

- AGENDA -

Wednesday, 5th November, 1930

11:00 a.m.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

Nineteenth Session - 1st October, 1930.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Committee on Legislation -
General Revision of Ordinances.

(b) Landing field - Fort Smith.

3. New Business -

(a) Lake Harbour within provisions
of Dog Ordinance.

(b) Appointment of Dr. B.H. Hamilton,
Department of Indian Affairs,
as Medical Officer (part time).

(c) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
account against estate Moses
Dehar - deceased.

(d) Issue of trading permits to Cumber-
gulf Trading Syndicate -

(e) North West Game Regulations -
(i) Close seasons on beaver
(ii) Report of Inspector C.C. Parker
on condition of hunting Indians
in North West Territories.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Twentieth Session of the North
West Territories Council held on Wednesday,
the 5th of November, 1930, in the office of
the Commissioner, Mr. W. W. Cory, C. M. G.,
at Ottawa.

PRESENT:

Mr. W. W. Cory (in the Chair)	-	Commissioner.
Mr. R. A. Gibson	-	Deputy Commissioner
Colonel Cortlandt Starnes	-	Member of Council
Dr. D. C. Scott	-	" " "
Mr. H. H. Rowatt	-	" " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " " and
		Director, N.W.T. & Y. Br.
Major D. L. McKeand	-	Secretary.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. W. M. Cory	-	Legal Adviser
Mr. K. R. Daly	-	" "
Mr. G. P. Mackenzie	-	N.W.T. & Y. Branch.
Major L. T. Burwash	-	" " " "
Dr. J. A. Urquhart	-	" " " "

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Nineteenth Session of Council held on Wednesday, the 1st October, 1930, having been sent to the Members of Council and no amendments having been suggested, it was moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Mr. Rowatt, that the Minutes be confirmed. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Committee on Legislation -
General Revision of Ordinances

Mr. Daly reported that they were not yet in a position to discuss the general revision of the Ordinances. Discussion deferred.

(b) Landing Field - Fort Smith -

Mr. Finnie reported for the information of Council that the Department of National Defence had agreed to bear the cost of improving the winter landing field at Fort Smith; also that the work had been put under way under the direction of the District Agent at Fort Smith and practically completed.

3. New Business -

(a) Lake Harbour within provisions
of Dog Ordinance -

The Secretary read a letter from Colonel Starnes with respect to the desirability of bringing Lake Harbour, Southern Baffin Island, under the provisions of the Dog Ordinance.

In reply to a query Dr. Urquhart reported that the Dog Ordinance was working out very well in his district (Aklavik). He said that the animals were tied up to an anchor of

some sort and thereby prevented from running loose throughout the settlement, destroying food supplies and injuring children. It was moved by Colonel Starnes, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that Lake Harbour be brought under the provisions of the Dog Ordinance. Carried.

- (b) Appointment of Dr. B. H. Hamilton,
Department of Indian Affairs, as
Medical Officer (Part Time) -

The Secretary read a memorandum dealing with an account submitted by Dr. Hamilton for expenses and fees in connection with the care of an Eskimo boy picked up by him while on a patrol at Great Whale River. The boy, who apparently had a badly fractured forearm, had to be clothed and taken care of for some time and could not be sent back to his own district till next summer. The Secretary reported it had been suggested that an arrangement be entered into with the Department of Indian Affairs whereby Dr. Hamilton would treat sick or injured Eskimo and be compensated therefor by the Department of the Interior at the rate of \$25 per month.

Dr. Scott said that Dr. Hamilton had recently been granted an increase in salary of approximately \$1,000 per annum, and all in all had been treated very well by the Department of Indian Affairs. However, he said that he had no objection, and in fact he fully approved of Dr. Hamilton looking after the Eskimo, also if the Department of the Interior wished to compensate him at the rate of \$25 per month, he would raise no objection.

Dr. Scott added that he had recently received a request from the Department of Fisheries for the part time assistance of Dr. Hamilton in connection with the work of the Fisheries Department in Dr. Hamilton's territory.

Dr. Scott recommended that instead of paying the account submitted by Dr. Hamilton the Department date back the payment of the extra remuneration sufficiently far to cover the approved amount of the account.

After consideration it was recommended that steps be taken to secure authority to pay Dr. Hamilton an extra \$25 per month from the 1st August, 1930, out of the proper Department of the Interior appropriation.

- (c) Royal Canadian Mounted Police
account against Estate Moses
Dehar, deceased -

Colonel Starnes reported very briefly the circumstances connected with this case. He stated that following the settlement of the estate they had received an account which should have been paid out of the estate. He agreed that it was too late to take any action in this particular case, but suggested that in future accounts against an estate be submitted to the Public Administrator direct with concurrent advice to the North West Territories and Yukon Branch of the Department of the Interior; also that if a District Officer Commanding of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police thought that an account against an estate might be submitted, he should ask the Public Administrator to defer temporarily closing out the estate.

Mr. Finnie and the Legal Advisers reported that the suggestion would be quite acceptable and Colonel Starnes' recommendation was therefore approved.

(d) Issue of trading permits to
Cumbergulf Trading Syndicate -

Mr. Finnie reported that some months ago word was received through the High Commissioner's Office, London, that the Cumbergulf Company intended to carry on trading in Baffin Island. He said that they were informed that they must first secure the necessary permits from the Department of the Interior, but that the last word received from the High Commissioner's Office indicated that a boat with a supply of trade goods had been despatched to Baffin Island without the necessary permits.

Mr. Mackenzie said that the practice followed in connection with the financing of this type of Company was to subscribe sufficient funds to equip an expedition and then take the profits out of the furs secured in trade, each expedition being refinanced so that the Company never had funds in reserve to carry them over lean years. It was agreed that this was very bad practice so far as the welfare of the Eskimo was concerned.

The advisability of sending special instructions by wireless to the Police detachment on Baffin Island was discussed, but Council felt that on the information available, the issue of permits would not be warranted, also that the Police already had their instructions with respect to trading in the North West Territories and knew that permits must first be secured. Colonel Starnes pointed out that although the Police detachment on Baffin Island could not send out a message, they were in a position to receive one. It was moved by Dr. Scott, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that no action be taken for the time being at least and that when the further reports expected from the High Commissioner's Office were received, the matter be considered again.

(e) North West Game Regulations -

- (i) Close seasons on beaver
- (ii) Report of Inspector C.C. Parker
on condition of hunting Indians
in North West Territories -

Mr. Cory stated that he had had an opportunity of glancing over the report submitted to Dr. Scott by Inspector Parker, and copies of the report were handed to the other members of Council present.

Colonel Starnes said that he had received two reports in connection with the North West Game Regulations from his District Officers, and that complete returns would likely be in by the next session of Council. It was therefore decided to defer final consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

Council then adjourned.

H. Macdonald
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Secretary

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Commissioner

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W. W. CORY,
COMMISSIONER



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
NORTH WEST TERRITORIES
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NOTICE

Under and by virtue of Section 6
of the Ordinance of the North West Territories respect-
ing Dogs, I hereby name and declare the following settle-
ment as coming under and being subject to the provisions
of the said Ordinance -

Lake Harbour - Southern Baffin Island,
Franklin District, N.W.T.

W. W. Cory
Commissioner.