

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.  
Wednesday, April 8, 1953,  
3:00 o'clock p.m.

The first session of the Council for the year 1953, being the second session of the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory, was convened in the Court Room, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th, 1953.

The Members present were:

Alexander Raymond Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.  
Vincent Cooper Mellor, of Dawson, Y.T.  
Alec Frank Berry, of Mayo, Y.T.  
John Livingston Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y.T.  
Frederick Dore Locke, of Whitehorse West, Y.T.

Mr. A.R. Hayes, Speaker, directed that the Rev. N.E. Tanner offer prayers for the guidance of the Members of Council concerning their deliberations.

The Commissioner addressed the Council outlining the legislation which he proposed to place before Council at this Session (see Sessional Paper No. 1).

Mr. Speaker replied to the address of the Commissioner (see Sessional Paper No. 2).

Messrs. A.F. Berry, V.C. Mellor and F.D. Locke addressed the Council (see Sessional Papers Nos. 3, 4 and 5).

Mr. Speaker read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. V.C. Mellor gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Ordinance"

Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"

Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Territorial Public Service Ordinance"

Mr. A.F. Berry gave notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Empower the Commissioner to Authorize the Department of National Revenue to Delete from Its Accounts Debts Due and Owing from Certain Persons

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Hospitals Ordinance"

Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"

Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Motor Vehicles Ordinance"

Mr. F. D. Locke gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

- Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Mayo Utilities Limited for Operating of a Telephone System in the Mayo area, Y.T."
- Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Yukon Brewery (Holding) Company Limited to Manufacture, Compound and Make Intoxicating Liquors"
- Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Ratify the Tax Rental Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Services of the Territory.

Mr. John L. Phelps gave Notice that the undermentioned Bills would be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council:

- Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"
- Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Workmen's Compensation Ordinance"
- Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Game Ordinance"

Council went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Berry in the Chair.

Mr. Brown, Commissioner, attended Council.

The matter of the Agenda was discussed. A general discussion period was held during which the Salaries of Territorial Employees; the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance; the Election Ordinance; the Wolf Bounty program; the sale of liquor to Indians; Rules of Council, and Utility Franchise at Mayo were discussed.

Council adjourned at 4:45 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. Cameron"  
Clerk

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"A. R. Hayes"  
Speaker

Opening Address by

Wilfrid G. Brown, Esquire

Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

at the

First Session of the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council of  
the Yukon Territory

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

Wednesday, April 8, 1953

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Yukon Council:

I welcome you to this second session of the sixteenth wholly elected Council of the Yukon Territory. This occasion is notable and historic in that this session is being held in the City of Whitehorse for the first time, consequent upon moving the Capital of the Yukon from the City of Dawson to the City of Whitehorse. I am sure that you will find this new Capital as admirable a site for your deliberations and functions as the previous one proved to be over such a long period of time.

We are saddened at the recent death of Queen Mary. Her passing has ended a long life of service to the Empire and Commonwealth. Her outstanding qualities of heart and mind had endeared her to all peoples. The people of the Yukon join with others in Canada in expressing to the Royal Family our deepest sympathy in their loss.

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II this June is an event of major concern and interest to us all. I am sure that the affection and loyalty of the people of the Yukon will be extended to her in the fullest measure. It is our fervent hope and prayer that she may enjoy a long and prosperous reign. You will be pleased to learn that Councillor Hayes will attend this Coronation ceremony.

The economic development of the Yukon shows further promise of expansion, particularly in the lode mining activity and utilization of water resources. A continuing expansion of public services will be required, particularly in the fields of education, hospitalization and road transportation, to keep pace with general economic developments and population increases.

No new Ordinances or revised Ordinances will be presented to you at this session for your consideration, but work is progressing on the general revision of Yukon Ordinances. It is anticipated that a number of new and revised Ordinances will be ready for presentation at the Fall session of this Council.

You will be asked to consider the Supply Ordinance, and to ratify the Tax Rental Agreement made between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory. You will be further asked to consider amendments to the Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Ordinance; the Government Liquor Ordinance; the Yukon Territorial Public Service Ordinance; the Hospitals Ordinance; the Municipal Ordinance; the Motor Vehicle Ordinance; the Steam Boilers Ordinance; the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance; the Yukon Game Ordinance; the Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Mayo Utilities, Limited, for the Operating of a Telephone System in the Mayo Area; and the Ordinance Granting Permission to the Yukon Brewery (Holding) Company, Limited, to Manufacture, Compound and Make Intoxicating Liquors.

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In addition to the above legislation, other matters may be referred to you.

I am desirous of being of the greatest assistance to you, and will make myself available at all times.

I extend to you every good wish in your deliberations and undertakings in this session.

Reply to Commissioner's Opening Address

by

The Speaker

A. R. HAYES, ESQUIRE

Mr. Commissioner:

The second session of the Sixteenth wholly elected Council welcomes you to this Chamber and tenders its thanks for your presence. We appreciate your assurance of assistance and availability, and while we must, of necessity, call upon you frequently for advice and information, we realize the difficulty you are working under at the moment, due to change of location, and we will try to arrange our requests so that too much of your time is not taken up.

May I assure you, on behalf of Council, that all measures presented to us will receive the most careful consideration, and that our deliberations will be conducted in a sympathetic and co-operative manner. Contrary to public opinion - limited public opinion - legislation was not rushed through at the last session, nor will it be at this one. We note in your speech from the Throne that no new or revised Ordinances are on the Agenda, which means that no new taxation is to be imposed.

New Ordinances are anticipated in the Fall session, and an expansion of public services will be required to keep pace with the economic development of the Territory. Expansion calls for expense, and the only source of revenue available to any governing body is taxes in one form or another - sales tax, income tax, duty and excise tax, death duties, gasoline tax, or hidden taxes - they all come out of the pockets of the residents of a country. It is the duty of Council to impose taxation by Ordinances. It is also their duty, and their great responsibility to see that funds so obtained are spent with the greatest care, and that waste is kept to a minimum. There is room for economy and more careful spending in Yukon Territory, and the Supply Ordinance, the Yukon's Budget, will undoubtedly take up most of the time at this session.

The Yukon Council is the smallest governing body in the British Empire, and the farthest north, but we should not, for this reason alone, continually follow the lead of others at all times, and refrain from introducing new measures because they are new. The Days of '98 are long past, and while we may hold them in nostalgic memory, we should not allow sentiment to influence us too greatly in dealing with the changed conditions that now prevail. The passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act at the last session brought dire predictions of failure, in some quarters - that the Act was too advanced for the Yukon; that it was rushed through without due care and consideration, and that pressure was brought to bear. None of these accusations are true. Perfection is impossible in human beings, but once we cease to strive towards perfection humanity will revert to the law of the jungle - "nature red in tooth and claw". These prophets of doom were well aware, but chose to forget, that amendments could be introduced at this session to rectify injustices and correct inequalities in the Workmen's Compensation Act. Suggestions from the public were called for, but surprisingly few have been put forward.

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Through the years Dawson was host to the Yukon Council, and those of us who had the privilege of knowing Dawson and its people will ever remember with gratitude and thanks the unique hospitality and friendliness of the residents of Dawson.

May I re-iterate my thanks for your presence here today, Mr. Commissioner.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

ALEC FRANK BERRY, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

I have before me "Interdepartmental Committee on Territorial Financial Problems". This was sent to me with a covering letter, when first elected, as guidance. As you know, it is the report of five very well versed men who analyzed this Yukon and submitted their recommendations in order that we could keep up with the times and use it as guidance. I look upon it as guidance, and not as something inflexible.

Regarding Welfare, I have this to say - a point I would like to make - "The presence in the Territory of a considerable number of aged survivors of the gold rush period, who are completely dependent for support on the Territorial Government and will remain so to the end of their days; the exceedingly high cost of dealing with each additional individual problem assumed by the Territory provides in itself the most urgent reason for caution and responsibility. The Committee is not prepared to pass judgment on individual instances, but from information which it has received it has gained the impression that there has in the past been some waste in the administration of the social services."

I would like to put a plea before the Council for those old timers of '98. Could we perhaps introduce a little sentiment into business inasmuch as they were the pioneers of our country. As a matter of dollars and cents to the Yukon Government, it often finds it much cheaper to uproot these old timers and send them outside to Alberta or some other comfortable homes, but I would like the Administration to please consider giving them the option as to whether they move out or stay here. After all, the slight extra cost - I cannot say the amount - perhaps three or four thousand dollars, they will not be with us much longer, and inasmuch as the country is expanding perhaps we could stand that expense.

Regarding Education - speaking for the Mayo District, I have been asked to point out to the Administration that they would very much like to have the School District and School Board system instituted. In this self-same report they mention that this is a little premature, and if people want School Districts and School Boards they must be prepared to assume the additional expense.

Public Works - through no fault of its own, the present Administration has inherited a very very hard set of circumstances in regards to our Public Works Department. As you know, the season in the Yukon for Public Works is very limited, and, therefore, the time element is quite important. Our Public Works Committee of the Council has found out that it is quite questionable whether we can do the work outlined with the equipment we have, that is to say, the equipment that is in shape. It is not fair to ask the Public Works employees to perform this work if they haven't got the equipment, and it is therefore a matter of perhaps changing policy. It was the policy of the Government to build roads, but it seems to me proof is so conclusive that perhaps we will have to go in for other measures, such as rental of equipment, or contracting the work outside. The Dawson Road must be put through for the benefit of the

people of Dawson next fall. In my opinion, the shops at our central garage at Carmacks will have all they can do to get the present equipment into shape for next winter's maintenance, let alone doing anything this summer.

In closing, I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that we have very hard problems, but I have no doubt whatsoever that we will be able to solve them.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

V. C. MELLOR, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

In the remarks which I have heard from the Throne, I too would express our regret at the passing of our Queen Mother, and the interest to all of us in the Coronation which will occur this year. My congratulations to Councillor Hayes on being able to represent we of the Yukon at the coronation of our Queen.

One thing, Mr. Speaker, that I am rather disappointed in is that no reference is made to the Dawson-Mayo-Whitehorse Road. This road, as you all know, is a thing which I am very very much concerned about, and the people I represent, Mr. Speaker, are very much concerned about. It is our lifeline.

We regret the losing of our friends, the Commissioner, The Territorial Secretary and his staff. We regret very much that we have lost them where it was essential that they had to move from Dawson to Whitehorse to cope with the activities that the present day mining situation has developed around Whitehorse District, but the fact of leaving Dawson, I hope, will not leave us forgotten.

I can assure the Commissioner, and I say this in a very very friendly spirit, but I can assure him, that at the present time our Yukon Territorial Government cannot put in the road between Dawson and Mayo. We have not the equipment. We have not the money. I doubt very much if the powers that be in Ottawa, who figure that they can road build, if they knew the circumstances that we are up against here in the Yukon, then probably it would be a different tale. Now, I always believed this - "A man is a man who has the courage to admit that he is wrong" - and I hope and trust that the Heads of the Department in Ottawa have got the courage to admit they are wrong. The only thing I am concerned about, Mr. Speaker, and my fellow colleagues, is a road between Dawson and Whitehorse. I will ask you, Mr. Speaker, and my fellow colleagues, to give the Dawson District your kind and sympathetic considerations during any legislative matters that may come before you.

I would say that it is Dawson's loss when our members of both Federal and Territorial servants left, but it is Whitehorse's gain.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

FREDERICK DORE LOCKE, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

First, on behalf of the people of the Whitehorse District, I wish to welcome to Whitehorse, Commissioner Brown, Mr. Cameron, the Territorial Secretary, and all of the Territorial staff to our District. I hope that they will find life pleasant with us, and that we will all benefit by the move.

In the speech from the Throne, Commissioner Brown mentions the expansion in mining and similar activities in the Territory. Undoubtedly, as the outlook is at present, there is going to be a further expansion, probably much larger. Also in the speech from the Throne, it was mentioned there was to be quite some expansion in measures of Public Welfare, Public Health, and so on. As the budget stands at the present time, there is no further source of revenue to cover these expansions, unless we have further taxation from the people of the Territory. Our taxes in the Territory now, in most cases, are as large as the people of the Territory can stand. If this expansion in the mineral wealth of the Territory and in its natural resources is to go on, I believe that it is time that Ottawa recognized this expansion and recognizes the fact that a large share of the monies derived from this expansion is the just due of the people of the Yukon Territory. In that way we can carry on our expansion without it being an added burden to the people that are already living in the Territory, especially those that lived here for a good many years.

If this expansion increases, I also believe that it is time that the Department at Ottawa, who at the present time dictates the policies of the Territory, both in Administration, and to a large extent Legislation, recognizes this growth of the Territory. I trust that the day will not be too far away, when Ottawa, and these Departments in Ottawa, will recognize the fact that the Yukon should have a more Democratic form of self-government than we now have, and that the people have a fuller representation when they have an election.

Mention has been made, Mr. Speaker, by Mr. Berry, Member for Mayo, and Mr. Mellor, Member for Dawson, regarding the Dawson Road. Having spoken to people from Dawson, I feel that the move of the Government, although it did part many friends of long standing, these people may undoubtedly make new friends without forgetting their old friends from Dawson in Whitehorse. We hope so, and that not too far away they will visit back and forth. I don't think they were greatly affected by the move of the Capital economically. There weren't that many moved and there are other ways of receiving revenues now coming forth, and one of these ways will be the opening of that Dawson Road so that there will be a greater amount of traffic, especially towards Dawson, and I feel, as the Member from Dawson has spoken, that we must give the Dawson Road full consideration at all times, and at once. Thank you.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
Thursday, April 9th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Speaker assumed the Chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Councillor Mellor asked questions regarding occupancy of the Territorial houses.

The following Resolution was moved by Councillor Phelps and seconded by Councillor Locke. Approved.

"RESOLVED that Section 2 of the "Rules of the Council of the Yukon Territory" be amended to read as follows:  
'The Council shall meet from 10:00 o'clock a.m. to noon, and from 1:30 o'clock p.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m. from Monday to Friday, inclusive, and from 10:00 o'clock a.m. to 1:00 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, and no sitting on Sunday".

First reading was given to the following Bills:

- Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Ordinance"
- Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"
- Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Territorial Public Service Ordinance"
- Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Empower the Commissioner to Authorize the Department of National Revenue to Delete From Its Accounts Debts Due and Owing from Certain Persons.
- Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Hospitals Ordinance"
- Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"
- Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Motor Vehicles Ordinance"
- Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"
- Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Workmen's Compensation Ordinance"
- Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Game Ordinance"
- Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Mayo Utilities Limited for the Operating of a Telephone System in the Mayo Area, Y.T."
- Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Yukon Brewery (Holding) Company Limited to Manufacture, Compound and Make Intoxicating Liquors"
- Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Ratify the Tax Rental Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Services of the Territory.

Second reading was given to the following Bills:

- Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Ordinance"
- Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"
- Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Territorial Public Service Ordinance"
- Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Empower the Commissioner to Authorize the Department of National Revenue to Delete From Its Accounts Debts Due and Owing from Certain Persons.
- Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Hospitals Ordinance"
- Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance"
- Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Motor Vehicles Ordinance"
- Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"
- Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Workmen's Compensation Ordinance"
- Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Yukon Game Ordinance"
- Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Mayo Utilities Limited for the Operating of a Telephone System in the Mayo Area, Y.T."
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- Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Ratify the Tax Rental Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. 14 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Services of the Territory.

Council adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills Nos. 1, 4 and 8.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on Bills Nos. 1, 4 and 8. These Bills were recommended without amendment. Council accepted the Committee's report.

Third reading was given to the following Bills:

- Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Gasoline and Diesel Oil Tax Ordinance"
- Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Empower the Commissioner to Authorize the Department of National Revenue to Delete From Its Accounts Debts Due and Owing from Certain Persons.
- Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Steam Boilers Ordinance"

The Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Brown and Mr. T. Kjar discussed the operations of the Game Department, particularly the question of wolf bounty. Consideration was then given to Bill No. 10.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on Bill No. 10. This Bill was recommended with the following amendments:

1. That subsection 2 of Section 2 be deleted.
2. That Section 4 be deleted.
3. That subsection 2 of Section 74 of the said Ordinance be amended by deleting the word "mile" and substituting therefor "hundred yards".
4. That subsection 3 of Section 74 of the said Ordinance be amended by inserting the following after the word "possession" - "any loaded rifle or shotgun, or discharge any rifle or shotgun within the area".

The Council accepted the Committee's report.

Mr. J. L. Phelps gave Notice that Bill No. 10 would be given third reading at the next sitting of Council.

Council adjourned at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. Cameron"  
Clerk

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"A. R. Hayes"  
Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of the

COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
Saturday, April 11th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Councillor Mellor asked questions regarding the Territorial house in Whitehorse.

Councillor Phelps asked questions regarding insurance on the Whitehorse Consolidated School.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills No. 9, 11, 12 and 13.

Messrs. Wise, Craig and Busby, Insurance Agents in Whitehorse, and Mr. P. Hewitt, City Clerk of Whitehorse, attended Council.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on the following:

- (a) Report of progress on Bill No. 9.
- (b) Bill No. 11 - with amendment that the Ordinance be further amended by adding immediately at the end of section one the following words: "provided an arbitration clause for the settlement of any dispute is included therein."
- (c) Bill No. 12 - without amendment.
- (d) Bill No. 13 - without amendment.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Third reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Government Liquor Ordinance"

Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Territorial Public Service Ordinance"

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Hospitals Ordinance"

Third reading was given to Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend "The Yukon Game Ordinance" - with amendment that Section 4 read as follows:

Section 6 of the said Ordinance is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

"(1) resident over the age of seventy years free."

and that Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 be changed to read:

"5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 respectively".

Third reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 12 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Yukon Brewery (Holding) Company Limited to Manufacture, Compound and Make Intoxicating Liquors"

Bill No. 13 - An Ordinance to Ratify the Tax Rental Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Yukon Territory.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 6. Commissioner Brown attended Council.

The Chairman of the Committee reported progress on Bill No. 6.

Council adjourned at 12:45 o'clock p.m.

"W.M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

"A.R. HAYES"  
Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of the

COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
Monday, April 13th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

The Clerk read a Petition received from the Whitehorse Public Library (see Sessional Paper No. 7).

Third reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Motor Vehicles Ordinance"

Bill No. 11 - An Ordinance to Amend "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Mayo Utilities Limited for the Operating of a Telephone System in the Mayo Area, Y. T."

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills No. 6 and 9.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on the following:

- (a) Bill No. 6 - with amendment that the words "and with the approval of the Commissioner" be deleted.
- (b) Report of progress on Bill No. 9.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Third reading was given to Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance to Amend the "Municipal Ordinance".

Council recessed at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 14. Commissioner Brown and Mr. W. A. Wardrop attended Council.

While in discussion, Mr. Mellor stated as follows:

"Mr. Chairman - I would like Mr. Brown, the Commissioner, to understand that I definitely approve the increases in salaries for the Territorial servants. I wish that to go on record as far as the increases are concerned. I have stated before my idea of increase in salaries, and I think that a plan can be worked out."

The Chairman of the Committee reported progress on Bill No. 14.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker

APRIL 13th, 1953.

WHITEHORSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Whitehorse, Y. T.

April 10th, 1953.

Speaker of the Council,  
Territorial Government Council,  
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Whitehorse Public Library Board would appreciate your bringing the following letter before your Council.\*

On March 20th, 1952, The Board of the Whitehorse Public Library received word from Mr. Fred Fraser, the then Commissioner for the Yukon, that the yearly Territorial Grant for the Library would have to be reduced. This grant had been previously set at \$1500. annually and this amount is really required to finance the Library.

There is considerable work in the way of repairs needed at the library; also, there will be wood needed for the coming year, as during the past winter we used the surplus which was left from the previous winter. At the present time members of the Library Board have been doing considerable work to make more room for the new books bought during the year and recently. This list of books includes some splendid books for children and young people, as well as editions of late productions in general.

The annual report for the year ending March 31st, 1953, is being prepared this week and audited, but as we understand that a special session of the Council is being held during the next few days, we would like to bring before them a special request that the yearly grant for the Whitehorse Public Library be reinstated to the previous amount of \$1500.00 annually.

As the present quarters for the Library are really inadequate, we would also like to put before the Council, a further request that they give consideration to housing the Whitehorse Public Library in the new Federal Building.

We will appreciate very much having these matters brought before the Council for their serious consideration.

Yours truly,

WHITEHORSE PUBLIC LIBRARY

(signed) "Mrs. E. M. Milne"

P.S. Copy of the Annual Report will be forwarded within the next few days.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
April 14th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Councillor Mellor's questions regarding the Territorial House in Whitehorse were answered (see Sessional Paper No. 8).

Councillor Phelps's questions regarding insurance on the Whitehorse Consolidated School were answered (see Sessional Paper No. 9).

The Clerk read a Petition received from the City of Whitehorse Y.T. (see Sessional Paper No. 10).

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 14. Commissioner Brown and Messrs. W. A. Wardrop and R. Hulland attended Council.

The Chairman reported progress on Bill No. 14.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council recessed at 12:10 o'clock p.m.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 14. Commissioner Brown and Messrs. W. A. Wardrop, F. Kjar and J. Gentleman attended Council.

The Chairman reported progress on Bill No. 14.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions asked by V. C. Mellor, Esquire

1. Question: Does the Territorial Government now own a house in Whitehorse, known locally as the "Doctor's House", and occupied by Mr. J. Kerr (now Territorial Agent at Mayo, Y.T.), when he was employed by the Territorial Government in Whitehorse?  
Answer: Yes.
2. Question: If the answer is "No", when and to whom was the house disposed of?  
Answer: Not applicable.
3. Question: If sold, what was the price paid?  
Answer: Not applicable.
4. Question: If the answer to No. 1 is "Yes", by whom is the house now occupied?  
Answer: The house is not occupied.  
  
NOTE: This house was occupied by Magistrate A. H. Gibson from August 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953, at a rental of \$40.00 per month, including light, water and fuel. This was a temporary arrangement pending other accommodation arrangement.
5. Question: What is the rental being paid?  
Answer: No rental now being paid.

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions asked by J. L. Phelps, Esquire

1. Question: How much Fire Insurance is carried on the new Whitehorse Consolidated School?  
Answer: \$300,000.00 on Building; \$50,000.00 on contents.
2. Question: Were tenders requested for this Insurance from licensed Whitehorse Insurance Agents? If so, the names of Agents contacted?  
Answer: No tenders were called for.
3. Question: Is it the policy of the present Administration to award contracts without due consideration to business men in the area?  
Answer: The policy of the present Administration is to call for tenders by advertisement on all contracts of a major nature.
4. Question: What rate per thousand was charged for the Fire Insurance, and how was it ascertained that this was the lowest competitive rate?  
Answer: Rate .36 per thousand, three year contract. Straight line Companies have comparable rates. This insurance is carried with a Company that constantly has met competitive prices, and has been able to place insurance that was difficult to place with other Companies.

April 14th, 1953.

THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE

Whitehorse, Y.T.

April 13, 1953.

Mr. Hayes,  
Councillor,  
Yukon Government,  
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Mr. Hayes:

The Council of the City of Whitehorse hereby bring before the Government, matters pertaining to the welfare of the City of Whitehorse.

Councillors Phelps and Locke understand the financial position of Whitehorse in its relationship to the Territorial Government.

The following are points we wish to discuss:

1. Contribution of Territorial Government towards Nuisance Ground Caretaker's salary.
2. The Taxable Assessment for Whitehorse and the relation of the School Levy to the Municipal Levy.
3. To urge the Government to abolish the Amusement Tax.
4. The present Fire Equipment, and the need for new for when the Army moves to Upper Whitehorse.
5. An Agreement between the City and the Territorial Government for a term of Five Years, whereby the basic grant to be the same each year.
6. At least \$15,000 or more of a grant for the City to carry out its 1953-54 requirements at a 30 mill rate.

Yours very truly,

(signed) "P. Hewitt"  
City Clerk.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
Thursday, April 16th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Councillor Berry asked questions regarding the purchase of electricity by Mayo Light and Power Company from the Northwest Territories Power Commission.

The Clerk read a petition received from the Yukon Fish and Game Association (see Sessional Paper No. 13).

Councillor F. D. Locke gave Notice that a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to Incorporate the Children's Aid Society of Southern Yukon" will be introduced for first reading at the next sitting of Council.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition received from the City of Whitehorse. Commissioner Brown, Mr. W. A. Wardrop, and Members of the City Council of Whitehorse attended Council.

Council recessed at 12:05 p.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee gave consideration to Bill No. 14. Commissioner Brown and Mr. W. A. Wardrop attended Council.

The Chairman reported progress on Bill No. 14.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

April 16th, 1953.

YUKON FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

Whitehorse, Y. T.

April 15, 1953.

Mr. W. M. Cameron,  
Clerk of the Yukon Territorial Council,  
Whitehorse, Y. T.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

The Yukon Fish and Game Association respectfully request the privilege of a meeting between the executive of our organization and the Commissioner and Council of the Yukon Territory before the close of the Spring Session. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the following:

1. Predatory animal control.
2. Advisability of further importation of elk.

The foregoing topics are of urgent concern to the officers and members of our Association. Your early reply to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

YUKON FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION.

(signed) "R. B. Hougen"  
Secretary.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.,  
Friday, April 17th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Councillor Berry's questions regarding the purchase of electricity by Mayo Light and Power Company from the Northwest Territories Power Commission were answered (see Sessional Paper No. 14).

The Clerk read a petition received from Messrs. Smith and Chapman, of Mayo, Y.T. (see Sessional Paper No. 15).

First reading was given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 13A - An Ordinance to Incorporate the Children's Aid Society of Southern Yukon.

Second reading was given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 13A - An Ordinance to Incorporate the Children's Aid Society of Southern Yukon.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 13A, and to consider certain matters presented to Council by the Commissioner. Commissioner Brown attended Council.

Council recessed at 11:55 o'clock a.m.

2:30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters presented to Council by the Commissioner. Commissioner Brown attended Council.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on the following:

- (a) Bill No. 13A - without amendment.
- (b) Your Committee has discussed the matter of night classes and citizenship for newly arrived Canadian citizens, and the majority opinion is that for the present no financial assistance be given towards this project. However, the practice of permitting the classes to be held in the school should be continued.
- (c) Your Committee has discussed the matter of payment for road work in the Mayo area, and it is considered that payment for work done on the road over the Flat below Keno City, and the Formo Road on Galena Hill, totalling \$8,456.57 may be paid. However, as the Duncan Creek to Crystal Lake road is considered purely a mine road, the payment of this account should be rejected.
- (d) Your Committee has discussed the matter of a Territorial financial contribution to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and it is considered that for the present no financial assistance be given.

- (e) Your Committee has discussed the "Amusement Tax Ordinance" and it is suggested that the Administration give consideration to the application of this Ordinance insofar as it applies to organizations such as the Whitehorse Drama League, the Whitehorse Hockey League, etc., and as it applies to the Department of National Defence.
- (f) Your Committee has given consideration to the request from the Whitehorse General Hospital for assistance from the Territorial Government in the amount of \$13,500.00. It is considered that -
  - (i) if possible funds in the amount of \$3,500.00 be made available for the children's ward;
  - (ii) if possible, the contract for the new heating plant should include the erection of fire escape and the installation of fire doors, and an alarm system;
  - (iii) the purchase of laundry equipment be considered at a later date;
  - (iv) the redecorating of the nurse's residence and west wing is considered as part of the normal maintenance of the hospital, and this expense should be met out of the hospital's revenue.
- (g) Your Committee discussed the heating of the Whitehorse School, and it is considered that the firm of architects be requested to review the heating system, and, if required, the necessary repairs be made.
- (h) Your Committee has considered the request from the Most Reverend J. L. Coudert, O.M., for an increase in grants now being made for students of Roman Catholic Schools, and for a contribution by the Territorial Government towards the construction of a new school in Whitehorse for Roman Catholic pupils. It is considered that the "per pupil" grant should be on the same basis as the one being negotiated with the Department of National Defence for pupils of National Defence employees, and \$200.00 per annum for other children of residents of the Yukon. In view of the present financial standing of the Territory, it is considered impossible at the present time to give consideration to a contribution of a large sum towards the construction of a Roman Catholic school.
- (i) Your Committee considered a request from the Watson Lake residents for a contribution from the Special Liquor Tax for the purpose of constructing a Curling Rink. It is considered that insufficient information was given in connection with this request, and the matter should be referred to at a later date.
- (j) Your Committee considered a request from the Whitehorse Board of Trade for an increase of their Grant to \$1,000.00. As it is not considered that the Territorial Government should contribute towards publicity through the Board of Trade, this request for increase should be refused.

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- (k) Your Committee considered a request from the Community of Teslin for a \$600.00 contribution from Territorial funds for improvements to the streets in the Village. It is considered that in view of the necessity of these streets being improved because of the diversion of the Alaska Highway, and as the Territorial Government will have to do some maintenance on the approaches to the Teslin School consideration be given to having the Territorial Roads Department do this work.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

QUESTIONS AND RETURNS

1. Question: Can the Mayo Light and Power Company purchase electricity from the Northwest Territories Power Commission under its present set-up?

Answer: This question can only be answered by the Northwest Territories Power Commission. It is the understanding of the Administration, however, that the Northwest Territories Power Commission cannot agree to sell power to a retail distributor until the latter obtains a franchise from the Yukon Territorial Government.

2. Question: If not, then what must the Mayo Light and Power Company do before they can purchase the electricity?

Answer: Answered by question one.

April 17th, 1953.

The Yukon Council in Session,  
Whitehorse, Yukon.

The undersigned respectfully request that consideration be given to incorporate certain amendments to the "School Ordinance" the outline of which is contained herein. The recommendations outlined are based upon the recent difficulties at Mayo School, which resulted in a court case involving the Principal. Due to the possibility of repetition in the future of cases where school teachers may exceed the bounds of accepted ethical procedure, we submit the following:

Proposed Amendments to the School Ordinance:

1. A provision that at no time shall a school Principal or teacher inflict corporal punishment upon a child unless there be a witness or witnesses.
2. Provision for "form" of punishment, that is, use of the strap upon the hands only but such amendment to be compatible with British Columbia or other Provincial Legislation.
3. Provision for setting up of Regional School Boards or similar Commissions with authority so that responsibility for action in grievous cases would be better distributed and more immediate action expected.

Respectfully yours,

(signed) "Alex. A. Smith"  
"C. H. Chapman"

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.,  
Saturday, April 18th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to interview a delegation from the Yukon Fish and Game Association. Commissioner Brown and Messrs. Kjar, Hougen, Friend, Dunbar and McCuish attended Council. The Committee then considered certain matters presented to Council by the Commissioner.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on the following:

- (a) Your Committee has given consideration to the request for \$500.00 from the Carmacks Community Club. It is considered that, if possible, this request should be given favourable consideration. While considering this request the policy of administering the monies raised by the Special Liquor Tax, and allocated to welfare and recreational purposes was discussed. It is recommended that the policy be as follows for the year 1954-55:
  - (i) the tax collected through sales of the Whitehorse Liquor Store be apportioned to the Carmacks, Whitehorse East and Whitehorse West Electoral Districts, and be apportioned as recommended by the sitting members for the said Electoral Districts;
  - (ii) the tax collected through sales of the Mayo Liquor Store be apportioned to the Mayo Electoral District, and be apportioned as recommended by the sitting member for Mayo Electoral District;
  - (iii) the tax collected through sales of the Dawson Liquor Store be apportioned to the Dawson Electoral District, and be apportioned as recommended by the sitting member for Dawson Electoral District;
- (b) Your Committee considered a request from the Board of Trade of Carcross for funds to assist them in purchasing a building. It is considered that insufficient information was given in connection with this request, and the matter should be referred to at a later date;
- (c) Your Committee considered a request from the Whitehorse School Committee for \$1,000.00 for the acquisition of playground equipment for the Whitehorse School. It is considered that this should be part of the cost of the Department of Education, and, if possible, playground equipment for the use of children should be made available.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 1:10 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.,  
Monday, April 20th, 1953,  
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.

Third reading was given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 13A - An Ordinance to Incorporate the Children's Aid Society of Southern Yukon.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 9, and certain matters presented to Council by the Commissioner. Commissioner Brown attended Council.

The Committee recessed at 11:55 o'clock a.m.

1:30 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed discussion. Commissioner Brown and Mr. W. A. Wardrop attended Council. Council also considered Bill No. 14.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee on the following:

- (a) Bill No. 9 with amendment that -
  - i) Section 1, dealing with subsection (k) of Section 2 be amended to read: "'insurer" means an insurance company licensed to do business in Canada under the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, or the Foreign Insurance Companies Act and Lloyds of London as registered in the Province of British Columbia."
  - ii) Section 3, dealing with Section 29 be deleted.
- (b) Your Committee considered the matter of acquiring suitable accommodation for the liquor vendor at Mayo. It is considered that in view of the scarcity of houses in Mayo it will be necessary to purchase a house;
- (c) Your Committee considered a request from the Haines Junction Community Club for a Territorial contribution of \$500.00 for the acquisition of a piano. It is considered that this request should be given careful consideration. However, in future, it is recommended that the following policy be adopted:

No grant from the Special Liquor Tax Fund is to be paid except to organizations falling in either of the following categories:

- (a) under the Municipal Council;
- (b) an incorporated, registered or licensed company;
- (c) an organization registered under the "Benevolent Societies Ordinance".

- (d) Your Committee considered the petition received from Messrs. Alex. A. Smith and C. H. Chapman, of Mayo, Y.T. It is felt that careful consideration should be given to the suggestions made, and, if required, the necessary amendment to the School Ordinance be presented at a later date;
- (e) Your Committee considered the petition received from the Whitehorse Public Library for reinstatement of the \$1,500.00 annual grant, and for allocation of space in the new Federal Building. In view of the present financial standing of the Territory, it is considered impossible at the present time to give consideration to an increase of this grant. The Council has, of course, no jurisdiction over the new Federal Building. However, careful consideration should be given when possible to providing suitable accommodation for the library;
- (f) Your Committee discussed the petition received from the City of Whitehorse with reference to the request for a Territorial contribution towards the nuisance ground caretaker's salary, and for an increase of the grant by \$15,000.00 or more. It is recommended that the Commissioner ensure that these funds are required, and, if so, efforts be made to provide this amount in the Supply Bill which will be presented at the next session of Council. These two items should, it is believed, be considered as one. It is recommended that the Commissioner give consideration to the provision of funds for new fire equipment in Whitehorse, and to the possibility of entering into a three to five year agreement regarding the annual grant to municipalities;
- (g) Report of progress on Bill No. 14.

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 4:25 o'clock p.m.

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"W. M. CAMERON"  
Clerk

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"A. R. HAYES"  
Speaker