

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Fourteenth Session of the Council
held on Wednesday, the 5th February, 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
Mr. H. H. Rowatt	-	" " "
Mr. O. S. Finnie	-	" " " and Director N.W.T. & Y. Br.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. G. P. Mackenzie	-	N. W. T. & Y. Branch
Mr. G. Herring	-	Post Office Department.

1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The Minutes of the Thirteenth Session of the Council held on Wednesday, the 15th January, 1930, having been sent to the various members of Council and no alterations being suggested, it was moved by Colonel Starnes, seconded by Mr. Gibson, that the Minutes be approved. Carried.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(a) Government Experimental Fur Farms -

After progress had been reported by the Secretary, it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that a copy of a letter received from Dr. E. S. Archibald, Director of the Central Experimental Farm, dated the 30th January, 1930, be sent to the members of Council and the matter reported to Council again when further information was available. Carried

4. New Business -(b) Radio Stations - Herschel Island
Fort Norman -

By unanimous consent it was agreed to give priority to item 4 (b) on the agenda relating to radio stations. Mr. Herring was given an opportunity of expressing the views of the Post Office Department in connection with the suggestion made that a new radio station be established on the Mackenzie river between Aklavik and Simpson. He stated that during a recent air mail flight to Aklavik considerable difficulty was experienced in navigating the plane in this area. He said that this was partly due to the short period of daylight, and that it would greatly assist in the regular maintenance of the service if a radio station were established at Norman to give out weather reports, etc. Good Hope was also mentioned in this connection but the members of Council present favoured Norman, and following a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Finnie, that Council should go on record as recommending the establishment of a new radio station at Norman, and that this recommendation should be conveyed by the Commissioner to the Minister of the Interior.

Mr. Finnie reported that the Dominion Explorers had established a radio station at the south end of Bathurst Inlet without first securing the authority or consent of the Department of the Interior. He also mentioned the fact that due to its probable influence on the migration of caribou, applications for permission to establish trading posts in this area had been turned down. Mr. Finnie was asked to make some further enquiries and bring the matter up for discussion at the next meeting of Council.

Mr. Herring then retired, and as Mr. Cory also had to leave, Mr. Gibson took the Chair.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -

(b) Hospital Grants and Equipment -

Mr. Finnie reported that Mr. Mackenzie and he had an interview with Dr. D. C. Scott, and as a result of their conference it was agreed that inasmuch as the building of the new Roman Catholic hospital at Aklavik had not been started, it was too early to furnish equipment; also that, in view of the other expenditures incidental to the maintenance of hospitals in the North West Territories taken care of out of the North West Territories appropriation, in future the Department of Indian Affairs would deal with all applications for drugs. The Secretary read a letter dated the 4th February, 1930, addressed to the Director of the North West Territories and Yukon Branch by Dr. Scott confirming this arrangement.

Inasmuch as the question of supplying drugs had been disposed of, and as it was not considered advisable, for the time being, to deal with the application for equipment, it was moved by Colonel Starnes and seconded by Mr. Rowatt that inasmuch as the Department of Indian Affairs undertook to supply and pay for all drugs required for the hospital at Aklavik, and as the present Roman Catholic buildings were not completed the hospital equipment asked for could not be used effectively; therefore, no further action need be taken for the present as regards equipping the Roman Catholic hospital at Aklavik.

In the meantime, Dr. Scott undertook to advise the Roman Catholic authorities not to develop the hospital work at Aklavik, but later on to provide a hospital at Good Hope, where there is no hospital accommodation, in which case the departments concerned would be prepared to provide reasonable hospital equipment.

(c) Committee on Legislation -

- (i) Maintenance of orphans, neglected and destitute children beyond 15 years. x
- (ii) Legalizing process of adoption of Eskimo children.
- (iii) Miner's Lien Ordinance.
- (iv) Woodsman's Lien Ordinance -

Mr. Finnie reported the progress that had been made by the Sub-Committee, and stated that the proposed legislation was not yet ready for consideration by Council. Discussion was therefore deferred.

3. Unfinished Business -

(a) Representations made by
Dr. Helen MacMurchy -

Mr. Gibson referred to Dr. MacMurchy's address and thought that Council should have on record a carefully prepared statement of actual facts as disclosed by our investigating officers.

Mr. Finnie undertook to prepare a statement and submit it to the members of Council; the matter to be left on the agenda for discussion at the next regular meeting.

(b) Eskimo Ruins Ordinance -

The Secretary read the proposed Ordinance which had been drafted by the Legal Adviser and approved in the form as read by the Department of Mines. Inasmuch as the question had been discussed at a previous meeting of Council and as no alterations were suggested, it was moved by Mr. Finnie, seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the Ordinance be assented to. Carried.

Mr. Gibson suggested that an explanatory circular memorandum, giving the reasons for the passing of the Ordinance and other information in connection with it, be prepared. It was agreed by Council that this course of action was advisable, and that publicity should be given to the proposed legislation. Mr. Finnie was asked to see that copies of the new regulations and the circular were submitted to the various members of Council.

(c) Employees of Dominion Government trapping and trading in fur in the North West Territories contrary to departmental instructions -

(d) Half-breed scrip -

Discussion deferred.

4. New Business -

(a) Additional areas defined by Commissioner - Dog Ordinance -

It was moved by Colonel Starnes, seconded by Mr. Rowatt, that the departmental order bringing the following settlements under the provisions of the Dog Ordinance be approved by Council:-

Big Buffalo River Settlement
Baillie Island
Bernard Harbour
Cape Krusenstern
Coppermine
East Kugaryuak
Cambridge Bay

Carried.

(c) Mining Recording Offices -
Bathurst Inlet -

Discussion deferred until the Supervisory Mining Engineer, Department of the Interior, is in the city.

(d) Investigators - North West Territories -

Deferred.

Council then adjourned.

J. McQuinn
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Secretary.

W. B. Starnes
.....
Commissioner.

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NOTICE

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

Aklavik	Fort Smith
Arctic Red River	Good Hope
Baker Lake	Hay River
Baillie Island	Liard
Bernard Harbour	McPherson
Big Buffalo River settlement	Norman
Cape Krusenstern	Providence
Chesterfield	Rae
Cambridge Bay	Resolution
Coppermine	Simpson
East Kugaryuak	Wrigley
Fort Reliance	

W. W. Cory
 W. W. Cory,
 Commissioner.

Ottawa, Canada,
 28th January, 1930.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

February 4, 1930

Dear Mr. Finnie,

At the meeting we had this morning on the subject of assistance to hospitals at Aklavik, at which Mr. G. P. Mackenzie, Dr. E. L. Stone and Mr. C.C. Parker were present, we decided that for the present this Department should continue to supply and pay for all drugs for the hospitals at Aklavik.

We decided not to purchase any equipment for the Roman Catholic hospital, as it could not be used effectively in the present building. We also decided to advise the Roman Catholic authorities not to develop the hospital work at Aklavik, but later on to provide a hospital at Good Hope, and if our views were met in this matter we would be prepared to provide reasonable equipment.

This Department's share of the salary for the Doctor at Aklavik is to remain at \$600.00 per annum.

I trust that Mr. Cory will be able to approve of this arrangement.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Duncan C. Scott

O. S. Finnie, Esq.,
Director,
North West Territories and Yukon Branch,
Dept. of the Interior,
Ottawa.

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

An Ordinance Respecting the Protection
and Care of Eskimo Ruins

(assented to 5th February, 1930)

The Commissioner in Council enacts as follows:-

Short Title

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This Ordinance may be cited as "The Eskimo Ruins
Ordinance."

Excavation
or exporta-
tion pro-
hibited save
under certain
conditions.

1. No Eskimo ruins shall be excavated or investi-
gated nor shall any objects of archaeological or ethnological
importance or interest be exported or taken from the Territories
save by permission of and in accordance with regulations made by
the Commissioner of the North West Territories.

Regulations
and
penalties.

2. The Commissioner may from time to time make such
rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of
this Ordinance, for the carrying out of the true intent and meaning
thereof as are found necessary or deemed expedient by him.

3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of
this Ordinance or of any regulation made thereunder, shall be
guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction
to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars and in default of
payment to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both fine
and imprisonment.

Commissioner