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J O U R N A L S  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE YUKON TERRITORY  
Special Session  
June, 1960

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Page 4: The last sentence on Page 4 should read as follows:

Mr. Livesey read from Page 3959 of Hansard for Thursday, May 17, 1960, and stated that he resented the inference by the Minister of Northern Affairs that the veto powers of the Commissioner protected the Indians and Eskimos from the Yukon Legislative Council. Mr. Livesey stated further that as far as he was concerned, it appeared to him that the role of the present Council was that they had been attempting to protect the Indians and Eskimos from the Administration.

Page 4: The following should have been included in the report of the Committee of the Whole after the report re the Committee on Education:

A delegation from the City Council, consisting of Mr. J. Howatt and Mr. Wm. Taylor, presented a request for a sum of \$65,000.00 to carry on with the street paving program. Council decided that more detailed plans and an engineering report should be submitted to them before this application could be considered.

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Wednesday, 8th June, 1960  
10: 00 o'clock A.M.

The fifth Session of the Eighteenth Wholly Elective Council of the Yukon Territory was convened in the Council Chambers at 10:00 A.M. in compliance with the Proclamation of the Commissioner under date of the 24th of May, A.D. 1960.

The Members of the Council were called to order by Mr. Speaker.

On the request of Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the Council escorted the Commissioner to the Council Chambers. The Commissioner delivered the following address:

Mr. Speaker,  
and Members of Council.

As arranged this is a Special Session convened for the purpose of receiving recommendations of the Committee on Education relative to the location and construction of certain educational facilities, funds for which, while included in the Estimates, were deferred from expenditure until a report from the Committee was received.

There is no legislation available for presentation at this Session.

The program, as provided for in the annual Estimates, is proceeding satisfactorily with a number of contracts let and under-way. The normal road maintenance program got off to an early start despite the loss of the McQuesten Bridge and necessary reconstruction of the Ogilvie Bridge over the Klondike River at Dawson.

A Director for the Hospital Insurance Plan has been appointed and there would appear nothing to hinder the inception of this on July first. The assistance and co-operation of Departments of the Federal Government and of Provinces is much appreciated.

The amendments to the Yukon Act, having passed the House, are now in the Senate. It should, therefore, be the matter of a few days only before the Bill becomes law, thus marking another forward step in Yukon affairs. Further steps await such increases in population and economic self-sufficiency as will permit of enlarged Council membership with further transfer of powers and responsibilities.

Revenues of the Territory are as anticipated but the period involved is too short for accurate summation.

I wish to welcome Members of Council to this Session and assure them of the usual co-operation and assistance of the administrative staff.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of Council.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to thank the Commissioner for his opening address and promise that adequate consideration will be given to it by Council.

Since Council was informed that the report of the Education Committee would not be presented before 2:00 P.M., there was some discussion in Council as to what matters would be dealt with during the remainder of the morning session.

Mr. R.L. McKamey: I move that we give consideration to the brief presented by the Yukon Travel Bureau.

Mr. J. Smith: I will second the motion. Carried.

Mr. J. Livesey (With the Deputy Speaker in the Chair): I would like to bring some other matters to your attention such as Civil Defence, the Dominion-Provincial Fiscal Conference, the new land policy, agriculture in the Yukon Territory, and the question of schools.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. G.O. Shaw: I move that we resolve into Committee of the Whole and discuss these matters with the time available, the Yukon Travel Bureau brief, Civil Defence, Dominion-Provincial Conference, agriculture and school buildings.

Mr. C.D. Taylor: I will second that motion. Carried.

Council continued in Committee of the Whole for the remainder of the morning session and recessed at 12:00 o'clock noon.

2:00 P.M.

Council resumed discussions in Committee of the Whole. At approximately 4:30 P.M., Mr. Speaker called Council to order and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. J. Smith, gave the following report:

We have been in Committee of the Whole since shortly after opening this morning. Before recess for lunch, we had a discussion with the Yukon Travel Bureau and Council requested the Commissioner to rescind the formula concerning an item in the Budget on Page 145, Item No. 29, and that the \$15,000.00 involved was to be given to the Yukon Travel Bureau without the necessity of matching contributions that they had secured themselves.

After lunch, we had the Committee on Education and had an opinion filed from them and a report from their Chairman and advice that we could get their complete report at approximately the end of the first week in August. We continued on without arriving at any further decision with respect to the report that the Committee filed.

Council then accepted the report of the Committee and adjourned until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 9th, 1960.



Thursday, 9th June, 1960.  
10:00 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order.

Council agreed to dispense with the 24-hour notice with regard to presenting Notices of Motion so that proceedings could be concluded at today's session.

Mr. G. O. Shaw: I beg leave to move that we resolve into Committee of the Whole to discuss further the report of the Committee on Education.

Mr. C. D. Taylor: I will second that motion. Motion Carried.

Council recessed in Committee at 12:00 o'clock noon.

2:00 P.M.

Committee resumed discussions on the report of the Committee on Education. At approximately 5.45 P.M., Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and called Council to order. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. J. Smith, gave the following report:

We have been in Committee of the Whole since we met this morning at 10:00 O'clock and during the course of that time, discussion was continued on Mr. Shaw's motion which was to the effect that the submission from the Education Committee be accepted. This motion, which was seconded by Mr. C. D. Taylor, was adopted with two amendments. The first amendment, moved by Mr. J. O. Livesey and seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, was as follows:

That two-room schools be built in Beaver Creek and Destruction Bay with adequate playground space, suitable teacherage, on structly Territorial ground and in accordance with the wishes of the residents as outlined to the administration. Further, that while we agree with the report for the most part and wish to thank the Commission on Education for the time and effort spent, we do not feel that the report in its entirety conforms with the requirements as laid down by Council at the Fall Session, 1959.

The report, instead of covering all school buildings, location, etc., as required, merely confines itself to schools which in some way or another appear to be connected with the Department of National Defence. We believe that a more complete analysis would have been more acceptable and more satisfactory. Amendment Carried.

The second amendment moved by Mr. R. L. McKamey and seconded by Mr. J. O. Livesey, was as follows:

That the rights of the separate school be safeguarded and respected and given full consideration upon request by Catholic parents and/or their representatives. Amendment Carried.

During discussion on these amendments with the Commissioner, it was pointed out that two full-size classrooms were not desired but that a building, slightly larger than a one-room school, was requested with two teaching areas, both at Beaver Creek and Destruction Bay.

Civil Defence was discussed resulting in two motions being passed unanimously. The first was made by Mr. J.O. Livesey and seconded by Mr. R.L. McKamey, to the effect that Council advise the administration in Ottawa that they want to join with any and be represented at any discussion on any Civil Defence program for the Yukon Territory and that Council should be represented. The second motion was made by Mr. R. L. McKamey seconded by Mr. C. D. Taylor, that the Administration procure all the necessary information and see that it is properly disseminated among the Councillors and the general public.

During discussions on the Dominion-Provincial Fiscal Conference, the following motions were passed:

The first by Mr. J. O. Livesey, seconded by Mr. R. L. McKamey, as follows:

I would like to move that I deplore the action of the hierarchy in Ottawa for denying the privilege of attending the Dominion-Provincial Fiscal Conference to take place on July 26, 27, and 28, and ask that they give serious consideration to reconsidering their stand and position.

Motion Carried.

The second motion was by Mr. J. Smith, seconded by Mr. C. D. Taylor, that should the Federal Government reconsider their stand re attendance by a representative of Council at the Dominion-Provincial Fiscal Conference, and an invitation to Council to attend is forthcoming, that Councillors Livesey and McKamey attend. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the new land policy of the Federal Government and it was moved by Mr. G. O. Shaw and seconded by Mr. C.D. Taylor, that nothing further be done concerning this new policy until Council had an opportunity to discuss same and make recommendations at the Fall session. Motion Carried.

Mr. C. D. Taylor made enquiries with regard to the stationery supply order for Council. Mr. J. O. Livesey also commented upon the delay with respect to delivery of the stationery supply. The Clerk of the Council explained that the stationery order had been let to the local printer who had sub-let the work out of the Territory and it should be available in the very near future. Delivery of stationery was promised to Council immediately it was received. (Immediately following Council session, it was ascertained that the stationery was on hand and ready for immediate delivery).

Agriculture in the Yukon Territory was discussed but this issue did not lead to any particular motions being passed.

Mr. J. O. Livesey brought to the attention of the House, statements made by the Minister of Northern Affairs re the Yukon Act. Mr. Livesey read from Page 3959 of Hansard for Thursday, May 17, 1960, and stated that he resented the inference by the Minister that the Amendment to the Yukon Act would protect the Indians of the Territory from the Council.



Mr. R. L. McKamey brought up the matter of occupation of the Nursing Station at Watson Lake by teachers and was assured by the Commissioner that until a public health nurse was stationed at Watson Lake, the Nursing Station would not even be opened.

Mr. McKamey also brought to the attention of Council the matter of instructing mining rescue parties and expressed the opinion that this type of endeavour was entirely the responsibility of the Federal Government. The Commissioner advised Council that the matter would be looked into and Council informed.

It was moved by Mr. J. Smith and seconded by Mr. J. O. Livesey, that should an invitation to the resources conference to be held at Victoria, B.C., be issued to Council, Mr. G. O. Shaw attend as an observer.

Motion Carried.

Council accepted the report of the Committee.

Mr. J. Smith: I beg leave to move, seconded by Mr. G. O. Shaw, that we now prorogue.

Motion Carried.

Mr. Speaker requested the Clerk of the Council to escort the Commissioner to the Council Chambers for his closing speech.

The Commissioner, escorted by the Clerk of the Council, entered the Council Chambers.

Mr. Speaker: The Council of the Yukon Territory has concluded its deliberations at this session.

Mr. F. H. Collins:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Yukon Council:

I wish to thank you for consideration of the various matters brought before you and your prompt and sympathetic approach to the problems that we have met and partially overcome at least. I wish you good health and prosperity until we meet again.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. I know usually at this time during prorogation that we all thank each other and everyone pats the other on the back. This time, I think I am going to be a little unusual. I am going to thank the administration when the Council gets what they want and the points that we brought to the attention of the Administration here today have been fulfilled in full. I thank you.

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

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