

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.
Wednesday, March 20th, 1957
3:30 p.m.

The Clerk of the Council read the Proclamation convening the first session of the Council for the year 1957, being the fourth session of the seventeenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory in the Council Chambers, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory at 3:30 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th, 1957.

The Members present were:

Alexander Raymond Hayes, of Carmacks, Y.T.
Vincent Cooper Mellor, of Dawson, Y.T.
John Livingston Phelps, of Whitehorse East, Y.T.
Ronald Hulland, of Whitehorse West, Y.T.
Duncan Campbell McGeachy, of Mayo, Y.T.

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 then thanked the Commissioner for his address and the Commissioner retired from the Council Chambers.

Mr. J. L. Phelps moved that the address of the Commissioner be considered at the next sitting of Council.

Mr. Speaker then read the Orders of the Day.

Mr. R. Hulland gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council Bill No. 1, The Motor Vehicle Ordinance, for first reading.

When asked for opinions of Councillors, Mr. V.C. Mellor gave his opinion on the sewer and water project (see Sessional Paper No. 2)

The Council adjourned at 3:55 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:00 o'clock, the morning of Thursday, March 21st, 1957.

"H. J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"

Speaker

Opening Address by
Frederick H. Collins, Esquire
Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

at the
Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Wholly Elective Council
of the Yukon Territory.

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Wednesday, March 20th, 1957.

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Yukon Council:

I am pleased to be again present and welcome you to this the Fourth Session of the Seventeenth Wholly Elective Council of the Territory.

The fiscal year just ending has been a busy one for all concerned with the carrying out of the many activities authorized in and by the 1956-1957 Estimates. The problems consequent upon an expanded program and increased expenditures have placed considerable strain upon the government staffs and equipment concerned. Consideration of these factors is reflected in the 1957-1958 budget and estimates as approved by the Minister and will be carefully scrutinized and weighed during the course of the ensuing fiscal year in order that they may be suitably controlled and reported. During the present fiscal year there have been a number of important mineral discoveries with further exploratory development of these proceeding. The great trek of materials and equipment to the Eagle Plain area in the northern Yukon has preceded steadily throughout the winter and this will permit extensive sub-surface exploration during 1957-58. Should this promising oil field be brought in a new activity and era will be born in the Territory with economic results beyond calculation at this time. If one studies the map the spread of mining development from southern to northern boundaries is tangible evidence of the extent and diversity of the wealth lying beneath the land surface of our Territory. The tremendous value of our water power potential is self-evident and can be utilized in step with our mineral production and employed in other fields common to increasing density of population and related industries.

The new roads program of the Federal Government whereby it will bear the full cost of surveying and constructing development roads, the full cost of reconstructing such roads, and eighty-five percent of the cost of maintaining them constitutes a generous and logical approach to the surface transportation problems of the Territory, providing a firm basis for planning and an assurance of continuing assistance in further development. You will be pleased to know that the Canol Road has now been placed in the development category with a three year reconstruction program, wholly financed by the Federal Government, approved. The completion of this program will permit road traffic of all types in medium weights to utilize the one hundred and fifty miles between the Alaska Highway and the Ross River.

As you are also aware, the Federal Government is assuming the full cost of the overrun on the Whitehorse sewer and water project up to a maximum of \$600,000.00, thereby assuring the completion of the project with no additional burden on the taxpayers of the Territory. These and other tangible evidences of Federal interest indicate the faith of peoples outside the Territory in its future and in particular that of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources under the Minister of which Department the Commissioner carries out his administrative duties.

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The extent of direct expenditure in the Territory by the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources alone is not generally understood but when I tell you that in the 1957-1958 Estimates of that Department the amount allocated to the Yukon Territory is \$2,300,000.00 the impact on our economy can be appreciated. This sum is exclusive of expenditures on power projects by the Northern Canada Power Commission which is a Crown Company reporting to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources and expenditures by other Departments on the new Whitehorse Hospital. It also excludes loans to the Territory in respect of the hospital and sewer and water projects. If one adds to the above amount the normal expenditures by the Departments of National Defence, Transport, National Revenue, Citizenship and Immigration, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Public Works, Post Office, etc., the extent of Federal assistance and support to the Territory is brought into focus.

I would now like to outline in brief the 1957-1958 budget of the Territory by indicating our gross estimated income and the sources from which it is derived, together with gross estimated expenditures and the principal items of proposed outlay.

Dealing with the revenue or income side of the budget we have a gross total of \$3,125,000.00 obtained from the following sources:

(a) Tax Revenue - consisting of property, school, poll, amusement, mineral claims, liquor tax and fur export tax	203,000.00	
Motor vehicle fuel tax	<u>195,000.00</u>	
Total		\$ 398,000.00
(b) License Revenue - arising from Game Ordinance, business, marriage, bank, motion picture, beer and cocktail and professional licences	35,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Ordinance	<u>92,000.00</u>	
Total		127,000.00
(c) Miscellaneous Revenue - consisting of fines, judicature and vital statistics fees, company registrations, property rentals, income from investments, school fees and text book rentals		229,000.00
(d) <u>Subsidies and Grants from the Federal Government</u>		1,428,000.00
(e) <u>Liquor Profits</u>		740,000.00
(f) <u>Withdrawal from Invested Reserves for Replacement</u>		<u>203,000.00</u>
Grand Total		<u><u>\$ 3,125,000.00</u></u>

With your approval these funds will be expended for the following purposes:

(a) Administration and General Purposes	\$ 172,000.00
(b) Education	514,000.00
(c) Health and Public Welfare	453,000.00
(d) Municipal and Town Administration	<u>98,000.00</u>
	1,237,000.00

Brought forward	\$1,237,000.00
(e) Maintenance of Roads, Bridges and Buildings	749,000.00
(f) Reconstruction of Roads	236,000.00
(g) Sewer and Water Project Construction	515,000.00
(h) Building Construction	148,000.00
(i) Purchase of Road Equipment	238,000.00
(j) Purchase of Office Furniture and Equipment	2,000.00
Grand Total	<u>3,125,000.00</u>

The total expenditure in connection with the operation of Liquor Control which includes purchase, cost of administration and selling expense amounts to approximately \$1,300,000.00 annually. Estimated gross Territorial expenditures for all purposes, excluding those from loaned funds, will, therefore, exceed \$4,425,000.00 in 1957-1958.

Funds from loans applicable to the combined sewer and water projects will be exhausted in the present fiscal year and an additional amount of approximately \$85,000.00 will be utilized from the Federal grant of \$600,000.00. An expenditure of \$250,000.00 from loaned funds will be made on the new hospital. Up to the time when amortization payments commence, outlay from loaned funds is not considered Territorial expenditure.

Prospects for an increased influx of tourists in 1957-1958 are bright and those concerned with the servicing of this important industry should give consideration to the provision of attractive and reasonably priced accommodation and meals for our territorial guests.

Planning must be at least one year in advance of execution and, therefore, in 1957-1958 we shall be concerned with the expansion of educational and other facilities to be included in the 1958-1959 program. It is essential that both the cultural and practical needs of our citizens be met in order that residence in the Yukon imposes no penalties other than those inherent and unavoidable in a frontier area.

Mr. Speaker and Members of Council, you will be asked to consider the following Ordinances and such other matters as may be brought before you during the session:

- Bill No. 1 - The Motor Vehicle Ordinance.
- Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the Contributory Negligence Ordinance.
- Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.
- Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Sell Certain Property in the City of Whitehorse.
- Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the Public Service Ordinance.
- Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1957.
- Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1958.

I shall be most happy to render all possible assistance to Council during this Session.

OPINION EXPRESSED

by

Councillor V.C.Mellor.

Mr. Speaker:

I wish to express an opinion. In the first place I wish to remark on the bills that have been presented by the Commissioner in his address. Not having received the amendments to the bills, or to any bill, I feel that consideration as far as Council is concerned is very lacking on the part of the administration. But, my greatest point is a letter which appeared in the Whitehorse Star. As you are aware the Whitehorse Star is now the echo of the Yukon.

I resent the accusation made by the Minister, the Honorable Jean Lesage, in which he accused the Territorial Council of passing things that they have not taken into consideration whatsoever.

I think, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Council, that you will agree with me that the sewer and water system is entirely a problem of the City of Whitehorse. The Territorial Council are the guarantors of the project. The City Council of Whitehorse, cannot, nor can the Territorial Council, be responsible for the over-expenditure of some person, or persons of the Federal Government. I think, Mr. Speaker, as far as the district that I represent is concerned this is an insult for a Cabinet Minister to write a letter in which he blames the Territorial Council for the Whitehorse sewer and water problem. You must agree with me that as a representative of the Territorial Government, and the Dawson Electoral District, that we naturally fall in line, and that we supported this project. But, please as a representative of the Territorial Government I do not want to be accused of being responsible for the falling down of this project. I say that this was conceived by a Deputy Minister of the department in which the Yukon Affairs is administered, and that we should not be accused of these things.

I just brought that up, Mr. Speaker, as a protest. I think my friends in Whitehorse, and also my fellow colleagues will agree with me that we are being accused falsely. Thank you.

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10:00 A.M.

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

Mr. V. C. Mellor requested the presence of the Commissioner, Mr. F.H. Collins, in Council to answer certain questions (see Sessional Paper No. 3)

Mr. R. Hulland gave notice that he would introduce at the next sitting of Council the following bills:

- Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the Contributory Negligence Ordinance.
- Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.
- Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Sell Certain Property in the City of Whitehorse.
- Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the Public Service Ordinance.
- Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1957.
- Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1958.

First reading was given to:

- Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

1:30 in the afternoon

Committee resumed discussion. Committee returned to Council and Council adjourned at 5 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock a.m. in the morning of Friday, March 22nd, 1957.

"H.J. Taylor"

Clerk

"A. R. Hayes"

Speaker

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions asked by V. C. Mellor Esquire.

1. Mr. Mellor

Question: I would like to know the reason why the following Ordinances have not been presented to Council:

- (a) Liquor Ordinance.
- (b) Mining Safety Ordinance. Several persons at their own expense have devoted one week in going over this Ordinance.
- (c) Elections Ordinance.

If it is, as I have heard unofficially, the Justice Department, then I am going to take steps as a member of the Council to introduce a Private Bill.

Mr. Collins

Answer: The first one you mention, the Liquor Ordinance has not been returned from Ottawa yet. It is a very lengthy Ordinance and I do not know what we can do about it.

The Elections Ordinance was forwarded here last year, I think you will remember, and Mr. Phelps objected to it and proposed several amendments. These amendments have been proposed and sent to Ottawa and no reply has been received as yet.

The Mining Safety Ordinance is the same way and has gone to Ottawa but they have not had time to have it approved and returned as yet. It has to be read in conjunction with the Blasting Ordinance. The Blasting Ordinance was just finished here approximately a month ago.

Mr. Mellor

Question: Referring back to the Election Ordinance. Is this a Political interference? If so I would like to know the reason why. This has got nothing to do with the Federal Government whatsoever.

Mr. Collins

Answer: I think the objection there was, Mr. Mellor, that by the wording of the Ordinance prepared by Ottawa, based on the North-west Territorie's Ordinance, it would practically prevent anyone now in Council, except Mr. Hayes and Mr. Hulland, from being members.

Mr. Mellor

Question: I would like to inject once again, that we are not concerned with what they do in the North-west Territories. What they do in the North-west Territories is their business. We are concerned only with the Yukon.

Mr. Hulland:

Question: I would like to know if they have to wait in the North-west Territories as we do here?

Mr. Collins:

Answer: Of course, Mr. Hulland, none of us are either living in Ottawa or the North-west Territories and are unable to answer such a question. There does seem to be considerable delay in the return of Ordinances prepared in Ottawa and those that are prepared here and sent down to them. The reason is of course that they have to go through our legal division, which is understaffed, and then they have to go to the Department of Justice, and it is understaffed, and then they have to come back to our legal division, which I mentioned before is understaffed, and that is no doubt the cause of the delay. There is no political interference, or any implication of politics in them. It is just purely a problem of civil service staffs available.

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10:00 a.m.

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

Second Reading was given to the following Bill:

Bill No. 1 - An Ordinance to Regulate the Speed and Operation of Motor Vehicles on Highways.

First and second Reading was given to the following Bills:

Bill No. 2 - An Ordinance to Amend the Contributory Negligence Ordinance.

Bill No. 3 - An Ordinance to Amend the Insurance Ordinance.

Bill No. 4 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Sell Certain Property in Whitehorse.

Bill No. 5 - An Ordinance to Amend the Public Service Ordinance.

Bill No. 6 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1957.

Bill No. 7 - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31st, 1958.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

1:30 in the afternoon

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported Progress.

Mr. V. C. Mellor expressed the following opinion:

Mr. Speaker: We received a memorandum from the Commissioner addressed to yourself and members of the Council in which my name was mentioned. I do not retract in any shape or form comments that I have made. I would refer the Commissioner that I am quite aware of the fact that he is the representative of the Minister, and must do as he is told. I am also aware of the fact that as far as the sewer and water project for the City of Whitehorse is concerned, as I have stated before, it is a matter concerning the City of Whitehorse, not the Territorial Government. Thank you.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:00 o'clock, the morning of Saturday, March 23rd, 1957.

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Saturday, March 23rd, 1957.
10:00 A.M.

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

Council resolved itself into a committee of the Whole to consider
Bills.

Committee reported progress.

Council accepted Committees report.

Council adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon until 10:00 o'clock A.M.
in the morning of Monday, March 25th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Y.T.
Monday, March 25th, 1957
10:00 A.M.

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

Mr. J. L. Phelps, seconded by Mr. R. Hulland, introduced a Resolution regarding the Whitehorse Sewer and Water Project. (See Sessional Paper No. 4. Approved unanimously.

The Commissioner's address was given consideration by the members of Council.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 in the afternoon

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Council recessed at 4:30 P.M. to meet with Commissioner F.H. Collins.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Tuesday, March 26th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Members of the Yukon Council are fully aware of the efforts made on their behalf by the Minister to secure a grant of \$600,000.00 to complete the Whitehorse Water & Sewer Project.

BE IT RESOLVED: That this, the Seventeenth Wholly Elective Yukon Council, wishes to go on record as being fully appreciative of the efforts of the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources in securing this grant.

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Whitehorse, Yukon
Tuesday, March 26th, 1957.
10:00 A.M.

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

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

Committee reported progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

The following question was asked by Councillor D. C. McGeachy:

At what date may we expect the regulation restricting the speed of vehicles on the Mayo, Elsa Road from Black Lake to Elsa Mine to be rescinded.

Councillor J. L. Phelps gave notice that he would introduce a resolution concerning the Northern Canada Power project above Whitehorse at the next sitting of Council.

Council recessed to meet with Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, March 27th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
Wednesday, March 27th, 1957
10:00 o'clock A.M.

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

Mr. V. C. Mellor, seconded by Mr. D. C. McGeachy, read a Resolution concerning the new Whitehorse dam (see Sessional Paper No. 5).

Mr. D. C. McGeachy, seconded by Mr. R. Hulland read a Resolution concerning the Yukon Floral Emblem (see Sessional Paper No. 6).

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

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

Bill No. 1 - Report progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Council recessed to meet with Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Commissioner F. H. Collins and Capt. Roy Minter attended Council.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Thursday, March 28th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS it appears that no provision has been made for the clearance and disposal of the forest cover along the shores of the Yukon River upstream from the Whitehorse dam now under construction;

AND WHEREAS we consider it necessary and desirable that such clearing should be effected;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this Council that the Commissioner be requested to communicate with the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, who is also the Chairman of the Northern Power Commission, asking that serious consideration be given to the clearance and disposal of the forest cover on all the land which is to be flooded as a result of the construction of the Whitehorse dam before such project is completed.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Sixteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory passed a resolution in April, 1954, adopting the pasque flower, commonly known as the *erocus*, for the floral emblem of the Yukon Territory;

AND WHEREAS it was subsequently determined that the *erocus* had previously been adopted by the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS it is not considered desirable that the Yukon Territory's floral emblem should be the same as that of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS it is generally agreed that the Northern Fireweed (*Equilobium Latifolium*) should be adopted as the flower of the Yukon;

THEREFORE be it resolved by this Council that the Northern Fireweed (*Equilobium Latifolium*) be adopted as the floral emblem of the Yukon Territory.

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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 consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

Chairman of the Committee reported as follows:

Bill No. 7 - Reported progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Friday, March 29th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

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Whitehorse, Yukon
Friday, March 29th, 1957
10:00 o'clock A.M.

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

Mr. R. Hlland gave notice that he would introduce the following bill at the next sitting of Council:

BILL NO. 8 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUSINESS LICENCE ORDINANCE.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

Chairman of the Committee reported as follows:

Bill No. 7 - Report Progress.
- Mr. V. C. Mellor voted against primary No. 89
Vote 5.

Council accepted Committee's report.

With reference to an over-expenditure of \$750.00 for predator control in the Game Department for the fiscal year 1956-57, Council approved this over-expenditure.

Council recessed at 4:30 o'clock P.M. to meet with Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M., the morning of Saturday, March 30th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Saturday, March 30th, 1957
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 consider bill No. 7.

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

Bill No. 7 - Report Progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Mr. D. C. McGeachy asked the following question:

Is fire insurance carried on Mayo Liquor Store and/or Mayo Fire Hall? If not, why not; if so, how much?

Council adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon until 10:00 o'clock A.M., in the morning of Monday, April 1st, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

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COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Monday, April 1st, 1957.
10:00 o'clock A.M.

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

Mr. D. C. McGeachy's question of March 26th regarding Speed Limits on the Mayo, Elsa Road, and his question of March 30th regarding Fire Insurance on Mayo Liquor Store and Mayo Fire Hall were answered (see Sessional Paper No. 6)

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills No. 1 and No. 7.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

Chairman of the Committee presented Committee's report as follows:

Bill No. 1 - Report Progress.
Bill No. 7 - Report Progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Commissioner F. H. Collins, Mr. K. J. Baker, Territorial Engineer, and Mr. W. A. Wardrop, Territorial Treasurer attended Council.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Tuesday, April 2nd, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

YUKON TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Questions and Returns.

Question No. 1: At what date may we expect the regulation restricting the speed of vehicles on the Mayo, Elsa Road from Black Lake to Elsa Mine to be rescinded?

Answer: An order is being prepared changing the speed limits on the aforesaid road to 35 mph for vehicles of 4 tons and less and 25 mph for vehicles over 4 tons.

Question No. 2: Is fire insurance carried on Mayo Liquor Store and/or Mayo Fire Hall? If not, why not; if so, how much?

Answer: The Liquor Store is covered to an extent of \$5,000.00 insurance but the Fire Hall was considered to be too low in value to warrant insurance coverage.

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Tuesday, April 2nd, 1957
10:00 o'clock A.M.

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

The following Bill was given 1st and 2nd reading:

Bill No. 8 - An Ordinance to Amend the Business Ordinance.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

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

Bill No. 1 - With Amendments.
Bill No. 8 - Report Progress.

Committee requested the Legal Advisor to prepare an Ordinance to amend the Liquor Ordinance.

Committee also requested the Legal Advisor to prepare an Ordinance to amend the Poll Tax Ordinance.

Council accepted committee's report.

Council recommended that the Commissioner, under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance Regulations, increase the maximum size for signs along the highway to four feet by eight feet.

Mr. R. Hulland gave notice that he would introduce the following Bills for first and second reading:

Bill No. 9 - An Ordinance to Amend the Liquor Ordinance.
Bill No. 10 - An Ordinance to Amend the Poll Tax Ordinance.

Mr. A. R. Hayes, with the unanimous approval of Council, expressed an opinion concerning the submission of Ordinances to Ottawa for examination (see Sessional Paper No. 7)

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Wednesday, April 3rd, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

OPINION EXPRESSED BY MR. A.R. HAYES

On October 30th 1953, three and a half years ago, to the tabled question submitted in writing, "What action has been taken on the resolution of Council that the Commissioner give consideration to including existing Regulations as part of the Liquor Ordinance" the following answer was received, "Review now being undertaken to re-write the Liquor Ordinance to incorporate the Regulations."

On March 10th 1955, more than two years ago, Reference No. 4 to Yukon Council stated, "Consideration has been given to re-writing the Motor Vehicle Ordinance It has been impossible to re-write this Ordinance in time for this session of Council." (The first session, 1955) More than one verbal request had been made to have this Ordinance re-written. We have now received this Ordinance.

The Yukon Council considers these two Ordinances as two of the most important in the Territory, and also considers that both are, and have long been out of date.

Nothing in the Yukon Act, or in the Ordinance Respecting the Council of the Yukon Territory, makes it mandatory for the Yukon Council to submit proposed Ordinances to Ottawa for consideration or approval before they have been considered by the Council in session. This practice was begun by the then Commissioner, Mr. Fraser, in 1952-53, and has received the tacit approval of Council as a courtesy only.

Council requests that Ottawa give more prompt consideration to drafted Ordinances submitted to them for examination.

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Whitehorse, Yukon
Wednesday, April 3rd, 1957
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 consider Bills.

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

Bill No. 4 - Without amendments.

Council accepted Committee's report.

Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

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

Bill No. 2 - Report progress.

Bill No. 3 - Report progress.

Bill No. 5 - Without amendments.

Bill No. 6 - Without amendments.

Bill No. 7 - Without amendments.

Bill No. 8 - With the following amendments:

Section 2A (2) Delete the words "may in his discretion", insert the word "shall".

Section 2A (3) deleted and the following substituted therefore: "Where a person who is required by the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance to insure and maintain insurance for the protection of his employees has failed to comply with that Ordinance the Commissioner shall suspend or cancel the licence issued to such person."

The following Bills were given third Reading

Bill No. 4 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.

Bill No. 5 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 6 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1957.

Bill No. 7 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1958.

Mr. J. L. Phelps gave notice that he would introduce for first and second reading the following Bill:

Bill No. 11 - AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE POLL TAX ORDINANCE.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Thursday, April 4th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
of the
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Thursday, April 4th, 1957
10:00 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Speaker assumed the chair and read the Orders of the Day.
Council resolved into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bills.
Committee recessed at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion.

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

Bill No. 3 - Report progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

The following Bill was given first and second reading:

Bill No. 10 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLL TAX ORDINANCE.

Council resolved into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 10.

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

Bill No. 10 - Report progress.

Council accepted Committee's report.

The following Bill was given third reading:

Bill No. 8 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUSINESS LICENCE ORDINANCE.

Council recessed at 4:30 o'clock P.M. to meet with Commissioner F. H. Collins.

Council adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M. until 10:00 o'clock A.M. in the morning of Friday, April 5th, 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY

Whitehorse, Yukon
Friday, April 5th, 1957
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 consider Bill No. 10.

Committee recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

1:30 o'clock P.M.

Committee resumed discussion

Chairman of the Committee presented Committee's report as follows:

Bill No. 10 - Without amendment

The following bills were given third reading.

Bill No. 1 - AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SPEED AND OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS.

Bill No. 2 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 3 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INSURANCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 10 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLL TAX ORDINANCE.

The Commissioner was advised that Council had concluded its deliberations.

Mr. Speaker addressed the Commissioner requesting Commissioner's assent to the bills passed by Council.

The Clerk of the Council enumerated the bills as follows:

Bill No. 1 - AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE SPEED AND OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS.

Bill No. 2 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 3 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INSURANCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 4 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF WHITEHORSE.

Bill No. 5 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE.

Bill No. 6 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST 1957.

Bill No. 7 - AN ORDINANCE FOR GRANTING TO THE COMMISSIONER CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE TERRITORY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1958.

Bill No. 8 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUSINESS LICENCE ORDINANCE.

Bill No.10 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POLL TAX ORDINANCE.

The Commissioner, in his address to the Council, gave his assent to the bills enumerated by the Clerk. (see Sessional Paper N. 8)

Mr. Speaker thanked the Commissioner and various members of the Territorial Government Staff (see Sessional Paper No. 9).

The Clerk of the Council then read the following:

"It is the Commissioner's will and pleasure that this Council be now prorogued and this Council is accordingly prorogued."

Council prorogued at 4:00 o'clock P.M., the 5th day of April 1957.

H. J. TAYLOR, CLERK

A. R. HAYES, SPEAKER

Closing Address by
Frederick H. Collins, Esquire
Commissioner of the Yukon Territory

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Yukon Council:

My assent has been given to all Bills as read by the Clerk of the Council and I wish to thank you for your diligent efforts in respect of their study and passage.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks for the spirit of co-operation so evident throughout the Session and particularly in our informal discussions on matters of Territorial concern. Your advice and suggestions will be of great assistance to me in both administration and planning for the future.

My best wishes for health and happiness follow you to your Districts and the resumption of your normal activities. We, in this Territory, face a year of great promise and I know all our efforts will be bent toward assisting in the full realization of so many hopes.

April 5th, 1957.

Reply to Commissioner's Closing Address

by

A. R. Hayes, Esquire

Mr. Commissioner:

Council tenders to you its thanks for your valuable assistance during the session now ending. In addition to the resolution passed by Council on March 25th expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the Minister, the Hon. Jean Lesage, in securing the sum of \$600,000.00 from federal funds to complete the Whitehorse sewer and water system, councillors are much more appreciative of this generous gesture to Yukon than the routine worded resolution would indicate. A fact not yet generally known to the public, but one that may have influenced Ottawa in deciding to invest so heavily in our territory, is that census figures show that in the five years between 1951 and 1956 the Yukon gained 34 per cent in population and this increase was the greatest population gain in the whole of Canada during that five year period. Council expresses its thanks and appreciation to the heads of all territorial government departments for their co-operation during this budget session, to Mr. Smith, our Legal Advisor, who has been under a heavy strain, without complaint, and to the clerical staff that has worked so hard and so efficiently. My personal thanks to Councillors Mellor, Phelps, Hullah and McGeachy for their co-operation.