

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES

Minutes of the Tenth Session of the Council held on Tuesday, the 22nd of October, 1929, in the office of the Commissioner, W.W.Cory, C.M.G., at Ottawa.

## PRESENT:

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

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. K.R.Daly	- Legal Adviser
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1. Confirmation of Minutes -

The minutes of the Ninth Session of the North West Territories Council, held on the 7th May, 1929, were read by the Secretary, and no alterations or additions being suggested, were confirmed.

2. Business arising out of Minutes -(a) Exporting of Furs taken before 31st December, 1929.

Mr. Gibson mentioned the application that had been made to the Department of the Interior by one of the trading companies for permission to export next year, free of tax, sealed furs taken in the Territories prior to the 31st December, 1929. He stated that this matter had been considered by the Department's legal advisers who expressed the opinion that any trader who wished to get his furs out of the Territories free of tax must do so prior to the 31st December, 1929, and that the Department had no discretionary powers. The members of Council felt that the traders had been given ample warning and that such permission should not be granted.

(b) Fixing of Legal Time Zones in the North West Territories.

Mr. C.C.Smith of the Time Division of the Dominion Observatory, was introduced to the members of Council for the purpose of explaining the suggested time zones for the North West Territories, which had been plotted by him on a small map of the Dominion of Canada, and the desirability for amending Section 22 of the Interpretation Ordinance so as to conform to the Standard Time zones of the Provinces. It was pointed out that while the Territories were spread over approximately 75° of Longitude, Mountain Standard time as defined by said Section 22 of the Interpretation Ordinance was the only legal time in the Territories. After some discussion Mr. Daly was requested to prepare a suitable draft Ordinance, and the Secretary to send a copy, together with a zoned map, to each member of Council so that they would be in a position to further consider the matter at a subsequent session.

3. Confirmation of Executive Orders.

It was moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Dr. Scott

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carried by Council, that the Executive Order dated the 28th June, 1929, (copy attached), appointing six Issuers of Marriage Licenses and revoking the appointment of one previously appointed, be confirmed.

4. Consideration of Recommendations submitted by Mr. O.S. Finnie following his inspection of the Mackenzie District during July and August, 1929.

An extract from Mr. Finnie's report having been sent to all members of Council, together with the notice calling the session, each recommendation was dealt with in chronological order. The Commissioner pointed out that the Regulations for the Protection of Game in the North West Territories were made by Order in Council and that any amendments to these Regulations would require the same authority. A brief verbal explanation was followed by a discussion, after which Council approved of the recommendations as follows:-

(1) Muskrat - (South of Arctic Circle)

Moved by Mr. Finnie and seconded by Colonel Starnes, that Section 2 (e) of the Game Regulations be amended to provide for an open season on muskrat south of the Arctic Circle, from the 1st March until the 31st May.

(2) Lynx, marten, mink and fisher.

Moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Dr. Scott that Section 2 (b) and (c) of the Game Regulations be amended to provide for an open season on lynx, marten, mink and fisher between the 1st November and 31st March.

(3) Fox - (North of the main continent)

Moved by Dr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Gibson, that Section 2 (b) of the Game Regulations be amended by providing for an open season on white and blue fox north of the main continent, from the 15th November until the 31st March.

(4) Feed Houses and Push-ups.

Moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Dr. Scott that the present restrictions regarding feed houses and push-ups in Section 30 of the Game Regulations be stricken out.

(5) Caribou and Moose -(Open Season)

Moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Colonel Starnes that Section 31 of the Game Regulations should make it clear that there is no restriction on the sale of caribou and moose meat secured during the open season. On the other hand it should be made equally clear that it would be an offence to destroy more animals than could be either sold or otherwise disposed of by the hunter.

(6) Caribou and Moose - (Close Season)

Moved by Colonel Starnes and seconded by Mr. Gibson that a clause be inserted in the Game Regulations to provide that Eskimos, Indians and half-breeds, also explorers, surveyors and prospectors engaged on exploration and other similar work, be permitted to take caribou and moose out of season when urgently required for food, but not for purposes of barter or sale.

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(7) Licenses may be cancelled.

Moved by Dr. Scott and seconded by Colonel Starnes, that Section 20 of the Game Regulations be amended by adding the words "or suspended" after the word "cancelled" in the second line thereof.

(8) Prospectors may enter Preserves under License.

Moved by Mr. Finnie and seconded by Mr. Gibson that Section 40 of the Game Regulations be amended to provide that any bona fide prospector who has complied with the provisions of the Mining Regulations, may enter any Preserve as defined by the Game Regulations, for the purpose of prospecting,\* provided he is the holder of a hunting and trapping license under the Game Regulations and may take caribou and moose for food purposes.

(9) Permits to take Animals for Propagation Purposes.

Moved by Colonel Starnes and seconded by Dr. Scott, that Section 44 of the Game Regulations be amended so as to provide for the taking of ten (10) pairs or twenty (20) of each species of beaver, fisher, fox, marten, mink or otter for propagation purposes, instead of six (6) of each species as is now provided. Before any such permit is issued the bona fides of the applicant should first be ascertained and also that he must take all reasonable care of the animals while in transit.

(10) Game Wardens and Fire Rangers.

By unanimous consent the consideration of this subject was deferred.

(11) Government Experimental Fur Farms.

By unanimous consent consideration of the proposed establishment of a fur farm at Resolution or some other settlement in the Mackenzie District was deferred.

(12) Shooting of Muskrats with Shotguns.

Moved by Mr. Finnie and seconded by Colonel Starnes, that the following be added to Section 28 of the Game Regulations:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 28, permits to shoot muskrats during the open season for food purposes only, with a .410 gauge shotgun, may be issued by the District Agent upon recommendation of a resident Medical Health Officer, to any incapacitated, aged or infirm resident of the North West Territories, who is physically unable to secure these animals by other lawful methods.

5. New Business.

(a) The Chairman pointed out that with the increased activities in the North West Territories in the way of exploration and mining development, it would be advisable for Council to meet more regularly, and suggested that a definite day be set aside each month for this purpose. This met with general approval and it was moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded

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by Dr. Scott that the North West Territories Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 11.00 a.m. in the office of the Commissioner unless the members are notified to the contrary.

(b) Hospital Grants and Equipment

The general question of grants of money and equipment to hospitals in the North West Territories was discussed. Mr. Gibson reported that the Department of the Interior has been able to make donations of equipment, free of charge, to certain hospitals in the Territories at the time the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-Establishment was disposing of surplus stores. This had caused the Department of the Interior a certain amount of embarrassment as other applications for equipment had been received after the surplus stock had become exhausted. Dr. Scott stated that it was the practice of the Department of Indian Affairs to provide certain needed hospital equipment when an Indian hospital was first established, and thereafter to make such annual grants as would provide for the maintenance of these institutions and for the replacement of hospital equipment when necessary. By unanimous consent further consideration of this matter was left over for a future session.

Council then adjourned.

*A. J. Macdonald*  
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Secretary

*R. Gibson*  
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Commissioner  
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