

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.
Tuesday, June 15, 1954
3:00 o'clock p.m.

The second session of the Council for the year 1954, being the sixth 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 Tuesday, June 15.

The Members present were:

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

The Commissioner addressed the Council outlining the legislation which he proposed to place before the 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, F. D. Locke and J. L. Phelps addressed the Council. (see Sessional Papers 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Mr. Speaker read the Orders of the Day.

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

Bill No. 1 - "An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Holidays Ordinance".

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

Bill No. 2 - "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Yukon Electrical Company Limited to sell and Distribute Electric Energy in the Whitehorse Area, Y. T."

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brown introduced Reference No. 1 to the Council as follows:

- (a) Should approval in principle be given to Northern Health Services undertaking all responsibilities of the Yukon Territory in the field of health under arrangements whereby the Territorial Government will pay fractions of operating costs and initial capital outlays in approximate proportion to its responsibilities, compared to the total responsibilities discharged by Northern Health Services?
- (b) Should the Territorial Government accept the Federal proposal regarding a new hospital at Mayo?
- (c) Should the Territorial Government accept the Federal proposal regarding a new hospital at Whitehorse?

The following questions were asked:

- Mr. Mellor:
1. The Yukon Council, when they were elected, and the former Commissioner of the Territory, Fred Fraser, spoke before Council members, he expressed an opinion, and which I take was an opinion from his department, that the department were desirous of moving out of the hospital field and having private associations run hospitals as far as income is concerned. You have just brought before us a hospital for Mayo which is going to involve the Territorial Government to the tune of \$22,425.05 for a period of over thirty years. You have also brought before us a three million dollar project which is going to involve the Territorial Government \$42,065.72 over a period of thirty years. Can you inform me as to why the change of policy with your department who are now desirous of going into the hospitalization field?
 2. Can you tell me how you are going to finance this?

Mr. Brown:

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mellor has referred to previous discussions by the former Commissioner with the Territorial Council with regard to hospital services and has expressed the view that it was the Government's view at that time to get out of hospital services as soon as possible and he has asked me if that is the same policy. I am not prepared to say whether that was the policy of the Federal Government or the Territorial Government at that time because I am not familiar with it. I accept Mr. Mellor's suggestion that that was the approach to the problem at that time. I am inclined to believe that that would be the same approach if you could find the private interests that would construct the hospitals and provide the services. So far we have been unable to find any institutions who would come in and make the capital constructions necessary to provide the services required and, therefore, we find ourselves in a position of either providing the service for the people or leaving the people without the services and it is my view, whatever the view of the department is, which I can't say that if we want the Yukon to develop and if we want people to remain in the Yukon, then somebody must provide the services that they can get as citizens of Canada in any province of Canada and the Yukon should not be a forgotten colony. I believe it is our function, at least I suggest to you gentlemen, it is our function to approach this matter with the object of providing a standard of service in the Yukon the same as Canadian citizens can get elsewhere. I don't know of any other agency that will take on that responsibility, Mr. Mellor.

Mr. Mellor:

I would like to ask, Mr. Chairman, that the Commissioner reply to the second question. How do you intend to finance this?

Mr. Brown:

You have asked how I intend to finance the repayment of the loans from the Federal Government. I think I dealt with that so far as the Mayo hospital was concerned and indicated it was proposed that the hospital itself, from its operation, will pay for the amortization of the loan. We feel that is a practical proposition and can be worked out. So far as the Whitehorse Hospital is concerned, we figure it is not a practical proposition but that the amount required being somewhat in the neighborhood of forty-two thousand dollars per annum would have to be raised out of normal taxation. That would either be out of level taxation or increased level taxation which I cannot indicate to you at this time. I do believe, however, that in three to four years time, or maybe five, by the time we would require to start repaying this loan that the general level of revenue would have increased sufficiently to take care of that without an increase in taxation. Now I say that, keeping in mind that there will be other demands too, for Territorial revenues and that there will be equally important

claims for that increase in revenue for other projects.

Mr. Mellor: If I might interrupt, Mr. Chairman, I am not satisfied with the reply. I would like to ask a further question. How much will United Keno Hill pay towards the construction cost of the Mayo Hospital?

Mr. Brown: The present approach to this problem, Mr. Mellor, is that the Territorial Government will pay for the entire capital construction of this hospital and in my opening remarks I endeavoured to explain why that is recommended rather than a capital construction as an initial arrangement with the United Keno. I think I indicated that it was difficult, and it would be difficult, to find a formula in which you could derive or arrive at a percentage which they should be assessed, in view of the other operations in the area and in view of the possibility of much larger operations in the area which in five or ten years may come along and have the same facilities or the benefit of the same facilities without making a contribution. In the method which has been suggested then all those who are using it, including United Keno, Bellekeno, Mac Keno and any other mines that operate and use that within the next thirty years, will make their apportionate and relative contribution to the capital construction through rates which will be charged to them. That is the basis and the reason why I can't answer what they would pay because I don't know, simply because this other formula has been arrived at as a more equitable manner in dealing with it.

Mr. Locke: Now in discussing this matter with several people who have direct contact with the Whitehorse General Hospital and who, I believe, are in a position to know to some extent the use of the hospital, I'm given to understand the matter of twenty beds to the Department of Indian Affairs is underestimated and that their responsibility would be for a much larger share of bed space. I would like some information on that from the Commissioner or anybody that can give it to me.

Dr. Proctor: Sir, the matter of how many beds required to serve any population is a very complicated thing which cannot resolve itself in simple figures. For this country in general it is considered that about six beds per thousand of the population should look after all of the acute conditions. If you take in the chronic conditions such as tuberculosis and mental disorder, perhaps the figure goes up to ten. But then when you step into the more remote places, this particularly affects the North, you have to depart from those and use larger figures. Now, how large? If we double what is ordinarily required and say twenty beds per thousand you are, I think, providing rather liberally for the requirements of any group. That is about what we have thought of in the case of the Indians. Somewhere around a thousand of them use this hospital continuously and twenty beds for the thousand of them.

Mr. Locke: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have the figures, if possible from the Whitehorse General Hospital as to the use of beds by Indian patients in the past year.

Dr. Dubois: At the moment, adult men and adult women ward for Indians in the Hospital together has twenty beds. Apart from that, the children's ward is used four-fifths by Indian children and the isolation rooms are nearly always used by Indians also, so I would figure thirty to thirty-five beds are in use by the Indians.

Mr. Locke: If it continues along normal lines you feel twenty beds wouldn't be sufficient to meet their requirements.

Dr. Dubois: No, for two reasons. One is that the indian needs more hospitalization than the white person, and another consideration is that we often discharge people but as they are living so far out and there is no transportation available, they stay in the hospital for several more days or sometimes weeks before they can be transported back to where they live and this, of course, is two reasons why you come to a higher ratio of beds needed for native populations than you would for white people.

Commissioner Brown, Mr. Sivertz, Dr. Proctor and Dr. Dubois attended Council.

Mr. Phelps asked six questions pertaining to health and welfare. (see Sessional Paper No. 7)

Council adjourned at 5:20 o'clock p.m.

"W. D. Robertson"
Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"
Speaker

Opening Address By

Wilfrid G. Brown, Esquire

Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

at the

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

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Tuesday, June 15, 1954

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Yukon Council:

I am pleased to welcome you to this sixth session of the sixteenth wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory.

I have called you into special session to deal with certain matters to be brought before you and which have been considered urgent and of vital importance. I am reluctant to hold special Sessions of the Council, resulting in considerable personal inconvenience to each of you, except under circumstances where the general welfare of the Yukon would appear to warrant such action.

At the regular session of the Council last Fall the matter of financing a water and sewer system for the City of Whitehorse was dealt with by you by way of reference from my office, and you expressed approval in principle to this project. Since that time appropriate legislation has been enacted authorizing the project, and the ratepayers of Whitehorse have now approved of it by an overwhelming majority. In order that this project may be proceeded with at the earliest possible date you will now be asked to approve of appropriate legislation to provide for the borrowing of funds from the Federal Government, and for loaning of the funds to the City of Whitehorse.

You will be asked to consider the granting of a franchise to the Yukon Electrical Company, Limited, for the sale and distribution of electric power in the Whitehorse area, excluding the City of Whitehorse. This application is being made to regularize its present operation and to provide the necessary legal arrangements for expansion of the services to meet immediate and future requirements of the area.

You will be asked to make minor amendments to the Annual Holidays Ordinance for the purpose of clarifying its application.

There are two other matters of great importance to the Territorial Government which I wish to bring before you by way of reference for your views.

First one is in connection with the provision of an overall plan for health and hospital services for the Yukon Territory in conjunction with the Federal Government under the auspices of Northern Health Services of the Department of Health and Welfare. The urgent requirements in the Territory for hospital facilities at Mayo Landing and the necessity for planning for extension and modernization of hospital services in Whitehorse require that this matter be discussed with you at this time so that, should you concur, a start may be made this year in the construction of new hospitals at these two locations.

The second matter I wish to refer to you relates to the provision of housing for Territorial employees by the Territorial Government. Your views are required in order to plan a program should you approve in principle.

It is my desire to give you full and complete information relating to the above matters when they are being considered by you, and for this purpose I will make myself available to you at all times and endeavour to be of greatest assistance possible to you in your deliberations.

Reply to Commissioner's Opening Address

by

The Speaker

A. R. HAYES, ESQUIRE

Mr. Commissioner:

Council tenders to you its thanks for your presence and for your address outlining the legislation to be acted upon at this special session. You mentioned a reluctance to call special sessions and I would like to assure you that every individual Councillor is always glad and willing to devote his time and his energies to any matter you may call them for in connection with the welfare of the Yukon.

A recent issue of the Whitehorse Star carried an item to the effect that Council would discuss the feasibility of financing the building of a three million dollar hospital in Whitehorse and a four hundred thousand dollar hospital in Mayo. In your address to Council at the opening of the last session in March of this year, Mr. Commissioner, you mentioned that increased social services could only be provided by, or result in an increase in taxation in Yukon. Yukoners are already over-taxed by the mere fact of their residence in Yukon with its much higher cost of living, and as the Federal Government realizes and acknowledges this fact, in the case of its own employees to the extent of a \$900.00 a year living allowance, or Northern Allowance, for single employees and \$1500.00 a year for those who are married, a similar consideration in the form of an increased income tax exemption perhaps, for those residents of Yukon not employed by the Federal Government, would appear to be only fair and reasonable.

The welfare state with its ever-increasing social services is here to stay and perhaps the residents of Yukon should be given all the social and welfare services they desire and that they are able and willing to pay for. Unlimited governmental assistance without cost to the recipient will merely speed the process by which mankind will revert to the palaeozoic slime from which it originally crawled.

The public should be officially informed of plans for hospitals, increased social welfare, of what they will provide, what they will cost Yukoners and to what extent Ottawa will participate, and the public should then make known its opinions in the press and to its representatives before the actual legislation comes up for consideration, possibly at next fall's session of Council.

There is a limit to what less than ten thousand residents of Yukon can provide and pay for and while we may have more miles of highway per capita than any other part of Canada it is well to remember that we have less people per mile of highway than the rest of Canada. The government of Yukon could possibly vote itself into insolvency in which case Ottawa would have to take over this Territory completely. It is a privilege to live in Yukon, and one worth paying for, but taxes, spiraling ever upwards, could make it an impossibility for many.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

ALEC FRANK BERRY, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

I wish to state that I am in favor of voting for the City of Whitehorse "Water and Sewerage", but before doing so, it is very essential that certain conditions should be met which are in the interest of Whitehorse citizens and the rest of the citizens in the Yukon Territory.

These conditions are that we should have some control over the construction of the system. If possible, safeguarding clauses or recommendations should be introduced before we vote the funds. How to do this is no easy problem and can only be solved by cooperation from the Administration because, as you know, Mr. Speaker, our Council is limited to legislative power only, yet the public of the Yukon will hold us responsible for any failure in the venture and will resent any deficit being taken off our Tax Rental Agreement Grant, particularly the areas outside of Whitehorse. Hence we are in the unhappy position of having once voted the funds we then lose control as to whether they are spent judiciously or wasted by inefficient supervision. Therefore, in order to protect ourselves from public disapproval, let us not act with undue haste because this Session is our only chance to express our concern regarding the slack manner in which we are entering this million dollar project.

Unless otherwise informed, we have very little data to assure us that the work will be carried out in a manner which fully protects the expenditure of public funds. For instance, there has not been any competitive bidding for the contract. By this statement it is not my intention to cast any reflection on the firm now designing the layout but the usual procedure of public works of this magnitude, is to call for tenders.

Due to the fact that the Territorial Government have to "back the note" without adequate information makes it imperative that we demand assurance of rigid inspection, an outside engineering check on design and materials, full responsibility on the part of the architects to supervise the following out of their plans and a certain percentage hold back of funds until the system has proven itself to be efficient during all seasons. Within reason, an assurance that local labor and equipment will be considered.

It has been said that all plans will be checked in Ottawa and will arrive here with a stamp of approval. Experience in the past with our own local public buildings and the sad experience of Fort Smith in the Northwest Territories indicate the stamp of approval should come from local engineers either government or private enterprise, preferably a combination of the two.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

V. C. MELLOR, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker, Councillors:

I would like the Councillors to recall the last session whereby I brought pertinent questions that were placed before the Commissioner as far as expenditure was concerned, I was referring of course to the roads, and the reply that I got was that when money was available the work would be done.

I am now asked to consider an expenditure of three million four hundred thousand dollars for hospitalization in the Yukon. I would like to have my views clearly noted that I am not opposed to hospitalization and the proposed hospitals as far as the Mayo District and Whitehorse District are concerned. I think that that should be so but I am going to ask you where are you going to find the money? The Commissioner could not find the money to finish the construction of the Dawson-Mayo Road which is still in a deplorable state, nobody can travel over it, and yet you are asking to bring in legislation for over three million dollars. What the cost will be to the Territorial Government we know quite well that it will amount to sixty thousand dollars per year over a thirty-year period. Now if you can find that kind of money then I say the Administration can find the money to finish off the construction of projects that they have started upon. I again repeat that I am not opposed to this hospitalization plan but I am opposed to the Territorial Government spending money and involving themselves in more money when they cannot meet their present obligations.

I'm not going to go any further, Mr. Speaker, only that I would like to see the present projects, and the Dawson-Stewart Crossing Road, being completed before we are involved in any more expenditure as far as the Territorial Government is concerned.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

FREDERICK DORE LOCKE, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

First I would like to say a few words on the matter of the sewer and water in the City of Whitehorse. It was with great pleasure that I noticed the passing of the Plebiscite by the people of Whitehorse with a majority of ninety-four percent. It leaves no doubt in the minds of both the people of Whitehorse and the people of the Yukon Territory as a whole as to what the people want and what they need here in Whitehorse. I am glad that we are having this special session and that we may finish the legislation required to start the project in motion.

On the matter of hospitals in the Territory it must be fully realized that our hospital situation as of now is not good. Our hospital in Whitehorse is outdated both in size, in equipment and in general services. The hospital in Mayo, more so than the hospital in Whitehorse, is outdated in building, equipment and services. Undoubtedly we need to enlarge our hospital set-up and, as both these hospitals are Territorial hospitals, the responsibility of the why and wherefore of improving conditions in these two areas is the responsibility of the Territorial Government and the Yukon Council. I realize as does my colleague, Mr. Mellor, from Dawson that there is a financial responsibility that must be met by the people, however, I do also realize that at present the people in the Yukon Territory who are using the Territorial hospitals under local boards are not paying rates equivalent to the rates that are being charged in other provinces and other cities for the same services. However, I realize that the present services probably are of a class that will not demand a higher rate than is being paid but sure I do feel that if we enter a field of improvement of hospitalization in the Territory to an extent that we will have modern hospitals with sufficient bed space and also modern equipment for the diagnosis and care of patients that the local board will, in turn, necessarily raise the rates considerably to meet the costs over a period of years.

I also would like to point out at this time that Mayo and Whitehorse have only been mentioned as to improvement in hospital and general health services. If we are to improve the general health services of the Territory we must cover the whole of the Yukon Territory. Dawson at this time has a hospital that is not a Territorial hospital, it is only subsidized through a patient grant to that hospital by the Territorial Government. Dawson area should have every consideration in public health service by the Territory. If the rest of the Yukon Territory is to have such a scheme, as is going to be considered at this session, put before them then I think the Dawson area ought to be fully covered by having possibly another Public Health Nurse stationed right in the City of Dawson covering that district.

One other thing has been mentioned in the speech from the throne, Mr. Commissioner, the matter of housing for the Territorial employees which has always been a sore spot both with the Administration and with the Yukon Council. I hope that that will be given thorough consideration at this special session as we all know that Federal employees have had housing, I might say elaborate housing, not given to them, they pay rent for it, but they are given the opportunity of that housing. The housing situation, particularly in the Whitehorse area, is drastic. It is almost impossible to get a house. I think that fair consideration should be given to this housing scheme with a view to possibly having a long-term scheme of supplying housing for our Territorial employees on the same basis as the Federal employees of fair rental for services received.

ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

by

JOHN L. PHELPS, ESQUIRE

Mr. Speaker:

I just wish to say a few words in backing up your speech in reply to the speech from the throne. I think that is something we should all carry in mind at this session and later. We have two gentlemen from Ottawa who will go into the matter very thoroughly with us and I think we are all ready to listen to them with open minds. But there is one point that we should not forget and that is that these services are going to cost us some extra money and that the Territory is taxed to death now. This is a point that I think they are aware of in Ottawa to some extent but I don't think they can really realize it until they live up here and pay our taxes and live in the same condition as we do.

The matter of houses for Territorial employees is being brought up now, that's a typical example, you can't pay the money necessary to keep the Territorial employee happy and supply his own housing. The rest of the people in the Territory are in exactly the same position. The Federal Government has taken great pains to bring out the advancement of the Yukon, bring in mining companies and promote companies coming in here with the aid of roads and power houses and, as we all know, they have tried to slant our mining laws to the benefit of these companies, so far without success. But when that is done it leaves the permanent residents of the Territory in the position that we are expected to provide the facilities for these people and we simply can't do it. We can't provide the capital expenditures for these people, that's the hospital subject which has come up now, and because of the growth of the country and because of the populations and because of the possibilities of mining areas moving around Whitehorse. Now the residents of the Territory are going to be in a position of having to foot the capital expansion of the schools and the hospitals and of the maintenance of these roads and I don't believe that Ottawa takes, or is fully aware, of the standard of living which most of us in this country enjoy. That is something I hope they do become aware of because I don't see any possibility of the residents of the Territory providing amortization on these capital grants which are going to become more and more necessary as the mining areas of the Yukon open up. We certainly cannot stand any more taxes now. Dawson is a typical example of a country that is standing on its own feet and its getting tougher to live there, I think, each year due entirely, or almost entirely I might say, to the extra taxations imposed on their cost of living.

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions asked by John L. Phelps, Esquire

1. Question: The remark in the Minister's letter to members of Council - all responsibilities of Territorial Government in field of health. Will this mean the Federal Government pays for Health Nurses, T. B. examinations, etc.? If not, how will the Territorial Government exert control over these expenses?

Answer: The Minister in his letter of May 20 to members of Council, on page 6 indicated it was part of the overall health services plan that expenditures of the Territorial Government for public health services would be subject to local control and that such services would not involve Yukon interests in financial commitments they are not willing or able to assume. I quote from the Minister's letter: "The present Whitehorse Hospital Board quietly but efficiently renders services to the community and to the administration that are indispensable. The value of such local hospital boards and also local board of health where appropriate, is fully recognized, and Northern Health Services would propose that there be such bodies wherever services are operated jointly with local interests. While details have not yet been worked out, we on the federal side would favour establishing a board of health for the Yukon Territory and a Mayo Hospital Board. The existing Whitehorse Hospital Board could be expended and its terms of reference appropriately adjusted under the new scheme. Success of a well-conceived health program should be greatest if it is framed and carried out with broad public support. This would be possible with the advice of such boards as I have referred to and their advice would also ensure that plans for the various health services would not involve Yukon interests in financial commitments that they are not willing or able to assume".

2. Question: Will Indian Affairs pay the full per diem cost per patient?

Answer: It is assumed that hospital rates will be universally applied to all individuals using hospital services.

3. Question:(a) What is the amount of indigent hospitalization paid for by the Territorial Government in 1952 and 1953?

Answer:	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>
St. Mary's Hospital	17,963.80	24,261.15
Whitehorse General Hospital	3,570.00	2,105.00
Mayo General Hospital	<u>170.00</u>	<u>---</u>
	<u>21,703.80</u>	<u>26,366.15</u>

Question:(b) Will the Territorial Government pay the full per diem cost under this new scheme?

Answer: Yes

Question:(c) How much at \$15.00 per patient day would this have cost the Territorial Government in 1952 and 1953 (approximately)?

Answer: 1952 - \$81,285.00 1953 - \$73,230.00
(Note difference this item is due to increase in payment for Indigent patient part of year 1952).

4. Question: How much extra per diem grant by Territorial Government to these hospitals is contemplated:

Answer: None.

5. Question: Why should not the military, the Federal Government and the Indian Affairs participate in this per diem grant?

Answer: The granting of per diem grants to hospitals is normally on a provincial basis and applies to all hospitals on an equal basis irrespective of the patient or financial responsibility for the patient. The object of such grants is to assist, through public funds, to keep rates as low as possible to all users of the hospital. It would not be practical to have departments of the Federal Government make per diem rates on their bed patient days as this would create different rates for hospital services.

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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.
Wednesday, June 16, 1954.
9:00 o'clock a.m.

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

First and second reading were given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 1 - "An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Holidays Ordinance".

Bill No. 2 - "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Yukon Electrical Company Limited to Sell and Distribute Electric Energy in the Whitehorse Area, Y. T."

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Council recessed at 11:25 a.m.

11:35 a.m.

Committee resumed discussion.

Commissioner Brown, Mr. Sivertz, Dr. Proctor and Dr. Dubois attended Council.

Reference No. 1 from the Commissioner to the Council was further discussed.

Mr. Mellor asked the following question:

"Referring to the operation of Territorial hospitals, is it a change of policy of the Department in not considering the Canadian Red Cross and the Roman Catholic Diocese of the Yukon Territory?"

Dr. Proctor: The Roman Catholic Diocese of the Yukon was approached but they were not willing to take over the hospital in Mayo. The Canadian Red Cross was definitely not interested in a hospitalization scheme anywhere in the Yukon.

The following opinions of Council were expressed:

Mr. Mellor: I approve in principle to the reference that is being placed before us. I am not satisfied as to the revenue, or at least to the taxation, or where its going to come from. I quite agree that it is essential that we have a most modern hospitalization plan for the Yukon, with the Mayo Hospital, I approve. And I approve of the new plan for Whitehorse. I would like to have an assurance that the tax-payers of the Yukon will not be burdened with further taxation in this here new plan.

Mr. Locke: Mr. Speaker, the one point that I would like to report before vote is taken is the point of the Dawson area. I hope that when this commitment is made the vote will be in the affirmative that full consideration will be given to the hospital situation in Dawson and that a definite consideration will be given to public health services in the form of an established public health nurse in Dawson District.

Mr. Berry: Mr. Speaker, I concur with Mr. Locke in his statements regarding Dawson and I am very much in favor of supporting this reference as presented to us at this Council.

Council unanimously concurred in the approval of Reference No. 1.

Council adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon.

2:00 o'clock p.m.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brown introduced Reference No. 2 to the Council as follows:

Should the Territorial Government consider a plan of housing for Territorial employees?

The above-mentioned was discussed and Council recommended the following:

1. The Territorial Government loan the down-payment to employees who make their own arrangements with Central Housing and Mortgage for financing a new home. Equity in said home to remain in the name of the Territorial Government until loan is paid off.
2. The Commissioner consider a plan for housing accommodation for married teachers.

Reference "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow A Sum Not Exceeding One Million Dollars from the Government of Canada and to Loan that Sum to the City of Whitehorse, and to Authorize the Commissioner to Execute an Agreement Relating Thereto" Mr. Brown spoke as follows:

In my remarks to the Members of Council at the opening Session of Council I indicated that one of the reasons for this special session was to consider an Ordinance authorizing the borrowing of funds from the Federal Government and loaning of funds to the City of Whitehorse for the installation of a water system and sewage disposal system in Whitehorse.

At the time this Council was summoned to meet on the 15th of June, I was of the opinion that the Supplementary Supply Bill introduced to the Parliament of Canada, which provides for funds for this project, would have been passed by Parliament and assented to by the time Council met. This was not so, however, and it may now be a matter of two weeks before the Supply Bill is finally assented to. I should further point out to you that the Territorial Government or the Commissioner in Council has not, under the present Yukon Act, the powers to borrow money. The new Yukon Act which has been passed by Parliament has not yet been promulgated and we are, therefore, unable to act under the powers conferred on the Territorial Government in the new Act. In order to overcome this situation, the Supply Bill of the Federal Government is so worded as to give special authority in this matter to the Territorial Government to borrow and loan these funds for the purposes indicated. Unfortunately we are unable to act on the proposed Ordinance until the Supply Bill is passed and assented to.

I must apologize to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the Members of Council, for the situation in which I am now unable to proceed with the proposed legislation for which you were called to deal with. I would suggest, however, that as I have just now received a copy of the Ordinance and the proposed Agreement, that the matter be reviewed in Committee and that copies will be sent to each Member of

Council for further consideration and, further, that as soon as the Supply Bill is assented to that the Council be reconvened in order to approve of this Ordinance and that in the meantime the Council be adjourned subject to recall by the Commissioner on twenty-four hours notice.

Council agrees.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the report of the Committee as follows:

Bill No. Bill No. 1 - without amendment
 Bill No. 2 - without amendment

Council accepted the Committee's report.

Mr. Locke gave notice that Bill No. 1 would be given third reading at the next sitting of Council.

Mr. Berry gave notice that Bill No. 2 would be given third reading at the next sitting of Council.

Mr. Mellor expressed the following opinion:

No doubt you are aware we have no means of transportation into Dawson other than by aircraft. The White Pass have no longer a freight boat on the river and the only means by which freight can go into Dawson is through the 60-mile area which, at the present time, is very poor and requires maintenance badly. The new road constructed between the Dawson-Stewart Crossing as you know is washed out. Whose fault that is I am not going to commit myself but no freight can come over that road. We have no road at the present time and the people in Dawson are wondering how the supplies are going to arrive in the City. I rather regret that the representative of the Department is not in Council Chamber at the present time as I think something should be done and be done very quickly as far as the opening of this road is concerned.

We have just received a large number of tourists from the American side and they spoke of leaving Dawson and going by this new road which had appeared in some chronicle stating they could travel back to Whitehorse, unfortunately I had to inform them that we have no road yet.

It came up at the Spring session, as far as the completion of this road, I quite agreed with the Commissioner that moneys must not be spent on other roads in the Dawson District but we must have completion of this road. At the present time very little is being done, and I was hoping that when our Minister and Deputy Minister arrive in Dawson and travel over that road that somewhere between Gravel Creek and Meadow Creek they get stuck and that they have to either walk back to Dawson or walk to Mayo. That is the situation and I have brought it to your attention, a thing I do not like to bring up so many times, but we still have no road. I hope something can be done about it. Thank you.

Council adjourned at 4:50 o'clock p.m.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.
Thursday, June 17, 1954
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 Bills:

- Bill No. 1 - "An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Holidays Ordinance".
- Bill No. 2 - "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Yukon Electrical Company Limited to Sell and Distribute Electric Energy in the Whitehorse Area, Y. T."

With reference to Bill No. 1, Mr. Berry stated as follows:

Mr. Speaker, in the Yukon Territory we have a clause in our Holiday Pay Act whereby an employee "receives two weeks holiday with pay". This Ordinance was passed when an almost negligible percentage of labor in the Yukon were receiving incentive pay, such as a bonus or contract system for miners and mileage for truckdrivers. Since then, this class of labor has increased with the present expansion taking place in the Yukon, yet it is still a minority in relation to total labor employed.

The Yukon holiday pay of two weeks is approximately equal to 5 percent of the employees gross earnings. Other Provinces whose legislation calls for a percentage on gross earnings average approximately 2 percent. B. C. in particular.

On the assumption that we were to introduce the same thing here, it would be found that all employees not receiving incentive pay would have their holiday pay reduced to one week only. This is unfair to the majority of labor working on straight basic wage, therefore, I am in favor of the amendment.

Commissioner addressed Council. (see Sessional Paper No. 8)

Mr. Speaker addressed Council. (see Sessional Paper No. 9)

Council prorogued at 10:45 o'clock a.m.

"W. D. Robertson"
Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"
Speaker

Mr. Speaker and Member of the Council:

I want to express to you my appreciation for the very careful attention which you have given to the important matters which have been brought before you at this special session. These matters, I feel, will have a very important bearing on the future of the Yukon development and the care and careful study of these matters which you have given indicate to me the very deep sense of responsibility which you have in regard to your position as representatives of the people on this legislature.

I am pleased to assent and have given assent to:

Bill No. 1 - "An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Holidays Ordinance"

Bill No. 2 - "An Ordinance Empowering the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory to Grant a Franchise to Yukon Electrical Company Limited to Sell and Distribute Electric Energy in the Whitehorse Area, Y. T."

I previously indicated to you, Mr. Speaker, that I was unable to present to you an Ordinance dealing with the borrowing of funds for the Whitehorse water and sewer project and explained to you and the Council the reasons why I am unable to do that at this time. I suggested to, and you and the Members of Council were gracious enough to accept my suggestion, that the Council adjourn to be reconvened on short notice from the Commissioner's Office to consider this Bill as early as possible after assent has been given to the Supply Bill by the Federal Government and the Governor-General. I will carry that out and will reconvene the Council at the earliest possible date.

In the meantime, Mr. Speaker, I declare the Council adjourned to be reconvened on twenty-four hours notice from the Office of the Commissioner to deal with the legislation relating to the water and sewer project of the City of Whitehorse.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

June 17, 1954

Mr. Commissioner:

Council thanks you for the time you have devoted and the assistance you have given at this session. And as all members have agreed to the water and sewage scheme in principle, if all members are not present when Council is called, a quorum will, no doubt, do what is necessary.

Council wishes to thank the clerical staff for their great assistance and I would like to express my personal appreciation to all the member of Council for their co-operation and help.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y. T.
Tuesday, June 29, 1954
3:00 o'clock p.m.

The second session of the Council for the year 1954 having adjourned June 17, 1954, reconvened Tuesday, June 29, 1954.

The Members present were:

Alexander Raymond Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.
Alec Frank Berry, of Mayo, Y. T.
John Livingstone Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y. T.
Frederick Dore Locke, of Whitehorse West, Y. T.

First and second reading was given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 3 - "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum not exceeding One Million Dollars from the Government of Canada and to Loan that Sum to the City of Whitehorse, and to Authorize the Commissioner to Execute an Agreement relating thereto".

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the Report of the Committee as follows:

Bill No. 3 - without amendment

Third reading was given to Bill No. 3.

Commissioner addressed Council. (see Sessional Paper No. 10)

Council prorogued at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

"W. D. Robertson"

Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"

Speaker

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

June 29, 1954

Mr. Speaker:

I am now advised that the second session of the Territorial Council 1954 has completed its legislative program.

I am pleased to advise you that I have assented to the following Bill:

Bill No. 3 - "An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Borrow a Sum not exceeding One Million Dollars from the Government of Canada and to Loan that Sum to the City of Whitehorse, and to Authorize the Commissioner to Execute an Agreement relating thereto".

As there is no further business to be brought before this Council, I now declare this Council prorogued.