be that Council wants to discuss with the Treasurer whether the par period shouldn't be extended. I don't know what it would cost the Government revenues if the par period were extended.....those are questions quite outside the range of my information.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, Mr. MacKenzie is of the opinion that we get...we do allow a par period of 30 days and it seems to me that this takes away the par period as of April 2nd and I think this is the whole bone of contention, and this is what we want to clarify.

Mr. Legal Advisor: There is an area of conflict. The present section 58(3) provides "all taxes remaining unpaid after the 30th day of April in the year in which such taxes are levied shall bear interest from that date at the rate of 6% per annum." Well, you have got these two 6%'s. You have got the penalty 6% which will fall due on the 2nd of April and then you have got another 6% which will begin grinding out at the end of April. You really only have, in my view, a one day par period but you do have a thirty day par period in which you escape from the other 6%...that's at the rate of 6%...but this is providing for a penalty of 6%. It's just the difference. You've got two 6%'s there.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, if the 1st of April fell on a Saturday or fell on a Sunday, you would be immediately subject to 6% penalty....the period....the par period...if you have one day. It must be 30 days at the very least to give someone a chance to catch up.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would move that this Bill be amended to allow for a par period of 30 days.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could I just speak in connection with the suggestion that has been made? As I would interpret this then, a tax bill for $100.00 in the current taxation year, up to and including the 31st of March, would require a payment to the Territorial Treasurer of $95.00. On the day of April 1st, it would require a payment of $100.00. The way it is written here right now, on April 2nd, it would require $106.00, and on April 30th, it would require $106.50 to clear that $100.00 in taxes.

Mr. Commissioner continues:
Now, is it my understanding, and my question, because I think this is the point that the Legal Advisor will have to have very clear....is it the period between April 1st and April 2nd that Council wish to extend?

Mr. Boyd: That is the intent of my Motion.

Mr. Watt: No.

Mr. Shaw: It is my intention, Mr. Chairman, that it goes for at least 30 days.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I notice that there is some disagreement at the table but suppose the Amendment that is now before you read, "A penalty in an amount equal to 6% of taxes remaining unpaid after the 30th day of April in a year".... that is a penalty sum...straight 6%...and then, of course, at the same time, the very same day, you would begin grinding out....at the rate of 6%....you would have your flat $6.00 on $100.00 and your 6% interest accuring from there on.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, at that point, as the Legal Advisor has presently expressed it, as I understand, $100.00 in taxes owing in the current year, up to and including the 31st of March, this would represent $95.00. Starting on the 1st of April through to the 30th of April, it would represent $100.00. On the 30th of April, it would represent $106.50.

Mr. Boyd: It will represent the penalty plus 6% interest. This is what you are saying and this is the intention of my Motion.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, could I ask if the Legal Advisor agrees what he has suggested would equal what I have just suggested here.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, I am not sure whether it would be 50 cents or 60 cents.

Mr. Watt: My objection isn't haggling over a couple of days. My objection is that in effect what we are doing, when we toss these figures around....we come up with a tax increase of about 10%. This is in effect what we are doing. We are coming up with a tax increase of 10%. Whereas before you have a $100.00 tax....if you paid it at a certain date, then you would get off the hook for $95.00. Now if you don't pay it on this certain date...then you are $106.00 plus a half of one percent per month. So, in effect, what we are doing is increasing taxes at the rate of 10%...roughly 10%. Another thing that I object to is that we are doing this... our tax notice...we get it on April of the year, April of '67 say, and we haven't used that land or property for twelve months. We are paying in advance. For myself, it costs anywhere from 6% to 12% to borrow money and I think most people in the Territory are in the same position. Those who are fairly high taxpayers are working on bank drafts of one sort or another all the time. Money is expensive in the Territory. As Mr. MacKenzie said, right now we can borrow money at 5 7/8%. In effect, all that we are doing is increasing taxes, and secondly, making it so the individual

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Mr. Watt continues:
has to go to the Bank or a finance company to help finance their coming year's expenses, and we are putting more money into the hands of the Banks and the finance companies. I will have to vote against this Amendment. I don't see what the major objection is to the way things stand right now except that the Territorial Government is doing some of the financing for us but this is part of our operating costs anyway and you are taxing us for it...you are taxing us for some of this operating cost....and you cover this in the mill rate anyway...but it's less painful and it's cheaper this way in the long run. It's cheaper for the individual who has to pay the taxes. So, I have to vote against this Amendment and I have to vote against this proposed Ordinance. I think we are doing more harm than good. Could I ask Mr. MacKenzie to comment on this. Is my interpretation right?

Mr. MacKenzie: All we are trying to do is collect taxes more promptly than has been the case in the past. I feel that we need to reinstate this 6% lump sum penalty in order to do so. If you don't want to pay this 6% penalty, then pay the taxes on the due date. The remedy is simple.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we went through this before. I think that possibly I would like to get a hold of this Sessional Paper No. 50 of the last Session. At that time, we discussed it at some length and I was personally in accord with this 6% penalty after a period of grace. Mr. Watt disagreed with that also at that time but he proposed a 9% charge on this particular thing.

Mr. Watt: No, I didn't.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Watt was speaking on the Motion then..... "Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that I disagree with the Paper the way it is....that I think 9%...an amount not exceeding 9% would be sufficient to carry out the desired effect of this increase in the ceiling and, therefore, I would have to vote against this particular Motion". That is what we are discussing at the moment. It's right in the records here.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that he is only reading part of the record. I voted against...last Session the same...for the same type of reasoning as this Session. That was taken out of context and Mr. Shaw, if he read the whole thing, would find out about it but he's taking a little piece out of this. Now, how could he possibly read something like that and interpret what I am saying now today because my arguments, as Mr. Commissioner has already said, are the same now as they were then. You are taking something out of context or the Votes and Proceedings are incorrect... one of the two.

Mr. Shaw: I will explain that, Mr. Chairman. Here is Motion No. 50 stating what this is. It's where Mr. Chairman said "Gentlemen, I have a Motion before me. It has been moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Shaw, that Committee concurs with Sessional Paper No. 50. How do you wish to proceed at that time?" Mr. Watt said, "There is no

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"seconder to my Motion. I made a Motion that this be changed to 9%". That is the records here and I don't know what else I could do. You can take it any place else you like, but I think at that time it was 12% in that Paper.

Mr. Chairman: This is correct.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, it is still 12%...6% plus 6%..... 6 and 6 are 12. We have come from a $95.00 bill due on such and such a date to $106.00 plus ½% per month. I still feel the same that we are a lot better off with taxes levied the same way they are now....we continue to do that. As Mr. MacKenzie said, they want to collect promptly.....they are going to collect sooner or later anyway and if it costs us a little bit to carry the bad accounts, they are getting penalized for it. They are covering the 6%. It costs us 5 7/8% right now. The taxpayer is paying 6% for being tardy so we're not losing any money except possibly the handling of it all....we're not losing any money. What I am trying to do is keep down the taxes. I think the Government is in a better position to finance than the individual. These are the arguments that I used last Session in spite of what Mr. Shaw says and what he takes out of context. I don't know what he is trying to prove there but my arguments were the same then as they are now. I'm afraid I can't go along with this Amendment to the Taxation Ordinance because this is simply an increase in taxes as far as I am concerned. Those who are tardy in paying taxes are penalized at the rate of 6%. It's costing us 5 7/8%. Any costs that are incurred are part of operating costs anyway and they are passed on to the taxpayer.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, as I see it, what Mr. Watt is objecting to is the fact that he is being asked to pay his taxes in advance. That's what this boils down to. I have a question to ask of Mr. MacKenzie or the Legal Advisor I presume. Let's say a person's taxes have not been paid for a period of two years or whatever it is and the property is put up for sale. Does the time limit start as of the date of the notice of the taxes due? In other words, April 1st? Or is it two years or whatever the period is from the end of this year? Does the man actually owe the taxes for two years when his land comes up for sale or is it really one year that he's only got before the land goes up for sale? In other words, as Mr. Watt points out, the taxes...he hasn't had the use of his ground or his facilities until...fully anyway... until the end of the last day in the year. What would happen there?

Mr. MacKenzie: Mr. Chairman, I think it is two years from the date on which the taxes are stated to be due on the demand note.

Mr. Boyd: They're due in advance.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could I...I'm not sure whether I will amplify or confuse....because I haven't got in front of me my fully noted up copy of the Taxation Ordinance but section 75 in its original form...this may have been amended slightly.. "where the whole or any portion of the taxes payable in respect of any property, etc., remain due and unpaid for more than one year"...this was the original form...I'm not too sure that this one is correct now...."after the first day of May of the year in which such taxes were imposed"...so it fixes a starting date. You identify that as the starting date which entitles

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you then to put the property up for sale for arrears of taxes. We establish a starting date in the Ordinance.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think one point should be clear or made clear and I don't agree with Councillor Watt when he states that there is a 12% tax or a 10% tax or anything else involved here....an additional tax. What is happening is that if you pay your taxes prior to the due date, you get a rebate. If you pay them on the due date, you get nothing... your par. Then, if you fail to pay your taxes, you pay 6%, as I see it, on the remaining unpaid balance. If you go to a store in the City of Whitehorse and you don't pay your account within thirty days, you pay 6% to them on the unpaid balance and so forth. This is a matter of business. This is conducted everywhere else and I don't see why we can't apply it here in relation to taxes. I might say that I agree with Councillor Boyd that possibly this afternoon a Motion will be put forward again that a thirty day par period would be desirable. I think this would be a reasonable thing. By changing the Ordinance to read from say the 1st day of April to the 1st day of May, or the 31st day of April, or whatever it might be but I certainly can't follow Councillor Watt's reasoning in this at all.

Mr. Chairman: At this time I will call a recess for lunch. We will adjourn until two o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Chairman: I will call committee back to order. We were discussing Bill No. 4. Will you carry on with your discussion, gentlemen? BILL NO. 4

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I made a motion which nobody seconded. I would like to make another one now and see if I have any better luck and that is that the penalty period does not commence for a period of about thirty days.

Mr. Chairman: Will you make it exact, Mr. Boyd, say thirty days?

Mr. Boyd: All right, I'll put it differently then, that it does not commence until the interest period commences. I'm not sure if it is the 1st of May or later.

Mr. Shaw: Make it the 30th April.

Mr. Boyd: Well then, the motion will read..... We should have the Legal Adviser here because we should start together.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that somewhere in the Ordinance - it has been amended so many times and I don't have the amendments, that there is provision elsewhere where the 1st of May comes into the picture rather than the 30th of April. I'm not too clear on this point. Possibly we should try and get the Legal Adviser here just before we propose this motion.

Mr. MacKenzie: The 6% penalty per annum penalty, Mr. Chairman, comes into force after the 30th April. In other words on 1st May. The 30th of April has to expire.

Mr. Boyd: I will move that the penalty become effective after the 30th of April.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any seconder for this motion?

Mr. Shaw: I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKenzie: I would specify the date, "and on 1st of May" otherwise it might mean the 1st of July.

Mr. Boyd: All right, "and on the 1st of May".

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion on the motion gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I haven't heard a seconder to the motion. I believe the motion was very unnecessary.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Shaw seconded the motion, if you'd stop talking you'd hear it.

Mr. MacKinnon: I believe, as administration usually say, they have enough teeth in at the present time and I've been a victim of taxes and I finally did catch up. I find myself back in debt again this spring. I believe there are penalties enough at the present time and I don't think that this new Bill is required at all and I believe that it should be deleted and we work in accordance as we have in the past.

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I think this would be of more benefit to the people. I don't see why we continue to give administration longer and longer teeth because they are going to finally bite so hard they are going to find there is nothing to bite at. I would suggest deleting - in fact I'll make a motion to delete this Bill No. .

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussion, gentlemen? Gentlemen, I have before me a motion moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Bill No. 4 be amended to provide that the penalty become effective after the 30th of April and on the 1st of May. Are you ready for the question gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, the amendment means nothing, or very little ... it means next to nothing. It just ...voting for the tax increase minus 30 days. This all its .... and, what, what, the reason why this is being asked for is to add penalties on and to additionally tax people so they will pay taxes earlier and get them to do the financing of government business. ....what I would say quite a bit higher rate than the government can.... themselves. I agree with Mr. MacKinnon, there are plenty of teeth in the Ordinance right now. They collect all the taxes when the time comes and if they are in arrears they collect the penalties involved to cover the cost of financing - It may cover the full cost of financing - it costs us less than 6% to finance and we are collecting a full 6%- so we're getting paid all the taxes that we deserve - now this is kind of a back door way of increasing taxes. In effect a tax increase. I don't care how you look at it or I don't care what Councillor.....says or how many Ordinances he goes back right now, right now, as we had explained this morning we presently get a discount of 5% so our $100.00 tax bill is $95.00 but with this change that is being asked for here it will be $105.00 plus one-half of....inaudible....so this is a tax increase in every sense of the word. And I don't think, uh, that it is necessary at this time and our .....inaudible...of our Ordinance at this time - the amendment adds nothing, it is just an excuse to suggest that we are doing something constructive and all it is doing is just postponing the agony for 30 days ..half, postponing half the agony for 30 days, and,...it..the Ordinance was not passed last time I believe, and I don't think it should be passed this time and I vote against the amendment and I will also vote against the Ordinance and we are all 21 years old. The administration get nothing from us. They laid their cards on the table and told us exactly what was what and so none of us could come back afterwards to our constituents or to the administration and say 'we don't know what we were doing'. We should know what we are doing. If you don't know what you are voting on here I suggest that you abstain from voting. But the administration has laid everything on the table - they have explained everything - held nothing back and so we know that this is a tax increase and it's a substantial tax increase and according to my books it is over 10% tax increase. It is 10% plus one-half of 1%.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner, would you care to join the group at this time?

Mr. Smith: Good afternoon, gentlemen, thank you very much.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree with Councillor Watt that this is a bad deal. This is a good, decent break for the taxpayer. Councillor Watt suggested 9% be the figure at the last session as quoted on page 494 of Votes and Proceedings. He didn't like 6% so that would have meant an increase to the taxpayer of an additional 3%. We in our wisdom and the administration in their wisdom proposed 6% as being a fair and legitimate figure - not 9%. This in itself is a break to the taxpayer. Secondly,is that we are giving the taxpayer a par period of 30 days which normally is accorded any business man in dealing with the local grocery store before he pays 6% on his unpaid balance. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Chairman, it is a real good break for the taxpayer and I'm glad to support this bill. This is something good.

Mr. Southam: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: Just to clarify the record - when I was saying this 9% last session - what you Councillors were asking for was 12% and I was trying to save a little bit. This was a frantic attempt to try and reduce the penalties that you were trying to impose on the taxpayers of the Yukon Territory. The same situation was there then as it is here now and the same group of people - divided between the bulls and the bears. --those bulls who are trying to push taxes up all the time whether it is the five year agreement, whether it is the occupancy tax, whether it is the liquor tax, or whether it is property tax, or school tax. It is just the bulls who are pushing the taxes up and you've got a few of the bears who are trying to pull the taxes down and keep them down. And I don't hesitate to line myself up with the bears in this case, and in all taxation cases. But I hate to see those who are trying to push taxes off blame all the excuses, and..blame other people for increases the taxes around here. They can look through their Votes and Proceedings, the Ordinances, they scrape under the table, under the mat, and they find any little excuse to justify themselves. Last time when we were talking about the Five Year Agreement the excuse was, well we didn't have an agreement. Now, that was a pretty weak excuse -that was pretty sick. Now they are saying that the last time I wanted to cut down from 12% to 9%, therefore I'm trying to increase taxes- not at all. This is taken out of context which is the usual place that those that are in opposition to me mostly take their information from the - take it out of context most of the time. And the Votes and Proceedings aren't too reliable and I would like to go on record as saying that this is, in effect an attemp to...inaudible.increase in taxes. We are 21 years old and the cards are laid on the table. We know what the score is and those that are voting for this are voting for a tax increase, - in every sense of the word and we all know it. And there's no point in hiding your head in the sand and looking for some detailed figures some place that will justify your vote here.

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Mr. Boyd: We have another kind of bull on the other side of the fence and we are quite happy to accept another six million dollars a year and we want it spent, and we want to spend more than that. I know of certain Councillors who have ideas of spending another million or two. Who do they think is going to put up the money? Does it fall out of the sky like snow? If you don't want to pay your way as you go or help to make this clock tick then start reducing your budget or else be prepared to help out and let the bank account get balanced once in a while.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: I'm glad Mr. Boyd said that because he just admitted that what we are voting for is a tax increase. It is exactly what he is saying. That he is voting for a tax increase and we all know it. Now, as far as the budget is concerned this 18 million dollars that you are squaking about now - are - resource production is up this year and is expected to be up next year and the year after and the year after and the year after and our population is increasing comparable to our budget increase and the Federal government is getting a large part of the revenue from both our resource development and our increased income tax payments and this type of thing. And, therefore, I think that we are justified in asking the ... and furthermore the Federal government initiates an awful lot of expenditures such as the ...inaudible... primary instigators of the security camps - $600,000 a year and I would just like to say that I don't feel bad at all about asking the Federal government to try to hold the tax that they are levying against the people of the Yukon to help ..... the cost of living here. They've done it in B.C. this year, they've done it in Alberta this year, they've done it in most provinces this year. They ... yesterday I heard on the news they did it in whole United Kingdom -in Britain, Great Britain. Now if they can do it in other parts of Canada and in other parts of the world we can do it here. And it isn't because they are cutting down the budget, their population increase is taking care of the ....inaudible.. increased government expenditure. The more people you have the more taxpayers you have and this is going to continue. So, this weak excuse of using this 12 million dollars last year and 18 million dollars this year - therefore we have to tax ....inaudible. I would just like to go on record that the same arguments that we are having right now between the bulls and the bears are the same arguments that we had in Ottawa. If you had your way there then we'd have seven different taxes levied here in the Yukon Territory. Right now you would not be talking about two, we would be talking about seven. ....And I am glad that Mr. Boyd said that we are increasing taxes - I'm glad you went on record here Mr. Boyd, in...with respect to this particular Ordinance. That's exactly the point I was trying to make. We are not giving the taxpayer a break - we are giving him a push.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, after that dissertation I can only say that there is more bull around here than bare facts coming from the Honourable member of Whitehorse West. And I would like to direct a question to the Honourable member because he is obviously extremely confused on matters financial. Can he tell me, in the line of his personal business if he charges 6% on unpaid accounts after 30 days or does he let his clients use his own money at his expense?

Mr. Watt: Well that is some question, I can't quite make it out here. I wouldn't ask Mr. Taylor the same question because I don't know what kind of business he is in. But I think that the government right now have made allowances in their taxes when they allow 5% - a discount of 5% on March 31st - they are allowing in their budget, and, for prompt payment. Thereafter the way the Bill sits right now there are sufficient penalties, and to encourage people to pay and whatever it costs the government they get paid for it, they are not losing by it and they can finance cheaper than we can. As Mr. MacKinnon says, and he is in the same position as I am, and I would say 95% of the people of the Yukon Territory are financing through the bank or finance companies or something, one way or another. So if it is not taxes they are financing it is something else they are financing. So what we are doing here is putting money into the hands of the banks and finance companies and taking it out of the taxpayer's pocket. And we are all 21, we are-we know here we are raising the taxes ....10%.

Mr. Taylor: You didn't answer my question yet, Mr. Chairman, I asked a question and I restate it. Does the Honourable member charge 6% on unpaid accounts after 30 days or does he let his clients play with his own money?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think we had better get down to some rational thinking. In the first instance we have a budget this year of about 18 million dollars. Of that 80% or approximately 80% in round figures is supplied by the Canadian taxpayer and that's all the people of Canada and I think it is justly so because we had to develop this country. It is one of the undeveloped areas of Canada. Very well, they are prepared to do this, but they say by the same token we would ask that you help yourself to a certain extent. In other words they are saying to us 'will you accept your responsibility to partially pay your share. We will help you in the major portion of ... will you help us by doing a certain amount of collecting. So in order to be responsible we accept a certain amount, certain members accept a certain amount of this responsibility. Other members will not, and I repeat, will not want to accept this responsibility This puts a person willing to accept responsibility in a somewhat invidious position. In other words you might say that we have the government and we have the loyal opposition. Perhaps you can put it that way. This Bill we are dealing with right now does not impose any additional taxes on someone who is prepared to pay their bills. The firms that I do business with inform me right on their statements that if I do not pay this within a certain period of time, they will impose an additional 6 or 8%. I have paid 8% many times in order to take advantage of a conditional sales contract. That is just a normal .... So therefore we in government - we are accepting the same facts of life. Money is a commodity like anything else. And I do not feel that this is imposing any extra burden on the taxpayer if they do the right thing by paying taxes that are just and due for the services received. The services received in the Yukon Territory are

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far and above the amount of taxes which we pay for these particular services. And it is impossible at this stage of the game, with the financial condition of the Yukon, to be able to pay our way completely but I can see, and I feel that the people of the Yukon Territory are quite prepared to pay what is within reason and what they can. And I think that when we went to Ottawa, contrary to what might have been said previously, we collectively pointed this out to the Federal government and they substantially reduced the original amount of money which they felt we should pay. They reduced it by 2/3s and asked us to gather a third. This is what we are trying to do. In this particular Bill we are not raising taxation, we are just saying that those people who are using the money of the people for the services they receive should pay interest on that money.equitable to what you might pay in other forms of business. And I see nothing wrong with this. If a person goes there ahead of time he gets a rebate. That's more than we get from the Income Tax Department, Mr. Chairman. But we are giving that in our generosity- we are giving them 5%. The Income Tax Department won't do that. So, here we have a situation and I can truthfully say that I have never paid any interest and I have always received that 5% and most of the people do receive that.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm not quite satisfied with this. It is easy for Mr. Shaw to - who has more or less reached the retirement age to make this type of statement but there are a lot of people with far more responsibility and as Mr. Watt has pointed out this is a direct attempt to get more out of the people who are trying to live here, trying to be citizens of the Yukon. Now, we're looking for more taxes and I would suggest going about it in a very catty way, now for instance on the first of the month I put 2,000 gallons of gas in my tanks; this time of the year it will possibly take two months to dispense. On delivery I paid to the Territorial government $180.00 in taxes. I'm nothing but a glorified tax collector for the Territorial government. They are getting far more out of this than I am and I cannot see why they cannot go along with us, leave the Ordinance as it has been. As I said before there are plenty of teeth at the present time, and if the teeth keep getting longer you will have nothing to bite at. And gentlemen, you are all aware that everybody in the Territory is not in this cosy position of either not paying taxes at all or in the retirement stage. I believe that it is necessary to back up the younger indivuduals of the country and help them to continue building a Yukon and we cannot do it by encouraging them to leave, as you are all very well aware. This is a ridiculous Ordinance and I would be forced to vote against it not just on my own behalf but on behalf of the business people that I represent. Most of the people in my area that operate business, you have seen some of their names on a letter I passed around, you will find that most of my young people buying into businesses and trying to meet their obligations, payments, and so forth, taxes - trying to put the future citizens to school, give them an education and we levy this, we demand on the 1st of April, the worst time of the year. I have asked before, asked this Council to consider changing the date of paying taxes and move it on to a better time of the year. This has possibilities whether you believe it or not because after you go through a long winter possibly you over-spend

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Mr. MacKinnon continues.

on things you might not have, and a better time of year to collect taxes would be, we will say, the first of August. This is a suggestion. I am sure that Mr. Thompson, as a bookkeeper, for many outlets on the highway, could very well back up my statement.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, obviously the bulls don't understand the situation. If they did this would ..inaudible.. and I suggest we now cease to waste time, maybe some day they will understand the Bil land I suggest that we call the question.

Mr. Southam: Are you ready for the question, gentlemen?

All: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed with the motion. Contrary?

Mr. Watt: What about the amendment, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: What amendment, I have no amendment ....no seconder for amendment.

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Mr. Taylor: I will resume the chair...

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, What happened to the amendment?

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, we have concluded Bill No. 5...

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to go on record as voting against that...

Mr. MacKinnon: Me too, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: What is your further pleasure, gentlemen. We have no Sessional Papers at this time. We have Bill No. 6 respecting the installation of electrical equipment and wiring.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, could I ask if Mr. MacKenzie could be excused at this point.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: One moment, I just have a question that don't amount to much but it is something that could be challenged and I would like to ask 'is interest charged on the penalty? A man might have quite considerable taxes and two years penalty added and, is he charged interest on the taxes only ..or is he charged interest on the penalty as well?

Mr. MacKenzie: The penalty becomes a part of the unpaid taxes, in other words is charged on penalty.

Mr. Boyd: Thank you for the answer.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, as I said before, if you don't understand it you shouldn't have voted for it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I hope that the Honourable member concludes his private business discussions in order that he can come back and join us in the discussions at the table.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, before you proceed on to the next Ordinance, I wonder while we have Mr. Legal Adviser in attendance you might consider raising the question that was raised this morning in connection with the burial sites. .....inaudible.....

Burial Sites

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Adviser, we have a motion this morning, moved by Councillor Shaw and seconded by Councillor Southam that provision be made in Section 6, that is with reference to Bill No. 4, 5, 4, 5? Reference to Bill No. 5 in order to permit fraternal organizations and the like to erect markers, etc. I would ask from the chair, would it not be reasonable to assume that the clergy should be included here. They are quite often required, in behalf of individuals, to lay a marker.

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Mr. Hughes: Mr. Chairman, I say this. There would be some difficulty in defining, as tightly as one would like from a drafting point of view, what is meant by a fraternal organization or organizations of that character but let us say that we will attempt something, we will bring it before you, and if it in a year's time, or two years' time we find that we have opened the door to - I don't want to be uncharitable, to crank organizations, then we would bring it back to council and say it isn't working - no shame in that. And within the limits of those remarks then I think we can put something in there.

Mr. Chairman: One question from the chair. Would it not be reasonable to assume the clergy should be provided for also here.

Mr. Hughes: If that's the wish of the committee I'll try and incorporate some provision for authority for members of recognized clergy. Again, it is so difficult to define who is a clergyman -- it isn't easy but we'll put something in there to give the general intent to the committee.

Mr. Chairman: Clear, gentlemen?

All: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Who will we require for Bill No. 6, Ordinance Respecting the Installation of Electrical?

Mr. Smith: This is all dealt with under the Engineering Department and when we are building buildings this comes under the architect's direction, as to inspection of construction -- perhaps Mr. Legal Adviser, who has been very closely associated with construction of...may have something to suggest. .....so possibly is an electrical authority- but certainly he has been very closely associated with the construction of the ordinance itself and he may have some comment to suggest here whereby he may feel that we can proceed or he may suggest that we do not proceed until we have Mr. Baker available.

Mr. Hughes: Well sir, I'm one of those people who doesn't know the difference between a volt and an ohms personally, but all I can tell you is really set out in the explanatory notes - that is based on a Northwest Territories Bill which has been found to meet the needs of the normal community. It isn't as elaborate as some of the legislation of this character you meet in the south but when it comes down to the effect, or the need for any of these provisions you do have, I think, to turn to the engineer. I can only comment on bits of drafting. I notice, though, that Mr. Whatmough is in town if you wanted him as a sort of short stop on any questions.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Chairman, in order to assist council- I know they are anxious to get on with their work - might I be excused for just a moment and I'll see if we have anyone in our Engineering Department available, other than Mr. Baker who will feel qualified to answer Council's questions on this matter?

Mr. Chairman: Does committee agree?

All: Agree.

Mr. Chairman: I'll declare a recess, gentlemen.

Mr. Chairman: I will now call Committee back to order and it seems Mr. Engineer will not be able to be with us this afternoon. And, we seem to have been stalemated, however there are some Sessional Papers which could be tabled at this time if you gentlemen so desire.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't see any reason why Bill #6 can't be proceeded with. You don't need the Territorial Engineer to read it and you have an explanation and if there are any questions that come up, this is fine, we will ask the Territorial Engineer for comment on it, but in connect with it, we do have the General Manager of the Yukon Electrical Company in our gallery. And, I think this would be a very appropriate time after the reading of this Bill to amend this Ordinance that if the members do have any questions that they would like verification on it wouldn't hurt at all to have an opinion of someone other than the Administration. So, I would suggest with your concurrence gentlemen , that we continue with Bill #6. BILL #6

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to mention that Mr. Chamberlist did say he would be glad to be called as a witness on this particular Bill at any time. I personally asked him here about a week ago and he said he would be very pleased to attend Council.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, the Bill is of a technical nature and it has been noted here on an explanatory note that the Territorial Engineer will be available to assist Council when they are considering this proposed Ordinance. Unfortunately, the Territorial Engineer is away at this particular time and therefore it would seem a very inopportune time to discuss this Bill without his presence due to the technicalities involved. However, I am at the direction of Committee in this regard.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can't see any reason for not proceeding. Fine, if there are some technicalities that have to be explained, fine, but at least we will have it read and any immediate problems that come to light, as I said before it is conceivable that Mr. Schultz who is an Engineer with the Electrical Company could conceivably give us the answers to some of these questions in lieu of Mr. Baker's absence.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I feel we should proceed with this and follow along the lines Mr. Thompson has suggested and also along the lines Mr. MacKinnon has suggested. I think we could ask the Clerk to make a phone call to Mr. Chamberlist and see if he is still available. If not, we could carry on with Mr. Schultz. But, I think we could carry on with the reading of this Bill, and possibly if you gentlemen could assist in any technical advice that we want to or any questions we are in doubt about, I think we could carry on with this.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, we are dealing here with a Bill which has not yet been read and it is not the practice of Council as it has been in the past to sit down

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and discuss any Bill with those people in private enterprise, at least without the members of the Administration present, in this case in the form of the Territorial Engineer and I think it would be foolish to embark upon this bill at this time in view of the technical nature and it's important relation to building codes and strandards throughout the Territory and ramifications behind it without the presence of the Territorial Engineer. Mr. Chairman, that is my submission and I do not think you should proceed with this Bill at this time.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't rightly know what the objections are of the member. We have been stalemated two or three times today by the lack of Territorial Administrative personnel being available, and I would suggest that no one is required for the actual reading of the Bill, and if the members feel that it is necessary to have the Territorial Engineer in attendance for discussion of this, then this is something else. But, I see no reason why we can't proceed with this Bill #6 at this time.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, I feel we are here to legislate good sound laws with good sound advice and with all due respect, we are not here to legislate to the convenience of someone sitting in the public gallery, and I don't think that that person would feel we should be doing this either. And I think we should keep this on a sensible and reasonable plain and deal with this in a manner in which we deal with other Bills. Let us have the member of the Administration who has been working with this, namely the Territorial Engineer present when we discuss this.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think the ideal situation in this would be that we have as witness Mr. Baker, the Territorial Engineer, and also it is a good thing if we had someone like Mr. Schultz who is the Manager of the Electrical Company; we would possibly be able to hear both sides of the question if there happen to be both sides of the question. I would certainly be very happy to have Mr. Schultz here. However, this it would appear to me is possibly concocted with the approbation of the Engineer and there are areas that I am not too sure about as far as being law. I have had communication from the...Mr. Schultz and I am inclined to agree with some of the submissions or some of the points of the latter. So, I would think the ideal situation would be to have both the Territorial Engineer and I would be very pleased to have Mr. Schultz also at the same time if he would care to come. That would be entirely up to him. I don't think that we could just get on the telephone and call a whole bunch of people up here. I think there is a certain procedure we should stick to.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, we have before us here a submission signed by Mr. Schultz which I appreciate. They are his views, but I would like to also satisfy myself that they are the views of our own Territorial Engineer. And, I would be very pleased to have both of these gentlemen before us so that we could ask either one of them questions and be certain they both agree on the points we are going to talk about. I would like to see

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it carried out in this manner.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, in this respect I believe we have three Sessional Papers which could be tabled at this time by reverting to Council for a period sufficiently long enough to table them, and it would give us something to continue with. And, we also have the matter of the Game Ordinance if Council decides to give first and second readings today by waiving the rules and giving unanimous approval, we could then follow and thus proceed with the amendments to the Game Ordinance. I believe Mr. Game Director is available.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in a matter of public importance I would like to ask the Commissioner a question and it is in regard to the prices of liquor at Dawson City. I have been led to believe that the prices have been raised in Dawson City liquor store.

Mr. Chairman: Order, one moment please, before that question is answered. I don't recall that this is on the agenda. I think to introduce a matter, Mr. MacKinnon, you must first have the consent of the Committee. Is it your desire at this time that you wish to discuss the matter related to liquor at Dawson City?

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes.

Mr. Taylor: Does Committee agree to this? Is there any contrary. Proceed Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman...

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think I have proceeded far enough and I have asked a question of the Commissioner and I wonder if he could possibly get in touch with the Liquore Store at Dawson City and have this verified. I have been told this by several residents of Dawson City that liquor has already been raised and they are very responsible people, and I would not want to be mislead on this matter.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I can assure you that if liquor prices have been raised in Dawson City this may have been done in places other than the liquor store. But this has certainly not been done in the liquor store, and I would be quite happy to verify and confirm this for Council and I would ask the Clerk to get in touch with the Superintendent of Liquor Control on my behalf and verify this for me.

Mr. MacKinnon: Thank you Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it would seem to me I happen to represent that particular area but when people come to me with rumours I usually go and ascertain this first and then I bring it before Council with the results. Because there are people who don't have much else to do but to create rumours.

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Mr. Thompson: I wonder if I could be excused from Council for a minute?

Mr. Chairman: Does Committee Agree?

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, I wonder in situations such as this, if you could reserve your questions for the question period provided in the morning with respect to this.

MOTION RE SPEAKER RESUME CHAIR TO TABLE SESSIONAL PAPERS NOS. 78, 79, 80

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Speaker resume the Chair for the purpose of introducing Sessional Papers Nos. 78, 79 and 80 in order that we may be able to discuss them. That will keep ourselves going until five o'clock.

Mr. Southam: I'll second the Motion.

Mr. Chairman: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling Sessional Papers. Are you prepared for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary? I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I will now call Council to order, and what is your pleasure, gentlemen?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I believe today there are some Sessional Papers Mr. Clerk has available for tabling at this time, and I wonder if it would be possible at this time to do so?

Councillor Thompson enters Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker: A Motion is required here.

MOTION RE WAIVE NORMAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move that the normal orders of the day be waived in order that we may at this time introduce several Sessional Papers.

Mr. Boyd: I will second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that the normal routine of orders of the day be waived and that Sessional Papers Nos. 78, 79 and 80 be tabled at this time. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed to the Motion? Are there any contrary? The Motion is carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: I would now entertain a Motion to revert to a Committee as a whole.

MOTION RE SPEAKER LEAVE THE CHAIR

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve as a Committee as a whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Boyd: I will second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that Council resolve itself as a Committee as a whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda and Sessional Papers. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed to the Motion? Are there any contrary? The Motion is carried and Mr. Taylor will take the Chair as a Committee as a whole.

MOTION RE SPEAKER LEAVE THE CHAIR

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, we will proceed with Sessional Paper #78. (Reads Sessional Paper #78 re Land Line Tax from C.N.T. - Motion No. 10).

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, it will be possible for us to try to get a little bit more information from the applicable Minister when Mr. Pickersgill is here in Whitehorse and I am hoping at that time we will be able to get some further information...(inaudible).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as mover of the Motion I am very glad to see that these steps have been taken and there is all evidence that this will sooner or later become a reality and the taxpaying business throughout the Territory and I think it is safe to say that and I agree with it.

Mr. Chairman: Are you Clear?

Mr. Shaw: Just one thing, Mr. Chairman. I thought that the Federal Government went into the arrangements years ago in which they pay a fraction or taxes for where they utilize property in the Territory.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the Canadian National Telecommunications is a crown corporation, Mr. Chairman and there is no agreement that I am aware of whereby any grants or any taxes are paid by these people on behalf of their use of Territorial rights-of-way for...(inaudible)... and such other things...

Mr. Shaw: Does not the C.B.C. pay tax on their... Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Commissioner: On what?

Mr. Shaw: Well, they pay rent for a building and rent for a building I imagine taxes would be incorporated in that or are they so much taken out that they don't have to pay it.

Mr. Commissioner: For example, Mr. Chairman, the C.B.C. rented or leased privately owned quarters--is this what the question would be?

Mr. Shaw: Yes.

Mr. Commissioner: In a case of that nature they are subject to the same terms and conditions as any other occupyer Mr. Chairman. These taxes are levied against each private owner of the building. Who the owner rents or leases this building to is none of the Territorial Government's business Mr. Chairman. In that way you could supposedly say the C.B.C. were a taxpaying corporation. But the C.B.C. do not maintain the land lines that C.N.T. which is the main bone of contention of the question, Mr. Chairman. They simply

Mr. Commissioner continues...

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are leasees of the appliance where they use them, and we receive no taxes or grants on behalf of this. And, if C.B.C. to the best of my knowledge Mr. Chairman came along and used a transmitter site somewhere in the Territory they would get the use of the property and they would not pay any taxes on it any more than C.B.C. does at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Are you clear?

Mr. Watt: As seconder of the Motion I wish to thank the Administration for going into this and it was an effort on our part to broaden the tax base and possibly an increase ...Territory and make all those who are responsible to help pay for this. I would like to thank the Administration for looking into this. I would like to ask the Commissioner if there is any progress made with respect to taxing American Pipelines for the commercial part of the use of the pipeline. I understand there is an agreement for the ...part of the use of the pipeline. But, I understand that a percentage of that pipeline is for Commercial uses of the...and the Administration was going to look into this. I don't know if I brought this up again, would this do it Commissioner, but I brought this up a couple of times... fairly reliable it is being receiving a fair percentage of Commercial uses.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, there has been no specific information procured or looked for by my Administration in this particular matter to the very best of my knowledge. The pipeline that is referred to here operates under a treaty privilege which is negotiated between Canada and the United States and if in fact there is evidence to indicate some of the products that is going through this pipeline is being used for other than the purposes for which the treaty names I would say that the Administration's hands would be strengthened by looking into this matter if Council would see fit to table a resolution requesting us to look into this or if they would table a question that would require an answer. Now, this no doubt would take us a little time, Mr. Chairman, to get this answer but if Council feels there is evidence as has just been stated by the Councillor here by all means this should be looked into.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is exactly my point. I brought this up before. I just mentioned to the Commissioner that I think that the tax assessment was worth looking into and possibly we could have some answers now to ascertain if the answers have already been...somewhere along the line.

Mr. Commissioner: I will definitely find out.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this gentlemen.

All: Clear

SESSIONAL PAPER #79

Mr. Chairman: We will proceed with Sessional Paper #79.

TIDAL ACCESS

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Commissioner could inform Council as to approximately when this Travacon study is being completed.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the best knowledge that I am able to procure on this is that they don't state a stipulated date. I think the last letter I saw in connection with this was that it would be late spring or early summer which I would interpret to be possibly June or somewhere in this neighbourhood Mr. Chairman. But it is being taken along with as much speed as the Department can get because they are very anxious to have this report available so that their own future transportation policy with regard to roads, railways, or whatever it may be is going to depend to a very great degree on what this report has to say. And, the only assurance that I could give Council on this Mr. Chairman is that as soon as this report is made available to me I will make it available to Council.

Mr. Shaw: One question Mr. Chairman. This will I presume cover other ports of entry or entries than Skagway. Is that correct?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, this is the idea in respect to tidal access. In other words, wherever tide water in proximity to the Yukon is available it is conceivable transportation facilities could be made in that area. They are certainly not confined by any means to the Skagway area.

Councillor Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, once again we go back to the old problem, the time old problem of tidal access. There are many significant things in this Paper that seem to have slipped by in the reading without comment and I would like to comment on this at this time. In the first instance I had asked a question can the Administration advise what progress is being made by the Federal Government respecting tidal access negotiation because I feel it is a prime concern to the economic development of the Yukon Territory to have these facilities provided and that we have seaport facilities as soon as possible. Even today when we look at the great possiblity of Anvil Development we must find a way of getting this ore off to the coast and getting it off to the market. Otherwise what is the use of mining it. Consistent with Council have encouraged that some alternative route be provided to the coast and here they say that the whole matter, that the whole question of tidal access is very actively under consideration. Well, this is what they have been saying to us for years and years and years. Certainly at least in the six I have been in Council. The same old answer--under active consideration. Is the land lease proposal receiving any consideration. Well, this is whereby we lease land from the Americans and this is the only acceptable alternative to the problem of not having Canadian on the Alaskan panhandle. A corridor is absolutely out, and is an insult to the intelligence of the Alaskans. A corridor could not be maintained. It would mean alienating Alaskan soil and it just wouldn't work. It is completely unworkable. Number two deals with a free port. This is also unworkable because...labour problems. ...we cannot go down to the port and lease land at three or four sites along the Alaskan panhandle. One being Haines and I think Haines is the most important point right now. One being Skagway somewhere out of their port and another possibly at the mouth of the Stikine River and another maybe at

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Val Dez. He has stated here that I notice near the end one thing seems to have flitted by, he states the Travacon study will focus on a possible road link between Skagway, Alaska, and the Yukon interior via Carcross. Well, when they brought up this idea of a study I said that this was nothing more than a smoke screen for the Department of Northern Affairs and I still say so and this bears it out. I said this is just another means of stalling, stalling, stalling while the Whitepass and Yukon can retain control of tidal access from the Yukon Territory. It was at that time stated oh, no, this study is going to incorporate all tidal access routes. And what do we say here? Just exactly what I suspected when this announcement came through that the Minister was going to instigate the Travacon study. They said we are focusing the thing on the Whitepass and Yukon railroad and what effect on the economy would be made if another route is found. Alright Anvil are sitting over here all set and ready to proceed with preproduction work, how do they get their product to the coast. The easiest way to go to the coast I am sure is down across the Alaska Highway down the Haines road to the Port of Haines where they standard gage railroad. Whether or not this will come I don't know. It is the most logical and makes the most economic sense. And, I just frankly am disgusted that the Federal Government will not give as much consideration to the people of the Yukon and the desire of the people of the Yukon to tidal access as they do to the Whitepass and Yukon railroad. I don't know why the Government have to protect that route. I think that they are functioning fine. I think that now we have reached a stage where we could proceed with the Stewart Road where we should proceed with the upgrading and port facilities at Haines, Alaska, and get on with the job. Either that or give the Yukon autonomy. Autonomy it needs to do the job itself and that is the sum and total of it gentlemen. And, as you see here, we seize up their whole Travacon study as just a waste of money as far as I am concerned if they do not look at the alternate route. We have another route to consider and that is a road from Whitehorse to Juneau, Alaska. The Americans are taking a big long look at this, and I went down on the 4th of January of this year at my own expense and met with the Secretary of State the new Secretary of State of the State of Alaska and discussed the problems with him and also I had meetings with the Department of Highways planning and research division of the State of Alaska. And, these people are progressive. They are building a road up here to Skagway at a cost of a million and they are building towards the boarder and an ungrateful Canada cannot even find a nickle in the pot to link up the road. All we do is cause studies and hope to the devil the Whitepass and Yukon can keep going until they pay for the boat. Maybe that is it. I don't know. It certainly appears that way. We have a possibility of taking the road from Atlin, British Columbia along the O'Donnell and over into the Taku and down towards Juneau. Admittedly, there is a wind and tide problem and a glacier problem, but this is no insurmountable and in fact the American Engineers even today are looking at this one. So Juneau at having dispared at Canada ever getting a link there in the forseeable future have gone on their own and they are building a link to Haines. To date they have a

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road built within two or three miles of Bernards Bay at which point they will put in a ferry to cross the channel and the road link will be connected with Haines, Alaska and away they go. And, gentlemen, I think that a long searching look should be taken at this tidal access problem. It is very easy to sit back and say oh, well, we can't do much about it. But I would say that the Council should take a rather more interesting stand in this matter and insist that the Federal Government do something. Here are our neighbouring Alaskans all ready to go begging us to come down and negotiate something and our Federal Government sits in Ottawa in our interest so called and just refuses to do absolutely nothing and it is the mose shamefull, shamefull thing.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, a while ago we were trying to levy an extra six percent against the local taxpayers. Now we are all for a 24 million dollar expenditure and there is a fact remaining there--is it feasible at this time? With the possibility of Anvil Mining, there is every indication there will be a highway or a railroad to tide water and if as Mr. Taylor pointed out, it is quite possible that it will...Carmacks and cross country by Dezadeash and then to Haines, Alaska. And, then seeing we are in the early stages of development, I would suggest that we just take things easy for a year or so and not try to press the Federal Government into making mistakes. It would be quite easy to make a mistake at this time. Maybe we will find in a couple of years it is a practical place to have the highway to Skagway. And, I think that the Federal Government has considered this as notice and they are paying very, very strict attention to the possibility of development for the Yukon.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I cannot agree. Lets face it gentlemen, the Yukon is now about 70 years old. You say wait a few more years, but it is this kind of thinking which is retrogressive, which is setting back the Yukon Territory driving it deeper into the dark ages. One must be progressive in his thinking. He will only go as far as he thinks. That's for sure. And to say to take it easy for a year or so this is ridiculous, a ridiculous statement indeed. The matter of fact is we should have a Skagway Road, we should have a road down to Haines, we should have a railroad to Haines one of these days I hope if Crest and Anvil ever get together and get on their feet. This is a good possibility. Certainly we should have every advantage of...facility in the State of Alaska and as I say the Alaskans are sympathetic to our cause. It is Canada that the trouble lies and Canada is reluctant to negotiate. And, I think that one of the good senators in the United States senate pointed this up not too long ago. I observed this in any event in the local newspaper. This is time when Council should put their foot down and appreciate the demands for these facilities and I don't agree that it is going to cost 24 million dollars to build a road down to Skagway. I say give us some tote trail money and let us get on with the job here and let us administrate the thing the cat and the scraper and the grader even if it's a tote train it will get us to the coast, for a lot less money.

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Mr. Boyd: I would like to discuss one of Mr. Taylor's remarks when he states the Government the Federal Government is being studying tidal access possibilities for years and years and years. I don't think they have. I can recall when they wouldn't even consider listening to you. They had the Whitepass and that was it. And, this was very recently that any real attention has been has come about and whether Mr. Taylor likes it or not there is a study and I am sure nobody is going to move until this study until the results of it have been revealed. And, we should concern ourselves with getting the results of this study. Then start thinking about whether we agree with the figures and so on. But the study is what we must have and from then on we have got something to go on.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but the facts of the study are revealled as far as I am concerned and were revealled when the Minister was going to cause this study to be made. It says right here the Travacon study will focus on a possible road link between Skagway, Alaska and the Yukon. The study was to study all routes to the coast and this was initially bound in the terms of reference and only one of those many terms of reference was that the impact on the existing facilities and that is to say the Whitepass and the Yukon was one of the several considerations. But now it is the main focus and the answer is if it is at all possible, the study will attempt to show in my opinion anyway that the Whitepass and the Yukon should be the only logical route for some years to come and that is the way I see it. And I don't know why the Federal Government continue to protect them and this will go on until such a time as Council asert its route and stop it and get autonomy and stop it ourselves.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't know quite rightly what power is--something over Government policy you might think. I don't think I could ever get down and say so and I would say Mr. Chairman, that in the last two years or since two years ago, since the discovery of the huge reserves of lead and zinc in the Ross River area it has certainly changed the picture on a lot of things. Certainly on the most effective way to tap the resources of the Territory. I must say that it appears to me the Federal Government are certainly trying at this time to come up with an answer to some of these things to where it concerns the interest of the whole Territory in order to get their products the cheapest possible way to the market. The Commissioner has already answered my question in so far as Travacon is also investigating other routes in and out of the Territory. Another thing the Minister of Transport, Mr. Pickersgill is coming up in a very few days to meet apparently with members of the Administration in Juneau. I am not sure, I think I seem to have heard that that is what he is going to do. So, therefore, it would appear that all these things coupled together I would assume might mean that we might be making some progress to deal in international matters, this is something that is not done in a few minutes. It has taken a long time it appears to get any effective liaison between two countries. But this does appear to be in the process at the present moment. If this is the case it seems that the...(inaudible)...on possibly a large scale program and that is also guessing too. But, when we take these studies into consideration and we take the fact that the Minister is coming up here, what he is coming for I don't

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know, but it all sounds most encouraging and I would hope that when the Minister does come here that possibly we could get a little more factual information on the purpose of his visit.

Mr. Chairman: May the Commissioner be excused at this time, gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Commissioner, have you had a reply to my question

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, I have Mr. Chairman. While I have telephone confirmation that what Mr. MacKinnon has reported appears to be substantially correct, I would request that I be permitted to give Council a full, proper answer to this question of liquor prices in Dawson first thing in the morning. I would like to get a little more factual information of what has transpired here.

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think a lot of you are missing the facts that the closing of the United Keno has done more to waken the Government in this Territory than all the plans that you have made. They haven't worried anything about what is going to happen until somebody came up and said we are going to close. And, then they went into a great flurry and said what can we do, what can we do to help you. And what can they do? They have got to have cheaper transportation no matter where it comes from and where it is going. I think myself that the Haines Port would be one of the main ones. I have no reason to state this and I also agree with your Travacon report that your road to Skagway will probably cost you 90 million bucks or 24 million, whatever the case might be. In the first place if you are going to haul ore in 25 ton loads or 30 ton loads, or 50 ton loads which you are going to get nowadays, you have got to have a road to stand up and the tote trail is no good. No good whatever. You are throwing money away. So why not if you are going to have a road, have one. This is one good thing I think that the United Keno has done for the Territory. Now, they are not going to close right at the present moment so I understand from reading the newspapers and are going to keep going for another year. So, what is going to be the outcome. I think I can tell you. I have a pretty fair idea. We will get the railroad sooner or later. This is my opinion and gentlemen, I wouldn't be afraid to bet that within the next five years you will have that road. Now whether it goes to Haines or whether it goes to Skagway or whether it goes the other way and comes out down at Edmonton, I don't know. But it could. These are things I want to worry about. I don't think the Government is doing too bad. They are trying to help out a little bit. Sure we have to push a little more. Your Anvil property which we went and had a look at the other day, looks very promising

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Mr. Southam continues...

to my eyes anyway, and here then you have got to take into consideration the value of the ore. It is not high grade ore, it is big tonnage. There fore you have got to have cheap transportation. Now, to get cheap transportation you have either got to put in a good road to take big trucks or else put in a railroad. Now, I think myself over by and large that the railroad will be the answer. Now whichever way it goes that is another question. But certainly we could do with a road too to tide water. But with tide, that is another question. And as far as the Alaska or the Juneau Road, why I think that would be a wonderful tourist attraction. I know that because I have lived down in that country for six years, I know what it is like. But the expense of building it may be out of all reason, I don't know. But, gentlemen, I would leave it with you that we still keep a little pressure on and try and get us a road somewhere. And, also don't forget if we don't get cheaper transportation, you can have all the ore you like unless you can get it out of there at a reasonable figure. And the reasonable figure it has got to be pretty cheap. Especially with a body like that. Because the grade is not too high.

Mr. Watt: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say briefly that when I was first elected to Council six years ago, the very first Motion I put in was in this respect to access to tide water and I put in several Motions since that time and I think these Motions under continued pressure is helping a little bit to have something done and I think there are firm steps being taken now that will within the next couple of years ensure that a road will be built somewhere to tide water and I don't mean the Haines Road. I mean something relatively close and good to tide w ater so that we can cut down both the cost of shipping the goods both into the Territory and out of the Territory. And I think it would reduce our cost of living, improve the figures as far as mining and transportation costs and in fact change our very way of life as far as recreation as well as...(inaudible)...is concerned.

Councillor Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just want to remind you that I have often said in this house and I say it again that private enterprise will develop the Yukon Territory in spite of Government, and Governments reluctance to keep pace with private enterprise. And lets face it gentlemen, everything we do around here is three to six years reverse action. You ask for it today, six years from now you may if you are real lucky get it. And that involves the same requests we make of the Administration. How long have we waited for legislation, and LPRT and certainly in relation to tidal access we have been absolutely buffaloed all the way down the line, and I still say it is very likely this is a matter of a lobby. A large company running a lobby and a very effective one I might say. They have stated in this Sessional Paper, "No action is being taken specifically in connection with the land lease proposal, but the whole question of the tidal access is very actively under consideration." But this is what they have told us year after year after year. We are getting nowhere. They stated last in addition steps are being taken to engage the services of a consultant to prepare an evaluation of the

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Skagway, Carcross road and other possible routes in the moving of the Yukon resources to tide water. And it goes on to say that although alternate routes the Haines and the extension of the railway extension will be included in this study. I don't know what extension and what railway system, probably the Whitepass and Yukon. An announcement in this connection is expected shortly and so forth. In other words, all it is is a smoke screen as I said before by the Federal Government to becloude you guys and you guys have got your heads in the clouds if you won't support this thing and get right after the Northern Affairs department and make them do something. Either that or give us the autonomy. We will do the job. There is a willing group of Alaskans on the other side of the fence waiting for us to come over and deal.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this gentlemen?

All:. Clear

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Well, gentlemen, the next Sessional Paper is Sessional Paper #80. (Reads Sessional Paper #80 re Land Exchange - Christ the King Elementary School, Whitehorse). Will you proceed gentlemen. SESSIONAL PAPER #80

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, may I indicate I have got two plans out at the Land Titles Office which may be helpful when Council goes over to have a look at this.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Legal Advisor.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, this is a very old building that is sitting on this particular lot which the Sisters are supposed to vacate and as you see they will demolish it so it is not worth a lot of money. And, this would become then extra playground. It is at the front of the school facing 4th Avenue. And, as far as I am concerned, I would be quite prepared to go along with the proposal here. It is a case of walking around and making things more comfortable for all in this case. I might suggest it is only about a three minute walk from here and if it is not too tiring you can go and have a look at the property in itself in about no time flat or you could look at the maps if you are so inclined.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, if the member in that particular area recommended this, it is a sensible arrangement I see no reason to take myself to go and see the lot. I think I know where the building is and the Government appear to be quite happy to make the trade, I am quite satisfied with the recommendation as it is Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Watt: As member of the area I will get Mr. Shaw a map of the world so he will know where my constituency starts and where it ends. This is in my constituency and I would like to suggest that I am glad to see, I haven't been able to study it in detail, Mr. Hughes brought in some maps, you can have a look at it, but we have waived our 24 hour notice in respect to this so I am not quite caught up with it yet. I agree in principal here that this could be something I don't know about. I would just like to have a brief look at this.

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Mr. Shaw: I apologize to the member for getting mixed up with his locality. I didn't know and I apologize any more than he would know where the boundaries in my district are located.

Mr. Watt: You apologies are accepted Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Southam takes the Chair.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, it is interesting to note that the Sisters of Providence in their wisdom are going to move from the honourable member's constituency to Mr. Boyd's constituency. Maybe this is something significant here as well. But, in relation to the proposal, I think the proposal to me sounds very sound indeed. It involves itself in the removal of a building to make additional playground area behind the school, thus not necessitating the closing of the street which I think in the past Sessions have been a somewhat controversial point both in and out of Council and this means they can remain on site in the same block and have playground facilities. Moving I believe their rectory facilities over to the Riverdale Area in land already provided for them. And I think this is an excellent solution to what was at one time a very, very naughty problem.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further, gentlemen? I will declare a short recess while you have a look at the map.

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Mr. Chairman: Alright, gentlemen, I will call committee back to order at this time. We were discussing Sessional Paper #80. Is there anything further gentlemen? If not I will turn the Chair back to Councillor Taylor.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Chair. Mr. Commissioner present.

Mr. Boyd: I will move that the contents of Sessional Paper #80 meet the approval of Council.

Mr. Watt: I will second that Motion, but I would like to mention that it seems this is my constituency and I think this has gone far short of providing the playground space necessary for school. They have certain standards laid down and the school, the playground being provided even with the changes being made here are far short of what is needed and what is acceptable to the school. ...they proceeded to do one of two things, agreed to provide more playground space their or secondly plan for something else and provide another school where land is available. We should do either one of the two things. ...Any more in the long run. We found this last year when we talked about another building that is being leased by us it would have saved the taxpayer in the Yukon Territory nothing but money and lots of it. You would have had a couple of problems solved with respect to the school and I think it falls far short of what is needed and what is acceptable as far as the school of what we visualize as far as the school is concerned. So, I think the Administration should take steps to see what they could do to provide more playground space in that area or think seriously about using the building for something else. It is a terribly old building I understand and using it for something else and providing another school in another location where grounds are available. An alternate

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solution has been suggested and that is closing off that street. Which I think is acceptable in the Whitehorse metropolitan plan. It has been suggested that 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue be closed off. As they said it is not necessary to pay sixty thousand bucks for these experts to come up and assess this for us and because of emotionalism we won't even give it a try. I would like to suggest for the Administration that for a time this summer we request the City to block off that particular street on a trial basis just to see how it has worked and see how it does affect the transportation flow within the City. Mind you this couldn't be done right off, but we could ask to have it done. This is within the City of Whitehorse and it is within their jurisdiction. But we could take the initiative to try this for two weeks or a month just to see what would happen. I understand that there is requests for further sections of that street not associated with the school at all being requested to close. So, I will go along with this, but I think it falls far short of what we in Whitehorse-West are expecting as far as school facilities are concerned. We expect the same there as in other parts of the Yukon and Riverdale.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I hope the Administration realizes Mr. Watt is speaking for himself and that Council in no way has indicated they concur with his thoughts.

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, I have a Motion. It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committee agree with the proposals outlined in Sessional Paper #80. Are you prepared for the questions, are you agreed, any contrary. I will declare the Motion carried. MOTION RE COUNCIL ACCEPT PROPOSALS-SESSIONAL PAPER #80

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Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, this now brings us again to a finish point.

Mr. Boyd: I would move the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Committee. MOTION RE SPEAKER RESUME CHAIR

Mr. Southam: I will second the Motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, just one moment before calling this Motion, gentlemen. Would you be agreeable to embarking on the game ordinance tomorrow morning as our first matter of business?

All: Agreed

Mr. Chairman: Do you wish Mr. Game Director here to discuss this matter. Mr. Commissioner, I wonder if it would be possible to determine as to whether or not Mr. Game Director could be with us tomorrow morning?

Mr. Commissioner: And shall I get Mr. Treasurer along with him at that time?

Mr. Chairman: Do we need Mr. Treasurer?

Mr. Commissioner: Excuse me, I am at the budget...this is the Game Ordinance...will you excuse me gentlemen?

MOTION RE SPEAKER RESUME CHAIR

Mr. Chairman: May Mr. Commissioner be now excused?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you, gentlemen. I will see you in the morning on the liquor question.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Chairman: Gentlemen, are you prepared for the question on the Motion, are you agreed, any contrary? I declare the Motion carried.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, Committee convened at 10:15 a.m. this morning to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions. Committee first dealt with Bills with Mr. Commissioner in attendance. It was moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Southam that provisions be made in Section 6 of the Cemetaries Ordinance to permit fraternal organizations and the like to erect markers, etc. Motion Carried. Mr. Treasurer attended Committee to discuss Bill #5. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Bill #5 be amended to provide that the penalty become effective after the 30th of April. And on the 1st of May. Motion carried with Mr. Watt and Mr. MacKinnon opposed. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair for the purpose of tabling Sessional Papers and this Motion was carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Watt that Committe agree with proposals outlined in Sessional Paper #80. Motion carried. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees. Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed to the report?

Mr. MacKinnon: Would it be proper if the question regarding the liquor prices at Dawson City be on the report?

Mr. Chairman: There was a matter raised concerning this particular situation in Committee, and I believe that Mr. Commissioner is preparing a reply to this and this is something properly dealt with in the question period of Council and ... it is not my intention to do so unless directed by the House.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, it was something in procedure of Committee and I think that the Chairman doesn't particularly want to have it discussed. I am not strong on the point, but there were minute details that we have to have included before it is...but if he wanted to include all that type of detail, he could include this too. But, I think sufficient note has been made of it in the Votes and Proceedings... further questions tomorrow morning, further answers.

Mr. Speaker: If you wish that so recorded in the report you could make a Motion and I could ascertain whether it is Council's wish or otherwise, Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: I make a Motion Mr. Speaker that this be recorded in the court.

MOTION RE LIQUOR STORE PRICES BE RECORDED IN CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Watt: I'll second the Motion.

Mr. Chairman: Well, Mr. Speaker, speaking to the Motion I have only this to say it is extremely difficult to take on the duties of the Chair and in the conduct to conduct the Committee as a whole in the best manner possible and the only way this is possible of course is with the co-operation from members to have some consideration of the Chair. And if we accept the principal of bringing in extra editions which normally should come under the Orders of the Day in the question period and bring them into Committee, it only leads to confusion and I think it would be in the bad interests in the worst interests of Council to accept this precedence of bringing an issue out of the blue which is yet to be answered and recording it in a Committee report. It has no proper place here. It is not a matter dealt with by the Committee. It was an individual members request of the Administration, it was not debated, it was not on the agenda and should not form part of this report.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Boyd: I think Councillor Taylor has a point. After all the question was out of order in the first place and should not have been allowed and with all due respect and the correct place for it should have come up tomorrow morning. And, I think that in as much as the Commissioner is submitting a full detailed answer this covers Mr. MacKinnon's situation.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would respectfully submit to members of the Council that when the matter was brought up it was asked if Council agreed and I could see no objections, so I can see no reason why it shouldn't be included in the report.

Mr. Boyd: I might say I didn't get a chance to object really to your carrying on in the manner here. The question was asked before permission was asked. Very much so. Otherwise, I would have got up and complained.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can't quite agree with Mr. Boyd. I did ask on the basis of this question being of public importance and it was agreed to. I grant you nobody knew what the question was, but the fact still remains it was of public importance.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, there has been a Motion by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Watt that the matter of the question raised in reference to liquor store prices being raised in Dawson City be included in the Chairman's report. Are you ready for the Questions? Are you agreed to the Motion? Are there any contrary? The Motion is carried. Thank you gentlemen, what is your pleasure at this time?

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: Just a moment before we go on to the next question. I would like to state that the duties of the Chairman are very difficult and it is very difficult at

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times to get all in a full report of the proceedings and it is up to Council members to make it as easy as possible for the Council Chairman, and I think I will just state at this time this Council at times do endeavour to make it as difficult as possible and I wish you would remember that in the future.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Speaker, do I have it that your deciding vote ruled in favour of this Motion? In so much as they were three opposed and three in favour.

Mr. Speaker: Oh...I didn't...would you raise your right hands who is in favour of the motion. Gentlemen, order please, would you raise your right hand if you are in favour of the Motion (Three). And who is not in favour of the Motion (Three). I will move in favour of the Motion. It has been discussed so much that it should be aired a little longer so that is fine. And there is no disrespect shown to the Chairman. It is a difficult job. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, there were two Papers that I received in front of me today, and I don't know if either one of them have been tabled. One is a letter from the Whitehorse Theatre Limited with respect to the abolition of amusement tax, the other one is from the Yukon Electrical Company with respect to proposed Ordinance respecting installation of electrical equipment and wiring. And, I would like to submit these, or I would like to table these two documents if you have not done so or if they are not being presented by the Clerk if you could so advise.

Mr. Speaker: I will advise in this respect, gentlemen. I think this has been the custom of the past as a matter of principal that where it involves or where a letter eminates from a district, an electoral district in the Yukon, it has been customary and that the courtesy of introducing and tabling communications from the electoral district concerned where the letter eminates from that has been the courtesy extended to all members. I have never myself personally received a letter from an out of town section unless so requested by the person representing it and I have matched those in the same category. Perhaps that will guide you in the future.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would also like to table a paper tomorrow morning from the roadhouse operator on the north highway.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed. What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Do I have a seconder for the Motion? Oh... we have the agenda to look up some more yet. What is your pleasure in that?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that the agenda for tomorrow be Motions, Bills, Sessional Papers and Memoranda. That's it. MOTION RE ORDERS OF DAY

Mr. Chairman: I will second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Taylor that the agenda for tomorrow be Bills, Motions, Memoranda and Sessional Papers. Are you agreed to the Motion? Motion carried. What is your pleasure now?

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker I move that we call it five o'clock.

MOTION RE ADJOURN COMMITTEE

Mr. Southam: I'll second the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: It was moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Southam that we call it five o'clock at this time. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed to the Motion? Are there any contrary? The Motion is carried and this Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10:00 o'clock.

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