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1. Liquor Store, Teslin	81	103-108	Withdrawn 168
2. Bridge at Carcross	81	82	Carried
3. Adjournment for Resources Con.	83		Carried
4. Parliamentary Committee	155	155-159; 251 motion 254	Carried as Amended.
5. Historical Site	160	160-161	Carried
6. Joint Council Session	193	193-196	Carried
7. Acquisition B.C. Pan Handle	196	196-198	Carried
8. Transportation of Students	238	238-240	Carried
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10. Yukon Autonomy	282	282-283; 559-595; 607-631; 662-666.	Carried
11. Dormitories	283	283; 792; S/P 53.	Carried
12. Thermo Power	284	284-286	Defeated
13. Pedestrian Walk	286	286-289	Defeated
14. Travel Considerations	289	289-291	Carried
15. Road to Skagway	322	322	Carried
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17. Breeding Germs & Insects	323	323-324	Carried
18. Accommodation for Senior Citizens	324	324-327; 641-650	Carried
19. Wildlife Survey	327	327-328; 522-544; 544-547	Left in Committee
20. Central Purchasing Dept.	328	328-329	Carried
21. Rentals to Terr. Employees	368	369; 497-508; 520	Withdrawn
22. Credit Re Northern Res. Conference	404	404	Carried
23. Hospital Fund Raising	439	440	Carried
24. 24 Hour Broadcasting	440	441	Carried
25. Klondike Historical Resource	403	403	Carried
26. The Klondike, Yukon	404	404	Carried
27. City of Edmonton	402	402-403	Carried
28. Widow's Pensions	482	483; 650-661	Defeated
29. Escarpment Stabilization	520	791 S.P. 51	Carried
30. Die Slugs	521	521	Carried
31. Invitation to Mayor of Dawson	553	554; 843	Carried
32. Search & Rescue	554	555; S.P. 63; 893	Carried
33. Fresh Water Fishing	556	556	Carried
34. Appointment of Commissioner	556	556-558	Carried
35. Naming of Skagway-Whitehorse Hwy	596	597	Carried
36. Registration of Brands	640	nil	Carried
37. Motor Vehicle Licences	704	nil	Carried
38. National Parks	704	704-705; 746-754; 793; 940-962; 965- 977. S.P. 58.	Defeated
39. Klondike Action	705	705-707; S.P. 59	Carried
40. Amending Yukon Act	708	709; 1020-1033	Carried
41. Klondike Highway	743	744	Carried
42. Highway Signs	784	847; 1149-1156	Carried
43. Metropolitan Planning Comm.	1082	1082-1088	Defeated
44. Landing Facilities Ross River	963	964	Carried
45. Klondike Defence Force Funds	1001	1002	Carried
46. Game Dept. Development	1042	nil	Carried
47. Air Strip	1043	nil	Carried
48. Establishment of Terr. Park	1043	1044-1046	Carried
49. Motor Vehicle Licences	1079	1079-1082	Carried
50. Territorial Legal Dept.	1117	1118	Carried
51. Amendment to Catholic Episcopal Agreement	1118	1122-1135	Carried

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53. Klondike Restoration	1160	1161	Carried
54. Sanctions on City of Edmonton	1179	1180	Carried
55. Terr. Council Quarters	1181	nil	Carried

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Wednesday, April 20, 1966.
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayers and Council was called to order. Councillor Watt was absent.

Mr. Speaker: We will hear the reading of the correspondence by Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, could I rise on a question of privilege concerning some statements made in this house respecting the character of the Member from Whitehorse West?

Mr. Speaker: I suppose you could. What seems to be the problem, Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, there were some statements made here a couple of days ago and some of them, I believe were false. The Member from Whitehorse East read out a document that had been typewritten in which a lot of statements had been made about me, concerning me personally, and my conduct in the house and some of them, I believe, were false. I asked the Member, at that time, to tell me who had written this document and if it was his own opinion and if it was his own opinion, why did he have to read it. I would like to refer to...he did not answer me, Mr. Speaker. I would like to refer to Beauchesnes 157...."Members may quote an article or a book stating facts, but a commentary on any proceeding or any discussion in the House, with the object of swinging an opinion to one side or the other, is out of order". The opinions that are expressed here are supposed to be the Members only. I think that if the Member from Whitehorse East has his own opinions, he could have got up and stated them. He did not have to read something out. The specific charges that were made....charged Monday that unless Council stopped its petty nitpicking and bickering, the June session could last until June. This I agree with but the innuendo there is that I am causing this nitpicking. I would like to state for the record, Mr. Speaker, that we had a resolution in front of Council that could have... that Council asked to be paraphrased by the Legal Advisor and this could have been discussed a long time ago. It was not me that came around and picked the papers up. There are several main topics under discussion on which I had quite a few questions to ask. One was the resolution on the new type of Government and myself, and the other Member of the Committee that was set up, had done a lot of work. We had talked to a lot of people and there was a lot of discussion.. and there were ten or twelve points that he brought up and they were not meant to be destructive, or obstructive. They were opinions of people in the Whitehorse area. Another thing that was brought up was the Securities Ordinance. I asked Mr. Collins to come in and Council agreed. I had my opinions verified this morning that this Companies Ordinance does not concern private companies...a private company and a public company are two different animals. Therefore, I agreed with the Ordinance and I agreed with the increase in the fines allotted because it was consistent with penalties for public companies. Another item which I am accused of... or could be accused of nitpickering with is Widows Pensions. We spent a short time on that and it was defeated. If this is nitpicking, well, I am guilty of that particular offence. He said...Mr. Thompson said he was growing tired of Mr. Watt's continuous needling and deliberate blockage of Council business. Mr. Speaker, in no way, and at no time, have I deliberately blocked any Council business. I can go on record as saying that I voted to sit here last Saturday, and next Saturday and any other Saturday. I don't intend to block .

Mr. Watt continues:
 Council business, but I think that if I have a question to ask, I think I am entitled to ask it and if a Member here... I think I am entitled to ask a Member here what their opinion is on a certain subject the same as they are entitled to ask me what my opinion is. Mr. Watt...it goes on to say...either votes against everything or abstains. Mr. Speaker, I did abstain and I did vote against something. I voted against a couple of Mr. Thompson's prestige motions. One was licence plates. Another one was first class fares. I think I was doing the wishes of the people of Whitehorse West in doing that. I abstained from a Motion yesterday concerning the Klondike theme. There were two motions previously introduced into Council respecting that subject, and we have a rule of Council, "A motion or an amendment cannot be brought forward which is the same in substance as a question that has been already decided because a proposition once being submitted and carried in affirmative or negative cannot be questioned again but must stand as the judgment of the House". Now on this Klondike thing, we had one motion, introduced by yourself and Mr. Taylor, and we had another motion on the same subject...to the same...to the Minister of Northern Affairs, introduced by yourself and Mr. Taylor, I believe, and this was twice the subject was brought up. The **third** time it was brought up, I abstained because I thought it was wrong. It was contrary to the Rules and, secondly, the language that was used there was not, I don't think, conducive to the better Government and improvement of the Yukon Territory. Mr. Thompson said "he's up and down like an elevator". I suggest that there are other members of this Council that jump up a lot oftener and a lot longer than I do and say an awful lot less. He said...Mr. Thompson says..."he suggested that Mr. Watt could have, on many occasions submitted amendments to a Motion for Council's consideration rather than endlessly debating a point". On two main items here, Mr. Speaker, - one was the new type of Government - I suggested eight to ten different things that could possibly be included. This was refuted by Mr. Nielsen, agreed to by Mr. Taylor, and then the rest of the Council pretty well agreed. The next main Bill that we had which I was very concerned with was the Securities Ordinance. I made three suggested amendments to clarify this word "public" and each one of those suggestions was refuted and argued down by the Legal Advisor and not one was accepted and, therefore, I say this statement is false... "that on many occasions he could have suggested"...which I did suggest. I did make suggested amendments. I do so rather than endlessly debating a point. I would also like to say that I did suggest....I didn't say it in so many words....that Mr. Thompson cease using obscene language and, Mr. Speaker, I think over half of the statements made here are false and I also think that the Member who made these statements and the Member who suggested here...and said here... that Mr. Murphy was a lying bastard should account for his statements.

Mr. Taylor: Order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: I don't recollect that. I think that that kind of language is uncalled for Mr. Watt....I don't know.... certainly during Council anyway.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, this was said in Committee of the Whole and I heard it and Mr. Murphy heard part of it.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I never heard it.

Mr. Watt: I think it was entirely uncalled for and I think that a Member who uses this type of language against other individuals here, should...and against members of the Administration...should account for his conduct here. I think that he should have an opportunity right now to stand up and account for every statement that you have made here... say it's either true or false...and for everything else respecting what I have just said. I think he should be given the opportunity to do so right now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I would state one thing, Mr. Watt, you made specific reference to the Member from Whitehorse East. He is not at present in the.....

Mr. Watt: Whitehorse North, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I might also state that a Member...if a Member doesn't wish to make a statement....a Member doesn't have to make a statement at any time, but if Mr. Thompson so wishes, that is his right.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you very kindly for the opportunity. I would just like to say that everything that I said in that statement is true. These are my own opinions and I do not intend to retract any point, and as far as this other statement about Mr. Murphy is concerned, it's an outright lie.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Well, gentlemen, I think we have gone about as far as we can on this matter. It appears that in debate Members, at times, get a little carried away and I think that... applies to all Members. It is not the duty of the speaker to tell what members what they say or what they do not say. Providing there is no direct liable, a person can give their opinion. If I correctly recollect in this particular case, I believe the Member from Whitehorse West gave quite a tongue lashing to the Member from Whitehorse North the day previously and the answer, no doubt, was the defence of what was said at that time. I might also state that if a Member does not wish to comment on a particular matter or a Member does wish to comment on a particular matter in debate, I would feel, personally, that that is his privilege....to or not. I cannot see how I can resolve this matter at this time. Both Members have said what they wanted to say and I think we will have to let the matter drop at this particular point. Mr. Clerk, will you please continue with the correspondence?

SESSIONAL PAPERS

Mr. Clerk: The first item this morning, Mr. Speaker, is Sessional Paper No. 56, "Subject: Brief on Medicare for Yukon Territory". The next one is Sessional Paper No. 57 which is in answer to Question No. 20 - Taxation U.S. Pipeline. The next one is Sessional Paper No. 58, dated April 19, 1966, re National Parks representative. That's all this morning, Mr. Speaker.

#56
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#58

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Reports of Committees? We have no introduction of Bills. Are there any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

NOTICE OF

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to give Notice of Motion re Highway Signs.

#42

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion? If not, are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? There are no Motions for the Production of Papers and there are no Motions either. Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could direct a question to Mr. Clerk. Has any indication been given as to when a reply may be received to Question No. 4?

Mr. Clerk: There's no indication yet, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We will now proceed to Public Bills. We have Bill No. 12. What is your pleasure?

FIRST
READING
BILL #12

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 12, An Ordinance Respecting Hours of Work, Minimum Wages, Annual Vacations and Holidays with Pay in the Yukon Territory, be given First Reading at this time.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND
READING
BILL #12

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 12, An Ordinance respecting Hours of Work, Minimum Wages, Annual Vacations and Holidays with Pay in the Yukon Territory, be given Second Reading at this time.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to study Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess while we get organized.

BILL #10

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order. We have Mr. Fitzgerald with us again. We will finish off Bill No. 10. We have the Kluane Game Sanctuary and also some other details. (Reads No. 33 respecting Kluane Game Santuary".

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice the change in here is taking the word "boundary" and putting in "edge" and I am wondering if this conflicts at all with the established right-of-ways of the sanctuary...that is..are we talking about the edge of the highway proper or are we talking about the edge of the Department of National...it could be now, I guess, the Department of Public Works...right-of-way? I am just wondering what we are getting into by changing this.

Mr. Fitzgerald: I asked that this be placed before Council in this manner, but I am sure, in the original suggestion, that I used "the edge of the driving surface"...."the edge or shoulder of the maintained driving surface" is the expression I used originally when I submitted it...the reason being that ever since I have had anything to do with the Department, this has always been a contention...this boundary of the game sanctuary....game between the driving edge of the highway and the actual edge of the right-of-way on the park side. It has been a very contentious type of thing. We have asked, on two or three occasions, to have this defined by the Legal Advisor and we were told, on one occasion, that

Mr. Fitzgerald continues:
 it was the edge of the driving surface, and on another occasion, that it was the edge of the maintained highway. Well, sometimes they maintain the right-of-way and sometimes they don't. You don't know exactly where you are at. And, on occasion, a piece of road or highway is straightened out, and there's a loop left in the game sanctuary. Then, the question comes up now, "That loop in there, is that fair game? Is it open hunting?" Actually, I think the expression used "the edge of the driving surface of the highway then in use"....this was the suggestion...in order to erase any question from any person's mind that happened to be in the area hunting.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice that in the Federal Government...in their Order-in-Council...refers, in this sense to, for instance, the south westerly limits of the said right-of-way of the highway. I am just thinking that by taking the limits of the game reserve from the right-of-way, which is Federal Government right-of-way...property... I am wondering if we have the right to do this...to go into Federal Government property, and No. 2 is that if we do, we extend the area contained in the sanctuary considerably.

Mr. Fitzgerald. Mr. Chairman, then there is another question. This goes back a thousand feet where land is leased...a thousand feet from the edge of the sanctuary. I hope that that didn't interfere with the game sanctuary itself. I was hoping that the Council could legislate on this due to the fact that it's a game matter over which they have control.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that the entire sanctuary is Crown land and so is the right-of-way so I believe the only way to define this would be as you have stated "to the edge of the existing highway".

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, If I might, for the benefit of the Council, suggest that if this Federal Order-in-Council lays down the boundary of that park in the manner which Mr. Taylor has just read, you should bring that to the Legal Advisor's attention because, with all due respect, I don't think that anybody here can change a Federal Order-in-Council.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, further to that, for instance, in respect of Haines Junction, there was an Order-in-Council to amend the Order-in-Council PC 701 dated the 15th of September 1944 by adding to the description...it seems to me that any changes made in relation to that area have been done at the Federal Level because all of this is under National Park Reserve...unfortunately, I might say...so, consequently, I think this is a matter that should be discussed with the Legal Advisor because any changes that we do make here may be ultra vires.

Mr. Shaw: All I could add, Mr. Chairman, was that this is an Order-in-Council. The only persons that can change an Order-in-Council is the Privy Council itself. I don't know why this is in here because if it runs...if it changes anything...on the other hand, it may be just a matter of defining what is and what isn't. If it's a matter of defining for clarification of the public, I don't think we would be changing any of the matters in the Order-in-Council. We would be rephrasing it in perhaps a different manner. None of this changes the Law which is your Order-in-Council... just to define it in a different manner, I don't think that would be illegal and maybe this is the intent of this particular section in this Ordinance. That's all I could add to that, Mr. Chairman.

BILL #10 Mr. Fitzgerald: Mr. Chairman, this is what we had in mind... just define the boundaries so that the conditions of the Game Ordinance can be enforced. That's the only reason. I don't think it alters the actual boundary mentioned in the Federal Order-in-Council.

Mr. Southam: Speaking from the Chair, would this have to come up before Mr. Legal Advisor before.....

Mr. Taylor: I would think so. I think just to clear up any doubts that may exist in respect of this...I think the Legal Advisor should be consulted. Possibly this matter could be referred to him when he has returned.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, shall we set this aside and bring this to Mr. Legal Advisor's attention and have Mr. Fitzgerald back again? Is Mr. Hughes going to be busy all morning?

Mr. Clerk: I haven't any idea how long the meeting will last.

Mr. Fitzgerald: Before you finish with this, I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, if an opinion of Council makes any difference.. "an edge of the highway" was used instead of "the edge of the driving surface of the highway". Now, would "edge of the highway" be sufficient to show that it's out to that edge or would some person consider it the "edge of the right-of-way"? Maybe this is another question you could.....

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in matters like this...I think that this requires a legal interpretation rather than a layman's interpretation. I feel that...it's the Administration's function to put what they want in this and I know that at times I have suggested changes and they seemed to be very correct when I did it, but later on it was wrong, so I hesitate to say what it should be and shouldn't be. I think in a case like this that the Administration should put it down as they want it and be able to explain why it is that way and I would be quite satisfied with that.

Mr. Fitzgerald: Not wishing to prolong this thing, Mr. Chairman, but I would just like to explain briefly again that we asked.....my suggestion was, as I mentioned before, "edge of the driving surface of the highway then in use", however it has been modified to edge. The Legal Advisor very likely has a reason for this.

Mr. Southam: Is there anything further in this Ordinance that we need Mr. Fitzgerald for at the present time?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there are two items to be considered in the final amending of this Bill which involve the Interpretation Section...one would be the interpretation of aeroplanes and the other may be the interpretation of "natural person". Consequently, we could possibly leave this and stand it over until the Legal Advisor can be with us.

Mr. Clerk: I just wanted to say, Mr. Chairman, that I would like to retract that statement I made because, thinking it over now, this amendment here wouldn't alter the Order-in-Council at all so I think this amendment would be okay.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, on the schedule of fees, it was mentioned that conceivably in the case of a taxidermist's licence and a private game farm licence, that this should be increased from the \$5.00....has this been previously mentioned or has there been any discussion on it? I bring this up on behalf of the Member from Whitehorse East who suggested that there should be a change...an increase.

Mr. Fitzgerald: As you know, Mr. Thompson, these are two new items...16 and 17. I think you are aware of the reasons for the Game Department wanting these things but I have a feeling...Mr. Taylor could probably tell you...Mr. Clerk could probably tell you...whether or not it would be necessary for this taxidermist...if he goes into business here...or a person operating a private game farm...would need a business licence which would be, I think, in the area of \$25.00. I don't think that Council is probably particularly aware of this private game farm thing because we are trying to maintain some control over people who have a few animals who are wild by nature in a pen in front of their motel or hotel to attract tourists, I imagine.. out in the hot sun...no shade...probably in a pen that is far too small for them and so on and so forth. The idea of this private game farm idea is to try to get control and maintain some control over this and later cover it by regulations if possible....so we know where these animals are and so on and so forth. It also would cover a person who got a proper area and actually started operating a proper private game farm where the public would be admitted and charged. It would serve a dual purpose, but beyond the \$5.00 charge in each case....\$5.00 would suit our needs, but whether or not it will be necessary to have more....

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there is a section in the Business Licence Ordinance that states that if a licence is required to be taken out under any other Ordinance, the Business Licence Ordinance does not apply. With this in here, the taxidermist and the private game farm would not have to take out a business licence under the Business Licence Ordinance.

All: Clear.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that the Legal Advisor is tied up for this morning, I wonder if we could possibly stand over this matter and all matters in relation to the Game Ordinance and possibly continue with the budget or some like document.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have got a Motion before Council in regard to registering of brands.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think that that would be a very good point to pick up...the registering of brands....Mr. Fitzgerald is here. I might enlighten me on with what you do with brands and so on.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, I have a note that that Motion was passed on the 14th of April. It wasn't put into Committee.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there was nothing in Committee. I haven't noted this is Committee. I have got it being dealt with in Council.

Mr. Clerk: At the time of the discussion...Mr. MacKinnon made a suggestion that he would like to see it moved into Committee but this discussion carried on and no motion was carried. The Motion was passed at that time.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is quite possible. Regardless, I did ask that it go into Committee and be discussed with Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, may I excuse Mr. Fitzgerald?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess.

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.
April 20, 1966

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen I will call the committee back to order and we will proceed on sessional papers and the first will be Sessional Paper #44, which is budget statistics. It reads as follows.

Sessional Paper #44

Mr. Taylor: I do not think it requires all the reading of all the figures.

Mr. Southam: Is that clear?

Mr. Thompson: I would just like to comment on the total of the amount of \$10,000,000 voted there was \$1,700,000 which was unexpended and because of these figures it leaves me to leave that the present budget is proportionately high and it isn't an arbitrary 10% across the board. In some cases it is more but I think some consideration should be given to reducing our amount of budget approved sum this year. To take into consideration these unexpended amounts. I think that these carry on from year to year and I don't think that it is in the best interests of the Territory to have these great unexpended amounts when it is not necessary.

Mr. Watt: Agreed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Taylor: Will you please take the chair for a moment please?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Southam, proceed please.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson when we were down on the Advisory Committee wasn't this what the Northern Affairs decision came to, that the budget would be cut by 5% or 10%. Am I right?

Mr. Thompson: I don't think Mr. Chairman that they came to that decision. They intimated that that was the case and they said a 5% or 10% cut could be made without jeopardizing any of the operation of the Territory in the coming year and I don't think that anything definite was arrived at and I think that is where this is our province to work in.

Mr. Southam: Thank you Mr. Taylor. Are we clear on that gentlemen? Sessional Paper #45. We had the meeting with the White Pass people so I don't think that we need to go over that one. Clear? Sessional Paper 46-Motion for the Production of Papers No. 4, Disposition of Federal Property.

Sessional Paper #45

Sessional Paper 46

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, I don't know how this got in here. This is in my constituency and I agree that the buildings are old but I don't agree that this land be reserved for a resort area and I was not consulted when this matter was brought up and I would like to know what prompted this question or what the reasons are, maybe Mr. Thompson can enlighten me on it. Firstly I agree that the buildings are old and should be disposed of but I don't think that the area should be reserved for a resort area until such time as the people in my district have had an opportunity to discuss the matter and I would respectfully ask that no reserve be put on this until I have had an opportunity to talk to my people.

Sessional Paper #46

Mr. MacKinnon: I agree with Mr. Taylor. The government, are they going into the resort business or what. I think we have gone far enough. I noticed in last night's paper that there were contracts let again for camp buildings and I thought that we had decided against that sometime ago and now I see that they are calling for tenders for various localities and now we are talking about Brooks Brook as a resort and I don't think that this is quite in line. I believe that the taxpayer should have a chance to obtain a part of this ground. There is a nice creek there and I believe that we have got to work along with private enterprise to a certain extent. We can't let the government handle everything. I note in the Star Weekly that we have a thousand government employees in Whitehorse at the present time and if the government is going into the resort business then there will be nothing left for the tax payer.

Mr. Watt: I would like to say that if the member from the area in which this land is situated would like to make the suggestion that this be deferred or something, his comments sound pretty good to me, and I am agreeable to that suggestion.

Mr. Southam: Any further comments gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: It would take me a moment to prepare a comment respecting this, or motion.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I did ask for this information and the reason that I asked for it was that at present it was federal and I had wondered how long they intended to keep this piece of ground and I don't entirely agree with them when they say the buildings are of 1943 vintage and of little value. The Crown Assets people have been selling buildings of around this vintage in Whitehorse for some time and they seem to have been getting a fair return on their investment and what I had in mind is that the buildings and the ground be turned over for Territorial control so that if person or persons who wanted to get into this resort business they could do so. It wasn't my intent at the time to have it restricted for a territorial resort area. I felt that this was because of the location and the general surrounding area that intends to increase an area such as this that it would turn itself into a resort operation and conceivably could be transposed into a summer and winter operation and this is what I had in mind when I asked for this operation. I thought that the buildings should stay and should be taken over in one piece.

Mr. Taylor: I can only reassure that the buildings are in a decrepit state and the houses are just about falling down. There are one or two instances where the buildings could be used but should be sold as crown assets. I should say that there are a few people living there. I am beginning to think that someone wants to build a resort area there and until I find out the wishes of those people in that area that concern themselves with Brooks Brook I would move that no reserve be placed at Brooks Brook until the views of the residents have been obtained.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that no reserve be placed at Brooks Brook until the views of the residents of that area have been obtained. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Motion re Sessional Paper #46

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, are you clear on that?

Clear.

Mr. Shaw: I would like to add one little comment. I give you an idea of some of the difficulties that the Speaker may have. We have our order paper and certain things come into the order paper from time to time. Sometimes a production of papers, for example comes up and it is not debatable. It is read by the members and it is judged accordingly and voted on and it is, in this particular motion for the production of papers that should be more of a question in relation to what has happened in relation to policy. This motion suggests a course of action. This could be in reference to having the buildings transferred to Territorial control. Be as it may this goes to the administration and they are assuming that this is the wish of Council. Now, it is quite obvious that that is not quite the wish of Council as it appears that another motion has to be passed as to what is done. In my position in Council when something like this comes before Council and is a suggestion and not merely asking for papers, if I call it to their attention then the members feel that I am transgressing. If the members could confine these type of papers to getting information and having no suggestions.....this should rightly come up under a motion. This prohibits debate and doesn't give a clear picture. I am sure that these are not done on purpose but at the same time they do create difficulties. If we can keep the production of papers just for getting information it would be easier all around.

Mr. Southam: Are you clear gentlemen? We will have sessional paper #47 - Vocational Training.

Sessional Paper #47

Clear.

Mr. Southam: The next is Sessional Paper #48-Game Department.

Sessional Paper #48

Mr. Taylor: Well I have taken this matter up at some length with the Game Department and I have prepared a motion for submission to Council and I will be presenting this under the orders of the day in respect to this.

Mr. Southam: Are you clear on this gentlemen? Clear. Next is Sessional Paper #49-Question No. 21 - Students in Yukon Schools as of March 31, 1966. Are you clear gentlemen?

Sessional Paper #49

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #50 - Radio at Clinton Creek- Question No. 17. Are you clear gentlemen? Clear.

Sessional Paper #50

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #51 - Motion #29 - Escarpment Stabilization.

Sessional Paper #51

Mr. Watt; I absolutely have no comment. This is unsatisfactory.

Mr. Southam: Are you clear gentlemen? Clear.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #52 - Motion for Production of Papers No. 3 - Area Development Incentive Act.

Sessional Paper #52

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, from what I can understand this has even the administration baffled.

Sessional
Paper #52

Mr. Watt: I think is there anything the Council could do in the form of motion so that it could be considered as a designated area. If this would help we should do so. From what I can gather it is quite a tax advantage and quite an incentive. Can I hear the members comments on this?

Mr. Shaw: In reviewing this this is fine. If you want to start an industrial area it will cost you about a million or two dollars and you will get considerable assistance on the amount you borrow as a tax liability. You can depreciate 50% on money for what you need for equipment and you can take 20% for buildings. But, if you can't get it it isn't too much good and that is what appears to have happened in the Yukon Territory. In the last paragraph..... it just precludes the whole of the Yukon Territory as we are all sparsely populated. Unless someone can show me different this has very little use in the Yukon.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as I said before I had discussions on this before with the administration at yesterday noon hour and it has me baffled. I think we should leave it up to the administration.

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that is fine.

Sessional
Paper #53

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #53 - Motion #11.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, It is quite clear, yes, but I will say that the administration's survey has been a poor one and there was a lot of fact evaded and there has been no mention of the people from areas along the highway north and no doubt south that have moved and rented homes in Whitehorse so their children can go to school. I know of five between Whitehorse and my place - 80 miles, and I am sure that there is no mention of these children. I would like administration to know that I do not agree with their thinking and I believe that their report is very inadequate and very poorly done.

Mr. Watt: On this point, I support Mr. MacKinnon on this and from the answers I have heard here I don't think that this had brought to the attention of administration before. I think that after the discussions here that the head of the Department of Education will consider the discussions and keep his eyes and ears open. I know in the past I have brought up suggestions and in the following year he has found that there have been problems. Mr. MacKinnon's suggestions will very likely be taken into consideration and if he resubmits his motion in the Fall it will likely be given further consideration. I will certainly support Mr. MacKinnon in the Fall.

Clear.

Sessional
Paper 54

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #54 - Question 24. Are you clear? Clear.

Mr. Watt: I just want to say that I feel that if the Territorial Council voted \$150,000 to establish and to work with this type of commission if it is set up that we will be discussing this when we discuss that resolution on the form of government.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just to keep the record straight, that \$150,000 is for an economic study and not a constitutional study.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #55 - Question #18 - Klondike. Are you clear gentlemen. Clear. Sessional Paper #55

Mr. Sottham: The next is quite a lengthy brief and it is the one that we were going to take up with Dr. Sprenger. Sessional Paper #56

Mr. Taylor: I suggest that this be left over until Dr. Sprenger can be here.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #57 - Question No. 20 - Taxation U.S. Pipeline. Sessional Paper #57

Mr. Watt; I have some information, first of all I would like to ask Mr. Clerk, if commercial products and not military were put through the line would 40% of the assets be taxable?

Mr. Clerk: I can only say that if I had information that if they were transporting fuel for other than military I would go after our government to allow us to tax it.

Mr. Watt: I have some information passed on to me saying that this pipeline is being used for other than commercial purposes and I would like to leave this with administration to look into. Would that be all right?

Mr. Clerk: I would like Mr. Watt to give me more specific details as to where he got his information. I cannot go making inquiries on mere rumor.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to leave this with administration, if they could check and see if this is used for anything other than military?

Mr. Clerk: Yes we can do that.

Mr. Southam: Next, gentlemen, is Sessional Paper #58 - Question #38 - National Parks Branch visitation. Sessional Paper #58

Mr. Taylor: Possibly, Mr. Chairman, we could take this up on the plan for agenda this afternoon and suggest a time.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, this is all the sessional papers and I will call a recess. We will reconvene at two o'clock at which time we will discuss the Corrections Program with Mr. Hawthorne.

RECESS

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.
April 20, 1966

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I will call the committee to order and we will proceed to vote 17. With us this afternoon is Vote 17 Mr. Hawthorne and Mr. MacKenzie.

Mr. Southam: Are you ready gentlemen, I will proceed.

Probation Service.....

Mr. Taylor: I have only one question in relation to probation, this is the first year and it is about over and I would like to ask Mr. Hawthorne how it seems to be going.

Mr. Hawthorne: The probation services have extended to cover about 35 active cases and there have been over 100 cases prepared for the courts. My feeling is that at this point the social services performed for the court is essential. The area where the probation falls down is in direct cases and this is a physical impossibility, it is impossible to give the attention required and we hope that there will be other probation officers on hand to meet this need.

Mr. Shaw: Might I ask, where are these probation officers located. Are they around the Territory or are they in one place?

Mr. Hawthorne: The probation officers that will be hired, it is intended that they should involve themselves in the areas outside of Whitehorse as well as accepting responsibilities in this major center. They will be responsible for setting up committees in the various communities to involve the communities as much as possible in the program. They will, in the beginning mainly in Whitehorse and will be doing a lot of work in the outlying communities.

Mr. Shaw: The point I am getting at, Mr. Chairman, is we have three probation officers and do these persons continue in a particular area, to go up to Watson Lake or to Dawson. This would involve a lot of travelling and wouldn't it be more efficient to have one in each place rather than travelling back and forth. It takes a day to get there and a day to get back and an hour to do the work. That person would be continually travelling. There is in the area alone about 3,000 people and if this person has to come from down here, of course, there are pretty good people up there, it requires too much travel.

Mr. Hawthorne: If the need indicated the probation officer, will be assigned to this area and in the meantime they will use as much as they can find voluntary workers who will provide service under their supervision. This will not likely meet the need, and if so, the probation officer will be posted permanently.

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

Medium Security.....

Mr. Thompson: I don't...all of a sudden we are at 1702, I didn't hear any discussion on 1701 on salaries and wages and I am wondering if Mr. Hawthorne has any discussion. I see that the Director is listed at \$12,000. In Ottawa it was commented that no Director worth his salt would consider such a wage and it was intimated that a salary of \$14,000 would be paid. If this is correct, would the others be upgraded too?

Vote 17

Mr. MacKinnon: The revised list Mr. Chairman, for the corrections program has just been prepared and Mr. Hawthorne has it in front of him.

Mr. Hawthorne: I don't feel that I can discuss this at the present moment. This is a policy that has not been approved by the Commissioner. I think it is the feeling of Mr. Cameron to ask Mr. Smith to come out and go over the provisions so that they would be complete and in a form that could be discussed to greater purpose and made available.

Mr. Thompson: Are you intimating that he will be out before the close of this session to speak with us or is he merely going to speak to the administration to ask the amount and divided up?

Mr. MacKinnon: We tried to find out by telephone a half an hour ago as to when Mr. Smith could be expected. He was due here a week ago but has been ill. Unfortunately we could not get through. Incidentally, may I comment at this time, on this corrections program it was announced in Ottawa with the discussions with the Finance Committee that it would be reduced by a third. The estimates were for a year and we are in the process of revising this. So, this will cover the correct dates with regard to expenditure. You could discuss these figures now but they are not appropriate.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, if that is the case then I think this discussion should be tabled until such time as we have some indication as to the figures. I think Mr. MacKenzie that it was Northern Affairs original suggestion to cut this by one-third.

Mr. MacKenzie: Maybe so, I was not present when the discussion took place.

Mr. Taylor: I am a little confused over one aspect. I was under the understanding that this would be the direct costs for operation of these services for the portion of the year and that the federal government's participation would be a recoverable item. Am I to understand that this is not the case? Is the Territorial Government going to put up their share and then the federal government pick up the rest.

Mr. MacKenzie: Anything recoverable under this program will be recovered under this section. The figure is \$11,000 without detention. It all comes out of the operating deficit grants.

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman, as far as I can see this is a program that we started and I don't know where it is now. I took a trip down to the correctional institution and it is barely off the ground. The foundation is there, but at making a wild guess it is going to be four or five months and in the meantime the salaries of the maintenance men, engineers, business managers, and so on is going to be cutting into a third of what is on this paper right here. How we can get any accuracy, I don't know.

Mr. MacKenzie: Is there any objection to complying with the suggestion of Northern Affairs for the one-third.

Mr. Shaw: I have no objections to a third. You could cut it in half and still have lots left.

Mr. Thompson: I don't think that there will be any objections whatsoever. I am thinking in terms of what Mr. Shaw Vote 17 has said and what the Territorial Treasurer has said and I am wondering if one-third will be enough. Do we have any date for opening.

Mr. Hawthorne: I would only make a guess as to the date. Perhaps the engineering department could give you the date with greater accuracy...it would be sometime in the fall.

Mr. Taylor: I did have one question with probation. Would not probation be a continuing program and would this be included in the reduction?

Mr. Hawthorne: The total program is involved so it would not be involved in the across the board reduction. The salaries of staff too have been raised 10% and it is my opinion that the third would not be reduced.

Mr. Thompson: The only thing that comes to mind, and correct me Mr. Hawthorne if I am wrong, that last year the probation services required \$15,000 and this year we are talking about \$73,000 and if we cut that in half you are still twice as much and you have no building, no upkeep, and I don't see where you would require this for an operation that you admit will not get off the ground until Fall.

Mr. Hawthorne: This is not the case with the probation staff. They will start by the end of June at least and there would be a lot of expenses involved at all, the equipping, furnishings, etc. and the providing of vehicles and so forth. I would not think that you have the general figured.

Mr. Thompson: I am not denying the fact that you need offices and equipment and things like this but you have another \$27,000 in here for this and we are not talking about this right now.

Mr. Hawthorne: I wonder if this would wait until the revision has been made and then all these items would have specific figures and items attached.

Mr. Southam: Might I ask a question from the chair. I assume that these men that you have here are not hired yet and have to be hired and I assume that you are not going to hire them on the day that you go to work. The men, whoever you are hiring, you will have to hire them from three to six months ahead of time and I assume that part of this money is for this. I don't see that the figure could be cut to a third but I still am of the opinion that if you wait to get the men you want then you are not going to get them.

Mr. Hawthorne: I certainly concur with you Mr. Southam:

Mr. Shaw: There is just one thing that I don't understand and here we have the ability of someone and this is a contract and someone along the line must know when it is going to be completed. It should be firmly established, now if that isn't the case, there is something wrong. The next thing is what about staff and we need to get the staff lined up someplace and somewhere along the line. There should be something concrete about this and someone should have answers. We haven't a clue. When we see a salary for twelve months and we are not sure that they have not worked we feel that there should be something definite.

Vote 17

Mr. Hawthorne: I am sure Mr. Shaw that if it wasn't for an outline generally that there is very little that is definite at this point. There have been a number of delays administratively and these will have and already have effected the plans up to this point.

Mr. Southam: I would suggest gentlemen, that we defer this budget until we get the revised figures and when Mr. Smith will be here.

Mr. Thompson: Gentlemen: There has been no indication that Mr. Smith will be here in Council. From what I gather this is an administrative problem but the only thing we are concerned about is the deletion of part of the amount and one-third has been suggested and it could quite easily be deleted more. I am sorry that in view of a previous motion that was introduced and passed that the Territory take over this whole department. With the amount of money involved I don't think the Territory should be saddled with the finances involved. Mr. MacKinnon was the only member at the table that opposed the motion and I can quite see why but I think as far as the over all picture is concerned if we delete one-third and we have an opportunity to speak on minimum and juvenile. I don't feel that unless you can justify a greater portion I can't see why a half of this amount can be justified as far as the operation is concerned for this year. This is only the probation.

Mr. Taylor: I certainly can agree with that. I would like more information before I chop a third out of anything. I feel that the solution that was offered in the form that certain figures are being amended and I feel that until those are presented or until Mr. Smith can be here that we should leave this.

Mr. Shaw: In my previous remarks I want it understood that I was not making any personal remarks to Mr. Hawthorne. Mr. Hawthorne has had difficulties and in the case he is doing the best he can with what is available. This is quite a high level and so I just wanted him to know that I appreciate his efforts and as far as I can see he is the sole supervisor, director, etc.

Mr. Southam: Any comments.

Mr. MacKenzie: First, we don't know when Mr. Smith is expected. The other point is this reduction of one third.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, possibly an effort can be made as to when Mr. Smith will be here and if he could appear before Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to ask a question of Mr. Hawthorne, I am not too sure...well as he knows I am not too happy with the Territory with this step. If we become a province will this whole thing be dropped in our laps. Is this why this is in our budget at this time.

Mr. Hawthorne: That is a difficult question to answer and I don't feel that I can speak for the administration in any way. The function of our corrections program is applied mainly to the inmate serving two years and this is a responsibility that is carried by the provinces. Even if you do achieve provincial status you may for sometime pay all the obligations of the running of the matters but we would still be subsidized by the federal government.

Mr. MacKinnon: I wonder if Mr. Hawthorne will tell me, will Vote 17 there be any contributions towards this probation service from the Indian Department?

Mr. Hawthorne: I am not sure whether this is recoverable or not. I have some reason to believe that all matters that come before the court will be valid expenditures and that all people in such a category, in that they have been sentenced by the courts, will be covered by this corrections program without any recovery being made.

Mr. Shaw: I believe that is a policy which I think the Commissioner will want to answer and I think that by asking Mr. Hawthorne you are putting him in an embarrassing position.

Mr. Taylor: I would suggest that we leave this corrections bit. We will be getting back to it at a later date and possibly Mr. Smith can come before us.

Mr. Southam: Thank you Mr. Hawthorne, we will then excuse you at this time.

Mr. Taylor: Since Mr. MacKenzie is still here we could deal with Vote 19 and 11.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess until we get organized a little.

Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will discuss Vote 11, Yukon Hospital Insurance Service. Vote #11

Salaries & Wages.....Clear

Professional & Special Services.....Clear

Travel Living, Expenses.....Clear

Removal Expenditure.....Clear

Telephone and Telegraph.....Clear

Stationery & Office Supplies.....Clear

Repair and Upkeep of Equipment.....Clear

Rent.....Clear

Mr. Taylor: Might I ask, Mr. Chairman, who do we rent this from. Would this be from DPW or from the Department of National Health & Welfare? And, if we took over the hospital, next year would this be a disappearing item?

Mr. MacKenzie: The rent is from the Department of National Health & Welfare. And the answer to the second question is a third.

Unemployment Insurance.....Clear

Hospitalization.....Clear

Mr. Shaw: This is lower than last year is it not Mr. MacKenzie from last year?

Mr. MacKenzie: I don't know.

Vote 11

Mr. Shaw: The figures don't matter. I just wanted to know what the trend was.

Mr. MacKenzie: The trend is lower Mr. Shaw. In your Public Accounts Report on page 14 the high point in 1962, lower in 1963, lower in 1964, that is December 1964.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chairman, the figures look very nice but in the sessional paper #44 in the 1964-65 we voted 830,000 and we spent 167,000 so there was an unexpended total of 162,000. Of the ten million voted for operating and maintenance of the ten million voted there was only 8 million spent so this leads one to feel that on the overall picture that the estimates are increased very substantially. It is my intention that on the final analysis it is going to my recommendation to make an across the board reduction.

Mr. MacKenzie: This is inevitable, there is always an unexpended at the end of the year. If you don't end up with enough you run the risk of overspending. You have to have a lot but not too great an extent. Probably an explanation if one is a high figure.

Clear.

Mr. Taylor: One item, there are things not provided for here, such as at the Watson Lake Nursing Station where the rates have gone up and this will be a \$2,000 increase alone.

Death Benefits.....Clear

Mr. Shaw: They are a healthy bunch anyway.

Employees Surgical Medical Plan.....Clear

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, there is one question, if this is the wrong spot let me know. This is for the transportation of patients outside for an operation that they can't get here.

Mr. MacKenzie: That is Health. I would like to comment on this point that Mr. Thompson has mentioned. I want to try and show that it is not expended excess based actually on costs for the three years 1962, 1963, 1964, three calendar years. The average for each year was \$467,961. Including the 1965 calendar year the average was brought down.

Mr. Thompson: We have \$689,000

Mr. MacKenzie: It includes Whitehorse plus Mayo.

Mr. Thompson: How about Item No. 7. How does that compare.

Mr. MacKenzie: That is very difficult to answer. For three years, 1962, 63, 64 gross costs averaged \$177,000. I calculate \$89,000 for the three years and I have \$100,000 here as an estimate for the current year. That varies quite a bit in 1963, the gross cost in 1963 was \$75,000, 1964 was for \$101,000 and 1965 \$92,000 so it works out to \$89,000.

Mr. Shaw: From time to time I get asked questions, as a Councillor, on various subjects, and quite a few are on the Yukon Hospital Service. Do you have any pamphlets on this subject, Mr. MacKenzie?

Mr. MacKenzie: Yes I have some of these printed and will be very glad to give you some.

Mr. Southam: Are we clear on that now gentlemen?

Vote 11

Clear:

Mr. Taylor: There is one small item in Vote 20 on page 4 that we should go over:

Vote 4

Furniture & Office Equipment.....Clear

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I will call a short recess for refreshments and then we will go on to Vote 19.

RECESS

Wednesday, April 20, 1966.
3:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order.
We will proceed with Vote 19, Debt Redemption Loans and
Investments.

VOTE 19

1900	Loan Interest -----	\$ 408,707.16
1901	Government of Canada-Whitehorse Sewer and Water Loan -----	\$ 14,853.69
1902	Government of Canada-Whitehorse Sewer and Water Loan -----	\$ 25,637.88
1903	Government of Canada-New Whitehorse Hospital Loan -----	\$ 17,817.41
1904	Government of Canada-Operating Loan.--	\$ 18,380.02

Mr. Watt: I would just like to ask Mr. MacKenzie a question.
I see you vote the Whitehorse Water and Sewer and the White-
horse Hospital Loan...the interest in them is going up. If
we are paying off some principal and interest, should this
not be going down, Mr. MacKenzie?

Mr. MacKenzie: Yes, as you get on the term of the loan, the
principal decreases and the interest...it's the other way
around...it varies. You start off paying off interest
largely and very little principal and as it gets down, you
pay out more principal than interest.

Mr. Watt: But the interest is greater so the principal
must be greater.

Mr. MacKenzie: This \$408,000.00 which is interest, Mr.
Chairman, is interest on all these loans. It is not on any
one loan. It's interest on all these loans.

Mr. Watt: If the interest has gone up, the principal must
either remain the same as the interest has gone up or some-
thing like that.

Mr. MacKenzie: I see what you mean now. You are comparing
it with the previous year. Is that it?

Mr. Watt: Yes.

Mr. MacKenzie: Well, naturally, because each year we are
getting more money on loan from Ottawa under our Five Year
Agreement...Project and Loan Capital. Naturally we have to
repay more. We are getting more and more loans every year.

Mr. Watt: I thought the Whitehorse Sewer and Water was a
one-shot deal. This year the interest is more than it was
last year.

Mr. MacKenzie: You can't see the interest there on the
Whitehorse Sewer and Water...which particular one is this
now?

Mr. Watt: 1901.

Mr. MacKenzie: 1901...\$14,853.69...now is principal...
purely and simply. The interest is included in the figure
of \$408,707.00. You will see that it is actually on page 3.
The interest is \$25,311.37 on that particular loan. You see.
The principal is \$14,853.69.

All: Agreed.

VOTE 19

Mr. Southam reads:

1905	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$30,043.01
1906	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 8,899.82
1907	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$23,116.82
1908	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$54,264.84
1909	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$12,899.08
1910	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$31,931.21
1911	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$18,231.99
1912	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$13,278.75
1913	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 677.72
1914	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 7,363.20
1915	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$10,014.46
1916	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 5,693.27

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just have one question here that I would like to direct to Mr. MacKenzie. What was the loan for in relation to establishment 1913?

Mr. MacKenzie: I should have to refer to the papers....to make up this \$21,000.00. I haven't got them here.

Mr. Southam reads:

1917	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 620.31
1918	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$12,555.68
1919	Government of Canada-Capital Loan	-----	\$ 348.41

Mr. Taylor: Question. What I was getting at...why do we borrow, for instance, these smaller sums of money? What is the reason for this?

Mr. MacKenzie: I'd better explain the program. First of all, these rules are governed by the life of the asset. For example, a sedan is five years; buildings are twenty years. There are four periods - five, ten, fifteen and twenty and it so happens, in this particular year...amounted to only \$30,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: Is it a depreciating sort of a deal?

Mr. MacKenzie: \$30,000.00 is the cost price. They lend us \$30,000.00. We then buy the asset. We then proceed to pay off by installments every year and these are the installments for this year and they are given to us by Ottawa..advanced to us.

Mr. Taylor: This is picked up in our deficit grant?

Mr. MacKenzie: No, this is a different matter now. We are speaking about loan authorization. This is different from the operation and maintenance deficit grants.

Mr. Shaw: It runs about 8¼% doesn't it?

Mr. MacKenzie: The rate of interest on the loans? No, that's rather a high rate.

Mr. Shaw: That's what I thought. I notice \$7,500.00 is \$620.31 so that is very close to 8¼%.

Mr. MacKenzie: \$620.31 is the principal - not the interest. The interest is included in the first item of \$408,000.00.

Mr. Southam: Clear, gentlemen?

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam reads:

VOTE 19

1920	Government of Canada-Capital Loan -----	\$ 1,588.07
1921	Government of Canada-C.M.H.C. 2nd Mortgage Loans-----	\$ 820.67
1922	Government of Canada-Low Cost Housing- 1st Mortgage Loan -----	\$ 6,243.51
1923	Government of Canada-Capital Loan -----	\$46,247.56
1924	Government of Canada-Capital Loan -----	\$17,038.67
1925	Government of Canada-Capital Loan -----	\$17,216.16

for a total of \$804,488.37.

Mr. Thompson: Not that it makes much difference, Mr. Chairman, but I don't have any detail on those last three. I was wondering if Mr. MacKenzie could.....

Mr. MacKenzie: They represent, Mr. Chairman, the sum of our capital requirements as estimated for the current fiscal year.. \$1,880,000.00. This year, for the first time, we were given our capital grants in one series of loans. Normally it is every quarter. It's quite a business. Four governing periods.. five, ten, fifteen, twenty. That's four lives. You've got four quarters. That's sixteen loans you can have in a year... with all the rigamarole of calculating interest....paying installments. This year is the first time they gave us the full amount at once...just over three lives - five, ten and fifteen.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask Mr. MacKenzie...I think Mr. Taylor had a reasonable request, or question, when he asked about a particular item. I notice you start out in establishment 1901 and 2 and 3 and give details as to what the loan is in aid of but from there on, it's just fifth installment, fourth installment, second installment, "x" installments on principal, but we have no idea of what. Is there any possibility of getting a list of the various items or can you tell us off hand.....

Mr. MacKenzie: Perhaps this will answer the question. You notice the heading there "Capital Loan" on each of the titles.. 1905 Government of Canada-Capital Loan...\$144,500.00. We borrowed \$144,500.00 for capital purposes...building schools, buying cars, buying office equipment, buying road equipment. That's the purpose. The same thing with the next one. We borrowed \$95,200.00...Capital Loan...1906..and so on. Each little note explains the purpose. If you would like more information, I can get it for you.

Mr. Shaw: It doesn't appear to me, Mr. Chairman, that if this loan is made at the beginning of the year...in one chunk, that the bookkeeping and all that is done once both here and at Northern Affairs. It should save a great deal of money in always writing letters back and sending money back and forth.

Mr. MacKenzie: That's what they did this year and, as a result, we have been submerged with surplus cash. It's Federal cash. Granted, you save administrative work but you also set up problems. You are looking after the cash to make sure it is not lying idle and not getting any interest. We have a lot of money - their money.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: We will now move to Vote 20, page 25, and we VOTE 20

VOTE 20

Mr. Southam continues:
 have 20-19 Debt Redemption Loans & Investments, \$37,000.00
 and it is broken down as follows:
 3900 Loans on Second Mortgage (C.M.H.C.).....\$10,000.00
 3902 Low Cost Housing-First Mortgage.....\$20,000.00
 3903 Low Cost Housing Loans-Second
 Mortgage.....\$ 7,000.00
 for a total expenditure of \$37,000.00.

VOTE 14

Mr. Southam: Vote No. 14, Gentlemen.
 51 Salaries & Wages -----\$ 33,882.00
 52 Professional & Special Service-----\$ 5,000.00

Mr. Shaw: Couldn't the janitor service mow the lawn and do a few other odd jobs like that, I wonder, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Southam: All clear, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: I was wondering if Mr. MacKenzie.....\$200.00 for someone to mow the lawn. For goodness sake..the amount of janitor work around the library.

Mr. MacKenzie: Possibly the answer lies in the increase of the size of the new library. The new library has three times the floor space of the old library...increased use in activity.. it's possible.....possibly the janitor doesn't have any time for outside work.

Mr. Shaw: In a little place like that...the janitor can't get out and shovel the snow or mow the lawn? For goodness sake. I would certainly think so, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKenzie: I would suggest you would have to call Mrs. Collier.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, a library is not like a school where there are fifteen, twenty, children going in there and raising...tracking in mud and dirt and every other thing. A library is a very quiet and sedate type of a place. It always has been and it appears to me that a man who gets \$400.00 a year for sweeping up the floors and so on...it wouldn't be too much of a job to go out there and shovel the snow in the winter time and cut the grass in the winter time. It seems hardly necessary to have a man come and do that when you have a man employed to take care of the building.

Mr. MacKenzie: If this man can do the work, I have no doubt that Mrs. Collier will see that he does it and will not spend this \$200.00 if it's not necessary.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it would appear to me that if the man can't do the work, get somebody that can...for a library... to shovel the snow and cut the grass.

Mr. Thompson: Am I correct, Mr. MacKenzie, in thinking that there is a contract for the maintenance of all the lawns of the Territorial buildings? And this is just a part of the overall cost?

Mr. MacKenzie: Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Shaw: What makes me think of that, Mr. Chairman, is... take for example the Federal Building in Dawson City...or the museum...I'm the one that mowed the lawns in front of that and it's three times as big as it is down here. It appears to me that if there is a man working there...when they were operating that building, the janitor in the building was the person that mowed that lawn. If we are getting this

Mr. Shaw continues:

VOTE 14

highly specialized...it's only a small amount, I realize, but it does appear that the janitor should get out and cut the grass. It should be part of his duties...and shovel the lawn. Pretty soon we are going to have professional snow-shovellers and professional lawn-mowers to be cutting grass outside of these buildings when we employ maybe three or four janitors and that's why I feel that that kind of a system could just as well be cut out.

Mr. MacKenzie: I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, before you do that that you ask Mrs. Collier. She may have made some arrangement whereby...or like to make some arrangement whereby the fellow does the janitor work as well as look after the outside for the \$5,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, but we're still segregating...the janitor, he can't go outside the building. He's a specialist inside. In fact, it amazes me that we don't call him an engineer or something like that. The thing just seems hay-wire that a janitor wouldn't look after the outside of the building, the maintenance, as well as the inside.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe this is worth getting excited about. It only amounts to \$16.50 a month and this isn't a great deal. We have a lot worse than this in the budget I can assure you.

Mr. Shaw: I agree. You can't win.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, probably we could proceed. I am sure the Administration will make note of our concern here.

Mr. Southam: (Begins reading)

54	Travel & Living Expenses-----	\$ 3,000.00
55	Removal Expenses-----	\$ 300.00
56	Freight, Express and Cartage-----	\$ 750.00
58	Telephone & Telegraph -----	\$ 436.00
59	Publication of Reports, etc.-----	\$ 500.00
60	Advertising -----	\$ 300.00
61	Stationery & Office Supplies-----	\$ 2,500.00
62	Materials and Supplies-----	\$ 650.00
63	Public Utilities-----	\$ 1,200.00
64	Heating-----	\$ 2,040.00
66	Repairs & Upkeep of Equipment-----	\$ 50.00
71	Unemployment Insurance -----	\$ 250.00
74	Grants-----	\$ 200.00
75	Employees Superannuation Fund-----	\$ 1,585.00
94	Library Books -----	\$22,285.00
96	Death Benefits -----	\$ 30.00
98	Surgical-Medical Insurance -----	\$ 30.00

for a total expenditure of \$75,177.00.

Mr. Shaw: Might I inquire what a library page is?

Mr. MacKenzie: I believe he is a runner from the shelves to the desks with the books.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, a library page is one who assists in the library..with the collecting and filing and procuring of books.

Mr. Southam: Vote 20, page 5.

VOTE 20

3401	Furniture & Office Equipment-----	\$3,244.00
3402	Yukon Regional Library (New)-----	\$5,000.00
3404	Yukon Regional Library (Branches)-----	\$3,000.00

for a total of \$11,244.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mr. Legal Advisor could

Mr. Taylor continues:

join us at this time and possibly we could proceed with his Department and Justice.

Mr. Southam: Would you contact Mr. Legal Advisor, Mr. Clerk, and at the same time, I will call a short recess.

VOTE 16

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order. We will now go to Vote 16, Public Administrator.

51	Salaries & Wages -----	\$9,563.00
52	Professional & Special Service-----	\$2,700.00
54	Travelling Expenses -----	\$ 350.00

Mr. Taylor: I just noted one question, Mr. Chairman, that I would like to direct to Mr. Legal Advisor. I note that we have provision for funeral expenses of insolvent persons and a possible recovery of \$2,500.00. Would this not properly be in the Welfare Department?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, actually the Welfare Department allocates, I think, \$200.00 to \$250.00, depending on whether the funeral is taking place in Whitehorse or Dawson and the time of the year. We have to pay more in the winter. Their vote was designed only to meet actual indigent cases. Our funeral allocation is designed really to be recoverable. That's the difference. In an average year, I don't expect to draw on that really but we might get caught. We might get caught with, shall we say, a disaster situation where we might have a dozen or more people involved in a multiple crash or something. Then we have to look around rather quickly for money. That's what that is. It's a panic button sort of thing.

Mr. Thompson: Actually, I think, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. MacKenzie will bear me out in this that during the Financial Advisory Committee discussions, it was pointed out that in the Department of Welfare they have an item for \$4,000.00 for the provision of burial, as Mr. Hughes has said, for indigent persons. In fact, I think we came to the conclusion that this was a duplication. It was just if the Public Administrator needed the funds to bury somebody in a hurry so that the necessary funds would be available to him as opposed to going through Welfare. Am I right?

Mr. MacKenzie: It's not too easy, Mr. Chairman, to follow this. The first point is that if somebody dies, they have got to get buried. You can't wait around and start inquiries about finances.

Mr. Legal Advisor: That's part of the problem.

Mr. MacKenzie:this is the initial expenditure.

Mr. Legal Advisor: We expect to recover almost all of this money. As I say, it looks like a rather big cushion but all we need is one good multiple fatality and we would be looking for the money.

Mr. Southam: All clear? Next is:

56	Freight, Express & Cartage-----	\$ 50.00
58	Telephone & Telegraph-----	\$ 250.00
60	Advertising -----	\$ 250.00
61	Stationery & Office Supplies-----	\$ 300.00
66	Repairs & Upkeep of Equipment-----	\$ 50.00
71	Insurance - Unemployment -----	\$ 100.00
75	Employees Superannuation Fund-----	\$ 470.00
78	Miscellaneous -----	\$ 100.00
96	Death Benefits-----	\$ 10.00
98	Group Surgical-Medical Expenses-----	\$ 53.00

for a total of \$14,246.00

All: Clear.

VOTE 16

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could I give the Committee a synopsis report so that you have some basis of experience for comparison in future years, for the period April 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966. We were holding funds in trust at the beginning of April 1965\$45,600.00. During the twelve month period, we dealt with requisitions and remittances and one thing and another...remittances for the year..... \$102,300.00. Requisitions for cheques were just under \$14,000.00. Payments to the Territorial Government for reimbursement of maintenance, etc., insane persons, old age. We have had recoveries from estates...\$26,900.00. Other requisitions in the course of Administration, paying off bills and so on...just under \$73,000.00...leaving funds in trust at the end of the year at \$35,000.00...a drop of nearly \$10,000.00. Securities - the main features were we were holding Canada Savings Bonds at the end of March.. just over \$13,000.00. We were holding shares having a marketable value of 16 shares....there's a moral in this... shares in companies having no present value....\$16,900. We are holding six Certificates of Title to various properties. We are holding no jewellery at the moment. We have various papers filed in the building here. Estates open during the year: 44 deceased; insane persons, 2; missing, 2. Estates closed: Deceased, 53; Insane, 12; Missing.... so we opened 56 and closed 65. We have current 64 active files; Deceased, 50; Insane, 12; and two missing persons and so on. It was a fairly average year. We were able to recover some \$15,000.00-\$16,000.00 from one estate....a man who had considerable assets in England. During the course of the year, we got that back. We had maintained him in Essendale for a great number of years. I thought you might be interested in this sort of operational report.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Vote 20, gentlemen. There is a slight amount there....3601...Furniture and Office Equipment...\$746.00.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: That finishes Vote 16. Do you wish or do you not wish to take up Vote 13?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe that some information is now in the mail from Ottawa with respect to this Department so we heard in recess. Possibly we should leave the Department of Justice for a few days and see if we get this information.

Mr. MacKenzie: I would so recommend, Mr. Chairman.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: At this time, could we excuse Mr. MacKenzie?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: At this time, I will call a short recess.

Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we were on Bill #10 and there were one or two amendments to it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there are three items of consideration that we wished to raise. The first refers to the change in the definition of the boundaries of the Kluane Game Sanctuary and the discussion problem arose with respect to the citing of the western edge of the Haines highway rather than the western boundary and whether or not this referred to the road or the right of way and the right of way being under the D.P.W., as to whether we were allowed to go over their heads in view of the fact that they were a federal department and whether or not this would enlarge the area of the park. If you didn't go up on the highway it wouldn't. So this question arose as to whether what we were speaking of the southerly edge of the Haines highway. I wonder if the Legal

Advisor would comment on it.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I have so many copies of the Ordinance lying around that I am not sure which one...the comparison of the present definition of the Kluane Sanctuary and the one proposed really boils down to consideration of the change in the wording "along the edges". For instance, it used to say, "thence easterly following the said northern boundary of British Columbia to its intersection with the western boundary of the Haines highway." Now it is considered that it might be an improvement if it was termed western edge. Now in one stage in the review it was suggested that it might read "to its intersection with the bracket or shoulder bracket on the maintained driving surface". I couldn't recommend a definition that didn't know whether it was speaking of the edge or the shoulder. It would confuse the definition so I thought that it would be better to have the western edge of the Haines highway because rather than use the term of driving surface and I don't think there is a water tight expression to the right of way. Whether this means the reserve right of way or the right of way that is driven on, you are always going to have several points of view. The matter is brought to you for consideration because there were some prosecutions that failed because of the uncertainty of where the parks started and so on. This is merely another attempt to tighten up. You may feel that a number of uses or uncertainties which occurred in the past were so few, and the offenders that escaped were so few, that the definition can remain. I don't think anyone is going to come up with a water-tight definition unless we are going to refer to the right of way reserve which has an identifiable reserve. With regard to the suggestion which has that we would have to get the clearance of D.P.W., no, as you are using their road simply as a boundary for the purposes of your game ordinance. And, in my point of view you don't need their permission. The further question where there is conflict is the national park reserve and game reserve area. This conflict has existed for a long time and I don't think that this is fatal though to the definition you want. If you are sure that it deals in part in the question asked by the member from Watson Lake, but I would like to ask the Director of Game how many cases we have actually lost. Are we strained for protection? We are not going to get perfection on this issue, and are we straining too hard when the issue is so small?

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Mr. Taylor: No, I think that the matter is clear in my mind now. There was some doubt with respect to who had control of the right of way, as we had not only the DPW but the National Park reserve which defined their boundaries as in relation to the right of ways and it was all somewhat confusing, but with the thoughts that the Legal Advisor had expressed that I feel content to leave this as it stands in the proposed Bill. I did note that there was a difference in the inference of the word edge and the word boundary. The word, boundary, would leave you to think of the right of way boundary. However, the word, edge, would impart to me, the edge of the highway.

Mr. Legal Advisor: That is exactly what is intended, as I can see the purpose of drafting it is to give the public something that they can understand when they use the expression edge of the road. When they use that expression then they know what they are talking about. A boundary might be a line of stakes through the bush. When you are driving along the road, if you go off the edge of the road, you know where you are, you are in the ditch. But, if you are driving or teaching someone to drive and you use the term boundary, that could mean a hundred yards off in the bush and still be within the boundary.

Mr. Taylor: For my second item, I would like to go back to section one where-in we must somehow make provision under this section for the interpretation of the word aeroplane so that it doesn't have to read helicopter. The other proposal here, I would like to suggest that the word "and helicopter" be deleted so that it would read "tractor, snowmobile, snowplane, aeroplane and the words "and helicopter" be removed, and that another section be set aside to say that aeroplane be defined to read rotary craft. In this respect I would like to move that section one of Bill #10 be amended to remove the words "and helicopter" and aeroplane be defined to mean rotary aircraft.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think that there is a gap there but it couldn't be widened to foresee the time when we have hover craft. I think the member has personal flying experience and I wonder if he could give us something a little broader.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, well, hovercraft sounds like a very good idea, hover craft are in use today especially in the case of water fowl, but the idea was to use helicopter under the definition of aeroplane and I wonder if I could find a seconder to the motion.

Mr. Shaw: I would be glad to second the motion but except that I think it is defined exactly. You never can tell, we might have flying saucers around and maybe the Legal Advisor could put it in such a way to include flying saucers too!

Mr. Taylor: My wording of the motion was to ask him to define it to include rotary wings or hover craft.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could I ask Mr. Taylor what his objection is to the word helicopter.

Mr. Taylor: Well, aeroplane and helicopter would be compatible with this definition, then the word helicopter could be removed.

Mr. Watt: What does Mr. Fitzgerald think?

Mr. Fitzgerald: Do you mean taking the word "helicopter" out? I think it is fine except that I am wondering if the word "aeroplane" is going to conflict where the word aircraft is used. Doesn't aircraft mean both of these vehicles and I wonder if the definition of aeroplane is going to fit in with all the places where aircraft is used.

Mr. Legal Advisor: One of the points that caused this review was specifically an airplane to hunt game and if you simply prohibit the use of airplane you are not prohibiting the use of helicopter. So, the idea is to provide a definition that covers them all. When we use aircraft we don't define it and we have ourselves boxed in, and I would like to try and get a broader term for aircraft. We have different types of planes today, even flying saucers!

Mr. Taylor: I don't know how this sounds, that I move that section one of Bill #10 be amended to remove from subsection (O) the words "and helicopter" and that all types of aircraft be included in the separate definition of the word aeroplane.

Mr. Shaw: I second it.

Mr. Southam: I have a motion before the house moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that section one of Bill #10 that under subsection (O) the word "and helicopter" and that all types of aircraft be included in the definition of "aeroplane". Are you ready for the question? Any contrary? All agreed? Motion is carried. Motion carried Re Bill #10

Mr. Taylor: My third proposed amendment would have to do with Section 15 which is presently being amended. I would like to draw the attention of the Legal Advisor to the term "natural person". A little researching shows that a natural person is defined as an individual as being separate from a corporation or body and I wonder if the amending that is being considered if this could be taken into consideration, so that no corporation could control the hunting or guiding licence.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The member refers to section 15 and I am trying to track it down. The ordinance at the moment does not have the word natural person in there and it does not, well it was designed therefore before this change to make it impossible for a corporation to have a licence. Under the Interpretation Ordinance a "person" includes a corporation and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of a person. You have got to go out of your way to put in natural. I understand that this was the recommendation of the Director of Game and if you do want to leave it open to corporations then the word "natural" would have to come out.

Mr. Taylor: By leaving this to read natural person, is there anything to prevent a corporation from taking over a guiding licence or game areas.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I can't recall the section offhand but I believe that they are not transferable. In any case, the fact is that the licence can only be issued on this proposed wording to a natural person and not to a corporation. Therefore, it could therefore be argued that it could not be transferred to a corporation.

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Mr. Fitzgerald: I am not just sure of your questioning. I know that some years ago there was a company formed in Alaska and they were going to come into the Yukon and take over some of these areas. Right away some action was taken to prevent this and I am sure that that section 39 was amended.

Mr. Shaw: If it is a natural person then an unnatural person can't get it transferred.

Mr. Taylor: One question, where in the Ordinance do we provide that no-one can get a licence and then not transfer it? Say, to a corporation.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No-one can hunt except on the terms of the Ordinance and it doesn't provide the terms for a corporation to hunt, or guide, or outfit. What you have really done is no hunting except.....and you have provided the exceptions. I must apologize I think I misled you, in 1959 there was an amendment where the word "natural" person came in for the first time.

Mr. Taylor: What is not expressed is not implied.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, but it is expressed that no-one should hunt except in accordance with the terms of the ordinance.

Mr. Southam: Are we clear now gentlemen? Is there anything more you would like to ask Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Taylor: I would like to suggest that Mr. Legal Advisor be excused and we leave this matter until such time as he has an opportunity to review the amendments.

Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Thank you Mr. Hughes. What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, there is a little matter for which I would like the indulgence of the members. It has been sitting here for sometime and Council agreed with a motion, Motion #31, that we should invite the Mayor of Dawson to participate in a Klondike discussion. At that time there was some activity. I wonder what the wishes are in this matter. I think it might be a good idea to have the Mayor here, it certainly won't do any harm. However, I feel that if we are going to do something that we should do it and if he is to be invited that the necessary arrangements should be made. I think this would be a good time to discuss this and come to a conclusion.

Mr. MacKinnon: I thought that the Mayor had already been invited. We passed this motion and wasn't the Clerk advised to notify the Mayor?

Mr. Watt: I think that the motion was passed that the Mayor be invited down to participate and the motion was dated on the 6th. I think that the Territorial Council had heard rumors that the people up there weren't too satisfied. If we have their support, along with the enthusiasm here, then this would be a good thing. It appears that this has been overlooked, this involves the Territory and this is a pretty big thing and I think that this motion should stand. It is too bad that it had not been implemented right away.

Mr. Shaw: If it is Council's wish that this stand or continue I can work with the Clerk and it could be arranged in relation to this.

Mr. Watt: That's my opinion, and I think I agree with Mr. Shaw.

Agreed.

Mr. Taylor: My only comment is that this is a wonderful idea. This could get Council back into the swing of things and start the ball rolling again. It would be nice to have the Mayor of Dawson here.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now gentlemen.

Mr. Watt: I move that the Speaker resume his chair and hear the report of the committee of a whole.

Mr. Taylor: I second it.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Watt and was seconded by Mr. Taylor that the Speaker resume his chair and hear the report of committee. Are you agreed. Any contrary. Motion carried. Mr. Speaker will now resume his chair.

Mr. Speaker: I call this Council to order and hear the report of the chairman of committees.

Mr. Southam: The Council convened at 10:25 as a whole to discuss bills, motions, sessional papers, etc. We reconvened at 2:00 with Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Fitzgerald, and it was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Watt that in relation to the motion that no reserve be put on Brooks Brook until the views of the residents have been obtained. This motion was carried. Also moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that section one of Bill #10 that under subsection (O) the word "and helicopter" and that all types of aircraft be included in aeroplane. I can report progress on Bill #10.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the chairman of committees. Are you agreed with the report? Are there any errors or corrections. Thank you. What is your pleasure regarding the agenda for tomorrow.

Mr. Taylor: I suggest that we surge on with bills, etc.

Mr. Southam: I wonder if at this time we should continue with the budget and have Mr. ~~Holland~~ here at 10:30 and we will get this finished.

Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Tomorrow then we will have the usual and then Mr. Holland from the Vocational School at 10:30. That completes our business for today and what is your pleasure for today.

Mr. Southam: I move we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Mr. Southam that we call it five o'clock. Are you ready for the question? All agreed? This Council stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Councillors Boyd and MacKinnon were absent.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the agenda will be the correspondence.

Mr. Clerk: I have one Sessional Paper this morning, Mr. Speaker, and that is Sessional Paper No. 59 re Motion No. 39 - Klondike Action. That's all for this morning, Mr. Speaker.

SESSIONAL PAPER #59

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Reports of Committee? The next item is Introduction of Bills. We have Bill No. 13.

Moved by Councillor Southam, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 13, An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance, be introduced at this time.

BILL #13 INTRODUCED

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Mr. Speaker: Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave to give Notice of Motion with respect to Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION #43

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Watt. Are there any further Notices of Motion? If not, we will proceed to Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? We have no Motions for the Production of Papers. We will proceed to Motions and we have Highway Signs and insofar as Mr. MacKinnon is not here at this time, we will not discuss the matter until he arrives back. Therefore, we go on to questions. Are there any questions this morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Clerk - if he has yet been able to determine when a reply may be obtained to Question No. 4.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I have no indication when I can expect a reply to Question No. 4. I can only make another inquiry, which I will do.

Mr. Speaker: That Question has been on the order paper for exactly one month, I believe, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Clerk: That's quite right, Mr. Speaker. I realize that.

Mr. Taylor: I have another question, Mr. Speaker. I note that Question No. 22 has been taken from the order paper respecting United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and I have yet to see anything here. I wonder why this was taken from the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: The question is on the Order Paper... United Nations Declaration on Human Rights. It's on my paper.

Mr. Taylor: Pardon me. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? If not, we will proceed to Public Bills and Orders and we have Bill No. 9 for third reading. Mr. Clerk, did this Bill No. 9 have

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second reading and the Amendments go through Committee?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, there were some Amendments to Bill No. 9. I just don't recall at the moment what they were, however, I believe this matter is still in Committee and has yet to be moved out of Committee.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, all Councillors were supplied with new pages to Bill No. 9 with the suggested Amendments typed in. I'm not sure whether it was moved out of Committee as Amended or not. I thought it had been.

Mr. Speaker: I don't think so, Mr. Clerk. We should perhaps leave that in abeyance right now and check through that. Well, gentlemen, that completes the daily routine and orders of the day. What is your pleasure at this time.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried. I note we have Mr. Holland of the Vocational School at 10.30. Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess while we get reorganized.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order. We have Mr. Holland of the Vocational School with us. We are going to discuss Vote 10, Vocational Training. I believe the last time we took this up, we didn't really get started so I will start from the first...

1200 Administration ----- \$64,204.00
It seems to me we have cleared this.

Mr. Shaw: I have it cleared here, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: 1201 Vocational Training School, ..\$280,445.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, on this point, I had a thought I would like to express in relation to the Vocational Training School and that is I am wondering...what we are really getting to over there....I am wondering if we are not offering more courses than what we should be at this time. It seems to me that what we should be doing is concentrating on the primary courses. What I had in mind there was...like this hairdressing course. I am just wondering what good this hairdressing course is doing for the Territory and whether it is, in effect, money well spent. It has occurred to me that...I think the emphasis in our School should be on those trades which are important to the Yukon Territory in particular. For instance, in fields of women, certainly nursing is an outstanding course because this Territory is short on nurses and the more local nurses we could get the better. I feel that great emphasis should be placed on this. I feel also that cooking...that great emphasis should be placed on cooking, and I might also add..also a greater emphasis on waiting tables for these people that get out and act as waitresses and possibly...well, no doubt, women should be included, as they are now, in the drafting course, but this hairdressing course, I just

Mr. Taylor continues:

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can't quite see it. On the man's side of the stick, it seems to me that we should be placing more emphasis on the mechanics trades..welding..heavy duty mechanics and so forth..and electrical...as we go and possibly carpenters, but I think some of these other little trades are costing us money and I don't really see where we are getting any value from it - the little side trades - and I think, as I say, that we should be placing more emphasis on those specific trades. I would like to hear what Mr. Holland's thoughts would be in this respect.

Mr. Holland: Yes, I can make a comment on that. From a number of girls from the Yukon that have taken the hair-dressing course...this was not my choice, Mr. Taylor... when the school was first set up, I had no say in the design of the school. I was given something to work with but.....and there came down from this Council a question as to whether or not there was enough outlets for women. I didn't feel competent to answer this question so I went to the counsellor of the High School and I asked him what they wanted in way of training for girls...young women... and they came up with this Beauty Culture seventeen to one. Now, this is justified in the fact that there is not a girl who has gone through this school that is not working - not all in the Yukon Territory mind you, but there is not a person that has gone through this class that is not working that I know of. We have one that went through...a daughter of one of the Air Force people here and she went to England and opened up a salon in London and is doing very, very well. Another one opened a salon in Paris. Two of them are operating in Alberta. As far as we have been able to keep track of these people, they have no trouble getting employment. This is, to me, proof of the value of this thing...whether they are working in the Yukon or outside. These nursing assistants....there is only one that I know of....she is married and got a couple of youngsters. Her husband went through the School too...she is not working because of the youngsters but she is the only nursing assistant that I know of that is not working.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, Beauty Culture I think you will find is one of the biggest services in the country..if not the biggest. The success shown by the graduates from this course would indicate that the proof of the pudding is in the eating. I would think Beauty Culture is very important. We need lots and lots of people for that because you have just as much business next week as you have this week in that type of a thing. I always felt that that was a.....some of these girls that I know...I often wondered just exactly what they would do. They didn't seem to want to concentrate on courses that were academic courses you might say, more or less like commercial business courses.. but something that they could do with their hands...something that they were very capable of doing..desirous of doing and, in fact, have done so I would not like to see that course taken out. I don't know about the rest of them. I haven't studied them but there must be a very large spectrum because people pretty well want to do different things.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as I say, we certainly expend a great deal of money in this school. I can probably think of many courses which may be of value to someone outside or something of this nature, but not necessarily here in the Yukon, but I feel that the Vocational Training facilities offered here should be directed primarily to the Yukon Territory. As we see today, we have a great labour shortage...nurses...cooks..and just about everything you could mention but I feel that the shortage isn't in

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Mr. Taylor continues:

hairdressing and I think we should concentrate our efforts more on those principal courses like nursing and cooking for instance, and drop some of these side courses. Now, drafting is one that is excellent because this is a period of development in the Yukon and there is a great deal of construction... engineering... this is one course where women can participate equally as well as the men. But, beyond that point, I really can't see it... certainly, we are sending these girls out in this Beauty Culture field but they are going outside and I imagine we must have a few drop-outs and a few that just don't fill the bill. But, as I say, for the money we are expending, I think we should concentrate more on primary trades than this.

Mr. Southam: Mrs. Watt, will you take the Chair, please?

I happen to have a word or two to say on this. I am a very close friend of the instructor in this particular course.

She assures me that of all the girls that have gone through, as far as she knows, there has only been one drop-out. Now, she tells me that she takes these Indian girls in there and she has to teach them how to answer the telephone and how to look after themselves, how to dress, how to do this and how to do the other thing. This, to me, in itself, is something worth having. I understood, from talking to her not too long ago, that this class that is going through now is spoken for.

Mr. Holland: Most of them are already working - part time.

Mr. Southam: Yes. This is true. That is what she told me. I did take it for what it was worth. When you are talking about women and trade, they are the same as men. If they don't want to take hairdressing, they won't take hairdressing and they are not going to take nursing if they don't want nursing and so on. We know there is a big shortage of nurses and it would be fine to have more nurses. I agree with this but how are you going to get them there if they don't want to. This is the thing. Now, I think that there are things down there that probably shouldn't be taught but I am not an instructor, I am not an educationalist but I do think that some of the subjects they are teaching... such as carpenter work... is falling short of what it should be. It should be a little further. I am talking now from some of the students that we had up at the mine. This is the thing, but the hairdressing course thing... I can't see it. Women like to make themselves look attractive... thank God that they do and this is the thing... these girls... I just can't see it because when this particular instructor told me about the things that she had to do to these Indian girls to get them so that they could go to work even... it's just like taking a kid and starting him from the grass roots up. They didn't know how to look after themselves. They didn't know how to dress. They didn't know how to answer the phone and all these other things that go with it. Personally, I think Councillor Taylor, that hairdressing is a pretty good course. I'll take the Chair back now.

Mr. Holland: Yes, the effect of the hairdressing class on the girls who take the cooking class would be proof of the value. You take girls coming in there, particularly the native girls, they go into the kitchen and one of the first things we insist upon is cleanliness. We have them all fixed up in the hairdressing parlour. They learn then to fix their hair and to look after themselves.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, what we are really saying here then is that we are expending this money on a social education.

Mr. Taylor continues:

Believe me, I am all for social education. We are speaking now of native people and this is largely what I consider the responsibility of Indian Affairs and, of course, they have neglected to do this even though we have urged them to. I agree that these things may be good but what we are trying to do is run a Vocational School and.....are Indian Affairs contributing funds for this social education?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, as long as there is education, that is the main thing--whether it is social education.... you've got to have education. When one goes to school, you just don't learn one particular subject. You must learn a variety of other habits - some good, some bad. If these are good habits, I think it is well worth it. The Federal Government is paying a large amount of money towards this Vocational School as well as the Territory. When people graduate, we can't tell them where to live, but what we have done is we have taken a Canadian and lifted up their standing in one form or another...either by academic or by the practical sense. I must say that we must look at this in a broad attitude. As far as trying to make cooks out of everybody, I have done a stint of cooking in my time, and anybody who wants to be a cook, they are welcome to it. I had to do it to make a living. There are nurses aids... we can't turn out nurses here. We can turn out nurses aids at the Vocational School. Well, that is a step forward. The whole thing must, in my estimation, be looked at in a broad sense. I wouldn't say that one was more important than the other. I would say that if you could get a student that was interested in any particular line, that you could train these people in that particular vocation...whatever they wanted...and you could lift their educational qualifications.. or their qualifications period. If you take somebody and try to put them into something they don't fit in - a round peg in a square hole - you are actually wasting money. I can't go along with the Motion. I think you have to think of it in the broad sense. Even though it may not be efficient as possible, I think the results will be beneficial.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have only expressed an opinion here, but I would leave this matter at this point until we get down to Apprenticeship Training because I certainly have some related matters to discuss under that section.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: 1202 Whitehorse Vocational School Dormitory, \$20,971.00.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I just noticed there is a tremendous decrease. Is there less people or a decrease in the amount of dormitory space?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, possibly Mr. MacKenzie could clear that matter up.

Mr. Shaw: I was just wondering if it was a mistake, Mr. Chairman...that amount for that and they required more than that...somebody would be in a mix-up.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess. Mr. Clerk, could you check and see if Mr. MacKenzie can come and answer this.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order. We have Mr. MacKenzie, Territorial Treasurer, and Mr. Holland, Director of the Vocational School with us and we are discussing Vote #10. We are on establishment 1202 and there was some inquiry as to the reason for the great decrease in the estimates. Vote #10

Mr. MacKenzie: You will notice in 1201, primary 62 an item of food for \$16,000. In the previous year that was shown under the dormitory item. That is the reason for the decrease in the dormitories cost.

Mr. Southam: Is that satisfactory gentlemen? Are we clear on that. I will proceed.

Night Class Vocational Training.....Clear

Apprenticeship Training.....

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is one that has come near and dear to my heart. I would like to know if there is such a thing as an apprenticeship board involved with the Vocational School.

Mr. Holland: There is no board involved with the Vocational School. The Commissioner appointed me as Superintendent of Apprenticing. This was on the recommendation of the Regional, well, the Western Regional Representatives. In order to put the apprenticeship machinery into operation in the Vocational School, now these boards or board would consist of myself as chairman and two members of the trade, preferably an operator and an employee.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, there are so many things that, shall we say, affect the apprenticeship program. One, it seems to me, that in the apprenticeship program that we can improve upon this and I think we should. I feel very very strongly that in order to perfect this or improve upon it that an apprenticeship board should be established and it should be, shall we say, consist of a member of industry and it should be a separate board. In various trades a small board could be established to deal with this from the citizenry and work in conjunction with the school. This leads to another problem and that is the matter of how the apprenticeship training is affected. As I understand it, and correct me if I am wrong, if someone is taking carpentry, or welding, or motor mechanics. Now let's take mechanics, apparently the student goes five days a week taking mechanics but he doesn't go out in the field. Now this is my understanding and it seems to me that it is worthy of consideration a program on a rotation basis where a student taking motor vehicle training could work three days and spend two days out of the week practically working in a shop somewhere in Whitehorse, for instance in a tire shop and the next week in Taylor & Drury Motors, etc. There would have to be a reimbursement to the school or student, however that works out. So, that when the student has completed his course he has gotten some practical experience already and this will shorten the time until he gets his journeyman's ticket. Could I have Mr. Holland's comments on that.

Mr. Southam: Can you comment on that Mr. Holland?

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Mr. Holland: We are governed by the agreement which is signed by by all of the Provinces in Canada and the two Territories, with the exception of Quebec, in the provinces. What you suggest is correct but we give a four months or five months, as the case might be, in the shop and then he is placed in a working situation for the six or seven months and then he comes back to the Vocational School as a second year apprentice and then he is given his second year theory and then is put into a garage where he can practice this theory under trained mechanics and then he comes back on the third year apprenticeship and after four years he becomes a journeyman. This is the same proposition now. There are two methods of doing this you can either have an apprentice indentured to a firm or you can have an apprentice indentured to a committee. There is an apprenticeship advisory board consisting of two people, an employer and an employee, and then each trade has an advisory board. This advisory board can accept apprentices and they can make arrangements with these various firms, as you suggest, so that he has basic....because for instance, if you apprentice into one particular garage, say a Volkswagen one, he must come out of there knowing a little about everything so this is not right.

Mr. Taylor: This is not my point. The first instance will deal with the advisory board, I assume that the advisory board consists of the members of the school itself or the staff.

Mr. Holland: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McCandless of McCandless & Graham Ltd. and Mr. Whitehouse of Territorial Supply. They are the two people, the employer and the employee, who are the voluntary advisory council.

Mr. Taylor: What I am getting at is that where you have five months a student is trained in the school and then he works in private enterprise and then comes back for more training. This is the one I am getting at. I feel that we can better that. Even if there is an agreement I think that arrangements should be made to change this and I will tell you why. For practical purposes I will cite one instance and that is the training of mining engineers. There is a desperate need for engineers so the Department of Education in Ontario recognized this and they said what we will do is we will produce a practical engineer who will have no university certificate. They went to Haileybury, in the heart of the mining district, and they set up a school. It's two winters that the students attend there and rather than just go through school and work through the summer they combine the practical with the academic education, for instance, the instructor will one day "I will show you how to plumb a mine shaft". Then, he will take them out, close to Haileybury, and train them how to plumb a shaft. Now, most of these men are sitting in very high places in the mining industry in Canada because of this. Now, coming back to the Vocational School it seems that an apprenticeship system which would do basically this would advance these students. The man could get five months training but he could go to the garages and not get the diversification of the training that we are looking at. What I am proposing is that he works three days at instruction and then is shot out to five or six of these local shops and mix the practical and the academic together. Thereby advancing the student's opportunity to getting into the field quicker. I feel that there should be an independent advisory board on the apprenticeship program that would be separate from but which would work closely with the vocational facilities in close co-operation.

Mr. Holland: This is very clear, that is what is being done at this very moment.

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Mr. Taylor: This board would be responsible for the tradesman's qualifications, for working out the arrangements with the local enterprise and I think that this should be effected and I think we would get far greater value and I think that the student would get far greater value.

Mr. Holland: Could I correct Mr. Taylor on one point, the institutions you are referring to are all across Canada on the mining. B. C. is doing the same thing, but this is a technological institute and these all started with the errors that the vocational schools had built up out of and the first thing the institutions did was set up a standard and the thing is that if you come out of an institute your standing is the same all across Canada, and the same kind of instance as a university degree. But, to get into an institute you must have your grade 12 as a minimum. These are, well there is one in Vancouver, one in Edmonton, and one in Northern Alberta. The one in Vancouver had to double it's size before it was completed and the one in Edmonton was built on a piece of property where there wasn't enough room so they went up five storeys. These handle all the technical trades. For instance, a technical institute can make a better radiologist than a medical school than a medical doctor because he is taken in and puts in two or three years on nothing but radiology and leaves out all the latin and the seven years it takes to become a doctor. The same with the mining. You still have your geologist and you still have your mining engineer. You have your practical men coming out of the institute.

Mr. Taylor: I am sorry I sidetracked this, I cited this to show what can be done to combine practical and academic training. But, I feel that we can improve and benefit on the experience of a technological school. I am talking about applying the same theorem to our whole apprenticeship program. I am attempting to see this board created independent of the administration of the school to work in close conjunction with the school and this program of getting these students out in their various vocations. To get them to get out in the field while learning.

Mr. Holland: This is the understanding of the apprenticeship method.

Mr. Taylor: When would this be affected.

Mr. Holland: This year, we expect to have apprentices in in the next few months if this inflation in the Yukon doesn't take hold. We had one boy in the Vocational School leave for \$3.64. Now, how in the hell can you keep him in the apprenticeship at \$40 a week.

Mr. Taylor: Well, if he is getting the work this is fair game too. Will this board be created and will these students go out and do labour.

Mr. Southam: Are we clear on this 1206?

Clear.

Mr. Southam: We will go to Vote 20. Furniture and School Equipment

Vote 10..... Mr. Shaw: This is to complete the addition is it not? Will
Vote 20 this be the final cost or what is the total cost?

Mr. MacKenzie: Details of these two figures are set out on
page 20 if that is of interest.

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Have you any further questions to ask Mr.
Holland?

Mr. Shaw: I just wonder, is the capacity of the school
utilized. Do you have a full slate of classes?

Mr. Holland: With the new addition it will be at full
capacity. What we have is a working proposition which will
increase our night school. We would have students out working
in the daytime and then coming in two or three nights a week.

Mr. Southam: I wonder, gentlemen, can we excuse Mr. MacKenzie.

Mr. Taylor: I would like to ask Mr. Holland if he would
consider providing Council prior to the Fall session with an
outline for each member of the organizational set-up of the
apprenticeship program as to who is responsible for what and
what the very basic outline of how this is being administrated
and we would then have something concrete to work on. We
could see the various changes from now until September.

Mr. Southam: At this time I will excuse Mr. MacKenzie. Thank
you Mr. MacKenzie. Mr. Shaw, did you have some questions you
wished to ask Mr. Holland.

Mr. Shaw: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, did you have some questions?

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the last time that Mr.
Holland was here I asked him for some questions and he inti-
mated that he would get some answers and I wonder if he has
some of these questions answered here now.

Mr. Holland: The answers were all sent to administration.
I can answer that the completed year per cost was \$2900
per student.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I haven't seen any of
the answers to those questions and I was just wondering if this
could be overcome at this time?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Holland has stated that the questions were
answered and sent to administration. Could Mr. Clerk ascertain
where these are?

Mr. Clerk: I don't at the moment know where these are. If
Mr. Holland sent these in to administration I can certainly
get the information and have it for Council after lunch.

Mr. Thompson: I think, Mr. Chairman, that it would be very
interesting to see, or for all members of Council to find out
these answers. I did ask if they had any approximate cost
per pupil. Your figure was \$2900?

Mr. Holland: I think this is for the completed year 1964-1965.

Mr. Thompson: I was just looking in relationship to the amount that was asked for in this vote and the number of students and it comes out to \$4500 per student. The other thing that I am concerned about is that you intimate with this new building that you will be able to take students in night courses and thereby increase the effectiveness of the school. What is to prohibit the present facilities for night classes? Vote #10

Mr. Holland: This allows us to use the present facilities as well.

Mr. Thompson: My point here Mr. Chairman is that I think that when representation was made to this Council last year for the addition the figures supplied were something in the order of 125 or 135 and this was the expected enrolment for this year. What was the enrolment at the commencement of this year? This was one of the questions I asked. I also asked for names of the students and we have a list of 85 names, so this to me would indicate practically a standstill in the number of enrolment. You haven't increased your enrolment but we are doubling the size of the building.

Mr. Holland: The commercial classes move into the Vocational School this fall.

Mr. Thompson: How many adults are we talking about at this time?

Mr. Holland: We have occasions for this Fall but these amount to only 50 or 60. There is no guarantee as to how many are going to show up. This was the same thing last year, they didn't all show up.

Mr. Thompson: I wonder if Mr. Taylor made mention of the apprenticeship course, you said that you have a system whereby and you used mechanics as an example, take a certain period and then go out and work and then come back. Do you have any idea how many apprentices you have in the second or third year.

Mr. Holland: We have five or six who will be when they are indentured with, well when their apprenticeships are dated back.

Mr. Thompson: You mentioned that this hadn't been set up because of administrative difficulties or something?

Mr. Holland; Not all together, no, one of the difficulties is that endeavoring to get qualified people under. This goes with the trades apprentice qualifications.

Mr. Thompson: Are you intimating that there are no qualified mechanics in Whitehorse?

Mr. Holland: No, I am not, I am very pleased that we have a good many mechanics now. We have examined over 80 motor mechanics that have passed their examination and I didn't think that we could get that many people. We now have the examinations being set up for every piece of equipment.

Mr. Thompson: Well, how long will it be...you say that we don't have anybody to put these apprentices under and yet you say we have 80 qualified mechanics. Aren't these considered qualified enough.

Vote #10. Mr. Holland: We have this committee formed and the administration set up. I am sorry Mr. Thompson but I went into the hospital on the first of January and didn't come out until the end of February. That is why we are two months behind.

Mr. Taylor: I was just looking back to the Apprenticeship Ordinance and the machinery has been there for two years now and shouldn't this be going now.

Mr. Holland: It is going now. I think it should be understood by this Council that now you have the inter-provincial examination and this is only available to apprentices and indentures after 1962 when the agreement was signed and it came into effect April of 1964. Now, due to the meetings that have been held by the directors of apprenticeship and vocational training, the question came up that why can't a mechanic who was a mechanic before 1964 be entitled to write an examination. This will be settled in May. This means that you or I holding a Yukon certificate which is given on a valid approved examination by the Department of Labour, then six months later you will be able to apply for an inter-provincial examination. If he writes that examination successfully and the certificate will be sent to Ottawa and sealed and will entitle him to operate on that trade anywhere in Canada. This is something we have been driving at for years and years. The examination is sent from Ottawa and I can supervise this and it can be written in any language, Chinese or Japanese, and then it is sent to and corrected in Ottawa.

Mr. Taylor: I have just one more question and that has to do with the journeyman's certificate. I understood a group went through the Territory that allowed the mechanics to write for their certificate. I imagine those papers have been corrected and could you tell me how many were successful and how many failed.

Mr. Holland: Over 90% passed and those that failed are sent a letter stating their percentage and that forces would be made available for them to rewrite. They have two chances on their five dollars. Some of these chaps have passed on the second chance.

Mr. Taylor: This leads to a supplementary question in that respect and that is, in the areas where they did fail was there predominantly one or two special items that they failed on?

Mr. Holland: No, in some cases it was electrical and in some cases it was plain damn foolishness when they answered just yes or no. The questions were there to be answered and no didn't mean an answer.

Mr. Taylor: Nightclasses will be put on in Whitehorse for these people, in Whitehorse?

Mr. Holland: We could go anywhere, we could send a person out with the necessary information and put on a course.

Mr. Watt: I have a general question and the nature of the growth in the Territory has changed in the last year and we couldn't expect the vocational school to change too fast. But there is a lot of mining and I would like you to comment, first of all your heavy duty operating training, etc. The second question, is there a possibility of drilling and blasting?

Mr. Holland: At the Fall session Mr. MacKinnon asked on the subject of diamond drilling and he mentioned Arsenault and we have been continually after the diamond drillers in this Territory ever since then. It would only take a three weeks course--we can rent the facilities, pay the instructor, and we have been trying to nail those people for months.

Mr. Taylor: They are too busy?

Mr. Watt: I will try and help you there if I can. The other part of the question was with the cat operators and the heavy duty operators.

Mr. Holland: We can't hold them to the end of the course. We can hold the operators because they can only go to DPW or the Territorial Engineers and we have asked them not to take them until they complete this course...we have two starting classes this year.

Mr. Watt: Heavy duty operators too?

Mr. Holland: We have had about 5 that left. We have lost 3 or 4 in the last two weeks, one this morning in fact.

Mr. Watt: Mr Holland it says quite a bit for these courses when they are hiring them half way through.

Mr. Holland: You can't stop a chap when he is getting \$3.40 an hour. You can't tell him to stay--you can just give him your blessing and tell him to come back when he can.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this is a sad thing when they quit half way through. I noticed the question about the diamond drillers as I worked as one for two months. I don't think that they need training, you could take an average man off the street and teach him. It is unfortunate though that these people and maybe it is a personal matter but maybe he can get the training. The problem nowadays is to do our best to keep children in school

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Holland said he doesn't have any second, third or fourth year students. Can you tell me how many of these you have.

Mr. Holland: The only second or third year students we have are in the second year. We have three young fellows who will be indentured as apprentices as a third year apprentice as his time will date back. He took his pre-training in the vocational school. He went to WhitePass and has been there ever since.

Mr. Thompson: What I am trying to find out, there are the systems available if you have the students to take them but you say there are only a couple in drafting that are in the second year.

Mr. Holland: We had six in drafting last year and I think all of them working in the Yukon. We have two now in their second term.

Mr. Southam: Have we any further questions of Mr. Holland. If not, I will excuse him.

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Mr. Thompson: I would just like to know when I can have the answers to the questions that I did ask and it might be required that Mr. Holland be here to give additional information to them.

Mr. Clerk: I will have the information tabled as a sessional paper and then it can come up for discussion in the usual manner.

Mr. Watt: I personally don't need Mr. Holland back. If we see the sessional paper maybe the questions will be answered. I would just like to say here that from the discussion held I think that the Vocational School is really starting to pay off and especially with the number of students that are becoming employed. It is a real asset to the Territory and to the people living here. It is giving them an opportunity that they wouldn't usually have.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess until two o'clock.

RECESS

Thursday, April 21, 1966.
2:00 o'clock p.m.

VOTE 12

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order. We have Mr. Gibson from the Department of Travel and Publicity with us and we will discuss Vote 12.

51	Salaries and Wages-----	\$41,786.00
52	Professional and Special Services-----	400.00
54	Travelling and Living Expenses-----	3,500.00

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, what is the decrease, Mr. Gibson, in the Professional and Special Services?

Mr. Gibson: If you will notice under the Vote for 1965-66, there is an allotment of \$5,300.00. \$5,000.00 of that amount had been earmarked for the proposed Special Commission on Tourism. It was not used during the 1965-66 season and, at the moment, I am not sure whether it is going to be used this year. If it should be required, it could be added to our estimates for this year by a supplementary vote next fall.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this Committee that you proposed last fall, you don't believe that it is going to operate this summer?

Mr. Gibson: I am not certain whether it will or whether it won't. There have been a number of snags encountered.. first of all, with the scheduling of an itinerary. The extremely cold winter weather made it inadvisable to consider visiting all the communities in the Territory in the winter months, the Northern Resources Conference, the Spring Session of the Territorial Council...all of these things have interrupted the formation and the work of the proposed Committee. I can't say, at the moment, whether the Committee will proceed this summer or not.

Mr. Southam: Does that answer your question, Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: No, not exactly, Mr. Chairman. I thought that this was the wish of Council that this Committee be established and make this trip through the Yukon and I believe that you had mentioned a man of Magistrate Trainor's ability, or equal to, as chairman. I think there was also proposed a Territorial Councillor. I thought we more or less had that settled at the last Session.

Mr. Gibson: Your recommendation was presented by the Administration and it was discussed and approved at the last Session of the Territorial Council. Magistrate Trainor had been considered as Chairman for this special commission and, unfortunately, Magistrate Trainor's itinerary made it necessary to postpone the formation of the commission as a whole because of his normal work. I think one of the Territorial Councillors had been approached to represent Council....I believe it was Mr. Boyd and he is not present. If we could defer any further discussion on this, it might be that he would have more information than I have at the moment.

All: Agreed.

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Mr. Southam:

55	Removal Expenses -----	\$500.00
56	Freight & Express & Cartage-----	\$888.00
58	Telephone & Telegraph-----	\$640.00

Mr. MacKinnon: Just a moment, Mr. Chairman. Could Mr. Gibson tell us what all this freight is and by what source does he receive this freight? There is quite a difference in freight rates here in the Yukon.

Mr. Gibson: Well, actually this is not freight on incoming items. If we may use our advertising and promotion pamphlets as an example, the freight charge on shipping these from, let us say, the printer, perhaps in Vancouver, to Whitehorse... the freight charge is charged against Primary 60 for Advertising because this is an advertising expense. Under Primary 56, the Freight, Express and Cartage charges cover items shipped from our Department to outlying addresses and it does incorporate the daily mail delivery service from the Federal Building, Central Registry, to our Department and return, twice a day. This represents a fair percentage. I am not certain if it is broken down in detail in the details of Primary 56. Yes, mail and parcel delivery to and from Post Office and Central Registry each day. There are two deliveries each day. This represents your 637.50. The rest of the request, the \$250.00, is to cover the freight charges of bulk quantities of literature to many parts of the world. As example, when Dawson City Information Centre requests a supply of our information for their Centre, a freight charge on supplying that from our office to Dawson City is covered by Primary 56. This is true of any of the other parts in the Territory but it is particularly important in distributing bulk quantities of our literature to many parts of the world.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are paying over \$600.00 a year to have the mail delivered from the Post Office to your office. I suppose we are paying double that to have the mail delivered from the Post Office to the Hospital, and possibly several other places in the same locality. I think that this particular item...do you not have a car, Mr. Gibson?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, I do have a car.

Mr. MacKinnon: A Government vehicle?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, I do have.

Mr. MacKinnon: Could you not find time to pick this mail up yourself?

Mr. Gibson: At two pick-ups and deliveries a day...at \$2.50 per day...that would represent \$1.25 per trip. Now, if you would like to break down the actual cost of my time required to come from the Department Office to Central Registry and back twice a day, whether it would be a saving or whether it would be an increase in the expense, I am not prepared to say. I am prepared to say this. I personally refuse to carry the weight of some of the parcels and the shipments that have to be conveyed from Central Registry to our Department.

Mr. Shaw: I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, has any move ever been made...I am not talking about the delivery, I am talking about the mailing of mail...that a mail box of some sort over in Riverdale by the Postal Department? This has never been considered, or approached? It seems to me that those people...enough people over there to warrant some sort of a mail box over there.

Mr. Gibson: Well, this would be very convenient...at the present time, a lot of our postage is processed through the Central Registry Office. They have a postage meter and the equipment for processing it. Even a mail box over at the Hospital area would not be able to accommodate some of huge parcels of bulk that we send out. It would still be necessary to transport this into town. There is hardly a day that we do not ship out parcels that would not fit in a standard size mail box.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Gibson speaks of this mail being too heavy for him to handle. Now, I would suggest that anything in that capacity would be up around a hundred pounds or so or seventy-five at the least...now, I would suggest that this should be freight - not mail, and you have got freight deliveries. Picking up from the Post Office, you don't very often pick up...I know I can't afford to pick up my shipments that weigh from fifty to a hundred pounds through the Post Office. I just couldn't afford to pay the rates so I would have to have it freight.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't see any problem here. I think that to ask the Tourist Director to go start picking up the mail for his Department, which is a considerable sized Department, would be like asking the Commissioner, on his way home from work, if he would kindly go around and clean out all the wastepaper baskets in the building. I don't think this is a thing to consider at all. I would suggest that we continue with this Budget.

Mr. Shaw: Just while we are on this subject of mail...I wonder if there is...on this Central Registry Office where we have this automatic stamp cancelling machine...does your Department see that when we get all these wavy lines, that there is something on there advertising the Yukon? Continually kept up and changed from time to time?

Mr. Gibson: We had suggested once or twice in the past that Central Registry might include a slug in the machine with some Yukon publicity and promotion material there. Frankly, I never see the mail that goes out...I seldom go over to Central Registry myself. I do not know what they have on their postage machine. There may be some slogan. There may not be any.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would feel that this is something that we should have. Right now there is a Resolution for the Government to have a die slug with...I think the term was "Klondike is part of Canada's Yukon" or something like that. It would appear to me, for goodness sake, on all our Territorial letters...I think this Pitney-Bowes advertises continually to get your advertisement...now there is a boat that we shouldn't be missing.

Mr. Gibson: I will discuss this with Central Registry. I believe the Supervisor is away at the moment.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, this has been done in the past. I have been instrumental in obtaining some of these slugs with various messages on there. At the moment...I have that Motion downstairs...I was going to ask Administration if they would buy a slug for it.

Mr. Shaw: Well, that's what I think Mr. Chairman. I think that we should always keep for advertising of the Yukon. We pay the postage. We pay for the machine...pay for the use of them...let's get the most out of it that we can.

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Mr. Gibson: Probably one of the reasons that this hasn't been foremost in my mind is that all our stationery going out has our identifying sketch, the slogan "The land of the Klondike". All of our mail going out carries the message on the envelope. Probably because of this, it has escaped my attention. But, if I may make one further suggestion, and I believe that this would refer to some of the comments that Mr. MacKinnon made earlier...one day last week, our Department hit a new record by processing and mailing 801 separate individual kits of literature going out of our Department in one day. I can't estimate what the total weight of the 801 kits would have been but this was not including the bulk quantities, or the larger quantities, but 801 separate individual kits of literature processed in one day.

Mr. Shaw: Would you have a record, Mr. Chairman, of the people that individually set it up and the amount that was sent to school children and things like that...a breakdown of the actual letters received from people?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, each month, as a matter of fact, each day, and we recapitulate at the end of the month, we break the mail into several categories: One, right at the present time, all of our magazine coupons are being returned. We tabulate them separately. We tabulate the school children requests separately. We tabulate the adult requests separately and then, frequently...regularly...the Canadian Government Travel Bureau sends on to us inquiries they have received about the Yukon and we call these referral lists. So we have the five separate categories and we can tell you day by day the number of total inquiries being received under each of these categories.

Mr. Shaw: Would it be possible to get a list of this, Mr. Chairman? Get an idea of just where this stuff is going to.

Mr. Gibson: Yes, I can arrange to provide the figures for the last fiscal year and they are broken down under the categories of U.S.A., Canada, and foreign. They have not been tabulating the magazine coupons separately until just the last couple of months so the total figure for the past fiscal year will not include this breakdown, but I can give you the total number of all inquiries received by coupon. If I may make my note, I will see that these reach you.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: 60 Advertising -----\$40,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, what is this Development Program? That's the first I have seen of it.

Mr. Gibson: During the past several years, the Department has been devoting much of its attention to attempting to get as many tourists as possible into the Territory as soon as possible. Last year we were able to divert some of our attention to another phase of balancing out a program by constructing the twelve big highway tourist attraction signs that were erected along the highway. We looked at the possibility of expanding our development work along with our promotion work, to do more of the activities that will develop tourists attractions in various parts of the Territory over the coming years. This year, we hope to erect another twelve of the highway signs and we have...if you will refer to the details under Primary 60...we have a proposed Program to improve the Miles Canyon area, which needs a considerable amount of improvement to produce the maximum potential there. We did have a proposed Program on...or allotment requested...for a Dawson City Development Program. The Program was

Mr. Gibson continues:
 intended...at least this allotment was intended to enable us to embark on a Program of improvement and preservation in Dawson City that would be undertaken this year. We were thinking particularly of the slashing out, cleaning out, of the Sourdough Cemetery adjacent to the R.C.M.P. or Mounted Police Cemetery. We had hoped that we might be able to contract with someone of the calibre of the person that designed Barkerville to come up to make recommendations that could be included in the continuing program but I understand...I believe I saw it referred to in the transcript of the Council Session...is the Group from the National Historic Sites Branch expected in the Territory this summer?

Mr. Shaw: I'm the last one to know about something like that.

Mr. Gibson: I am not certain where I saw or heard reference to this but I understand there may be someone from the National Historic Sites Branch coming to the Territory and perhaps they can recommend to us what steps should be taken. The \$10,000.00 was not detailed out dollar by dollar or item or item, but it was requested under this Primary to make funds available for any development program that we feel we might be able to undertake in the Territory this summer.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm not quite clear. We have an increase here of almost double over last year. \$24,000.00 last year. Now we have got \$40,000.00. This is under Primary 60...an increase of \$16,000.00. I wonder if Mr. Gibson could comment as to whether we are getting our money back on what we are spending or...we realize that things...we are having a steady increase, irregardless of promoting, we know that. Do you think that by increasing this particular Department, spending as much as we are, that it's going to pay?

Mr. Gibson: We undertook a survey...a sampling survey, last fall, questioning people who had visited and travelled in the Territory and we were able to establish that the total revenue received in gasoline tax for the Yukon Territory, from this sampling, amounted to something over \$100,000.00. This is an increase over previous years and as the number of visitors increase in the Territory, as they drive hundreds and hundreds of miles in the Territory, the gasoline tax alone will increase.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I am quite well aware of this, but I am sure you are quite well aware that, without any advertising, that this will steadily increase. We have more people coming to and from Alaska each and every year and this will continue for the next generation...so we have \$100,000.00, you say, coming in on gas tax?

Mr. Gibson: Something exceeding \$100,000.00 from the sampling we took. I do not know what the total tax revenue was from the number of tourists that were in the Territory all that year.

Mr. MacKinnon: And we spend \$107,000.00 on Travel and Publicity.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say, I don't feel that this is going to be enough money for advertising purposes in any form. Some of this goes for reconstruction, some for advertising, but I don't feel we are going to have near enough money to answer all the replies...here in the Yukon. I'll explain later. I have some remarks that involve themselves generally around this, but I thought that possibly after we were through these pages, we could get into that subject.

VOTE 12 Mr. MacKinnon: One more question, Mr. Chairman. Could Mr. Gibson tell us the size of the signs that he is erecting along the Alaska Highway...in square feet?

Mr. Gibson: The panel section of this sign is four feet by eight feet. The overall sign is approximately nine feet by ten feet...approximately.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and this is against the Ordinance at the present time. I have a Motion before the House asking for an increase in the size of signs. Now, the Travel and Publicity Department have went ahead and put in signs to their own specifications, irregardless of what had been established in the Ordinance. The Police are threatening private individuals along the Alaska Highway with signs that exceed four by eight. I just wanted to point this out to the rest of Council that I don't believe that your signs are a bit too big. I think we can go even better than that. I am suggesting eight to twelve.

Mr. Gibson: The size of the sign was cleared both with the Territorial Engineering Department and with D.P.W. We did discuss the Regulations because there was some concern to me that if we complied with every word of the Regulations that now stand that we would not be permitted to put some of these signs probably within a thousand feet of where the site might actually be because you are near a turn, or a knoll or some other infringement of the Regulations. We had to design whether this type of sign must comply with all the Regulations that a commercial advertising sign must comply with and we found, in fact we pointed it out to the Territorial Engineer, that if we had to comply with every word of the Regulations that we might as well wrap up our sign program because probably only one out of ten signs could be erected if it met the requirements of all these Regulations. The determining factor, I believe, is the fact that the signboard panel is four by eight.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, I'm glad to hear your comments Mr. Gibson and I can do nothing but agree with you. Our signs have got to be bigger. There is quite a bit of this sign... Motor Vehicle Ordinance...that has got to be changed. Even though you do go to the Departments, it still does not give the right to overrule the Regulations that are set forth in the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. You cannot get that permission from the Engineering Department. If you can, so can private enterprise.

Mr. Shaw: I believe Mr. Gibson said the sign was four by eight. Am I wrong?

Mr. Gibson: The sign panel is four by eight.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if we are trying to establish a fact, I think we are getting away from the point...then we can have a four by eight sign and you can have fringes of about another four by eight. Is this right? Or whichever you like. You could put a board, or trim, all the way around the sign. You can increase it by double as long as you paint it a different color and call it a border.

Mr. Shaw: It seems that we could put two posts up and hold the sign in between. I think that's all this has.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Shaw, I don't know if you have seen these signs, but I am telling you the way these signs are constructed. They have this footage border all the way around, therefore, this is the size of the sign...not the panel.

Mr. Southam: May I proceed, gentlemen?

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All: Proceed.

Mr. Southam:

61 Stationery & Office Supplies-----	\$ 2,500.00
62 Materials & Supplies-----	\$ 150.00
63 Public Utilities-----	\$ 280.00
64 Heating-----	\$ 520.00
66 Repairs & Upkeep of Equipment-----	\$ 50.00
70 Rental of Equipment-----	\$ 1,200.00

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am not quite clear. What kind of equipment are we renting? And, who do we rent it from?

Mr. Gibson: If we refer to the details under Primary 70 in these estimates, you will notice there is an expense charged against the Department car, an operating expense of twelve cents per mile, based on 10,000 miles driving for the year.

Mr. MacKinnon: Then, Mr. Gibson, your Department doesn't have a car. Is that right?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, this is the Department car but the expense of operating the car is being written off as an expense against our Department. Each time I fill the car with gas or we have to buy a new tire or have a tune up, the expense is charged against our Department and this Primary 70 is a provision to charge the expense of operating this car through our Department.

Mr. MacKinnon: You just term it as rental?

Mr. Gibson: Yes.

Mr. MacKinnon: Actually, it's for gas.

Mr. Gibson: And maintenance and upkeep.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam:

71 Insurance-Unemployment-----	\$ 250.00
74 Grants -----	\$12,000.00
75 Employees Superannuation Fund-----	\$ 2,300.00
96 Death Benefits-----	\$ 35.00
98 Surgical-Medical Insurance-----	\$ 310.00

for a total of \$107,309.00.

Mr. Shaw: Just one question and this applies to all Departments. The Government pays \$3.65 per employee per month for Surgical-Medical Insurance. Is that correct?

Mr. Gibson: These are detailed in this way, page 4. Territorial Contribution in respect of staff - 7 employees at \$3.65 per month (average rate) for 12 months.

Mr. Shaw: Do the employees pay anything?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, there are deductions made.

Mr. Southam: Vote 20, Page 4

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3301 Furniture & Office Equipment-----	\$ 670.00
3303 Haines Junction Travel Information Centre-----	\$ 4,500.00

for a total of \$5,170.00.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I might ask Mr. Gibson about this item for Haines Junction. Is this to be constructed in the near future?

Mr. Gibson: We have requested the Territorial Engineering Department to make the arrangements so that it would be possible for us to occupy the booth by June 1. I understand they are getting the quotations and the cost and as soon as the ground is in condition to permit working out there, we hope...we would like to be in the building for June 1.

Mr. MacKinnon: I have a question for Mr. Gibson, Mr. Chairman. Could you tell me where this building is going to be located in Haines Junction?

Mr. Gibson: Yes, I had a meeting with the Shakwak Valley Community Club some time ago. There were Members of the Haines Junction Advisory Committee there. We discussed a number of possible sites. We later received a letter from the Haines Junction Advisory Committee recommending one particular site. I went down to examine it. We referred the location to Area Development and to the Commissioner and the site that has been approved is Lots 4 and 5 on Block 5 which is, looking south on the Haines Road, past the Junction itself, on the right-hand side of the road and adjacent to an access road to the Shakwak Valley Community Center and the old school grounds.

Mr. MacKinnon: This was approved, Mr. Chairman, by the Advisory Committee at Haines Junction?

Mr. Gibson: It was their recommendation.

Mr. Taylor: Before Mr. Gibson leaves, I have a few things to say which I think, for the record, should be noted and there may be some discussion arising out of this. I don't know. I don't think that the Yukon will ever experience such a flood of interest that will be generated out of matters arising out of the usurpation of our Klondike by the City of Edmonton. Already the word of the Klondike and the word of the battle, the words that the Yukon have the Klondike...this is ours...has scattered far and wide across the land, both in Canada and in the United States. It certainly means one thing and that is we are going to have to consider changes, shall we say, in our tourist promotion. We are going to possibly have to adopt, locally, new concepts in tourist promotion and policies, I think, over the next year. We are pretty well committed now to what should be a Klondike oriented tourist promotion, that is centering around the Klondike and fanning out into all the areas of the Yukon. I think that we are in a position where we are pretty well forced into presenting something at Expo '67. This morning we received a reply in the form of a Sessional Paper that would indicate, at first look, that the Federal Government are considering helping us along financially with such a proposal. I am not saying that we should have a \$200,000.00 booth, or I should say pavilion, but I am saying that somewhere within the Expo '67 complex, we should have a place that we could get for a reasonable amount of money invested, where we can display our Klondike theme, a little bit of our history and a little bit about what we can offer tourists who come up here..show them the benefits of this, and, at the same time, we can possibly represent other areas as well...some of the highlights around the Territory.. and possibly do a little industrial advertising...all in the same little Yukon area. We might be able to show that the Klondike is, in effect, not in Edmonton but in the Yukon. Now, there is another problem here. Where are we going to put all these tourists? It is generally recognized that we can't accommodate tourists to the extent that we would like to. Bus tours have been turned back for the lack of accommodation. I don't really know right off hand how we solve

Mr. Taylor continues:

this problem, but it seems to me that we could do it in many ways. One of the most important may be to create a Tourist Industry Development Fund of, say, a million dollars which would be set aside for the purpose of making loans to businesses who would be willing to put in hotels - not for year-round operation - but for during the tourist season...maybe operate them one hundred days a year, which would accommodate some fifty or one hundred people. We could go through the Liquor Ordinance and say, "If you are prepared to undertake such a thing as this to help cater to our tourist services, we will see that you get a liquor licence..a cocktail licence" and this type of thing. I think that this is a very important thing because if we cannot accommodate the tourists, we just won't have them. I really and truly feel that we have got a problem on our hands because unwittingly...I shouldn't say unwittingly...that's not the proper term...we have by reason of our battle with the City of Edmonton, created great interest in the Territory - much more interest than we realize at this table right now...to the degree that people who otherwise would not have come to the Yukon, may show up here..this summer. Now, how we are going to accommodate them is beyond me because private enterprise and industry just got rolling too...at the same time this did...and we have a great surge in resource development which is tying up our accommodations. This is just one point. A point to consider. It seems to me though that we are going to have to reorient our promotion to center it around the Klondike theme and emanate from there. I would like to hear what Mr. Gibson's thoughts are in relation to this.

Mr. Gibson: I was very interested in a number of things that you said, Mr. Taylor. The matter of accommodation has been a very serious problem with us and it's one that won't be solved easily. I think we have all been speaking to people that would like to consider either an expansion or new construction but they are not in a position to meet the terms they must face in obtaining capital investment funds. I am particularly concerned about Dawson City because Dawson City operation might have to be simply a summer operation.. maybe late May to middle October. Things are happening up there now which may extend the season and make it important to have something over the winter, but Dawson City is in a position where it is overcrowded now with tourists in the peak summer months. We wonder how many more additional tourists we can send there safely. We don't see any possibility of a substantial expansion or construction program being undertaken to offer more accommodation and here we encounter a bottleneck and I have a solution as to how this might be solved. The solution is simply more accommodation. Your reference to a proposed Development Fund is very, very interesting. We know that the Minister introduced a three million dollar fund just recently to assist private enterprise in exploring and prospecting mining rights. As a matter of fact, he referred to this as a "high risk investment". I wonder if the construction of tourist accommodations would be such a high risk investment. I would like to think that you might explore this a little further. As far as the promotion trend in the development of the tourist industry up here is concerned, I am also interested in what you were saying. I would like to contribute this other thought...I believe that many of you had the opportunity to meet the new Director of the Alaska State Travel Division when he was over. We have been working closely with the Alaska Division over the past four years and I am encouraged to believe that

Mr. Gibson continues:

we can become much closer again now that the New Director is there. While he was in Whitehorse, we spent a great deal of time together and we were exploring the themes or programs which we could develop as a joint promotion campaign to attract people from all the rest of the continent and from the rest of the world, up here for our mutual benefit. I emphasized to the new Director that we do have one theme that applies in both areas very, very closely and this was the Gold Rush of '98...portions of the Gold Rush...we tie in Whitehorse. We tie in Dawson City. We tie in Fairbanks. We tie in Nome. It appears to me that here we have one common theme or program that we could promote jointly for mutual benefit to invite people to once again relive the travel over the Gold Rush Trail of '98 and it would take people through many parts of the Yukon and it would take them through many parts of the State of Alaska. I am hoping that we can explore this suggestion a little further to the point where we can begin to work jointly. You may recall that the new Director gave the title to the comments he made at the luncheon meeting during the Northern Resources Conference...I am pleased to think it was something I had mentioned in the office earlier that morning. I was considering the possibility of developing a theme that we could use based on the slogan "Visit Alaska, U.S.A. See Canada's Yukon on the way", and we might use this as a joint promotion. I don't want to become too complex or too confusing but one development that concerns me considerably, over and above the Klondike situation, is a very energetic campaign being conducted in the United States of America at the present time by their Federal Agencies...all the way from Congress right down. Under the heading of "Discover U.S.A." and designed to keep the American traveller in their country because they have faced such a serious deficit in travel dollars over the past few years...something over a million dollars. They are attempting to do everything possible to retain the American tourist within the confines of the United States of America. I know that some of the Provinces across Canada are quite concerned about this but I know that we have less to be concerned about because we are pointing out to our American friends that we have one of those States as our next door neighbor. Here, again, we might take a long look at a joint promotion campaign between Alaska and the Yukon Territory to attract this market up here as well. I agree with much of what you said, Councillor Taylor, and I am very interested in these comments.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on that. I feel that we have gone very far...much farther than we could have achieved by normal reasons for many years...in promoting what we have been trying to promote and that is the Klondike...the '98 Gold Rush. The Klondike has an entity of its own around which, of course, the Gold Rush circulated, but the Klondike is the name. The Klondike is the heritage. It's something that...we don't have the Gold Rush anymore, but we do have the Klondike. You see what I mean. I feel very very strongly that though we should participate with other groups like the State of Alaska and try to work this in...I think we should have our own theme... rather than being on the defensive, shall we say, and trying to work things in. This is fine if we do a certain amount of this but I feel that we should have something that nobody else has and nobody else shares unless they come to the Yukon...and that is the Klondike. There is no doubt about it that we are committed. We are committed now after our battle with Edmonton. I am confident we are going to get our Klondike back. I am confident that they are going to see the light. They will possibly call theirs "Frontier Days" which would be an ideal deal for them and we will have our Klondike back, but I think we are morally bound now to do something about it. One item I forgot to mention which is of great importance to this future of our tourist industry

Mr. Taylor continues:

in relation to the Klondike is going to be the restoration program. I am almost positive that Ottawa can no longer look away. They are going to have to come up with a few million dollars in the next five, ten years for the full restoration of a section of Dawson...and the Creeks...some of the Creeks...Hunker..Bonanza..wherever it be...but in that area as a historical complex. All in all, I feel very strongly on this. Rather than '98 Gold Rush, I think the theme has to be "Klondike". I really do.

Mr. Shaw: I think this restoration deal, I am very much for, but we won't get into this at this particular time. I will go into those remarks on the American travelling. According to the latest papers, the Senate Sub-Committee or whatever they call their Committees, are considering the possibility of putting an assessment of \$100.00 on Americans that travel in through a foreign country, and this is a foreign country so this might have an effect on some of this trade. They are going to charge \$100.00 for visas to travel out of the United States for a holiday. It would curtail it tremendously. I notice that some of the Canadian Officials are starting to scream on that already. To continue with this, I do not know whether this will come into effect. I think the Americans spent \$650,000,000.00 in travel in Canada and I think the Canadians spent approximately \$550,000,000.00 travelling in the United States. So, if each starts embargos against the other, it's not going to be very profitable in the long run...so it could never come to pass. What I am thinking about is a booth at Expo '67 for the Yukon Territory of some sort. Have you ever thought of any possibility...this is Publicity and Travel so this would come under your Department.. to work out plans and so on and so forth. Have you ever given any consideration to the Yukon having a booth or a display or something in Expo '67?

Mr. Gibson: This has been discussed with the Commissioner quite some time ago and immediately we encounter the cost of the rental of the space we wish to use. I believe that the Commissioner mentioned at one of his earlier appearances in Council that we look at \$220,000.00 or \$225,000.00 rental cost for the amount of space you wish to use. I am not certain if the Department of Northern Affairs, or if Canada as a whole, expects to have a Canada Building or a department building there...in lieu of trying to rent a \$225,000.00 space for a booth, if there is some building where we may be able to use some of the area within the building on behalf of the Yukon, this might be the area we will have to explore.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, let's look at it this way. The Canadian Government...that's all the Canadian people...are putting in a few hundred million dollars into this effort. They are going to have a huge deficit...fifty, sixty million dollar deficit...that's what they figure on for a start. Of course that's not what it is going to be when they finish. That, of course, is something that Canada is putting into it, and they think it is a good deal on account of that they have an exhibition. It's certainly going to be good for Montreal and that area. There is no question about that. Now, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory are part of Canada. They are not a Province. They are part of Canada and, therefore, if they want anything, they have to go on their bended knees to the Government of Canada to get whatever they want. Expo '67, on their triangle, seem to have counted the Northwest Territories and Yukon as one Province. I don't know whether they are aware of the fact that they are two or not. It would appear to me that the Government of Canada could well agree, in view of the large equity they may have...that they have a Northern Canada Pavilion which

Mr. Shaw continues:

will include the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory. It doesn't have to be that large. They could say, "Well, this is the display to show what the Northwest Territories have" and "This is the display to show what the Yukon Territory has". That, to me, I think is something that should be done. The fact that one city, Mr. Chairman, one city can put out \$200,000.00 to display something that we have, and we have no money to display what rightfully belongs to us, seems to be somewhat inequitable. It doesn't seem to have reason whatsoever, except by version of the dollars. They have the dollars. We haven't. We are part of Canada and it would indicate that because we are sparsely populated...away from where all the pressure is, that we can't have a display. In other words, we can only show ourselves as part of Canada if we have lots of money to do it at an exhibition that is hugely financed by the Government of Canada. It would appear to me, Mr. Chairman, that this should be brought back to its proper perspective...that all parts of Canada should be able to have an exhibition of some sort, however small, in this exhibition that is Canada's show place to the rest of the world. The fact that you leave some out does not...by virtue of you haven't the finances...doesn't seem to be right. I just can't see it that way. We are trying to show off Canada to the rest of the world. Are we saying that the Yukon and Northwest Territories are not part of it? I'm not saying that it is your fault, but...I mean that's the way it is. I think that this should be rectified. I think that we should have an exhibition there of some sort. It's not right to have an exhibition there. Every other Province in Canada will have one there because they have the money. Well, just because somebody is poor doesn't mean to say they should be left out. What I lack in money, I make up for in merit and I think we should have some sort of an exhibition there. We are entitled to something and I think we should take that attitude, and I would like to get the co-operation of the Department of Publicity to work on this and to have the same idea in mind.

Mr. Gibson: Mr. Chairman, the only comment I could make is that short of renting exhibit space down there, we would have to explore what other possibilities might be open to us to make space available to us. It might be that we could request the Administration to determine from the Department of Northern Affairs if they will have an exhibit there, if it is something in which the Yukon exhibit could be incorporated. At the moment, I don't know what their plans are for displaying an exhibit. I have had no contact with this since the moment I learned it would cost us \$220,000.00 for rental of exhibit space.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to suggest, if we are planning on getting in on Expo '67 that we would just about have to put a Motion through Council requesting the Department of Northern Affairs to put up the money. I don't think it does much good just for us to talk about it because we haven't got the money and can't vote it if we do have it, so it would be necessary to have a Motion through Council requesting the Northern Affairs Department to consider it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of that, we will be dealing with the matter under the Sessional Paper we received this morning. Possibly we could take it up at that time.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess for tea. We will have no further need of Mr. Gibson after tea.

Thursday, 3:30 p.m.
April 21, 1966

Bill #6

Mr. Southam: Mr. Clerk, do you think we could get Mr. Legal Advisor here. Mr. Spray is already here and we will discuss Bill #6, an Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance. May I proceed--I will take this section by section:

Section 1.....Clear

Section 2.....Clear

Section 3.....Clear

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, one question, this would infer that a village would still be a municipality, or would it intend that a village not be?

Mr. Spray: It is intended that a village is a municipality same as a city.
Clear

Section 4.....Clear

Mr. Taylor: Alderman is already covered in the Ordinance, I would assume.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am not quite caught up Mr. Chairman. In the amending ordinance you haven't got alderman.

Mr. Taylor: The question was we were talking about aldermen being aldermen of the village and is the definition covered in the Ordinance.

Mr. Spray: Village and a city are considered municipalities. An alderman means a member of council elected as an alderman.

Section 5.....Clear

Mr. Taylor: I think there is a typing error, that should be corrected.

Section 5A.....Clear

Section 5B.....Clear

Section 5C.....Clear

Mr. MacKenzie: That is where he receives a petition from 100 people. You can always expect somebody to disagree and we tried to do what Council asked. If a settlement was to become a people you couldn't just have 50 or 60 transient people. It would have to be established.

Mr. Shaw: It does appear that if you take that section (2) sub paragraph two it would be entirely up to the Commissioner whether it would be a city or not. What about the preceding paragraphs.

Mr. Legal Advisor: It is essential that at least a petition of a 100 be received. The Commissioner couldn't get it off the ground on his own whim.

Section 5D.....Clear

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Section 5D.....

Mr. Taylor: Is the city a legal entity that can be sued or sue?

Mr. Legal Advisor: It is a corporation and as such is incorporated.

Mr. Taylor: Would a local improvement district be considered to be an entity that can sue or be sued?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am speaking now without too much confidence but I think that was our design. I believe..I am sorry I didn't think that we would be dealing with this and I am not up on my homework.

Mr. Spray: The local improvement districts are incorporated.

Mr. Taylor: One question, to go back to (8). The Council of a village should consist of a reeve and three aldermen, would this be a tying vote or would the alderman be in the chair. Couldn't there be three or five rather than four.

Mr. Shaw: It states that "where the votes of the members of the council present at a meeting thereof including the vote of the mayor or deputy mayor, or of the reeve or deputy reeve, as the case may be, are equal for or against a question, the question shall be deemed to have been decided in the negative."

Mr. Legal Advisor: I was just trying to remember the discussion that took place Mr. Chairman and why that was put in. Again I must ask Mr. Spray for his recollections.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was just noting that the reeve would never have a vote?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will have to do some research on that area. Could we make a note on it and go into it in more detail.

Mr. Spray: I believe that amendment 12 on page 5 of the Bill which Mr. Shaw read is this section.

Mr. Legal Advisor: It is coming back to me now sir and the question was discussed at Council last time. It was decided that he should have a casting vote.

Mr. Shaw: This paper here, I wonder if the author, Mr. Spray could point out where this reference can be found.

Mr. Spray: Page 5.

Mr. Southam: May I proceed. Section 5D(2)

Mr. Taylor: Is it intended here that this appointee would remain only until the end of the term?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, I don't think that the Commissioner could appoint him beyond the balance of the term, otherwise he would be making new law. The term is set.

Mr. Shaw: I was looking at this particular, well what a city manager does, and it seems you would hardly need a mayor where you have a manager except for making speeches.

Mr. Legal Advisor: There would still be provisions for the title or the office to exist. All the duties would be invested on the manager.

Mr. Spray: Yes Mr. Chairman, the manager acts as the administrator and the manager; he carries out the decisions of the council.

Mr. Shaw: Then he has all the authority of the clerk. Then to have a mayor, except for the title, is ridiculous.

Mr. Legal Advisor: If you look at section 33 it sets out the functions of the mayor and what he does.

Mr. Shaw: That answers my question.

Mr. Southam: May I proceed. 16 (B), 16 (C), 10, 11, 12, 13,

Mr. Shaw: Would this have to be cleared with the Department of Revenue?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think that this is something that should be cleared. I would recommend that this be checked out with the Revenue Department.

Mr. Southam: 27.

Mr. Shaw: I just wondered if this would have to be recorded prior to his absence.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think that he could run out the two months and then get the permission for illness and the illness ran two months. The total absence couldn't exceed six months.

Mr. Shaw: That isn't quite answering my question. This is a real possibility, a person doesn't show up for two months and then it appears that all he has to do is get the council to agree to a few more months off. I feel you should be there for a few months but if you are not then you are out. It's quite the thing that a person can attend one or two meetings and still be an alderman.

Mr. Legal Advisor: We will accept the committees directions on this. We can foresee where a councillor had to go for an operation, came out, then had a relapse and had to go back in and he might be away for genuine reasons for six months. You can hardly foresee that.

Mr. Thompson: I think the intent is that if it is premeditated. If you get ill that certainly isn't premeditated.

Mr. Shaw: Well, what I mean, and it has happened what if he accepts the job as alderman and then goes off on a job for three or four months. He should resign if he can't pay attention to the job. If I had to do that I would resign.

Mr. Legal Advisor: We will, of course, accept the recommendations of the committee and what it wants. I can only say that if a council does give a member the green light it is the responsibility of the Councillor whether that leave is genuine.

Mr. Spray: The ordinance reads that an alderman may fail to attend a meeting for three consecutive months and he can absent himself for six months with the permission. No direction has been given to the six month's clause.

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Mr. Shaw: I am digressing from my original question, but that is, when a person is not there for two months and the two months expires and he says the office is vacant, and he says the council thinks it is vacant. He can just say that he asked Joe Blow etc. that it is okay. I think that if he has taken any time off that unless this wasn't recorded this person would not have a valid reason. It should be necessary that it should be recorded.

Mr Legal Advisor: It has to be permission from the majority of the council.

Mr. Southam: At this time I will call a short recess to change stenographers.

RECESS

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4:30 o'clock p.m.

MR. MITCHELL

Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order.
(Reads Section 13... "27. A mayor, reeve or alderman may resign from his office by submitting his resignation in writing to the clerk." and Section 14.)

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Mr. Taylor: I am just wondering, Mr. Chairman, what is referred to as a Committee? Would this be a Committee outside the Council or a Committee of the Council?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, it would be a Committee of the Council because the Council wouldn't have the power to establish the Committee of non-Council members.. wouldn't be able to meet their expenses... so it would have to be drawn from the Council as I see it. I think that must be my final word on the point. I don't see how they could draw from non-Council members.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads Sections 15 and 16.

Mr. Taylor: I just had one question, Mr. Chairman... this reflects back on a Local Improvement District. Is there any executive authority vested in one member or is this strictly a three-member body to enjoy the executive authority in an Improvement District? This is not necessarily related to this particular section although it does raise the question. Possibly, Mr. Chairman, to save time, that could be taken as notice for later reference.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will make a note of that. The Councillor's question was.... could I just be sure I get it down right....

Mr. Taylor: In the case of Local Improvement Districts, would the body of three trustees, as a body, have the executive authority or would one of the three have the chief executive authority?

All: Proceed.

Mr. Southam: Reads Section 17.

Mr. Taylor: This refers not to a Councillor but strictly employees of the Council.... or a municipality. Is this correct?

Mr. Spray: That's right.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads 18, 19 and 20.

Mr. Taylor: Would this, Mr. Chairman, include signing authority at the bank? I suppose so.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes.

Mr. Southam: Reads Sections 21, 22, 23 and 24.

Mr. Taylor: This raises the question that if a Municipal Council, either a village or a city, did, say, go a little haywire, under this section it would be possible for them to impose excessive taxation... not saying that they would, but it seems to me in interpreting this section that they would be able to. What right of appeal is provided... or is there a right of appeal for the taxpayer.

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BILL #6

Mr. Legal Advisor: The Commissioner has the right of re-jection of by-laws so you have that safeguard anyway. Could I deal with the question raised by the Councillor from Watson Lake on the Local Improvement Districts? The Trustees in a Local Improvement District... a quorum is two so that you could never have them exercising executive functions unless they had at least two. If there was equality on a vote, the Chairman may vote on any matter coming before the board, and if there is equality, the vote is deemed defeated.

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All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads Section 25.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, what would happen if the Municipality had about 50% of their revenue in their coffers and then decided to borrow 75% of the whole amount? It doesn't appear as if this covers that. Does it?

Mr. Legal Advisor: They can only borrow this money for the period until the taxes levied can be collected. Now, if you have collected half the taxes, this immediately tends to reduce the amount that they can... in fact, it would prevent them the moment they had collected any taxes... they would be stopped from going to a borrowing position. They have got to do their borrowing before they collect their taxes and this is exactly where the borrowing takes place... at the early low water stage of the municipal coffer.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, in view of the time... we are going to have a lot more discussion on this Bill. I would suggest that we dismiss Mr. Spray and Mr. Legal Advisor at this time.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure at this time?
Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of Committees.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:15 A.M. to discuss Bills, Memos, Motions, etc. Mr. Holland and Mr. MacKenzie were in attendance. We reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with Mr. Gibson, Mr. Spray and Mr. Legal Advisor and I can report progress on Bill No. 4, Mr. Speaker:

All: Agreed.

Motion # 31.

Mr. Speaker: I have a report to make to you at this time in relation to the discussion yesterday afternoon just prior to Committee reverting to Council... the invitation to the Mayor of Dawson... in which I was instructed to contact him and make a report accordingly. I did phone him up. To summarize his opinion, it was something that went like this. He stated that he could not see what he could usefully add to the discussion and, further, that this would be an additional expense to the City of Dawson which he felt could not be justified at this time. That is the general sentiments expressed.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to ask with respect to that... did he express approval of the action that Council is taking in this respect, or did he say? This was the idea of asking him down here.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I think he bought a defence bond which would assume that he approved the actions. I seem to recollect seeing the picture in the paper so I would assume that he was behind the matter.

Mr. Watt: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: We have the agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure in respect of this matter?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would agree that we go through and continue with the Municipal Ordinance to its completion tomorrow and possibly we could proceed with Bills beyond that point. I am wondering Mr. Speaker, if at this time propose a day certain and a time certain for the visit of these people, I understand, that are coming from National Parks Branch on Tuesday next. I wonder if we could establish this for two o'clock on April 26?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Tomorrow on the agenda, we have Motions, Sessional Papers and Memoranda and so on. We continue the discussion of the Municipal Ordinance and I might add too that tomorrow is Friday and we have the Commissioner here in the morning to answer questions for the question period.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, could I offer a suggestion...that we were discussing this Municipal Ordinance, particularly the portion on taxation, that an invitation be extended to a Member of the City Council, or the Mayor, or whoever they wish, to sit in with us on this and if there are some problems that we are not overcoming...they do have some problems, I believe, with their taxation part of the Municipal Ordinance and possibly other parts of it...if they wish, if the Committee would agree that they would be welcome to have one, or maybe two members of the City Council attend at this Council. I would hate to conclude the Taxation Ordinance and not rectify the problems that we have right here in Whitehorse.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, in respect of this, we have not yet encountered anything in the Municipal Ordinance respecting taxation as such, and possibly, if we do have any problems, I am sure the Administration are quite capable of looking after this and I feel that if the City have any problems with respect to taxation, they will make their problems known to the Administration who will relay them to us. I don't feel that we have to start dragging people into the Council Chambers every time we go over an Ordinance. I feel that if a problem presents itself, we will deal with it. Until then, I feel that we are seven men in a body to look after the business of the Territory, as such.

Mr. Speaker: I might add that the City Council may wish to know what has transpired. They may have some reference, I don't know. The City Council, or any Member...there's a Ratepayers Association, I believe, also that are quite interested in this important matter of taxation. They may also want to make some type of hearing. I believe it has gone to the extent of going through Court so it must be quite serious. If a Member wishes to move a Motion in this respect.. say, tomorrow...I think it could be considered by Council.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I was suggesting just that possibly a Member of the City Council...they know what the problems are...Mr. Taylor has said that everything can be satisfactorily rectified by the Legal Advisor. It appears that we have discussed this Municipal Ordinance around Whitehorse, or in the Council, several times here and not very long ago with respect to taxation, and the problems weren't rectified by our Legal Advisor. So, if there is some subject that we aren't particularly thinking about and that the Mayor or a Member of the Council know more about...some things with respect to the City...they know more about it than I do and I live in Whitehorse. I would like to suggest that the Clerk notify the Mayor of Whitehorse and I would like to move that an invitation, to a Member of the City Council of Whitehorse, be extended to sit in Council here with us so that we can ask them questions with respect to this.

Motion re Bill # 6.

Mr. MacKinnon: I'll second the Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I am not prepared to accept this in any manner. I feel that is a bridge to be crossed when we come to it. As yet, we have not dealt with anything in the Amendments to the Municipal Ordinance respecting taxation in the manner prescribed here other than by-laws by which to empower the City to make taxation, and I feel that when we get to that bridge, we should cross it. I'm not in agreement with this Motion. I feel that it is unnecessary. Absolutely unnecessary.

Mr. Speaker: I would state, Mr. Taylor, that this taxation is on the next page over from where we are right now so we are just about on it.

Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that a Member of City Council be invited to attend as a witness, if they so desire.

MOTION CARRIED

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The Motion was carried. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Southam contrary.

Moved by Councillor MacKinnon that it be called five o'clock.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: This Council stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Friday, April 22, 1966
10:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is Mr. Speaker. Mr. Boyd and Mr. Watt are absent.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the agenda is correspondence.

Correspondence

Mr Clerk: The first correspondence is sessional paper #60, then sessional paper #61 (Centennial Grants), sessional paper #62 - Motion for Production of Papers No. 7, and the reply to Question #21 - ~~Declaration on Human Rights.~~

No. of Pupils given Council

Mr. Speaker: Are there any reports on committees? Are there any notices of motion and resolution this morning. We will proceed to the notice of motion for the production of papers. If not, we will proceed to motions and we have Motion #42, Mr. MacKinnon - Highway Signs. Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Watt. It is respectfully requested that page 3, section 9, subsection (b) "that exceeds four feet in height or eight feet in width" be changed to read "that exceeds eight feet in height or twelve feet in width". May I proceed?

Motion #42

Mr. Speaker: Proceed Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: I think that everybody here is aware of the existing problem we have on the highway in regard to the size of our signs. At present we are allowed to have 4 x 8 signs and which is not at all satisfactory as you heard from Mr. Gibson yesterday. It isn't big enough for the government themselves. So, this alone sort of takes the meaning out of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. Private enterprise can have a sign 4 x 8 and yet the Department of Travel & Publicity can have a sign 7 x 9. I would like to see these signs increased in footage to 96 square feet or in other words 8 x 12, which isn't a hi sign. There are already regulations that they have to be off the highway and I think that there is a safety factor involved. It is easier to see a larger sign than a small one. I would like to hear the comments from the other members.

Mr. Taylor: Over many many sessions we have mulled more questions on signs. It looked for a little while that the signs would have to come down. This is the first time I have seen this item in force and I have certainly heard no kicks down the highway, although I am aware there is some gentleman who is agreived because his signs were a little too large. I certainly don't think we should have to change the Ordinance because of individual circumstances. If this was causing a great hardship on the people in the Territory then I would give in to it. But I would not be prepared to accept this, I think the 4 x 8 is sufficient size for a sign.

Mr. Speaker: Any further discussion on Motion #42

Mr. Thompson: I would like to ask Mr. Clerk where it is in the Motor Vehicle Act. How does this relate?

Motion #42

Mr. Clerk: That should read Highway Signs Regulations. There is a special set of regulations concerning highway signs.

Mr. Thompson: I wonder in view of this, I would like to have a little more background on this, and with the movers consent I would like to move this into committee.

Mr. Southam: Do I have a seconder?

Mr. Taylor: I do not rise to second this motion, but to put this into committee ties this Council up on a bunch of nonsense for another walk through the sign affair.

Mr. Speaker: I wouldn't say it was nonsense, Mr. Taylor. If the Council wishes to discuss it they can. Do I have a seconder for the motion.

Mr. Southam: I will second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Southam that motion #42 be moved to committee. Are you ready for the question, are you agreed. Any contrary.

Mr. Taylor: Contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Motion is carried. The next motion is Motion #43 by Mr. Watt and since he is not here to introduce it we will proceed to the next item. Questions. Have you any questions this morning?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether this comes under the heading of questions but I would ask the indulgence of Council in my absence this afternoon and Monday.

Mr. Speaker: Would that be agreeable to Council?

Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Your special dispensation has been considered. We have two bills to process to complete the routine. Would it be your pleasure to consider it at this time. Bill #9, third reading and Bill #13 first and second.

Mr. Taylor: Bill #9 is still in committee and not ready for third reading.

Mr. Clerk: As far as I am concerned it is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: It is not ready because Mr. Legal Advisor has prepared an amendment to it and we have not read it. At this time Mr. Speaker I would like to move that first reading be given to Bill #13, an ordinance to amend the companies ordinance.

Mr. Southam: I will second that motion.

Mr. Speaker. It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #13, an ordinance to amend the companies ordinance be given first reading. Are you ready for the question. Are you agreed. Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: I would beg leave of the house that second reading be given to Bill #13.

Mr. Southam: I second it.

Int. Committee

Bill #13
1st Reading

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #13 be given second reading. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? The motion is carried and Bill #13 has been given second reading.

Bill #13
Second
reading.

Mr. Speaker: I think that this completes our routine and I think we have Commissioner Cameron with us for a question period. Mr. Commissioner.

Commissioner: Good morning, gentlemen.

Mr. Speaker: Do you gentlemen have any questions this morning?

Mr. Taylor: I have a question to ask to Mr. Clerk. One is that I note that question #19 has been taken off the order paper. Would this indicate the information is on it's way? My second question would be, do we have any information on question 4, this has been there for a month.

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Mr. Clerk: I took that question off (19) because I had forwarded a purchase order to the Queer's Printer asking that copies of the Northern Affairs report be forwarded. So this will be coming when it is available. The second, we forwarded a telegram off to Ottawa on question #4 and we should have a reply early in the week.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions?

Mr. Southam: I would like to direct a question to Mr. Commissioner with regard to the Ross River area. I have had quite a few chats with a few consultant men and they asked me about the townsites and they were hoping that the government would see fit to get together and see where the town would be. Not only have I spoken to consulting engineers, but I have spoken to other people and they are hoping that we won't make the same mistake as we have made up in our neck of the woods, in other words, have a camp here and a camp there. If you do decide to put in a town, don't think that it has to be on top of the town. A few miles won't hurt anybody. I am just wondering if anything has been done on this.

ROSS RIVER

Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We have applied for the removal of land from disposal in the projected townsite area and this area is on the Pelly River across from the mine site. We have not made any firm land reservations but the land is being held and the definitions have been made as to the land area required. When there is further committment by the company then we will go further into the establishment of the town, soil tests, etc. and this will be a separate town apart from the mining area.

Mr. Taylor: I happen to represent this district and am interested in anything that goes on in my particular area but I might ask a question to the Commissioner. Was it intended to let Ross River die?

Commissioner: It is not a case of the intention to let Ross River die. If it does it will be because of the wishes of the people in Ross River. At the present time there is a community layout for Ross River itself and we plan to put school facilities in but they will be of the movable type. Our experiences with the people of Ross River are that they are of a nomadic nature and that the native people will move to where the activity is. If they did, Ross River would die or just become a way station.

Mr. Speaker: Does that answer your question Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would sure like to debate on this one!

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions? If not, I would thank Mr. Commissioner for being here and have you anything to add Mr. Commissioner?

Commissioner: Yes I have, Mr. Speaker. The first point I have is that Mr. Isser Smith will be arriving here on Monday morning and will be available for Council's pleasure. And I received a telephone call from the Assistant Deputy Minister this morning, informing me that he had heard from Mr. Pierre Belefeuille, the man in charge of Expo '67 exhibition portion. Mr. Belefeuille was quite concerned over the bucketful of complaints that he had received over Edmonton's participation and planned exhibition built around Klondike days. He informed Mr. Gordon that the Mayor and one or two representatives were coming down from Edmonton to see him on Wednesday. Mr. Belefeuille asked if the Northern Affairs Department would be represented or would join them and discuss the subject and Mr. Gordon said that they would be happy to have a representative there and that it should be from the Yukon. Mr. Belefeuille agreed and felt that if they could talk across the table and come up with some sort of an answer...I am passing this information on so that Council can direct me as to who they feel should go down. Just off the top of my head, I feel that perhaps it should be a member of Council although I realize you are still in session, and one or two members of the Klondike Defence Force. These are just discussinal suggestions. If you have any further suggestions, I would like to hear them, and the Territory would be prepared to make the money available for the expenses of sending one or two or three people to Montreal to sit in with the gentlemen from Expo and the Mayor from the City of Edmonton. A representative from the Minister's office will be also in attendance. Everybody must lay their cards on the table as this Mr. Belefeuille is quite concerned. He is responsible for getting the exhibition space built up and there aren't co many cities offering the amount that Edmonton has offered. He doesn't want to discourage Edmonton and yet he doesn't want to go against the wishes of the people of the Yukon.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Commissioner, we will have a high debate on this subject.

Mr. Commissioner: I was asked to telex a reply as soon as possible.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, unfortunately this has come before us so quickly. We have practically a gun at our heads in regard to national parks. I am sure that Council should be represented but this is very short notice.

Mr. Speaker: We will have to discuss this as a separate item later on today. We have a delegation at the present moment. Have you anything further Mr. Commissioner?

Commissioner: That is all.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to know if the Commissioner would consider going to Montreal to represent the Territory?

*Klondike
Expo 67
+ Representatives
from Yukon*

Commissioner: I would much rather not. I have just turned down an invitation to Ottawa and my schedule is fairly full.

Mr. Watt: Could I suggest that Mr. Commissioner's suggestion be referred to committee so that as soon as we are finished with the delegation this can be discussed. Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker leave his chair and Council resolve into a committee as a whole to discuss the Municipal Ordinance and the memorandum and suggestions from the Commissioner?

Mr. Speaker: Do I have a seconder?

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon that the Speaker now leave his chair and Council resolve into committee to discuss bills, sessional papers, memorandums, etc. and particularly the Municipal Ordinance and the matter brought up by the Commissioner. Are you ready for the question. Any contrary. The motion is carried and Mr. Southam will resume his chair as chairman of committees.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess gentlemen and we will get organized.

RECESS

Friday, April 22, 1966.
11:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order. We will discuss who we will advise being sent to Montreal.

Mr. Shaw: The comments that I might have, Mr. Chairman, are that in view of the remarks of Mr. Commissioner, we certainly will have to have representations at this meeting in Montreal. I think that the record will have to be set straight in a firm manner and that, somehow or other, we should have representations from Council and also from the Defence Force and, of course, representations can come from the Defence Force, which I feel that they certainly should in view of the efforts they have made towards this and the knowledge they have of the subject. However, that will be a matter for them to possibly pick the delegate or delegates that they see fit, the same as it will be for Council. Unfortunately, we have quite a bit of business ahead. We have members from the Parks Board coming up, which I think we should. I am very definitely in favour of having a member or members of Council go down. It will be necessary, I think, to recess Council for a few days during that period.. possibly a week or something like that, however, I would like to hear from the other Members.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think the idea has a great deal of merit. We have launched a campaign, both involving Expo '67 and the City of Edmonton. Here we have a golden opportunity to go out and lay before the Expo '67 officials our actual position in respect of this and it is of paramount importance. I think, at the same time, we would also be able to get some understanding as to how we could set up a Yukon exhibit at Expo '67. I think it would be very useful and I would concur with Councillor Shaw that, also with the concurrence of Council, that it would be wise to possibly adjourn for sufficient time to get down there and do this duty and get back for whatever Members of Council do go down.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, as both the Members have suggested, if we do send somebody down from the Council, we should possibly adjourn seeing one Member has already gone and another one will be going. It will look pretty empty around this table. We could carry on the rest of the business a little bit later. We have two Members of Council right now that have spent a lot of time and been pretty active in this Klondike thing...in the Defence Force...and I think that possibly one, or maybe both, of these Members could possibly very adequately represent the Territorial part of the effort here and possibly the Defence Force itself could select a Member to go. One thing that bothers me about this whole thing is that I hear rumbles from Dawson City that they are not being involved or being consulted in any of this stuff. They feel a little bit left in the dark and as it intimately concerns their area and as the Mayor of Edmonton is going to be down there, I would like to suggest that the Mayor of Dawson be invited also. This is my opinion that Dawson, as far as a Municipal Government is concerned...it involves their area very much...that he should also be requested to go. Unless Mr. Commissioner has any objections...this is my opinion that all areas should be representative of the Territory and this Klondike Defence Force and the actual Municipality of Dawson.

Mr. Shaw: With respect to Councillor Watt's suggestion, I would ask the Commissioner if it would be possible to arrange that?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, the only thing I can think of at the moment, Mr. Chairman, is that I wouldn't want to see us dull our pick by overloading this with too many people. I am wondering if Councillor Shaw was to go as not only a Member of Territorial Council and a Member of Klondike Defence Force, but also as a resident of Dawson City and a representative of the Dawson area, if that wouldn't be sufficient. The Assistant Deputy Minister suggested two or three and I think it would probably be more efficient, more effective, if we could keep it down to three people.

Mr. Watt: On that point. If that is decided that Mr. Shaw should represent both the City and the Territory, I think somebody should at least consult or talk to the Mayor of Dawson City and tell him what is being done. I have had representations made to me saying that they are left out in the cold and not knowing what is going on. If this was involved in Whitehorse...something in Whitehorse...I would certainly want the City of Whitehorse to know what was going on...something of this magnitude...even on lesser things such as taxation and Lot 19, we have had the City in. I think it is important that the City should have some say, one way or the other, in this and let them know what is being planned at least ahead of time.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this is a matter...let us put it this way...we are going to...whoever is going down to Montreal...and they are going to meet some very determined people, namely the Mayor of Edmonton, and, no doubt, Mr. Anderson, the Business Manager for this, that is so efficient and so successful that they have built a huge enterprise out of our history. Now, these are no mean characters to have to deal with. I don't think we should be too sparse in reducing our effective force too much. We do have, as Councillor Watt has brought up...if, for example, Mr. Watt has suggested a couple Members of Council, the Mayor of Dawson and possibly a delegate from the Defence Force...if possible, likely Mr. Minter. I think we could possibly put up a good front. That would be possibly one more that was determined at the outset, but it would be a very unified force. The amount of money involved for such an important person...say the fare for one person...the expenses of one person...is really a small amount when you take in the implications that it could mean. For example, the fact that they might possibly set up this exhibition in Montreal...this fake one...Edmonton. That has to be stopped. Definitely. And, if we could put up a good solid front and get all angles into it, it might be quite effective.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I agree. I think the chief principals that are to be at that meeting, as far as I can understand, are Mayor Vince Dantzer, of Edmonton; Bill Henning, President of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, who launched this program; and Mr. Al Anderson, the General Manager of the Association, who administrates the Klondike exploitation, and, of course, they have apparently a group of Klondike singers, Klondike honky-tonk piano players, etc., but I imagine their entourage, or their representation, will consist of at least these men and possibly some legal aids and so forth, so I would really concur with Councillor Shaw that, without going too far off the deep end, we should show a good solid force when we do make representation to Expo '67.

Mr. Thompson: I concur that we should have representation, and I think it's up to the Defence Force and Administration to get together and decide who...just so long as we agree in principle. This is the thing to do. My only concern is that with this number of Councillors away from the table, the possibility of adjourning for this period will be a very definite necessity, and I am just wondering, Mr. Commissioner, how this is going to relate to the pre-arranged

Mr. Thompson continues:

meeting with the National Parks next Tuesday and you also intimate that Mr. Isser Smith of the Corrections Department will be available at this time too. I am wondering if there would be any possibility of backing off on their proposed arrival by say a week. Would this entail considerable problems?

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would have to contact the Department immediately and ask them if it would be possible for them to postpone their trip here for one week. I don't see that there should be too much trouble there. Then, again, they may have other firm commitments and, of course, I guess there is always that possibility that we miss out on...particularly Parks...they have a fairly heavy travel program all the time. I don't think it will interfere with Isser Smith because he planned on staying a couple of weeks anyway, so I think there would be no problem there. I would find out immediately, by telex, if Parks could come up the following week.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt, will you take the Chair, please?

Mr. Chairman, I think as a representative of Council, if Mr. Shaw would go, I think he's got things at his fingertips from Dawson. He's been in Dawson for years. He must know the feeling of the people. I don't see there is any great need of the Mayor and I believe, if I heard Mr. Shaw right yesterday, that he had been talking to the Mayor and the Mayor of the town didn't see where he could do any good by coming down at the present time. Maybe he figures it's no good at all to go there. I would think that with this situation...Mr. Shaw has it right in the bottom of his heart. I would say that he is the proper man to go. Now, I don't know whether Mr. Shaw can go at this particular time. As regarding the adjourning of the Council, it kind of upsets my plans a little bit but, however, I guess I'll have to go along with it. I assume we would adjourn as of today or tomorrow or whatever the case might be because, as I understood you to say, Mr. Commissioner, that the man would have to go on Monday. Is that correct? In this case, then, I think we should contact the Parks Board and at least put them off, and as I understood of Mr. Smith of the Corrections Department, and talking to Mr. Gordon...I think it was Mr. Gordon we were talking to down there...that Mr. Smith or Mr. Neville...I forget which one now...that Mr. Smith would come up here for a couple of weeks and he would make a trip around the Territory and speak at different places, also speak over CBC, and try to explain to the people something about the Corrections Program. This, I don't think, should interfere too much. I can go home and do a week's work and feel highly refreshed and come back again - at least I think I can. I quite concur that we should adjourn for the week or whatever is necessary. Thank you, Mr. Watt. I will take the Chair back.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I believe we are getting a little excited again. We have a fairly able representative in Ottawa. Why don't we request that he attend this Expo '67? I am sure that Mr. Nielsen can handle the situation so let's give it some thought.

Mr. Shaw: When Councillor Watt mentioned the Mayor of Dawson...I think you have to look at that from various angles. One...the publicity emanating from this Edmonton exhibition is the fact that they are dealing with the Mayor. They are dealing with the officials of the City of Dawson. That is not correct at this time but they are still carrying on with that and the value of the Mayor of the Community being with

Mr. Shaw continues:

this group to indicate that this is not so has quite a propaganda value. A lot of this...what we are building up.. is where you get a message over to the public..that is vitally important in something like this. It's information that you are giving out...now some people might call that propaganda - it just depends on which side of the fence you are on. To me, it would be education, in this instance... and propaganda emanating from this Edmonton exhibition.. and also the Mayor, would indicate that they are for this.... it is helping us out. I think it takes a group..as many factors as possible...to indicate to the people of Canada that this is not so. The amount involved in money, I think, is very little in relation to the effective value of say about four people. I would just ask one thing. If it is agreed we do this, perhaps the Commissioner could contact the Assistant Deputy Minister and see if this could be arranged.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Shaw.. has he given any consideration to Mr. Nielsen attending that meeting?

Mr. Shaw: I have...I think Mr. Nielsen is doing a wonderful job for us up there, but we have the opportunity...Mr. Nielsen has the opportunity to represent us in various areas....as far as him being at the meeting, he is in Ottawa, very close to Montreal. I would do my best to see that he joined us there, but I don't think it enters into this particular matter which we are discussing. By all means, I would like to see Mr. Nielsen there. He is doing an excellent job on this but, as I stated before, they have a powerhouse on their delegation, and we have to have something that we can come back at.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to see this Council continue until we have finished the business of the Yukon and go home for awhile.

Mr. Southam: Well, Mr. MacKinnon, for your edification, had you been here...probably you did hear Mr. Commissioner state that they wish to have a Member of the Council down there to represent us and also somebody from the Defence Force. Speaking from the Chair again, I think that if Mr. Nielsen wished to go, I am sure he would be quite welcome.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, we have had a Member away for two or three days. Now, by the time Mr. Shaw is prepared to go, the other Member will be back here, therefore, I don't believe we should have to close Council.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, in view of the Commissioner's remarks, I would like to make a Motion to the effect that representation from the Territorial Council and the Klondike Defence Force accept the Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs' invitation to visit with members of Expo '67 next week in Montreal.

Mr. Taylor: I would second the Motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Watt: My interpretation is that the Motion has specifically eliminated any representation from the City of Dawson. Is that right, Mr. Thompson?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I didn't refer to him by name but I would assume that he was a part of the Klondike Defence Force as such.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would assume that, at the same time, that he would be part of this Defence Force and, therefore, have the opportunity if he so wished.

Mr. Watt: Would you read the Motion again, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Taylor, moved that representation from the Territorial Council and the Klondike Defence Force accept the Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs' invitation to visit with members of Expo '67 next week in Montreal.

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Mr. Watt: That's not too specific, but three councillors that are here have stated that they thought that the Mayor of Dawson should at least be invited...if he is interpreted as being part of the Klondike Defence Force...I have talked to him and I am sure he is in favour of what is being done with respect to this by the Territorial Council but they want to keep informed. I would interpret that as including the Mayor of Dawson and he didn't...Mr. Thompson's Motion didn't specify any particular number, but three councillors have stated that possibly two councillors, the Mayor and one member of the Defence Force down here would provide an adequate representation. If that is the interpretation of this Motion, I would certainly vote for it.

Mr. Thompson: I think you can put any interpretation on it that you want, Mr. Chairman. I leave this up to the discretion of the Commissioner and the Committee.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, would it be possible for me to get the Council to commit names. I have to work fairly fast on this now. I will have to put a phone call through to Ottawa and contact any other individuals that will be going. Also, I will have to find out from the Territorial Treasurer how things stand budget-wise because we will be losing a week. If we have contracts being held up by budget inspection, we are getting fairly late in the construction season so I am going to have to move fairly rapidly in the next few hours because whoever goes might also have to make banking arrangements, etc., etc., and we will have to get some cheques out. I would rather not play toesies up there by myself trying to figure out who would be nice fellows to send down.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, mind you this is a matter of asking people whether they can go or not. I would make a suggestion that two of this delegation...Mayor Meller and Roy Minter, but, mind you, I don't know whether they will accept. I would feel that I would like to see those two on the delegation, but whether they will accept, is something I can't say.

Mr. Commissioner: One point I would just like to clarify, Mr. Chairman. I heard someone say that the Assistant Deputy Minister asked for representation from Council. Now, he didn't ask for representation from Council. This was my wording. I felt that the Council, who had started this bonfire, would like to continue to feed the fire, shall we say, and be represented. If Council feels there can be another two or three people who will also be able to represent you as a Council and the people of the Yukon, then it doesn't have to be a Member of Council at all.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would concur with Mr. Shaw that certainly Mr. Minter should go and also Mayor Mellor it at all possible. They should be at least two of this Committee.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, if we have to adjourn, then I would like to suggest that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shaw also go, but if Mr. Commissioner just wants one Member of Council to go to represent the whole Territory and Dawson City and the Defence Force and everything else, then the Council, I don't think, would have to adjourn at all. They could carry on with the business. If the Committee, as it is being set up, and two members have already stated that they thought of two individuals that could go, then, if that is the case, then I would also like to suggest that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shaw in this and this would handle the Territorial section of it.

Mr. Commissioner: Then, Mr. Chairman, I can work on the assumption that it will be Mayor Mellor, Mr. Minter, Councillor Shaw and Councillor Taylor.

All: Agreed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, now I believe that you might have to...by notifying them at Expo '67 might be for the sake of being assured a seat at this meeting. Now, if you are going to figure on picking up Mr. Nielsen at Ottawa to take him along, maybe he should be mentioned in the group also.

Mr. Watt: I think Mr. MacKinnon has a pretty good suggestion that Mr. Nielsen should be notified and if he can be available to be part of this trip, he should be mentioned. I think seats could be found someplace in Montreal.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Have we any further need of Mr. Commissioner at this time? Any further questions? If not, may he be excused?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess.

BILL #6

Mr. Southam: We have Mayor Firth, Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Stark with us. We are going to discuss Bill No. 6, the Municipal Ordinance. Where we left off last night, we have a few sections there that has nothing to do with taxation. I was wondering if the Council would agree if we went to Part IV, Municipal Taxation, and start from there since we have the City delegation with us, as well as Mr. Spray.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads "Part IV, Municipal Taxation, Estimates. 120A. The clerk shall prepare.....reasonably be expected to remain unpaid."

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to possibly Mr. Spray. Sub 3 here, is this a normal consideration of our Municipal Ordinance or has it been that the City makes a payment to the Board of Health?

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, this is a new section as far as I can determine and not one that we specified in our draft instructions. As to whether or not the City makes a payment... the City does have a Board of Health, as such, that acts for the Municipality.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, possibly Mr. Legal Advisor could BILL #6 enlighten us on this point.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, I can't because it was not called for in the instructions. Look at Page 16 of the instructions to the draftsman. We were only calling for a very small change there. You will see it over on the right-hand column. It was, more or less, a nothing change. This has been dropped in and the author of this change, I have concluded, had arisen from Mr. Spray's side of the office after the instructions had been reviewed. So, if he doesn't know anything about it, all I can do is volunteer a guess. There has been a need for a distinction at the City level on this type of cost, I believe. Somebody has remembered this and done this to cover the point. I think Mr. Spray has got some further recollection of the matter. Have you got something further?

Mr. Spray: I'm sorry Mr. Chairman. I didn't notice before, but the Ordinance was amended in 1962, Fifth Session of Council, adding in this paragraph referring to expenses of the Board of Health and the draftsman has picked up this amendment, therefore, it doesn't show in your Ordinance nor does it show in our draft instructions. It's a straight copy from the existing Ordinance, as amended.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, the City has had a Board of Health that the function is such, but their duties were more or less to make recommendations to the Council who, in turn, would make representation to the Public Health Services. I think there was some clause some place along the line that the Territory would not charge them for the Public Health Services. I think there is something some place in this Ordinance to that effect or some agreement of some kind because, according to this, the municipality will need to pay for the services of all the Public Health Officers that go around. That's what it says...that they shall share the cost of Public Health Services in the Municipality. That would be quite a large item and to undertake that, the Municipality might find that they have quite a bill of expense. I think this is something that would **require** a little bit of consideration before it leads to all that.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, the only change in that section is in the first line where it says "the Council shall, as soon as possible after the first day of January of each year". I think that's just because of the fiscal year. They have added the words "as soon as possible after the first of January".

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could ask a question of the Mayor of Whitehorse. To the present moment, would he say that he provides any money for Public Health Services in his budget?

Mr. Firth: We now provide the sum of \$10,000.00 for Public Health Services in our budget. \$2.00 per capita.

Mr. Shaw: A supplementary question, Mr. Chairman. Would that probably be expended in the course of a year?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I believe it is an agreed contribution... a flow back. It's just fixed at \$2.00. It is just automatically paid...

Mr. Firth: This sum is paid into the Territorial Treasury.

Mr. Southam: Reads Section 30, 121A.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, just one question I would like to ask. Is Whitehorse the only area that pays this \$2.00 per capita? Do those that live outside the municipality of Whitehorse or Dawson have to pay an amount like this? I would like to ask Mr. Clerk about this.

Mr. Clerk: As far as I know, they are Mr. Chairman. I am not positive.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it is entirely possible that a portion of the general tax...the latter property tax.... because the other settlements aren't really organized as yet.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads Section 30, 122.

Mr. Thompson: I notice, Mr. Chairman, with reference to this, that the drafting notation here...it says "to avoid difficulties in arriving at the assessment values in municipalities, section 135 should be amended to provide that lands should be assessed at 65% of their market value rather than at their fair value. Provision should still be made, as in the existing Section 135, for the assessor to take other conditions into consideration when assessing land." Now, this just says not less than 50% but it also doesn't say that it can't be 100%.

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, section 122 is the percentage of the assessed value on which taxes will be levied by the municipality to derive their necessary revenue. Section 135 is the percentage of the value used for assessing purposes. The 50% is based on final assessment. 65% is used to arrive at the assessment.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, section 135, I believe, I direct this to Mr. Spray, remains as is in this particular instance. Is this correct?

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, I can find no amendments as requested in section 135.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, you say that in this draft there is no amendments to section 135? This, gentlemen, is where we ran afoul and had so much difficulty in arriving at our assessed value in the land in Whitehorse. Do you know we have had several court cases to defend our assessment and in each instance we have lost them. Out of...the results of these court cases...it became apparent that the Municipal Ordinance left something to be desired. It has been suggested to us and we, in turn, we wrote to the Commissioner on the 25th of February and we asked that some definite steps be taken to clarify and rectify this particular section. The suggestions that we would like to place before Members of Council today, while they are still working on these amendment, is the wording of this particular section. I think that when this is presented to you and you have had some discussion on it, you will see the reasoning behind this. The way section 135 is now written reads: "Lands shall be assessed at their fair value". This is the point that has brought up all the difficulties because I can say that this particular piece of land has a fair value of "x" number of dollars, and you in turn can say it has a fair value of "x" number of dollars and there is disagreement from the start to the finish. As I say, out of the results of the court cases, it has been suggested we change this wording such as "a fair actual value" and then we pinpoint it down to the actual value, a value which in this instance would be interpreted as "a fair market value". This is the only fair or actual market value you could place on a piece of property.

Mr. Firth continues:

This is why this has been brought up before you. This, to me, is the crux of the whole situation in our assessment in the City of Whitehorse...so we can get the wording changed so that we, in turn, can determine the actual value of a piece of property and then, in turn, we would assess it. In this particular instance, the land is assessed at 100% of its value. Improvements, in turn, would be assessed at not less than 50% of the value.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I just wanted to confirm, Mr. Chairman, that we believe that this section 135 was to be changed to provide that land assessment should be based on market value rather than on fair value. Now, the Mayor has used another phrase, "actual value". This is a phrase to which I can't attach any consistent meaning because you may have an actual value but it might not be a fair value so you have got two words that are immediately in conflict. We would be very happy to service the request made by the City of Whitehorse but if we are going to introduce words like that, we are just introducing more dispute. It's sometimes almost a case of better a known devil than an unknown devil. I wonder if the City has got some other suggestion than "fair actual value". It's a "fair" value or it's an "actual" value. It isn't necessarily both.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, the reason that I used the term "actual" is that we have used, in the past, the assessment principles of Alberta. It was in that Alberta Assessment Act that I picked up this phrase. Maybe your interpretation of this is correct...fair, actual, market value...pinpoint it down even more firmly. I will read you the section... "Assessment Act, 1960, Province of Alberta. Section 5(6). Land shall be assessed at its fair actual value, exclusive of any improvements".

Mr. Legal Advisor: They have probably got a greater number of Assessment appeals in Alberta than we will have if we are in business for the next five hundred years.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, right off the top off my head, I am wondering, could we use the wording "real value" here to any useful purpose?

Mr. Legal Advisor: There is no quarrel with the word "actual" if you mean actual in terms of actual market, but if you mean actual in terms of value to the person occupying the land... it's extremely difficult to come up with a form of words which will satisfy all arguments. In fact, it's impossible. Whatever form of words you use, I would suggest that you are just going to have to stay with that form of words until all the shouting and hullabaloo has died away again. We will put in whatever the City wants but the City should assume responsibility for those words.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Legal Advisor...we are discussing section 122 in this Bill and section 135, we seem to be on under the existing Municipal Ordinance...and I am trying to relate the two together. Is there any relation between these two..at the present moment?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, you have not, naturally, completed discussion of 122 which is item 30 on page 9 of your Bill that you have, but it was at that point that the Mayor intervened to raise the fact that section 135 had not been dealt with. It's for Committee to complete its discussion on 122. There's no direct connection but it's a case of he started it.

BILL #6 Mr. Shaw: Could we complete this...unless it's relevant to the other...this 122?

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, on 122, if I may, I believe that the Legal Advisor has a note regarding this particular section. There should be...on section 122, regarding "on or before the first day of February of each year".

Mr. Legal Advisor: In Section 122, Mr. Spray noted that we have asked that provision be made for the property tax to be levied on or before the first day of February. He suggested that because of the short time between City Elections and the first of February, that that date might be changed to read "on or before the first day of March". At the moment, the only change that you have in 122 is the introduction of "first day of February" and now Mr. Spray is recommending that it might be "the first day of March", for the reason I just noted. Perhaps in discussing 122, that point could be dealt with.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mayor Firth's opinion of changing the date.

Mr. Firth: I think "on the first day of March" would be more convenient for us. It just gives us that longer time. It's not something that can be whipped up quickly you know.

Mr. Southam: Is the Committee agreed, then, to change this from "the first day of February" to the "first day of March"?

Mr. Thompson: Where did "the first day of February" come from, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, this "first day of February" was set up by the Administration in their draft to Council last fall...I am sorry, it did not appear in the draft but it was presented to Administration. It has come to our attention since that time that the City would find it more convenient if we changed this to "first day of March" and this recommendation for this change has been made to accommodate the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. Thompson: Does this have any bearing on the Territorial Treasurer's operations?

Mr. Spray: No, Mr. Chairman, the fiscal year of the City will now become the first day of April on. This means that their tax levy will be set two months before the...one month I should say, before the end of their fiscal year or the beginning of the new one and will fit in quite nicely with the Territorial Treasurer's work.

Mr. Thompson: One further question. Does Mr. Legal Advisor see any problems in changing this?

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, the introduction of a standard date is to give a little uniformity of timing here because, bearing in mind that we hope that we will have more cities than just two.

Mr. Taylor: With reference to this hurdle, Mr. Chairman, respecting the usage of the words "real" or otherwise, I was just looking through the dictionary at some of these words and under "real", one item here states in the dictionary "consisting of a movable property such as lands or houses" sort of a thing. I am wondering if we couldn't use the words "real market value"...if this would solve the problem?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, solve one and you sometimes create a few more. My opinion has always been, Sir, that section 135 didn't require very much change. It's a perfectly workable section, but the instructions to the assessor may have misled him and he should have looked at the wording of the section. He has got enough experience to be able to rationalize the fair value and to follow out the terms of section 135. The weakness lay in the fact that he paid more attention to instructions that were not in the spirit of the section. Other places have been getting by on this expression "fair value" and attaching a workable meaning to it. This is all the assessor has to do...is be consistent. It was inconsistencies that lead to the weakness according to Mr. Justice Parker. BILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the only other angle of approach would be to go to the Interpretation section or the Interpretation Ordinance and spell out what "fair value" should be. Would this be our solution?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think that would require a draftsman because there have been so many cases, with decisions going both ways, on what is meant by "fair value". At best, you can only hope to develop your own local court law...and have that accepted by the people living there. The more you disturb this, the less satisfactory the end results will be. As I say, there are other areas where this formula works perfectly well.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, as I stated previously, this was the outcome of our court case. This was drawn to our attention that this section was not written correctly and the only way he could adjudicate on it was in accordance with the way the Ordinance was written. We were in a position where we had no defence. Would Council consider a term such as "a fair market value"? Market value could fluctuate. It's usually the prerogative of City Council to have an assessment, say once every five years, sometimes once every ten years, and at that time, the fair market value of this particular assessment could be determined. This is what we are working on now is what was considered a fair market value of the land. It was said so by the Judge.

Mr. Legal Advisor: As I indicated before, if the City will give us the expression that they want, we will put it in. There is no Administrative objection and if they want...if they feel confident that the words "fair market value" will put an end to their troubles, we will put it in. I am not perhaps so optimistic that it will overcome all their problems, but if they have taken their advice and are persuaded that this is what they want, it's a very simple matter. We can prepare this and it becomes their expression, their wish to you...to the Committee...to the Council...if you say "all right, the Legal Advisor should prepare a draft incorporating this", I will do it. All I have tried to do is point out that no single formula of words is going to avoid assessment appeals.

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, on this proposed amendment to section 135, you will notice that not only did we change "fair value" to read "market value" but we provided for 65% of the market value. In 1964, the City of Whitehorse used a percentage, I understand, of fair value in their assessment, and this did not conform to the Ordinance. In 1965, they did not do this. It was our understanding when we prepared this draft amendment, that the City wanted to be able to use "percentage of the fair value", or whatever term you use, other than having to assess at 100% of the fair value. This point should perhaps be kept in mind in the discussion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, on that particular point, what would be the effect of changing...of putting a limit on the...of putting a limit of 65%? Would that not shift some of the burden of taxes from the landowner to say the property owner...home owner? In other words, it would limit you to the amount that you could assess the land itself for.. the amount of money that you have to scrape up would be reduced as far as land is concerned and you would have to scrape that up by increasing the taxes on improvements. Is my interpretation right? BILL #6

Mr. Spray: I understand, Mr. Chairman, that it would have the effect of reducing the assessed figure on land, yes. Therefore, to derive the same amount of revenue, you would have to pick it up from other sources. Improvements.. it is provided that improvements be assessed at 65% of their fair value. If you lower your assessed value, you must raise your mill rate to pick up the necessary revenue.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I think the idea behind the City request for this particular item would be that by taking 65% of the fair market value, you are hitting a mean whereby you can carry on at this one assessment level. Now, you don't have to have an actual assessment every year. This is very, very costly to do this...to re-assess the land. What we are trying to do is hit a mean value so that this value could carry on for say five years without having the property re-assessed. This is the reason for this percentage being taken. Rather than 100%, we take 65% and hope that the difference will allow for the fluctuation of having the property going up or down.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just in view of the time and in view of the matters under consideration, possibly we could give a little further thought to this, individually, over lunch and I would suggest that we have a recess at this time.

Mr. Southam: I will call a recess at this time and we can bring these people in at 2:00 o'clock.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order and we will proceed from where we left off and we will talk about Section 122, which I believe that we were discussing. Shall we proceed? Present with us again this afternoon is Mayor Firth, Alderman Daniels, City Clerk Mrs. Barbara Stark, and Mr. Doug Spray.

Mr. Firth: I wonder if I can have an interpretation of the meaning of this phrasing which says, "this Ordinance at such uniform rate per dollar on the assessed value of all land in the municipality liable to taxation and upon such percentage, not less than fifty per cent, of the assessed value." Could that not be "not be more than". Could that be fifty or sixty, we could go to a hundred per cent the way that is worded.

Mr. Southam: Would you like to comment on that Mr. Spray?

Mr. Spray: The Mayor is quite correct, you could go to 100% but you set your mill rate and you supply it to such percentage of all assessed value of the land in the municipality as is necessary for you to derive the necessary revenue to operate the municipality, if it is 60% or 70%.

Mr. Firth: But you can't go under 50%?

Mr. Shaw: I think there is a relationship there between the mill rate and the assessed value in the payments of the Territorial assessment and if you wish you could have, let's put it this way, if you have your assessed value at 25% and your mill rate up, you would get the same amount for the City but the Territory would lose the amount in relation to the assessed value. I think that we have been through this once before.

Mr. Firth: At the moment we are receiving school tax on 100% of that and improvements. So, that if we come along and set our assessed value at 50% of the actual value and all we would have to do is increase our mill rate to require the same number of dollars in taxes. This, as you might say, would leave the Territory holding the bag.

Mr. Watt: That is okay.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, perhaps Mr. Clerk, as assessor could add something to this.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, I am just looking for the section that sets out the mill rate that has to be charged for school tax. It might have some bearing.

Mrs. Stark: Section 194, school tax?

Mr. Clerk: That is the solution there, this section only deals with property tax, there is a complete section to deal with school tax.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if Mrs. Stark could be of help or throw some light on this. She handles all this for the City.

Mrs. Stark: In regard to this, your school, at the present time, we are charged school tax on 100% on land and 100% on improvement. The general tax for the City is now on 100% on land and 50% on improvements.

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Mr. Daniels: On the basis of section 122 you can do it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, school tax has been fluctuating, going from one rate to decreasing two mills each year. There must be something on that. I don't recollect, I may be wrong or behind the times, it appears to me that you pay the school tax on the assessed value of the City. The assessed value, not on the real value, and the municipality can lower their value if they have the power up to limit status and they can raise their mill rates or they can raise their assessed value and lower their mill rate and come out to the exact same amount for their municipal coffers but this could make quite some difference in the form of tax to the Territory. That is where I would assume that the rate in the Ordinance is set out at a figure not less than 60%. I am sure that this is the score and probably Mrs. Stark will admit that the difference in the assessed value, one can be high and one can be low and still come out at the same value.

Mr. Watt: There is one point that I am not quite clear on. Has it been decided in section 135 to add the word "fair actual Value", has that been decided? It was a suggestion that Mayor Firth had suggested and to me it sounds pretty reasonable. I have some excerpts from the assessment manual and they use the words "fair actual value" in the definitions of it there.

Mr. Firth: To answer Mr. Watt, when discussing this 135 it was suggested by the members that we go back to this 122 and clean it up and then go on to 135.

Mr. Southam: Is there anything further on section 122?

Mr. Daniels: I wonder if Mrs. Stark could offer any objection to leaving it as it is now?

Mrs. Stark: No, I can see no objection to this. The actual objection should be on the part of the Territorial government. We can actually, right now if the City Council had decided to leave a separate mill rate of 100% on the improvement, it would cost the Territorial government another \$32,000. This is where we are not consistent. Right now, as of today, the way it is written in the Ordinance we have to pay the Territorial government \$173,000 in school tax. We try and balance out something equitable between school tax and our statutory grant and at 50% our statutory grant would be \$132,000. But, our budget to the Council, if I said let's not allow this 50% let's make it 100%, then we would be getting \$162,000 and only paying \$173 towards schools. We'll pull it next year and you can see what I mean.

Mr. Clerk: Further to that question that Mr. Shaw asked me, the section that deals with the school tax is entirely a different section and it was amended in 1964 in the Second Session so that the school could be set by the Commissioner and this section 122 is where the municipality levies property tax in the amount to meet their own expenditures. All the school tax goes to the Territorial government and you have to keep the two separate.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, when we were discussing 10 mills the property assessment was the old tax and was amended and changed in the Fall of 1964 and it states, "194, the Council of each municipality shall levy the school rate." And then in section 195 "the school rate in each municipality shall be set by the Commissioner" and there you have it. Apparently it doesn't seem too clear.

Mr. Firth: When you go on with that same amendment it says on the total annual real assessment.

Mr. Clerk: It used to say that in the old section too but it doesn't say that anymore.

Mr. Clerk: You just tell the Commissioner what to collect and then send it back to him. He bases it on your assessment figure.

Mr. Southam: Anything further gentlemen? Clear? Then, may I proceed?

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if we could take the proposed amendment to 135 which we are considering inserting in the bill, at this time? In view of the suggestion with respect to the use of the words "fair actual value" in the respect to 135, what are the feelings of City Council in respect to use of this word?

Mr. Firth: Well, after further discussion after we had met this morning it comes out now that the definition of "fair actual value" could be "fair actual value, fair value, fair real value, fair market value" and whether we are going to gain anything by amending this is kind of obscure now. I still feel that if there is anyway that this could be spelled out what the fair actual value of the land would be, it would be very helpful. I think that Mr. Daniels has some information on it.

Mr. Daniels: The only thing that I have is that after we met this morning I met with Judge Parker, since he has been intimately concerned with this matter, and he feels that we are just as well off with "fair actual value" or anything else. If we stay with that we are going to have to disregard any thoughts of this land in use concept which we came up with this year and which I feel now this is going very rapidly. But, as far as he is concerned the definition is as good as any other.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am very happy to hear that this is the second time that I have had my opinion confirmed in one week by another lawyer. The Mayor had referred to the Alberta definition and used the phrase "fair actual value" which troubled me. It is in section 6 and I thought that it had said enough and it goes on in Section 8 "in determining the value for assessment purposes there shall be applied.....and any regulations applied under that.....and an assessor shall assess under regulations of the municipalities act.....or the standardsthe assessor shall determine that assessment at "fair actual value.....". So there you are right back around again. It is always better to accept than to try and change.

Mr. Shaw: It seems to me that two years ago or close to that that these things were taken to court for one reason or another. If we go along with this Bill, will this eliminate this kind of controversy. Will it set something down as to where we know what we are doing or where we are going definitely or is it still a state of ambiguity.

Mr. Legal Advisor: There is always ambiguity and that is why you can always find a lawyer that will act for you or against you. All I can say is that in Dawson they don't appear to have this trouble altho' they are operating on the same ordinance so it is possible to create an atmosphere of acceptance. I think you will be more interested in changing the course of revision

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues.....
procedure which will give an important safety valve to people without putting them through the stance of going through the Territorial Court. And, if I may suggest, that if the committee doesn't try to reach an opinion, I was trying to do some research on the B.C. and I would like a little more time to look at this particular point. I can't give you any guarantee that there will be no quarrel.

Mr. Shaw: Perhaps I should rephrase my question, will it improve the situation.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this being the case, I suggest that we proceed with some other section at this time. I do believe that there are some pressing matters to discuss during tea break. Can we leave that and come back at a later time?

Mr. Southam: Agreed, gentlemen? May I proceed?

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess to change ~~steroids~~ ~~stereoids~~.

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Mr. Southam: I will now call this Committee back to Order. BILL #6
(Reads Section 31 of Bill No. 6).

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just for clarification, are we
using this Alberta Manual at present?

Mr. Firth: Yes.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Legal Advisor,
in his study of this particular matter, would not this
136 be included in this study...the one to be held in
abeyance?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will include it, Sir, but I under-
stood that here we had a direct request to give a Manual,
a selected Manual, at the moment that doesn't exist. It
is possible really to do the same thing - borrow the Alberta
Legislation on land, as well, but we thought we had a clear
instruction to meet the wishes of the City on this. I will
look at both again, obviously. They are sort of twin sec-
tions.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, all I was asking was does
this...we were discussing 135 which you were going to study
and possibly make recommendations...my question was would
136 need to be studied in conjunction with 135? Does one
fit in with the other?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will be looking at it, but I don't
think a change made in 135 has, of necessity, to appear in
136. We were asked to provide for a reference to an approved
manual for the Improvements. If there is any rethinking on
that, I will include that when I look at them again to see
what else I can find. I will look at both of them, so if
you want to discuss it now....

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I think I can throw a little light
on this. It was the City's wish that the Commissioner be
appointed to select the means of a manual for assessment.
I don't know if the Council knows, but we are apparently
using the Province of Alberta's manual for assessment pur-
poses. We feel that it seems to apply to our particular
needs, and the Alberta assessors we have used are now quite
conversant with the City, and should we ever require another
assessment, these would be the ones that we would ask to
come and do it. We have tried to get B.C. assessors in
here, but we have never been able to succeed in this so we
have always had fairly good success with the Alberta ones
in coming and helping us out. This is the reason that we
have suggested a manual and we hoped that it would be Alberta's.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 32 and 33 down to 147 (3).....
"may appoint another person to act as clerk".

Mr. Shaw: Just one thing, Mr. Chairman, we have a three
member Court of Revision. I think that at all times we
should have three members sitting. If we have only two...
it would probably be only a day or two days...surely that
three members could be present at that time. I wonder if
I might ask the Legal Advisor why that is in there?

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Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, the quorum provision...I haven't heard the Chairman read it yet...I am very much troubled by the traffic passing here so I can't always hear what you have reached there. You have got to have a quorum under 147 of three so it's got to be a majority. You feel that there should be a stipulation that all three members should be present?

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, on an important matter like that...just for one day or two days...I think all the Members should be present. If one can't be present, take someone else in his place or adjourn the Court. It's not something that is every month.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 33...."147 (3).....there is a quorum".

Mr. Shaw: You see, Mr. Chairman, you run into certain problems there....not less than three members. Well we'll say...that means four members. If you have just three members and only two show up and one thinks one way and one thinks the other, it's going to be quite difficult to resolve a problem like that and it would appear...there would still be a majority vote with three members appointed...usually, I think, a Court of Revision has three members...it's usually enough and if you have three and one doesn't show up, you make one Chairman and one down in the ranks, it's going to be pretty hard to decide issues when one thinks one way and one thinks the other. Where do you go from there?

Mr. Daniels: Mr. Chairman, isn't that covered by section 142...majority vote?

Mr. Shaw: That's right...majority vote.

Mr. Daniels: So if you had two, one could vote twice.

Mr. Shaw: One would vote twice?

Mr. Daniels: Once as a chairman.

Mr. Southam: Can you throw any light on that Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I see the problem. May I discuss this with Mr. Spray and see if we can come up with some wording that will leave the Councillor a little happier in his mind about this. We will try...I am not saying it is imperfect as it stands, but it might be strengthened.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask wouldn't that be taken care of in 146(2)... "not less than three members shall be appointed"? It could be four, five or six, depending on what is wanted under the circumstances.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I should ask the Mayor if he feels three is adequate. I am looking at it that you would only have three. Possibly the consideration is for half a dozen. I don't know, but I would like to ask him.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I would feel that three would be quite adequate and I think that this should be worded in such a way that all three members should be present. If there is one absent, the court should be adjourned until the following day until all three can be there. This will eliminate a question of quorum.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, that is an obvious thing...then, if one member wanted to block the proceedings, he would just stay away from it and you have appointed your Court so we must also write in another safety clause there.

Mr. Firth: Make some provision for the Court to resign and we, in turn, can appoint another one.

Mr. Taylor: I believe, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Legal Advisor will be taking this under advisement. Possibly we can continue and then come back to this.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 33...."k48. (1)..... (3).....determining the complaint." and sections 34 and 35.

Mr. Taylor: Could this be altered to March, Mr. Chairman, properly to conform with the rest?

Mr. Spray: Not necessarily, Mr. Chairman, the Judgements of the Court of Revision are in the hands of the Clerk of the Municipality well before the beginning of the new fiscal year in order that the Council can levy the mill rate which must be levied by the first day of March.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think, actually, I think it was an original error to have it the first day of February. This gave no time at all so at least we have gained some time. We have got a month in which the Clerk can assemble his information.

Mr. Stark: By February 1...you have got one month from then to get it through the Court and maybe do a re-assessment. I suppose it can be done.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 36.

Mr. Taylor: Would the first of February apply here or should it, again, be the first of March?

Mr. Clerk: All these past three sections, Mr. Chairman, have all been moved ahead one month. They have just moved the whole procedure up to get it within the fiscal year.

Mr. Southam: That would then be the first day of March?

Mr. Clerk: It did read the first day of March in previous editions of the Amendments. So did the section before this. The one before that read the first day of February. Now it reads the first day of January.

Mr. Daniels: In effect, unless I am mistaken, there is one month between the end of the Court of Revision Hearing and any appeals to the judge.

Mr. Clerk: Yes, that's right. On this...section 156 here says the Court of Revision has to make their determinations by the first day of January. Well, that did read February. The next one, the Judge has to finalize his by the first day of February. It did read March. It's just been moved up one month.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 37 (1).

BILL #6

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the draft was set up the 30th day of April in the fiscal year in which the taxes are imposed and I believe that should read "after the 30th day of April in the year following the year in which taxes are levied". They are saying that penalties should be imposed and be due and payable on the first day of April of that fiscal year, but it should read "unpaid after the 30th day of April in the year following the year". I am sorry. There is a typing error on my paper. My apologies, Mr. Chairman. I am one ahead of you.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 37 (2).

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, this is the one I was referring to. There is an error in the Bill. It should read "unpaid after the 30th day of April in the year following the year in which the taxes are levied".

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 38 and 39... "Section 181 of the said Ordinance.....assessment roll of the municipality".

Mr. Shaw: How is that going to work out, Mr. Chairman? You have got a six months...they have got a lapse in there from the fall to the....I think that was changed around some time ago....wasn't it? A number of years ago, I think there was quite a hullabaloo in Whitehorse over the fact that additional taxes were being imposed for certain periods of time when the change came around...from one year to another. I remember...I don't know all the details...I remember the guffuffle that happened. This is a change. Does that mean that the taxes that people will pay for the current year will be put back about four, five months?

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Shaw has a point there. Seven years ago, we requested the Territorial Council to agree to our changing our fiscal year to the 31st of December. At that time, we collected twelve months taxes for a nine month period. This is just in reverse. We are going to collect twelve months taxes for a fifteen month period. I think the reason we are asking to put this back to the first day of March is that so that it will coincide with the fiscal year of the Territorial Government. Our figures then will coincide with theirs and it will be more convenient to work with the Territorial Government in this.

Mr. Shaw: In other words, someone's conscience has caught up with them.

Mr. Firth: No, not particularly. I think it is just a matter of expedience so that we can get our figuring done at the same time as the Territorial Government. We can then presents our wants and desires to the Territorial Government at the same time they are figuring out their budget. I think that's the reason. Another one is the election of Council. Elections were coming up in the middle of December and we elect a new Council that immediately goes into office the first of January. We have to set the budget...we are working with a new Council who haven't had a chance to become conversant with the affairs of the City. This is why we wanted the fiscal year extended.. to give the new Council a chance to get conversant with the affairs of the City and sit on their budget, their estimates and so on and do them with some degree of knowledge.

Mr. Taylor: I was just going to say, Mr. Chairman, that I note the Director has noted that he agrees with the proposal but he suggests that this might cut into existing revenue because it would not pick up new businesses set up in the current tax year.

Mr. Spray: If I am correct, the City does not use this section of the Ordinance, Mr. Chairman, so it's not going to affect us this year.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, this section you are now on is in the Business Assessment and Tax, and there isn't a Business assessment in Whitehorse.

Mr. Daniels: If we were to introduce it, I am sure we could introduce it to coincide with the fiscal year so we wouldn't miss any taxes.

Mr. Clerk: But the Ordinance itself states it shall be levied. It says annually. It doesn't mention anything about a fiscal year in this particular section.

Mr. Spray: The reason for this change, Mr. Chairman, was to bring the Assessment and the Business Tax Assessment Roll into line with the ordinary assessment rolls so that they would all be dealt with at the same time rather than having them dealt with at different times of the year. It's just a matter of convenience to change the dates on these sections.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 39 (20 and (3), sections 40, 41 and 42 (1) Subsection (1) of section 186.....
(3) A municipality may, by by-law,.....so long as the taxes remain unpaid."

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, I believe we have the same point here that it should be "remaining unpaid after the 30th day of April in the year following the year in which the taxes are levied".

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I recall having some discussion on this when we last discussed the Municipal Ordinance at the Fall Session. It seems to me, I note in the reference material here; that we were formerly talking about 6%... 6% thereof in the next succeeding twelve month period and here we have increased it...actually increased it, have we not, I believe? I do recall that the Territorial Council deferred discussion on this particular item for some particular reason which escapes me at the moment.

Mr. Shaw: There was just one thing I was thinking of Mr. Chairman...we try to look ahead on these things because they do create complications...with this one time "April of the following year"...in other words, a person can go a whole year without paying the taxes and not have any penalty. The penalty doesn't start until one year after they are due. In other words, they are due on the first of April ...of that particular year. In the past, usually, after, say, eight months, the taxes are collected and then there is a refund of five percent or whatever it is, or there is a penalty imposed of six percent. In this case, as long as it is clear, clearly understood, it will be one whole year before there is any penalty attached to it. That is a different proceeding from before and I am wondering if that would be understood.

BILL #6

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, speaking on this, the taxes are due and payable, we shall say on April, 1965, but the tax notices are not sent out until the end of that fiscal year. You are paying your taxes in arrear, therefore, you cannot levy the penalty on the taxes before you have your tax notice. It is quite correct to have one full year before you must start paying penalties. In effect, your taxes are due and payable on the first day of April, 1966, for the year 1965-1966, and you have thirty days in which to pay those taxes before a penalty will be imposed. I think the City will bear me out on this.

Mr. Shaw: So the Assessment Notices, Mr. Chairman, that come on April 1, say of this year, you won't have to pay those until the following April?

Mr. Spray: They will be for the preceeding year. The Tax Notices you receive on April 1st of 1966, are for the year 1965-66.

Mr. Shaw: Well, according to that then, if you don't pay them for 1965...we will take this year of 1966....you get your notice. That's for 1965, right? So if you don't pay them until '67, on March 30th of '67...you have got a whole year...you've almost got two years that you have no penalty.

Mr. Spray: You have a whole year of penalties.

Mr. Shaw: The following year.....

Mr. Spray: You are confusing me, Mr. Chairman. Your taxes are levied on April 1, 1965 for the fiscal year 1965-66, but they are not due and payable until April 1, 1966 because you have not had a Tax Notice until that time. You then have thirty days, until the end of April 1966, in which to pay those taxes. If you do not, you then are penalized. The taxes are imposed in the fiscal year 1965-66 and the penalty goes into effect on the 30th day of April of the fiscal year following this fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. I trust I have thoroughly confused everyone.

Mr. Southam: Do you have something to say, Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I have nothing to say. I find it just as confusing as Councillor Shaw does.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that this be gone over quite carefully. After all, this has been all laid out for a certain purpose which may be wrong or it may be right. Before we change it here, in view of the confusion that exists, in my mind anyhow, that when we next discuss it, it might be something to really give a lot of study to to see exactly how it works.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess for tea and I believe we have some other business to attend to after tea so may we excuse these people at this time?

Mr. Shaw: We have other matters that have to be dealt with. I think we can excuse these people and have them back in a short while to finish discussing this.

Friday, 3.30 p m
April 22, 1966

Mr Southam: We will now proceed and study Sessional Paper Sessional
No 60, and I may proceed as follows (Reading of Reference Paper
for Advice) This is now open for discussion, Gentlemen. No.60

Mr. Shaw: Now, Mr. Chairman we did discuss this at some length the other day and I think that Council's suggestion to some members were that the City should make the overtures in this matter and see if they can come up with a deal which is satisfactory to them, and which apparently they have done. This also seems to be satisfactory to the Administration and it would be a very similar type of arrangement as had been made on Riverdale. Now I am not acquainted with the values of property around here, but we have between \$2-3000 per lot service. This seems to be acceptable to the City and the Territorial Government and I think it would be a very good thing to see this matter resolved. I have no objection.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wholeheartedly concur with the remarks made by the Honourable Member from Dawson in this respect. It has been a long drawn-out affair and many attempts to find a solution to Lot 19 problem and seem to have finally found one. It makes good sense and I would be quite prepared to go along with this. I think it is a wonderful solution.

Mr. Southam: Yes, Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe that this is very, very suitable and it is quite evident that it is agreeable with, I believe safe to say, all Members of Council. This is something which has been on the go for a great many years and we are going to need a certain amount of ground for this new school regardless, and I believe that will be a very suitable location for the school as well as a residential area.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I think it is a good idea that this land is being developed and I think it eliminates all need of any suggestion of waiving one-third of the Crown's claim to the land if the Territory purchase the property as the Territory itself will own all of the property. I, therefore, make a motion and it reads: It is the opinion of Council that Lot 19 be purchased for \$115,000 by the Territorial Government to be used and developed by the Territorial Government along the lines suggested.

Motion Re
Purchase
Lot.No.19

Mr. MacKinnon: I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt, will you take the Chair for a minute please, seeing as I should have my little say. I heartily agree and concur with this sale and I think it should do a lot for Whitehorse. That should be a very good sector out there with good buildings, good housing and a good school, and I can only give it my hearty endorsement and I hope this gets going pretty soon. I'll take the Chair back now Mr. Watt.

Now Gentlemen, we have a motion before the House. Moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon: It is the opinion of Council that Lot 19 be purchased for \$115,000 by the Territorial Government, to be used and developed by the

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Territorial Government along the lines suggested. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary.

Motion Carried

MOTION CARRIED

What is your pleasure now, Gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in recess this morning, I should say at noon, some concern had been expressed by the Administration with respect of interim supply for the coming month of May in view of the fact that we have not concluded our budget, and I wonder if at this time some effort could be made to communicate with the Administration to determine just what their wishes would be in this respect.

Mr. Southam: Well, I'll call a short recess and maybe Mr. Clerk could you find out from the Administration Office and see what their wishes are.

Mr. Clerk: I have already found out. It is being prepared right now.

RECESS

Session- Mr. Southam: Well, Gentlemen, we will now proceed with al Paper Sessional Paper No. 61. Mr. Speaker, Members of Council: No.61 Reference for Advice - (Centennial Grants) (Reading follows) Open for discussion, Gentlemen. Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, here again I think the matter is pretty clear cut. If the City do hold a plebiscite on this debenture, the Territory will then purchase them and I would be quite amenable to this proposal.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: With respect to this I think that the original plan for this Centennial contract was a matter of contribution between the Federal Government, the Territorial Government and the City Government. Now there is an increase in the cost, largely because of sales tax on construction equipment and materials which the Federal Government is getting, and now the Territory and the City is asking to make up the difference of this extra \$100,000 so I think that the Federal Government should be asked to kick in at least one-third of this too. As a matter of fact, I think they should kick in one-half of this, and then the City and the Territorial put in the other half so that would leave \$50,000 for the Federal Government to add to this Centennial complex and then \$50,000 for the Territory and the City together to put in. I would like to talk to Mr. Cameron a little bit more about this in Council at a later date. I don't think this has to be passed today or tomorrow, does it? Is there any real urgency? I would like to move that it be deferred until after Council meets again so that we can discuss this with Mr. Cameron, and probably make a request to Ottawa at that time to help us finance the cost of the Centennial.

Mr. Southam: Do you agree, Gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: To be deferred to a later date?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, Gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe the next Sessional Paper is a matter concerning Councillors' Boyd and Thompson, who of course are not present this afternoon and possibly this should also be deferred until the next discussion of Sessional Papers. I would suggest that we recess until we get the information from Administration. Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I call a further recess, Gentlemen.

RECESS

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure this time, Gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker do Motion now resume the Chair and hear the report of Chairman of Committees.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second that motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion
Carried

Mr. Shaw: I will now call Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Councillors convened in Committee Bill as a whole at 10:35 a.m. to discuss special papers, motions, No.10 bills, etc. Commissioner Cameron was present for a question period. Mr. Spray, Mr. Firth, Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Stark were also present with Mr. Legal Advisor, and I can report progress on Bill No. 10, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman. You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed with the report?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Shaw: Are there any errors or correction? Thank you. Just before we attend to any other business, Gentlemen, I have a report to make with respect to the discussion this morning as to the Mayor of Dawson attending the Conference at Expo and I report as follows that Mayor Mellor wished me to convey his thanks to Council for the invitation to attend the Conference at Expo '67, but felt that his presence would not materially add to the discussion at this time. He said that myself as a Territorial Representative and the Member from the Dawson area could also adequately represent the City of Dawson on his behalf.

Mr. Watt: That is very good Mr. Speaker, and I am glad that the request was sent and is satisfactory.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Watt. What is your pleasure now?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, we have a matter of great importance to the Administration in respect to our budget, and I wonder Mr. Speaker, if at this time I could move that the

Mr. Taylor continues... normal rules of the House be waived in order that we may give introduction and all readings to the new bill, Bill No. 14.

Bill No. 14

Mr. Southam: I second that motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that the normal rules be waived and that Bill No. 14 be introduced and processed at this time. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Are there any contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Bill No. 14 Introduction

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to move introduction be given to Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory be introduced at this time. Are we ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Are there any contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Bill No. 14 First Reading

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would beg leave of the House to move first reading be given to Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that this reading be given to Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed to the motion? Are there any contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Bill No. 14 Second Reading

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave of the House to move that second reading be now given to Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Taylor said second reading, wasn't it? Not the third reading.

Mr. Shaw: No. Second reading.

Mr. Watt: I will second the motion.

Mr. Shaw: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Watt that second reading be given to Bill No. 14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public

Mr. Shaw continued.....
Service to the Territory. Are you ready for the question?
Are you agreed with the motion? Are there any contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker at this time, if Council agree, we could defer the Committee as a whole for the purpose of reading the Bill and then return to Council. Would this be in order?

Mr. Shaw: That would be in order.

Mr. Taylor: I would therefore move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee as a whole for the purpose of discussing Bill No. 14.

Mr. Southam: I second the motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that the Speaker now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself as a committee as a whole to consider Bill No. 14. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Any contrary.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Southam will take the Chair as a committee as a whole.

Mr. Southam: I will call this committee to order and we will now proceed with Bill No. 14 which reads as follows.
(Reading of Bill No. 14)

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Bill No. 14 be reported by the committee without amendment.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 14 be reported out of committee without an amendment. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would move that Mr. Speaker now resume the Chair and hear the report of Chairman of Committees.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and give the report of Chairman of Committees. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Shaw: I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Councillors convened as a committee as a whole at 4:30 p.m. to discuss Bill No. 14, and moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that

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Bill No. 14 be reported out of committee without amendment.
This motion was carried.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman. You have heard the report of Chairman of Committees. Are you agreed to the report?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Shaw: Are there any errors or corrections? Thank you.

Bill No.14 Third Reading
Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would beg leave of the House to move that third reading be given to Bill No.14 An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second the motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill No. 14, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory be given third reading at this time. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Any contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave of the house to move that the title to Bill No. 14, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory be adopted as written.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the title to Bill No. 14, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of the Territory be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Are there any contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Bill No.14 Passed
The motion is carried and Bill No. 14 has passed this House.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if at this time you could ascertain from Mr. Clerk if Mr. Commissioner would care to give assent to this Bill at this time.

Mr. Shaw: Would you attend to that duty please, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, the Commissioner is not in the building at the moment, but he is expected back momentarily.

Mr. Shaw: At this time we will call a recess until we hear from the Commissioner's office.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Commissioner, we have just passed Bill No. 14, namely, An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Expenses of the Public Service of

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the Territory to which we respectfully ask your assent.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I hereby do assent to Bill
No. 14, as outlined by yourself.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, at this time I don't believe I can
offer any suggestions with respect to our agenda, but a
matter of some concern to the Territory has arisen and I
would like to move that at this time that following any
further business that Council do be adjourned until Monday
May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Southam: I second that motion Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Shaw: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and
seconded by Councillor Southam that Council be adjourned
at this time until 10:00 a.m. May 2nd. Are you ready for
the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Are there
any contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Council now stands adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Monday,
May 2nd.

Monday, May 2, 1966.
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors were present.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the agenda will be the correspondence.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I have half a dozen Sessional Papers this morning. The first one is Sessional Paper No. 63 on Motion No. 32, Search and Rescue. The next one is Sessional Paper No. 64, dated the 25th of April, re arrival of Mr. Lloyd Brooks, National Parks Branch. Next is Sessional Paper No. 65 re Question No. 4, Alaska Ferry System. Sessional Paper No. 66, dated April 27, has reference to the Yukon Vocational and Technical Training Centre. Next is Sessional Paper No. 67, dated April 27, re Question No. 17, Radio at Clinton Creek. Sessional Paper No. 68, dated April 29, 1966, has reference to Subsidization of Boarding Home Costs for school children from outlying areas. Next is Sessional Paper No. 69 re Number of Tourist Enquiries. That's all for this morning, Mr. Speaker.	SESSIONAL PAPERS #63 #64 #65 #66 #67 #68 #69
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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Well, gentlemen, I have a report here from the Committee that recently travelled to Montreal. I might state that it was a very hectic type of a visit because we seemed to be continually on the go. Some of this I have had to make up as I went along, while I was sitting on aeroplanes so it hasn't been edited, but I think it is important that you get this report as soon as possible and understand that it is made out as we went along. Your Committee for repatriation of the Klondike left Whitehorse for Ottawa on Sunday, April 24, and flew direct to Montreal. On Tuesday, we had the first meeting there in which the following were in attendance: Member of Parliament, Erik Nielsen; officials of Northern Affairs, Mr. John Gordon and Mr. Claire Bolger; Mr. Roy Minter, our technical advisor; as well as your two Committee Members. The purpose of the meeting was to evolve the strategy for the next days meeting with Expo '67 officials and the possibility of a meeting with Mayor Dantzer and his advisors from Edmonton. The meeting decided that insofar as our purpose was to stop the City of Edmonton from exploiting the Klondike theme at Expo '67, that no useful purpose would be served by meeting for discussion with the Edmonton group as our business was chiefly concerned with whatever arrangements could be made with Expo '67. It was agreed that we would meet with officials of Expo '67 at 11.00 to 12.00 A.M. for discussions and also from 1.00 to 2.00 P.M., with the intervening hour of 12.00 to 1.00 P.M. being utilized for a luncheon break with the Edmonton group and officials of Expo '67 as this had already been set up by the latter. It was also agreed that we would not discuss matters of the Klondike during the luncheon and that this would be primarily a social affair. On Wednesday, April 27, the Yukon delegation, as stated, met with Mr. Roger Parks, the Executive Assistant to Mr. DeBellefeuille, the Director of Exhibits, and discussed the many facets of the problem with him until noon when the Edmonton group appeared with Mr. DeBellefeuille and Mr. J. Blanchard at which time we recessed for lunch. After lunch, Mayor Dantzer and his group left and we then continued further with the discussions.	REPATRIATION OF KLONDIKE COMMITTEE REPORT
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OF KLONDIKE The Yukon delegation then proceeded to outline the many
COMMITTEE reasons why we felt Edmonton should not exhibit the Klondike
REPORT thème in any manner to which we received a most sympathetic
hearing. We also discussed the possibility of the Yukon
having an exhibit at Expo '67 in which the Yukon and the
Klondike could be publicized. Due to the fact that the
opening of Expo '67 was only twelve months away, this
suggestion did create the problem of available space;
however the Expo people promised to make every effort to
find this space at as reasonable a price as possible. It
was also agreed that they would contact the Department of
Northern Affairs, with details, who would in turn notify
the Commissioner for transmission to this Council as to
what was available and the costs involved. We then ad-
journed and had the pleasure of a short guided tour of the
site of Expo '67 and met the General Manager of Expo '67
following this. Then we took the train to Ottawa. The
next day, Thursday, April 28, we met at the Northern Affairs
building with Mr. John Gordon and, for a short while, with
Mr. Ernest Cote, the Deputy Minister, where we had further
discussions re a Yukon Exhibit at Expo. During this same
morning, I might add, we had advice from Expo '67 that the
City of Edmonton had decided that they would have an Old
Fort Edmonton theme in their exhibit at Expo and that they
would not be using our Klondike theme. At 1.30, we met
with the Minister of Northern Affairs Mr. Laing and had a
most fruitful discussion. He assured us that he supported
us wholeheartedly and felt that our strongest weapon was
public support - where we were the David in the well known
Biblical story. He felt that the entry of the Federal
Government at this time might reverse public sentiment.
He thought that we were doing exceedingly well and stated
that he was willing to support us with any reasonable funds
in this battle to regain our history. From the Minister's
office, we attended a press conference at which Mr. Laing
presided. Later in the evening, both Mr. Laing and Mr.
Erik Nielsen, our Member of Parliament, were on National
TV hook-up on the same program, advocating our cause. On
Friday, April 29, Mr. John Gordon and your three member
committee went to Confederation Centre to meet with Mr.
Leslie Brown, the Commissioner General of Canada's Pavilion
of Expo '67 - I understand a \$21,000,000.00 project. We
spent about two hours with this gentleman who explained
the details of what Canada's contribution to this world's
fair would be. We had thought that there would be some type
of an exhibit that Yukon could have in this, however we
could see that this project was not in any way to portray
regional parts of Canada - rather the evolution of the past,
present and future, some in an abstract sense. This was
most informative, however, and we did request that Mr. Brown
visit the Yukon and address public meetings on this matter
and a tentative date was set for June 13, subject to further
arrangements with the Commissioner. I would like at this
time to acknowledge with appreciation the great assistance
and support this Committee received from the Minister of
Northern Affairs and his staff, particularly Mr. John Gordon
and Mr. Claire Bolger, as well as the help rendered by Mr.
Erik Nielsen to our cause. The Expo '67 people were most
helpful and co-operative and will be advising us later
of what can be arranged for us at Expo '67. This is signed
by myself and Mr. Taylor as the representatives. That is
the report as made out, however I think that possibly, if
Council so wishes, that this can be discussed further during
Committee and there is no doubt that you will have many
questions to ask and possibly we could add a lot more in-
formation. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution

Mr. Speaker continues:
this morning? Have we any Notices of Motion for the
Production of Papers? We have one Motion, I believe,
Motion No. 43, Mr. Watt, Metropolitan Planning Committee.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that this
be deferred - not necessarily to Committee but deferred
to another day until the Whitehorse Councillors become
familiar with it.

Mr. Speaker: That's fine. Have we any questions this
morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have just one question, directed
to the Administration, is it the intention of the Canadian
Broadcasting Corporation to install a low powered relay
transmitter station at Swift River this year? QUESTION # 25

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Are there any
further questions?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I have a question that possibly
the Clerk could answer or if he can't, the Commissioner
probably could...if you would like to invite the Commissioner..

Mr. Commissioner is invited into the Council Chambers.

Mr. Watt: The question I have is concerning lots that
will be up for sale, or will likely be up for sale, in
Lot 19. I have had several inquiries in the last week
of how a person could put their name down for the lot,
where do they go and are you accepting names now or have
you got it set up?

Mr. Commissioner: No, Mr. Speaker, there is nothing set
up as yet. On this same point, I would like, possibly at
this time, if the Members of Council could meet in my
office tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock and we could have
a little discussion on this Lot 19. There have been two
or three points that have come up that I would like to
discuss with Council before we proceed on the matter, but
there is nothing established yet as to the time or the
area of lots involved.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Taylor: Is this just the Whitehorse Councillors or
all Members of Council?

Mr. Commissioner: No, Mr. Speaker, I would like all
Members of Council, if possible.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions? Oh, yes,
we have the matter of Mr. Isser Smith in relation to the
Corrections Program. Mr. Smith is now in Whitehorse.
Would it please the Council if we met with the gentleman
at two o'clock this afternoon?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen? That
completes the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, as you noted this morning in the Report of the Committee who did go down to Montreal, there were some matters that should be brought to the attention of Council at the earliest possible moment. I notice this morning the presence of Mr. Commissioner in Council and I was wondering if possible if this morning we could go a little further into this report and the matters contained in respect of it. I would at this time move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers, Motions and, more particularly, the first matter being our trip to Expo.

MOTION TO GO INTO COMMITTEE

Mr. Watt: I second that, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess until we get organized, gentlemen.

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Mr. Southam: I will now call this Committee to order. We have Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor back from Montreal, looking quite hearty, and also the Commissioner, so if you have any questions to ask these gentlemen, it is now open for discussion.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as Councillor Shaw pointed out in his report, one aspect which I think I would like to raise at this time...I think Mr. Commissioner has some further information on it...was, of course, how the Territory could participate in Expo and we had a great deal of discussion on this subject. It was found that to have anything sizable, were it available, it would cost us something in the neighborhood of a minimum of \$200,000.00 and up to several million dollars. The lateness of the program and the availability of space prohibited this and also we felt that if we were going to spend \$200,000.00 somewhere, we could best spend it in the Klondike itself. We asked the Expo people if they would make us up what we might call a shopping list and let us know just what we could do, how we could publicize the Yukon, its past, its present and its future in Expo so that we could have a display there with the other Provinces of Canada, and they have endeavoured to do so. The only suggestion I heard - straight from the top of everybody's head at this meeting - was that possibly we could put a shelter or something in a park area and this could be done at a minimal cost. I believe that since then another piece of information has come in as to what we could do there which I believe Mr. Commissioner may be able to enlighten us on. One thing that we made abundantly clear was that we didn't have the resources available for any major expenditure, and if there was to be any major expenditure, of course, it should be here in the Yukon; however, if they could find something that was reasonable in price, we would most certainly give it active consideration and bring it back before Council for their consideration. I think this is about all I can say on this at this particular moment. I might also say, at this particular moment, that it is well to note that the Minister of Northern Affairs and the Northern Affairs Department have assured us that they will give us every reasonable support in our endeavours to protect the interests of the Yukon in this respect and also to help us along in Expo...to what degree, we don't know because we really don't know how much money we are talking about. I wonder, Mr.

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Chairman, if at this time Mr. Commissioner could enlighten TO EXPO us on the more recent events in respect of Expo '67?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on either Thursday or Friday, I'm not sure which, Mr. John Gordon, the Assistant Deputy Minister, phoned me and said that he had just been in recent contact with Mr. Blanchard, the Senior Projects Supervisor of the Exhibits Branch of Expo, and Mr. Blanchard informed him that they had located an area on MacKay pier. Now this will mean more to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor than it does to any of the rest of us. It's what they call Habitat '67 apparently...in the main entrance... there are little...small shops..I think they are called boutiques down there...they are just a little shop that has four hundred square feet of space to each unit. At the present time, they could make four of these available to the Yukon Territory for a display of whatever the Yukon Territory decided they wanted to display - historical items, minerals, tourism, etc., etc. Now these units, if the Yukon was to take four of them, the rent for them for the duration of Expo would be \$8,000.00. To decorate them - the decorations would be done by the Expo decorators...their specialists down there and they wouldn't want us to send down decorators of our own...but we would send the material and the Expo decorators would set the material up...and this would cost an additional \$8,000.00; and then for staffing and material shipping and so on, it was estimated that an additional \$8,000.00 on top of that. So, we are looking at \$24,000.00, \$25,000.00 for these four units, four hundred square feet per unit. Mr. Gordon asked that this information be passed on. The Council can discuss it and see what they have in mind. I think...he also mentioned, as Mr. Taylor did, that there was apparently some discussion there as to the advantage that would be gained, if any, by the Yukon displaying, or putting on any display, at Expo. This is basically Eastern traffic and Eastern trade down there and that very little of that would probably filter up to the Yukon Territory. In other words, on a comparative basis, the money might better be spent in the Yukon or in the Klondike itself, or in promoting the Klondike up in the Yukon Territory. Mr. Blanchard has pointed out to Mr. Gordon that it is imperative that he be contacted and that we let him know within the week...that would be within the next three or four days...because there is a demand for these shops and he is anxious to know the feeling or the wishes of Council on this matter. He had hoped that it might have the opportunity to explain this to Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor, but he said that in the event that I don't, would you pass this information on to them and get an answer back as soon as possible.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we have run into a kind of a... let's put it this way...a situation whereby we have stopped Edmonton from putting on this Klondike display in Expo '67. What we have done is what we set out to do, but at the same time, we might also say that it is a negative type of approach. It has put us in the position, more or less, that we will have to take a positive approach to this and put something in as far as the Yukon is concerned. I just don't know at this time what we would do. There must be something that we could probably display for the Yukon, and I do think that it will have...it's fine for us...I think we should have an exhibition there. These exhibits are tremendously expensive. They have a pavilion...what they call a Western Pavilion...I don't know how many millions of dollars are in that, but it's a large complex and British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, I believe, have gone together on this exhibit so they can have

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Mr. Shaw continues:

a good show and a big deal within the...of the three Provinces. The Canadian exhibition for Canada is twenty-one million dollars, so to get space in this Expo deal, you don't talk about chicken feed - you talk about real hundreds and thousands of dollars. Edmonton's exhibition... of course that was kind of forced on them...I don't know how they will feel about it really...to have Fort Edmonton.. it will cost them \$200,000.00.. that's also in the West.. extreme West...in addition to what Alberta will be having... one municipality...so it appears to me that that figure is extremely reasonable and I do feel that we should go ahead and establish this Yukon booth down there among the boutiques. I do think, particularly in view of the fact that we have stopped Edmonton from this nefarious scheme of theirs, that we will need to go ahead and have some sort of an exhibit there. Now, while I am on my feet, I received a telephone call from...I was up in Dawson yesterday...I received it from Roy Minter in Vancouver, and he was telling me that he visited a friend of his in Toronto...a Travel Agent for the Canadian Government Travel Bureau...and he found out that Edmonton was going to display this Klondike theme in Macy's store in New York....I think for about \$2,000.00 a week for a two, three week stint. I haven't got all the details but it just shows you to what extent...and they are pretty well in the West too...to what extent Edmonton itself feels the value of this thing is...to have to go down there. I don't know all the ramifications but I believe the Government Travel Bureau is involved in this particular thing, however, he told me that he had contacted Mr. Dorbois who is in charge of it in New York and apparently put a stop to it. It has been stopped but it gives you an idea of what they think the value of this is and the extent they are going to try and get that before the travelling public...whether it is in New York...I think we will see them in London pretty soon doing the same thing...or in Paris if this continues or as far east as they can get now so when you assess what they consider the value of this perhaps we can assess the fact that maybe we have something that we should also continue with. Take this positive attitude and go ahead with this Yukon exhibit. We can represent many things but that will have to be decided.

Mr. Boyd: It's all very nice. I would like to see it all happen, but we have troubles within our own homes...within our own shores here, and if we are going to stand here and talk like we are doing with the possibility of somebody throwing a monkey wrench in it right within our own Territory, we are going to look pretty foolish. We have already been described in writing to the extent...in so many words that we don't give a hoorah about the Territorial Council, we are going to do it our way anyhow. If we have got this kind of thing going on in this Yukon, that's the first place to start as far as I am concerned and get ourselves so that either we, as a Yukon, are going to handle the situation and fight it all the way or if it's going to be some splinter group that is going to ignore the rest of us, butting in behind the scenes shall we say and so on, then it's time we knew about this. I would certainly hate to sit here and pass judgment on spending a lot of money and then have somebody come along and say "I have made a deal with the Edmonton Klondike Association" or whatever they call themselves and "we are going to do this this way". Can we get any clarification on this so that we know where we are going?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in this respect, we are speaking RE TRIP really of two different things here. Our participation in TO EXPO Expo would be to display not the Klondike alone but the Territory and all it holds for the future, what it was in the past and what it is in the present. This was our initial thinking. Regardless of this battle over the Klondike, this is another item which I might say we are winning and winning very well. This is a subject of other consideration. With respect to Dawson, our flight up there, I think, bore some fruit yesterday. Still, we find, that the majority of people in Dawson are quite well behind us. There are just a few individuals who for one reason or another don't completely understand the situation, but I have every confidence in the world that these people will swing their support in behind us and now that we have had a chance to get together with them and explain what is going on. With respect to Expo '67, what we foresee here is a means of transmitting to all these millions and millions of people who will go through Expo this year what the Yukon is, its historical past, which involves itself basically around the Klondike, and also its development of its resources in that particular aspect...its future...what the Yukon is today...its present and its future...what we foresee for the Yukon tomorrow. In order to consider what type of display we should place in Expo '67, we must think of the main theme of the whole exhibition and that is called "Man and His World". I really think that we can go into Expo. It may be that we don't have to take four boutiques. Possibly we could take two and thereby cutting our projected costs in two...getting it down to a figure that we could very capably handle...or three...but it seems to me that, if with the co-operation of the Expo people, they would permit us to say, in one of these boutiques, to...possibly we could sell native crafts. We could give away resource products such as pieces of ore. This is always something the traveller is interested in...little pieces of asbestos or silver lead or something but, at the same time, display what we have to offer here in the Yukon and we will get this money back tenfold, resulting in the interest generated in people who come to the Yukon to either look at it as a Tourist or to invest in it as an industrialist, or to come here and live and join us in developing the population of the Yukon Territory and its general development. So, just right off the top of our head, people who are displaying their products from all over the world...Belgium...down through the Provinces of Canada...even a few municipalities in Canada such as the City of Edmonton, have given a year's thought to this and, unfortunately, we were somewhat left out and we have only got a year to go and we are just picking up...I don't think it's a decision we can make just right now. I would like to suggest that possibly a means of coping with this would be to appoint a three-man Committee of Council to take under immediate advisement, due to the time problem that the Commissioner has outlined, possibly this noon hour or this evening, to get together and go into this and come up with some kind of an idea of what we can present in Expo. What the projected costs would be, confer with the Commissioner who would then confer with the Expo people. Find out if it is permissible to do this and come up with something...some sort of a firm plan to Council for its acceptance or rejection. How would this sound, Mr. Chairman?

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I asked a question...a simple question...and I got a lecture on Expo and what it all means across the world to the people. I am not satisfied to be diverted. We have a problem and I want to discuss this problem before we start talking about spending a huge pile of money. First of all, we can advertise all we like... we haven't got space to take care of the tourists in the first place - none, unless he brings his own bed with him. You are fighting the word "Klondike"...the use of it. This is what the whole fight is about and if we are going to continue on this basis and advertise.....this has now turned into a gimmick of advertising the Yukon down in the Montreal exhibition. This is not the fight. We can always do this anytime we like. The fight is to get Edmonton to stop using the word "Klondike" and what I am trying to find out is are there two groups - one who is, at this very minute, contemplating dealing with the Edmonton crowd with a view to obtaining money from them in order to restore Dawson City. If we have this kind of a situation going, then we had better wait and see what they do or else we had better stop it. We should do one thing or the other. We should not be trying to do both and be led down the garden path by sending a whole lot of money to Montreal right now and then undo the very thing we are trying to do.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I thought I got my point across that.....

Mr. Boyd: You didn't.

Mr. Taylor:that the Committee on the Klondike might be somewhat related...but they are two entirely different subjects. One is Yukon. Now, if you want to change this discussion from Expo and discuss the Klondike battle, I would be quite agreeable because we have got lots of things to discuss there. I thought we could discuss one thing at a time. In relation to Dawson, I thought I made it quite clear that we were given every indication that the City of Dawson is right behind us. There are a few individuals as I am sure could be found in the City of Whitehorse who would, no doubt, not necessarily be behind this thing. You find this in anything you do or any endeavour. You find this anywhere, but Dawson are behind us. Now, if one organization decide they wish to take on a project of some sort or manner, this is not going to detract from our cause. You are talking in terms of a few individuals from Watson Lake, or a few individuals from Whitehorse, or Mayo, or Dawson, deciding that they are going to go and ask Edmonton to participate in rebuilding a building. This is fine. This is wonderful. This has no bearing on this. The majority of people in the Yukon Territory are solidly behind this and, as I said before, we are winning this battle. Whatever they do is going to have no bearing.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear you say those words, Mr. Taylor. If it wasn't very important, why did you elect to make a special trip with a special plane to Dawson City yesterday? It must have been important. It was important then. Now it's not important. Let's get down and face this thing. You don't want to face the facts. If you went up there and you had a meeting, you should be able to come back here and say "No, everything is in order. They are not going to go ahead and deal with Dantzer and his crowd". Fine, I would listen to you, but you have come back here and you can't say one thing or the other after making the plane trip which was important. Today it's not important. I'm not going to get up on this subject any more. You can discuss it any way you like as the Councillors see fit, but I am not prepared to

Mr. Boyd continues:
discuss this Montreal deal until we have our own little
house tidied up...get the cockroaches out of the woodwork.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of this, I might just say that we felt it important enough to go up there because we haven't had the opportunity by reason of time to get there. We have to be in Council here. We have not the time to go there. The only way we could make it possible was to fly, which we did. We got down. We met those people and found out what their thinking was. We let them know what our thinking was and I think that everything came out wonderfully well. This is what I am trying to get across to Committee today. As I say, there might be one or two people who might never agree. There are people who become so obstinate that even though what they are doing is wrong, they won't give in. What will result out of this, who will know. It might be weeks before we will ever know, however, it is not going to seriously effect the program that the Territory has undertaken at this time.

Mr. Shaw: I think that Government policy is Government policy. Usually Government policy is something that the majority of the people believe in, and it doesn't matter where you are located, you will always get a group that decides to go on a tangent in another direction. You have Ban the Bomb Movements. You have Stop Viet Nam Movements and you have.....it doesn't matter what you have...what effort man has, there is always a group that wants to go in a different direction. These people may have a different way of looking at the situation. We do have a problem, as Councillor Boyd has mentioned, whereas people of the Yukon Territory are pretty well unanimous in a certain effort, however there is one group in a very strategic location that has decided to go on another tangent...or it seems as though they have decided to go on another tangent. They are a very, very small group, quite vociferous. Maybe we are considering this all out of proportion to what it may do. We made this trip to make sure, if possible, that these people were well acquainted with what had been done...that there would be no question of lack of communication...to inform them fully and hope that by this message that we were giving that they would see it perhaps in a different direction. I am sure I can't, or Councillor Taylor, say, what the results will be. We have explained everything very carefully and so far, in any group where we explain the thing as thoroughly as we have done, the people come along to our type of thinking because it was logical. We gave them the whole picture and they were not left out so they saw it that way. We hope that the results of this will be favourable. We have been given every indication that that is the case, but we can't promise anything. I can't promise anything what any Council Member here is going to do. I would think that they might do this and I might be mistaken. This Expo deal that we are referring to is a different matter. This is something for us to display the Yukon to about thirty million people, I think, at a cut-rate price. Every Province in the Dominion of Canada is represented in Expo '67 and I see no reason why we should not have a similar... well not such a grand scheme...they have spent millions of dollars. All the Maritime Provinces have gone together. Ontario and Quebec, they have their own exhibition, but the other Provinces have collectively gone together on a real millions of dollars display, and here we are talking about \$25,000.00 or so to display the Yukon

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Mr. Shaw continues:

Territory. I don't think that we can object to that. At least we will be represented. Council Members from time to time have said that the Yukon Territory is left out of this and left out of that and left out of the other thing. That is quite right. Now we have an opportunity to get in. I think it's good, but I do not see how this has any bearing or connection to this other little internal squabble. I would say that this is something we are going to show these thirty million people...if they all go in this boutique, of course...what the Yukon Territory is. It doesn't have to be any particular thing. I think it should be something that covers everything that we have in the Territory. It should include the past and the present and what we hope for the future. This is "Man and Its World". We will show what man has accomplished in this large Northern part of Canada that has no representation down there. I think we should. It is quite important. I feel we are just as important to Canada as these other Provinces are. We haven't got the same amount of affluence at this time, but we will have. We have the resources. Let's tell the people what we have got. I think it is a very good idea.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order, and Mr. Taylor, I believe that you wished to speak.

Mr. Taylor: In respect to this, there is one thing that we have to think of in respect to Expo, and that is time. As Re: Expo the Commissioner has pointed out we have got to do a lot of footwork in a short period of time and in order to consolidate information, I had suggested that a three-man committee be set up and in their spare time work on this, it is very important. We have got to set up communication between Expo, the Commissioner, and this committee, if it is formed and as to what we are allowed to do and what we aren't allowed to do in Expo. There are some very rigid rules set down at Expo and these are set up by the World Exhibition Association which affects all world fairs no matter where they are held in the world, and, of course, there are rigid rules set down by Expo themselves. I think in the space of two or three days the committee, if they stay with it, can come out with something concrete as far as cost goes and a concept which may lend itself to Expo '67 and a design to give us the utmost benefit of that exhibition. I would leave this for the consideration of Council.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to keep jumping up and down like an elevator. Mr. Taylor has made a suggestion and one thing I would like to say, and that is that it has merit. One person I would like to ask, Mr. Commissioner knows a lot of the administration of this type of thing and what is going on and I would like to get his opinion on the setting up of such a committee and it's usefulness. Mr. Boyd had a question a while ago and I think it was a question that was well put and was a question that deserves consideration and with respect to it I was very concerned myself. I thought that there was some contention to what we were doing here and some of the members of the municipality of Dawson City. So, I phoned the Mayor up there and he assured me that as far as, speaking of Mayor, that what we were doing was okay. We are not doing anything contrary to Dawson's wishes and he said that there was a little lack of communication on our part and so this is why the motion was put in by Mr. MacKinnon and myself to invite him down here and he was invited. There was a further motion that we invite him to Montreal, which I think was right and fair and I don't think that we don't have their support. I don't feel that if there are several individuals that are not in agreement with what Council is doing----I feel that we have the support as those elected representatives of the people. So, I have every confidence in what we are doing right now and I feel that as far as the other elected representatives in the Territory and in the municipality of Whitehorse, and the member of the House of Commons, we are supported. I would like to ask the Commissioner how much good could this three man committee do.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have no feelings about a three-man or a seven-man committee, or any size of committee. I think that it certainly has merit and I would just like to receive some indication from Council what their wishes are on the subject and I will make contact with Expo. I am going on the assumption that money can be made available, we have had assurance from the Minister that he would recognize supplementary estimates for what the government felt was necessary in order to combat the Klondike days in Edmonton and also to put any display in Expo. So, I am

Commissioner Cameron continues.....
just pretty well leaving it up to Council. Whatever they suggest or recommend I would certainly take it under consideration. I am afraid that I know little of the operations of Expo, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Shaw know a lot more about it than I do.

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Mr. Watt: This was the point that I was partly concerned with, the money part. Mr. Shaw had said that Ottawa had offered the financial support and you have used a figure of roughly \$24,000 and you must have pretty well have the assurance of Ottawa that that figure has been approved. I think that the suggestion put forward by the speaker and the Commissioner to me sound very reasonable and I think it sounds like a good idea.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, depending on what the committee wishes to do...well I think that we have reached a point in our discussion where we must either consider appointing a committee to get together with the Commissioner and fire back an answer to Expo a request on information as to what we are permitted to do and what we can't do and do a cost analysis of this thing. If we are going to do it as a committee as a whole then I think that time should be made available following the corrections program. If we are going to select a committee for this purpose then we could get at it right at one this afternoon and get started on this avenue of communication and start exploring all the possibilities.

Mr. Boyd: If we are talking about \$24,000, is this a gross figure for expenditure for the project, and I would like to ask Commissioner Cameron, does he think that this figure will display man's move in this Yukon adequately?

Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the information that I passed on was information passed on to me verbally by Mr. John Gordon and these booths that he refers to, four of them can be made available if we act fast, but as was mentioned here possibly we would only require two or three. They are \$2,000 per unit and the other figure of \$8,000 is for decorating and \$8,000 for material and staff, and here again it is just an estimate. Whether it would be more or less would be anyone's guess but the main point is that up until we were offered this we were looking at a figure of a quarter of a million dollars because in the Western Canada Pavilion you must pretty well guarantee a display of a minimum of \$200,000. This is why they called us on it and this is more in line with our available finances. The Minister has assured us that he would recognize supplementary estimates in the amount of \$25,000 or \$30,000 or \$40,000, this is a price range that we can afford, that we can handle and that would be approved by Ottawa.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, to make a long story short, I am not against the Montreal deal, I am against getting my throat cut by someone else making us look very foolish. Why not turn it over to administration and tell them to go ahead.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the administration are going to require the direction of Council in respect to this. We have got to sit down and consider what is involved in this and what we can put in. For instance, if we say took two boutiques, possibly in one we could sell Yukon type souvenirs and Native

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crafts and at the same type display our history, our Klondike, and what we have to offer. Possibly as a centerpiece we could have a movie screen with the changing scenes or slides. And, possibly, another one, the Chamber of Mines could offer displays on our industrial opportunities and potentials, our present industry and what we hope for the future. With this type of committee I think that we could resolve this in a matter of a few days.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, if we could get two of these booths, that would be two booths possibly the size of this room. This could be a nice display and there is a problem of what we could display in there and how and why and when but I think at this time it would be the time to accept the principles of what we shall display and whether we go along with this thing. All the details couldn't possibly be taken up here because there has to be quite a committee set up somewhere as to what we will exhibit in this particular building and all the many details that are involved cannot take a week. What this committee must decide is whether we shall go in for this or not. If we say we will then we will have to get the particulars later on. I was in the discussions with the gentlemen down there and it seemed like we were talking about \$60,000 or \$70,000 at the very minimum but now this particular project for \$25,000, I think you could say \$35,000, that is something that is going to deviate, but I do think that if the committee could approve the fact that we should have a display down there and around the price quoted, I think that would give us the vehicle to start getting further information and work out further details.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that I haven't made a motion but I think that Mr. Shaw's suggestion is good and I think that if the committee was set up as Mr. Taylor suggested, that they could look into the amount of money needed and discuss it with administration and set up something to come back with. I would like to make a motion, I move that a committee of three be appointed to assist the administration in setting up a display in the boutique at Expo '67.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that.

Mr. Watt: I would like to suggest to the standing committee that the two members that went to Montreal are familiar with the set up and I think that they should be on the committee.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in talking on the motion, I think it would be nice if we had a four man committee rather than a three man committee. If Mr. Taylor and myself are both on the committee I think that a couple more members of Council would be more appropriate.

Mr. Southam: Would you please take the chair, Mr. Thompson. Speaking on the motion, and partly on the boutique, I think that it is time that we forget about the Klondike theme, shall we say. This thing has to cover the Yukon from stem to gudgeon. Now, I understand, and have understood from the start, that there is a small delegation from Dawson that is against us. But, by far and large, the whole Territory is behind us, I think. I think, too, that we should try and get some ideas from the different communities as to what they would

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 like to see in their little wigwams down there....I forget what that little French word is. Anyway, the thing is that we are all going to have different ideas and we are not all going to be exactly agreeable to everything that goes on, we know that. But, we as a Yukon Territory should have something. I believe, too, that it will cost \$50,000, not \$25,000. Even if it costs \$50,000 and you achieve your ends it is small potatoes really. This is the thing, we either do this or go home. The other can go on, but I am quite agreeable to the motion and I certainly think that we should have something in Expo just the same as everybody else. I notice that on this pen that they have there is no Yukon and quite frequently I see something else where they do not have the Yukon plate and I think it is about time they knew that there was a Yukon. I will take the chair back Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, the Commissioner is quite good at picking committees and he can call them when he feels like it. What is he going to do when he wants to call a meeting of the committee and, say, the two gentlemen from Montreal, with all do respect, they are 600 miles apart. Why does it have to be a member of the Territorial Councillor? There are all kinds of material and it might be in the interest of the public to let some of the citizens sit on this committee.

Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, just to clarify Mr. Boyd's remarks, I believe it is essential that it be a Territorial Council committee at this time. Once we agree to the setting up of this booth or one or two or three or four for display and have the basic questions answered, then I am quite prepared as administration to set the wheels in operation and I don't think that it is a case of having a committee meet every few months between now and Expo. It is just a case of all the Council having their thinking clear on the financial involvement and so that when it comes up in the supplementary estimates that it won't be a pretentious issue. After that it is just a course of an exchange of correspondence as the questions arise and so on. I think that if this committee is picked we could meet in my office tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and we can come up in a few moments with a number of questions we would like to ask and I will call up Mr. Blanchard and say this is what we would like to know, etc. As I said in the beginning, they have their own decorators and we are not allowed to set up the displays as we want them, we supply the material and they set it up. They are professionals at it so we are not involved in that part of it. When it comes to staff they will let us know how many and we will have to take care of that. The reason I would like to have a Council committee is to establish the principle and get the thing going.

Mr. Taylor: In addition to that I was going to arise to point out that we went into particular detail of our participation and the possibility and naturally Council will not be sitting. In the brief period we have left we must set up the terms of reference and generally speaking allow the administration and Expo committee to go ahead. In considering this, we felt that many members in administration wear many hats and we felt that possibly that the Administrative Assistant could adopt the hat of co-ordinator. This is what I thought we could do.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I move the committee be changed to be four of the Council consisting of Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, and the movers of the motion, Mr. Watt and Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. Taylor: I second it.

Mr. MacKinnon: I believe that Mr. Boyd is far more capable than myself and you might have to get these members together when I am away out at Canyon Creek and Mr. Boyd lives right here in Whitehorse. I think he is very very capable and I would like to withdraw my appointment and suggest Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd: You are going to be in Council Mr. MacKinnon while this thing is all settled. You are not going to get out for awhile.

Mr. Thompson: I second that motion.

Mr. Watt: I would gladly accept that position on that committee as I think I have had a very successful history on the committees here, but there are only five evenings this week and I have only one off and I have promised to take my wife to a tea for the first time in years. We have already two meetings with the Commissioner at noon hour and on Wednesday I have a Chamber of Commerce meeting. I know we are all busy but if I am on that it will have to be after midnight. I think that Mr. Shaw, in suggesting it, he may think that we think that they are monopolizing it. This is not it at all. They are two people who know a lot about the actual site and location and all in Montreal and are more knowledgeable than all of us. They have been doing a good job so far and I don't see why they can't carry on. I think Mr. MacKinnon has made a good suggestion, I know that Mr. Boyd is certainly cost conscious and he would help keep the cost in our range and I would like to add my weight to Mr. MacKinnon's suggestion that Mr. Boyd be included on this three man committee. It would certainly satisfy me.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I have a motion and an amendment to the motion before the House and we will deal with the amendment first.

Mr. Shaw: In so far as Mr. MacKinnon has declined there isn't too much point in putting it to a motion.

Mr. Thompson: Question on the amendment.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Thompson that the amendment to the motion be a committee of four consisting of Councillors Shaw, Watt, MacKinnon and Taylor as members.

Mr. Watt: Mr. MacKinnon has declined and I suggest the condition that if I sit on it it will have to be midnight and I suggest that somebody else be appointed in my place. I think that the amendment to the motion doesn't mean anything simply because Mr. MacKinnon has declined and I can't accept it. I would like to withdraw and it would save some confusion on this.

Mr. Southam: Are you willing to withdraw this amendment Mr. Boyd?

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Mr. Boyd: Yes, I will withdraw the motion in as much as the parties whose names appear won't be available and I would also say that you call question on the original motion.

Mr. Thompson: I would like it adamantly understood that there are more periods in the day than tea time and supper meetings. There are times in the morning and as Mr. Boyd said this committee will be meeting while Council is still in session. So, I think that there is no excuse for not sitting on it, but if this is what the participants want than by all means.

Mr. Southam: The amendment is withdrawn gentlemen. It has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that a committee of three be appointed to assist the administration in setting up the boutique for Expo '67. Are you ready for the question gentlemen? Are you agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried.

Motion Carried

Mr. Watt: To finish the effect of the motion now, Mr. Chairman, there were no names mentioned and there had been some discussion. I don't want to shirk my duty but I think I have fulfilled my duties and I suggest that the three members mentioned be appointed. I move that Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Boyd be the committee to meet with the administration.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second it.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Mr. Shaw, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Boyd be the committee set up to work with the administration in discussing this boutique at Expo '67. Question? Agreed? Motion carried.

Mr. Boyd: Thank you.

Mr. Southam: Have we any further need of the Commissioner at this time gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: I just had one question, I am wondering now if the Commissioner feels that it is necessary at this particular moment that he contact Expo or does he think that tomorrow morning is early enough?

Commissioner: I think that tomorrow morning is early enough gentlemen.

Mr. Southam: You may be excused Mr. Cameron. What is your pleasure gentlemen? It has been suggested we get on with some sessional papers. Are you agreed?

Agreed.

Sessional Paper #63 Motion #32

Mr. Southam: First will be Sessional Paper #63 - Motion #32 Search and Rescue.

Clear.

Mr. Watt: I was just saying, wouldn't it save time if you just read the title?

Mr. Taylor: I think there is one involvement and they have to be read if they are to be discussed. This is a procedure we are bound by.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #64, re Mr. Brooks from the National Parks Branch. Sessional Paper #64

Clear

Mr. Taylor: I would like to suggest two o'clock.

Mr. Boyd: Why not 10:30?

Mr. Taylor: Maybe this can be decided on orders or the day this afternoon.

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #65 - Question #4. Sessional Paper #65

Mr. Taylor: It sure took a long time to get this reply, well over a month and the reply to me seems to be sort of a negative one. First of all, it states that attached memorandum and I can see no attached memorandum. Maybe that should be provided at the earliest possible moment. Number two, is that "it is suggested that he be informed that that Alaska Ferry System cannot be regarded as an extended highway." Well, the immediate question should be "why not". This could have been and should have been provided. Maybe it is in the attached memorandum and thirdly, where they state "you might provide him with Part 13 of the Canada Shipping Act". Votes and Proceedings will show that we were in deed quoting that. I think that this sessional paper is quite inconclusive and incomplete and the matter is of sufficient import to require further information and I would like to see this stand on the order paper until the information is provided. I would like to ask Mr. Clerk if he can endeavor to obtain this information for us?

Mr. Southam: Will you do that Mr. Clerk?

Clerk: Yes, I can Mr. Chairman.

Agreed

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #66. Sessional Paper #66

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #67 - Question #17 Sessional Paper #67

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #68. Sessional Paper #68

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Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper #69. Sessional Paper #69

Clear.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen I would like to call a noon recess. We will reconvene at two o'clock.

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Monday, May 2, 1966.
2:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order. We will discuss Vote 17, the new revised version, Corrections Program. We have Mr. Isser Smith and Mr. Hawthorne with us. The first is 1701 Probation Service, \$80,716.00. VOTE 17

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, to start this off, this correctional institution is going to be one building. Is that correct?

Mr. Smith: Yes, there is one building. There is also a camp

Mr. Shaw: A mobile camp, but apart from that, one building. We have one building and we have five clerks in this one building.

Mr. Smith: No, the Probation Services will not be in the building. The Probation Services are not in the institution.

Mr. Shaw: Five clerks. That's a tremendous amount of clerical help. I don't know. To me, it's a fantastic amount of wages.

Mr. Smith: Would you like me to break it down for you?

Mr. Shaw: Yes, I see it's broken down. That's the point. We have it broken down in so many categories and you require a Superintendent and a clerk for every category. Is there any possible way that you could get these things into one Administrative force in the building without having all this. For example, medium security, minimum security. It would appear to me one superintendent should be capable of superintending both those places. \$300,000.00 to look after...the maximum will be seventy prisoners.

Mr. Smith: As far as your clerks are concerned, first of all I should point out that the Probation Services and the people that are in the Probation Services are not in any way connected with the Medium Security Institution. They will not be in the Medium Security Institution. The Medium Security Institution is an institution. Probation is not an institution. Included in the Probation Services, there is also...and perhaps it shouldn't be...it should be separate...a Director of Corrections who is yet to be hired. This person will run the entire show....Probation...Medium Security....Minimum...Juvenile... everything in correction. It happens to be in the Probation establishment. The Director is in there and a Clerk-Typist is in there for his use. He will be a department head and he will have a Clerk-Typist for his use. We then have a Clerk-Typist and a General Clerk for Probation as such....Probation being a service which primarily is involved with seeing people, keeping the records...a lot of records...paper work...in relation to the Court. There is a lot of typing to be done. Reports take fifty percent of a Probation Officer's time.... preparing pre-sentence reports for Court. The other half of his time is spent on supervising and counselling the probationers who are assigned to him. There is a lot of documentation and papers to be kept. This requires a clerical staff to do this. In the Medium Security Institution, there is one Clerk-Typist. The same in the Minimum. As far as the question whether one superintendent can run two institutions, I suppose it is possible. Anything is possible. You have one superintendent running an Institution in Michigan where they have an Institution for six thousand or seven thousand inmates in the one Institution. There is only one superintendent. What else he has in the way of staff is something else again. He practically has a staff underneath him which would practically fill half of Whitehorse, but there is one man at the top. Now, these two

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Mr. Smith continues:

Institutions, the Mobile Camp which is, in fact, in its operation, a separate entity completely. As a superintendent, you handle almost as many inmates in a camp as you do in the Institution. The responsibility is equal. You have two superintendents to run them. They are separated. They are administratively separated. Both Superintendents, the Chief Probation Officer, are responsible to the Director of Corrections. This is the general structure of the Department. I don't feel that the clerical help that is required for the Department...this is for the whole Department now...is excessive. In fact, if anything, it is probably bare bones. Certainly one Clerk-Typist working in a Medium Security Institution, looking after all the typing for the Business Manager, the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and other staff who have anything to be done, is pretty slim pickings. Now, that's as I see it.

Mr. Shaw: I see they have a Doctor, a Medical Officer. We are going to pay him \$10,000.00 a year. That's more than we pay the Medical Health Officer for Dawson and Mayo together.

Mr. Smith: Where's the \$10,000.00 figure?

Mr. Shaw: Medium Security, Medical Officer, One-Third Salary, \$5,000.00. Medical Officer, Two Thirds Salary, \$5,000.00.

Mr. Smith: Well, the going rate for a Doctor on full-time basis, would be about \$10,000.00. We will need a Medical Officer, a Doctor, part time, to cover Medium Security and Minimum Security Institutions and eventually a Juvenile one in due course. This is where the figure comes in. Now, the actual amount for the year is the amount of time that he will actually be spending. This will probably have to be on contract basis with your Doctor in the Community...someone here who will be available. You have seventy people in two Institutions working and involved, who may get ill...sick one way or another...and they, by law, require medical care and attention when you take them in. This is what you need is a Doctor on a half time basis to provide the medical services which the total complex will need. Now, you won't need him half time this year because it's not going to be in operation for the full half year...for the Medical Officer so this will probably be on a contract, done with the Doctor in your Community - not a separately hired person.

Mr. Watt: I would just like to ask...you said there would be seventy people. Would that mean the number of students in both the Medium Security and Minimum Security, plus the Probation. Are these the seventy you mean, or do you mean employees too?

Mr. Smith: No, I am not talking about employees. Seventy would be correct for your sentenced offenders. Actually it will be more than that. It will be seventy-five inmates... just inmates alone...in the two institutions. This does not include Probation where the people on probation are not in the Institution. They are at home or wherever they are.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, at the present moment, have we got about seventy-five people that are in and out of jail? Would you say right now we have fifty, sixty, seventy, seventy-five people that are serving sentences?

Mr. Smith: No, but we are not building the Institution just for today. We don't want to build another one next year.

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Mr. Shaw: What I mean, Mr. Chairman, is that we are setting up all these jobs and I would say fairly high paid jobs. If we have only got twenty people in there, we will still have all those jobs filled for \$300,000.00.

Mr. Smith: According to the last R.C.M.P. figures that I saw...last year's figures I think...they figured their daily population in the Yukon at about twenty-nine per day and this is going up...climbing. Taking into account the population and the climb, we are building the Institution so we don't have to build again in another couple of years. You have the Institution there. This takes into account that the current population is anywhere from thirty to forty inmates as things are now and eventual growth of the population and the increase in the use of the facilities so that you could handle up to a maximum of seventy. I would say that I couldn't foresee anywhere in the future ever having to build a Medium Security Institution again in the Territory. I could see more camps eventually, in due course, as the population grows, but not a Medium Security Institution. Now, having said that, you come to the point where there is a minimum below which you can't go in the way of staffing. It wouldn't matter whether you had seventy inmates for the Doctor to look after, or whether you had one hundred and fifty inmates for the Doctor to look after, you are going to need the Doctor on a half-time basis for that period of time and you have to pay him for that. This is just one example. You can't go below a certain level. A person can do so much. It is the same thing with staff. There is a limit below which you can't go. The number of staff here can handle more inmates if necessary, without increasing staff, but you can't have any less.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, that was what I was getting at. We are talking about right now. This type of approach, I think it's quite fine to go along....it's been advocated for many years...and I am quite prepared to go along with it and it could be quite good. I would say that we will be giving it a try for a few years to see what we think of it. Getting down to the practical part of it, we have approximately twenty-nine or thirty people that are in the can... in the jail now...for various and sundry offences. From my observations, it would appear to me...I may be incorrect... it would appear to me that possibly the larger percentage of that twenty-nine are due to alcohol problems in one form or other...getting drunk...hitting a police officer...knifing their neighbors...and minor stuff like that...that this jail...this institution...I do not think will cure alcoholics, not to my impression. That is recognized more or less as a disease. The fact that they have kept them there for six months, the first thing they do when they go out is go and get drunk...if not the first week, it will be the second. However, we are setting up for seventy people. We expect to have it full so we are getting all these supervisors and deputy supervisors and superintendents and deputy superintendents and it's a tremendous load to accept all in one wallop. For a start, we have a superintendent of Medium Security and a Superintendent of Minimum Security. It would appear to me that the superintendent...that's the highest paid man...that's the man at the top...\$11,550.00.. that with these few inmates that we have, that it is possible to have that fellow look after the Medium and the Minimum Security so, therefore, we will cut out \$10,000.00 right there and so on along the line. In other words, to embark on employing all these people for a start, it would appear to me that we could maybe utilize the services of the Medium

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Security in the administrative part of it and put that onto the Minimum Security except, of course, where you have a camp and you must have a crew. It goes out with the camp. This is a tremendous payroll for what we have now. You could say that our payroll alone...and it's quite possible to go higher.. would be, say, \$10,000.00 per person, plus you have got to keep him, and you've got to build a jail, and you've got to feed him, and so on and it would probably come out to about \$20,000.00 a person. You could almost give an individual man each one of those \$5,000.00 a year and say "Stay on his tail and see that he behaves himself". I mean it is getting to such a fantastic price....that was what I was wondering. It seems to me, for a start, maybe we could go a little bit easier on this - maybe cut this down by a third at least.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can't agree with that because here we have got a four-point program and each one of these four pieces of what we generally call a Corrections Institution is a separate entity unto its own...as has been pointed out, the juvenile case...we haven't got into that yet. The Probation Service is one functioning unit. The Medium Security prison is another functioning unit and the Minimum Security is another one, and if you say we should have a Superintendent for Medium Security and Minimum Security, both being the same man, I can see where it just can't possibly work. You are going to have a Minimum Security Camp a hundred or three hundred miles away from your Medium Security Institution and if this fellow is expected to trot back and forth every second day between these two units, it's going to cost us blessed...well, more money than the salary we pay for a Superintendent. It just isn't conceivable that you could have one Superintendent on these two units. The nature of the units is such that it does require constant supervision.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I was just looking at the cost of it...basing it on thirty people. We have thirty people now. Now, we assume that we are going to make a better deal than this. We are not going to have so many. This is the object of this exercise, I believe, is to cut down the people that are in jail. We can utilize the Probation system and we are going to train these people so we should feel that we are going to reduce this average of thirty people, but if we just keep it as it is, without reducing it, it is going to cost us \$16,600.00 for every one of these people. Is that an acceptable figure for such a thing?

Mr. Smith: It's not acceptable to me because I can't accept the basis on which you arrive at it. First of all, I can't accept the fact that the purpose of our Correctional Institution is to reduce the number of people that go to jail. The purpose is to reduce the problem of crime and delinquency. It may not necessarily reduce the number of people that go to jail. You have any number of juveniles, for example, right now walking around the streets in Whitehorse because there are no facilities available for them to be anywhere else, and that's the only reason that they are not somewhere else. The same thing is true as far as your adult institutions are concerned. When you have the institutions, people who require the treatment will go to the institutions. Those who don't and who can take treatment and training in the Community will make use of the Probation Services which are available now and being expanded. I can't accept the idea that if our average daily population is thirty today and we bring in a program, we are going to reduce it. Your population is going to go up.....not your Institution population necessarily, but your population in the Yukon. We all agree that the Yukon is moving and going ahead. Your population

Mr. Smith continues:

is going to climb. Your crime rate across the country generally is going up...faster than the population climb, so don't expect the Corrections Program to perform miracles. It's not going to, but what it will do is tend to lessen the problems - at least this is what we hope it will do, but it's not going to cut down the number you have. You have thirty...if you put nothing in at all....you are going to have more next year and you will have more the year after and much more and so on, and you are still going to have more with the Institutions in. First, you are going to have more because you have the Institutions and you give the Courts and so on an opportunity to make use of facilities that don't exist now. The cost item - even taking the figure as given - or sixteen thousand something....you suggested I think, a moment ago, that it would be just as cheap to hire a man for each person and pay him \$5,000.00 and let him just watch him...all the time. You can't do it for \$5,000.00. You need three men a day to do this - three shifts. For \$5,000.00, you work eight hours a day so you need three of them and that comes to \$15,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Let them sleep.

Mr. Smith: Well, we hope that these people will sleep but the trouble is that they sometimes don't when they should be so it's not really a valid analysis that way. Actually, I think you have to look at it in terms of what it is costing the community now in terms of crime and delinquency, in direct costs and in indirect costs which are very hard to get at, and what we are proposing to do, in the overall picture, will reduce those costs, but you can't reduce it by reducing staff. That's the very heart of the program. The program without the proper staff to do it is a waste of time. The program is staff...properly trained staff who know their business. You can't have one Superintendent running an Institution here in Whitehorse and another Institution that might be anywhere from twenty-five to fifty to a hundred miles away or whatever...wherever it will be located from time to time. In Corrections, a Superintendent has to be on the spot for his tour of duty during the day and twenty-four hours a day. When things happen, he's got to be right there. He can't do it by remote control. When you have separated facilities, you need separated people to run them. The skills involved are different. What our work camps will do requires a different sort of a person to run it than what our Medium Security Institution will require. The person for that Medium Security Institution will have the training and background to do the proper job in treatment and rehabilitation. The person for the camp will have the proper training to run such a camp, to administer a program of positive work and to look after the adjuncts that go with it like academic upgrading and so on. These things cost money.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Smith, when we were in Ottawa previously, there were some of these points mentioned and we felt that the original prices that were given were rather exorbitant and we suggested that they be reduced by a third, but I notice that your adjusted figures don't quite come down that far, but in these overall figures for salary and everything, there is no mention of housing or things of this nature so that would lend me to believe that the overall costs for the program are going to be quite a bit more substantial than would appear on the surface. I would like to get one thing clear in my own mind now. I have been under the impression that we had a Probation, a Minimum Security, and a Medium Security Institution going up here. Now, I gather from you that this is strictly a Medium Security Institution and that the Minimum Security Institution will be

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"x" number of miles away in some other location. I am still trying to...you say we still have the juvenile to contend with and also Probation as well. We are talking about a hundred thousand dollars just between those two and am I correct in assuming that these will not be in this building that we are spending a million and a half on?

Mr. Smith: They are different things altogether. Probation is a service that has nothing whatsoever to do with offenders who are sentenced by the Court to Institutions. An offender who comes before a Court and is given Probation never goes to an Institution. He goes into Court. He is found guilty, given probation and goes out of Court back into the Community. He is not in an Institution at all. You have had Probation Services here now for about a year and a half...almost two years. There's a basic difference between probation and Institutional care. Both are sentences...the man receives a sentence, but in one, he serves his sentence in a community under supervision. In the other, he serves his sentence in an Institution so that there is no connection between those two things. Probation is not part of an Institutional program. The Minimum Security Mobile Camp, which I prefer to think of as, in fact, is an Institution of a different kind, but, nevertheless, when it holds as many men, or almost as many men, as your Medium Security Institution here, it is an Institution, but it's a different kind. It's a camp type of institution which is mobile and can be moved from one place to another. It requires administration the same as your Medium Security Institution. It has the same problems of administration and so on. You don't have the connection...the juvenile, for example, which you mentioned, at the moment, for what services you can get, and they are getting scarcer every day, from the Provinces...more and more B.C. is saying "Sorry, we can't take that girl that you want to send down to the Willingly School for girls or the Alberta School for whatever. We don't have enough room for our own. We can't take yours". You are paying for that sort of thing. You have been paying for years. What we are saying...not this year...it's not in the budget this year...the \$22,000.00 you see there is simply a continuation of what you have been paying for juvenile care over the last number of years to the Welfare Department. What we are proposing for later, next year, or the year after, is that you develop your own juvenile detention and treatment facilities in the Yukon instead of paying for somebody else's facilities that you are no longer able to get. These are all separate things. By law, you cannot put juveniles in the same Institution with adults. You are not allowed to do this. So, the Institution that we are building up in Takhini is for adults. The camp is for adults. The Institution at Takhini is for adults, male and female. The Minimum Security Camp is for adults, male. As far as juveniles are concerned, you do not have any facilities in the Territory at the present time to house them. You are sending them out - those that you can get room for. Those that you can't get room for, the Magistrate or the Judge has to shrug his shoulders and just let it go. There is nothing he can do about it.

Mr. Thomspson: So, in fact, we have a Medium Security Institution being built?

Mr. Smith: As well as a Minimum Institution going up too and as well as a Probation Service which is already in operation and it is proposed to expand it by adding staff to it. That's what this budget is for, and for juvenile care in the Provinces for this year. The budget covers all that.

Mr. Thompson: Well, I can only say that with conditions such as they are here in the Yukon and the type of person we have availing themselves of this service that we are about to present that I can see our daily figure of thirty being increased very proportionately because the facilities and services that they will get in this place will be far and above what they have been used to, but the one factor that keeps coming back is we have been led to believe that rehabilitation is going to be a very large and definite part of this program. In this Medium Security Institution that we have, just what part will this rehabilitation take place or is your rehabilitation being taken out of Medium Security and sent to the Minimum Security Prison?

Mr. Smith: The basic philosophy of the entire Department of Corrections is rehabilitation and every aspect of that Department, every place where a program occurs, whether it be Medium Security Institution or Minimum Camp or Probation or Juvenile Detention Facilities, each of these is operating on the basis of a rehabilitative program. Each does it in a different way. That's why you have different facilities because people differ as to their needs and you have to have different facilities to meet these. In your Medium Security Institution, you will have a work program but not the same kind of a work program, or with the same purpose, as you would have in a Minimum Security Camp. I will explain that in a moment. You will have vocational facilities. You will have academic facilities, upgrading facilities. You will have recreational facilities. You will have counselling facilities. All this is done by this staff of supervisors and the Superintendent and the Deputy Superintendent and so on in the Institution with the people that they get. In the Minimum Security Institution, the main emphasis is on a work program but of a different kind and with a different emphasis. The emphasis there is on basic work habits... simply things like why it is important to get up on time. Why it's important to look after your tools...to keep your axe sharp...a lot of people who go to these Institutions don't know anything about what we take for granted because we do it, but they don't. Probation is just another way of achieving rehabilitation. Wherever possible in the Corrections Program, I hope, that the Courts, if they see the feasibility of giving probation rather than an institutional sentence, that they will do so...this within the limits of security and danger to the Community and so on. They are not going to let some guy who is continually assaulting people remain in a community but, where possible, probation will be the main method of treatment. It's not the only method but it will be the main method I hope. If you want to know where rehabilitation is going to be, it's going to be in every aspect of the program...in the Institutions, in Probation, everywhere. In each place, it is done in a different way, but it's all rehabilitation. The methods differ but the end result is the same. There is one more point. You mentioned in your remarks before something about housing....I presume for staff...that it's not in the budget and it is sort of a hidden cost. There is no provision for housing. We won't provide housing as such.

Mr. Thompson: Just let me say, Mr. Chairman, that we were told or we were led to believe that this would be an added incentive and just in this field, I understand that you were recruiting for these various positions...for both the Northwest Territories and the Yukon....I am just wondering how we fared in the competitive field of people for these positions. Were we in a favourable light or just how did we end up?

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Mr. Smith: The recruiting program has been extremely successful and a big surprise, I think, to a great many people who have been trying to recruit staff with similar qualifications for other jobs in Northern Affairs for example. They have been trying for years now to recruit Social Work staff for various positions in the North, in the Territory, Northwest Territories particularly, with a very marked lack of success. The jobs are essentially the same. They require certain skills, the salaries are what they are and so on and yet they have had very little response. In response to the advertisements that we ran and the circulars that we put out and all this sort of thing, we had four hundred and fifty applications and inquiries for these specialized positions, all from people who are in some way or another experienced in the field...some more and some less, but it is a restricted group and we had four hundred and fifty applicants. We interviewed, in our recruiting program, one hundred and eighty-five, plus, across the country. We had no trouble at all finding extremely suitable staff to fill these positions, with the exception of one position and that's the one for the Director of Corrections. That's the only one that isn't filled yet. Every other position, we have the candidates to fill the positions and excellent candidates, with the training and the background and the experience to do the kind of job we want done. We found them. Why did we find them? Because the salary scales, as the Administration saw it, were attractive enough because the philosophy that we put out on which we were basing this program attracted these people....a new program starting from scratch that was really going to try and do something rather than just do the same old thing. These people are interested in that and that is why they are applying and that's why they are candidates. They have seen, all across the country, programs that have been running for years, costing as much or more than this and achieving absolutely nothing over the past twenty or thirty years and they want to try something that looks as though it is going to head in the right direction. I am not suggesting, now, that this program that we are proposing to you is unique, or that it's an experiment, which has been said in some areas, or anything like that. This program is in existence in many parts of Canada. It's in existence in B.C. It's in existence in Saskatchewan. It's in existence in Manitoba, in Ontario, all over the place...the type of thing we are trying to do here but what we have as an advantage in the Yukon is that we don't have to go through what every one of those other places went through for the last thirty and forty years to get to where they are. If we could add up the upteen millions of dollars that have been spent in the unsuccessful programs that B.C. and Saskatchewan and Alberta and Manitoba have spent over the years...to repeat the same things. Let's build a jail. Let's lock them up. Then this isn't going to work. Then we are going to say "Well, let's try something else". That's exactly what has been done everywhere else time and again. This is waste of money. Why don't we benefit from the experience that we know...we can see what happened? We are starting from fresh and the program is not an experiment at all. It's been operating for years, in many places. Here in the Yukon, we have a chance to start from that point. This is as I see it.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, further to that, I think that VOTE 17
statistics just recently published were that of people in
Federal Penitentiaries or in jails at the present time, 80%
are repeaters?

Mr. Smith: In the Federal Penitentiary System.

Mr. Thompson: Is this in the Federal Penitentiary System
or is this in....under lock and key?

Mr. Smith: This is....the Federal Penitentiary System...
people who have been in Penitentiaries before and in other
Institutions, that is Provincial Institutions as well...the
figure runs something over 80%.

Mr. Thompson: So this is the figure we are trying to battle
against, is it?

Mr. Smith: This is the figure in the Penitentiary System.
In the jail system, it is less and that's not too surprising
because we have a graded system. The first time, the guy
gets probation. The next time, he goes to jail and when it
gets serious, then he goes to the Penitentiary. I don't
blame penitentiaries too much. They are getting the end of
the line coming in. When they get them, they've had a
previous record in jail, or probation, or so on. It's not
Penitentiary Branches fault. He's been through the mill.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, isn't there some provision in
this Medium Security Jail for the detention of people who
are pending trial or anything of this nature. I think that
this is one of the things that you yourself told us about
last time you were here that with this Institution or Jail,
or whatever, that the local R.C.M.P. would conceivably be
able to close down their operation to a great extent and
thereby save us, I think....I have got this figure of
\$80,000.00 a year, conceivably it could be saved in this
particular manner. Now, am I off on a tangent or is this
what you originally told us?

Mr. Smith: No, this isn't what I said. Within certain
limits, this Medium Security Institution will be able to
handle remand prisoners. The number that they can handle
is based on the figures that the R.C.M.P. gave as to what
there would be on an average daily basis of remand prisoners
over two or three day remand sort of thing. It is not designed
or built to hold overnights...the guy who is picked up at
nine or ten o'clock at night and has to be thrown into the
jug to appear before the Judge in the morning to pay his fine.
It isn't designed, nor is it intended to hold, those who are
picked up on Saturday night and held until Monday morning for
the Judge to levy his fine. For these things, it is not designed
and this is the area that it would not touch. The remand, where
his trial has come up and he is remanded for a week or a month
or whatever, would be held, but not your overnights and not
your weekender.

Mr. MacKinnon: I was wondering, Mr. Smith, if....you go
back as far as Ontario...do you have this type of plan any
farther East than Ontario and does Alberta have this type
of plan? I would also like to ask you at this time, seeing
most of your staff has been hired, did you have any applica-
tions from the Yukon and, if so, did you hire any local resi-
dents for these particular positions?

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Mr. Smith: First of all, Ontario and Alberta, whether they have...east of Ontario, well, east of Ontario - Quebec has facilities, excellent facilities of this type. New Brunswick has in its reformatory, the boys reformatory at Fredricton and those are probably the worst areas from a correctional point of view. They have still some ways to come up, but they are coming and they are coming fast. Changes are occurring. Even Prince Edward Island, for example, which has no facilities of its own in terms of Institutions and contracts for space with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, has begun its own probation service and has hired a Chief Probation Officer and is moving along. As far as Alberta is concerned, they do have programs.

Mr. MacKinnon: I am referring to Minimum Securities, not only probation.

Mr. Smith: Minimum Security Camp programs? Every Province in the country has Camps. Some more than others, but every Province in the country that has Institutions at all, has camps.

Mr. MacKinnon: I was wondering if you had any applications for staff from the Yukon.

Mr. Smith: Yes, we did have...a fair number of applications. This is for senior positions now. We have not recruited at all for intermediate or junior positions. This is for senior positions in the Corrections Program, and we did have what I consider to be a fair number of applications from the Yukon and from the Northwest Territories too in relation to the Northwest Territories. As far as the hiring is concerned, I don't know what I can tell you at present. The Personnel Selection Committee is presently making the decisions as to who does or doesn't and I don't think I can really say whether they are hiring anyone from the Yukon or not. It would be out of my place to say.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, these figures here, this figure of 506, is for two-thirds of a year only. Would I be right there to start with?

Mr. Smith: More or less. On some items, yes and on some, no. You see at one point, in Ottawa, I believe, in discussions, somebody said "Well, it's not going to open until such and such a time. That's only going to be three-quarters of the year or whatever it is. Let's just chop the budget by a third." Well, this is all right except when you start examining the budget by items, it doesn't always work out that way. There are many items in a budget that don't chop. They are expendable whether you are operating for one third or whether you are operating for the full year. There are many such items in a budget. Some things...if you look on page nine as far as salaries and things go, you will see that some salaries are based on twelve months, some are based on nine months and some are based on eight months, depending on which actual position they are and when we will have them starting working so it's not possible to just say take one-third off the top, or one-half off the top, or anything like that because there are different things in here that don't work that way. Clothing, for instance, for inmates. If we start in this fiscal year and have to buy clothing for inmates, whether you start towards the end of the fiscal year or at the beginning of the fiscal year, there's a certain amount of clothing that you have to buy and that's what you are going to spend...no matter when you buy it. That is one example and there are other such things. Heating, for example, is one area where we did reduce it and I am not sure that we should have. We had a figure for heating as prepared by

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Engineers for the year, fiscal year. Now, that was reduced on a proportionate basis, but the fact is that the main cost of heating is from October to the end of the fiscal year, and I am not sure that we haven't cut ourselves short in doing this.

Mr. Boyd: Well, the point I was trying to get at is, I am inclined to believe from what I see is that we started off with \$617,000.00 when we were down in Ottawa on the Estimates for the Financial Advisory Committee and we now have one for \$506,000.00, but I think if it was all added up, based on yearly figures, we would be over the \$617,000.00 again. You could answer that a little later if you would, Mr. Smith. Another thing that was very interesting to me, you said that crime was on its way up and will continue to be so. What we are trying to do here is educate people to stop crime, but we are educated people and crime is on the way up and the more we educate ourselves, the more the crime is going to be. Is this what you meant to say? Because this is what is actually happening, according to you. Where are we ringing the bell, I wonder. I don't think we are going to win on the basis that we are going, the way you are talking because the more we educate ourselves, the more crime we've got. Surely, with all these schools we've got, and we are turning out crime people...nothing but crime. Where does the fault lie? Does the Correctional Institution tend to take over and do what the school didn't do? Is this what you are saying? I am wondering. Certainly, I am going to have to go along with this idea. I have got no intentions of not going along with it. It's a pretty big cadillac.... or it might be a Rolls Royce, but I would like to know that... we will be watching the results of what is taking place and expect to see instead of 20%, 30%, 40% or 50% repeats. It may be that after eighteen months of operation, we can look at considerable improvement on this. This is what we would expect. If it isn't going to be this way, then we had better get rid of the cadillac.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order and we were discussing Vote 17.

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Mr. Boyd: I was particularly concerned about how much crime there is on the increase and I would like to know for certain where this budget is. We have \$617,000 that the Financial Advisory Committee dealt with for a year and I would like to be told whether this budget based on the year would be higher than the one we dealt with.

Mr. Smith: The difference in the figure that you see now is \$506,000 rather than \$617,000. It is basically a reduction in terms of the fact that we will not be operating for a full year.

Mr. Boyd: I know this Mr. Smith. If you were going to be operating this figure of \$617,000 is for a year, correct? This would now result in about \$700,000 on your basis so we are talking about a \$100,000 more than we were in Ottawa.

Mr. Smith: If we were to go for a full year...the thing works two ways, when I am reducing from a year to nine months I can't reduce everything. The same thing works the other way, if I were increasing this budget that we are looking at now to one year it is not going to increase by a third, it is going to increase to what it was.

Mr. Boyd: If you were to increase it to what it was, would these figures come out to \$617,000?

Mr. Smith: It would come out to \$617,000 if we went a full year. There might be a slight change in that there have been some changes in regard to the 10% wage increase and that sort of thing and the salaries have varied, but, basically all we have done is reduce it by time. If you were to increase it by time it would come to the very same thing with the variations that have occurred since the budget was first prepared.

Mr. Southam: Are we clear on establishment 1701 gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there is one other matter that comes to mind and this is your minimum security institution and I am concerned about the immobility of this mobile camp, as I see it. I understand that this is quite a complex undertaking and you just don't set it up and take it down at a few moment's notice. Here again this is probably from lack of detailed questioning on our part but when somebody comes along and proposes a mobile camp as part of the medium minimum security complex we may think of a mobile camp as a mobile camp that can be moved from one part to another, and put to various uses on Territorial work and still not have everybody down on you because you can't do this or that, because of laws.

Mr. Smith: The medium security camp is exactly what it says it is, it is mobile. Mobile means that it can be moved from one place to another. On wheels it can be moved down the highway whenever you want to move it. Now, as to how soon you want to move it, that is a different story again. If you move the camp every couple of weeks or every month it would be entirely unfeasible, not impossible but unfeasible. There are several reasons and first of all, the camp when set up is

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Mr. Smith continues.....
 quite a large place and we have the labour and all that sort of thing to put it up and take it down, live in it, etc. and all we need is a truck to move it from one place to another, that is all we need. But, administratively, to move it from one place to another, it becomes impossible. The inmates come from the medium security institution. All inmates from the court go to the medium security institution. In the medium security institution you have a classification program which studies the inmates as they go through...this one does that, and this one goes to minimum security, etc. If this camp was a gypsy caravan roaming around every month from here to where have you the ability of taking inmates back and forth becomes impossible. The other factor is the kind of work that they will be doing are not the programs that make you want to pick up the camp and move it every month or so. These will be work programs that will be basically a benefit to the Territory as a whole, working in conjunction with Lands & Forests, developing parks, and that sort of thing. But, when they move into an area and set up a camp there will be a whole program worked out in conjunction with the other departments, federal and territorial. You would have a program laid out for possibly a year in terms of work to be done or projects in that area and well before you are ready to leave that area you work out another set of projects for somewhere else with somebody else or the same people and then you move. It is not the type of gypsy caravan to move to Dawson and fix the sidewalks and then moving on to somewhere else. We are not running an inmate contract labour program...we will be working on projects that essentially would not be done otherwise, we don't want to take employment away from the people in the community. These would be projects that there would be no money for otherwise and which you would like to have done. We provide the labour force and the other departments provide things like heavy equipment or provide hand tools etc. This would get things done that otherwise you might have to wait twenty or thirty years for. This is the thing, it wouldn't move every month, although the camp is mobile. It is not an expensive proposition to move it on the basis as we see it as we have the labour to take it down and put it up again. The only expense would be involved in the actual moving.

Mr. Shaw: Summer?

Mr. Smith: All year around.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this is all quite interesting. Mr. Smith says all year around, now I don't know just how well acquainted Mr. Smith is in the Yukon, but I would like to point out to him that when he mentions all year around he is talking about water and sewer. He has also got a very important factor, I wonder if he has taken it into consideration, that we don't have a standard power line anywhere in the Territory. Now, is this mobile camp equipped with a light plant and if it is, I will suggest that you are going to have no end of trouble trying to operate such a thing as this. I have watched departments of the government all the years that I have been in the Yukon trying to operate under these conditions. I will name the D.O.T., D.P.W., and C.N.T. and it costs them thousands and thousands of dollars for maintenance on water and sewer alone. Mind you, fortunate enough, I can do the maintenance on my own for much less, but as a government department they just cannot, they have steamers out, they are digging up lines and your overhead costs will be at least 50% more during the winter months than you anticipate and more than what you show in this budget. I

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believe that, and I am going to say again, that this is somewhat of a ridiculous set-up for the Yukon. We have possibly six or seven thousand tax-payers at the most and one question in particular, Mr. Smith if we do step towards autonomy or provincial status will this drop on the taxpayers in the Territory. In the provinces who is responsible and to what percentage are they responsible?

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Mr. Smith: When it comes to discussing the feasibility of running a camp all year around I bow to the experts who are experts on this line. This is not an ordinary camp of trailers that you just go out and buy. This is a camp of specially designed trailers or units, designed I am told.....

Mr. MacKinnon: Where were these designed? In what part of Canada?

Mr. Smith: These are designed, I am told by the experts, to meet the kind of conditions that you have, climatic conditions that you have in the winter, even areas away from the populated areas. This camp has it's own power unit, it has special facilities for sewer treatment and disposal, for water and so on. I won't go into details because as far as details are concerned quite frankly the details as such I don't know about and I don't know the difference. But, they are designed to operate under your conditions in the winter time. I am sure that there may be times in the winter time when these facilities will not be mobile. But, no-one would be able to work outside either. Basically they will operate and I am told by the people in the other departments that they will be working with that there will be a kind of work available that could be done through the winter months. As far as I can tell you these camps are designed to operate in winter on the basis of the cost that we have given you as given to us by the engineers and beyond that I can't say anymore on that.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Smith, I believe that you should be aware of where these buildings are constructed.

Mr. Smith: I haven't gotten to that yet. I am going through your questions in the order that you have given them to me, Mr. MacKinnon. You asked a question about autonomy and the cost under such a program and I think at that point you meant the general program and you wondered what this effect would be in regards to your step toward autonomy and you also wondered what the situation was in regard to provinces with respect to these kind of services. My view, and my personal view, is that the decision towards autonomy is going to be based to a large extent on what kind of evaluation is placed on you by those people who make the decision on your ability to administer and run provincial type programs. You are now administering and running a Welfare Department, you are now administering and running an Education Department. You have shown over the years that you are capable of doing this. You ask about the money and I would say to you, if you have to rely on this point in time purely on the tax money that could be raised entirely in the Yukon, you could not afford any of the programs that you have, be it welfare, or education. You would depend on the money through fiscal means from the federal government, the way you do now, because there would not be available tax resources in this area to meet the needs and kinds of service. Now, you have shown that you can administer

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Mr. Smith continues.....
 these programs. There is a difference in my mind between administering programs and having autonomy in terms of self government and running things and between having the money to do it with. To my mind, the establishment of a corrections program is simply another step towards autonomy. It is a mother program that every province in this country administered itself and every province in this country pays for it to the extent that it has the resources that it has. There are some provinces that don't and they rely on the federal sources just as you do here. I think by establishing such a program you are putting yourself several steps ahead toward having autonomy rather than the other way around in thinking about cost. If you were given self government tomorrow where would the money come from? I would say that it would come from the same place that it is coming from today, the same place. But, the question is whether you are running it yourself or not. Here you have a program which you will run yourself, it is territorial staffed, it is not federal and I think that it is a step towards autonomy. Now you asked about the design of the camps and the camps are being designed.....I am hedging a bit as the contracts have not been let, so I can't say too much, but the people who are building these camps all have had experience in them. There are firms in Calgary and there are firms in Vancouver who have been building these camps who have been in the business of building camps in the north and these camps are being used by people like you and in winter conditions from a working point.

enlightening.
 Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that was very enlightening. I note that you seem to possibly have some figures that you could maybe later go into detail on the basis towards autonomy. Now, we couldn't get these figures from Mr. Laing nor Mr. Nielsen, and you suggest, more or less, that all our departments are deficits. I say not. Now, these questions have been asked to the Minister of Northern Affairs but he was reluctant to answer but now you tell us that all our departments are deficits. I am talking about having this situation dropped on the Yukon if we do come up with provincial status and having a handful of taxpayers, and I say there is a handful of taxpayers and most of them work for the government that pay tax, but private enterprise there is very little of and I think this is a little too rich for our blood at this time. I think that this whole thing has got to be cut in at least half or cut by two thirds because we haven't got that many bad people here. I would rather see a college established here in the Yukon where we could get some of our people a further education instead of shipping them outside away from management of their parents instead of trying to build up another monopoly here of welfare and these native people, now I read in the Star Weekly that there were 500 picked up on drunken charges. Now these are the sort of people that you are considering for your work program in this minimum security, but I don't believe that this is the proper way of helping these people. I think this is far too expensive an idea and I have talked to dozens and dozens of the citizens and showed them the planning and the literature to date and the usual taxpayer isn't too happy with this set-up.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think that we have to try and keep to the real substance of this thing. If we get off we can go on for ever. If we become a province, that is another thing and if the situation is too rich for our blood at that time, if you haven't got the money you can't spend it, it is that simple.

Mr. Boyd continues:.....

I would like to point out that the wages as indicated here compared to here are up \$58,000 and I am not quite surprised. Vote 17 That is 20% of the wages and it looks like we are increasing wages across the board for everything now and I am not surprised to see this figure here. For my money here, there is only one thing to do and that is let this get on it's way and watch it. Let's stop talking about it as I think that we are going to let it get on it's way anyway and watch it and if it does not give us the results then that is the time to say to ourselves that it isn't working and take another attitude.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, I somewhat agree with Councillor Boyd. We have spent hours and hours and hours working and asking questions and searching on getting this program, now we stand at the threshold and we have the insitution under construction. For the first time we are getting a correctional program started in the Yukon and I certainly agree that the amounts of money involved here are stupifying but on the other hand that if we are going to get the caliber of individual to get this thing to work and it has to work, we have to pay for it. This should be a benefit to the territory and I think that we should take a deep look at this and not a superficial one. We should somehow envision in our minds the good that it will be doing in this new rehabilitation field, how we will be training the inmates, and how we will be getting them back on the right track. We have a welfare department doing this and now we can do this, try and make sure that they don't come back again and that they become good, working, useful citizens. In respect to the money, we have been given assurances by Mr. Bolger and other members of administration that we are going to be substantially assisted by the federal government. I feel as Councillor Boyd does, let's get this thing going on the road and see what it does and how we go. If it needs some changing after the first year, well, fine we will sit down and do something. This has gone this far and I think that it is going to be a success.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Taylor, he intrigues me very much. He is going to improve all these fellows, get them away from the bad and then you are going to be short-staffed. I think now is the time to look at it instead of saying let's let it go, let's let it go! It is only half a million dollars or better, we have been prompted by Ottawa, now is the time... but I say, now is the time to make a decision on behalf of the people of the Territory, not on behalf of what the departments want, what the people of the Yukon want. The people of the Yukon will have their say irregardless of whether they are deficit or not. I believe that this is the time to take a good look at this thing and cut it down to size and let's start from there. If we need to increase it then we will increase it.

Mr. Taylor. In reply to this, I don't want to be misinterpreted here nor do I want my intentions to be misinterpreted. If you look at the depths of the thing you will come up with the same idea that I have. Here we are standing on the verge of an economic boom and I think we all respect this point as this summer is going to be one of the biggest summers that the Territory has ever had and this will mean an influx of people. I think if you look right here, there isn't a night that goes by that there isn't a break-in and entry in this city committed in this very place. It is then wrong to make a statement that crime does not exist because it does and it is a serious thing. I don't think that anyone of us at this table can sit down at this table and say we should cut this in half and give just cause. We don't have the background and we don't have the things behind us that these people have. As I say, it is only sensible and if we are going to let this work, we must put faith in the people that are going to run it. If they break faith, all right, but if they break faith then action is justified. Let's see how they do.

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 Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Taylor has been making comments in regard to what I have said about us having a break-in. Now, this is a far-fetched statement and I will say to Mr. Taylor, and I feel quite certain, that we haven't had a break-in per month in the past six months and I believe that it was a very very unfair statement for Mr. Taylor to make to say that we have had a break-in per day. I have lived in this area for the past six months and I will assure you that we haven't had a break-in, well over six in the six months and they haven't been very serious either.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out that there have been several in the past few weeks...Hougen's, N.C., the Casca Building several times, the theatres, and, well, it's innumerable.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask Mr. Smith a few more questions in regard to this. One particularly comes to mind and these minimum security arrangements--you say it will be in several parts of the Territory. You say that it will be self-contained, I take it from this that the staff will have accommodations supplied to them at this camp. Right?

Mr. Smith: No, the location of the camp has been presently conceived and will be close enough to Whitehorse to allow the staff to commute back and forth. It will be 25 or 30 miles away for the first year or so and they will commute. It will be a regular three shift day as you have in any other institution. In due course we may have to take the camp out and perhaps the staff will have to stay in and at that time different shift arrangements will have to be made and facilities will have to be made for the staff. There are facilities built into the camp but this is only if necessary at the present time. Not housing for a say family but just for staff.

Mr. Thompson: A few moments ago we were talking about 250 miles or 300 miles that this thing could be conceivably out and you didn't mention anything at that point. If we are going to have a medium security, why take it out 25 miles. We could take the men out instead of the staff, but I suppose that this could be argued about later. You say that, could I ask when, you say that there are housing available. In Ottawa, Mr. Neville quoted a figure in here for the corrections officer at \$12,00 and he said this would be plus a free house. Were any concessions given at any of these interviews towards housing?

Mr. Smith: I think that you will make allowances for that time you discussed that with Mr. Bolger and Mr. Neville and when you were in Ottawa. I was reading the minutes from before and I note that they quite clearly establish that they were not correctional people themselves, they were with it but not in detail. Mr. Neville stated what he thought was the situation but we have not committed ourselves in anyway to housing free or provided free. We have talked about housing as this is a problem that they ask about in an interview. We have to have answers but we are not supplying free housing to anybody.

Mr. Thompson: Were there any incentives along this line for the N.W.T. candidates.

Mr. Smith: No.

Mr. Thompson: So in other words it is going to be a Territorial operated program and they will have to find their own housing.

Mr. Smith: The administration has indicated that for the senior staff that we are ready to hire that there are houses available here to rent at the going rate for the people when they come in. It is up to them to pay what the going rent is and that is out of their salary.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, one question, you say that you have hired staff as of now?

Mr. Smith: I have said we are ready to hire the staff. We have selected the staff, we have found them, personnel selections have been made and others are being made to these people.

Mr. Thompson: How many of these are to be hired as of this, when you put out these recommendations?

Mr. Smith: At the present time on the senior staff there would be two superintendents, two deputies, a business manager and probation officers. That makes eight, there is a director still to be secured and that makes nine.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, one other comment that you made sort of intrigues me. You said that the minimum one is going to be working year around and I think as Mr. Mackinnon that you will probably find that you have problems in an operation like this. I use the terms inmates, maybe wrongly, but what will they do in the wintertime, say at Canyon Creek.

Mr. Smith: This will depend on the particular part you are involved in and there are any number of ways that this can be handled. Say, the decision is made by the staff involved, you can have a camp for six months in a distant camp and then for the next six months at a close location where the facilities are more available to a centre. One can solve this problem and from several discussions I have had with various people and they tell me that wood operations etc. can be done in the wintertime. A small mill or portable mill could be made in conjunction with the camp and they could work during the winter getting the lumber ready to use during the summer wherever it is. This is an example. This is the sort of a thing that they can do. If they are close to a centre of population then there is all kinds of things they can do.

Mr. Thompson: Am I to understand then Mr. Smith that in this minimum security camp there will be provisions for women as well.

Mr. Smith: No, the minimum security set-up is for men. There will be women in the medium security institution, they have a program designed for women. But, with a program in the bush there are no provisions for women.

Mr. Thompson: So, next year we can be looking at a minimum security camp plan for women.

Mr. Smith: No there is no need for such facilities.

Mr. Thompson: With referenceto juvenile detention, we have an item for \$22,000. How many juveniles would this cover. You mention that we send them out. Next year we will be looking at a juvenile detention program...isn't it more economical to send them out.

Mr. Smith: It all depends on what you want. If you want the most economical way, the cheapest way, then probably what you are doing now is cheaper. But, there are several factors that should be taken into view. First, the provinces are telling you now that they can't accept them. They are having their own problems for their own. It is not a matter of pay but

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 but it is a matter of space...they don't have it. What do you want for the juvenile, the cheapest program you can get or the most effective program. The program, no matter how good it would be in Alberta, BC or Manitoba is no good as far as your program is concerned. It is basically wrong to try and give treatment to a juvenile away from home, away from their families, but we are doing it as we have no other resource. Up until now it has been small enough that you could shrug it off and send half a dozen or a dozen down to the other provinces. But, more and more the pressure is coming from the magistrates that we must get more space. There are more juveniles who need care than you are caring for at the moment. They are running around on the street right now and as long as you continue on the base that you do now you can't look after them. The judge can't do anything nor can the magistrate. I am not proposing to you a cheap as possible program for your perusal next year for the juvenile. I am proposing to propose the most economical program consistent with what you want for the juvenile, in terms of good treatment it won't be as cheap as sending them out.

Mr. Thompson: How many juveniles are we talking about now? How many are walking the streets in the Yukon?

Mr. Smith: That is very hard for me to say. I know and Mr. Hawthorne knows that there is case after case that either the police don't lay charges because they know nothing will be done, or the magistrate will not lay charges as there is no place to send them. The R.C.M.P. have a list of juveniles who have been in difficulty but they have no relationship to the juvenile that has been in court. It is much larger.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask Mr. Smith, this institution up the hill that we are building this medium security, it also has provisions for a minimum security too?

Mr. Smith: We are using the term medium security. What is medium security? It is quite indefinable. I know several institutions across the country that are classified as medium security institutions but are penitentiaries. They don't resemble this at all. We say it is medium security because there are locks and there are doors that are locked and therefore we call it medium. There are no walls and aside from what we call a maximum security unit inside, say, for someone who goes hairy for a bit, they do not live in cells it is a medium security institution. We classify it because of the building it is, how secure it is, etc. Call it what you will, it would come down to a definition of a medium one.

Mr. Watt: We are building that medium place up there and I understand it is not going to be used to capacity for some time. I would kind of like to offer a suggestion, it could be reasonable, and that is could we not, instead of setting up a another camp as a minimum camp within 30 miles of Whitehorse, instead use a wing of the medium security camp or institution. Thus we could bus the students to work every morning. I don't imagine that there will be too many there, 15 or 20 and they could be bused. That would save us an expenditure of setting up the other system and still have the minimum security program get off the ground. I am looking at the money and I kind of like the idea.

Mr. Smith; First of all, the reason that you have a minimum security mobile camp as a separate thing from the medium institution isn't basically a question of security. It is a

Mr. Smith continues.....

question of the kind of people involved, the kind of people that are in one, and the kind of people that are in another, the kind of program that you have in mind. I have worked in institutions myself and I can recall situations where in the one unit or building you had the drunks with the shakes, your addicts kicking the stuff, your guys on the condemned cell waiting for the hangman, and your 14 or 15 year old juvenile, not really juvenile because he came in on a B & E sort of thing in adult court, and all of these in the same unit...50 or 60 or 70 of them, all at a time. This is what breeds crime and we are going to separate them and we are trying to prevent this. The kind of inmates that will be at the medium are not the same kind of inmates that will be at the minimum. To house them together but on different work programs misses the whole point of the program. The ones that will be going to the minimum security program will be basically shorter sentenced ones, relatively speaking. They may have been in before and they are old hands at the court mill and they have been through it and so on. Now, we don't want to have our fellows coming into the institution for the first time to be together on this basis as there is always an influence of one on another. Who influences whom more depends but usually the one that has been through it all before has all kinds of good advice to give to the other that hasn't and this cannot do him any good when he gets out. So it is a separation program. If one institution would have done we would have only had one, but this is definitely a case of separation. Actually one could justify in larger terms but different types of institutions can handle different types of cases. With the size you have here you will have the camp full a lot sooner than when we need an institution. As far as the daily population is concerned, and that is the cheaper unit. And, in the future if we have to expand, it will be that type of unit that we will have to expand, not the medium security institution.

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Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Monday, May 2, 1966.
4:30 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order.
Mr. Watt has a supplementary question I believe.

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Mr. Watt: I would just like to leave the thought with Mr. Smith that over in the hospital there, we have a large building and we have different wings for different things and the people are not associated too much with each other. The building that is being put up up the hill is a pretty expensive...pretty good size building. I am not saying that....for the first while; possibly for the first winter, we could try and operate the Minimum Security portion of it from the rooms and stuff that we have up there. I don't see why the Minimum Security students will be out all day and they will be doing their regular work and have regular schedules, developing new work habits, and they will be spending very little time...they could spend very little time together with the other students in the Institution. This would eliminate the concern that I have over the cost and the use of the Camp type part of the program at this time. If this were possible and it was possible to try this and see how it is working.....It's going to be six months from now, or close to that, before that is ready to occupy. It's still just a frame and it is going to be winter time before it comes, before people are going to be able to move in there and then it's too cold to set up a camp, so by next spring, we will have an idea of how this operation has been working for six months...through the winter months. Nothing is going to be set up in these few months. Time is not available right now. It's the second of May right now. I would like to see Mr. Smith pursue that idea further because for the time being, it would certainly eliminate any concern that I have about this.

Mr. Smith: I would certainly like to look into that further as to the possibilities of it but I must add that although I understand your concern re the cost of the program and so on, I would have to point out to you that if you were to do this....inmates...they are all staying in an Institution now. They work eight hours a day, or seven hours a day, or seven and a half hours a day or whatever it is they work...a work day. That's only seven hours out of a twenty-four hour day. Then, what do they do with the rest of the time? Lock them up so that this group over here can't deal with this group over here? Or, what? In our program, they aren't locked up when they are not working. Besides, a work hour which lasts eight hours a day - from whatever time in the morning to whatever time in the afternoon - it's like we all work. They will be doing much the same things as we do when we leave work. We don't lock ourselves up. We have other things to be done. We have our recreation. We have our family responsibilities. We have other things. Guys will be working. They will also be taking academic courses. That's when they are going to work on them, after work....or they may want to participate in some kind of recreation after the work, just as anybody else does. The facilities in an Institution aren't set up in such a way that you can have half or part of a population doing this here and another there. It's not designed that way, nor is it a good thing to design it that way. If you agree with the idea of a Minimum Security Camp...and you are talking in terms of "Well, this will save us some money next year", then I say that it is not something that you should really consider because we have to, sooner or later, go into the thing and the

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Mr. Smith continues:

time to do it is simultaneously so the whole program can work together. It is designed to work together - not as separate units. The Medium Security Institution, without a Camp to which it sends certain inmates, won't be able to do what it's supposed to do for the inmate that it keeps, and we will be defeating our own purpose.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I have a question here. You will bear in mind that these things are taxpayer's money all over the country and the idea is to effect the most economy and so on, and this is somewhat converse to what we are at present doing. This particular Institution, once we get it into operation and know where the heck we are going and get it lined up, would we...would the proposition, let's put it that way, be considered to having some of this overflow from the other Provinces...some of these come into this Institution, providing we had the accommodations, to fully utilize the facilities. They, in turn, would reimburse the Territory the same way as we are doing there. Would there be anything to prevent such an arrangement or anything wrong with it?

Mr. Smith: There would be nothing to prevent it, providing the parties agreed to it. Would there be anything wrong with it? Yes, the same things would be wrong for them in sending their children to your Institution as I say is wrong in sending your children to their Institutions. By sending your children, your juveniles, out of your area to be treated elsewhere, you are doing them a disservice and harm. It can only have an adverse effect. As far as adults are concerned, essentially the same things are true - maybe not to the same extent, but essentially the same thing is true. If you have an adult who is a citizen or resident of this area and he is a problem so he ends up in an Institution. The place to solve that problem is in your area. The same thing is true for the other provinces. There is nothing to prevent it. It could be done. Alberta could send people from Fort Saskatchewan to your Institution if there is an agreement made between you. There is normally an agreement between the parties involved about the cost and all the rest of it, but if I were then advising Alberta, I would tell them to go their own facilities because it would be a better program for them such as building your own facilities is a better program for you.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I have a supplementary question. If a person is in a Minimum Security Institution, it would appear to me that if the object of this was rehabilitation, which it is....they are in this particular jail house and they are getting educated in some form or other or rehabilitated or whatever you may call it - I don't understand all the facets of it....they do not go trotting around the country. They are in this particular Institution and if that Institution, with its modern concept, whether it is in Alberta or on this side of the river or that side of the river, it wouldn't appear to me to make a tremendous amount of difference because they are not getting out to mingle with the population in any event. They do, but that's a particular situation and I can understand that but I am talking about the Medium Security or what have you. In other words, we have all these high priced people here. Let us utilize these facilities to the utmost extent. At the present moment, I think you will probably agree, in Fort Saskatchewan, in Oakalla, in Ponoka, and so on, they have, no doubt, many of the people in these places that they have facilities to help them with this. In the meantime, we would be up here, have quite an amount of space...perhaps fifty percent more than we are using....we have top flight men interested in the

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program. It would just be a shame to see that sitting there and it would also help us with our finances to get those to utilize this for maximum efficiency for all the people of Canada who are in turn all helping to pay for this.

Mr. Smith: As I say, there is nothing to prevent it as such. If two parties are agreeable and make an agreement between themselves as to the rates and so on.

Mr. Boyd: I notice Mr. MacKenzie looks a little jittery and we don't seem to have much use for him here.

Mr. Southam: Could Mr. MacKenzie be excused at this time?

All: Agreed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Now, there's a little thing here that kind of puzzles me. We have Medium Security, Minimum Security and I gather now that for the women of the Yukon, we only have Medium Security. This keeps the goods and the bads all in the one building - all in the same environment. For the men, we are going to step away out and have a Minimum Security, and I will suggest that there is a very slight difference between the number of arrested women in the Yukon, especially on liquor violations, as to men. I think they compare very closely. We get other cases too. We have had wives shoot their husbands and things like that. here in Whitehorse, but you are giving consideration to one sex and not the other. You say that we do not need Minimum Security for the females. We will never have it. I just can't see your thinking. I believe that what is good for the goose is good for the gander. I just can't, honestly, follow your reasoning, Mr. Smith. Would you explain some details?

Mr. Smith: Could I enlarge on it for you? First of all, I didn't... I don't think... say that we do not need Minimum Security facilities for women. I said we did not need a Minimum Security Mobile Camp for women which I think is a different story. I think as far as your facts and figures are concerned, you have to differentiate between convictions and sentenced to custody. How many women are being sentenced in your Courts to custodial care? According to the R.C.M.P. figures of what they have to look after, the figures aren't nearly the same. I am sure that both you and I know the difference between men and women and we appreciate the difference. The facilities that are provided in the Institution for the women, that we feel are necessary, are designed on the basis of those who are going to come to the Institution. The Medium Security, if that's what you want to call it, is probably there more to keep people out than to keep them in. The facilities for women in the Institution are for ten. The facilities for the men is thirty-two, plus the facilities for awaiting trial and that sort of thing. According to the figures given by the R.C.M.P., this should be sufficient for some time to come to handle the class of sentenced offender who is going to come to an Institution. If a person receives a fine or is overnight, we are not going to be sending him anywhere. Now, does this clarify this? I am certainly not suggesting one kind of program for men and a second grade kind of program for women. We are going to have a first grade program for both.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it certainly does not clarify it to me. If you have travelled around the beer parlours here in the Yukon as long as I have, you would possibly know that we have as many women violators as we have men, irregardless of what the R.C.M.P. say. Just because we don't have any female police here in the Yukon available to pick them up and they might have to be manhandled, they are possibly left on the street. I do say that this is no indication that the fact does not remain, and we have this type of thing in the Yukon. I believe that the environment in the Medium Security is just as good for the young men as it is for the young women...where you have no provisions whatsoever any different from the other, irregardless of what the charge is. If you are going to let them out of the cell and walk around in the evening, they are going to be mixed up with all walks of life and this apparently is what you are trying to get this better class so-called criminal away from and your Minimum Security is apparently the answer to this...is to keep them away from the environment of the real old hard case. We do have real old hard cases in both male and female in the Yukon. I don't say there is very many of either, but we have both. To me, I just, honestly, cannot follow the reasoning.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Boyd, will you take the Chair please? Well, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me from listening to everybody, that what you are scared of is that you are not going to keep this place full, and I think this is the wrong attitude to take. The thing is that any of us that has had any brushes with the law or have been around any of these places where juveniles have been contaminated, shall I say, with the older criminals where they are thrown in the jug and you go in there and you see them...I have helped bail two or three out and I think I know what I am talking about - with the lushes, homosexuals and whatever you have. You see them all in there together. You can understand why you should have these things..... separate them. And, as I have said before, when I have stood up here before and said if you can catch the juvenile on his first conviction or whatever it might be...probation...or whatever it might be, you can steer him in the right course and you have accomplished something. As far as salaries go, I don't think they are out of line - too far. You must have to be a specialized man to be a Director of Corrections, I would think. I would think he would have to be a little better man than just a Personnel man. We heard what the Personnel man was going to get, if they ever hire him, so I don't see it is out of line too much. Neither do I think that your staff is too big. Here again, any good staff has to be specialized and I also think that you are going to need plenty. We may not have enough. I don't know. You have enough to start, that's true. Now, the thing is, as I see it, if you can segregate them and keep them apart, then we may get somewhere. Coming back to the women, I think that sooner or later...sooner or later...you are going to have the same thing - not maybe on exactly the same idea but you will have it where they will be segregated too. This is happening all through the country. If you sit down and you read your papers and some of the different magazines that gives you these things in statistics, I am sure that you will agree that this is so and whether we like it or not, this is the thing that we are going to have to do...whether we want to or not. It may be rich for our blood...maybe a little rich, but I think in the long run, over the years, we will probably see that it is going to pay off - at least I hope it will. My own personal feeling is that if there is anything...I remember not too long ago either, I helped bail a young lad out of the cooler. He was seventeen years old and he was in there with a bunch of them and they were telling him what to do...what they were going to do when they got out.. what they should do...what he should do and so on. This is the

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thing that I think we have got to eliminate. In fact, I hope this is just what we will bring about. I will take the Chair, Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the hour is getting late and I believe Mr. Smith is leaving us tomorrow. I think we have had a very interesting afternoon discussing this subject. We have certainly dealt with this at great length. I feel very strongly that the program will be successful and I certainly wish every encouragement to the Corrections Department in its new venture. It is somewhat like pioneering in the North....a new department and it's a very very costly undertaking. If we can show those benefits to Society and its environment here in the Territory that we foresee, this is going to be very wonderful indeed, and I would just like to say that I wish every success as an individual Councillor to the program and the participants in it. I really hope it bears the fruit that we expect to see in the future.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I hope the suggestions along the lines as Mr. Watt has outlined would get some consideration and that we could get along without this Minimum Securities Plan at the present time. There is a lot of people walking around saying that the Yukon is going to do this and it's going to do that, we are going to get a great lot more people here in the next year. We are going to be short of accommodation and I have been here for eighteen years and I don't think things are too much different right now than they were eighteen years ago...or much better...other than for a bit of Government spending and this is not going to build a country. The poor people...the working people that work for a living, they are not a bit better off in the Yukon today than they were eighteen years ago, and these are the people that are going to be footing this bill. Therefore, I think every Member should give consideration to something sensible... something sensible in the line of cost...and by deleting Tab 1703, we will be saving the people over \$200,000.00. If we save that \$200,000.00 for the next five years, we could go quite a ways on a college here in the Yukon. Instead of that, this Securities deal, this is a fine thing. I have a school problem of putting my children to school, along with a lot of other people on the Alaska Highway. We asked for dormitory facilities. It's completely turned down. It's not feasible. It's no good. Find a place to board them. This week we had off, I went to Haines Junction and spent two unsuccessful days looking for a place to board two children and Mr. Harry Thompson will come before this Council or write a document and say that it's no problem. I say that it is a problem and I say that the people around this table should take care of things a little closer to home instead of getting involved in an expenditure like this. It's the most ridiculous thing that I have ever heard tell of. We have seen these things happen. They start off as though they are going to be good. The Federal Government is going to pay. First thing you know, it will be dropped in the laps of the taxpayers - the same as the Confederation Building in Charlottetown has been dropped in the hands of the taxpayers there to support. This is just what you are up against here and I think every one of you should take a serious look at it.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, regarding the time, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I personally have no further questions to ask of Mr. Smith.

Mr. Shaw: I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Could Mr. Smith and Mr. Hawthorne be excused at this time, gentlemen?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:30 A.M. to discuss Sessional Papers, Bills, Motions, etc. Mr. Commissioner was present regarding questions re Expo '67. It was moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that a Committee of three be appointed to assess the Administration setting up a display in a boutique at Expo '67. This Motion was carried. Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Councillors Shaw, Taylor and Boyd be the Committee. This Motion was passed. We reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with Mr. Smith, Mr. Hawthorne and Mr. MacKenzie re Corrections Program. I can report some progress on Bill No. 4.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We have the agenda to consider for tomorrow. I note on my paper here, I have National Parks people tomorrow at two o'clock. I don't know if that's...I don't know whether that is correct or not.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I suggested that possibly tomorrow, if Council agree, we could meet with Mr. Brooks of National Parks and I wish to request that also two other witnesses join with us in this discussion and that would be the President of the Chamber of Mines and the President of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce. I would appreciate it if these gentlemen could be with us on this discussion on National Parks.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that inasmuch as Mr. Brooks is leaving again on Thursday that we see him as soon as possible and with this in mind, I would suggest that after Orders of the Day tomorrow that he be asked to join us.

Mr. Speaker: He apparently is on the schedule at the present moment for two o'clock, according to my paper - National Parks. I think we decided that before we recessed. I think the request came that also would be present here would be the President of the Chamber of Mines and the President of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my only thought was that if he is going to be here until Thursday, this gives us all tomorrow afternoon, and if there is any additional time required, it gives us all day Wednesday. I was thinking in this respect that it would give time to notify these other gentlemen and it would also give us time to deal with Orders of the Day if

they do go at some length, beyond 10:30.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed, gentlemen, to having the two witnesses as outlined tomorrow at two o'clock with this National Parks gentleman?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: That is fine. Mr. Clerk, will you see that these people are notified and see if they wish to attend as witnesses. Of course, we have our daily routine in the morning. What else do you wish to have in the morning?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we could have Dr. Sprenger here in the morning and maybe we could settle that Health Budget. It's just the one matter, I believe, that he wants to discuss and I think we should try and clean up the Budget as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed then that, if possible, that if Dr. Sprenger is available that we have him at eleven o'clock?

Mr. Thompson: We are going to be busy....Orders of the Day, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I don't know how long Orders of the Day may go, but there are several items pending which may require some time tomorrow morning, but I would be quite amenable to anything Council wishes.

Mr. Speaker: As someone has pointed out, we should get these things on the agenda and get them cleaned up.

Mr. Southam: All right then, Mr. Speaker, if they figure it is going to take too long to clean up Orders of the Day, I will change my suggestion that.....I certainly think that we should have Dr. Sprenger here as soon as possible, and then in that case, I will move that we have him on Wednesday and we will just take what comes along in the morning. I think, as you know, we have some further discussion on the Corrections.

Mr. Speaker: Well, then, is it agreeable with you gentlemen, that we have Dr. Sprenger here at eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning if he is available?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now?

Mr. MacKinnon: I move we call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: This Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
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Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is, all councillors are present.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the council to order and we will proceed, is there any correspondence.

Corresponder

Mr. Clerk: There is nothing, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any reports of committee?

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Mr. Watt: I would like to bring something up this morning concerning the House. It concerns a news report this morning and the question or the part that has me wondering is that this report over Yukon news this morning said there has been 28 or some odd number of companies registered and it is because of the new legislation that has been passed. Council, well I am wondering if that legislation has been assented too. If, so I am not aware of it, and it surprises me. If it hasn't been assented to is the administration putting it into effect in spite of it's not being assented to yet. I think this report is establishing a precedence that legislation is law as soon as it is discussed? I would like to have the point clarified Mr. Speaker and I would like to leave it in your hands to ask the Commissioner on behalf of the Council if this legislation is into effect now before it has been assented to. I feel that there is something wrong with the legislation and I have sent a copy of it to the Justice Department in Ottawa to see if my feelings are justified or not. But, I would like you to check into it. The news report may be just an error but I think that the point is important. A liquor licence was turned down in the stage where we discussed the ordinance and the Commissioner assented to it at a later date. So, I would like to leave it in your hands, Mr. Speaker, to clarify the point and I wanted to bring it up to see if the news was an error or what.

Mr. Speaker: I can do that Mr. Watt. One thing that I would be emphatic in stating, until a Bill has had third reading and until the Commissioner assents to it, it is not law. There is no question about that, however, these newspapers or reporters sometimes get carried away and do make announcements that are not so. Until bill has the final assent of the Commissioner it is not law. I will look into it. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

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Mr. Taylor: I would like to give notice of motion respecting the landing facilities in Ross River.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further notices of motion and resolution? If not, we will proceed to the notice of motion for the production of papers. If not, we will proceed to motions. We have on the papers, Motion #43. Is it your desire Mr. Watt to leave this in abeyance, you are having a meeting this afternoon, aren't you?

Notice of
Motion and
Resolution
Motion #43

Mr. Watt: I would like to have this deferred for a couple of days.

Questions

Mr. Speaker: Any questions, this morning?

Question #26

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for which I require a written answer and the question is "in view of the past motions what is our position re land. i.e. Is the handling of the same being turned over to the Yukon Territorial government and if so, how soon? Also, what was the response to motions requesting that prices be declared re released ground."

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Southam. Have we any further questions? This completes the daily routine and orders of the day. What is your pleasure at this time.

Mr. Boyd: I move that the Speaker now leave the chair for the purpose of resolving into committee of a whole to discuss Bills, memorandums, sessional papers, etc.

Mr. Taylor: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and been seconded by Councillor Taylor that the Speaker now leave the chair for the purpose of the Council to resolve into the committee as a whole to discuss bills, sessional papers, memorandums, etc. Are you ready for the question? Agreed with the motion? Motion carried and Mr. Southam will now take the chair.

Vote 17

Mr. Southam: I will call the committee to order and we will discuss the correctional program vote, Vote 17. We will go on with the first which is establishment 1701 which is the probation service. We had considerable discussion on this yesterday and we should be able to run it through. Are we all clear gentlemen?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, just one thing, when Mr. Smith left he said that he would look into the possibility of using this medium security project that we have on the hill for medium and minimum for the coming year. He said he would look at the building and see if it was feasible rather than build a camp 30 miles from Whitehorse. I don't know how the rest of the Councillors feel, if they feel that this is impractical and want to get a go ahead vote, this is fine. I don't want to hold anything up but this was left with Mr. Smith and he said that he would look into the possibility.

Mr. Southam: I am interested in establishment 1701.

Clear

Medium Security-----Clear

Minimum Security-----

Mr. MacKinnon: I believe that Mr. Watt has pointed out that Mr. Smith has agreed to look into the feasibility of having a minimum security with the medium security and I don't believe that this should be passed at this time, until we hear from Mr. Smith at a later time. To get this big mobile camp on the go, and I think this is just an added expense and won't have any value here in the Yukon at all for our vast and scattered population. This is very senseless.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have attended every meeting for the last three years concerning this set-up and it is very obvious that both go hand in hand. You are talking about postponing it for a year. What is going to be accomplished, is it going to do more harm than it is good or is it going to accomplish something. You say that we are going to save some money. This is problematical but are you talking about a year or five years. Certainly you mentioned both last evening. There is no harm in Mr. Smith looking into it but I assure you that it has been looked into and I don't think that there is anything to say that this minimum camp has to be within 25 miles of Whitehorse. Certainly it is going to be put in the position or place where it will bring the best results and I think it is quite safe to say that it has been looked into from an economical point of view. It is a plan and it has gone to the point of being advanced to nearly completion and at this late date I feel that we should not inject stumbling blocks. The time to inject them was a year ago and as we all know we started off with the best deal at \$750,000. If you look at that best deal today it would cost you a million dollars, that is what you would have had had this plan not come along because the million dollars would have accounted for the increased costs and so on. I see nothing to do but accept this thing, as much as we don't like the dollars, and watch it and give it its chance and if it isn't paying off then is the time to start curtailing and putting it down to some other method.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, my comments and my thoughts are the same and I would like to remind everyone that we have accepted this program in principle earlier in this session. I believe that there was one dissent but in general Council has agreed to this by majority. I suggest that we conclude with the estimates on that basis.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Boyd has said, well from remarks about this minimum security, that it doesn't have to be 20 or 30 miles away from Whitehorse. We have already heard Mr. Isser Smith say there would be accommodations for staff that operates this system within the boundaries of Whitehorse. Now, let's say or realize that he did say that they would be driving to and from work up to 30 miles where this type of jail would be established. Now I am sure that if this jail was established at Kluane Lake that these people will not be able to drive to and from work three shifts a day. This would be three round trips in 24 hours from Whitehorse up to the proposed park or sanctuary. There is no accommodation for the staff in that area and therefore you are going to be faced in other years with having accommodations provided to have this thing operate in the Yukon. I think that all these things should be taken into consideration. If it is going to be worked in a radius of 20 or 30 miles from Whitehorse it is going to cost us a lot in gas and maintenance of vehicles, just for the transportation of the staff and I cannot foresee how it can possibly work out. There will be no accommodation and these people are either going to return to their homes at Whitehorse, or demand they have homes along with that camp.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we have been all over this and I don't see where there has to be repetition and I do think that this is wasting a great deal of time. It was explained at some stage that there is staff quarters in this camp for men who can work for 10 days at a shift, for six or eight men, this is no problem. This camp can be put in Kluane, or Dawson or any other place and I suggest we get on with it.

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Mr. Watt: All three people that have said something on this, and they are all talking about something different than what I am talking about. I am not against this minimum security project but the thing that has concerned me is that I don't think that Mr. Smith has been up here and seen our climates in the winter and if you try and use this there is not going to be, well, 15 or 20 students in this anyway. He was going to have a look at the establishment that they have set up to see if the capital expenditure there could be used this winter or the first six months for their minimum project. He would look into the possibility of the medium security and the minimum being used for this purpose and this is the only reason I suggested this and I do think that it may save us thousands of dollars in the fact that after this first trial that I think Mr. Smith and those who have designed this will have a better idea of what they have. Everything we have here is based on the provinces, Alberta, B.C., Ontario, and their climate is not as severe as ours. If Mr. Smith comes back and says the medium security jail is not conducive then I will go along with this expenditure. This is what I ask. I would like to defer this until we get that and then I will gladly vote. It is a matter of reading his report and it may save the Territory money, not in this year but with the pilot plan working. It seems reasonable. All these people that have spoken were for medium or minimum security, or against it and this wasn't my idea at all. It was just to ask for Mr. Smith to give us this report and see if this building couldn't be used as a medium-minimum jail. It will be several months before anyone can even move in and it will be September then and then it is going to be winter time and you can't set up trailers then. Then it will be April and if they have any changes they will know then what they need. I feel that this will save quite a bit. This is all I was asking and if it is too much to ask well that is fine as I don't want to hold things up. If everybody is in agreement with this then fine.

Mr. Boyd: I just wanted to say that Mr. Watt did ask Mr. Smith to consider and Mr. Smith said he would look into it and consider it and look into it. Now if Mr. Smith said he would consider it and now if Mr. Smith sees the possibility then he is going to do it. If he doesn't then he won't so nothing will be changed. What are we talking about?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would say that Councillor Watt has a valid point in his concern in what is going to happen in the winter time and so on. I think his thought possibly generated on my question as to whether this camp can operate 12 months of the year. I do feel along with him and other members, probably, to operate in the winter time does create some problems that these people may not realize. There will be problems come up with this matter but this is a new concept of detention and in starting something new there is no doubt that there will be some administrative difficulties along the way. In a plan such as this things will not go smoothly and in particularly the problems in the plan we have here. What I would suggest is that we go along with this and watch how it works out. This is a movable camp so it will not be in one place and the program itself is adjustable and I heard a figure... well everyone knows I think that these figures are tremendous. But, I think that if we go along with this even though it is an awful lot of money, that we have to give it a chance. When Mr. Watt pointed out to Mr. Smith the point

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Mr. Shaw continues.....
of the distance he agreed that that could take some looking into. I think that is our function to bring out the points and let them look into them and work out the problems. For the present moment, I personally, am ready to go along with this and watch it carefully.

Mr. Southam: All clear gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I am contrary.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. MacKinnon wanted his vote recorded.

Mr. Taylor: I don't think there is a vote here.

Mr. MacKinnon: I do not go along with this establishment 1703 and I would like to be recorded as contrary.

Mr. Southam: It has been recorded.

Juvenile Detention..Clear

Mr. Southam: Now for Vote 20 page 5 with regard to Vote 17. Vote 17 &
Vote 20

Road Equipment.....Clear

Furniture and Office Equipment.....Clear

Mr. Southam: That finishes up the correctional program gentlemen.

Mr Taylor: I wonder if Mr. Legal Advisor could discuss the Justice vote with us at this time?

Mr. Southam: We have Mr. MacKenzie with us and Mr Legal Advisor and we will discuss Vote 13, Justice. Vote 13

Justice.....

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if we could possibly take these things in total and study them as we go along, it would save time.

Mr. Thompson: I notice it says in the estimates, Northern Canada. Is this the Yukon or N.W.T. or both or how is this derived?

Mr. MacKenzie: These figures are simply as I was given them from the Department of Justice in Ottawa. I don't intend to try and explain the term Northern Canada.

Mr Shaw: Does this mean "G" Division when it states "N" Division?

Mr. MacKenzie: Could I suggest that possibly we should have Inspector Pantry of the R.C.M.P. here to explain the technicalities.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess until Inspector Pantry arrives.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order. VOTE 13
Inspector Pantry is not in and we can't get the information we want so maybe any questions that you have, you could make a note of them and we can get them answered, but first of all, Mr. Legal Advisor has something he wishes to say.

Mr. Legal Advisor: When you do come to these estimates, the question of the headings gives me a little trouble at the moment. We have got Government of the Yukon Territory Estimates. The Department is shown as the Justice Department but you don't have a Justice Department as such. While it is a Vote, Vote 13, there is very little in this which you seem to be able to control because the money never actually comes into the Territorial Revenue. Perhaps Mr. MacKenzie can set me right on this picture because I personally find the heading suggesting that you have control and you don't have control. At least you don't have control to the extent you have indicated that you wish to have control. On Page 2, there is a breakdown there....2. Details of Provision for Jails....Legal Fees....\$95,000.00. Mr. MacKenzie has put this in on the basis of information supplied by the Justice Department. It says "This item covers fees to be paid to Crown Counsel when Court proceedings are involved". Well, this on the basis of a year will probably be something like \$35,000.00 or \$40,000.00...."and also to defence counsel appointed by the Court". Well, past experience suggests about \$5,000.00....\$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00. "This also covers expenses and fees of jurors, witnesses, stenographers, interpreters, in connection with proceedings in criminal matters". Now stop there. I have just had a take off done for indictable offences and this is where the costs arise. It comes to \$20,752.00....call it \$21,000.00 if you want...for the past year covering witnesses and travelling costs for witnesses, interpreters, in indictable offences. Now, if you are talking about summary matters, the cost factor of the witnesses is very low, because if it is a summary matter, costs are ordered against the person that is convicted so, in theory, this balance is out. If there is no conviction, then costs are payable by the Police so this doesn't amount to a great deal in the course of a year. On the material in front of you, you will see on Page three, about half way down that column of figures, two Court Reporters at \$7,700.00 a piece. Actually, you don't have two Court Reporters. You have one Court Reporter and the Reporter in training. The Reporter in training will get between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00, plus fringe benefits. The Court Reporter, the official Reporter, gets something in the order of \$8,000.00, plus housing and so on - not direct housing, Federal type housing. Now, so that you may feel that that item of fifteen and a half thousand for those two Court Reporters is already paid for, so it is difficult to see why it should come into this \$95,000.00. You have conduct of coroners' inquests and costs of jurors, witnesses, in connection with post-mortems. That's a Territorial charge. It comes under Vote 8 through Mr. Taylor's office. So it's difficult to see what that item is doing there. So there you are. You've got \$40,000.00 for the Prosecution, \$5,000.00 for the defence. You've got a double entry for your Reporters, apparently, and your witnesses' costs are in the order of \$21,000.00. Those are the broad breakdowns. I have no material on post-mortems at the moment except that goes through Mr. Taylor's office and the cost of Maintaining Prisoners in Provincial Institutions, I have no figure on that. I am offering these as yardsticks for you. On page three, this

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues:

rundown of bodies, you will see that the Territorial Judge does not appear against this cost. The Police Magistrate does. Then you've got a Clerk, a Deputy Sherriff, a second Deputy Sheriff, two Court reporters, a Clerk. Now you have one solicitor, but you don't have any provision here..either there is provision for the Senior Advisory Counsel and no assistant or there's provision for an assistant and not a Senior Advisory Counsel. Now, this is an estimate. You are expecting these positions to be filled. You have been expecting this for some two or three years. You may think that that should be included in the Estimates - two bodies, not one. Now, so that your figure there is a little lower than it may be. In practice, what happens is..while I work for the Department of Justice, if I am needed to go anywhere, I have to look for funds to Territorial sources. The Department of Justice doesn't provide anything for me in the way of a vote to cover my travelling expenses in the ordinary way. You may find that that figure is a little low when it is tested. I don't think there is anything else I could say on the broad points at this stage. I thought that Members should have those points in mind when they look at those figures again.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is quite true. The point has been made initially that we don't have a Department of Justice in the Territory and it was clearly set out some time ago when we had raised the question of having a quasi Attorney General, and Ottawa agreed that we should have this....a Senior Advisory Counsel. It was provided that this gentleman would be provided with Terms of Reference and he would be able to sit down with us in Council when we discussed the amount of money which we pay the Justice Department and it appears to me, to date, that this has not been done and, once again, after having complained at every budget session since I have been in Council, we still have no breakdown, no true breakdown, and I have noted some of the points raised by Mr. Legal Advisor and this is, in fact, quite correct. There seems to be duplications and there seems to be omissions here and it seems to me that in the future.... oh, yes, another item I wish to bring forth at this time is the fact that we still have no assistant to the Legal Advisor. I feel that this is having an effect on not only the Territorial work, the work of the Territory, and affecting delays. I feel that it affects Council, in particular, both in respect of preparation of Bills and legislation. There is only so much work a person can do and there is only so many hours in a day to do it and there is only so much pay for doing it. I feel very strongly that we must take some action aimed at providing the Territory with another legal gentleman, an assistant to our Senior Legal Counsel. We have tried Motions. I believe we have had a Motion coming up at pretty nearly every budget session also the past number of years and this has fallen on deaf ears. One suggestion was that the Territorial Government provide employment for such person and that we would establish the salary scale and so forth. I would feel that something very strongly has to be done in this respect. If we accept this as it is, the thing is going to go on, and on, and on, and on. Every year we stand up and we deplore the situation and then we sit down and approve it. Just right off the top of my head, I don't know what we can do, but I think we should take some effective action to remedy some of these defects.

Mr. Boyd: There was a Motion the last session that the Legal Advisor be Territorially employed, and while we were in Ottawa with the Financial Advisory Committee, this was discussed and my understanding at that time was that Ottawa agreed to that proposal in principle and that there was going to be somebody sent from Ottawa to discuss it up here, with Administration, and possibly implement it. That was the impression I got.

Mr. Boyd continues:

Now, I haven't heard anything more, and I would just like to ask any of the gentlemen sitting here if anything has transpired along this line since we were in Ottawa and, if not, do they know when it will be? I have one question for Mr. MacKenzie, in view of the duplications here and the possible omissions, has he any suggestions concerning these figures? In other words, what I am getting at is should we leave them and ask for them to be put in better form, or what?

Mr. MacKenzie: The position is this, Mr. Chairman. These figures came in only a day or two ago and this has been rushed out. I think possibly a copy should be sent to the Department of Justice and questions put to them to settle the points that you have raised. We can't do it here. We haven't got the information. It's up to the Department.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could I answer the first part of the Councillors question? It was understood that a survey of legal needs was going to be done by a member of the Department of Justice, specifically Mr. Bentley, and he would come here with Mr. Delaute and they would look it over and speak to the Judge and the Magistrate, and it was my understanding that they were planning to come here while you were sitting, which would have been the ideal opportunity, but for one reason or another, the Department of Justice have been unable to release Mr. Bentley, and I have no idea when he might get here. I have written to him and told him that if he does not get here while Council is sitting, he must prepare himself for a high pressure trip around the Territory. I believe he will not understand the problems until he has been exposed to them. I don't want anybody to suffer unduly, but I think he must be prepared to put in a week's hard grind going around the Territory getting some idea of what distance does to the Yukon. We are hung up waiting for him. Now, if Council wants to take the step of going to have its own legal advisor and myself moved over to the Territorial side, there are certain steps to be taken. Something has got to be provided in the Estimates somewhere. Now, here is the old box again. How does the Territorial Council initiate a money vote? You put up your request to the Administration to have this done. It has apparently been accepted in principle. Perhaps Mr. MacKenzie could suggest a way around this know.

Mr. MacKenzie: I can make this comment, Mr. Chairman. I think that before transfer can be affected to the Territorial Payroll have got to agree. I think that is the delay. As I recollect from conversations in Ottawa when I was there in Committee, Northern Affairs seem quite agreeable to the situation...to the switch, but they alone are not concerned. It is the Department of Justice as well.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this dealy appears to me has gone two, three or four years in duration and, as I say, every Session, every Spring Budget Session, we raised this. No one can tell me that it takes three years, or two years, or half a year, or even three months to be expedient in these matters. Ottawa has been aware of our demands for some time. We held up the Police Agreement on this account. It was only in front of a new Council that they threw this out and everybody gobbled it up, otherwise we would still refuse to sign that Agreement because that was, in effect, our lever, even though it was just a psychological lever, but this is ridiculous, this delay. This is absolutely ridiculous.

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Mr. MacKenzie: I think, Mr. Chairman, that at the outset, the legal advisor's position was a Northern Affairs position and then it was transferred to Justice. Now we want to switch them both to Territorial. Something has been done over the years but it didn't produce very satisfactory results.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, could I enlarge on this switch of functions. The Departmental Committee, I think of 1960, and maybe even earlier, it was recommended as part of the Five Year Planning...it was in 1962 Estimates...that a Member of the Department of Justice be provided so that you were really going to have two lawyers. You were going to have a Northern Affairs man who would run the Land Titles, the Companies and this sort of thing, office registration functions and the legal advisor provided by the Justice would decide who would look after the police functions. It was in the light of that understanding that the Five Year Police Agreement was prepared and it was in light of the failure to provide such a man that Council refused to agree to the Police Bill. Then, in order to service the undertaking that seemed to be given at appropriate departmental level, to provide a Justice man, they simply transferred me from Northern Affairs to Justice. They had met with the terms of the understanding and provided a man from Justice. However, you were left without a man on the other side...on the office functions. If you want to bring this issue up, I don't know...here again I have to put on my Territorial hat for a moment...the only way in which you can really raise the issue is to refuse this Vote and to ask for the preparation of Estimates which do in fact implement the agreement which has been reached in principle and that calls for certain costing...to find out what it costs for two lawyers and this function moved over. Justice may or may not agree to this but Justice can only, as I see it, withhold your control of the Police function and the Court function, but you are concerned with many aspects of the work. I don't know...it's your problem...you have expressed a wish and at the moment, I can't suggest any other way for you to impose your wish. You can't initiate a vote but you could be refusing and tabling a request, perhaps registering a certain dissatisfaction which you appear to entertain.

Mr. Boyd: Well, gentlemen, certainly we are not prepared to deal with this as being authentic, or what we want, or as being correct because there are duplications and I think... I would think that Council might consider inviting somebody from this Department up here. After all, we are going to be here a few days yet. Let him get here. We have got the Department of Parks man here for a much less reason than this thing is because this concerns the Territory vitally, daily. I think it is time we brought it to a head and leave this Vote. Just leave it until we hear something...if we have to leave it until next year.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, this has been under discussion here for four years and the situation is exactly the same as it was four years ago. It hasn't changed a bit in actual fact. The names have been changed around. In this four year period, the requirements, the necessity for more legal help, I will put it that way, has become more apparent. There is much, much more work involved and all that has happened has been that there has been a change around in the name with more hats added to this name. The part that concerns me in this particular matter, of course, is inherent in our political set-up. The only way...we can see that it is absolutely apparent that it is necessary that we have more people to undertake the functions of the Department of Justice. Whether

Mr. Shaw continues:

you call it Territorial, whether you call it Federal, Department of Justice actually makes no never mind. These figures we have here, I think, Mr. Chairman, are merely... well, it's most arbitrary figures. In other words, we have five hundred and some odd thousand in the Justice Vote so the Department of Justice takes that and says "Well, now, we'll split that down into these categories and this comes to this total amount". It's merely a matter of figures. We have complained bitterly for at least four years and we have got absolutely no place. We have the purely negative recourse of not passing the Bill. It's ridiculous when you think of it. We have at this Council seven Members representing all the people of the Territory. We all have been, in the past, unanimous, I am sure, that we must have more legal assistance here because the Territory is expanding and there are more things to be attended to. We want to pass certain bills. It all goes on one person. We want bills made up, legislation created. It's just absolutely...it's the most hodge-podge affair that I have ever seen and it doesn't matter where we go, we reach a block. There is none available or some such excuse. The only recourse then, of course, is this purely aspect of we won't vote the money. They are going to spend the money anyhow in doing it but we are not progressing in any manner. Now, one of the reasons we hear - well, they can't get a man. All right. Why can't they get a man? I think it's because they don't pay the salaries that are required for a man of that position. So, it's obvious that they can't get a man. You can advertise til you...you can spend five million dollars advertising for a man at \$2,000.00 a year or something or other, but if you spent five million dollars in advertising, you still wouldn't get a man for \$1,000.00 or \$2,000.00 a year for anything. So, that is the excuse, and a very feeble one, why we don't have any more assistance. Yesterday we had Mr. Smith here, Mr. Isser Smith. He told us that he had...I don't know...400...600... applications for specialized type of work...a new type of work. He had all these much higher salaried people than what the Government is advertising for a lawyer. He had all kinds of applications. It was remarkable and particularly in view of the fact that this is a kind of a new type of profession or trade or whatever you call it. So, he had the applications because Council had understood that we are living in 1966 and that you must pay a man according to what he is worth instead of the same scale of pay as what you would pay him twenty years ago, or ten years ago, or even five years ago. It almost appears to me, Mr. Chairman, it appears to me by the facts as we have gone along in the preceding years, for the past years, that there is almost a deliberate attempt to forget about it. It appears to me because there has been no action. We want action. We have cried for it and here we are sitting in exactly the same position as we were in 1962, I believe, something like that.. with exactly the same request, and as far as I can see, the only drawback to this particular thing is another few thousand dollars a year to get the man who is competent and qualified to do the job, but they won't do that. The Council have agreed. Fine. If they are scared to upset whatever they have in their Regulations as to pay, then we will establish a Territorial Legal Department. I don't know where you go from now. As I say, all you can do is request these things and then we have the purely negative duty, I would say that it is almost a duty, to say "Well, we won't pass the vote". Now what good would that really do? It shows just how ineffective the whole system is.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I agree with everything that has been said here. I think that if we don't do something now that we may just as well forget about any further discussion on the Justice Department Vote and just rubber stamp it from here on out for the duration of the whole term of all of us here. I have written out four main reasons why I am going to vote against this Justice Department Vote. This is something I have not done before in the hope that something would be done by the next session, by the next session, by the next session, by the next session. This Session, I have run out of patience, and I think I am doing the right thing in voting against this Justice Vote and voting not one cent for it. It has been said that if we refuse the Vote, our elements of control over the Police and the Courts may be eliminated by it being done directly from Ottawa. Well, this would be fine as far as I am concerned right now for the simple reason that we have very little control over the Police and Courts right now so what we will be denied in control over Police and Courts for these next few months is very, very little. One of the major reasons is lack of the appointment of a Senior Legal Advisor and I think that is reflected in a lot of other complaints that I have as a Territorial Councillor. I think we need the assistance. We need somebody here as a Senior Legal Advisor and as Mr. Taylor pointed out, we refused to sign the Police Agreement for a couple of Sessions and then it was promised that applications were being called for a Senior Legal Advisor. So, we went along and voted for the Police Agreement. After we voted for it, it fell by the wayside and nothing was done since. If the problem is money, we cannot introduce here, as has been suggested, then it is time somebody put the money into the Vote. We have seen lots of other money here that has been introduced by the Administration and requested by Ottawa. There is no reason why another item couldn't be put in there. We are getting to the point that we are going to have to pay money...we are going to have to pay good money...for somebody and I don't begrudge it at all. It is money well worthwhile. Six years ago, I sat here and we had all our budget and everything else, our Ordinances...and our Sessions were three weeks in the fall, maybe four weeks, and three or four weeks in the spring, possibly four weeks, and the amount of work that has been piled up on the Legal Department that is here now, must be three or four times as much. If we needed a Legal Advisor then, we need one three times as much now, another Legal Advisor...two men instead of one at least. There are several other reasons why, and I would like to state them now so that if somebody from Ottawa does want to come or if somebody else from the Territory here can answer these, I would like to see them be prepared to answer them and it would save us time. I will just state them briefly. I don't expect an answer now but I think they can be answered in writing by possibly local departments or any place else. One is that this Territorial Council, two years ago, asked for a system of payment of fines to be set up for minor traffic offences. I don't know of any major stumbling blocks why it cannot be done right now...why it hasn't been done. It should have been done a year ago. It is done within the City limits of Whitehorse, but if you have a minor traffic offence

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and you are perhaps speeding five or ten miles too fast, you should be able to go and pay it and not have to waste a day in Court and I think this should be able to be done.

I understand it can be done in the Provinces and it is something I have received a lot of complaints on. It should be done here. This is one question I want to leave. Another question that I think could be answered locally and that is that this speeding device that they are using for cars, I do not believe in it. Maybe this can be cleared up for our satisfaction. I don't think, from what I know of it, and I have looked into it, it can tell the difference in their ray...the difference between one car, two cars or three cars if they are going through at the same time. Another point with respect to the same thing is that you have one individual sitting in the car writing down how fast these cars are going and what colour they are. There is no reason why, I don't think, that there couldn't be some device where you punch a card just like an ordinary meter so you get away from the error...possible error...from having one individual sit in the car and write down the speed of cars going by. Another major question is...I sent a question in to the Administration two or three sessions ago respecting funds paid to lawyers from the Government and to which lawyers these funds were paid and it fell into such a close correlation between the political leanings of the lawyers that were receiving this money and the changes in Government in Ottawa.. I think this should be looked into a little bit too. For these reasons, and I think they are all worthwhile reasons, I am going to vote against this Justice Department Vote and I think this is the only way that we are going to get any action with respect to it. I think in the past, any Motion... in Council...anything else that we have done other than... the only thing we have done that appeared to be showing results was the voting against the Police Agreement and not ratifying it for two Sessions. This was the only thing that appeared to get any reaction. I don't care if the other Councillors are going to agree with me on this. I certainly wish they would. I think the Police are still going to be here and I think they should be here. I wouldn't want to see the country run wild but I think that these things that I have brought up are serious enough for me to refuse voting for this Justice Vote at this time. One thing I didn't mention but it has been brought up by others here and that is the lack of details and specifics on money that is voted here. I would just like to mention those things and if they can be answered, either through a Sessional Paper to us here...by some Member of the R.C.M.P. reading the Votes and Proceedings, this is acceptable and it may help clear things up, but the way things sit right now, I am going to have to vote against voting one cent for the whole Justice Department.

Mr. Legal Advisor: There were some points on which I could provide some background thought, if Council so wishes.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say with respect to whether or not we accept this, in our former one month Estimates, we refused to accept these two items of Corrections and Justice. Of course, we have dealt with Corrections and here we are in Justice. I am not prepared at this particular moment to say whether I am going to vote contrary to this amount of money being expended on Justice or not, but if I do, I will have very just cause for not voting this sum. I just did want to point out...oh, there was one error... I believe it was Councillor Watt who referred to an appointment of a Senior Legal Advisor. We already have a Senior Legal Counsel. I imagine he means an assistant to the Senior Legal Counsel. I just wanted to point out one thing and that

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is the matter of the payment of fines. This is purely a Territorial matter as I understood. We have raised the question and we have received a reply in this matter pointing out the Administration's feelings on it. I feel that this is something for Council. This is something that Ottawa do not necessarily have to resolve. Speeding devices...this is a matter that the whole Council went down, got right into police cars and looked over the device. We studied it at great length. We found out what it does and what it doesn't do and this matter, to my mind, has been completely resolved. I wouldn't want to see any Member refuse these...either refuse or accept these...on the basis of those things which are Territorial. Actually here we are dealing with a Federal expenditure which we are being asked to approve. I just wanted to make that point clear.

Mr. Watt: Just a short remark to Mr. Taylor to clarify what I had said. I think the payment of fines affects us because drafting of an Ordinance and this type of thing. To me, it is part of the Justice Vote and this is why this will be included in this. As far as the speeding device that Mr. Taylor had gone down to see and was completely satisfied with, it is no longer in use in the Territory now. There is a new device being used in the Territory now. These are simply the reasons. I don't want to...there is probably going to be other people here...that we are going to defer this for awhile.. that can clear these things up to my satisfaction, but until they are, I am not prepared to vote one cent for Justice and I think this is the only way...only power...that the Territorial Council has in order to try and get some of these things done. I think that if at this time we, as a Council, vote...exercise what power we have in order to get some of these things cleared up.

Mr. Southam: I wonder if at this time, we could excuse Mr. MacKenzie?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I believe at this time, gentlemen, that Mr. Legal Advisor has a few comments to make that might enlighten us a little bit.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, the Councillor for Whitehorse West has mentioned that question of direct payment of fines. I went into this pretty thoroughly and I came to the opinion, the conclusion, that no legislative change was necessary. It is possible for trivial offences to be taken in absentia and I suggested what I thought then, and I still think today, a perfectly workable arrangement, that for cases of a trivial nature, that the accused need not attend Court and when proof of service of the Summons has been given and the evidence has been given, the Magistrate or the Justice would impose an appropriate fine. The man, in due course, would be informed of the amount of the fine and he would call into the office and pay it. It would be just a lunch hour proposition...or send it in by mail. This is done in Great Britain. It works perfectly well and there is no reason why it wouldn't work here. I discussed the matter with the Magistrate and I thought I had secured his agreement to something along these lines but Crown Counsel took an opposite view in very strong terms and felt it was part of the legal process that the person should come to Court and be dealt with there. So you have these two points of view. Do you feel that it is a necessary feature of a person's punishment for having transgressed that he must lose a day to come in or do you feel that justice might unconsciously add on to the fine the money the man has saved

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by not having to stay home from work. They might boost the fine because the man is no longer losing time from work. This is something over which you have no control. These are the problems but from my point of view, I can only tell you, there is nothing against it. Cases can be taken without being present in Court. It takes little more work in the proof and service of the Summons. There is a little more work, but from the point of view of convenience, since other areas allow fines to be sent in for going through stop signs.. this is widely accepted by Ontario, Britain, and so on. The only reason it was not tried out here was because of the view that was expressed so strongly against the view that I offered. That's it. I tried and anytime that Council wishes to affirm its desire to go for out-of-Court payment of fines, then I will have another go at it. In the cities, the procedures are quite the same. They don't actually summons people. In fact, you just are told that you were doing forty miles an hour and it will cost you \$5.00, or you parked too long and you go down to City Hall and pay it and there is no conviction. There have been cases where one boy has been picked up, I believe, three times in the course of a week and paid a fine of \$50.00. That boy doesn't have one conviction recorded against him but he should because he is a menace. So, if you go to the City system, you will need legislation, but if you want cases taken in the absence of a person, you don't need legislation.

Mr. Watt: On this one particular point. The Council passed a Motion saying that the fines should be able to be paid... You say here that the Crown Counsel doesn't like the idea... Mr. Collins, I believe, is the Crown Counsel now. I don't know if he was then...but he doesn't like the idea. Now, is he making the laws for the Territory or are we? Secondly, a system is set up now where somebody else can go and plead guilty or not guilty for the individual. The idea of the original Motion was to get away from that idea. It's to let the individual go up himself and to pay for the fine and not lose a day's work if he is doing something. The other thing that I violently object to is that the past history in the Yukon and in the Whitehorse area here..there's a great difference not in what you do but who is on the Bench. I have heard of witnesses in Court saying that the police have stopped them and they request of the Police "What is the fine going to be?" and the answer was "If Magistrate Trainor is on the Bench, it's \$50.00. If Magistrate Kerr is on the Bench, \$15.00". Now, it shouldn't matter who is on the Bench. Justice should be the same for everybody. I think that since that time, I have noticed in the paper that every fine has been \$25.00. Something must have been done and they have unified it a little bit. I am not arguing about the amount of the fine. In my opinion, I think it is fair that it should be equal for everybody who is guilty of the same offence. The case that you mentioned where somebody had been doing fifty miles an hour or something like that, in the City, three times in a row. That's beyond a minor traffic charge in my opinion. A different charge should have been laid. I agree that it's a pretty simple matter in the City to go down and pay your fine for something minor..for some minor traffic offence. This is the reason why I think the Council voted for this at that time. This is one of the reasons...I don't feel that Council was given satisfaction in putting their request into operation and this is one reason why I won't vote for Justice. Justice is part Territorial, part Federal, but to me it's all part of Justice in the Yukon Territory and it doesn't matter as far as I am concerned...for Justice... That is one reason why I would vote against this. I was prepared, as I said, when I first brought these subjects up, is

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to let anybody in Whitehorse who is concerned with these take them under consideration...I don't want to get into an argument back and forth here across the table...and put something in writing or come back with an answer later or something like that. It appears as though the Council wants to get more information from possibly other witnesses in Whitehorse or possibly from Ottawa and I will gladly leave these until that time. I mentioned the questions now rather than later so that anybody that wanted to prepare an answer or clarify the situation has lots of time to do so. That is why I mentioned them now. If I thought I was going to get into an argument over every point, then I would not have even mentioned them at this time.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I wasn't attempting to argue. I was trying to bring the record straight, as a matter of fact, on the out-of-Court fines and I think I had given this report before. I wanted to remind Council of the position that I was in then. Mr. Collins wasn't attempting to make law. I must be fair to him, but he does advise the Police you see. I don't technically advise the Police. That's not my function. The Crown Counsel advises the Police and once he says "No", he was against it, there is not very much I can do about it. I will have to try and persuade him to my point of view, the point of view that Councillor Watt wishes. I should say the payment of fines and so on, lately there has been some standardization. Across Canada, they have been making efforts. There have been discussions to have some standardization, but if you put it back in black and white and try to measure it off with a ruler, you are going to come up against a hard case. You will say "Boy, I should fine that boy \$25.00. Well, I will close my eyes and find him not guilty"...you see, instead of being able to impose a \$5.00 fine. So, it's very difficult to preordain a particular plan. The speeding device...I am interested in the Councillor's suggestion that there is a new device for speeding after the one that was viewed by Council. I will check that. The funds for lawyers, the record is, I think, the cost for Crown Counsel got up to \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00. I think this year it is \$35,000.00, \$40,000.00. Now, this looks appalling. I don't think I have to analyze the reasons. There is an upturn in the crime figures. You have heard from other sources about that. You now have a Magistrate that travels much more than the old one. Whereas the previous Magistrate didn't go to Dawson very often...once every two years or something like that...the present Magistrate does go and he takes with him the Crown Counsel. Instead of it being half a day's case and the prisoner is brought in here, it means three days away for Counsel for which you have to pay so even though the bill has gone up, don't think that it is due to the stupidity of Crown Counsel at all or a practice that he can't control. He's away from the office much more than he used to be. As a matter of fact, the present figure of \$125.00 per day, I think that this is generally unfair. It's too low. It has been set there too long. You must be prepared to see that increase. Defence Council gets about half that. This is why Defence Counsel is actually out of pocket every time he goes out of town. He gets about \$50.00 a day. That deals briefly with funds for lawyers. There has been an increase. It is not political. It is purely the way the book is being written these days. I would mention just so you know what you are up against, I saw an advertisement in Scarborough, Toronto, for some one for the Legal Department. They were offering \$16,000.00 to

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\$19,000.00 and that's on Southern Ontario costs of living. This is why you are not getting much response. When I was promoted from Northern Affairs to the Department of Justice and given more work, my salary is \$200.00 a year less than it was when I was with Northern Affairs. It's fatuous.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess and we will reconvene at two o'clock.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and with us this afternoon we have Mr. Brooks, Chief of the Planning Division, Natural & Historic Branch, Department of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources; Mr. A. Phillipson, President of the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Paul White, President of the Chamber of Mines. Mr. Shaw will be here later and we will discuss natural parks. Mr. Thompson, would you like to start it off as Chairman of the Advisory Committee and mover of the motion? National Park

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, there seems to be a consensus of opinion here that we are wasting Mr. Brook's time by asking him here because we have been over this ground many times and nothing is to be gained by another visit or another rehash. I do not concur with these ideas. I feel that there is much to be gained and said for a national park and I feel that the best way to achieve these ends is to have the interested people here and discuss them. I feel that there is a possibility of all parties being justly dealt with in matters of this nature and I feel that the dissenters, and there are many, have the opportunity at this time to say their piece. I feel that until such time as I have heard all the detrimental and discouraging remarks against the formation of a park, I would like to reserve my comments until later.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask Mr. Brooks if the thinking in Ottawa has changed in respect to the forming of a national park or the money that they would ordinarily be used for a national park could be used in a core type park or this money could be used for a Territorial park or has the thinking of the National Parks Board changed so that mining and resources operation can be developed or allowed.

Mr. Brooks: Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't think the National Parks Act has been changed as far as I am aware of and it is still rather clear by section 4 that it doesn't permit resources use in a national park. As such these are policy statements declared by our Minister about a year ago, also to support this feeling that a national park is a set form of land set aside for a special purpose and our approach to it, as you know, back in 1962 when I was up here then we recognized that the Yukon was probably a little different than the rest of Canada and there was a lot of land here about which little was known and we came up with a proposal of a core idea. The core would be in the center with a reserve area around and the idea of a core was so that we could get started and get going on something under the current Act. In this form it would set aside a designated major region as a national park and which would permit mineral exploration around the bulk of the area around over a period of years and gradually determine land in which there are no important mineral products. That is the situation now. In reading over the remarks made by our Minister at your Resources Conference and he stated that there must be some way of overcoming impasse. He did not elaborate on how to go about this or how it could be done. We have no advice to go by other than our National Parks Act. Does that answer your question sir?

Mr. Watt: There is two concepts I think here, one is the core type factor and I think that we made an offer of a certain mileage so that when the minerals were mined in an area then this land could be expanded. I didn't seem to quite get your answer and you insinuate that the core wasn't big enough.

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Mr. Brooks: As far as I know there has not been any specific offer. I don't know of any form of proposal to designate any area as a national park. When I said a core in itself, before you can justify funds, has to be a considerable area. Even the core has to be sizeable as it is just not a national park if you are talking in terms of a few square miles and we think also in terms of the size of the Yukon. The Yukon is such a tremendous chunk of Canada that our feeling is that to declare a too little part for a national park is a bit of a mockery on the national parks concept. National park means just that, it has to be of national significance, of international significance, as people come from all over the world to visit our national parks, most of these, of course, come from the U.S. In our thinking the core has to be of reasonable size before we can warrant it's setting aside under the National Parks Act and warrant expenditure of funds. We said 100 square miles that this core should be and this is pretty small when you think that Nova Scotia designated 140 square miles to us as a national park and Nova Scotia is just a corner to the Yukon Territory.

Mr. Southam: You must have put all of Nova Scotia into park.

Mr. Brooks: About 5 % of Nova Scotia is now national park and it is a very significant part of their province. As you know 7% of Canada is national park. If you apply that to the 207,000 square miles in the Yukon that would be 1400 square miles in proportion to the rest of Canada. This is just a rough guide. Some provinces, Alberta for instance, has a large proportion in national park. But, some of them have hardly any land in national park. Quebec has no national park land. Alaska has 2% under national park status. These are just rough guides as to what you have to think of for the Yukon for a national park. You have to think in terms of size and it has to be significant.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think that is significant here and that has taken offence all across Canada and the provincial mines ministers have passed two resolutions to open up the parks for optimum use of resources. The section 4 of the National Parks Act which prohibits the optimum use of resources considered here and I think that this is the crux of the whole situation and I think that this is the whole crux of the national parks concept, this is something to be set aside and sterilized and I think that many of us here in the Territory have held to a view, which is more adamant today than before, that the further development of the Territory both industrially, socially, and culturally evolves around the ability to establish industry here and do so by means of the optimum use of our resources. We can utilize our mines, timber, game, etc and to the general benefit of the people of the Territory and to all of Canada. The question then arises in the eyes of the conservationist and in the eyes of the industrialist to get together and how can we reconcile this problem. It has been suggested a year ago in Ottawa that a new National Parks Act be created which would if effected allow for the optimum use of the resources in the Yukon and the N.W.T. and north of the 60th parallel. However, it was pointed out that this could not be condoned because it would place the National Parks Act as it exists in jeopardy. There is certainly, on behalf of the Northern Affairs Branch, to open up the Act, to open up any park, or to move an inch. We have gone around and around the mulberry bush in hopes of finding an acceptable solution to this and I don't really

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think that we have come up with anything in respect to the national parks. Another idea has been put forth and I think that it is a very sound one and I think that the national parks people and the conservation people in Ottawa could help us along with it and that is the suggestion of the creation of a Territorial Park system which would provide for game sanctuary and yet allow mining exploration, etc. under regulation, of course. That way the game would be looked after and yet mining would be encouraged and mining exploration. We would need controls on this as are used in the provinces and eventually develop this and we can do this in many ways. We have a new corrections program which could provide help in the way of inmate labour. With the minimum security camp we could start building up and cleaning up campsites and in beautifying our Territorial Park. It leads me to a question, I might say that I do believe that there is provision made in the five year agreement for a Territorial Park but this is an unknown quantity however I understand that this can be done, if we create a Territorial Park system here in the Yukon it seems to me that we have to have optimum use of resources and we have to be able to allow searching for industry. We have to keep to that economic base which would allow us to become a province, so we won't do this by sterilization. My question, then, would be, if we embark on a Territorial Parks program would we receive and enjoy the support both morally and financially of the National Parks Branch in the development of a Territorial Park system such as proposed?

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Mr. Brooks: There are two points upon which I would like to comment upon, first of all is sterilization. I am afraid that I can't agree with that term that when you set aside a national park that this area is sterilized. I think any area of land which will produce something to the economy of the nation as a national park it cannot be said to be sterile. We invest about twenty-eight million dollars a year in the development and operation of national parks. Now direct expenditure by the tourist right in the parks is at least equivalent to the money that we have put in the parks and we suspect that it is fifty million. Now, this is new money and any economist will tell you that new money coming into the country has an economic impact 3.2 to 4.6 times the actual value of that money. In other words that fifty million is worth one-hundred and fifty million to the country as a whole. We know this is so as it has been proven economically and by theory and the other thing is I would like to point to our wide tourist industry which is now approaching a quarter of a billion and will reach the billion mark in 1967. Much of this is generated by the fact that we have a world renowned national parks system. Many tourists come to this country just because of our national parks. Now this brings us to the point of a Territorial park and what is a Territorial Park? To people of the Yukon this may have some significance but to people from your next door neighbour area in Alaska and the people in Europe would not know of this and it would not have the drawing power as such. The other thing is, you asked sir, if this would be financed by Ottawa. I cannot answer that question. The Territorial park system would be analogous to a provincial park system. To me there is no direct scheme of financing a provincial park throughout Canada. The only exception to that are the.....well the only money would be through the winter works projects and there is

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no grant or scheme of money directed from federal funds for provincial parks development, rightly or wrongly. I say rightly or wrongly because there is some argument that there should be. Now, I don't know what the situation would be in regard to a Territorial park system, whether Ottawa would consider finance or not. I don't know. You could hardly finance under the funds provided by the National Parks Branch. It would have to be a special legislation or means to convey funds for a Territorial park. Does that answer your question sir?

Mr. Taylor: Well, I must respectfully say that I cannot agree on several points raised by Mr. Brooks. In the point of sterilization I would resubmit that this section of the National Parks Act does in fact sterilize any type of development other than what is attached to the development of national parks. Certainly I don't overlook the possibility of its impact on the tourist industry but again there are many arguments which can be brought forward with the view of national parks in view of roads, etc. Industry will put in much of this and the government should have a growing partnership with them. In respect to the reference made to the significance of the park, I would certainly say that by hanging a sign on this park and stating it was a national park would be of benefit of publicity. I also would submit by calling it a Territorial park that we have ability through the Travel & Publicity Department and certainly with the assistance of the Dominion Travel Bureau of advertising the Territorial park. I just want to point this out very respectfully but my big concern was that we are not a province and we are a Territory and administered by Northern Affairs and of course National Parks Branch is a part. As a territory we don't qualify as a province for assistance, here the situation is somewhat removed and other avenues must be explored. But, it seems to me that N.A. & N.R. should be allowed to contribute towards this. I don't suggest that they pay the whole shot but I think that in the development of park areas that they could consider this. I just raise this as a point of discussion.

Mr. Shaw: I think that this national park has become quite an issue not just in the Yukon Territory but all over the country. We are hearing loud screams from the various ministers in respect to this. A very recent one was the big cry from the conservationists in relation to having the Olympic sports in Banff. There was a great hue and cry to having this at Banff and the results have been that they are going to be going to Japan. They must be more broadminded there as it is in a national park there that they are going to have this. They are just going to make the most use of the resources they have and utilize them to the fullest and will benefit them as such. A few years ago before this Council there was a Mr. Meyers came up and wanted a huge chunk of the Yukon but it was just wilderness, you couldn't hunt, you couldn't trap and all it was was wilderness. What he wanted it for I don't know but that was the objective. Now, in the Yukon Territory we are looking for it in the way of industry and of course tourism is our second industry and it could reach the billion dollar mark by 1967. It is something we all should work for, however, you have certain factors to consider. One is that when you have an area like the Yukon there is a lot of area that is nonproductive and that area unfortunately doesn't have any great mineral content nor does it appeal as a park. The sections that do appeal as a park also have some potential

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as being valuable for mineral production. We will have to weigh the value of this and the value of that and come up with some reasonable explanation of the situation. This all came up in the matter of two or three years. I think the general area had been known about for 60 or 70 years but it was just the last two or three years that this area came into productiveness. Now had this been a national park, it is quite possible that it could have been, it would have been most detrimental to the Territory and as it is the production from that one mine is an expenditure of eighteen million. That is a huge expenditure and that is what it took to get it into production. After they get into production there will be four or five million dollars in expenditure in transporting these minerals from the mines and taking the supplies into the mines. That is four or five million dollars a year expenses generated into the Territory in a twelve month period, just for transportation alone. Then, on top of that you have a labour force in this area that will have a payroll of two or three million dollars each year. That is a considerable contribution to the wealth of the Territory and all of Canada as most of that will be exported out into the country. Had there been a park in that area it would have been out of the question and we would have lost that, now we would have gained "X" number of dollars on the expenditure of the federal government plus the expenditure of the tourists who might come up for a look and all these other factions. When we consider this we also have this to consider....that any minerals imbedded would be money from private enterprise and not coming out of the taxpayer's pocket. It is money that people themselves put into it and it will produce for twenty years a substantial production for the country. So, there we have a situation as to what would be most beneficial in that area, a mine or a park. Now it would appear to me that there is very little question--I think the mine is more important or of more benefit. So, then we come to a situation such as this and one hesitates to give away ground, mineral resources, that cannot be utilized. You don't know what is contained in this area. A 100 square miles is not such a large area but it may be a gold mine or any type of mine which is sterile. It appears to me when one considers the hue and cry of the Ministers of Mines in the provinces that when they dealt originally on the national park idea that they when they made the deal originally on the issue that they used the safest way and they made a bad deal. It appears to me also that a national park is an asset. I would like to see a national park and I don't think there is anyone who would like to see a national park as much as me. But, we must take the most practical attitude. When you take what I stated about the one mine you must consider that that contributes not only to the economy of the Yukon but to Canada. It isn't just a local matter, this is a matter where the Yukon is producing for all of Canada. The fact that you cannot have a mine is kind of tricky. I just can't understand the way this is dealt with in Ottawa. You would think we could have some kind of compromise. This mine could double it's output and when you think of it in terms of 207,000 square miles it is all relative. A province has all kinds of industry that they can utilize but in the Yukon we only have two as a measure of economy. Under the existing set-up it seems that we have to kill one to build the other or we don't build one so we don't kill it out. The government may take a look at this and say we could both get along---we have lots of areas for a park, we could say we will give you a huge

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 chunk of the Territory providing it can be used for mineral production and we could have rules and regulations. On top of that it is not detrimental--I will admit that this is something the Lord provided but man can also do something. That is the approach and I think everything could be worked out. This dogmatic attitude is just not necessary. This is the way I feel. I know you don't make the policy of the National Parks Branch but that is how I feel.

Mr. Brooks: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shaw is quite right, I do not make the policy of the national parks. I certainly appreciate your sentiments sir but I think I would like to attempt to clarify a few points. One point here is that there is the insinuation that we want to take a piece of land for a national park irregardless of the mineral potential. This is not true. Before any area is designated as a national park we do a whole thorough analysis of it's potential and go through all the information we can. As an example, the new park in Nova Scotia on which we are now doing final negotiations, we have done over twenty different studies of various aspects of the resources. Now this does not eliminate the possibility of a mineral mine finding as there is no 100 per cent certainty. But, this building may be sitting on a gold mine right here. Now, you say, sir, that the provinces look upon the national parks as a bad bargain or deal. I could say that the evidence is to the contrary. At the present time we are involved in negotiations in five of the ten provinces about a national park, Nova Scotia has had the experience of a national park, Prince Edward Island is now negotiating at the present time, we did studies at Newfoundland and we have been asked to do studies in Ontario, also in New Brunswick. Manitoba is now doing a study this fall. In Alberta we are requested to look at a special area this summer even tho' Alberta has the largest national parks. All of these people in this are business dedicated men and you can't say they are bird-watchers or something like that, these people are looking at it in a practical view. They know that a national park is a factor of economy in the province today. I would like to mention one other point. That is, you can hardly look upon Canada as a country of isolation and you can't think of the Yukon as part of Canada as such. Although, you must be aware of the way distances have shortened because of the means of travel and now international travel is something that every country is striving for. Most of the countries are setting up national parks as a stimulus to travel. There are well over 60 countries which subscribe to this concept of setting aside land. I had direct experience with this two years ago when I was asked to do a study in Turkey to advise them on setting aside national parks. I was tremendously impressed with their attitude. The country has very low economy and they have a population two or three times ours and they have a land shortage that is critical and yet they were willing to a setting aside of land for a national park. Tourism is now heading from Greece and into Turkey and they realize that this national park would be a factor in economy. I come now to my own country and we are so cautious and I wonder, there must be some reason for this in our way of life. We are really making an investment in our future when we think of a national park. But, we must not be so optimistic, these are for our future generations.

Mr. Shaw: I would like to ask the gentleman a question. What would be the reason for the objections to having a mine in a national park? Is there any objection to a mine--in Banff you have hotels and businesses. What are the specific objections?

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Mr. Brooks: There are two reasons, any type of resource is a direct contradiction the international concept of a national park. The actual area needed by a mine might be very small, but you wouldn't know how to put an end to the production of the resources or management of the land. The only real answer is that it is a complete contradiction. The thing to do first is to fully study the resources and know the resource potential. Once you draw the boundaries around a national park, you guarantee that this land will remain unexploited for all of time. If we renege or changed the national park status then it would change the phase of a national park. This can't be changed. A national park is just that, a national park.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order. We will continue and I believe Mr. Shaw had a supplementary question.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, to pursue this a little further, I believe there was a resolution in the Council a number of years ago in relation to the Mines representative at the Chamber of Mines getting together with the National Parks people with the objective of the Chamber of Mines making a proposal of a certain area...the nucleus of a park...I think it was very similar...that the Territorial Park be on the outside, however this small section in the centre that had not shown much promise, and that this could be investigated fairly thoroughly by the Department and the Government...the National Parks people...and if it was found somewhat barren that it could be agreed that this could be the nucleus or the start of a park. I would like to ask Mr. Smith if his group, the Chamber of Mines, have ever thought or done anything about...any meetings or any information...his sentiments...or the Chamber of Mines sentiments...in relation to an area which would be suitable for the nucleus of a National Park that hasn't perhaps proved very good in the past and, after investigation, that could be utilized as a nucleus. Has that ever been.....

Mr. White: Mr. Chairman, the Chamber of Mines has for many years investigated the National Parks and other Parks issues. To answer Mr. Shaw's question, I think I can safely say that the Chamber has investigated it and not selected any core area seriously with the exception of the Dawson City area proper which was considered over the last couple of years. Some members of the Chamber of Mines, at general meetings, the Motions that were presented to the Chamber at their own meetings, in support of establishing some part of the Dawson City area as a National Park area or a historic site area of some type have all been defeated on the grounds that mineral potential may still exist...even in a small area a mile or two miles square such as considered in the Dawson City area. The sentiments of the Chamber of Mines are almost unanimous in that the Chamber is very, very strongly opposed to the institution of a National Park under the National Parks Act. The Yukon Chamber of Mines is not directly opposed to parks, although some Members feel that the parks issue...the possibility of having large areas of the Territory excluded from mineral activation has so alarmed some Members that the mere mention of the work "Parks" can stimulate a large amount of emotional activity. By in large, the Chamber is not against parks, but they are against the restrictions under the National Parks Act which they find unbending and prohibitive to the exploration for economic mineral deposits. They are afraid even of a core area. I think Mr. Brooks pointed out that the core area is really a foothold in the Territory which has no National Park at the present time and this core area, whether it was one square mile or a hundred square miles, would, if acceptable to the Parks Branch, the commencement point would be expanded to an as yet unnamed area which would exclude mineral exploration and all other form of commercial development, excepting the provision for tourist facilities. The Chamber of Mines is especially alarmed about the selection of the core area for a National Park in any portion of the St. Elias range, having come to the conclusion at past and recent meetings that there is considerable mineral potential in the Kluane-St. Elias area. I think I have answered Mr. Shaw's question. I would like to point out briefly that Mr. Brooks mentioned the six provinces which were under negotiations for

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Mr. Smith continues:

National Park institutions or acquisitions. I would like to comment that three of them...Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland...are in the state of economic, I would say, distress to the point where any form of investment is urgently required in those areas at the present time. I don't know anything about the other Eastern provinces' negotiations since they weren't mentioned, but it seemed significant to me that the only province of the Maritimes who enjoys mineral exploration and expansion in recent years, the province of New Brunswick, is not under negotiations. The other three provinces that he mentioned were Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. I would just like to comment that any negotiations for National Parks in the Province of Alberta are partially set off at least by the very strong representation being made by the Government of Alberta to obtain the Wood Buffalo Park back from National Parks jurisdiction, or their portion of it, in order to explore the mineral potential of the vast area that Alberta has contributed to that particular National Park. The Chamber of Mines feels strongly that a core area would be expanded to a point that where some mineral potential of the Territory that would otherwise be developed would be prohibited, if a core area of a park would be instituted. The investment level that would be obtained through the institution of a National Park in the Territory would not, in itself, it is not likely to exceed something like a million dollars a year as contrasted with, as Mr. Shaw pointed out, the Clinton Creek development for one. In the fact that in a one hundred square mile area of the Vangorda Creek area, in the last two years, there have been somewhere between two million and three million dollars invested in mineral exploration and what we hope will be development. The Vangorda Creek area might have well been a National Park. When you are stumbling over the swamp mountains and buck brush out there, there doesn't seem to be any reason why it shouldn't be a National Park. It is in its most natural state and I think the Chamber of Mines is dedicated in some ways not to preserving land area in its natural state. We directly involved in mineral exploration are not convinced that large areas of the Territory should remain in its natural state so the net feeling of the Chamber of Mines, as an individual body, is that they are opposed to the National Parks Act and the institution of a National Park in any form within the boundaries of the Yukon Territory because of the section prohibiting the exploration and development of minerals within National Park boundaries. I would like to point out at this time that the Yukon Chamber of Mines and the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce recently formed a joint Parks Committee. We wrote you a letter which has not been presented to you yet. I won't read you the letter since I assume that it will be presented to you, but I would like to read a Motion that the Joint Parks Committee of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce and the Yukon Chamber of Mines, a ten man committee, with five members from each chamber, moved, seconded and passed as their first resolution "that the Yukon Chamber of Mines and the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce request the institution and development of a park in the Yukon, under Yukon Territorial jurisdiction which will allow commercial and natural resource development therein for the benefit of all the people of the Yukon Territory". I think that that resolution in itself, if read carefully, embodies the stand of the Yukon Chamber of Mines. I will let Mr. Philipsen speak on behalf of the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Philipsen: Mr. Chairman, I don't have very much to add to that. As representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, we are concerned naturally with the economic development of the Territory as well as the institution of park lands for the future. It was at our joint meeting with the Chamber of Mines that we came up with the resolution which Mr. White has read to you.

Mr. Southam: Have you any comments on that, Mr. Brooks?

Mr. Brooks: I don't think I could comment on that. Mr. White has made his position very clear. All I can say is that I don't agree with it, professionally or personally, and for reasons I have already expressed. I feel that single resource economy is an extremely vulnerable one and this is what this resolution does. It excludes really the possibility of a National Park and I just can't agree.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I am beginning to wonder really just what we are talking about and why we are talking because, in the first place, we have gone through all of this, time and time again and the end result was that unless the Parks Board is willing to bend a little bit...we have two factions that are not going to get along with each other...and we know now that the Parks Board didn't come here prepared to be bent. Nor do they intend to bend. They are not concerned about it. It depends on where you sit and how you look at things. We have a Parks Board, for instance...they have only one thing in mind and they live in Eastern Canada. That's another point. They are not Yukon oriented. Now, Mr. Brooks mentioned Turkey being short of land, making \$700.00 a year to live on, per individual, and yet they set aside a chunk of land for a Park. Fine. I'm not saying anything against it, but is it right or is it wrong? India is starving to death today and they have got a few million cows they are feeding, while we help them to feed them. Is this right or wrong, Mr. Brooks? Depends whether you can see the bush for the trees or not. Another thing that I don't understand is that when the Parks Act was written, nobody knew anything about the Yukon. It was a land of ice and snow and yet they wrote something that shall apply to we who live here, knowing nothing whatever about it. I would ask you, do you know of any place in Canada, Mr. Brooks, where one law is applicable clear across Canada? Is there not a difference in our assets, in the geography and everything? It's quite true that these people in Eastern Canada, they will grab at anything, Ottawa's money in particular, because they have not much else to look forward to. We make more than \$700.00 or \$1300.00 or \$1600.00 or anything you want here. We are not out to grab..to get the last straw. We want to get money out of the ground and I can't see where somebody sitting in Ottawa cannot look at this angle. I would like to say...do you think that this Law of the Parks as it is written for us in this area is suitable? Do you think it is suitable to we who live here? Who have got to make this country pay its way? Or, do you think we should lock it up and leave it locked up the same as they are doing some other places? Do you think...I will sit down...do you think this is the right way to treat this country...this area of the Yukon?

Mr. Brooks: Well, first of all, I live in the East, but not by choice. I am a Westerner...born and raised in the West...in Vancouver, and to say that laws are made in Ottawa, by Easterners, is a very grave distortion of facts. That's

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Mr. Brooks continues:
not the case. I think you will find that Ottawa is a cosmopolitan city, both in its political makeup and its Civil Service makeup and probably more than in any other part of Canada. People there are aware of all parts of Canada. We all come from different parts of Canada and there are not very many people living in Ottawa today that are natives of the City or natives of the East even though we work there, as I have the last six years, we spend little time there. Most of us are out in the broader parts of Canada and other parts of the world trying to give this broad perspective on our country. I would suggest, gentlemen, that we cannot think regionally today, or locally. We are a Nation among other Nations that are increasingly more dependent on one another and I fail to see this type of thinking of trying to pit one part of the country against the other. I think this is wrong. I am Canadian. It disturbs me to see that approach. I don't know about the one law. The one principle of the National Parks is not just Canada wide. It's world wide. The principle never originated in Canada. It originated in the United States many years ago, back in 1871, and adopted in Canada in 1885, and has been adopted by many, many countries ever since. I maintain that it is a valid principle. You say I am biased...one of these Eastern Parks people. I am an engineer by trade and, therefore, had a practical background, and a forester by training, yet practical as my background may be, I have over my sixteen or seventeen years of Parks work, come to realize that this basic principle is as valid now, and more valid, I would say, than it was when it was conceived in 1871. I am afraid that I can't accept this philosophy that it only applies to one part of the country and not the other. There was another point made by Mr. White. He referred to the distressed Maritimes. To some extent, this is true. They have looked upon the National Park as a very strong third leg in their economy and there is no doubt that this has been a factor in their asking us to examine their basis of a National Park, but this still does not answer the question of why Ontario, or Manitoba, or Saskatchewan, or Alberta, for that matter, are coming to this same conclusion...that there is a legitimate place in the total picture of land use for National Parks.

Mr. Boyd: I wasn't picking on you in particular. I was including the Parks Board as a whole and more of them...more of those people. After all, regardless of what you say, the laws as written today as far as the Parks Board is concerned, were written in the East, with no knowledge of this country at that time, and you will...you are saying to me that it is quite applicable here. Do you believe that, wholeheartedly? I accept your answer as your belief, but I can't say that you are going to sell me...you may sell these fellows, but you're not going to sell me your belief without a little more talk. It will have to be on a different line because I am willing to give an inch or two. I would like you to give one inch if I give two, and this is what Ottawa has got to think about. We make our living out of mining here and there's got to be justification for things. You couldn't justify building a bridge across the river where we are going to spend \$14,000,000.00. You couldn't justify it right now. Couldn't justify it, but you want to spend millions of dollars here to build a park that is operated and inhabited or patronized three months out of twelve. Can you justify this? Now? Or, had you better wait a while until we get some population up here and just leave things the way they are because the money you are going to spend isn't justified. Everything is a park as it is. You might spoil it if you put in some of the things that are objectionable that we hear about elsewhere. The Buffalo Park...I know you haven't spent any money there worth five cents and

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a good reason too. It would be unwarranted, but you are also prepared to release any of it back for mineral purposes. Apparently Alberta is very unhappy about this. You did release a little bit in the East, once, not too long ago, for mineral purposes....for mineral purposes! Now, what's wrong? Why be so insistent? I am not blaming you but I would like the Parks Board to understand this much...my thoughts any way...and that's all I am going to say on this. I am going to vote against it...whatever you are going to vote...if it's for National Parks.....

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think most aspects of this basic situation have been pursued. I think you could capsule it by stating that any move towards the establishment of a National Park in the Yukon Territory, at this time, would be quite premature. Having respect to the possibility of future industrial development in the Territory, in the development of its resources which form our economic base at present time, our principle resource, and I don't think... or you would find very few people in the Territory who would give up a twelve month a year industrial development which builds towns, homes and population...I don't think they would sacrifice this in favour of a four month a year short tourist season by sterilizing an area by making it a National Park. One question I have always wanted to ask and I have generally forgot about it during the many discussions I have had on National Parks....I would really...there are two questions I would like to ask...just for a matter of interest. The first one would be - why are there no National Parks in Quebec? What is the reason for not allowing these parks or is it the Federal Government that didn't want to put in any there? Number two is what damage would have been done in the Banff National Park had the Winter Olympics been held in that Park?

Mr. Brooks: Well, Mr. Chairman, the reason there are no National Parks in Quebec is because we have not been invited by the Province of Quebec to study land for that purpose. We have no National Parks...no scenic parks there. We do have National Historic Parks in Quebec...I believe three of them. This runs hot and cold in Quebec. It depends on the political mood I suppose. We very nearly got a National Park there quite a number of years ago but as you know...well, I don't have to comment more on that...you know the situation as well as I do. It wouldn't be a very popular notion at the present time to give a portion of Quebec to the Federal Government, but we still have hopes. There certainly is at least one...perhaps two...outstanding areas that we would dearly love to develop into a National Park and we feel it would be very much in the interest of the Quebec people if this were the case. You asked about the Olympics. Well, as you know, the Department that I represent did indeed support the Olympics and, in fact, invested money in pre-development of facilities in the Banff area to the tune of something like \$300,000.00 in anticipation of receiving the Olympics. The decision not to have the Olympics in Banff was an International decision by the I.O.C....International Olympic Committee. They, in their wisdom, chose another country which is their prerogative. The conservation issue, I know, was thrown up as a reason why they never got it. This may have been or it may not have been. There has been many conflicting opinions on this. Japan got the Winter Olympics as you know. It is supposed that they got them because they were awarded the Olympics in 1940 and the war intervened. Why they waited another twenty...thirty-two years...to award them again, I don't know, but this was one of the arguments given. We were prepared to stage the Olympics in Banff National Park as our Minister, many times, announced he was prepared to.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just one supplementary question at this time. I think there was another point too that has not been raised in this discussion and that is the fact that this Yukon, at the present time, is searching for autonomy. I believe it was raised at some meeting that I have been at in the last month or so...the point was raised that we are talking about sterilizing ten thousand square miles of the Territory possibly, be it a core area...or a dead give-a-way to the Park...both are the same. When you accept this principle, you virtually give away the whole works so it's the same thing. It seems that the Yukon is considering trying to take back from the Federal Government those things which properly belong to the Yukon and instead of giving away land, we should be getting land back. We have had a pall hanging over this particular area of the Yukon Territory, under PC 11143, dated 1942, establishing what is encompassed in our Kluane Game Sanctuary, establishing over it a National Park Reserve and this has been...although some mining exploration has gone on...as a matter of fact, there have been many hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in there, and more to be spent, especially if we can get this lifted. I am wondering what official course of action would be required to be taken by this Council if this Council decided that they wished to have this lifted...this restriction lifted...this National Park Reserve...in order to establish a Territorial Park in the area should Council decide that they wish to do this. My second question would be, in respect of Territorial Parks, would Mr. Brooks not agree that a Territorial Park system would not only enhance the conservation aspects and the beauty aspects of these parks and would he agree that these would be beneficial as Territorial Parks?

Mr. Brooks: The so-called National Park Reserve over Kluane area was established some time ago. It is not administered by our particular Branch. I must plead ignorance on that. It was set up, I believe, with the idea of creating a Game Sanctuary rather than a National Park and this was the device they used to declare it a Game Sanctuary. I am not sure what is involved in getting it removed. There was another question....

Mr. Taylor: Well, just in relation to the first, it states here in an Amendment to this Order-in-Council, they obviously intended on making it a National Park at one time. They amended that Order-in-Council in 1944 to state that you could stake claims in there "on the understanding that insofar as is consistent with standard mining practice, any mining **rights** granted will be subject to the National Parks Act, provided the said mining claims are situate within the boundary of any Park which may be established". In other words, this has put a damper on mine development in the area. I believe land use...I have one further amendment allowing for the establishment of a portion of the Community of 1016 at Haines Junction. Even that had to be done by special permission of the Federal Government to build a Community and it becomes, I think, very, very highly restricted, more so than we can possibly stand at this early part of our development. I was wondering what we would have to go through to have this lifted if it was the desire, for instance, of this Council to do this. My second question was, would Mr. Brooks, as an authority on Parks and their benefit to people, agree that Territorial Parks would be of great value, both from a conservation aspect and a tourist aspect. Would he agree that these would be of great value in the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Brooks: My previous remarks....I don't want you to feel that I am belittling the concepts of a Territorial Park. That was not the intention. Certainly, I think they will be very important...they will play a very important part, just as Provincial Parks do in Provinces..a very similar role. But I don't think that you should delude yourself into thinking that the Territorial Park is an alternative to a National Park. This is not the case. No doubt it will have some effect on tourism. No doubt, it will benefit the people of the Yukon and probably promote the concept of conservation. It will do a lot of good, but I still feel that it will not have the drawing power...there is no doubt about it...it will not have the drawing power and will not perform the same functions that a National Park performs. It will play a very important part in the economy and culture of the Territory.

Mr. Watt: My question was with respect to this Territorial Park, too. It appears as if this is the only common ground that we have left here is the possibility of a Territorial Park. As the National Parks Board is interested in parks in general and if they can't reserve a large area for a National Park, and as the money that we would have to get from the...for a Territorial Park...comes from the same source as you people...your head is the same as our head.. and we are going to have to get our money for a Territorial Park in the same place as you get your money for a National Park. First of all, what do you think is the possibility for the Yukon of getting money directly from the National Parks Board for a Territorial Park, say a percentage? If you had planned on putting out \$250,000.00 a year into a National Park, would you recommend, or would the National Parks Board recommend turning over say \$50,000.00 or a small amount of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for the Territory to put into a Territorial Park? I presume that when you go back to Ottawa that you will be advising the Heads of your Department on what should be developed here. I feel that the only common ground left here is a Territorial Park.

Mr. Brooks: Mr. Chairman, all I can do is point out that this recommendation was made that funds be made available for the Territorial Park. As I mentioned before, when money is voted for administrating National Parks, it is set up for a very specific purpose. You just can't take it out of one pocket and put it in another. The Treasury Board would take a very dim view of that. It is voted for that purpose and you would have to have a special legislation and a special vote to get funds for a Territorial Park. I am not saying that this is impossible. It may be quite possible. As far as I know, there is no device for it at the present time.

Mr. Watt: Just a supplementary question, you said that you think provision has been made for money to be voted for a Territorial Park. Is that from Ottawa or is this just the recommendation of the Financial Advisory Committee or the Five Year Agreement? Has Ottawa recommended that money be provided in the Yukon Territory for a Territorial Park?

Mr. Brooks: I don't know. I couldn't say. I don't know if this is the case or not. This would come under the other part of our Department. I know this has been discussed... the possibility of a Territorial Park. Just how far it has gone and whether they are to the point of making funds available, I am not sure, but it would certainly be administered and funds would come from this other half of our Department and not through the National Parks Resources Branch. At least it would be extremely unlikely to come out of there.

NATIONAL PARKS Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make it adamantly clear, Mr. Brooks, that just in case you thought there were no friends in the House, that it was I who asked that you come, but I didn't know that you were going to have to sit and be the recipient of this type of discussion. I know that there are many argumentive points but just to get back to facts because there have been considerable distortion of facts this afternoon as far as I am concerned from many quarters, my original Motion was the establishment of a National Park and a Territorial Park. To me, I think that they go hand in hand. I feel that there is definite possibilities for both, contrary to what you have heard already this afternoon. I am thinking primarily of an area that has previously been set aside for this purpose and that is in the Kluane area. I think it is generally considered to be the Kluane Game Sanctuary but not quite the same boundaries. The Kluane Game Sanctuary is something like ten thousand square miles, I think, that was originally set up for a National Park area was around 8,500 square miles. Now you have appeared on the scene and say that it could be as small as 100 square miles. This, at least, is something that you have brought definitely with you because this was not known to us previously and it was known when we talked to Mr. Coleman in Ottawa a few months ago. So, this 100 square miles is something quite definite. This is the basis for establishing a core type park. I feel that at least we have progressed in some measure, and I am also saying at this time that the word "sterilized" that you have heard around here several times this afternoon is strictly a mining term. This doesn't come from the people who would like to see a park in their back yard. There have been references that everything is a park up here and that you could have had a park in the Vangorda area. I say that we would like a little bit more than the muskeg swamps that they are staking out in that area for a park, but if this is what the Mining Fraternity want, then they are entitled to it. What I say is that we should have a National Park with a core area in the Kluane area, in the St. Elias Range, where we are talking of mountains five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve thousand feet high. Now, if your so-called Mining Fraternity are going to get out and dig underneath all these glaciers to see if there are any minerals, then, fine, but I say that there is an area of at least one hundred, two hundred, three hundred square miles in that area that could be very well set aside as a National Park and in the areas surrounding this, where the Mining Fraternity are making all expedient haste now to get out to get a few more claims staked, and I understand from what Mr. Taylor says that they have been doing this illegally if this has been set aside as a Reserve. Mr. Taylor made reference to an area that had been excluded in this which I understand is a small portion of the north section of about one hundred and thirty square miles, but there is adequate land area for a National Park. We are talking about 207,000 square miles and Mr. White, from the Chamber of Mines, says that the only place that they can find is a one square mile park in the middle of Dawson City. We had an advocate on our side for a National Park in the Member from Dawson until the Cassiar Asbestos group got into Clinton Creek so now it's fine to have a National Park, but we don't want it in our area sort of idea. I maintain that there is sufficient room in the Mount Elias Range that would quite adequately be able to support a National Park and would be of such interest to not only the mountain climbers, the tourists and everybody, but that the National Parks people would spend the amount comparable to the area in the Yukon to which the Mining Fraternity seem to think that they are being done out of. Now, this Mining Fraternity are a very

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vociferous group who have made inroads because, at the present time, we are conceivably benefiting from the economy of the mines in the Territory. I agree that there is a considerable amount of money coming into the Territory from the mines, but they aren't the only people in the country and they won't be. As far as I can see, they are, in my way of thinking, just as narrow minded and just as unbending as the National Parks because they don't want to give up one square mile of this 207,000 square miles of the Territory. I think another thing that I would like to make adamantly clear, and also for Mr. Brooks' information, is that somebody asked him why there hadn't been any parks in Quebec and the answer was that nobody had asked them. Now, we have been on record from as far back as '61 of having had the Parks people up here on various occasions and in '61, the Council went on record as establishing a National Park. I want it understood that we did ask and I still think that there is room for both. Mr. Boyd is against it, period. So, that's Mr. Boyd's reaction. Mr. Taylor is against it and this is fine. This is their prerogative and nobody is going to change their mind so I am not standing up here trying to change their mind because I don't think I will; but what I would like to do is to suggest that a hard core of glaciated high ground in the St. Elias Range be inspected from the air, by Council, with the Parks Board people, to see what we are talking about. I feel that until this is done that it's not going to be a case of National Parks changing their mind, I think it is going to be a case of a few Councillors changing their mind...and just see what we have up in that area. I would just like to make a comment...Dr. Wood, who is the Director of the Icefield Ranges Research Project and who has been up with the Arctic Institute of North America and the North American Geographic Society...he has been in and out of the St. Elias Range making glaciology studies since 1935. When he was asked about this so-called controversy concerning mining development and parks, Dr. Woods comment was that there shouldn't be any conflict so far as the St. Elias Range is concerned. "It's one of the largest mountain areas in the world and there is plenty of room for everybody. In any case, there isn't going to be much mining done when you have thousands of feet of ice to dig through". Now, those are his comments and I would also like to let you know what some of the local mountaineers think. Their approach to this is that the St. Elias Range offers a great challenge to mountain climbers all over the world. They mention that when they climb Mount Everest, which is the highest mountain the world, the peak itself is 29,000 and the base camp is usually at 17,000, which means that you climb a distance of 12,000 feet. On the other hand, Mount Logan in the St. Elias Range is only 19,800, but you have a base camp at 7,000. So in other words, you actually climb more to get to the top of Logan than you do to climb Everest. Now, we are talking about mountains that are, as I say, anywhere from five to twelve thousand feet and yet we can't find one hundred, two hundred, three hundred, five hundred, a thousand square miles to set aside as a park. I think there is something radically wrong and I think we are being very narrow minded and very short sighted when we can't see the potential in a National Park for the people of Canada and for what they were originally set up for. Mr. Boyd said that when this Parks Act was set up, and he intimated that it was set up some time ago, all this land was ice and snow. This is all I am asking for is a hundred, or two hundred or three hundred square mile area of a lot of ice and a lot of snow and a lot of scenic beauty. I think I have said what I wanted to say, and I don't know how much longer this is likely to go on, but I would like it to be adamantly understood that I am a proponent of this. I think that for the Tourist Industry, it

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is one of the greatest things in the country. Anybody who has listened to the local radio and the tourists going through, one of their first comments is "Fine. You have got beautiful country, lovely scenery, no animals". There are other things to look at besides mining properties and as far as I am concerned, there is one faction, and one faction only, that are opposed to this and this is your Mining Fraternity.

Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I can't agree to this. Take the last point first. It has been stated by the Honorable Member that the only faction that are opposed to this particular park or park concept is the mining industry and this is quite incorrect. I think that you will find that people involved in Commerce, in other fields of tourism, and everything else, I think you will find objections raised there as well and I think the Member clearly understands and realizes that. I think on remarking on some of these topics as they were raised, I think, firstly, that Members would agree that it is quite unfair, if we put it in this respect, to ask the people of the Yukon, through this Council, at this time, to commit any part of the Territory to what undistortedly may be called sterilization of resources until it has achieved autonomy and the right to determine its own future...a future determined by the people of that Territory. I think that this should be considered. Certainly in 1961, Council, or a majority of Council, not entirely all the Council but a majority of Council, at that time, when this was suggested...I believe it came up as a political thing...they managed to pass a resolution that said "We favour a Park. Send somebody up and let's find out about it". Once this was raised, the controversy was begun and to such a degree that the Minister, the Member of Parliament and even the Council itself said "Well, we had better take a second look at this thing" and then it was decided that no decision would be made on Parks until the Legislative Council of the Yukon Territory had been consulted. I still feel..very, very strongly..that this matter is of such import and could have such an effect on the Territory in respect of its economy and its development that we, alone, at this table, should not be in a position of deciding on the establishment of a National Park. I feel that this is something that the people must decide and only after we have achieved an autonomous position. Now, it has been stated here by the Honorable Member that these facts have been distorted. I cannot agree with him in this and I think that this is in effect a distortion by making such statements. It has been said that National Parks people are looking to the future and I agree. Within their own concept, they look to the preservation of things in their natural state so that future generations can enjoy these things and that present generations, no doubt, tourists, can go through the parks and see these things and everything is protected. As a matter of fact, I don't think you dare even light camp fires in a National Park or you are in trouble. In any event, we, I think...when I say we, I mean the average John Q. Citizen who may be involved in industry of various means and ways, are also looking to the future. We are looking to the development of a large area of Canada. Things are tough enough in the Yukon, I would say, by reason of our climate and some of our physical features such as our mountains, our ability to reach the sea and other things, but we are learning, as men around the world have done, to live in this environment, and I think we are doing a pretty good job of it although we may be a little slow at achieving some of the things we are attempting to achieve. One of the most important things in relation to this is that we are looking to the future and the development of those resources with which we are endowed or blessed. It has been stated that we have a big area up there

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of glaciers. This is a wonderful thing for a park. I think it is well to point out that you are going to have a little difficulty getting up there, unless you have helicopters or aeroplanes or some method of conveying people on the top of a snow ice cap where the wind blows eternally and where it is viciously cold. Somehow I lose the meaning as to how a tourist can somehow actively gallop around up there other than to possibly sit down below on the highway and look up at it. I am afraid that I must admit that anyone who is a proponent of a Territorial Park system, I am sure, would be quite willing to let people look at that mountain and I don't feel that the mountain is going to change materially as to whether it is a park or not a park or a Territorial Park or a National Park or any other way. It has been pointed out that the Industry.. the Mining Industry....are narrow minded. They are not giving up. They are unbending. This is, of course, an untruth. The Mining Industry have suggested, as other people have suggested, compromises. One such compromise was a suggestion that we create a new National Parks Act for north of the sixtieth parallel which would permit optimum use of resources. I think that this is pretty good. This, of course, was turned down but, however, it was a search for a solution. At one time, other areas were considered. Council were left with this one and, unfortunately, this didn't have too much effect. In other words, I would say that the Mining Industry and the other related Industries have made, continually, attempts to try and resolve this problem. The only people that haven't bent is the Federal Government, or the Federal Parliament, in respect of section 4 of the National Parks Act which does not permit the things that we are looking for. Also, I might point out too, the mention was made of "Who will mine in a glacier?" Gentlemen, I think you are all aware that there is a great deal of mining activity in the Coast Range of Canada...Coast mountains. Grand Duke is under a glacier. There are huge projects being undertaken to develop principle, valuable resources in these areas. Just to give you an idea of this area you are talking about, the glacier covered area....Dr. H. S. Bostock, Senior Geologist for the Federal Government stated "the numerous and varied types of intrusive bodies in the area bear witness to its mineral possibilities". J. E. Muller, Geological Survey of Canada, who mapped the central Eastern portion of the St. Elias Range stated "These rocks are probably correlative with the Alaskan Nicolai Greenstone which together with Map Unit Four as stated here contains the well known Kennecott Copper deposits". K. Watson, B.C. Department of Mines, carried out the only mapping of the adjoining B.C. Section of the St. Elias Range "The possibility that the area contains deeper placer deposits has not yet been eliminated. Favourable load areas are also outlined". K. J. Christie states and so forth. Anyone who has made any type of a resource survey in the area has lauded its potential as a mining resource area. Not so long ago, I believe an organization undertook to search for a Molybdenum deposit up in the glaciers...this is in the area we are considering...and they spent a summer up there....heaped with material..copper and Molybdenum, indicative of a deposit that could outshine the largest in the world at Climax, Colorado. It bears witness to the possibilities here and no doubt this shall be explored again, possibly even this season. Grand Duke, as I say, is under the ice. There are many more working in glaciers and as our research and technology in fields of geophysics and glaciology is concerned, progresses, we find out more about these regions and to sterilize them at this time would be folly and to assume that nothing can be done in the glaciers in the resource development manner is not correct at all. I would say...it has been said by the Honorable Member that I would vote contrary to this Motion

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Mr. Taylor continues: which states that it is considered essential that steps be taken to establish a park and that, therefore, we introduce a core type park. I cannot, in all honesty, commit the people I represent at this table, people of the Yukon Territory, by my vote or by myself individually to the establishment of a National Park. I feel it is premature and I feel that the answer, and the only acceptable solution that is available at this time, is the institution of a Territorial Park system which would keep the conservationists happy, which would allow for the optimum use of resources, be it water, timber, mining, or other resources, which would encourage the construction of roads and camp areas and sites and beautify our area a little...but certainly not National Parks. I would just like to concur with the Member who presupposed my vote that this, in effect, is the way I will vote, contrary to this Motion.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this is par for the course because you just got finished stating on one hand that we have the right to decide issues at this table when it suits us, but then on another occasion, we don't have this right. I feel that we do have the say to make up our minds and I feel that this is something that we should do. I still think that it is primarily the Mining Fraternity that are opposing this. You mentioned other businesses, tourism and things like this. I haven't heard of a single other objection other than from the Mining Fraternity and as far as lighting fires in a National Park, I just wonder when the last time was that you were in a National Park. One of the things I think that Members are overlooking is the fact that we aren't looking to the future. We are being short sighted and, as I say, narrow minded because, in a few years, and I hope it won't be too many, they are going to pave the Alaska Highway and this is going to bring a fantastic influx of people in here. There was something like...Alaska are quoting in the millions already and they are not all going to go by the Marine Highway and a lot of them...the more we upgrade the roads, then the more people we will have in here and by 1980, the projected figures are something like forty million a year. Now, these are just visitors to the area, and if we sit back and wait for autonomy as has been suggested, here again we could probably be waiting for many years to come. I feel that now is the time to make this step and I still maintain that the best way to acquaint the Members of the possibility of establishing a core type park in the St. Elias Range is for the Council to view this from the air and let them make up their own decision...make up their own mind, but at least let them know what they are talking about and not just a corner on a piece of the map.

Mr. Southam: At this time, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order and we will proceed on with the business of a national park.

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I still maintain that the most efficient way to resolve this problem is to have the members of Council inspect this area from the air and see what we are talking about in order to agree on what area we can make into a park. Now, there is one very important aspect of this that I have neglected to ask Mr. Brooks. This is my further submission in this motion, that it was resolved that a core-type park be instituted in an area agreed upon so that federal capital could be introduced forthwith into the Yukon economy and this core-type park be surrounded by a Territorial park. Here again in an area agreed upon. I say surrounded but it isn't quite, we are talking about an area that goes down to the B.C. border on the south and to the Alaska border on the west but it would be a horseshoe shape around the core type area which would in fact act as a buffer area in which an area of five or ten or fifteen miles back from the highway would be a Territorial park where, and this is what we are trying to do, pacify the resistance movement, that they could do some mining. But, they, and I refer to the mining fraternity, they are opposed to giving an inch because you might want a mile. I would like to see that mile right now. I would like to see a core type park. This is what we are talking about. I feel that in this way we would be protecting the national park aspect of it, regardless of the size, but you would be protecting the influx of any type or use of the land and the mining fraternity could run up and down their hills and have lots of fun staking claims and things of this nature, if this is what they wanted to do. My point is, would national parks agree to this type of core philosophy being surrounded, not in it's entirely, but in the Yukon Territory continually.

Mr. Brooks: Well I believe that that proposal has merit. There is something of a precedence of this in the U.S. Some of their national parks are surrounded by forest land and the forest land does in some cases act as a buffer, if you want to call it that. In that way there is not much incentive to set aside a very large area for a national park and could minimize the number of parks. I think that this proposal is worth considering but whether it is but I can't say if it is acceptable or not, I imagine it would be.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Brooks, you were aware of our motion prior to coming here, as the motion says a core-type park surrounded by a Territorial park. Was there no comment on this?

Mr. Brooks: There was no comment for or against it. It was generally taken that this was an acceptable approach. There was no comment raised against it as far as I know.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Thompson you pushed the issue a little bit. These are the opinions I had in mind and Mr. Brooks thinks it was all right. He said that nothing was said and I am not being fooled a bit, the National Parks Board, these gentlemen have been around a long time and they are not going to be surrounded by anything that they can ^{not} get out of. They will be able to get out when they want to get out and they will make sure that that is the way this is going to be. So, I don't accept this at all and I don't see the purpose of surrounding it with a Territorial park. Could you tell me

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how much money you will be prepared to spend in this little core park. Would you spend more if the Territorial park was not around it? Could you quote me figures that would be within a mile or two of being right. How many millions would you put in this park a year?

Mr. Brooks: I wish I could. I just don't happen to be in a position where I can commit my Minister or my department or anyone else by quoting fixed figures. All I can do is draw a parallel with what we are doing in other parks.

Mr. Boyd: That is not the answer at all. I don't expect you to give me and that is why I said possibly a figure. I know you can't give me a figure and I know we are not going to get one. I think if we want to discuss this thing, we have a proposition and I think we should lay it down in black and white. I am not in favour of giving them a core surrounded by Territorial park without knowing how much money Ottawa is going to spend. They can make all kinds of promises but then we have been always getting promises. We have been asking for a Legal Advisor for four years and haven't gotten anywhere yet. It is the same thing with the parks when we are dealing with it. Something has got to be concrete.

Mr. Shaw: It does appear that the federal government are very concerned about changing their policy in national parks, they realize that if they change it in the Yukon they will have to do it somewhere else too. I don't agree with this but it is a fact. Let's face up to the situation. All the government has to do is say "here's a park, this land does not belong to those people, they are colonists up there, this belongs to the federal government". This does belong to the federal government and they can do what they want with it. It is their property. You go to a province and the minerals, etc. all belongs to the government. In this case the land belongs to the federal government and this is entirely different to the ten provinces. You must agree that the ownership of the land is in a different category and why does everything else have to be as applicable. One of the points brought out by Mr. Brooks was that the name national park had an factor and I agree that it is a drawing factor. It is a quality identification. Now, the finances of a national park and I say the finances would come out of one department, namely Northern Affairs. So, here we have a situation where the people that hold the purse belong to the same department. The land that belongs to the Territory as a park and the national park would come from exactly the same source subject to approval by treasury and parliament. The Parks Department are willing to do spending but you have a different situation here. I can't see why we can't resolve this issue. The first step is this core and surrounding this is the Territorial Park. When the government approves expenditures the National Parks people will have their expenditure for the core and then by agreement they would have a similar expenditure which would be expended in the national park. Now, this money is coming from exactly the same people except if we do, each would have to be identified to people going through as to a Territorial park and a national park. Someone driving through wouldn't care. It is just a matter of trying to work these matters out. The government, through Northern Resources, approves expenditure for this type of park and you have a section untouched and another regulated by the Territorial. Then everyone is happy. I see no reason why this cannot be done. We are not in the same

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Mr. Shaw continues.....
category as a province. There is a difference and I cannot NATIONAL
see why this cannot be resolved. I think it can be resolved, PARK
it just takes a little thought and a little give. We have
the exact objective to give everybody pleasure and tourists
would drive through the Territorial park to get to the
national park just as they do in Banff and they will get just
as much pleasure.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, it appears that our first area of
common ground, a territorial park, is not to receive any
consideration from the National Parks Board. They are the
people that are going to have their say and they have the money
to spend. The only other area of common ground is this core
park and it seems they don't like the idea too well but it
does have a lot of merit. I think it does have a lot of
support around here if there are certain rules as to size, etc.
Also, an agreement or guarantee as to how much money they
would spend per year for so many years. I would like to read
a motion to Mr. Brooks. The motion was moved on April 7, 1965
by Mr. MacKinnon and seconded by Mr. Watt. It is in respect
to the core-type park. "Whereas there is considerable support
for the core concept in the Yukon Territory it is requested that
the administration contact Ottawa and request firm commitment
in the expenditures in the core of a national park if such
approval was given by the Territorial Council. It is further
requested that an area in the Mt. Kennedy area be considered
not exceeding 20 square miles be considered." I don't think
you know too much about that motion in as much as it just asks
for information and this motion was defeated with Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Southam, and Mr. Taylor voting against it, and Mr. Thomp-
son also voted against it. Now, Mr. Boyd is asking for this
information as to how much money will be spent on a core-type
park. I think that we should have it and if I vote for this
park we have got to have this information. I think my
opinions are, well, I will bend over backwards, but, we need
some firm commitments and then if that is done and then in
five years another area could be mentioned. We had previously
mentioned the Mr. Kennedy area. I will still agree with
the concept but I still have to have this information as to
how much money they are going to spend for this ten miles
square. To vote right now a national park or otherwise, I am
afraid I wouldn't know how to vote.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, on point of order. I think that one
thing is being misconstrued. Mr. Watt is inferring that I
am now asking how money will be spent in the idea that I will
vote for it. I want to know how much money he will spend. I
think it will be negligible and it will cure us all and we
won't be faced with this problem of a core park.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, seeing the time I would like to say
a few words myself and I think we had better reconvene
tomorrow and discuss this further. At this time I will
excuse Mr. Brooks and Mr. White. What is your pleasure now
gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: I am just wondering that in view of the assis-
tance that Mr. Taylor was given. Would there be any objections
to my bringing several people to the meeting to discuss this
matter?

Mr. Watt: I think we should specify who these people are and
what they are representatives of. Are they people off the
street or are they from Travel & Publicity or what?

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Mr. Thompson: I would just say that they are two people who are interested in national parks and if I had known this would be the approach today they would have been here today to offset this tirade.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think the honorable member imputes a bad motive here and there is no such thing. It was put into a motion that we get industry and parks together and I don't want this construed as an ill deed.

Mr. Shaw: I wonder if tomorrow morning Mr. Thompson could name the people who he wishes to bring. At that time Council could take it into consideration.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: I move that Mr. Speaker now resume the chair and hear the report of committee.

Mr. Shaw: I second it.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Shaw that the Speaker resume the chair and hear the report of committee. Are you agreed. Contrary. Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: I call this Council to order and will hear the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened at 10:10 this morning to discuss bills, etc. Bill #4 was discussed and Mr. MacKinnon was opposed to establishment 1703 of the corrections program. We reconvened in the afternoon with Mr. Brooks, Mr. Phillipson, and Mr. White to discuss the national park. I can report some progress on Bill #4.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed with the chairman of committee's report? We now have to decide what to have tomorrow morning. We have Dr. Sprenger scheduled.

Mr. Taylor: I think we should cancel Dr. Sprenger until two o'clock and then proceed to Justice.

Mr. Speaker: I must state gentlemen, that we always have to consider the availability of these people.

Mr. Southam: I don't think we have too much to do with Dr. Sprenger. Mr. Brooks does have to leave tomorrow afternoon so we should finish the discussion tomorrow morning on national parks.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker; I for one would be willing to have a motion called by eleven o'clock on this parks business. We could talk all day and still not get anywhere. I would be prepared to vote on it right now.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, there was so much talk this afternoon that I didn't have a chance to say anything. The same thing might occur tomorrow morning and so I don't want to see a deadline set to vote on the motion.

Mr. Speaker: We will then have Dr. Sprenger at two and we will have the usual routine of bills, memorandums, and sessional papers. Agreed. What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Mr. Southam: I move we call it five o'clock Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: This Council now adjourns until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors were present.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the Agenda will be the correspondence. Have we any correspondence this morning?

Mr. Clerk: I have two messages from the Commissioner this morning. Sessional Paper No. 70 is on Expo '67. Sessional PAPER #70 Paper No. 71 is in answer to Question No. 25, L.P.R.T. #71 Service at Swift River. That's all for this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Clerk. The next item is the Introduction of Bills.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, INTRODUCTION that Bill No. 15, An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner BILL #15 to Purchase a Sewage Disposal System from the Municipal Corporation of the City of Dawson, be introduced at this time.

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Mr. Speaker: Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like this morning to give NOTICE OF Notice of Motion respecting Klondike Defence Force Funds. MOTION #45

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion? If not, we will proceed to the next item which is Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? If not, we will proceed to the next item. We have Motion No. 43. Mr. Watt, do you still wish to defer this Motion or do you wish to proceed at this time?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I wish to defer it until next week some time. It's a very simple Motion.

Mr. Speaker: That is your pleasure, Mr. Watt. Motion No. 44, Mr. Taylor, Landing Facilities, Ross River.

Mr. Taylor: This is Motion No. 44, Mr. Speaker, moved by MOTION #44 myself and seconded by Mr. Boyd, re Landing Facilities, Ross River. It is respectfully requested that the Administration give active consideration to a programme of upgrading and repair to the Ross River Airport, and that the Administration study the possibility of establishing a seaplane docking facility at Ross River Settlement. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: I won't dwell at any length on this. We have, of course, as you all know, an air strip at Ross River and I believe the Honorable Gentlemen are all aware, too, of the tremendous amount of activity in this particular region. The spring breakup has made the Ross River air strip almost unserviceable. I believe right now that there is about a third of it that is useable and I believe that they had to take a truck and tow one aeroplane out of the mud off the strip the other day. The Motion would ask that this strip be upgraded, gravelled, if possible, pit run gravel and this

MOTION #44 Mr. Taylor continues:
type of thing. The Administration have assured me that this could be done. Also, the second part of the Motion refers to the possibility of establishing a seaplane dock to handle the large volume of seaplane aircraft which will be using the Ross River settlement as a base of operations this season.

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Mr. Speaker: That completes the Motions and Resolutions this morning. Have we any questions?

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Mr. Boyd: I have a question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to know if Administration could inform us whether or not a Commissioner has been selected as yet.

QUESTION
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Mr. MacKinnon: I have a question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Council be informed if any equalization attempt has been made in regard to fair Liquor freight rates to all licenced premises in the Yukon? I understood some time ago that Mr. Vars was going to present us with a brief or something of that sort and I am wondering if it is still on its way.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

Mr. Watt: I just have a brief question to yourself, Mr. Speaker. Have you done anything with respect to an invitation that I believe we have received from the Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce for lunch today? If you haven't, I would suggest that before you leave the Chair this morning, possibly we could do something about it.

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid that this is absolutely news to me, Mr. Watt. I do not recollect having received an invitation.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, in this respect, there has been a communication to individual members and reservations have been made for seven Members of Council today if they wish to attend.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that an invitation was sent, I think, to all Members of Council. Possibly it was sent to your home. It was sent about a week ago and asked for verification of whether we would attend or not. There will be a guest speaker. The guest speaker will be on National Parks. The invitation was sent to the Councillors individually and I think they were sent to all of us. It asked for confirmation whether we would accept so that the caterers could provide for us.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I certainly would have answered this had I received a communication. This is the first time I have heard about it. It will be up, I think, to individual Members at this time. That's about all I can say. Had I received it, I would have made the provision. Perhaps during recess the Members could indicate to me and I could communicate it for you. Have we any further questions?

Mr. Taylor: I have a question that possibly Mr. Clerk might be able to answer. I note that in Regulations, Mr. Speaker, received and forwarded to Watson Lake, and I received them back, there has been recently a Regulation respecting Camp Medical Care which is a restatement in part, or of most part, of the Ordinance which we repealed. It's out of the Public ~~Service~~ Ordinance. I would like to ask Mr. Clerk if it is to be a practice of the Administration, when Council has removed legislation, to introduce it by Regulation?

Mr. Speaker: I think that that would be a question that would better be asked of the Commissioner. If you would direct that question to the Commissioner, that would be the correct directional procedure. Have we any further questions? If not, what is your pleasure, gentlemen? That completes the daily routine and Orders of the Day.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now declare a short recess until we get organized.

Mr. Southam: I will now call this Committee to order. We have Mr. Brooks from the National Parks Branch with us. We are going to discuss a little further the National Parks. We will hear from Mr. Thompson first.

Mr. Thompson: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think that Mr. MacKinnon intimated that we had done so much talking yesterday that he hadn't had an opportunity so I feel that he is possibly next in line, but I would like to ask Mr. Brooks just one further question concerning the core type philosophy in that there have been indications that some of the Members are concerned as to what National Parks will do. What they will spend. They seem to say, well if you have one square mile, you will spend \$1,000.00; or if you have ten square miles, you will spend \$10,000.00. This seems to be the approach. I don't know whether this is in fact correct or whether you are in a position to say, but let us assume that Council approves the core type park in a minimum area of one hundred square miles. What, then, would the National Park's approach to this be? Do you just come in and set up roadhouses or...I would presume that you have a definite policy that you follow in matters of this nature, but I think that if possibly you could enlarge on this development aspect of the establishment of a park, this might help to clarify some of the questions that have arisen in various members minds.

Mr. Brooks: Mr. Chairman, normally when we are dealing with the Provinces, and this is the only precedent I can give, the first thing we do is do a joint survey with the Provincial people and we come to a mutual agreement as to what is a suitable boundary for a National Park. As you know, the Provinces, they must deed this land to the Federal, free of all encumbrances and therefore this involves quite a decision on their part. There may be something of a parallel here, I would imagine, in that if the Yukon did decide to accept, in principle, the National Park, I think the next step would be a more thorough survey of the area that we have already designated as having park potential. We might even extend the survey beyond that although we have designated this Kluane area as the prime National Park potential. We don't say it is the only one. This would depend on the Council. Would you want us to look beyond this? We would then do a series of surveys and work with other resource people in determining what are the resources in a particular area we are dealing with...timber resources, mineral resources, power potentials and so on, with the idea of determining a boundary that would have minimum conflict as near as we could determine from the knowledge available. Once

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Mr. Brooks continues:

the boundary is established...once there is agreement on a boundary...this is the way we do it in the Provinces... then we go to another stage of survey which is what we call an evaluation or a study of the capability of this land for a type of development. We have to find out what can be done with this area. What is it suitable for and this involves quite detailed analyses of the topography, range patterns. We would then come up, using a preliminary plan of development...the plan would state what the objective is; what we are going to do with this park; what would be the likely type of development to take place; very roughly, where would the roads go if they were going to be major roads; how many miles of roads; where there would be camping developments; picnic developments; or viewpoints or sites for accommodations. This preliminary plan is usually reviewed by what we call the Planning Guidance Committee in Ottawa which is an internal Committee of the Parks National Historic Development Branch and they comment for or against this type of development. I might say that during the assembly of this information, our field men are working with Provincial People...in this case Territorial people... getting their ideas on what they feel should be done for the area. They try to get as much local information as possible as to what is suitable and what is practical.

Mr. Thompson: Could I interrupt? Previously, it said that an agreement was established or something similar to this... has this ever been done before? You say in your first... it says here in '61 that Council went on record as favoring the establishment of a National Park. Did these wheels start to turn at that time?

Mr. Brooks: We did a certain part of this up to that point. We did a study in '62, you will remember, of about five potential sites in the Yukon and we rated them. In fact, in '58, a study was done...I guess about five sites were studied in '58 by Ward and Dr. Fuller and they came up with a recommendation. The study was again repeated in '62, followed by a consultant study on economics of this establishment of a National Park. So, a lot of this preliminary work has been done and we have rated different areas having different potentials. We haven't, of course, done anything towards preparing any type of a development plan or determining boundaries or anything in detail. It's a very general type of study today. Only the general area has been designated. To continue on, when we get approval of the preliminary plan, we get down to the business of preparing a major Park Master-plan in which the whole development is detailed and programmed. A figure on development cost is prepared. The latest one we did was in Nova Scotia which ended up with a program, a five year program development, with an expenditure of one million per year. This was a 140 square mile National Park. The program for the park in Newfoundland, which was done in '57, '58, was a little less than a million per year...averaged out to about \$600,000.00 per year. This is an idea of what scale of expense was carried out in those small parks. Is there anything more that you would like me to explain? Does that cover it?

Mr. Thompson: I think that gives us the idea....there is a pre-arranged plan in deciding upon the potential and the possibilities. This is how you evaluate the amount of money that you will spend.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, gentlemen, as you are all aware, I represent the most likely area in the Yukon that would be a National Park, and I would like to say that the people of that area, at least eighty percent, want a National Park. There has been very little mining in that particular area at any time. What has been done has been fairly unsuccessful. We look through the possibilities of a park. I presume that there has been \$28,000,000.00 spent in Canada a year. That's near to \$3,000,000.00 per Province...and in tourist income, \$50,000,000.00. Now, in the past fifty years, what has this particular area got out of mining? Nothing. Maybe the odd individual has got a few dollars. Maybe there is a few claims held there at the present time by half a dozen people, but why should half a dozen people control this vast area? I can't see it at all. Neither can the people that live in that area. And, if we go along and let the Mining Fraternity run this country, you will find that the majority of the Mining Fraternity is made up of bachelors. Now, the married people of this country that are raising families, want something in the country. They want a way for their families to make a living. They want to be able to make a living to support their families until they come to a point where they can make ends meet themselves. I notice a year ago, we had considerable support. Mr. Taylor informed the Council that this particular area is already a National Park Reserve and he said "I have the documents if any gentleman would like to see them. There are three of them set aside by Order-in-Council. One in 1942. Amended in 1944 and again in 1960 and this is already a National Park Reserve". If Councillor Taylor was right, I really don't know what Ottawa is waiting for and I believe it is necessary for Ottawa to take the bull by the horns and tell this handful of people that they are going to establish a park and not continually let this go on and on. The Mining Fraternity could have been well in there and had this entire area prospected, but they say "No, hold off. Hold off. Let's have another ten years to think this over" and in ten years' time, you will find that they haven't done one single thing or brought one cent into the country. It will just be hold it in case we want it. If most of these men had any personal responsibility, other than to feed themselves, they wouldn't look at it that way.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to say in this respect that contrary to the remarks that Mining hasn't played any role, useful role, in the development of this area, this is quite incorrect. Mind you, there have only been two producing operations in recent years. One, of course, is a placer mining operation which produces a reasonable amount of gold every year. The other, of course, is Johobo Mines who have produced and shipped copper for foreign export to the Nation of Japan and who I understand are going to undertake additional exploration operations this summer. The third is the Quill Creek nickel deposits, which I believe may be...at least the Hudsons Bay Company may be entertaining the thought of putting it into production. These are ore reserves which are in the ground. There are others. There has been a limited amount of exploration in the area but, as I say, with these documents referred to by the Honorable Gentleman and the threat of a National Park Reserve, it makes it difficult. It takes only the most courageous to spend millions of dollars in this particular area as they do in other areas. I think it has been pointed out just what the difference is between a four month industry and a twelve month industry. A four month industry in any area in the Yukon...tourist reason...I don't think would qualifiedly maintain the citizens of that area on tourism alone, and I feel that the development of resources are

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Mr. Taylor continues:
essential to the development of the Yukon and I need not point out the economic magnitude of a resource operation, be it in pulp and paper, be it in mining, be it in hydro, be it in anything. It has been suggested here that a core area type of park be created in the Yukon, based on the core area concept and, of course, naturally I can't agree because to place a core area anywhere, I believe the philosophy is that this is what core area means. This is a core from which we grow and grow and grow by one means or another. Until the National Parks Act is amended to allow for optimum use of resources, it would be folly, in my opinion, sheer folly, to accept a park which would, at this time, restrict or sterilize resource development on a twelve month round-the-clock operation. I would also submit that the glacier area referred to....I know these areas. I have prospected in that part to some extent and climbed some of the glaciers and some of the mountains in the area, and only during the months of July and August and very early September...actually in August...do you find the snow receded far enough to hit the upper fringes of exposed areas and the rest is left to geophysics pretty well or vertical face of the glacier, but the area suggested here is in the ice cap. No one can convince me that the National Parks Branch, and I could possibly have clarification from Mr. Brooks on this, would be willing to spend say a million dollars a mile for thirty miles of road which would take them, say, through Territorial Park if you want to, an ice cap which is constantly shrouded in fog or blowing snow a great deal of the time and which is constantly on the move.. moving ice...and on which you could put no useful facility that I can see. It's a wind-swept...the wind blows like a hurricane there. Consequently, I just can't see how National Parks people could even have this idea being given consideration how they could do anything up there. Possibly Mr. Brooks could enlighten me on this point.

Mr. Brooks: Well, Mr. Chairman, it's pretty hard to say at this stage how we would develop a park of this type where the prime features, you might say, scenic features, are glacier. We do have some experience in this in Jasper Park where we have the vast Columbia Icefields and our approach there was to develop a road to vantage points that overlooked these Icefields. In the case of Jasper, of course, we had the famous snowmobile tours to take people on these trips over the actual icefields. Whether it is practical or not in this country, I don't know. This is one of the things that would have to be studied in the analysis of the resource. I don't think I would want to delude any of you here to think that we would accept an ice cap park. This was proposed some time ago. Someone, the last time I was up here, suggested "We'll give you anything over ten thousand feet". Well, we are just not in that kind of business. We have to have a base of operations, a base for camping, a base for our Administrative headquarters and this type of thing. We have to have some low level land to go with this high level area. Just where this low level land would be, I don't know. Another thing I would like to bring out too is that I hear this reference continually pertaining to a three month industry compared to a twelve month industry. I might say that this is not just common to the Yukon. It is common to the whole of Canada. In fact, I would venture to guess that your actual ideal tourist weather in the Maritimes is a shorter period than it is in the Yukon. This may sound inconceivable to you. The thing that attracts tourists as much as scenic features is sunshine and there is darn little of it in the Maritimes. I hope there are no Maritimers here.....There's

Mr. Brooks continues:

a solid fog on Fundy Park in the middle of August and it will chase the tourists out of there for a week at a time and yet this is a highly successful park...one of the most heavily used parks in our entire system on a per acre basis. I would suggest that the weather in the Yukon...take a look at your temperature ranges and hours of sunshine and this type of thing...I would say that it is conducive to tourism, not the reverse. You have a very significant period of time here each year which would be attractive to park visitors.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I did have a form of a question to ask Mr. Brooks, the last time I made some comments and I was wondering if Mr. Brooks had anything to say in regard to...Mr. Taylor got up kind of suddenly.

Mr. Southam: What was your question, Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: I will have to think now.

Mr. Southam: Well, can Mr. Thompson carry on while you are thinking?

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was going to make mention of this comparison of four months tourist industry to twelve months mining industry. We are now looking at May. There is nothing wrong with the weather outside at the moment. May, June, July, August. There is your four months. We still have at least September and October up here which brings it up to six, and I can think of only one mining concern in the last twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years that have operated on a twelve month basis and this is United Keno, with the exception of the last year or two when they have had a little exploration going on so I don't think that that's a very valid argument at all. Mr. Taylor also mentioned one or two areas in the proposed park area...Quill Creek and Johobo. I think that if he had been listening, he would have heard that on this joint survey that takes place after the initial core philosophy is accepted that they sit down with various departments, resource departments, who have control of the land and mining and things of this nature and come up with a suitable solution for all concerned. One further thing and then I am quite happy. I would like to show you one thing. I would like to ask one other question. You did mention Banff-Jasper as an instance. I was wondering...this Banff-Jasper Highway to my recollection is a marvellous feat of engineering and hardtop...could you give me some idea of what this section of Highway has cost the Parks Branch by any chance?

Mr. Brooks: Yes, the hundred and eighty mile stretch from Banff to Jasper, when completed, will have cost in the order of \$100,000,000.00.

Mr. Thompson: Thank you. That answers my question. The only other item, gentlemen, that I wanted to point out to you...to show you. Here is the Yukon Territory with 207,000 square miles and we are talking...you had better put your glasses on Mr. Southam because I doubt if you can see it...this is what we are talking about down here...a hundred square mile area. This is what the Mining Fraternity are so concerned about. You can hardly see it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it has come back to me. The point that Mr. Taylor made a year ago that we already have a National Park Reserve and I was wondering why, if it is a National Park Reserve, why Ottawa just doesn't step in and make it a National Park?

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Mr. Brooks: I think the answer is rather obvious, Mr. Chairman. I think our Minister has stated that he would not declare an area a National Park without the concurrence of Council. He has taken an attitude, I believe, similar to the one he takes with the Provinces. He feels that this decision must come from the people that are concerned with this. It's a major decision on resource allocation and when the Provinces are making this decision, they don't jump into it too quickly. They study this and study the economics of it and they go through the whole business we are going through right here and then they come up with a proposal of what they are willing to turn over to a National Park. Then we assess it and see if it meets our requirements. There's a back and forth discussion. I suspect that our Minister feels that the Yukon should go through much the same approach...a very thorough discussion of the problem and some form of agreement as to size, location and that type of thing before he will actually make this a National Park. There is just one other point. I may have misled you a bit here. Let me add to that. I said that we do a study and we, as much as possible, exclude other resource potentials. There may be a possibility...there may be a situation, for instance, where a known or an operating mine is contained in the area which we very much want, or some major resource. This has been the case in the past. There have been mines encompassed in National Parks and there have been timber holdings which were encompassed completely and the procedure with those, in the past, was that these were gradually phased out of operation when they were depleted. In the case of timber resources, they may, in some cases, have been purchased by the Federal Government. In other cases, they have been allowed to be worked out and when they have been worked out, then it is included in the National Park. This might be the case in this area if there is a working mine. It might be a case of it being permitted to be worked out and then converted to the National Park. I don't know. This is one possibility.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: We will call this committee back to order and we will continue. Mr. Taylor, I believe that you had something to say.

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Mr. Taylor: There seems to be some doubt in people's mind just as to what the area potential is. I think this is what has been the centre of discussion and probably of objection to the park. I have cited Dr. Bostock, Dr. Kindle, Dr. Muller, and Dr. Watson and just in order that we can have this thing first hand, this is all 1962, right out of the motion proposing a park and I would like at this time to ask the indulgence of Council to ask Dr. Green, resident geologist who is familiar with the area, called to give a brief outline as to what the potential is in this area. He is in the building and I think that he can be called quite quickly.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe this is the answer or necessary. I believe that Dr. Green is a stranger to the Yukon and I don't believe that this is necessary.

Mr. Taylor: I submit that Dr. Green is the resident geologist and has been for many years and could do much to allocate to us what the potential of this area is and this is what is at stake here. I would ask the indulgence of the committee.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't think that this is necessary. Mr. Taylor brought in his battery of cohorts yesterday and did his utmost to sabotage this effort and I think we have satisfied him enough.

Mr. Taylor: Order.

Mr. Thompson: I suggest we carry on and bring this to a vote.

Mr. Southam. As chairman of this committee it is my opinion that I don't see why we should need Dr Green or these other experts. At the present time we are discussing whether we can agree on a national park or not. I think that we should carry on from where we were going.

Mr. Boyd: Correction Mr. Chairman, a place has been selected. The parks board are not interested in any other place, this is the plum that they want for the Yukon and contrary to what Mr. Brooks said, and with due respect to you, there may have been a change in attitude. Two years ago in Ottawa I asked and I used the word plum and I said that "you as parks people set up parks without regard to whatever is there" and the answer was "this is right". They don't care about mineralization, it is the park they want and if the location is suitable and desirable this is what they want. You are saying something different but this is what they said to me and the other members of the Financial Advisory Committee two years ago and I say this with respect. I am not trying to make a liar out of you but they indicated that they are not even interested in any other area. This is the apple of the Parks Board eye.

Mr. Southam: Shall we put it to a vote.

Mr. Shaw: Personally, I would like to see a national park but we have this motion to the parks people, in the first part of the second paragraph it reads "Therefore be it resolved that a core type park be instituted forthwith in an area agreed upon". Now I agree but it is quite obvious that according to what was put forth and what is the correlation, where this park might go I don't know. I don't know this area and I

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Mr. Shaw continues.....
 don't think that I have even flown over it. I don't know what potential it has. A number of years ago I asked that a geological survey be made in the areas intended for parks because I feel that although I want a park there is also the question of tying up resources. This resolution gives the "carte Blanch" to them to wherever they want to put it and it doesn't even state what size it should be. In other words I don't think that I could agree with something so indefinite as this although I do want to see a park in the area. I did come up with an idea yesterday. I don't know if anyone considered it, I don't think so. I think it is something that is worth considering. It all comes out of the same pot and is administered by the same Minister under the same control in a different branch. I really don't know what we are talking about all this for. This summer the parks people could endeavor to lay out a definite area to propose to Council. I think before a member of Council is able to give an intelligent decision there should be something down as to where this area should be so he in turn can use his own judgement and after he has found out what the people who he represents want or don't want, can vote. This is not in my district but I would like to see a park in the Yukon and I think it should be resolved, but so far it has been a dogmatic attitude on all parties concerned, both the mining fraternity and the national parks people. Those are my observations. I would like to see this project be given more thorough analysis by the people concerned, by the national parks branch, and surely they can get together with the mining fraternity. Surely the mining fraternity can say it is a case of someone has to agree. I think I would be doing the Territory wrong if I agreed to a park in an area that was highly mineralized. I still want to see a park and I think we must have a park but the resolution here is just a little too broad. It could get involved in an area that is highly utilized, I don't know. But I do not think that an honest effort has been made by either the mining fraternities or the parks people to get down to brass tacks and say we have both got to give and what can we work out. We have a meeting on a one day proposition and it is obvious that there is going to be strong resistance to anything. It is, well, the whole thing has not been handled in a diplomatic manner as far as I am concerned. That could be done this summer. Surely the parks people have someone on their staff that they could send up here for an important thing like this. He could spend a month up here and investigate all the possibilities. Surely that could be done. This involves a serious matter for the people of the Yukon and it is time this got down to a real and fair investigation of all the matters involved. That is why this motion puts me in a bad position as I want to see a national park but at the same time I don't want to see something like this where we are giving authority to the national parks people to go ahead and make a park and this is just what has been put down. It doesn't give any size and it gives an authority to make a park of 100 or 1000 square miles--it isn't in the motion. Sometimes a motion is taken verbatim and the discussions are disregarded. One suggestion would be that the parks people send a man up here and have him up here for some time. And, something has to come or somebody has to give and these mining people have to give. This can't go on forever. Those are my sentiments and that is why I find it so hard to agree to this or even turn it down. I do not think that sufficient homework has been done to justify the passing of this. No reflection on the gentleman here. When that is done then something can be done. That is my position and it is unfortunate but that is my position.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't know where Mr. Shaw has been for the last hour or so but I think that Mr. Brooks intimated that when we agree to the principle then the parks people will sit down and come up with proposed boundaries which will be agreed upon. Now, I would presume that the mining fraternities would have their voice in these proceedings, I would imagine that the tourist people will have a voice in these proceedings, and a lot of interested people will have a voice in the findings of this committee but if you don't give them the handle on the pitcher then you aren't going to get anything at all out of it. So, I would suggest that we have kicked this around long enough and Mr. Chairman, you are the only one that hasn't had a say in this yet. You say, Mr. Shaw, that you don't know the potential of the area and I agree. Neither do I, but this is something that will be found in the joint survey by the parks people. I also recommended that we take an airplane trip up there and see the country. I think this is the trouble, six out of the seven members here don't know the area they are talking about in its entirety and we are talking about an area well above the 4000 foot level and I still think and I firmly maintain that the sooner we give the parks people the authority to come in here and make these surveys. Then, you will see not one, but two, three or possibly a team of people in here making these surveys. Am I right Mr. Brooks?

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Mr. Brooks: Yes, we have, as you know, done three separate studies starting in 1958. It seems very comprehensive to me, we have brought in a number of people. I would think that the suggestion that we send one man up here for a couple of months, that has some merit but I would wonder how my Branch would accept this idea unless they felt that there was some considerable sincerity and intention to have a national park. We feel that we have done a good deal of work and have done these three surveys in the past. We don't have an unlimited resource of manpower by any means. We are heavily committed in similar problems in other areas and I don't know even if there was assurance in principle of a national park, I don't know if we could have a man here this summer, or even this Fall. It might be a year from now. I just couldn't say. Thinking over our resources in manpower right now I just don't know who could come up. This constitutes one of the problems.

Mr. Taylor: I did want to say a couple of words on this matter of assessment. It was agreed back in September of 1961 that the comprehensive geological assessment of the mineral potentiality within the proposed park boundaries would be taken. That was discussed this morning and the gentleman is here this morning and is willing to give us that information, however, I feel that this information is vital to any department and I am sure that Mr. Brooks will agree. If we use it for tourism and write it off as a, well write off the other resources, do we consider the other resources. That was the reason for asking for Dr. Green, our resident geologist, and this request was refused. I might say, with respect to the ice cap, Mr. Brooks has pointed out that this area will not likely be considered as this area is not conducive to a national park. Possibly to save the members a little airplane trip, I passed around an air photo of what we are talking about for a national park so that every member will have some idea of the area. That is the area involved in the proposal. It was also agreed in 1961 that no decision to make a national park in the Yukon would be made by the federal government until the people of the Yukon have signified their desire to have a national park in the Yukon. That desire is not expressed, I feel that the motion as it is written is a loaded gun pointed at the heads of the people.

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Mr. Taylor continues.....

There is something in favour of national parks and something to disagree with. I do hope that this motion is defeated and I don't think a question should be asked on this motion until the member from Whitehorse West has returned to his seat. This matter is of such importance that I think all members should be present and I would like to see this motion defeated at this time.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Brooks has intimated that they don't have the staff to do a survey and it seems very unlikely that anything would be done at this time. In view of that, this gives us the opportunity to discuss this in the manner I have stated. I think that we should have a park and I do think that mining industry should be considered in this matter but I do think that we have to give somewhere along the line. This can't go on forever. I think that a decision should be made to have negotiations along this line, plans, and so that we can have a good record before Council as to what happened in our discussions and plans set out about our feelings on this park. I certainly feel that we have got to get together on this park. These are my sentiments and I can't change them at this time.

Mr. Boyd: I just wanted to say that Mr. Shaw has come pretty close to the real trouble as far as this motion is concerned. It doesn't give any definition of any kind whatever, if we do this we will not have any rights or privileges nor will we be permitted to exploit the resources. I am sure that every man at this table wants a park. You can snicker if you want Mr. MacKinnon, but I am quite serious. Well, I'm sorry, I mean Mr. Thompson. After all is said and done there are two sides, there is talk about the mining fraternity, and the mining fraternity is quite willing to give or bend and I am really amazed that Ottawa hasn't taken a look at this Yukon and said to itself that this is a different situation. It is just another airway across the skies and doesn't mean anything. They won't recognize us and this is where the trouble lies. Until somebody, we the people are quite prepared to meet Ottawa half way and I think that a law written 200 years ago or 60 is like a dinosaur, it should be allowed to fade away. This should be written again and in a better language.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to ask the question of Mr. Taylor. I am wondering how many square miles this aerial photo covers and what portion of the game sanctuary is included.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, to answer that question, I can't give you the exact distance. I haven't had the opportunity to measure it but it is the centre of the ice cap proposed and comprises the 815,000 square miles proposed as a park.

Mr. MacKinnon: It could be approximately 5 or 6 square miles which means nothing at all. I think that Mr. Taylor has brought enough of this nonsense to the table and I think that it is not getting us anywhere. This is just misleading to the facts. The way Mr. Taylor raves on about the high mining potential well a year ago we had a mine operating out of Carmacks and there were a few people in that town that were against a national park, not all of them, today neither one of the mines are operating. Discovery has completely shut down, maybe never to reopen. And I believe that most of the people against it at that time are for it now as they see mining is very uncertain. When you have a national park it is not uncertain and it builds from year to year. There is more money to be spent and more tourists to go through a park. I believe that possibly Mr. Thompson's motion

Mr. MacKinnon continues.....

could be amended and at this time I would like to make an amendment to the motion stating 140 square miles be given in certain areas for the parks branch to look into.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you please take the chair. Well, I am not going to discuss the pros and cons of the mining fraternity or any other fraternity or of what is going to be done in the parks or what is not going to be done in the parks. But, I would say, that it is time that you got a park in this country. In the Yukon, that Robert Service described as "this great big broad land", there should be enough land someplace for a park. If we don't have the visions to think big then sooner or later think big or small, we are going to lose out. The term "mining engineer" in the next few years maybe as obsolete in the next few years as anything else. This country belongs to the people, to their children and our children that are going to grow up and why can't we set a piece of land aside for them to enjoy. I refuse to accept the statement that the people do not want a park. They do want a park and I have met them on the street here in Whitehorse, in Mayo and in Dawson and the thing they ask me is why haven't we got a park. Now, as Mr. Boyd says, the mining fraternity is ready to bend over backwards and I am not going to argue about that--in my mind it is what the people want. If it comes down to that you have to have a plebiscite then let's have it. Let's fight it out regardless of what is to be done. The time is to act now and set aside somewhere a place where a national park and an access park. Those are my sentiments. I will take the chair Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Taylor: I agree with what Councillor Southam has said, with the one exception, why can't we set aside a little area for our children. Why not set aside the whole territory for them to enjoy. I agree with Councillor Shaw that everyone agrees. I have never heard any voice raised against the idea of a park. This is why that the joint Chambers of Commerce, of Mines, of industry, have stated that they would support, encourage and absolutely appreciate a park. We have two game sanctuaries which could be turned over to a park, virtually overnight. We have given industry a hard time but this would allow for a compromise where this is necessary. The mining fraternity do want to move hand in hand with tourism and other resources, to work together to the exclusion of none and as I say a national park sterilizes the area and excludes everybody, whereas a territorial park system would solve our problem. In relation again to talking about funds it would be well to contemplate the fact; for instance Cyprus has spent two million dollars in one operation by June and they are a long way from full production, Crest alone, if their metallurgy works out will have spent three million on the railroad alone. We are talking about fantastic developments here and to exclude any portion of the Yukon from this potential development would be folly. We proposed and offered solutions to this thing. I think we should have a National Parks Act which would allow optimum use of resources. When we presented this a year ago in Ottawa I thought that they agreed that this was a good idea. However, there are the conservationists on the other end of the stick who say this will jeopardize the parkland. So, I would not wish to see any move taken at this time in regards to a national park. I think that we have jumped the gun a little bit in respect of our five year agreement which is intended to include provisions for a park. I think this should all be reviewed and that no firm statement be made about a national park until we are all agreed on this.

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Mr. Thompson: I think Mr. Chairman that we should conclude these remarks. I would just like to reiterate for Mr. Taylor's benefit that it was at the second council session in 1961 that we were in favour of a national park and we are no further ahead today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brooks. This has certainly been no picnic, but if we can get a park we would like to have you to the opening and have a picnic then.

Mr. Shaw: The suggestion was made in relation to people coming up and having more investigation. This doesn't sound too unreasonable.

Mr. Brooks: Mr. Chairman, nothing is impossible. What I said was that we would be hardpressed to find someone to go through this whole exercise again. Unless we had something firm that something was going to come out of it in regards to a national park. This type of thing can keep on going forever. There are other sections of the country much desirous of a park and we have a responsibility to meet these demands where we are wanted. There is still uncertainty here and I can't see much point in sending a crew up here. This is my point of view, the Minister could take an entirely view and tell the people to get up here and get on with it, then it would have to be done. I am sure you will respect my point of view. The country is moving and moving fast and it was four years ago that we were here and since that time the national parks have increased 50% in use. The world is not going to stand still while we are trying to make these decisions. We are just going round and round in circles.

Mr. Shaw: With all this work and survey by the National Park Board, I cannot recollect ever seeing anything in front of my desk with any detail whatsoever. I want to get down to brass tacks. There is nothing here that we can get our teeth into. I just cannot recollect anything definite saying well this is what we suggest. It is possible there has been. It is necessary.

Mr. Taylor: I have one question to ask Mr. Brooks before he leaves. We will be discussing a territorial park and would you be kind enough when you return to Ottawa to see who would participate?

Mr. Brooks: Yes, I can make inquiries into this. It might not be the right means of getting this information. Maybe a more direction would be through administration and the Department. My work is not on the administrative end, but I will certainly reflect this feeling here when I get back.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen I will excuse Mr. Brooks. What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. MacKinnon: I had a motion in Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: Motion #38, moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Southam: "Whereas it is considered essential that steps be taken at an early date to establish both a National Park and a Territorial Park in the Yukon for the purpose of encouraging recreational facilities, campgrounds, game sanctuary and tourism for the benefit and use of the people of the Yukon Territory and visitors to the Yukon."

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"Therefore be it resolved that a core type park be instituted forthwith in an area agreed upon so that Federal capital can be introduced forthwith into the Yukon economy and that this core type National Park be surrounded by a Territory Park in an area agreed upon." Are you agreed.

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Mr. Watt: I was going to propose an amendment and that was that the Council take steps towards a Territorial Park. If you think it is a separate motion I will introduce it in orders of the day.

Mr. Southam: Are you ready for the question?

Mr. Thompson: I would just like to clarify this, you say this is an amendment to the motion? Would you like to read it again.

Mr. Watt: The motion as it stands deals with a national and a core type park surrounded by a Territorial park. The amendment would be that the motion be amended to mean the administration take steps to have a Territorial park and this would eliminate this core type park. I will introduce it tomorrow.

Mr. Southam: Ready for the question on the motion? Are you agreed? Contrary? This motion is defeated.

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Mr. Southam: At this time we will recess and reconvene at two o'clock this afternoon.

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Mr. Southam: I will now call the Committee to order. VOTE 5
We have Dr. Sprenger with us and we will discuss the Department of Health Vote and I believe that Sessional Paper No. 39 has to do with what Dr. Sprenger is here for. I would ask Dr. Sprenger if he would give us an explanation of this and maybe we can get it off the books.

Dr. Sprenger: I think the quickest way of understanding this Sessional Paper is for me to spend less than five minutes outlining the thinking that has gone into it. In several meetings that we have had, we have come to agree that the present Primary 83, Transportation of Patients, is an unworkable double-barrelled primary, offering provisions for transportation expenses of welfare recipients and indigent pensioners in one barrel and that this should be separated from its other component, namely the provision for transportation of persons urgently requiring medical attention. We have, at our last appearance before Council, expressed our dissatisfaction with the ambivalence of intent in adequate scope of subsidization, the problems in the mechanics of administration and the arbitrary judgements demanded to make it a useful primary. Accordingly, we have suggested this new plan which you find in Sessional Paper No. 39. I would like to go back and examine our objections first of all. What are we aiming for? We see the matter of subsidization of transportation expenses of persons in need of medical attention as one of the rising exploitations in comprehensive health care of people resident in Northern Canada. Basic hospital expenses are now met by Territorial insurance. We may be jumping the gun a bit but we are assuming that Medicare in 1967 will, in all probability, be introduced to provide insurance protection against doctor's bills. The other facets in comprehensive health care such as prescription drug supply and adult dental care insurance, at the moment, cannot be implemented because priorities in the other facets of health care are already firmly established. What exactly is it, in the North, that we want, need, in the specific matter of subsidization of transportation expenses to enable a sick or an injured person to avail himself of competent medical attention at least to the degree a person residing in Southern Canada may achieve on his own resources without incurring crippling financial outlay? That is the big question. A second and important part, which was brought out by Councillor Taylor the last time I met with you, is the need to ensure that transportation companies are reimbursed for services rendered in good faith. Many of these are small operators, Yukon based, struggling to keep going, and medical emergency evacuation costs, especially those by air charter, can be a very costly burden if billings are not collected. How far are we prepared to go in advocating subsidization? In the Sessional Paper, I have quoted the Royal Commission on Health Services recommendation No. 252 which reads as follows: "That all residents of the Territories requiring medical attention not available in their home areas be flown out for such attention and returned on discharge as part of the medical services benefit." We differ from this broad recommendation in asserting the desirability of retaining some reasonable measure of individual financial responsibility. This is why the first \$50.00 of transportation costs, one way, has been decreed as a figure not likely to be beyond individual financial resources. Next, we must declare our intent to mean either (a) subsidized transportation of

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persons requiring emergency removal to the nearest medical centre, which is the way in which Primary 83 is now worded, or (b) subsidized transportation of persons requiring emergency removal to the closest competent medical attention. In the first instance, the "nearest medical centre", for all practical purposes, may be taken to mean Whitehorse and the provision therefore implies restriction of subsidized emergency evacuation to within the Yukon Territory only. I anticipate that there might be argument that this was all that was intended when the plan was inaugurated in April, 1965. On the other hand, this has not been the interpretation in practice as evidenced by the fact that thirteen of the eighteen cases in the fiscal year 1965-66 involved subsidization of transportation costs in emergency medical evacuation to Edmonton, or to Vancouver, and a further one was outside the Yukon from Old Crow, Yukon Territory, to Inuvik, Northwest Territories. It will be obvious that a workable plan must define specifically the scope of subsidization. Now, do we mean subsidization only of medical and surgical emergencies? I would ask you which case is an emergency and which is not? Is prior approval by the Zone Superintendent or his delegate to be mandatory, based presumably upon whether, in his opinion, the call for subsidized emergency removal sounds like a matter of urgency or not? Or, should we dispense altogether with insistence that subsidization only of emergency cases be allowed? We understand that the Northwest Territories has already in effect provision for subsidization of transportation costs of any individual whom, upon certification of the Zone Superintendent, or his delegate, requires positive medical attention. Only the first \$50.00 remains to the individual's own account, therefore, it will be apparent that our thinking in the present proposal for the Yukon has a base in what is already in effect in the Northwest Territories, but has certain modifications in it to fit the Yukon. Another point is the matter of residency which we view as important. We see no reason to extend subsidized transportation benefits to other than Yukon residents, and for this purpose, we may wish to define residents in the Yukon of, shall we say, three consecutive months as a qualification for benefits. This is mentioned in the Sessional Paper. We have gone further to define that a resident means a person other than an Indian or an Eskimo who has resided in the Yukon for a period of three consecutive months. I would mention that we are not happy with the present practice of accepting financial responsibility for taxi charges, connecting ambulance charges, escorts meals and accommodation expenses, and other relatively minor charges involved in a medical evacuation. We view these charges as not likely to cause a crippling financial burden to an individual in addition to the first \$50.00 for which he would be held responsible for actual transportation costs. We would recommend, however, that escort transportation fare be provided for as a Territorial responsibility. We view it as prudent to insist that, whenever possible, the first \$50.00 (individual contribution) be paid directly by the individual to the carrier. We would recommend that in those cases in which the total costs of medical evacuation are settled by the Territorial Government because the individual has no money at the moment, that recovery action be continued right through to the Courts. For example, it might occasionally be necessary to guarantee the total costs of medical evacuation, including taxi or connecting ambulance charges, escorts meals and so on, but recovery action must be effectively pursued by the Territorial Treasurer's office. Now, we have drafted a new Primary which is contained in Sessional Paper No. 39. I don't wish to waste time on this. It is all there. In a nutshell, what we are asking is to delete the present form of Part 2 of Primary 83, Establishment 508, Operation and Maintenance, Vote 5, retaining

Dr. Sprenger continues:

Part 1 dealing with transportation of welfare recipients and pensioners...sum of money for this Part 1, \$5,000.00 and we are suggesting in replacement of the deleted Part 2 that we substitute the present proposal for subsidization of medically necessary specified travel as I have already outlined and this might read "Provision for the subsidization of medically necessary specified travel to the nearest centre at which suitable treatment is available and the cost of which is in excess of \$50.00 single fare or \$100.00 return fare, for patients who are residents of the Yukon and who are suffering from diseases or conditions other than cancer, tuberculosis or mental disease. Prior approval from the Zone Superintendent, or his delegated officer, is required before each expenditure is incurred, except in acute emergencies where there is not the facility or time to obtain such authority."

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think that is a very good program to be instituted. I might mention this...this tuberculosis and cancer and so forth, that's already covered, isn't it. Just to get this straight...subsidized travel - is that sum of \$5,000.00...that's on Primary 83....I have \$1,500.00 right at the present moment..which is inadequate, of course. Is this \$5,000.00 additional to the \$1,500.00? Would you mind just breaking this down as to what it is?

Dr. Sprenger: I am sorry, Mr. Shaw, Primary 83 gives a total of \$10,000.00.

Mr. Shaw: Oh, I'm in the wrong...I thought it was page 83.. Primary 83.....

Dr. Sprenger: Part 1 of Primary 83, \$5,000.00 will do it. Part 2, Primary 83, which is the new proposal which I am putting forth, \$20,000.00. At my previous meeting here, I gave the breakdown of why \$20,000.00 would be necessary.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I find myself again rising with some doubt in my mind to speak on this particular item. At the present time, I know that it is possible for people, for instance from Teslin or from the North Highway or from anywhere throughout the Territory, to have to come to Whitehorse for surgical emergency or surgical or dental problems or whatever it might be....to have to drive in here and, generally, they have been subsidized I understand by Northern Health in the past to some degree at so much a mile I believe. I know that people bringing people in from Teslin have been paid - some have and some haven't. In any event, it is possible, and I cite a very extreme example, where people have to come and drive a thousand miles to have a tooth pulled or to receive medical aid and that would be from the area north of Watson Lake on the Cantung Road, into Whitehorse, which is five hundred miles one way and return. Now, this is a long way to go and it seems to me that \$50.00 is still a lot of money to pay out...I notice we are talking up to single or \$100.00 return.....this is a lot of money. If you take a person who has a \$300.00 a month income as many do in the Territory...we are talking about a very few people really....some of those guys are struggling along and have a family...that \$300.00 is stretched pretty well out to the limit and this would prohibit him in part from being able to get medical aid it would seem to me. It would place a burden on him. There are many people in the Territory, though they are working, they are making a small wage and the cost of living has far exceeded the amount of money they make and it's quite a struggle for them. I don't, of course, refer to the business people. I refer to the

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workers. When you consider that in the Territory you have people covered by tax dollars. That is the natives, they are all looked after. The Indians are looked after by Welfare...pensioners, Government employees are all looked after, be it Federal or be it Territorial. The R.C.M.P. are all looked after. The Military personnel are all looked after and so forth, and you go on down the line and I do believe that through Blue Cross Plans and this type of thing that many other people in the Territory are covered with Medical Insurance. However, there is that small group, and I think this is the group we should be aiming at...who do not belong to the Administration or to the Government...who are employed by the Government...who are trying to carve out a living in the Territory...that we should be able to reach and assist in order to equalize this because, let's face it, everybody else is getting it and they are getting it basically from a tax dollar, and yet this little guy, who has tried to develop himself and his family in the Territory, is not. I cite this...I feel that some additional consideration should be given here. I think the idea is sound in some respects, but I feel the \$50.00 expenditure to be debited against the injured patient is somewhat excessive in this particular case and I think, as I said, we should be able to come up with something to protect these people. There was one other aspect of this that I think I raised last time when we discussed this and this is the matter of bush pilots, from Dawson, from Watson Lake, or wherever they be, even into British Columbia, having to...in order to attempt to save a life...leave their homes in the dark of night and virtually risk their blooming necks to get into Whitehorse here with a patient...again, as I say, in an attempted effort to save a life...and sometimes they are not paid at all. I am hoping that an arrangement can be made this summer whereby the Government would pay for these trips that are generally authorized by a Medical Practitioner...where the Government can pay for these services rendered and attempt to recover on whatever basis we decide here in order to ensure that the bush pilots may be paid for this wonderful service that they do render from time to time. I would like Dr. Sprenger to comment on the problem I raised with respect of the \$50.00 charge to be levied against people living outside of the Whitehorse area that require medical aid here, and one other thing I forgot to point out....I could see where it might be possible to do this in transporting patients to outside centres...but I am speaking purely and simply within the Territory, reaching Whitehorse from Watson Lake, or from Dawson, or some other place.

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, Councillor Taylor's point is that the deterrent contribution of the individual, set arbitrarily at \$50.00, one way, or \$100.00 return fare, is too much and this I would submit to you is entirely at your prerogative...what you do with it. If it be your wish to set a figure of less than \$50.00, single, this is quite in order, bearing in mind that the total costs will increase by a small amount. It is not a significant amount because the numbers of people who will become eligible for this subsidization, as Mr. Taylor has already pointed out, are not great. In point of fact, the Royal Commission on Health Services has recommended that there be no deterrent...individual contribution...at all. We differ in this viewpoint. I think, perhaps, our experiences ^{are} closer to the day to day administration of such affairs than might have been those of the Members of the Royal Commission and we feel that to avoid abuse, to avoid misuse and over usage, there must be a deterrent. Whether \$50.00, single fare, as the individual contribution, is too

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high, I would not care to give my own comments other than to say that I pass it back to you for whatever figure you choose to place. The figure was arbitrarily set at first and last year's Primary had \$60.00, one way, \$120.00, return. Excuse me, that's \$60.00 return, based on the air fare from Dawson to Whitehorse or approximately the air fare Watson Lake to Whitehorse. That's how the figure of \$60.00, or \$50.00 was arbitrarily set.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that I think that the idea behind this is excellent. I agree with Dr. Sprenger that there should be a deterrent of some kind. The exact amount, I do not know. I would like to offer the thought that it could possibly be worked as a percentage...that the Government would pay a percentage...so if they had to fly outside for medical treatment that they can't get here, then a percentage could be paid by the Territorial Government. Another arbitrary figure would be 50% or 60%...60% to be paid by the Territory. I believe that the principles behind your suggestion, in trying to close the gap between the kind of medical treatment we can get in the Yukon and we can get outside is very, very good. I think the time that you are putting it in here...when the Five Year Agreement is being set up now so that we can budget for this in the next five years...I think a decision should be made by Council at this Session...to set the figure here...percentage or the amount...should be done at this Session so that this can be budgeted for in the next five years. The particular case that Mr. Taylor was talking about, Cantung, I believe, is in the Northwest Territories, and I don't know what responsibilities are towards people in the Northwest Territories. I believe they are probably the area...the particular area where there are quite a large number of people there...that the air transportation...charter flights...would be more expensive than probably any other place in the Territory. I wholeheartedly support the principle and any reasonable suggestion for the percentage or the amount that would be paid by the Territory, and I also believe that there should be some deterrent.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I haven't got my point across with respect to the people in a low income bracket who are not covered by other existing facilities, or plans, or programs. If you take a man who is walking down the street, anywhere, John Q. Citizen, of the Yukon Territory, who doesn't fall into one of these categories...covered by compensation, Government Plans, Blue Cross Plans and so forth...and if he is hit by a truck and sustains some bad injuries or something happens to him...a telephone pole falls on him or something...and he has to be evacuated...this is quite a problem. It might be that he has to be evacuated to the City of Edmonton and go beyond even Whitehorse here.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, order please. I would like to hear what is going on.

Mr. Taylor: He would be charged \$100.00 initially for his fare down and back. He would be charged for his own ambulances, at both ends; he would be charged for his surgical bill; he would be charged for the meals and the expenses and everything for his escort with the exception of the plane fare and pretty soon, this poor guy who had been walking down the street a few days before, John Q. Citizen of the Yukon, finds himself not only in hospital in dire

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 shape and put out of commission, but saddled with a bill that could run between four to five hundred dollars. It seems to me that some other system could be devised..some further thought given to this...whereby we can reach that little guy...that little guy who really needs the help. This is my problem. Then, of course, there is the other problem of people who are relatively close to...in these terms...to Whitehorse here. People from say Swift River, or people from Destruction Bay, or people from the Mayo Road, or from the Cantung Road which I described...not necessarily Canada Tungsten, but in these settlements now building up in that area.....it's quite a cost for them to get in here...they charter a taxi....in cases of emergencies, you have just got to get whatever you can and if you get a taxi, or you get an aeroplane, or something, in order to save a life, I think we should be able to do something to assist here. What it is...unfortunately, I can't bring forth anything concrete at this particular moment. This is why I wondered if Dr. Sprenger could maybe come up with some ideas as to how we could resolve this problem.

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, once again I appreciate fully Councillor Taylor's thoughts on the matter. It really comes down to the stating of what amount would be a suitable deterrent. I'm afraid that's all I can say.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, we are dealing with some figures in here. The figures you ask us to change and revise is what you would like to have passed in this budget? That's fine. I wondered where this Five Year Agreement was entering into the thing.

Dr. Sprenger: No, this has nothing to do with the Five Year Plan.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt, would you take the Chair please? Well, gentlemen, it seems to me that you are trying to make a welfare state out of this thing. I can't see, for the life of me where \$50.00 or \$100.00 return for any man that is able to work is going to be too much. Most people are covered. I will agree with that. Most people are covered. Some, it is true, are not as wealthy as others. Why aren't they? Is it our fault? I don't think so. I think you are getting to be too much to the welfare situation in this Yukon. You are giving too much away. The people themselves are not doing enough towards looking after themselves, and I think it's about time that you started in and thought a little bit different...to cut off a little bit of this five bucks here, ten bucks there and a hundred bucks someplace else. I am not against helping anybody that is sick and cannot work. I agree with this, but if it's somebody that can work...to me..today...\$300.00 is not a salary. You earn more than that. I don't care who you are...if you are just a plain labourer. I know what I am talking about. A labourer today, he doesn't get \$300.00 a month, he gets \$600.00. That's what he gets and I can prove it to you. That's what he gets. Now, anybody..I don't care who he is...if he is able to work and is earning \$600.00 a month, should be able to pay his medical bills. That's my saying on that.

Mr. Watt: Will you take the Chair back?

Mr. Southam: Yes, thank you.

Mr. Taylor: I think one point that has not been raised in this discussion, and it should be borne in mind, that is the fact that we are living in a Northern area and we, constantly, at this table, in fields of taxation and in other fields, have stressed the need for equalization... cost equalization. We must somehow... certainly we require subsidies here and there but we somehow must... if we are going to develop the Yukon... in its initial stages.. encourage people to come and live in the Territory and I think this reflects part of the problem. When people come to the Yukon Territory, especially family people, they say... let us put it this way... one of the major considerations, apart from the employment area, would be "Will my children receive a good education, equal to at least anywhere else in Canada, and if anyone in my family becomes ill, do they have recourse to medical aid and facilities?" I think those are two prime questions asked by every family when they come in, and when you say "Sure, you can come to the Yukon, but everytime anything happens and we have to get you to the hospital or get you to medical aid, you are going to be billed up to \$50.00 each way". This is a deterrent. I can't see people coming to the Yukon. I can see, through some form of subsidy or better subsidy, where we might be able to encourage people to come. It seems to me that it amounts to another penalty for living in a semi-remote high cost area of Canada. I think there are several arguments which could be brought into this. I don't favour the \$50.00. It was pointed out that the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Health stated that all residents of the Territories requiring medical attention not available in their home areas be flown out for such attention and returned on discharge as part of the medical services benefit. I can also appreciate the fact that some people misuse this to joy ride around. I believe Indian Affairs could back me up on that one... from time to time... but I don't think too many people do this and I think that no matter what we produce, somebody is going to find a way around it. I don't think we can make it fool-proof. I feel that \$50.00 is excessive in this respect and I think it should be reduced... even half way, but I feel \$50.00 is far too excessive.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was quite concerned about this particular subject, but the change looks very good to me. I believe much the same in this respect as Mr. Southam. We can't make this completely a welfare state, and if we don't levy a charge, we are going to have nothing but abuse as we have with the native population being flown back and forth today. It is costing the taxpayer unnecessary money. I can recall an instance where a plane and a nurse and the pilot went from Whitehorse to Aishihik to bring in a native that was sick. When they got to Aishihik, the native was sitting in my beer parlour at Canyon Creek. This is the kind of thing they run up against so I had to shoo him out of there and get him into Whitehorse before the plane got back otherwise possibly they would have laid charges against him. Irregardless, the plane made a trip for nothing. This has happened more than once and I don't go along with these things. I will say that \$50.00 is not very much money today and any person that can't raise \$50.00, then he's hardly worth transporting. I will go along with the idea if a man is brought to the hospital and the doctors at the hospital decide it is necessary to send him outside for treatment, then I would say, give him a free trip, but for the local residents flying in and out of Whitehorse for doctor's observation, I would say levy a charge and the \$50.00 is not a bit too much.

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think that the people who developed this proposal did a very good job. I don't think it is necessary to discuss it very much longer. I would like to move that the suggestions listed therein in this Sessional Paper No. 39, be accepted and at least give it a try and if it is not functioning to satisfaction...if there are hardships being forced on people, we will hear about it, and on top of this, in this day and age, hardships are overcome wherever necessary and the money they charge in the first place is not the burden that Mr. Taylor is trying to indicate it will be, therefore I hope the Council will accept this Motion of mine and let's end the subject.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, there seems to be great haste to get off of this Health subject. I think the only person that is concerned is Mr. Taylor and I feel that what he is asking for is total subsidization of all the people in his area, and if this is what he wants, I think this is a tremendous idea, but I have one question to direct to the Doctor and I am wondering, Sir, if you can tell me why it was that in the last current fiscal year we have figures for, which is the period 1964-65, why two-fifths of your budget was not spent?

Dr. Sprenger: You floor me, Sir. I hadn't realized that two-fifths hadn't been spent.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I have figures here from the Territorial Treasurer that show that you asked for \$498,000.00 and that 196 of these were unspent. Now, you are quibbling about \$50.00 and \$100.00. You are wasting our time.....as usual.

Mr. Taylor: Oh, Mr.....I would....on a point of order, I wouldn't want the witness to be insulted at this table. That was quite uncalled for.

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, may I point out, for example, one major decrease in expenditure...if we might, for a brief moment, go on to the very next primary which is the matter of Primary 78, being Bad Debts from the Whitehorse General Hospital. In the fiscal year 1965-66, \$20,000.00 was voted for the Territory buying up the bad debts from the Whitehorse General Hospital and yet we thro' rigorous prosecution of Accounts Receivable, reduced the sale of Bad Debts to the Territory to less than \$6,000.00 so that only \$6,000.00 was required out of an estimated \$20,000.00 and there are many similar examples such as that which, because of changing circumstances, has resulted in a general saving of money from estimated figures. I certainly agree that there is an awful difference between the amount voted of \$498,000.00 and the \$301,000.00 spent.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it is indicative that the Medical Health Department is practising economy in their Department. We have \$20,000.00 right now for transportation. I think that the Department should be congratulated for coming up with this particular system of transportation and allocating the \$20,000.00. On the other hand, at the end of the year, maybe we will have spent only \$5,000.00 so that \$15,000.00 over, and it may be \$25,000.00. I don't see how you can possibly come at any figure that.....people getting sick...people requiring transportation...we don't know this. It is merely an educated guess. I think the same would apply to most of these departments. The fact that \$100,000.00 was saved, I think is something that would be more of a credit to the Department than otherwise.

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, there are many examples of this. For example, in the very primary that we are discussing, Transportation of Patients. The Vote was for \$10,000.00 last year but we spent less than \$5,000.00 on this on Part 1 of Primary 83, but did not spend the entire total at all. Mr. Shaw is quite correct in saying that while we are asking for \$20,000.00 in this purely experimental phase of introducing a new proposal, we may well find that we use only \$15,000.00 and I have no intention of expressing such laxity in the administration of your wishes in such a primary to allow the entire amount to be spent.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, can I conclude from your supposition then, Sir, that we could conceivably save \$200,000.00 for this year's Health Budget on the same basis?

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson, I would like to suggest that that remain your supposition. Not mine.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I have already made up my mind.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the Motion.

Mr. Thompson: What Motion?

Mr. Watt: I seconded the Motion in writing. I will second it so that we know there is a Motion here and not go off on a tangent on something else. We were talking about Primary 83 and there is a Motion on the floor and it's a seconded Motion that we accept the Sessional Paper as suggested. I would like to support Mr. Boyd's Motion so that we could eliminate that first, if you don't mind.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Watt, that the proposals in Sessional Paper No. 39 be accepted as written.

MOTION CARRIED

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The Motion was carried with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Thompson contrary.

Mr. Taylor: Regretfully, I would like that to be recorded, please.

Mr. Southam: I think the only thing that is left in this Budget, gentlemen, is Establishment 510, Whitehorse General Hospital, \$6,000.00.

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, I think I have explained this a moment ago. Due largely to the successful prosecution of Accounts Receivable by a Clerk employed full time since the first of April 1964, there has been a very significant decline in Bad Debts sold to the Territory and we intend to bring about a further decline as a result of intense follow-up action on collection of delinquent accounts, therefore we are asking for \$6,000.00, estimated this year. Last year \$20,000.00 was voted. We used only \$5,838.13 of the \$20,000.00 voted.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would like to draw to your attention that in 59-60, it was \$35,000.00. In 63-64, it was \$47,000.00. In 64-65, it was \$52,000.00 and I would submit that this is strictly a bookkeeping entry that makes it look so favourable.

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Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Thompson is correct to some extent. The Bad Debts from 1959 to 1964 accumulated and until we had a full-time Clerk on Accounts Receivable, going after the collection of old accounts, the significant reduction that you find noted there, could not be accomplished and in point of fact, as Mr. Thompson has brought forward, the decline is over a period of years...the latter years being a more sudden drop because of monies coming in related to former years.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just before we leave this Vote 5 and go to Vote 20, I did have one question I would like to direct to Dr. Sprenger, what can be done do you think about the problem I raised respecting bush pilots?

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, this has already been voted on. Payment to the Carrier will now be the responsibility of the Territorial Government other than the individual contribution of \$50.00 which we have recommended be a direct payment from the individual. In the event of non-payment or inability to pay, the Territorial Government may loan the first \$50.00 and recovery action will be taken in due course. In any event, the Carrier will be fully paid immediately following his service.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Now, gentlemen, Vote 20, Page 2.
2501 Furniture and Office Equipment-----\$ 990.00
2502 General Health Services -----\$ 9,208.00
for a total of \$10,198.00.

All: Clear.

Mr. Taylor: I just wondered, as a point of interest, in 2501, this is not sharable with the Federal Government?

Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, the reason for that is that the machine is being used by the Territorially employed Clerk-Typist, dealing with Territorial accounts.

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order. We have Dr. Sprenger with us and we also have a sessional paper which we have to discuss. This is Sessional Paper 56 and I will read it.

Mr. Shaw: There is one point I note that I don't know about, this is hard to assess, "Residents of Canada who have maintained their residence in another Province or Territory while engaged in short-term employment in the Yukon Territory". Wouldn't that be difficult to outline, to insure the person qualified as to residential status?

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Dr. Sprenger: Mr. Chairman, this is already checked under Y.H.S. there should be no difficulty whatsoever. Every person is normally a residence of a province and the medicare program of that province would be expected to be covered in this way. It would provide coverage for the individual until his residence had been established in the Yukon.

Mr. Taylor: Where do we stand in respect to governmental employees and I think they were taken into account in the health plan. How do we stand for civil service, etc?

Dr. Sprenger: As already stated, the R.C.M.P., Department of National Defence personnel, workmen receiving treatment under the Workmen's Compensation Board, D.V.A. pensioners, inmates of federal penitentiaries, are not eligible for medical coverage as mentioned before, they are already covered by the federal government.

Mr. Taylor: Here we come to a position where the federal government does pay for the services to them.

Mr. Shaw: How many doctors do we have in Whitehorse at the present time.

Dr. Sprenger: There were six registered physicians in Whitehorse until last year or fall. I believe it was reduced to 3 because of illness and holiday leave and so on. At the moment there are 5.

Mr. Watt: As far as I am concerned we are simply be asked to accept in principle a medicare plan that is proposed to come into effect a year and a half from now and that is coming into effect in all the provinces throughout Canada. I think that if the Territory doesn't accept the plan then we are going to have difficulty to get men to work up here. If we expect to get men and families to live up here and have the same standard as all over Canada then we should accept the proposals as laid out in this medicare plan. Unless we do we will be losing out and 50% of the people right now must be covering themselves with private insurance companies and that is costing them money and more than it would for the per centage the federal government would have to raise in taxes. What we are accepting or rejecting here is a medicare program in conjunction with the federal government.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I must concur with Councillor Watt, I think he made a good point, that is that we must not agree with this thing specifically, but we must agree with the thing in principle. I think that in the final analysis if we consider the agreement and how this will effect financing, this is a good thing and I will heartily endorse it. I would like to move at this time that Council agrees in principle with the proposals outlined in Sessional Paper 56.

*Motion
re ~~proposal~~
of SP 56.*

Mr. Watt: I will second that motion.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, this is a wonderful thing to have in the Yukon Territory, providing that satisfactory arrangements can be made with the doctors, that seems to be a continuing program. Some of them may not care for a medicare program. However, in the amount of expenditure of approximately \$600,000 based on how many doctors we have in the Yukon at the present time, in other words, we have one at Watson Lake, one at Mayo, and 5 in Whitehorse, that would average out to \$73,000 a piece. So, it would appear to be quite substantial and we shouldn't have too much difficulty in that line.

Mr. Watt: Are you asking a question or talking to the newspaper?

Mr. Shaw: I don't talk to the newspaper.

Mr. Thompson: What is the difference?

Mr. Shaw: I don't know why people want to be making these wise-cracks. It doesn't serve any useful purpose and all it does is antagonize people. When I see a cost of \$600,000 and I see we have 8 doctors, I just assume you divide that into \$600,000. It is simple mathematics.

Dr. Sprenger: The mathematics are not so simple, this is not a question of just servicing the people of the Yukon. You are forgetting that there will be consultant services, specialists services, etc. in addition to the services of the practitioners here in the Yukon. I think it entirely unlikely that any doctor in the Yukon will make \$73,000 a year.

Mr. Shaw: I raised the question and it is explained and I am very happy to hear that---for the newspapers.

Mr. Southam: If I may ask Dr. Sprenger a question from the chair, this will include nurses?

Dr. Sprenger: No sir, this is personal health services in the doctors field. It has nothing to do with the nurses, attentions, other than specifically mentioned in the plan.

Mr. Southam: Any further discussion gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: Clear.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to comment that it is very interesting to note, sir, you don't come into it too actively, but from the comments it seems that we will agree to this paper subject to terms set out by doctors. When the same proposition was put forth on another matter this morning we couldn't agree to this because we had to know the specifics. Therefore, I would like to see the specifics laid out in a little firmer detail at this time before proceeding.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this morning we couldn't have the Dr. in here and I might say that the specifics will not come until we see the five year agreement.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. Southam: Any further discussion gentlemen? I have a motion before the House moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Watt that Council agree in principle to the proposals outlined in the Sessional Paper #56. Are you agreed? Contrary?

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

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Mr. Southam: The motion is carried. Have we any further need of Dr. Sprenger this morning, may he be excused? Thank you Dr. Sprenger.

MOTION
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Mr. Southam: We will proceed with the Justice vote. At this time I would ask Councillor Shaw to tell us just what was in the last five year agreement.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, in relation to this justice vote, I am very concerned with the fact that Justice doesn't appear to co-operate with our wishes in providing qualified or capable people in the legal field. We need a person to assist the Legal Advisor. I have been up and down on my feet here on this matter for four or five years. We did at one time hold back the Justice vote in respect to this but I think that we were assured that by signing the agreement they would attend to the requests from Council. So far they have not had it done. We have spoke on that for some length and my wishes at the moment are not to approve the estimates from this department. However, I must concede to the fact that I was one of those a couple of years ago who agreed to the Commissioner signing on behalf of the Territory, a paper of agreement with the R.C.M.P. and to not approve this expenditure now would be breaking this agreement. All I can say now, I am a party to the agreement and I am not able to renege on the agreement that I was a party to a number of years ago, or that Council was a party to. I will have to act against my wishes on this and approve of it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the honorable member is correct in that we have signed an agreement in respect of this Justice vote. However, I would like to submit, as he has pointed out, that we may be in a bind with respect to finance but it is not we who have broken faith with this agreement. It is the Department of Justice or a like Department that has broken faith with the Yukon and I think that this should be noted by all members. This question was raised when we did withhold the police agreement for a couple of years. We used it as a lever in order to encourage the Justice Department to take some action and bring justice to the Yukon and meet some of our needs and desires, such as an assistant to our legal counsel. Now, in this budget, even though we have signed something, it has been pointed out that we have no department of justice in the Yukon, more properly if this was to appear in the budget it should be charted as expenditure for the federal government and we should have no position or place in our budget for this. There have been inconsistencies where we have duplications, where we have little information, and I think that when we deal with matters such as this that we should be able to find out what for instance the incidence of crime is in the Yukon Territory and what is being done to combat it, there are many things that fall into the category of Justice. It has been pointed out that we are not paying anything for the Judge of the Territorial Court and his salary is not provided for under this budget. And there is no provision in this budget for a solicitor to assist our Legal Counsel, something we have been asking for for many years. There are other inconsistencies throughout this budget and it is deplorable again that we have to go so many years before we realize anything. This is one of these departments, unyielding departments, such as taxation, revenue, etc. and it seems that when we pay the substantial sums that we pay on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory to the federal government for policing, for justice, that we should have a little more control in the matter. I would not be prepared to pass this budget and I am still not prepared to pass this budget on the grounds as I set out at the outset. Though we have signed an agreement the federal government has broken faith and I refuse to agree to expenditure on those grounds.

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Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I will agree that we can use this as a lever, but unfortunately we cannot vote. You are exactly in the same position as before. I would say that this is a breach of faith on the part of the federal government on the Department of Justice. However, we must---we have had the Commissioner sign a solemn agreement and we are not happy with the situation but I cannot see a solution and I have no alternative but pass this estimates. I cannot complain about the various sundry parts of it as there is no way of finding out about them. They are like the sacred cow business where we don't ask questions. It is all tied up with the federal budget and I would have to go along with it and I will move that the expenditures be approved.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, well when I first came to Council we were having the same trouble and I believe that the budget on Justice had not been passed for some prior years before that time. You were using it as a lever and when I first came into Council we had this dumped in front of us and we passed the bill. Now, I can see that things have not improved a little bit and all I can see what is happened is that our Senior Legal Advisor has more and more work to do and he has no assistance and I believe we would be far better off in this Council if we had a Legal Advisor with us at all times. I do realize that Mr. Hughes is too busy to be here and I think that possibly, if we did have a legal advisor here with us since we first talked this spring that we would be at home instead of bickering over Territorial affairs so that is why I cannot give this my support.

Mr. Taylor: There is another question that should be raised here in respect to this. Another reason why I oppose this is that we have asked for legal aid. Where is it reflected here. Where is the cost for paying the Justices of the Peace? I think they do receive something and I believe that this is provided for under the Department of Justice. However, I am not too clear on this. Another thing, the question has been raised from time to time in relation to the need for stipendary magistrates in outlying districts. I know this need has been stressed through letters and correspondence in my district. I would just like to ask Mr. Legal Advisor if he could enlighten me on these three items.

Mr. Legal Advisor: From the information to range on a number of points I will try. I will deal with the Councillor's questions but with your permission I will cover some other things as well. If you look at the estimates as a whole, on page 2 you will see \$95,000, this was a subject of some comment yesterday and while the Council is perfectly free to do what it wishes, I would recommend or recommend consideration for adding, one cannot initiate it but one can suggest. I would recommend \$20,000 for defence counsel. There is in there an element for defence counsel but it is \$5,000 a year. What counsel has set in principle for legal aid, well you need something bigger so it should be something higher. The Defence Counsel have complained to me and I think that their complaints are justified, they are underpaid. Now, I would suggest therefore in the margin you mark on \$20,000. For the maintenance of prisoners, they have an item there of \$80,000, you can see the previous year's expenditures at \$81,000 and \$94,000. Now, \$80,000 in the light of services is and should be presumably \$100,000. So, if you wish to pencil in the margin, \$100,000. Now, on page three, you will see the magistrate at \$13,500. I don't think I can agree with the decision on that, we have a hard working magistrate and a man who dedicates himself to his work the way he does. You have no right to expect to get a man so dedicated at \$13,500 when he could get \$18,000 somewhere else. So it should be

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\$18,000 or \$20,000. That salary range has ceased five years ago at \$13,500. It follows all the way along the line. Now, Councillor Taylor has mentioned the need for additional magistrates. I think I have some reason to think that while he is discreet in voicing an opinion, I think the magistrate would like some respite because he goes all over the Territory and he would be the first to welcome some assistance. There is no provision for it and it has never been contemplated, it was not thought of five or seven years ago. So, in the margin put \$18,000 and put something there for an assistance, some professional assistance. A clerk at \$8,000---that should really be \$9,000, this merely reflects the rise in the cost of living. And so on, all the way down the line and even without trying I think the estimates should arrive at \$104,000 instead of \$77,000 and this doesn't include provisions for an assistance magistrate. As you go down the rest of the page the allowances, there is no allowance for a lawyer. Presumably he would be on isolated allowance too. There is nothing allowed for travelling allowances. I am supposed to be in Toronto next week. I have approval to go but no money so Justice assured me that they would like me to go but they don't have the funds and the Territory doesn't include me in their vote because they go through Northern Affairs. Unless I am a very fast bicycle rider I will not get there. So, travelling expenses should have something there. There is no provision for lawyers and there should be two or three. The summary of my work is that that figure you have on that page three and on page four on the costs is \$40,000 below a year and should be discussed with the gentlemen coming from Ottawa. I offer you these as an estimate and a point of departure toward realism. With regard to the visit from the gentlemen from Ottawa, I spoke to them on the phone. Of the three man section, one man is dealing with a special inquiry, the second is to go out of the country on other work as head of the section. The third has to stay continually at his desk to deal with the problems while the other two are away. He is trying at the same time to prepare cases for the Supreme Court. It is not a deliberate refusal to come. They are overcome with work and they are understanding. How long this situation will last is unknown and the visit will likely continue to seem impossible. If you look at the pension provisions on page one you will see a figure of \$317,582 and that is your police payroll and in the light of the forecast increases I would suggest that your estimates be increased to include another \$50,000. You are increasing your forces at Watson Lake, setting up detachments at Clinton Creek, at Ross River, and so on. Of course your pension plans will go up by \$6,000. I mention those figures because in fact for your police force you are only paying \$55,000 for headquarters, \$21,000 for training, and \$38,000 for the pension contribution instead of a minimum of \$318,000. I would suggest this should be \$367,000, plus something in the order of \$50,000 for pension. This isn't in definite form but I am assured, and I have my own belief, that it is very difficult for them to settle cost figures. I think your police costs are lower than they should be because you don't pay the cost figures. On the other hand there are other ways and means you may wish to see provided for, more money for the magistrate, for an assistant magistrate. You may wish to not reject this vote but to accept it and call for a supplementary one and at which time you may be able to get more detailed information. But, until you do vote for travel approval, I can't even go to Ottawa and get you the information you desire. Now, the Council asked about a Legal Advisor, there is no provision there. You can call for it in the supplementary estimate. I am not sure whether the J.P.'s come under this or not. Another point is that the J.P.'s are not getting enough. I know one Justice of the Peace who is the

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only available one and there are times when he has to travel 12 to 14 miles each way to try a case. Now, his mileage, I am not sure that he gets a mileage allowance, but he gets something in the order of a dollar or two and if there is no conviction, he doesn't get anything. So, you see, the system is just alien to the usual idea that a J.P. should be paid by results, but not a desirable way of attacking the matter. Now, that's the J.P.'s fees. I doubt that you will question the Magistrate. I appreciated very much the remarks of the Councillor from Kluane. I would like to say that if it hadn't been for the co-operation of the Council, something would have come to a full stop, either my work upstairs or my work here. I just couldn't have, even working at night, I couldn't have kept both operations going. I apologize for any imperfections in preparing material but there is just a limit to my output. However, sir, when Vote 13 was under discussion, the member from Whitehorse West said that the radar unit inspected by the Council last Session was not the unit now in use by the R.C.M.P. Personally, I felt rather disturbed about this because you had been given certain assurances regarding the use of that unit. I indicated at the time that I would check on this. I have to report as follows: the unit is the same and it has not been changed. It is kept under the sole control of one police officer, the trained officer, and is under lock and key when he is not operating the patrol. The Staff Sergeant made the inquiry over the telephone when I was present. He got through on the phone and asked to be put through to the Highway Patrol. I don't know who he spoke to, but this is the information that he relayed back to me. In view of the fact that the member was firm in his statement that the unit was not the one that was inspected, if I may ask for the source of his information, I will go back to the police and confront them with his information so that I can check it out to the satisfaction of the Council. I think I have covered all the points that I have and I hope I have answered Councillor Taylor's questions.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

RECESS

Wednesday, May 4, 1966.
4:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will now call the Committee back to order.

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Mr. Taylor: I have just one additional question, Mr. Chairman, and that would be in relation to the need for a Magistrate in the Watson Lake area, as has been pointed out, to serve both Northern British Columbia and the Yukon on a full-time basis. Is there any possibility, or how do we go about getting this Magistrate for this district most expeditiously or do we have to contend with the same old thing that we have contended with for three years.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, I can't give a ready answer to that. My attention has been drawn to this by representations from Watson Lake and I have relayed it to the Department. It was my hopes that a Departmental member would be here and discussed it and we could have arranged for him...not having a travel expense, I couldn't have gone...arranged for him, at least, to go to Watson Lake and discuss the matter and review the matter there and get a documented presentation. All I can do at the moment is continue to write. It might not be an appointment in such direct terms as the Councillor looks for. It might be that the Territory would have to be broken up differently. I have no sort of formula on this at all, but the Councillor should be assured that I have sent these presentations through to the Department and they are on the agenda for discussion. I don't know what else to do.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is the reason why I think that we have got to have some firm understanding with the Department of Justice because certainly this situation... this is just one small situation...and this is the need for a Magistrate in the Community of Watson Lake. Already, I understand, that we have five policemen billeted there and a sixth one is to be provided this summer and you can imagine the work load that is being placed on the J.P. and, quite frankly, the J.P.'s, two of them, don't wish to have anything to do with the J.P. work now, and it is left to one Government employee to do the work and he wants to get out of it as quickly as possible. If he does resign, there will be no J.P. whatsoever in the Community and it's getting to be a pretty desparate situation. Now, if we have to go to Justice and wait three, or four, or five years for such a Magistrate, a Police Magistrate, this isn't going to help us either. As I say, I am going to oppose this Vote and I urge every Member of Council to turn this Vote down until Justice renew the faith that they have broken with the Yukon.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, one question I asked...that has been cleared up...and that was with the machine that is being used for traffic offences now. It has been changed not too long ago, but it was during the time...there has been two inspections I have found out on two different machines....and I did not know that there was another inspection after I was forced out of Council here in the last Session. I did not know there had been another inspection at that time so I stand corrected on that point, but I still do not believe the machine itself could be accurate because you have got a human element....there is one individual there looking into the device and writing it down and I am not satisfied with the accuracy of the way the machine is being used and operated and that is one

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Mr. Watt continues:

of about five points that I am still not satisfied with. If a technician came and told me and described how this individual sits there and writes out these tickets. At least he should have a witness or something to say that he has got the right car at least, but this is just a small part of it. I am not going to vote against Justice because of one small issue or part of it. I am not satisfied with the Justice Department. I am not satisfied with the co-operation we have been getting from the Justice Department and part of this lack of co-operation is the lack of the Federal Government in upholding their section of the Police Agreement. Part of the Police Agreement was the appointment of another legal assistant, whether it was senior, junior...but there should have been one more man here. It was promised a long, long time ago and this is why we withheld our approval for the Justice Vote. There were about five reasons I have given why I am not going to approve of this Justice Vote, and I am not going to try and brainwash anybody else into voting with me if they do not wish to. I don't think that Justice will stop in the Territory. The Minister of Justice, I don't think, for one minute will say "We are going to withdraw all the policemen and let the citizens run wild", but they will look into what we are complaining about with this Justice Department, and if we don't, we are right back where we were the last session, the session before, the session before, the session before, the session before, and the statements that Mr. Legal Advisor has just given us about we are not asking for nearly enough....I think Mr. MacKenzie provided us with the original Estimates, so we have another set of Estimates. Now we have another set of...an introduction of money matters by a member of Administration. I don't know whether it is with the approval of Mr. MacKenzie or the Commissioner. I understand that most of this legislation and the running of the Territory is done by the introduction of money bills by the Commissioner and the approving of it, or the rejection of it, by the Territorial Council. This...somebody is telling us that we are still \$140,000.00 too short even of what Administration is asking for...is not, to me, an argument saying that I should switch my opinion and say that I think Justice is being done now. I have pretty strong opinions on this and I think that until some of them are corrected, I don't think I am doing what I am paid to do here and do what I think to the best of my ability is voting money for...seeing that it is being spent properly and with the approval of Council in the best interests of the Territory. I think that this is the only thing that we can do. We either accept this Justice Vote or reject it and I am so dissatisfied with it...I have never rejected a whole Vote yet in five years...but this is the only way, I believe, that I can make my point clear. If I declined to vote and if it happened that a certain Primary, Primary, say, 87, were reduced from say \$200,000.00 or whatever it is to \$100,000.00, then there is no reason why this \$100,000.00 couldn't be made up in allotment transfer within the vote. Apparently this is legal to have allotment transfers within votes. I regret to say that I have no other choice but to vote against this entire Vote, and I think it is in the best interests of everybody that I represent.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, that was quite a dissertation but I think, and this has probably been lost in the tall grass, I think that, for the record, it should be stated here and now, contrary to what the Whitehorse West Member said, that he walked out of Council on his own accord and

Mr. Thompson continues: that nobody forced him out and that the sooner that this is understood, the better. As far as the Justice Department is concerned, I feel that they have done us no service whatsoever, whereas I feel that the legal division have, and in voting against a Justice Vote, I feel that we should have some provision in there for the Territorial legal division and I feel that this should be adamantly understood, and I think that provision should be made in this Budget, in the '67 Budget, and in the Five Year Agreement.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I notice a figure of \$25,000.00 on this last page here, unallocated. I presume that nobody knows what that is intended to be for. I am wondering, could it be for another legal man? Could it be for contemplated increases in salaries? And, also, I am wondering if the provision for salaries in here are subject to the increases that have recently been authorized? It may not show on here. I don't know the answers. Is there anybody in this room that does know the answers? All I need to this is a yes or no.

Mr. Southam: Could you answer that, Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, I cannot answer these questions.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I did make a Motion a little while ago but it wasn't seconded and if it's not seconded, it's not much good. I agree with a great deal of what Councillor Watt has just stated. I don't agree with all of it. We might introduce a Motion in respect to having money approved for matters that we have raised over the past number of years....I am quite in agreement to doing something like that but I think, if you stop and look at it unemotionally, you will see that we have an agreement with them...signed, sealed and delivered...and whether we pass this or not, the Commissioner, I would assume, would be forced to live up to the terms of this Agreement whether we agree or not because we have agreed in the first place that he sign it. In other words, it does appear to me, from my very limited legal knowledge, that the agreement has been made with our sanction and he must go through with it. The fact that we change our mind later on doesn't affect the agreement, I don't think, unless you can prove to the Judge that there has been some form of skullduggery involved in the agreement, or coercion. It would appear to me that if we did...and I think Council could...maybe not work on it right now but if we could get together and form a resolution directed to the Department of Justice of what our complaints were and what we felt should be rectified and approve the money at the same time because it is going to have to be approved anyway.. that that might be...at least it would be...as effective or not, I don't know....that's a question I can't answer. According to past performances, it would just be a waste of paper and a waste of time. This very thing, Mr. Chairman, indicates the inadequacy of the present system of Government and it's another very good illustration, and until we can get control in the hands of the elected people of the Yukon Territory, we will continue to be in exactly the same position ten years from now as we are at the present moment. That is my humble opinion. I leave these remarks for this Committee's consideration. I won't get up and discuss this matter anymore. I will just say that I will have to approve the expenditure, in my estimation, on account of the prior commitment and for that only reason.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, looking at the time, I think we will leave this until tomorrow.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF
CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEES

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:15 A.M. National Parks was discussed with Mr. Brooks in attendance. Motion No. 38 was defeated. We reconvened at 2:00 P.M. with Dr. Sprenger. It was moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Watt, that the proposed proposals in Sessional Paper No. 39 be accepted as is. This Motion was carried with Councillor Taylor and Councillor Thompson voting contrary. It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Watt, that Council agree to the principle in the proposal outlined in Sessional Paper No. 56. This Motion was also carried with Councillor Thompson voting contrary. There is some progress on Bill No. 4, Mr. Speaker.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We now have the agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure in this respect?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that we continue with the discussion on the Justice Estimates and if there is anything more in the Budget to tidy up at that time, we could do that and then proceed with bills....pardon me, the Motion on Autonomy, that would be Motion No. 40.

Mr. Speaker: Well, is it agreed that tomorrow morning, we will discuss, after the routine, Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers, Motions. Discuss Justice first and then continue on to Motion No. 40, Autonomy.

All: Agreed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move we call it five o'clock.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and this Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Thursday, May 5, 1966.
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors were present.

Mr. Speaker: Before we have the Clerk read the correspondence, I have some correspondence here in relation to the matter of your Committee's visit to Montreal, Expo '67, and Ottawa. I have a number of letters here which any Member can peruse, which I am sending. I will just read one. They are all very much the same. This is a letter from myself, as Speaker, to the Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs. It reads as follows: "Dear Mr. Laing. I would like to express to you, on behalf of the Legislative Council of the Yukon and the Committee who travelled to Montreal and to Ottawa in relation to our participation in Expo '67, my appreciation for the great assistance and support you provided. Your choice of Mr. Gordon and Mr. Bolger as a co-ordinating group, was most helpful to our party. I would commend them to you for the able manner in which they handled their part in the overall planning and in the assistance they provided. I was sorry to note some of the uncalled for and vicious remarks directed at yourself and to us by the Edmonton Press. It is indicative of the type of people that we are battling with in order to retrieve our rightful inheritance. This commercial group know they are wrong and to justify their immoral actions, their only alternative is to slander and malign those who have brought them to task in their deceit. I also note that this very same newspaper is already looking for a way out of its dilemma by cagily backing the principle of the Fort Edmonton theme. I again thank you for what you have done and the support you have given us during these somewhat trying days of trying to retrieve an almost lost part of our history. With kindest personal regards. Yours very sincerely." That is the letter that will go to the Minister of Northern Affairs. The other ones are here if you care to see them. Were there any comments? Mr. Watt?

Mr. Watt: I was just going to say, Mr. Speaker, that I agree with the actions that you are taking in this respect. If you have another letter along the same lines...if you just mention to whom they are written to, that is all that would be required as far as I am concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Well, I have written to Mr. Pierre de Bellefeuille and Mr. Leslie H. Brown. Mr. Clerk, have you any correspondence this morning?

Mr. Clerk: I have nothing this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Committee Reports? We have Bill No. 16 and No. 17 for introduction. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave to introduce Bill No. 16, An Ordinance to Repeal the Loan Agreement Ordinance 1961 No. 1, Chapter 2, 1961 (2nd Session).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, didn't we decide here some time ago that we were not accepting any more Bills? I believe that we did and I think it's just about time we put a stop to this. They will be coming in all summer.

Mr. Speaker: For your information, Councillor MacKinnon, it was mentioned that perhaps we should do this but it requires a Motion for the particular matter to implement such....

Mr. Taylor: I would second the Motion, Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUC-
TION OF
BILL #16

Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 16, An Ordinance to Repeal the Loan Agreement Ordinance 1961 No. 1, Chapter 2, 1961 (2nd Session), be introduced at this time.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I am contrary and the reason I would like to state for both of these Bills is that in the statement beside the Bill, the reason is that they want these repealed right now and they don't think that the present Ordinance will be needed, and we have to look into the present Ordinance to see if it will be so there is going to be no hardship caused if things are left the way they are right now, without the introduction of these two Bills. I think the Administration could have presented these to us quite some time ago if they had thought that these were necessary so I would like to record my vote as being opposed to the introduction of these two Bills because I do not think that they are necessary at this time.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried with Mr. Watt and Mr. MacKinnon opposed to the introduction of Bill No. 16.

INTRODUC-
TION OF
BILL #17

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 17, An Ordinance to Repeal the Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961) be introduced at this time.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried with Mr. MacKinnon and Mr. Watt in opposition. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution this morning?

NOTICES OF
MOTION #46

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion respecting Game Department Development.

#47

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion re Air Strip.

#48

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion respecting immediate establishment of a Territorial Park in the Yukon.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give further Notice of Motion respecting the introduction of Ordinances to the Yukon Council at this Session.

Mr. Speaker: I might add, in this respect, the custom in the past has been for a Member to move, with a seconder, that after such a date...it's usually...a day or so is usually given...in time that no more Bills...Government Bills..be accepted. If you so wish to do that, it is not necessary to set it in there, I don't think...if you would like to make a day certain, but I would say not tomorrow morning. You would have to give a day at least.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I agree with you there and I tried to do this some time ago...several days ago....so I will now make this Motion again that no more further bills be accepted in this Session after May 7.

Mr. MacKinnon: I'll second that Motion, Mr. Speaker, and I am quite certain we went through all this before.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, speaking on the Motion, I must rise again to point out that in view of our upcoming deliberations with respect to autonomy, with respect to the Five Year Agreement and with respect of the Budget...I believe the more contentious issues of Council are still to be discussed and I would think it would be folly at this time to place a closure on Bills in the event that one is required for the public good prior to our prorogation. I think this is a little premature.

Mr. Speaker: I might add in this discussion, that if Council feels that something is of public urgency, it is their prerogative to change it if they so wish.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest that, if it's necessary to accept Government Bills after the date that Mr. Watt has stated, that we adjourn on Friday evening for three weeks.

Mr. Speaker: I didn't quite get that Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I am suggesting that Council adjourn for three weeks on this Friday. I am sure that most of us have business to attend to and once we get things on its feet at home, then we could return and continue with this business. I mean if we are going to continue accepting Government Bills for the next two weeks or three weeks, we might as well stay here all summer, and I am just suggesting that we adjourn this weekend, for at least three weeks and give us a chance to get our businesses open and then we will come back if Mr. Taylor wants to continue with Government Bills.

Mr. Speaker: I might add the Motion is that no Bills be accepted after May 7.

Mr. Boyd: I wonder if I might ask is that intended to mean no new Bills? Anything arising out of what is before us at the present time in the form of an Amendment or so on, would not be included in this Motion. Would I be right there?

Mr. Watt: In summing up the intent of the Motion, Mr. Speaker...as you said a while ago, this has been customary in the past...to make a Motion and to give the Administration, if there was anything urgent that they want to put before us, they would know...something is urgent before the next Session comes up....we are going to be sitting again in another six months and these last two Bills that were introduced, the reason that was given was that "it would only be a source of confusion to leave them on the Ordinance Books". Well, if the Administration is going to go through the Ordinance Book and take out every legislation that's in there that might be a source of confusion, there is no end to the length of time that we are going to be sitting here. I think this Motion should be accepted and, as Mr. Boyd says, anything that is before us now, we can make a Motion on it or a Resolution or Amend an Ordinance that has already been introduced. I think that had we made this motion some time ago, which had been suggested in the past, that we wouldn't have had these last two Motions before us now which could have just as easily have come before us next fall.

Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that no Bills be accepted after May 7.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

The Motion was carried with Councillor Taylor contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion and Resolution?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman...Mr. Speaker, I would just like to query the Motion submitted this morning with reference to a Territorial Park. It was my understanding that once a Motion or a subject had been introduced once at a Session, that it was improper to resubmit a similar Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Well, that does present some difficulty. I don't know how one would actually look at that but the original Motion was for a core-type National Park with a Territorial Park around....

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, could I correct you? The original Motion was that we establish a National Park and a Territorial Park.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I think it is kind of hard to consider what is in order and what is not in order until the Motion has been presented. I think the Honourable Member has given notice of his intent to submit a motion for the consideration of Council tomorrow and I would think that that would be the proper time to determine as to whether or not the Motion is in order or not.

Mr. Watt: Agreed.

Mr. Thompson: Well, naturally, you agree Mr. Watt, but I would like it noted that I am opposed to the presentation of this motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Have we any further Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, have we any Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers? If not, we will proceed to Motion No. 45. We have Motion No. 43. That's still....Mr. Watt, you still wish that to be in abeyance, do you?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We now have Motion No. 45, Mr. Taylor, Klondike Defence Force Funds.

MOTION #45

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this is Motion No. 45, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Shaw, respecting Klondike Defence Force Funds. Whereas it is recognized that funds will be required to assist in the financing of advertising related to the retention and development of the Yukon's Klondike, therefore it is the opinion of Council that the Administration make available to the Yukon Klondike Defence Force, funds in an amount not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars for approved advertising expenditures. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, we have undertaken, through our fighting wing, a battle...we so term it...with the municipality of Edmonton, Alberta, in an effort to stop the commercial exploitation of our Klondike and, of course, this body has been the fighting wing as I have stated and are doing a tremendous job. However, bond sales alone, which are their only source of revenue, are not sufficient to carry on the intense advertising that must be undertaken in order to bring the battle to a successful conclusion. Consequently, I might say that the Minister in Ottawa had assured the Committee who were down there at that time of his fullest support and, more particularly, in the form of supplementary estimates to assist in proper advertising in order to ensure that the Territory's position in this respect was protected. We will be proroguing fairly soon, I imagine, possibly within a week, and this would allow the Commissioner and the Administration to dispense funds only for approved advertising expenditures over the period of the conclusion of this battle. I would leave it at that point. I think the Motion is quite self-explanatory.

MOTION #45

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, is the Motion in order?

Mr. Speaker: I would say the Motion is in order, Mr. MacKinnon.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #45
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: That completes the Motions for this morning. We now are on to the question period. Have we any questions?

Mr. Taylor: I just have one question and rather than raise the matter anywhere else, I wonder if Mr. Clerk could give the assurance to Council that these reports on Northern Affairs and National Resource Committee Hearings will be forthcoming to Council as they are produced in Ottawa. They could be mailed to us.

Mr. Speaker: Can you give that assurance, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. Are there any further questions?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask Mr. Clerk when I might get an answer to this Question No. 26 because if the answer is what I expect, I will have to put in a Motion and I would like to get it as soon as possible.

Mr. Clerk: I would say sometime the first of next week. Not before. I think the question is only two days old now. It would have been delivered to the Administration yesterday afternoon. If we get real service, we may get an answer sometime during the day tomorrow but I then wouldn't be able to table it before Monday morning.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Southam has expressed urgency in the matter and I would appreciate if you would do what you could to expedite this.

Mr. Clerk: I will, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have another question to direct to Mr. Clerk in an effort to more or less save time. In view of the fact that the issuance of motor vehicle licences and drivers and chauffeurs licences and the like is not undertaken until the first day of April, and in view of the fact

Mr. Taylor continues:

that they expire at the end of March...the old ones...and also due to the fact that this is causing problems for people who might be in the outside provinces at this time, would the Administration be able to assure Council that this coming year that we will place our motor vehicle licences on sale on the first day of March, giving people the thirty days before the expiry date of their old ones to acquire the new licences?

Mr. Clerk: At the moment, I cannot give that assurance, Mr. Speaker. It would have to be an instruction from the Commissioner's office and it would have to be given due consideration. I couldn't possibly give this assurance right now.

Mr. Taylor: Just a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would Mr. Clerk kindly take that question as notice and attempt to obtain this information for us?

Mr. Speaker: I think that can be attended to. Get the information on that, if you can, Mr. Clerk. Have we any further questions?

Mr. Boyd: Well, I am a little bit...here we have one Member implementing something that he seems to feel is necessary, without Council having any say in the matter. It's a change of procedure. There must be reasons for carrying on and doing the business in the present manner, otherwise it wouldn't be so. This is just a little bit baffling to me that an instruction can be out that a certain guarantee will be made that the situation will be changed next year without Council's concurrence.

Mr. Speaker: Yes, I am afraid that question....

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, the same thing goes on continually here.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, order. That question, I think, is a matter of policy. I think the question should have been directed in a different manner. We will let it sit at this present moment. We won't continue with it because it won't serve any useful purpose. After this...a simple question should have been why they are not issued earlier. I think this would have solved it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I will place it under Orders of the Day tomorrow as a Motion.

Mr. Speaker: I have quite some difficulty sometimes when you gentlemen raise questions as to exactly what's in order because they get a little out of hand. I would ask that you rephrase your question. This one could have been "Why are they not issued on the first of March instead of the first of April". However, are there any further questions? If you have no further questions, we have Bill No. 15 under the Public Bills for First and Second Reading to complete the routine of the Day.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 15, An ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase a Sewage Disposal System from the Municipal Corporation of the City of Dawson, be given First Reading.

FIRST
READING
BILL #15

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

*First
Reading
Bill
#15*

SECOND
READING
BILL #15

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that Bill No. 15, An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase a Sewage Disposal System from the Municipal Corporation of the City of Dawson, be given second reading at this time.

*Second
Reading
Bill
#15*

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now declare a short recess while we get organized.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order, and we will carry on with the Justice Vote where we left off. I don't know where we left off. Mr. Hughes, have you anything further to say?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I thought there were one or two points that I should check out with Ottawa and see if I could get some more information. I wasn't able to get it all because the officer who is most familiar with the figures is away at the present time. I inquired about the absence of the Territorial Judge's salary from the Estimates that you had. I was told that this, in fact, doesn't fall into the same bracket at all. It is not paid out of funds that flow through the Territorial account. The question of a second solicitor...you are, in fact, looking at the provision for the second lawyer, but, in my position, I am treated as a member of the Criminal Section of the Department of Justice and I am bundled into their account. My salary is in there. So, you do see there provision for an assistant, and he is treated on the same footing as the Magistrate and put through the Territorial Account. That is one explanation I was able to ascertain. I asked what the correct procedure would be, or the best procedure would be departmentally, to give force, give effect, to the points that Council has made this Session, last Session and several Sessions before, and I was informed that if a presentation, substantiated by evidence, could be assembled, it would then be presented to the Deputy Minister and eventually make its way into the Federal Parliament for approval there. I turned to the question of an additional Magistrate, or an assistant magistrate, as raised by the Member from Watson Lake. I said "How would this be done?", and it was suggested that in order to document the need, the facts would have to be assembled so that when the Minister of Justice goes in and presents his budget in the Federal House, he will have the ammunition, complete and factual, to convince the Treasury Board and the Cabinet and so on that there is a need for an increase in the allowance. I wasn't able to cover all the points being discussed because the person I was speaking to couldn't throw very much light on the breakdown method of charging the R.C.M.P. costs. However, I thought I should report the conversation to the Committee

Vote 13

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hughes says we are, indeed, looking at a figure for a second solicitor. I take it that that is included in that \$25,000.00 unallocated. Would that be correct?

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, Sir. The Solicitor 4 at \$12,154.00, is the actual sum. I am sorry, I forgot to find out what "unallocated" covered, and I doubt if the person I was speaking to would have been able to tell me. I sometimes feel that I am among the unallocated, but I am told I am in the Criminal Section, and I go through on their budget. However, they don't provide anything for my travelling expenses.

Mr. Boyd: One more question. It boils down to the fact, as requested, we asked for a legal advisor to be Territorially employed and this has met with no response insofar as their thinking is concerned, budgetwise.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, Sir. They have provided a sum of money there and that is why they are charging this onto the Territorial Estimates. I am not charged against the Territorial Estimates. I am in the Department of Justice. The Police Magistrate is the Police Magistrate for the Yukon Territory and that is why he is charged there.

Mr. Boyd: One more question. You say under Territorial Estimates. This is all Territorial Estimates if I am not mistaken, but yet we have no say in the matter whatever, and this is the point I am trying to make. Am I right in this assumption? We wanted a Territorial Legal Advisor over whom we had some control. We are in the same boat if this goes on as we are now. Is this right?

Mr. Legal Advisor: This is true. He would still be a Member, as I understand it, of the Department of Justice just as the Police Magistrate is a member of the Department of Justice and the Clerk of the Territorial Court is, but in the Ottawa set-up, there is a difference how they put these bundles together. I am bundled into the Criminal Section. This other man would be bundled into the Territorial Court Section in their budget provisions. The provisions are a bit obscure in my mind as to how they rationalize these things but you would not have in this Estimate, your, a Territorial Public Officer...Public Servant...this is quite true. It doesn't provide for that.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask that Mr. MacKenzie come down and explain some of these figures to us. We have got three sets of figures now as I understand it. I am just completely confused and he could probably tell us what the Administration is asking for and explain the general set-up for us. He is the man that is in charge of finances as far as the Administration is concerned for the Territory. I would like to request to see if he is available for a few minutes. It shouldn't take long.

Mr. Southam: Is the Committee agreed that....

Mr. Boyd: Not at the moment, Mr. Chairman, because Mr. MacKenzie has already sat with us for a day concerning this and he stated quite frankly that he did not make these figures. He knows nothing about them and he can answer no questions concerning them.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to submit then that these figures here, if they weren't submitted by the Administration, any money that we are talking about here is submitted by the Administration and voted upon by us. It's as simple as that. Then, who submitted them?

Mr. Southam: As I understand it, as your Chairman, you were discussing the Justice Vote here a short while ago. You wanted a breakdown of figures and at that time, Mr. MacKenzie suggested that you give it the hoist until he could get this breakdown from Ottawa and this is the breakdown from Ottawa. As I understood it, Mr. MacKenzie said yesterday that he still could not give us any explanation of the figures and that they were Ottawa's breakdown. I could stand corrected there, but this is just as I remembered. However, I still think if the Member wants Mr. MacKenzie...I doubt if he could give us any explanation of these figures....I think it is perfectly within his rights.

Mr. Boyd: I am not denying the right. I am merely just trying to explain to Mr. Watt that I don't think he will get what he is asking for even if Mr. MacKenzie is here.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, from my own point, I agree that the Federal Government have prepared this. I don't think that Mr. MacKenzie could lend anything to it, but I would never deny the right of a Member of the chance of having a witness...as I was denied yesterday.

Mr. Watt: Well, I don't want to hold things up, Mr. Chairman. I would like to see how this detail fits into our Budget. There is an awful difference in our final figures. One is \$133,000.00 and one is \$500,000.00. Anyway, this could probably be explained to me, but the other objections that I do have with the Justice Vote are more general objections. They are not detailed objections about a particular expenditure and I don't know...maybe I wasn't listening close enough....I don't remember anybody around the table here...any of the Councillors anyway...asking for increased allowances for different people. I don't remember any of the Territorial Councillors asking about the Judges salaries. They may have. I don't know, but we got the answers today anyway which is fine. The main objections I have about Justice is that I think there is an awful lot of room for improvement, and the only way I can register these objections is by voting against this Justice Vote. It has been said that we have a Police Agreement with Ottawa. We do. We signed it in good faith and Ottawa, on the other hand, have not appointed this additional legal man which I think would have taken care of a lot of our difficulties but still we are voting money year after year. It's just like me buying a cord of wood from somebody and they don't deliver it so I give him the money over again next year and the next year, and I keep buying this cord of wood and never get it. Now, it's time that I quit paying this guy for these cords of wood until I finally get it, and this is just common sense. We voted this money year after year after year and now we are being told that the money is here again and we are going to vote this money for this guy again and, therefore....until we have something from Ottawa.. if they came along and said "You don't need this man and these are the reasons why", then I would listen to their reasons, but to me the reasons are more apparent now than they have ever been that we do need this man and every year the need for this additional man is increasing. Until we get something, then refusing to vote this Justice Department Vote is the only way I can see that we can get any action

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and I think that if the rest of the Councillors vote for it, the same thing will happen next year. We will not get any answer. If you do want any action from the Justice Department on this thing, I would strongly urge that all of the Councillors support...just letting the Justice Vote die in Committee. Just let it die.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, no one agrees with Mr. Watt's sentiments more than myself, but I still maintain that we have a solemn obligation to live up to an agreement, a written agreement. As one of our renown Speakers of previous years stated, "Well, if it's not written, it's not implied", and I do not think that the Justice Department have ever at any time written down that they will supply this, supply that, or something else, except as it is in the Estimates. On the other hand, we have written down and agreed to pay them this money. I would like to give this particular expenditure the six-month hoist. I would very much like to do that. However, I was a party to an Agreement, and though it may have backfired in some sense, it's still my obligation to live up to my initial agreement so I would have to vote for the approval of this money..... whether I wanted to or whether I didn't. That is my position.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, to me, I don't think it matters too much to Ottawa, really, whether we vote yes or vote no on this Bill. The wheels will have to turn regardless, and there is an Agreement. Ottawa, we can say if we like, are not living up to it, but I think I am going to vote to pass the Bill, knowing full well that I am only voting on principle. The figures here don't mean nothing to me. Furthermore, I think, to use a pretty strong word, the allowances for men in certain categories is nothing less than ridiculous. Here we have a lawyer...we are looking for....for \$12,000.00. We are hiring a man, a publicity man...somebody to deal with staff....none of them were in this category and, yet, here we expect a lawyer....they have got men on our staff here that haven't got near the ability that is required of a lawyer, and the responsibility. Anytime a lawyer gives answers, he's pretty nearly got to be right. He doesn't give them unless he does think he is right, naturally. The whole thing is out of proportion, and we are not going to get the lawyer on this figure. This is the ridiculous part of it. That figure has been in there now for three years, I guess, and Ottawa must know it, but they refuse to increase it. It's like the Parks Board. Same damn thing. So, I am going to vote for it and I've said why I am going to vote for it and I think if Votes and Proceedings are perused by those in Ottawa, they will know what my sentiments are.

Mr. Shaw: Just one comment. If we should not pass this Bill, we have the Commissioner in a pretty bad position. He has agreed to sign this paper. We are the people that allowed him to sign it. Now we say he can't sign it, and he has written down to the effect....he's required by law to sign it. Now, what kind of a position is he going to be in? The only alternative he is going to have is to invoke some section of some law someplace along the line... whether it's the Governor General.....according to the way it was agreed to by parties concerned. That's the way it appears.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I was just going to mention, I don't feel so guilty as Mr. Shaw seeing I was not an elected member at the time that the Police Agreement was signed so, therefore, it will leave me free to vote against the Justice Vote and I will have no guilty conscience.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, if you use Mr. Shaw's reasoning now...trying to make it appear as if I'm a welcher and welching on an agreement that we have signed. If we signed that five year agreement that this amount of money be given every year...now why is this...we have been talking here for the last three or four sessions to have more details in the Justice Department Vote. Now Mr. Shaw says that it doesn't make any difference if we have the details or not. We passed this five years ago so we can't say anything about it. So, why do we even have this before us? I mean, we did it once five years ago, or four and a half years ago...we did it then so everything else is nothing. To me, it's not a case of welching. It's the case of putting somebody in the embarrassing spot, and I don't think it is going to necessarily be the Commissioner. I think it is going to be the Justice Department, and they are going to say "What is wrong here. We had better try and fix this up so that this amount of money can be voted in the Supplementary Estimates and so we can satisfy Council to their legitimate objections", if they are legitimate. If they are not legitimate objections, they will come back and say "Well, your objections are not legitimate" and we will look foolish and I will look foolish, and I am willing to look foolish if my objections are not legitimate and I think that they are. We have once before, and only once before, has Council ever refused to do the bidding of Administration. There was a big hullabaloo in the newspapers and we were told in so many words that we weren't doing our job and everything else, but after two sessions of refusing this, we started to get a little bit of action and we thought we were, so we went ahead and ratified approval for that and then everything stopped. Everything stopped dead. There was just a slight majority of us too that were disapproving of that particular agreement until this particular condition was filled. This was the particular condition under which we refused to sign that agreement. I thought progress was being made and I had faith in and I trusted in the answers that were given to us by the Administration that this would be taken care off and it hasn't. And, they have had another two years to do it...two and a half years to do it in. So, it's time for me to quit paying for this load of wood and finally get it. To me, I don't feel as though I am welching. I feel as if I am finally trying to pay for this extra cord of wood that I have been paying for year after year and I want to get it now. I don't think the Commissioner will be embarrassed. He can turn around and say to the Justice Department "Now, these fellows have a legitimate beef" and he can add his weight to ours and together we may get some action and this puts the Commissioner not in an embarrassing spot, but in a better spot...the whole administration in a better spot to go to Ottawa and say "These people are not satisfied. You are not living up to your agreement and they want you to live up to it". Therefore, I would like to have all the Councillors here support me in the rejection of this entire Vote.

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Mr. Boyd: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just thought of another point. We are paying the Crown Prosecutor an astronomical figure....absolutely out of this world. The Junior Clerk.. the junior partner in the office...he gets the same salary when he's on the job as the top man and all this kind of stuff. And, here, we play around with a few dollars. When we look at their figure and that we are paying for it. I think Council should go on record here as recommending that we employ our own Crown Prosecutor as such. We will save ourselves...we will pay him a good salary. We will save ourselves half of what we are paying now and we will be able to give that amount of money that we are saving to those who are underpaid at the present time here if we want to get serious, but this is something that should be thought about. This thing of handing out money...we are handing out for what we are getting, to me, is absolutely assinine and here we sit offering \$12,000.00 to hire a lawyer for a year. Holy Smoke!

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will proceed. Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, yesterday I stated my particular reasons for opposing this particular budget and when we drafted our five year agreement, we are in our final year of this, it was noted in the report that the committee also reviewed the development for self-government in the Territory and the desirability of extending responsibility to the Territorial government in these fields of jurisdiction which are normally assumed by the provinces. In respect of this, it considers that the financial responsibility will be assumed by the Territorial government, this was five years ago or four years ago. At that time they recognized that we must accept financial responsibility. It must also follow therefore that if we are going to accept financial responsibility that we must also have a share in the administration field too in the field of Justice. So they made a recommendation, one of them among others, one of them about Sr. Legal Counsel, that a Senior Legal Counsel be provided to supervise the administration of Justice in the Territory in close association with the Territorial government. This officer would be responsible to the Attorney-General and he would exercise as far as possible the duties of the Attorney-General, the administration of Justice, including police service. Here we are, in the last year of the five year agreement and still nothing has been done. There are no known terms of reference, as far as my knowledge, we do not supervise those things and this is just one incident. As Councillor Watt pointed out this is kind of a "pay now apply later" plan and it seems to me that we have too many of these so called plans coming out of Ottawa. It sounded good four years ago and nothing has been done. I will repeat that we have not broken faith with the federal government, it is the federal Department of Justice that has broken faith with us. Therefore, I feel that if it takes some shock tactics to jar the Department of Justice, then shock tactics should be taken. To sit here as a Council, as a Legislative body and get all grumpy about this and then turn around and pass it....that would be a very poor move. Somehow we must get it through to the Justice Department that we want control and we want these things implemented. We agreed and they themselves agreed to this. We talk about legislation, it takes years to get legislation. This labour legislation we have been crying for for the last four years still isn't forthcoming. That is why we have a private members Bill respecting it although we spend a lot of time discussing labour in Council. Nothing comes from Ottawa though. It seems to me that our Senior Legal Advisor, who has the duty of giving instructions to the draftsman in Ottawa and also drafting of legislation, just doesn't have the time and when legislation is required to the general benefit of the people of the Territory, we need it now and not three years from now. Today, and consequently the Department of Justice has been unable to keep up with this even though they assured us that we would have these facilities here in Whitehorse. As for the Assistant, we have dwelt long enough on that, this should have been forthcoming two and three years ago and it still isn't here. Unless they do do something we won't have an Assistant for much time to come. There is no provision in this budget for delay, we by firm unanimous decision of Council decreed that we would have legal aid facilities in the Territory and a suggested figure for this legal aid was \$35,000 per year. That should be reflected in

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this budget. All members agreed to it and it is not here. Now just how far and to what degree is this legislative body respected and it's decisions respected in Ottawa. If the very fact it is not here....should have meant that we should have had some reply from Ottawa and that is not forthcoming in respect to this. So, on we go, down the line and we find duplications here, there is no breakdowns and there is no way of determining the incidence of time and it just goes on and on. As far as I feel we would be properly justified in not supporting this budget for this reason and this is why I will vote contrary to it. However, I do feel that one thing should be considered, a certain amount of money should be left in the budget and earmarked for the operation of our own legal needs here in the Territory and that is the office of the Senior Advisory Counsel. For the rest, I would let Ottawa worry about it.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, since we received the original figures on the 1966-1967 estimates, where we got two pages, it said that Justice would like better than half a million dollars for their operation and the Financial Advisory Committee went on record as being opposed to accepting this without a little detail. They have come up with a little more detail but it still leaves much to be desired. They do come up with the figures. Now, I am still not too happy, as other members have pointed out, there is much haziness in the overall picture and I think this has been pointed out previously. We see the Department of Justice and in one item we see the government of the Yukon Territory and the next item we see Northern Canada for "Headquarters Administration" amounts. They show 5% as chargeable or expendable to us. In the Air Division they say 10% is chargeable to us and these are very large and unknown quantities as far as I am concerned. I feel that we don't have the necessary detail that is required. I think some provision should be made to cover our own legal department. I would hate to vote against this and then find we have nothing to back up our own legal division. I am wondering, since we have received these further figures regarding this vote, whether the Commissioner may have had some communications with Ottawa in this respect and I am wondering if his presence here could conceivably clarify some of these unresolved problems. So, I respectfully submit, gentlemen, that it might be in order to ask whether the Commissioner could give us some clarifications along these lines?

Mr. Taylor: I am wondering if we need the Commissioner. This might change the whole situation if the Commissioner were to come down here.

Mr. Southam: Are you agreed gentlemen to have Mr. Commissioner down. Mr. Boyd, do you wish to carry on until the Commissioner comes.

Mr. Boyd: I had the same thing in mind, I was getting to the same point. It is getting near the time when we vote on this and if this vote was turned down I would be curious as to what would be the Commissioner's position would be. However, as for the legal aid that Mr. Taylor mentions, I am quite positive that we did get a reply to that in the form of a memo through the summer where Ottawa had indicated "no dice". If not, I take it back.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you take the chair please. I have listened to all your arguments, pros and cons, back and forth, and I think it is pretty well decided what you are going to do. I can't see any reason why we should argue further. I think it is about time we would it up. We will wait and listen to what the Commissioner has to say and then you can have another hour if you wish, but then we will have to put it to a vote. We will let it stand or fall, whatever the case may be. I, personally, if you want to know how I feel, I think you should honour your obligations. You signed a five year agreement. I don't know whether my predecessor signed an agreement or not for my district. If he did, then I will honour his agreement. The other thing that I think about is that you have another five year agreement coming up. This is the time for you to do your business. Don't sign it unless you get strict assurance that they are going to do something for you. This is my opinion of the whole thing. The Commissioner is here now and we are discussing the Justice vote. I think Councillor Thompson, if you would supply the Commissioner with the information that you wish.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Commissioner I asked that you be brought down to clarify or further clarify the Justice situation. As it stands, we have had the original estimates for sometime and as you know, the Financial Advisory Committee went on record as asking for a little more detail and this has not been provided. We are still a little unhappy about some of the figures and details and we are wondering if you have had any further contact with Ottawa in this regard that would change the picture or give us some idea as to whether some of the previous recommendations of Council are to be considered or whether it is a cut and dried issue as it has been in the past. That, sir, is it in a nutshell.

Commissioner: Well, sir, I have no further information as far as detail is concerned, however, we have for some time known that there is distress in the minds of Council regarding the Justice vote and lack of detail. This was brought up in Ottawa with the Advisory Committee on Finance and it was my understanding, although the Director, or Assistant Director, Mr. Bolger, who was chairing the meeting agreed that probably more detail should be made available. But, the time to spell this out and ask for modifications and alterations and any further detail for any future Justice money being voted by the Territorial Council, should be done at the five year agreement. This is in process now and any change or alteration that has been approved for a five year period, would seem to be wrong at this time. If I recall correctly, and Mr. Bolger agrees, that the gentlemen on Finance agreed that this was the right thing to do. I think at that time Mr. Boyd you made this suggestion, that we should wait until the new five year agreement to make a complaint. If not, it would be causing the Commissioner to break agreements that had been agreed to by Council for this Justice payment. For example, the five year agreement, itself, allows for an amount of money to be paid for the operation of Justice for five years. This was agreed to by Council and then after four submissions of the police agreement it was agreed to be the Territorial Council. So, if it was thrown out, I personally feel it would look bad especially in view of the lengthy discussions the Council have had regarding constitutional changes and the request for more autonomy as a legislative body. I am sure that Ottawa feels that the amount of money is fair and just and in fact is less than the actual cost. The Justice Department

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would be very unhappy if you were to throw it out. I have heard discussions on the subject regarding the lack of an additional Legal Advisor and we have been getting the run around in this for five years. Well, if it is a run around or not, we have one Legal Advisor only and the Department of Justice claim that so far they have been unsuccessful. I am doubtful that if rejecting the Justice vote on this basis would be very advantageous. It is certainly a negative approach and I don't think that I could supply any more detail. I doubt that any more detail would be acceptable to Council because...everybody can read detail and they can read into it what they like. They can find a certain detail that they as an individual would like to have is not there. As I pointed out to Council before that in order to find what a policeman's hat badge costs you have to go into the complex of the whole Justice Department for Canada. There is no doubt in my mind that some of these figures listed are arbitrary figures, and even approximations of the costs.

Mr. Thompson: You are correct that one of the larger issues is the lack of our own Territorial Legal Department and any additional assistant. I think you have said that you have been endeavoring to obtain this assistance for some time now and yet you say that you feel this is a negative approach. I am wondering how best we approach this problem and expect to get some consideration for the assistance.

Commissioner: Here again, I think you are opening up a place for this in the next five year agreement...that would be the opening and then it should be cut and dried the displeasure of Council of the lack of a legal advisor and the lack of information to back up the Justice vote and that the Council is completely opposed to carry on in this matter until these situations are cleared up. First, being complete detail and how these figures are arrived at, and secondly, that there be more than one Legal Advisor available for the Yukon Territory. Until this is done.....well this is sort of the bible for the operation of the Yukon Territory for five years. That is the time to dig your heels in and spell out exactly what you want.

Mr. Thompson: My only comments, Mr. Chairman, and correct me if I am wrong, you people keep referring to the next five year agreement, now this is a year away and we have this year to go through. From what I can see the workload is piling up on the present Legal Advisor with no assistance, and I think that the amount of work far exceeds that what they have in the N.W.T. and yet the N.W.T. have many many more members on their legal staff. I am wondering, if we wait for the next five year agreement, it is going to take a year to have it implemented and so we are talking perhaps in terms of two years before anything is done. I agree with you in principle that it is very definite subject for consideration in the five year agreement but I feel that something should be done between now and then.

Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the subject has been under active consideration for some time and we have been waiting for the last three weeks for a member of the Department of Justice and another member of the Department of Northern Affairs to come to Whitehorse for discussions with Mr. Hughes, Mr. Parker, and different individuals in government here to find out just

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what the duties involve and whether the position should remain as Justice or whether there should not be Justice here or whether it should be Northern Affairs or all Territorial or one member of Justice and one Territorial. This will all be looked into. What will come out of it I am not prepared to say, but they are concerned about it and as to whether it would happen next year or the year after, I don't know. We have been hoping now for five years and every few months but nothing has come out. I wonder what this would actually have to do with the Justice vote. I believe that if you had twenty Legal Advisors here that the detail wouldn't be more than this under the present set-up, or wouldn't be anymore satisfactory. I am a little leary if you turn down the Justice vote and use this as a back-up for turning it down. It would put me in the position...well the money will have to be paid. To keep the Council in good graces of everyone concerned, especially in the thought for autonomy, it appears to me to be a backward step for them to veto the vote and then for me, as Commissioner, to pay the money out. Vote 13

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this thing is almost as broad as it is long and I agree that it is a deplorable situation. When we signed this agreement four years ago the federal government did make certain concessions and when we speak of autonomy, well I agree that...the committee has studied this and they have reviewed this and the developments of the self-government in the Territory and the desirability of extending the responsibility to the Territorial government in those jurisdictions normally assumed by the province and in a sense, they have broken faith with us. They set us up after much struggle with a legal officer, but they didn't give him, here it is in the last years of the agreement, the responsibilities that they were going to give to the Territory. They stated this officer would be responsible to the Attorney-General and would exercise as far as possible the duties of the Attorney-General in the administration of Justice including the police services and so forth. I agree that the situation has changed and basically this was to be given us and it has not been. We have gone through this document and we have found duplications and omissions and things of this nature, some of which, I must admit, have been explained but we are still like a thorn between two evils. The normal requests to Justice just seems to fall on deaf ears and as I stated earlier, it seems that some sort of shock treatment maybe necessary to jar them to know that we just don't want to be ignored. Some of these things that they have agreed to and that we have agreed to have to be implemented and it is a deplorable situation. I don't know how to resolve it but I do agree that some hope does lie in the negotiations of the next five-year agreement. But, as I say, if we commit ourselves for another five years, we will have five years of the same old thing and have nothing to show.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Commissioner a question in relation to this matter. We are operating as a very large co-operation in the Yukon Territory and we have recently instituted the program where we are going to have a further expenditure of about \$600,000 for operating a minimum-maximum security institution. What I don't understand is why it is not impossible for the administration to say "we have got insufficient help in the Yukon Territory in the legal department, so the Territorial government will put an advertisement in the paper, asking for a bid for solicitors and putting that money in the budget". This seems to be a very elementary way of getting around the problem of legal help.

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My question would be, what has prevented something like this. It doesn't appear to be money.....we got \$600,000 for this institution and why is it that you yourself, Mr. Commissioner, can't say "we need another helper in this department and we will put the money in the estimates".

Commissioner: That is a very easy question for me to answer. I would like to go back to one point first that Councillor Taylor mentioned regarding the loss of faith in the Department of Justice because of what is written in the five year agreement. I agree that they haven't fulfilled this but I certainly, honestly believe that it is unintentional. It is a situation that has been forced upon us through a period of years and a terrific change in the economy of the country. When the interdepartmental committee sat down and drafted the plan of the five year agreement I am quite sure that they sincerely felt that they could fulfill the statements that they had set down in this agreement. Since then there is a shortage of professional and skilled people all over the country and as a result the Department of Justice have not been successful in obtaining an additional lawyer for us. Possibly Mr. Hughes know, I don't, but I am quite sure that there are three or four or possibly half a dozen openings in the Department of Justice for legal people that they have not been able to fill themselves. Now, if I might come to Councillor Shaw's question, the reason that I couldn't do that is that in order to get the second Legal Advisor we would have to overcome the hurdle that the Department of Justice has not been able to overcome. In other words, we would have to offer a proper salary in comparison to what other lawyers throughout the country are getting. We would then be faced with the situation where we would be paying our Legal Advisor's assistant more than he is getting. Your senior Legal Advisor is not getting enough money, not in comparison to the solicitor's market. He is considerably lower than what is being offered in advertising. The problem is with the Department of Justice and they would like themselves to be able to pay more but, let's face it, we are involved with the hierarchy of government.....it has to go through all the rigamarol of red tape and the hearings and sessions of parliament before they can have an alteration in their salary structure. It is felt that there is no prestige or advantage to the government of the Yukon Territory having a representative of the Department of Justice here, then I would say the answer is that we say to the Department of Justice that we are not interested in having one of your representatives, we will say we are not interested in having one of your representatives, we will have a Territorial Advisor or we will have five advisors, and we would pay them according to what we felt they were worth or what we would have to pay them in order to get the legal aid.

Mr. Shaw: A supplementary question to this. Go further and say that the Territory, under their own authority, we'll forget about the Justice Department or any other department, that we'll put an advertisement in the paper for a legal advisor at a salary commensurate with the responsibility that this person would have to be paid. We would put this advertisement in the paper and we will say that Mr. Hughes, among others, puts in a bid for this job and we will say that he gets the position of Territorial Solicitor or whatever you want to call it. That seems to be very simple and all that seems to be necessary then is for us to say to the Department of Justice

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is that we are short a man up here and we have no representation for the Justice Department. They will be in a bad position and they will be forced to send somebody up here or the Department of Justice administration is not here. I think that would be one way to resolve any particular matter. If, for example, you take the alternative and Mr. Hughes is quite satisfied and wishes to stay with the Justice Department, that is his privilege. He has the choice of staying with them and accepting a low salary or he has the choice of accepting a better salary. That is a personal matter and shouldn't really enter into the facts of this but I think that by so doing we would have Territorial employe under the direct control of the Commissioner and should the whole Justice structure be sitting here without a man, that is what it would appear to me. Vote 13

Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I can't agree to that. I am afraid that the position would be reversed. We would have a Territorial Legal Advisor and the Department of Justice program would be vacant for the same reason that it is vacant right now. They just don't have the bodies and I think that Mr. Hughes will confirm that and back me up. They just don't have the people. It is not a case of their not wanting to send anybody, they just don't have them and they are not paying enough to get them and they are obviously going to keep saying that we can't get you a Justice man. Another point I should comment on, and I believe it is Mr. Hughes feeling that it should be either/or Department of Justice or Department of Northern Affairs. He feels that there would be an amount of friction and thereby a loss of efficiency by having two departments and the law profession dealing with a situation as we are looking at here, where we are interwoven.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think in areas where we have R.C.M.P. and provincial police working or overlapping, you either get gaps or they are getting in each other's hair. You have to have somebody in charge. Either make it all Territorial or all Justice or all Northern Affairs. You have to have somebody to get to press the button, who is the person in charge. I don't think it would be good to split forces. I think that Justice is shortstaffed, however, I don't know whether or not they are having trouble meeting their own difficulty. I confirm that the salaries offered are not in keeping with the salaries in other areas. I notice that Scarborough and the District of Toronto are offering \$16,000 to \$19,000 for their legal department to take charge and he is not even the Town Clerk. You are going to have to ask yourself what is more important in the long run.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, we have all registered different objections here about this Justice vote and most of these have been registered before. Nothing has been done about it at all. We have a five year agreement in which time...and we have a police agreement, which the Territorial government has signed. We approved it and it was because we thought this particular point had been resolved on getting a legal advisor. Ours! was leaving and we thought this vacancy had been filled. This is the only time that we got some satisfaction. It is just too bad that we didn't hold out for one more time and then we would have had this man. I accepted the document in good faith, thinking that another man was on his way up here, that tenders were already called for. They had quite a few applications and said somebody was coming shortly. After that, we had a memo to that fact that none of them was satisfactory. From then on it

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 carried on and on and on. In the police part of the five year agreement we voted an amount of money and we are voting it again this year for another legal advisor and as I explained before, it is just like me buying a cord of wood. I keep paying for it for six months but I don't get it and there must be a time when I withhold paying for that cord of wood. Or withhold until I do get it. This is the way I feel. It is not just the appointment of the extra legal help. How can I face the constituents who go up the road together and they get picked up for the first time on the same offence, going five miles an hour too fast, and they, well, one comes back and says I got a fifty dollar fine and the other starts to laugh and says I got a fifteen dollar fine. I have to explain to them that it just depend who is on the bench. This is hard to explain and I don't think that I have to be a lawyer to believe this. I am a human being living in Whitehorse West and I think it is wrong. I think it has been pretty well uniform for this thing and this particular incident might have happned, well I think it happened. We asked two years ago to set up a system of paying fines for minor traffic offences and they come back with the statement that the Crown Prosecutor doesn't like the idea. Is the Crown Prosecutor making the laws for the Territory? I hear that the Magistrate is not happy. These things are all part of my unsatisfaction with Justice and everyone of us here are unsatisfied. Today Mr. Boyd registered an objection to the paying of lawyers and I think that we are already paying \$35,000. This money could be employed in filling our gap. We could give them \$20,000 and still be ahead. Mr. Thompson is not satisfied with the actual vote of this \$506,000, he wants to know what it is for. Mr. Taylor has some objections which he registered about legal aid and the slowness in the drafting of legislation. I think our objections have been given before and they are all going to go into the wastebasket as before unless we do something. The only thing that we have left to do is hold up this vote. We have a Minister of Justice in Ottawa and if he sees a section of the country who is in fear in losing their policing and justice then he is going to step in or send somebody else. They will come and look at it and say what is wrong here now. If our objections are justified then we will have something done, if not, they will go back to Ottawa and say that we are out on "Cloud Nine". But, I think our objections are justified and we have been over this again and again. As Mr. Commissioner said, it would put him in a bad position. I don't feel as if I am rescinding on an agreement. I will bend over backwards anytime in private life, in business life, and go all the way and co-operate in any way I can. But, this is not co-operation, this is a one-sided story. We are paying and paying and we are not receiving. The greatest thing that we were able to accomplish as far as Justice was concerned and it took us three years to do that, that the prisoners that were picked up were paraded over here for public exhibition. It took us three years to get it at least that they were covered up when they were brought over here until they were proved guilty. Over at the Taku it was a spectacular every morning just to have a line up at coffee break. After that, coffee business fell off badly. But, this is the most Justice we have ever accomplished and I am thankful with these merciful little things that they co-operated on. But, I think that there could at least be a little more co-operation. One point the Commissioner pointed out that was a bad thing to do at this time if we are looking for autonomy.

Mr. Watt.....

I would say that Mr. Commissioner that if we can't even exercise a little bit of Justice or one little thing can do. We have never refused to pass this Justice vote before and I think this would be something in favour of autonomy. They aren't willing to use a little bit of power and the autonomy that they are asking for something to be done..... I think that this is an argument in favour that we are willing to take the responsibilities given to us. I don't think that Justice will completely fall apart in the Yukon Territory if we refuse this. Somebody has to listen along the line. Justice is a federal responsibility as well as a Territorial responsibility and personally, I think I am doing my duty in not voting for it. It wouldn't be doing what I am paid to be here for. In my mind there has been nothing that I have been given satisfaction on. I think in the next five year agreement we should bring this up, however, in the next five year agreement we will have a new Council and we will have a bunch of green faces and they are going to be new at it and won't stand up like we are now and threaten to withhold the Justice vote. At least not for two or three years. I think you may find a lot of people around here now that you won't see around here again. If past indications are you will get 40% back and so to get the new people a start we should get this fixed up now and I would like to urge that I honestly believe that we should not go along with this.

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I look at it a little bit differently. One point I would like to make clear is that the next five year agreement will be signed by this Council, not the new Council. The negotiations will be made between now and a year from now. By taking this attitude of voting against it and trying to force an issue I think you go back to a number of years ago when the Territorial Government didn't have a vote and I think it was with the best intentions that the Department of Northern Affairs said, well, we should come up with some sort of agreement that they do in regard to policing as they do in the provinces, and it will give the Council a feeling that they are part of it and an insight into something that is a complicated department and something which will become their responsibility when they become a province. Now, it is not skin off my nose if you turn it down. I won't suffer. Then they will say that they obviously made a mistake, that it is federal money and federal policing. Councillor Watt says they will continue doing this but you put yourself into a very bad light when you come to the next five year agreement as far as bargaining. You will have lost a bit of your leverage and a bit of your prestige and so on. Actually it is the other way around, if you spell it out that you are very concerned about the past few years, that they have not filled their commitment, that we want more detail, and we also want this settled before this agreement is signed. If you turn it down I think that the Department would be very foolish to put it back before the Council, it is between two federal departments so we will just keep it here. That is my feeling on the subject.

Mr. Southam: At this time I will call a recess and we will reconvene at two o'clock.

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2:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order, and we will proceed where we left off. We were discussing the Justice Vote. I believe at this time, gentlemen, that we have discussed it quite thoroughly. I believe, speaking as Chairman, that we should put it to the vote and let the chips fall where they may.

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Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Establishment 1351 be deleted from the Budget.

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The Motion was carried. Councillors Shaw and Boyd were contrary. Councillor Taylor abstained.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I feel that although we have deleted this Vote, I feel, at the same time, that we should make some agreement or provision for our Territorial Legal Department. With this in mind, I would like to introduce a Motion tomorrow morning.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe this is somewhat out of order. The Council just agreed to delete the entire Vote and, according to procedures of Council, special dispensation would have to be made in Council in order to make this possible. This was something which should have been considered before the Motion was made.

Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, if special consideration has to be given, I would suggest that we would give this special consideration.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I don't see why Mr. Thompson's suggestion couldn't be taken under consideration. We deleted this item, Establishment 1351, and if the Councillor would like to make a Motion in the morning of an opinion...they wish to...we had an opinion this morning of money being provided for something...a Motion for an item for a specific thing could be introduced tomorrow by Mr. Thompson. It doesn't necessarily have to come under this Establishment, Primary 1351.

Mr. Southam: I would suggest, gentlemen, that you take this up in Orders in Council in the morning and let us get on with something else. Are you agreed with this suggestion?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen? Will we take up the Motions? I would suggest, speaking from the Chair, that this Motion on autonomy...that we take that up and get it off the books.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that we go through some of the Bills while we have got the Legal Advisor here. We've got fifteen Bills altogether. I think we could dispense with one, or two, or three, or four, this afternoon, it would certainly help.

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I thought we were going to discuss Motion No. 40?

Mr. Southam: I think we agreed on Motion No. 40, Autonomy,

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Mr. Southam continues:
gentlemen. Do you want me to read it in sections and
act on it as we go?

Agreed.

Mr. Southam: "Motion No. 40, moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded
by Mr. Thompson, Resolved that the Commissioner.....
and National Resources refer Bill C146...."

Mr. Taylor: Question. Mr. Chairman, this should read...
this is a typing error...this should read C147.

Mr. Southam: "refer Bill C147, An Act to Amend.....
now requested of the Minister". Mr. Southam reads (a).

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads (b).

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: Reads (c).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, just a minute here. You are
reading a Motion and you are asking on each individual
subject of a Motion "Clear?". I believe that when you
complete reading this Motion, that it will be approved or
disapproved.

Mr. Southam: Mr. MacKinnon, I brought this in front of
you. I asked you if you agreed if we would read it by
sections and we would discuss it and you agreed to it.

Mr. MacKinnon: I didn't.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, would the Legal Advisor please
explain paragraph (viii) of subsection (c) "All residual
executive and administrative functions including industry
and labour controlled or performed by the Federal Govern-
ment"?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, it was my understanding, reading
the discussions in Council, that you wanted to have pro-
gressive pick up of the functions. Now, sitting down
trying to draft the things, I felt that almost certainly
I would overlook some function so this is the catch all
provision. I thought of a few such as Forestry and Fishery..
now it could be that I might overlook something. This is
why that is put in, but of course it does...it's quite wide
and it does, ultimately, include resources...land and oil
and minerals and so on because those are functions, residual
functions which the Federal Government does look after at
this time, but I understood that it was Council's ultimate
aim to assume responsibility for those as well so that's why
I have selected that wording.

Mr. Southam: Reads (d).

Mr. Taylor: Question. There is another typing error here.
This should be "provinces".

Mr. Southam: Reads (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i).

All: Clear.

Mr. Southam: It is open for discussion, gentlemen.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as mover of this Motion, I have, MOTION #40 at the outset, very little to say with respect of it. However, I think that all Members will agree that with the acceptance, and I hope unanimous acceptance, of this proposal at this time and with the co-operation of the Federal Government, all levels of Government, in this endeavour, we are making one of the most outstanding and most exciting steps that our Territory has ever attempted to make since its conception so many years ago. The Motion, as it sets out, gives us the first big step. It provides for us, in twelve years, the means of rounding out the framework of Canadian Confederation inasmuch as, all going well, we will be able to take our rightful place in that Confederation, and I feel that this is outstanding. This is a step, I think, that has been desired for many years. I feel that people have been reluctant, possibly through fear of the unknown, to embark upon such a program, and I think it is well to remember that we are not, by essence of this Motion, asking the Federal Government to give us provincehood tomorrow. What we are asking in this Motion is that the Federal Government allow us, and assist us, in taking this first big step forward towards autonomy, provincehood, and that having done this, that we will go through, in the Territory, a period of flowing transition from Territory to Province. It may be that, when implemented, if implemented, the terms of this Motion.. when we have done this, we are going to more than likely make mistakes. Somewhere along the line, we are bound to. However, I feel that through careful negotiation and through cautious wisdom, in applying the terms of this Resolution, that we can, must and will realize that goal of full autonomy. As I say, gentlemen, it is a big step forward, but it is a worthwhile step forward. Another thing I would like to say, and I would like to have this considered by all, both here in the Council Chambers and elsewhere, that this matter rises above partisan politics. There have been some who have said, well, possibly because one political party or member of one political party has suggested a framework upon which we shall build a Province, then we of the opposing beliefs, partisan beliefs, should say "No. We don't want to see anybody get credit for this but our particular party". Now, the importance of this is so clear that we must, in our consideration of this particular motion, rise above political partisanship and think in terms of the good we can all do because we are all involved in this...for the Territory, the people of the Territory and for Canada as a whole. The acceptance of this on an unanimity basis is not required, however, I feel that it should properly be. This is the biggest step that any Council of the Yukon Territory has ever made. It's a good step. It's a sound step and it's worthy of much consideration by the Federal Authority and the people of Canada for that matter. I will say no more at this particular moment on this, but I sincerely hope and trust that all members, in sober reflection, will agree with me when I say that this Motion should be given unanimous consent of the Council, if at all possible.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I won't go over what Councillor Taylor has already adequately covered. I would just point out that this is a Motion which, if carried, indicates the feeling of the Members of this Council and, in effect, the people of the Territory, as a request to the Minister of Northern Affairs. The Minister, when this Motion reaches his table, will, no doubt, give it due consideration and I sincerely hope that he will follow along the lines as suggested. The frustrations that we have had, all the Members sitting in the Council, are adequately portrayed to show how things are working at the present time. The discussions that we had this morning, in great length, in

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Mr. Shaw continues: reference to the Department of Justice, is indicative of why we should have a change so that, as I pointed out when I first rose, this is something that the Minister would have to decide on, in his wisdom, as to what action he will take or what suggestions he may have or whatever he may think, but I do feel that it is a tremendous step forward in the political life of the Yukon Territory. It is something that is vitally necessary at this particular time. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would stress that if Council can put forth this Resolution with unanimity, I think that that will have quite some bearing on what the Minister's decision and action might be in respect of this.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I can only say that, in my opinion, that the Yukon Territorial Council, after all these high sounding words, cannot take credit for a single word that is put into this Motion. There is not a single word there that was put in by the Territorial Council. It is a document, a Motion, that is a result of a suggestion here to paraphrase or capsulize an address by Mr. Nielsen at the Yukon Northern Resources Conference...his suggestion, and this is exactly what is in here. There has been suggestions made by Members of Council. Not one word has been added from any of these suggestions. Not one word has been deleted, and so the Motion that we are talking about originally emanated from a Brief by the Northwest Territories Council...the Advisory Commission on the Development of Government in the Northwest Territories on February 5. Most of the ideas that were introduced there were embodied on March 23, 24 and 25 by Mr. Nielsen, and this is what we paraphrased. We consider ourselves, in Government, senior to the Northwest Territories, and we have to take their advice on what recommendations we should do to have a government in the future. There had been a Committee set up, which is now no longer...two members on the Committee...and they had done a lot of footwork in Whitehorse here, and they had suggested...many of the suggestions that they got from the people of the Yukon Territory...there wasn't a single word of it added to Mr. Nielsen's suggestions here. I don't consider that the people of the Yukon Territory have had a chance, have had a say, in the type of government that they are going to have in the future. This Motion, in effect, the overall picture of this Motion, is putting us in a position where we are crawling to Ottawa and we are asking them to give us responsibility for eight things. All of them are bills. They are not assets. They are liabilities. Every one of them. Education is nothing but an expense. We have to have it. Resources...Territorial Resources...that's an expense. Public Works is an expense. Justice and Corrections...that's an expense. Revenue and Finance...that's an expense. Forestry...that's not a paying proposition. Fishery...that's not a paying proposition. "All residual executive and administrative functions including industry and labour controlled or performed by the Federal Government"...that's not an asset. That's a liability. We are crawling to Ottawa and asking for another handful of bills to pay. At the same time, we are saying to Ottawa, "You keep all our assets. You keep our mines and minerals. You keep our oil and gas and you keep our water resources". We should not be crawling to Ottawa asking for another handful of bills. We should be walking to Ottawa and standing up straight and looking them in the eye and saying, "We are maintaining sovereignty over 107,000 square miles of Territory for Canada", and anybody who holds land any place in the world, any place in

Mr. Watt continues:

Canada, or a lot in Whitehorse, you have to pay taxes to hang on to it. It's going to be worth something in the future so we pay that tax and they you develop the property and you make a profit out of the future. A piece of mining land...you go and stake a claim and do your assessment work. You've got to pay for it, and Ottawa realizes that for us to maintain this sovereignty over this 107,000 square miles, they have to pay something too. They realize this and they should, and we don't have to go crawling to Ottawa asking for a little bit more power. We should be going to Ottawa and saying to them, "This power is ours. If you want to keep a little bit of it...this mines and minerals are ours. We have sovereignty, or should have sovereignty, over it now. We are maintaining sovereignty over all your liabilities. We should have it over all the assets in the country too". This, to me, is completely unsatisfactory. We are in a position now that...there are going to be some changes in Government...should be some changes in Government..considerable changes..and I am not... all we are asking for here is to crawl to Ottawa and ask for another handful of liabilities, and I don't think that this Territorial Government should do that, and the people of the Yukon don't want us to do that. I think that you are letting down those that developed the country to begin with, the oldtimers here that pioneered the country and suffered a lot of the hardships that we don't have to suffer now. We are letting them down. We should be looking at this from the other side of the picture entirely. We shouldn't be saying "Ottawa, give us a little bit more than what we already deserve". We should be saying to them, "You fellows are withholding these assets from us. If you want to withhold these assets and maintain sovereignty over this land, what are you entitled to pay for it?" It's on this basis that we should be presenting this. This, to me, has very little significance. It doesn't have anything that the people of the Yukon...there isn't one word that any Councillor here can take credit for. Not one word. Not a single the, or a, or it. Not one word that any Councillor said. I made a suggestion here that Public Works or anything else be put into this. This is something we have just accepted...a suggestion by an individual...a whole new change of Government...after we already voted \$150,000.00 for a survey, an economic and political survey of the Yukon Territory. First of all, we accepted a survey. We voted \$150,000.00 for a survey and now we have overcome that \$150,000.00, the political part of it, saying we accept these suggestions of Mr. Nielsens. Mr. Nielsen is certainly entitled to submit his opinions the same as anybody else here and I thank him for it, and I am not complaining about it, but there is going to be the question in some people's mind.. that is we need a little bit more sovereignty and autonomy. I think that what we are doing here is simply proving that we are not responsibly exercising the autonomy that we already have. This is my opinion. Every Tom, Dick and Harry that comes along....could talk all of us into doing exactly what they want...and this is my opinion of what we are doing here. I think it is going to do more to prove that we are not entitled to, or we are not capable of exercising any more responsibility or autonomy than we have right now. That's my opinion, Mr. Chairman. I regret to say that something was started and something very good could have come out of it and may still come out of it which may be an asset to the Yukon in the future, and it may even become a Province in the near future. I can't accept this. I am willing to compromise or bend, but I can't see why or how the Yukon Territory, anybody here, can leave it up to somebody in Ottawa to say, "Well, you've got jurisdiction over our mines and minerals even though you may be a brand new Minister of Mines down East some place or any place

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else. You've got responsibility over all this for us". We should be able to do some of this ourselves.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I am very, very disappointed to hear that at least one Member, for sure, is not in agreement with this move that we have worked so long towards. It seems to me that there are two considerations. One is the partisanship, the involvement of, I believe, the man who framed this out...the matter of autonomy was Council's idea. The matter of reaching the framework upon which to build this was, of course, our Member of Parliament, and I might say that even disagreeing on partisan basis with him on many occasions, I concur with him on this. I think it is unfortunate that we cannot, as a body, think of this in terms above politics, partisan politics, and this was the hurdle, and the big hurdle, that we, as men, would have to overcome. I just wanted to point out, we are not dealing with 110,000 square miles over which we are sovereign. We are not sovereigns, but the Federal Government is over our Territory which, in effect, contains an area in excess of 207,000 square miles. We speak of the pioneers who built this country and contributed to its development. Those pioneers exercised backbone, strength and wisdom and possessed a keen desire to reach deep into the unknown, in all fields, and displayed this with great talent and with great courage, and when we speak of what the oldtimers would have liked to see us doing today, I would be sure and certain that those oldtimers would like to see us at this stage in history with the heritage that they handed down to us display the very same wisdom and backbone and strength that they displayed. I have given much, much consideration to this Bill, and I would like, if at all possible, to have the Member who is opposed to this Bill... this is his prerogative...to reconsider and to look deeper into matters contained here. We have talked about resources, and it has been pointed out and I think reasonably so by the Minister of the Crown, Mr. Arthur Laing, that the people of Canada, through tax dollars, have placed a great deal of their capital into investment in the Yukon. Consequently, they are just not prepared to hand that over tomorrow and I don't think that we, as citizens of the Yukon, expect that they should. However, it is, of course, agreed that by moving towards provincehood that we should become junior partners in that resource and those resources, and over a period of twelve years, having shown our ability to administer in respect of those resources and legislate in respect of them, or to assist in administration and legislation in respect of resources, that we will then be in a position, by means of a flowing transition, to accept the full responsibility of administration and legislating in respect of those resources. I think the matter has been set out quite clearly when we last discussed this. As I say, again, gentlemen, this is one of the most important steps that the Yukon Territory has ever made, or very likely will ever make again. We may be a little late in getting around to it, but here we are. We are on the threshold of new development. We foresee in things such as water power, and things such as pulp and paper, and other resources, a very very good possibility of establishing in the Yukon Territory a sound economic base upon which we build populations, upon which we build industry, upon which we can develop politically, culturally and otherwise ~~this~~ vast Territory. It is a matter that is not to be taken too lightly. It is a matter that requires very deep and sober consideration, and I certainly have spent a great deal of time on this for many years. I have attempted to somehow see this particular day

Mr. Taylor continues:

when we could stand before Council and stand as a body, a firm body, and say to the Federal Government, "Here we are. We have proved to you that we can handle our affairs as far as we have gone. We want to go a little further". Here it is Centennial Year when we celebrate Canada's birthday, the year 1967, the mighty year in Canadian history, and we can provide to Canada, we could provide for ourselves, a step towards autonomy, and to the Dominion of Canada, it's finest Centennial project and that is another province further rounding out the framework of Confederation. Gentlemen, I implore you to think again and look, and possibly you may see, as I am sure some other Members here see, the wisdom, the boldness and all that this Motion embodies. Gentlemen, we must get out of the Dark Ages and take our place with other Canadians in Confederation. Here is your ticket.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, whoever may have been the original author of the principles of this resolution is academic. I have an automobile that I enjoy, and I didn't have any hand whatsoever in making the thing. I am sure I couldn't make one of them up, but I can enjoy the benefits that somebody else has provided. All I have to do is pay for it. I can see where Councillor Watt has a point in the fact that this does not embody where we would take over, at this stage of the game, our Mineral Resources and our Water Resources. At the present moment, I would feel it expedient if we didn't take over the Mineral Resources as such for the simple reason that for the next number of years, there is no question that whoever has charge of this resource effort will, by necessity, will have to expend millions of dollars in order to further exploit them, and we do not have that kind of money here in the Yukon Territory. So, therefore, this particular Motion in that direction. Possibly we can do that at a later date...fifteen, ten, twelve, fifteen, twenty, any number of years. We have remained in this present political stagnant pool, I think we can call it such, of a colony for close on seventy years. We have made no steps whatsoever since that period. Some might say that Council has been enlarged. Well, that is not entirely correct. The Council was much larger when it first got started, but it went down and down and down until it got to five members... I think it was three at one time...went up to five, and now it's up to seven, but as far as the autonomy is concerned, we are in the same boat as we were sixty-five or seventy years ago. This is not complete autonomy or provincehood. It's a step forward. These are very sound proposals..at least I think they are very sound, and though the Member from Whitehorse West does want complete control...in other words, to become a Province, I would like to ask him a question, Mr. Chairman, that if, regardless of whether he may wish more control to provincial status, is there anything in this Resolution that the Member disagrees with...that he can be specific about and say "I don't like any specific part of it"?

Mr. Watt: Yes, I can, Mr. Chairman. I can specifically say that I don't like to take over a whole handful of bills and not take over any of the assets, and I can specifically say that I think the majority of the people in Whitehorse, and I would say possibly the Territory, agree with me, as Mr. Nielsen himself said that the head of the Conservative Party, Mr. Diefenbaker, agreed that...said why didn't we take over mines and resources, and I can also say that the head of the Conservative Party in Whitehorse, the present Conservative Party in Whitehorse, said the same thing to me. He says "Do you think we should take over Mines and Resources?". This, to me, is more important than having fifteen members sitting here doing exactly what we are

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Mr. Watt continues:
 doing now. This is all this Motion entails is, to me...
 Mr. Taylor said it's our ticket to autonomy in '67. This is not a ticket to autonomy...this adding fifteen members to the Territorial Council....adding seven members to the Territorial Council. That's a long way from autonomy. We have no responsibility, no rights, no responsibilities, no anything that is an asset to us, and Mr. Taylor is suggesting that this is partisan politics. This isn't. I represent as many Conservative and Liberals, I think I got as many votes from Conservatives, Liberals and N.D.P.'s and everything else, and I am trying to act on behalf of all of them...their best interest, and I think that anything... we have no responsibility at all over anything we have, unless we have responsibility over Mines and Minerals, particularly Mines and Minerals at this time. Mr. Shaw asked did I object to anything, and yes, I can't vote for the Motion to take over a handful of bills. This is all it is, or, we will look at it another way and say we are just adding seven more members to the Territorial Council to do exactly what they are doing now. It means nothing. Mr. Taylor says it's a ticket to provincial status. It's not. This is a ticket to the opposite direction. This is a ticket...instead of having provincial status...we do have a hope....if the people of the Territory had a chance to express their wishes and I think they will anyway despite this Motion. I think that Ottawa is going to set up a Carruthers type commission and they are going to find out about the wishes of the people here irregardless of what is said in Council because...I don't think this is the wish of the people and I think that if the Councillors went home and talked to the people at home, that they would say the same thing. This pamphlet we were given the other day...the Northern Affairs Natural Resources Committee in the House of Commons, and Mr. Lang said "we have a responsibility to the people who live there..... to develop their resources", and this was up here in the Yukon. He recognizes the responsibilities. He also says "We have committed ourselves to an economic study of the Yukon"....committed themselves to an economic study of the Yukon. We voted \$150,000.00 for that political and economic study. I can't vote for this Motion. This is simply asking for a handful of bills and seven more members to argue over these bills. To me, unless we at least add to this Mines and Minerals...complete responsibility for our own Mines and Minerals...then it's completely unacceptable. I don't see how we could ever develop these resources, which are are main resource, our livelihood, which we are going to depend upon for the growth of the Territory. If the responsibility for the development of this is left in the hands of people down East....our markets here are competitive on world markets...to Eastern Canada. A lot of their markets are competing....a lot of their minerals are competing on the same markets as our own. For example, asbestos is being developed in Clinton Creek. There is only so much asbestos sold in the world every year, and if we leave it to somebody down East to decide "where are we going to add, say, four and a half to seven million for a bridge to develop the next asbestos mine?" It's not going to be in Dawson City. It's going to be where that fellow from down East...that Minister of Mines....and the party, the Federal Government Party, whether Liberals or Conservative...where they can influence three or four million people...not just seventeen thousand, and I think we are in competition with Eastern Canada as far as our Mineral development is concerned and for applying for world markets. I think we are just putting our future into the hands of somebody who is in competition with us. This is why I think this Motion is

Mr. Watt continues:
not acceptable, and we all have our opinions....I know I am in the minority. I don't know if there is anybody else that is going to vote with me on this, but these are my reasons. I am willing to compromise the oil and gas and water, but I certainly...it is completely unacceptable without having the complete jurisdiction over Mines and Resources, Minerals.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder..if to consider this item, I would propose a suggestion that possibly, having concurred or otherwise with subject material of Motion No. 40, that a second Motion be presented with respect to Resources...taking over of Resources which are not included in this Motion at this time. Would this satisfy the Member if this subject of Resources became a subject of a separate Motion?

Mr. Watt: No, Mr. Chairman, it wouldn't. We have got something here and this subject was discussed and it should be part of this. We either vote for it or we vote against it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I noted the reference to a bridge.. that that was the reason...I don't think we can take over resources at this time. If we needed a million or two million bridge, we haven't the money. Councillor Watt states that all we are doing is taking over the bills. Well, we have the bills now. The difference will be, Mr Chairman, that we will pay our own bills in lieu of the grants that we get from the Federal Government. We must expect substantial grants for quite a number of years, similar to the Five Year Agreement. The difference would be that in this new agreement that we have, for five years, the people of the Yukon Territory would determine where that money was spent on those particular projects. They would get a lump sum for Education, for Public Works, for Justice and so on and then they themselves would manage and determine how that should be done and they would be subject to the will of the people in the Territory. It will be our first step away from...as the Commissioner has so aptly put...steering a horse with reins three thousand miles long. This would be the step in this direction. I won't have anything further to say on this. It does appear that the Member from Whitehorse West cannot see where this can benefit the Yukon Territory and he is prepared to talk against it, and all I can say is that if we do not get this by reason of that, I will know where it came from.

Mr. Taylor: One thing that maybe I could point out that hasn't been considered by those in opposition to Motion No. 40 and that is the fact that if it is finance that is bothering the Members, I think it is well to remember that the Maritime provinces...I should say many of the Maritime provinces...are very heavily subsidized if you think of it in those terms...at least equal to or in excess of what the Yukon Territory is today subsidized. These are products of negotiations with the Federal Government, fiscal arrangements, five year fiscal arrangements, such as we are now undertaking. These are not unsurmountable problems. These are negotiable problems, and when you consider possible

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Mr. Taylor continues:

deficits, you must consider what we have to back up those deficits and we certainly have them in Resources. Rather than saying "You just give us our Resources right now", what we are saying is that in twelve years, if it is accepted, within twelve years, we should have those Resources, and I don't think that is too long a period of time to affect a slow and gradual and wise change of administration of these resources. As we get further into the period, we accept more responsibility. It seems to me that this is logical and I think that when Ottawa receives this Motion, they would give it a great deal of consideration, knowing that we had given thoughts to this. I would think that if we walked up and said, "Well, we want everything. You just plunk it down here", that, naturally, they would throw the whole thing up and we would have achieved nothing. Here we get our foot in the door and we start the ball rolling. I would, as I say again, ask the Member to reconsider their particular position in this regard. I might also point out that it is not a dishonorable thing for someone to change their mind. It's a good show of strength of an individual, and I would leave it at that.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will continue. I think you had something to discuss Mr. MacKinnon.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we were talking on autonomy and I believe that it has some good points. I would also like to see us have something to say about resources. But, I do believe that we need some changes here in Council some how or other. I don't know whether this 15 man Council is the answer or not. We might end up with something worse than we have got, working with politics. You might have a couple of fellows like Watt and myself as independents and control the government. Now, I know what a lot of you think about that, but there is some merit, I would say and I believe that the intention of moving towards autonomy in stages is good and they state here after 12 years that we would increase our Council to 21 members. Now, I don't think that we were quite capable of disclosing this at the present time. It might be five years, it might be 12, and it might be 20. But, I think we would be very foolish to have any exact number of years. None of us are too well aware of what is going to happen to the economy of our Yukon. It might get better and it might get worse, much worse. I really don't know what is the best move to make. I think, planning from a year and a half from now, it is something that should have been brought before the people. I have circulated quite a number of these copies to various areas and I have really gotten no favourable replies in regard to this motion. The copies went to both Liberal and Conservative and I did distribute over 50. I think that it is something that the people do have the right to say before it is brought to Council and before it was put into committee. It is a hard decision to make. Some people think that we are crazy, talking about 15 members for so few people. Possibly we are. We have six or seven taxpayers and I don't know how many voters we have all together, it is something like seven thousand and this would be a member for every 500. It is really hard to make a decision on this and I don't like to hold the thing up but I believe that in some way before our next election that this should have been brought before the people and given the people a chance to vote in a member on autonomy basis or vote in a member that was not out for autonomy at this time. I think we would get a true reflection of the people's wishes were we to do this. This motion was sketched and drawn by Mr. Nielsen and I believe that, if I am not right correct me, by Mr. Hughes, our Legal Advisor. Now, this is a very vital step and even though we are elected to carry out the duties of the general public of the Territory I think that this is something a little too much for us and I would honestly like to see this held over and put in abeyance til next fall. Not voted down, but give us a chance at least to bring in petitions if we can't wait for an election and find out just what our people want. That is about all I have got to say.

Mr. Boyd: I think I am going to start off and see if I can explain something to Mr. Watt. My Dad gave me a lot of mules at one time. He always told me too that small boats should never get too far away from home, but he made the mistake of sending me away from home to Winnipeg with the mules to sell. I sold them and I got into a poker game and lost all his money and I turned out to be a very small boat in his mind. That

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 is the position we could be in. Actually that didn't happen to me but it is a true story of what did happen. The mules went to Chicago and there was more than a load of them. This is where we are today. All we are looking for is the opportunity to progress and I don't think we have to concern ourselves to taking it all now. We have the right when we sign this next five year agreement to allow for everything they want and it is not begging. It is a matter of running the country and after we get ourselves organized, we can display ability. I don't think it is going to be too hard to get the mineral resources and so on under our control. I don't think it is going to be difficult at all. But I do think that we do have to show that we can handle that money and not lose it or give it away by making bad deals and so on. So, if we don't do this and take the opportunity of taking this now we are going to shut the gate as I see it until after the next five year agreement expires because we have to arrange our finances in this period of time. We must arrange them now between now and next year. We look at this and ask ourselves, can we afford to wait with the present indications of a Yukon busting wide open at the seams mineralwise and so on. Certainly, we are going to have mines, there is no doubt about this. We are going to have big business, bigger than ever before, and it seems to me that if a mining company wishes to build something they should be able to come to someone for a yes or no answer. It should be in the Yukon and not in Ottawa. Now, this five man administrative deal--well a fifteen member Council with five cabinet ministers, they are going to be the ones to answer as they have been elected. Commissioner Cameron can't say it as he has to go to Ottawa first. There is a lot of strength in this bill. I don't care where it comes from, I can't prepare one that is any better or as good so I will go along with this one.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Watt, did you want to say something there.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Boyd started out by saying that he sold a load of mules and got in a poker game and lost the mules. If he thinks the Territorial Council isn't responsible enough to look after the money that we would get and we would have the responsibility over mines and minerals, I can't speak for Mr. Boyd, but I have never lost a load of mules. I think that the Territory should have the responsibility and they shouldn't have to go to Ottawa to someone 4000 miles away to find out what they can do in regards to minerals, for example. This authority should be right here and if this means more importance than having 15 members sitting around arguing about responsibility that we have, the minor responsibilities that we are begging for now, well anything less to me is nothing. It is not even worth sending to Ottawa.

Mr. Taylor: I wanted to inject something about this at this point on this resources aspect. I think it was envisioned and pointed out a short time ago when we discussed this that anything over the responsibilities as outlined in Motion 40 this would leave 15% of administrative personnel, this would reduce personnel and leave everything in Territorial control, as far as land administration as far as resources go, these would be brought to Whitehorse and nothing would be left in Ottawa in respect to northern administration but the Minister and the Deputy Minister. And, these resources would be then

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 administrated by the Territorial government until such a time as they are entirely turned over to the Territory. And it was clearly understood that we would have a part of these resources. This may clear some of our thinking.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question to Mr. Shaw, seeing he is the oldest member in Council and I would like to ask him, what happened to our large Yukon Council that we had years ago. What was the reason for diminishing it? Was there any particular reason or how did we get down from fifteen members back to three. What was the purpose of this and did the population have anything to do with this?

Mr. Shaw: Well Mr. Chairman, I would put it this way. When there were fifteen members on Council there was about 30,000 people in the Territory and they were all situated in the Klondike area and as the large gold veins ran out the population left and the population of Whitehorse was about 300 people. The population in Dawson City was 1500. Now, there was no Carmacks-Kluane and there was no Watson Lake and in fact, there was no Alaska Highway. As a result, the population went down to 1500, I use that as a yardstick, in Dawson and 300 in Whitehorse, and then the Council was reduced progressively as the population went down. When I first came there were three members on the Council. Then the population increased so two members were added and then two more until there were seven. The colonial type government remained regardless of the members. Even if you had 50 members or even if you had two you had exactly the same type of autonomy. This matter of increasing them is so that we can administer our own affairs instead of having to ask Ottawa and I am sure Mr. Chairman, that the gentlemen understand the discussions that went on yesterday morning, and today. We are purely concerned with the fact that we couldn't even get a Legal Advisor, whatever the reasons are, we haven't got one and we should be endeavoring to get more help, this has been going on for four years at the very least. That is the point, that is what we have to resolve this afternoon. Now, gentlemen, here is the vehicle where we are asking the government to give us that power to decide and whether we get it or whether the Minister will agree or whether parliament will agree, here is the question I can't answer but here we are asking for more control of our own affairs. It is plain and simple--we can say we don't like this and we don't like that. But, we must look at this, do we want autonomy or don't we and the passage of this motion will indicate the feelings of the representatives of this country or are we prepared to allow the government to treat us as a colonial enterprise which they have done for 60 or 70 years. I have been here for a number of years, I don't know whether I am the oldest member, I might have been here longer. I have seen this continued frustration and I would say that unless the people can take their own affairs into their own hands and control their own destiny, I would say or foresee that in the future we won't know where we are going. The longer I sit here the more frustrated I become with this government here right now in this form.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson will you take the chair. I have listened to all the expoundings and I do know that it seems that we are a bunch of frustrated politicians. Where are we going and what have we done? No where and nothing. It appears to me that it is about time we did something and I agree with Mr. Shaw that this is our time. It is no use in saying that the population is too small, if I remember my history rightly Manitoba only had 12,000 people and I think it was 21 or 26 members for their house and it was heavily subsidized and I

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 think it still is today. I do know that Nova Scotia is and P.E.I. is and also Newfoundland and I think that they are all more heavily subsidized than the Yukon. Now, these people, have their natural resources it is true but I would say that on the whole, it would be a good thing to have a transition period whereby we could work our way into the running of the government as a whole. It takes some time for anyone to run things the way they should be run. You take Education for instance, that is one of our biggest problems and it will take a good man and a Solomon at the same time to run it. This is my opinion. When I was home at that short recess I told the people that my opinion was that this government should change and it is time that you got out and stood on your own legs and had a little bit of say. I also told them that I was going to vote for it if I had the chance and they said that is why we are electing you.don't come back here and tell us what you are going to do, that is what we elected you for and I don't think that you have to have a plebiscite for ever little issue. I don't think you have to shout all over and ask everyone what they want. This is what you are elected for and if you cannot take that responsibility then you should not be in this House. That is my opinion. Now, I will stand or fall on whatever happens here. I am going to vote for it and if the people don't like it they can toss me out. I did intend to retire next year but if this comes into being I might change my mind and I have been asked to represent the Elsa district of the Yukon. I am sure that when this is divided up there is going to be one from Elsa and one from Elsa-Calumet area. If it isn't then there is going to be Hell popping. However, these are my sentiments, I see no reason we can't work our way into this thing. Natural resources bring in a lot of tax money but at the present time I don't think that it is going to bring in enough to run this government as a whole. With that, gentlemen I think I will sit down.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to clarify one point. I didn't mean that Mr. Shaw was old. He doesn't even act old, I wanted to say that Mr. Shaw was the oldest representative at the table.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you.

Mr. Thompson: The remarks this afternoon have been most enlightening and I, as seconder of the motion, naturally support the contents therein. I think that Mr. Southam's eloquence is outstanding and direct and to the point. There has been reference made to the fact that this is the right step, that this is a sound step and that this is a step in the right forward direction. This I would concur, I think it is a step in the right direction and at the right time. I think the predominant feature is that the Bill that is in the House to amend the Yukon Act is open for suggestions and discussion and I feel by tackling this that this will give us the opportunity for representatives of this Council to appear before the standing committee of Northern Affairs and National Resources to present our views. With this, I sincerely hope that we do receive the whole support of Council.

Mr. Boyd: Question on the motion.

Mr. Taylor: Just before the question is called, I would like to say that once again this is a step forward for the Yukon and is an exciting challenge for the Yukon. In the interest of solidarity I would ask for unanimity on this vote.

Mr. Southam: Are you ready for the question on the motion gentlemen? Mr. MacKinnon did you want to say something? MOTION #40

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, due to the circumstances that I have outlined that the people in my district do not seem in favour....the ones I have contacted, do not seem in particular favour. I will have to abstain.

Mr. Southam: Are you ready for the question gentlemen? Are you agreed with the motion? Contrary?

Mr. Watt: Contrary.

Mr. Southam: This motion is carried.

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Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, at this time I will call a short recess.

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Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order and what is your pleasure gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: We could proceed with the Bills that Mr. Watt wished to go through and it shouldn't take too many minutes.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder while we are on Bills we could possibly conclude the Municipal Ordinance and get on with that.

Mr. Boyd: That is a long drawn out affair and we could do something between now and four thirty.

Mr. Shaw: I would suggest Mr. Chairman that you take out the Bill you want and we will go along with it.

Mr. Boyd: I suggest Bill #14 and Bill #15.

Mr. Thompson: Ken McKinnon is back in our midst and before we proceed I would like to mention it. He is in our gallery and I would like to welcome him back to our midst even if he is only a short-time visitor and it is with pleasure that I see him in the gallery and I would like to just go on record as saying that it is nice to see him and if he would like to come back we would like to have him.

Mr. Watt: I suggest that we offer him a seat!

Mr. Southam: Bill #13, gentlemen.

BILL #13

Mr. Taylor: This Bill follows in line with the discussions held earlier and the deficiency which has been outlined in the Companies Ordinance in relation to enforcement. I might say that I have considered this subject with the industry just to make sure that they were aware of this change and they wholeheartedly agreed with this proposal. We have discussed this at some length prior to this.

Mr. Watt: I thought this was pretty well standard and I thought it was pretty well standard in our Companies Act. Am I wrong in this Mr. Legal Advisor. I thought this was a standard procedure all over and I think the idea behind it is good but I wonder why this didn't come from the administration or have we already got it and who drafted this private member's Bill?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, as Legal Advisor, I prepared the draft for the member from Watson Lake. The view had been formed during discussion on the Securities Ordinance that there was a weakness in in policing our Companies Ordinance on this point. It is possible to deal with offenders under the Companies Ordinance without resort to this but this means you have to go a long way around and beat them over the head for reasons which are contrived where here you have a cleaning statement of policy and here is a section that a person can turn to and say, well, if I do that I know what is going to happen, not get caught or tripped by the ankles under some other section. It is true that we can punish offenders under some other sections but the feeling was that a clear statement should be introduced, that was my understanding and I took my instructions from the member.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I was under the impression where a private company, this Bill says "has more than 50 members, exclusive of persons who are in the employment of the company". This is not a private company, if it isn't you just can't have the situation, otherwise, there are violations under the status which are set up. You say we have already got it so we are writing it in twice. Secondly, "offers an invitation to the public to subscribe for any shares or debenture of the company". Well I understand that this is normally standard and we have already got it and I don't know what the penalties are that are listed already. Does this change the penalties that are already alleged for these violations? Does anybody know anything there? In the new Ordinance or what is the penalty under the old Ordinance.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, the member has already said that this provision already exists. If he will direct my attention to it I will review the advice that I tendered to committee. If it is there then I can't find it and I apologize when it shows.

Mr. Watt: 130 (B) - Private Companies: "limits the number of its members, exclusive of persons who are in the employment of the company, to fifty. That is the first part of it, right? Am I interpreting that right? Then (C)"prohibits any invitation to the public to subscribe for any shares or debentures of the company." Can you tell me the difference between the two?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, that is only a definition.

Mr. Shaw: From what I can get out of this, it says you must limit this and you mustn't do this. This section says that if you do it then that is what is going to happen.

Mr. Southam: Are you clear?

Mr. Watt: To me we are passing an Ordinance that already is in effect almost word for word. The other part that I am not clear is that under the old Companies Ordinance what is the penalty there. I can't find it yet. Has there been a change there? If there is, I would like to know.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, this provision as such, this penalty clause doesn't exist in the present Ordinance. I have pointed out it is possible to hound and chase down an offender as I would simply take the position that he had directly or the company had divested itself as a private company. If it was then proceeding to sell and invite subscriptions from the public it would be in breach of the requirements of filing a prospectus which is section 95, I think. And it would not therefore obtain a business clearance under section 96 and the penalty, at the bottom of the left hand page, I think is \$250. I am not too sure. Page 96. But this is the long way around and it is so much clearer and clearer to pop it right in there where people can see it and see what is going to happen if they cease to operate as a private company.

Mr. Taylor: This is so straightforward, section 130 states what a company ^{private} is and shall be and section 130 subsection 4 which is the amendment states what will happen to you if you violate the section 130.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, section 95 states "a company shall not commence any business or exercise any borrowing

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powers unless.." and then it says they have to qualify them-
selves there and then they go to 95 (5) "Where a company
commences business or exercises borrowing powers in contraven-
tion of this section....."and then at the top you will see
section 96 and nothing in this refers to a private company but BILL #13
if the company ceases to be a private company this applies.
It is rather a tricky way and the penalty is \$250 a day.

Mr. Boyd: I feel this is quite clear cut and it is not imposing
anything on anybody. I would move that this Bill be passed
out of committee without amendment.

Mr. Shaw: I second it.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman just speaking on the motion, this is
a private member's bill. It seems to me that we have had this
in effect for years and the Legal Advisor has suggested that
it is in effect but this would make it a bit easier this way.
The private companies that have been set up in the Territory
have always been restricted, as being restricted there. Why
didn't this thing come from administration. Has there been
a case that made this arise or is there someone you think you
can get at this way where you can't the other way. I can't
understand it. I just can't understand why the administration
aren't making these Bills, and why not introduce them and say
why. This I can't understand, to me there is something tricky
here as this has been in effect for years and shouldn't be
put in effect again.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to ask Mr. Taylor why this private
member's bill. Has he run into any cases of this nature?

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, it is just inconceivable that
this discussion could take all this time. It was dis-
cussed in Council at great length several weeks ago and it
was shown that there wasn't any quality within our own Ordin-
ance with respect to a home grown company and in respect to
no direct penalty. So this merely places the penalty in a
straight forward manner into the section it refers. If anyone
should violate their own charter they would be charged to
pay.

Mr. Southam: Any further discussions gentlemen. I have a
motion before the House moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded
by Councillor Shaw that Bill #13 be moved out of committee
without amendment. Are you ready for the question? Are you
agreed? Contrary?

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Mr. Watt: I abstain.

Mr. MacKinnon: I abstain from this too on the basis that
there is a little bit too much of this stuff. I think that
from now on this bill should come from administration and
not from Councillor Taylor.

Mr. Southam: Bill #9, which reads as follows.....

BILL #9

Mr. Taylor: The amendment comes into section 9 of the Bill
and possibly we could review that.

Mr. Southam: Are you agreed gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: I have a notation here and I would direct this to
the Legal Advisor. In lieu of what we had it is agreed that
we should take the reading as it provides in the British
Columbia Securities Act. Is that correct sir.

BILL #9 Mr. Legal Advisor: That is right Mr. Chairman, I have done my best to follow the wording of that and certainly the penalties are the ones found in the B.C. Act.

Mr. Taylor: I would move that Bill #9 be moved out of committee as amended.

Mr. Boyd: I second it.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Bill #9 be moved out of committee as amended.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I will vote for this but I just want it understood that I am accepting Mr. Collin's interpretation of a private company filing a prospectus and not the other suggestion. I have asked that the word public company be amended to Territorial public companies only file a prospectus. It is already stated that private companies file a prospectus. There is other remedies that will be taken into.....Mr. Collins is the Crown Prosecutor and he has taken action in these cases and I would take his word for it. Some of the members here don't know that a public company and a private company are two entirely different things. They don't even look the same and it is difficult to tell you now after two days of talk. So, with this in mind I will vote for it in that I accept Mr. Collins interpretation.

BILL #9 Mr. Southam: Are you ready for the question. Contrary?
MOTION Agreed? Bill #9 is moved out of committee. Motion carried.

CARRIED Mr. Southam: The next is Bill #15 gentlemen. Sewage Disposal for Dawson City.

BILL #15 Mr. Boyd: The Councillor from Dawson City could supply us with the information in a few words what we are buying.

Mr. Shaw: I could put it in two words, sewage system. In 1952 or 1951 the Territorial owned system was turned over to the City of Dawson. Now it is a case of where Dawson is turning it over to the Territory. I will read a letter which was sent to the Mayor which will be self-explanatory. This is from the Commissioner to the Mayor, Mayor Mellor. "Dear Mayor Mellor: I am now able to confirm the proposals for the continuation of public utility services in Dawson City as outlined in the letter from the Chairman of the Northern Canada Power Commission dated November 8th, 1965. A copy of this letter was forwarded to your office on November 12th, 1965. The Northern Canada Power Commission on behalf of the Federal and Territorial Governments proposes to purchase usable assets from the Dawson Electric Light and Power Co. Ltd. and renovate the electrical distribution system. Diesel motors will be installed for the generation of electricity to supply Dawson City rather than obtaining it from Hydro Sources. It is intended that the Northern Canada Power Commission will acquire Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation's assets in respect of the water system and reconstruct and renew the system which will then be transferred to the Territorial Government. In order to operate Public Utility Services in Dawson City in the most economical manner possible it is considered advisable to have all services operated by one agency. The Territorial Government intends to have the Northern Canada Power Commission operate the water distribution system together with their electrical distribution system. It is necessary that the sewage disposal system be

Mr. Shaw continues.....

considered as a public utility to be operated together with the water and electrical distribution systems. The best way to accomplish this is for the Territorial Government to assume ownership and responsibility for this system. It can then be included in the agreement between the Commissioner and the Northern Canada Power Commission whereby the Northern Canada Power Commission would operate and maintain the sewerage and water services. A By-Law should be passed by the Dawson City Council authorizing the Mayor of the City of Dawson to enter into an agreement transferring the ownership of the sewage system to the Territorial Government." BILL #15

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will now call the Committee back to order. BILL #15

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, the Northern Canada Power Corporation will be operating the electrical and water distribution system, and it is felt that the most economical manner to affect the maintenance and operation of the sewage system would be that they take over the operation of it. Of course, in order that they take the operation of this over, there has to be agreements entered into and it would require an Ordinance to enter into the agreements. I think that's substantially the meat of this particular Bill. However, if any Member has a question, any specific question, I will do my best to answer them.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think the matter seems to be straight forward. I think it's a sensible approach to an age old problem with utilities in Dawson, and I am completely satisfied with this Bill. I would like to move that Bill No. 15 be reported out of Committee without amendment.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, in the explanatory notes you will remember that it was indicated that a more detailed description would be coming down. We have been waiting for a map of the City with the sewage layout marked on it so that we could get a fuller description. That is why you have that note in the Explanatory Note. However, it does well enough, in its present form, if you are satisfied with it...you all know what the intention is. It was just that I hoped to have a more detailed description for you.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I will second the Motion.

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. 15 be moved out of Committee without amendment.

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Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess while we decide what to do next.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I will call the Committee to order. We will discuss Bill No. 11, An Ordinance to Amend the Yukon Housing Ordinance. (Reads the Bill).

BILL #11

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think, I will ask the Legal Advisor to corroborate this, but I think this is merely where the Central Mortgage and Housing rate fluctuates and this is to keep it in line. It seems to go up or down each year and each year we have an Ordinance something like this, or every other year. Is this all this is...it's just to keep in line with the Central Mortgage and Housing Rate?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, to keep in step...there is a difference of one percent. That's the policy line that was set years before. You have already had before you Bill No. 7 where the interest rate was adjusted on the other housing money, and I believe that that has received your approval. We should have kept them together. We omitted to do so. We changed the rate on one and forgot about the other, to bring them back into line again, and they want to send off the standard rate.

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Moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 11, An Ordinance to Amend the Yukon Housing Ordinance, be moved out of Committee without Amendment.

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Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF
CHAIRMAN
OF
COMMITTEES

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:30 a.m. to discuss Bills, Sessional Papers, Motions, etc. We discussed Bill No. 4 with the Commissioner. We reconvened at 2:00 P.M. and discussed Vote No. 13. It was moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the Establishments No. 1351 be deleted from the Budget. This Motion was carried. Motion No. 40 was passed. Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Shaw, that Bill No. 13 be moved out of Committee without Amendment. This was also carried. Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that Bill No. 15 be reported out of Committee without Amendment. This also was carried. Moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Bill No. 9 be reported out of Committee as Amended. Motion carried. Moved by Councillor Shaw, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 11 be reported out of Committee without Amendment. This was also carried. This is all I have, Mr. Speaker.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We have the matter of the agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that tomorrow we proceed with Bills. We have a few ahead of us as yet. We have more or less concluded the initial discussion on the Budget and I imagine the balance of it can be picked up in review. I feel that we should get back on the Municipal Ordinance, and if there is any requirement for the City of Whitehorse to be here for this Tax Section, then arrangements should be made accordingly.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I agree with Mr. Taylor, and as that particular part of the Municipal Ordinance is of primary importance in the Whitehorse area, I suggest that those who were in attendance before be contacted and allowed to attend if they so wish because I would hate to have all the responsibility on my shoulders of making Amendments to the Municipal Ordinance and having inadvertently overlooked a section that may cause a whole new assessment in the Whitehorse area. I feel that it is important.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Will you, Mr. Clerk, please notify these gentlemen and lady...the Mayor, I should say, of the City of Whitehorse, and state that we will be discussing this particular matter of the Municipal Ordinance at 10:30 tomorrow approximately? Shall we proceed from there with Bills, Memoranda, Motions and Sessional Papers, as usual?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Southam that it be called five o'clock.

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Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and this Council stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Friday, 10:00 a.m.
May 6, 1966

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

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any correspondence? If not, have we any reports of committees? We have no Bills to introduce. Have we any notices of motion and resolution?

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BILLS
NOTICE OF
MOTIONS &
RESOLUTION

Mr. Taylor: I have one notice of motion this morning respecting motor vehicle licences.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor. Have we any further notices of motion or resolution this morning. If not, we will proceed to the next item, have we any notice of motion for the production of papers? If not, we will proceed to motions and we have Mr. Watt's planning committee but I don't think he is prepared to discuss this at this time. Next we have Motion #46, Re. Game Department Development. Mr. Taylor.

PRODUCTION
PAPERS
MOTIONS

Mr. Taylor: Moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Southam, "That it is the opinion of Council that immediate steps be taken to ensure that provision be made in the forthcoming Five Year Agreement, for the following:

- a. one Territorial-employed biologist
- b. one Fisheries Officer
- c. Three Conservation Officers
- d. one clerk-typist

MOTION #46

and

It is further resolved that such personnel increase be effected in the first year of the Five Year Agreement, and that sufficient funds be provided to ensure not only the continued development of this department, but to make possible a complete Game Inventory in the Yukon Territory." May I proceed.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: This motion falls in line with the discussions held with the Game Department at this Session and I feel that it is self-explanatory. I have taken this matter up at some length with the Game Director and he has concurred with the material embodied in this motion and I would ask for the support of Council to ensure that we get this Department on the road.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further discussion on Motion #46?

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, as seconder of the motion, I wholeheartedly concur with this motion. It is long overdue that this department be enlarged so that we can take a more proper study of the Territory's wildlife, etc. and keep it under better control.

Mr. Speaker: Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary. The motion is carried.

MOTION
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Mr. Speaker: The next motion is Motion #47. Mr. MacKinnon.

MOTION #47

Mr. MacKinnon: Moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Watt with regard to "Air Strip". May I proceed?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed Mr. MacKinnon.

MOTION #47

Mr. MacKinnon: "It is respectfully requested that the Administration consider extending and upgrading the Territorial air strip at Beaver Creek, Y.T., and also the air strip for Haines Junction". As you are aware, we have quite a change in our air system in the North highway. We are constructing a new airport at Burwash and will be closing down Snag and Aishihik. They have already started work on an airstrip at 1202, Beaver Creek, which is going to be very necessary. It is quite a distance from Burwash to Beaver Creek. This air strip is in bad need of work and has just been started. It is only half the length it should be and it does need gravelling and extending. The Haines Junction Air Strip just needs a bit of attention.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, may I ask, we understand that this Beaver Creek air strip has just been started and is just being built. Who is building it, is it the Territorial government or the Department of Public Works?

Mr. MacKinnon: It started off as private enterprise and since that time has been taken over by the Territorial government and further work is badly needed.

Mr. Speaker: Does that answer your question Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #48

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further discussions on Motion #47? Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Contrary? The motion is carried. The next motion on the agenda is Motion #48 and a question was raised as to whether this was in order or otherwise. I have given it considerable thought and tried to look at it as objectively as possible and came to the conclusion that the motion is in order for discussion and that it does not conflict and is not substantially the same as Motion #38. Motion #38 was headed "National Parks" and was to establish a core-type national park. The Territorial park aspect was ancillary to the motion and not substandard. In so arriving at this conclusion it was necessary to consider the second part of the motion, the resolution and not the preamble. Therefore that second part is the resolution. Now, that is the decision that I have come too...that the Motion #48 by Mr. Watt is in order at this time. I would say that this decision can be appealed if the members so wish.

Mr. Taylor: I wonder if we could have the motion presented at this time.

Mr. Speaker: The motion reads as follows, "That the Administration immediately take steps to establish a Territorial Park in the Yukon." Would you proceed Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: Motion #48, moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Boyd, "That the Administration immediately take steps to establish a Territorial Park in the Yukon." May I proceed? As we have had discussions here on the core type national park with the Territorial park around it and I voted against that and so did Mr. Boyd. The fact that we are in favour of a different type of park shows under different circumstances shows that we are talking about two different animals entirely. The fact that we are interested in a different type of park in different circumstances shows that we are talking about two different things entirely. When this immediate motion had been before Council I had intended at that time to submit an amendment to the motion but the committee agreed that that would change the entire motion. So I understood at that time that the committee agreed that another motion such as this was in order and I think your decision in respect to this is very

Mr. Watt continues.....

correct Mr. Speaker because it substantially a different type of story all together and those who, well Mr. Boyd and I both rejected the core type park....but we are in favour of this type of park. We spent two and a half days here on national parks and I agreed to have this gentleman, Mr. Brooks, come from Ottawa to discuss national parks because I thought there may have been a change in the thinking of the National Parks board. And, Mr. Thompson has recently come back from Ottawa and I thought that possibly there had been some changes that I hadn't heard about. It appears that there haven't been any changes so I think that I would like to see Council support this motion so that administration can take steps to establish a national park in the Yukon and I am certain that the administration will be in consultation with Ottawa, this is where the money will eventually come from, the same original source that the money from the national parks money would come from. The money is coming from the same source and we will pick the recommendations of Council and then they will come from the same source even if we are a Territorial park instead of a national park. The Territory, the Commissioner, and the Council would have a lot of control over the stipulations and everything else that is imposed on by mining, forestry and everything else. To salvage something out of our discussions, I don't see how any one who had been in favour could vote against this. This is everything they wanted but it is a pretty good step. Of the people I represent, I think that 80% of them would be in favour of establishing a Territorial park where we would likely not see more than 2% in favour of a national park.

MOTION #48

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Watt. Are there any further discussions on motion #48?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, Mr. Speaker, at the time we were asked to request the gentleman from the Parks Board to be with us, I was against this because it was very obvious that they had nothing to add to what had already been said by them before. I knew this and I think that everybody else knew it too. All we did was prove, what the paper states, gave him nothing and wasted money. We gave him a holiday. If he had been prepared to come here to talk business on a different ground then there would have been some point in having him come. Now, the people in the Territory want a park, as Mr. Watt points out, the money will come from the same pocket whether it be national or Territorial. The only difference is if we go for a national park we ask Ottawa to put in a park and say you run it and you run it your way and we don't have any say. This is kind of foolish in this day and age. What we are asking for in this motion is a park where we will run it to the satisfaction of the people concerned in this Yukon. I think this motion has more merit and should have more attention than any other motion that has been put forward yet as far as parks are concerned.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, apart from national parks, I think we dealt long enough on that matter the other day. In giving this matter some consideration I agree with the motion, however, it was my intention when we got back to the Game Ordinance to propose an amendment to schedule C which would describe the McArthur Game Sanctuary as the McArthur Territorial Park, the Kluane Game Sanctuary as a Territorial Park, Pine Creek Game Sanctuary as a Territorial Park, and I would suggest that when we return to the Game Ordinance I will propose this amendment and this will also assist the administration in the establishment of this park or parks. I will concur with this motion.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, well I will agree with any kind of a park. It maybe not as good as the type we were discussing the other day. But, it would be better than nothing and I am quite certain that Mr. Boyd and Mr. Watt will eventually see the light and we will eventually have a national park too.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I think in my own mind that you are gradually beginning to see the light. We need a park of some kind and the people do need a park. Also, I am not going to make too many references to a national park because I am coming back in the Fall with the same motion again and with a petition along with it and I know that I am going to get plenty of support. But, I am also in agreement with your provincial or territorial type parks. I think instead of making them miles away from people, I have jotted down a few places you could make into such, Otter Falls, Million Dollar Camp on the Haines Road, McQuesten Lake up your way, Ethel Lake, a short road between Pelly and Crooked Creek would put you into the warm springs that are just about at the Lake, probably ten miles further, Dempster Highway, Chadburn Lake, and I could likely name a half a dozen more places. It is something that is needed and that is sadly lacking in the Territory, but gentlemen, I do hope you understand that the Territory is going to be paying for it along with the federal government. You are not going to get the same support that you are going to get as for a national park. Now, I think, myself, that it has merit because it is a start and I think gentlemen that within not too many years you will have your national park.

Mr. Speaker: Any further discussion on Motion #48.

Mr. Taylor: Question.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, it is your prerogative to deal in any manner that you see fit in dealing with motions. I still maintain that this is a duplicate of Motion #38. I will say that in the title of Bill #38 whether it was intentional or not, it should have read national park and territorial park. It says that we should establish both a national park and a territorial park and they are both mentioned and they are both a part of the motion and that is all that this motion is doing, it is repeating that previous motion. I would also like to draw to your attention to the fact that my file on this is headed up "Territorial and Federal Parks". It came out this way, I know not how. I would like to just take your time for a few moments and give you a resume of the park situation and I will tell you why I have supported both the national and territorial park idea. I felt when we listened to Mr. Brooks and I still feel now that we would have been in a much better position to get financial help for such a park and for this reason I went along with it. I also felt that we were doing the mining fraternity a favour in also establishing a Territorial Park where mining could be carried out. But the idea of any park, as you know, is primarily for the people and it was realized that the restrictions under the National Parks Act in respect to mining or any other development appear to stand in the way of obtaining adequate support for the establishment of any park in the Territory and so therefore we thought it might be better to establish a park for recreational facilities, etc. This is not new....just a Territorial park or just a national park, these ideas have been looked into and dealt with and as I say, I am not a proponent of only a Territorial park, but as Mr. Southam has mentioned, I do feel we could and should have a national park, but, if this is the first step and it probably is, then I will concur. I still say, Mr. Speaker, that this motion is out of order and should be deleted from the order papers until next Session.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Thompson. I should mention that it does not behoove a member to discuss a decision of the Speaker. It is the member's providence to appeal to the House whether the decision is held up or otherwise. Are you ready for the Question. Are you agreed? Contrary. The motion is carried. Are there any questions this morning?

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Mr. Watt: I thought this was the morning to have the Commissioner come down.

Mr. Speaker: It has been customary to do this but apparently it has been overlooked this morning. Was there any special point which you wished to direct to Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Watt: Yes, I have.

Mr. Speaker: Would it be agreed that we defer this until two o'clock?

Mr. Taylor: Is it not possible that the Commissioner could now come down at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, will you please contact the Commissioner and see if he is available. I will call a short recess.

QUESTIONS

Mr. Speaker: I will call this Council back to order and we have Mr. Commissioner with us for a short question period and I think Mr. Watt had a question.

Mr. Watt: I would like to ask Mr. Commissioner if the administration plans on submitting to Council any Labour Provisions Ordinance based on the discussions that went on here last Fall and a year and a half before that. We have been expecting a Labour Provisions Ordinance from the administration, but if it is not prepared, fine. Can we expect that in this Session or will we allow for it in the Fall Session.

Mr. Commissioner: I haven't been informed as yet, tomorrow is the deadline, however, I am afraid that I am not too genned up on this Labour Provisions question, but it seems to me that it was discussed in Ottawa by the Financial Advisory Committee and are we not going to wait for the studies or findings results of the study in the N.W.T.....I believe that there was some correspondence to the Council on it. That question would be better put to the Legal Advisor.

Mr. Watt: I have a supplementary question, we have here a Bill before us, Bill #12 and there 13 pages and it seems to be a substitute for the administration's expected Bill. This has come as a private member's bill and not from the administration. There were prolonged discussions in Council on this before and to me, well I don't know.

Mr. Speaker: Would you please confine yourself to questions Mr. Watt!

Mr. Watt: The question is that I would like to know the source of this Bill, what it is based on and what, if it is the Bill from the administration, why was it introduced in this way?

Mr. Commissioner: I am afraid I can't answer or add anything to that. I am not familiar with the document.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps we could have Mr. Legal Advisor in, I think that is in his category.

QUESTIONS

Mr. Watt: I will wait until we come into committee with the Bill and ask at that time.

Mr. Taylor: I could answer that question if required. I have a question to direct to the Commissioner this morning and it has to do with the air spray program. In view of the motions and discussions related to air spray and in respect to some of the communities, will this be undertaken this year?

AIR SPRAY

Commissioner: No it won't be this summer, the reason being that it is not good enough to say additional communities or all the small communities on the highway, to add them to the program, aside from costing us considerable additional money the communities we are referring to do not require aerial spray. The professionals in this business say that it is impractical to spray any area that is less than the mile square. Even in the mile square you are stretching the point. It should be done by hand equipment. Now, we discussed the subject and it is agreed that in the next five year agreement this program is going to have to be increased in size. We have had some bug specialists come in and study the situation a year ago and they were entymologists and it was pointed out that you must use a combination or air spray and ground spray, depending on the location. It is felt by the administration that in the next five year agreement we should allow some capital monies for the purchase of some portable ground equipment. This equipment could also be used in some of the areas that are now being air sprayed. Air spray is not the entire cure and in view of the time in setting up this program and getting bids we felt that it could not be altered this year so we are carrying on as we did last year, which you recall was a complete new program which was brought on by the removal of R.C.A.F. equipment and we had to fill the gap. It has been discussed and it is planned that over the next five year program there will be an expanded program to, I hope, include all the areas on the highway and for recreational areas too.

Mr. Taylor: It is unfortunate that we can't extend this to some of the other communities. This was all agreed to that it was a way of extending service to the taxpayers in the outlying districts. They pay taxes and get nothing back unless they have children going to school. It was agreed that we would oil in front of all businesses in small communities.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, as far as I know, this oil equipment is in and operating and will be used continually this summer throughout the Territory.

Mr. Taylor: This motion extended the roads in the program to include all business in small communities not already included.

Mr. Commissioner: Maybe I should clarify myself by saying that we will do all the areas that were originally planned and would hope that we can do the intermediate areas that have been brought up since then. In other words we are not going to set this truck aside, it will be operating wherever the money or equipment is available.

Mr. Speaker: Have we anymore questions?

Question #27
COMMISSIONER

Mr. Boyd: I have one question on the order paper for a verbal answer. Would it be in order for me to ask the Commissioner that question now. Have we an answer to the question "has the new Commissioner been appointed for the Yukon?"

Mr. Commissioner: I was going to send the stencil back with the answer but it would look a little ridiculous with just the answer "no". So instead of wasting money on a stencil I thought I would waste money on a telex and where I might say no, they might correct me. I talked to the assistant director and I said that that would be a straightforward and correct as far as he knew. I did talk to the Deputy Minister and he had nothing further on it.

QUESTIONS
COMMISSIONER

Mr. Boyd: That is a pretty good answer, thank you.

Mr. Taylor: I have one additional question with respect to Expo' 67. Have the officials indicated when they will be sending representatives to the Yukon?

Expo
67.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, I am afraid that I am not going to be the good humor man this morning. Councillor Taylor has touched on a very delicate subject. As a matter of fact, that is what the phone call was about this morning. The information that I copied down so diligently and so carefully the other day regarding costs for these boutiques or whatever they are, it turns out to be completely false and the....when I wrote the letter I said that I had talked to Mr. Blanchard and pointed out that we wanted two booths or a total of 800 square feet. I was informed that this would cost us \$100,000. So, I was going to bring up the subject had Councillor Taylor not asked on it. I would like to have some indication from Council whether we should go to this extreme or not. If we take one booth it will be \$50,000. This is all inclusive, this is the ramp and the setting up of the displays, staff, and so on.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions. If there are no further questions gentlemen, I would, in view of the time, remind you that we have a delegation from the City of Whitehorse here, the Mayor and City Council. What is your pleasure at this time?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that the Speaker leave the chair for the purpose of convening in committee as a whole to discuss Bills, memorandums, sessional papers, etc.

Mr. Southam: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the Speaker now leave his chair and Council resolve into committee as a whole to discuss Bills, sessional papers, etc. Are you ready for the question, agreed, contrary? Motion carried. Mr. Southam will take the chair as chairman of the committee as a whole.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, in view of the time I will call a short recess.

RECESS

Friday, May 6, 1966.
11:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee back to order. We have with us Mayor Firth, Alderman Daniels, Mrs. Stark, Mr. Legal Advisor, Mr. Commissioner and Mr. Mackenzie. We are discussing Bill No. 6. I believe we left off at section 43 on page 13.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, may I be excused? I thought I may have been able to add something to that Reference for Advice regarding the City borrowing a hundred thousand dollars, but since it's on the Municipal Ordinance, I don't think I can add very much to it.

Mr. Watt: If we have a problem of \$100,000.00, maybe we should take it up right now when the Commissioner is here and then go to the Municipal Ordinance. Is there a problem there?

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PAPER #61

Mr. Commissioner: Well, there is no problem there as far as I know, Mr. Chairman, but I did say in there that I would be happy to discuss it if there were any questions on the subject. We require an agreement in principle from the Council and it would show up as a supplementary in the fall because we can't give you a fixed amount. We don't know whether they are going to borrow \$30,000.00 or \$80,000.00, but we can see that it might be up to \$100,000.00.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe this was agreed to by Council prior to our week's recess.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, I understood that it was deferred before the recess. If it has been approved, this is fine.

Mr. Shaw: This is Sessional Paper No. 61, Reference for Advice. As far as I recollect, Council agreed with the terms as laid out in this Sessional Paper.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I think we are talking about two different animals again. We agreed to the money for Lot 19, but I don't think we agreed upon the additional \$100,000.00 for the Centennial Complex. Is this what you are talking about...the Centennial Complex?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That is correct.

Mr. Watt: Then we are talking about different things, are we not?

Mr. Shaw: We are talking about the same thing...Reference for Advice...Centennial Grants...Sessional Paper No. 61, and I have this cleared through here.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Watt had brought up at that time that it should not be cleared because it should be sent back to Ottawa to see if part of this money couldn't be kicked in by Ottawa and I think it was set in abeyance for further discussion.

Mr. Shaw: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. It was deferred.

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PAPER #61

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, do you wish to discuss this Sessional Paper No. 61 at this time? (Reads Sessional Paper No. 61, Reference for Advice, Centennial Grants.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of this, the Federal Government, I believe, contributed \$250,000.00 for the Centennial Project. They also, on a per capita basis, gave us \$2.00 per capita for other projects in the Territory. My understanding was that they will not give us any further money over and beyond this \$250,000.00. I would like to direct that comment to Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, this is a correct assumption. There was \$250,000.00 under the Memorial Grants program which was to be spent for capital projects in the capital city of the province or the Territory. In the City of Whitehorse, it was agreed that this would be split \$175,000.00 for the City Hall complex and \$75,000.00 for the Museum which is being constructed and looked after by the Historical Society. The other program, the cost sharing Centennial program, where the Federal Government will put up \$2.00 per capita for each one that the Territory puts up was to be shared four ways by the four outside Councillors and the three Whitehorse Councillors would waive their interest in this program due to the fact that they were getting a Centennial complex in the Civic Block in Whitehorse. As far as I know, the only concession that has been made is that the deadline of July 1, 1967, has been removed so that should the project not be completed by that date, the money will still be forthcoming. Aside from that, there are no additional funds available, except through the borrowing of funds by the City.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I had asked to have this deferred when Mr. Shaw and Mr. Taylor were going East. The original estimates for the Centennial Complex were made some time ago. Since that time, building costs have gone up considerably. One of the chief factors in the increase of building costs has been this 11% tax on building supplies, etc., and this is reflected back into labour. I don't see any reason why Ottawa shouldn't kick in a third actually of this \$100,000.00. Actually what they would be doing is putting back in the additional that they are getting out of it anyway. It's not costing them any money. We are paying and they are collecting. There's no reason...this whole project is supposed to be cost sharing...the Federal Government and the Territory...and now we are asking the City to kick in the whole \$100,000.00 by borrowing it from us... from the Federal Government, but this money is going to have to be repaid and it's going to have to be repaid, this \$100,000.00, plus interest, will have to be repaid by taxing the residents of Whitehorse. I don't see why, and I think it is only fair, I think that the Territorial Council should ask the Federal Government to put up half of this and then the Territory and the City put up the other half. I think we should make that request. I think it is fair, and I think the Federal Government will consider it because, if they don't and if the City can't afford this \$100,000.00 and nail the taxpayers for it...if it gets turned down in a plebiscite or something, then what's going to happen to this Centennial Complex? We will be the only part of Canada without a Centennial Project outside of these little outlying areas, satellite projects. I don't think Ottawa would turn us down on this particular request.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, Mr. Chairman, on that particular subject, I understand from the news item, I believe, that came out in the last few days...a similar request was made to the Minister in Charge of the Centennial Program, Miss Judy LaMarsh, at the National Committee Meeting held in Ottawa, on the second and third of May, and her reply was

Mr. Commissioner continues: that she would have to go back to the Government of Canada and see if they were prepared to increase the grants, but she also said that if an increase was forthcoming on Federal money, that the provinces and municipalities would also have to pay their portion because under the Memorial Grants Program throughout Canada, it is set up that the Government will pay up to 50%..a maximum of 50% of a \$5,000,000.00 capital project, so the Province must put up \$2,500,000.00 if they want \$2,500,000.00 from the Federal Government. Now, in the case of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, we were in no position to give them a cost sharing program such as the Provinces because we have people living in small groups throughout different parts of the country and we only have two municipalities. After considerable negotiation, they agreed to grant us \$250,000.00, an outright grant to the Yukon and I think there is a slight increase on that for the Northwest Territories. No, pardon me, Mr. Chairman, it's \$250,000.00 for each Territory on the per capita sharing project and there is more Federal money coming to the Northwest Territories because they have more population. Now, in answer to Councillor Watt, I would say that if there is money forthcoming, additional money forthcoming for the Memorial Grants Program to the Provinces, we would be in a very good position to say, "Well, we wish further assistance also". But, I think time is of the essence right now, as far as we are concerned, and even if we did lend the money and debentures were drawn and we went ahead as suggested in this paper, we could also have this eliminated at such time as the Federal Government gave us the Federal Government gave us some money back. In the meantime, if we said no to this in hopes that the Federal Government would increase an outright grant to help us out, we are looking at the better part of a year which is very late under the present circumstances. I think that it would be better to go ahead as we would like to do now and if Miss LaMarsh is successful in getting more Federal money for the Provinces under this Centennial Program, I am quite sure that we will be in line for any additional money too at which time the debentures could be written off and returned.

Mr. Watt: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Chairman. For the plan to go through as Mr. Commissioner suggested, it would appear here that there would have to be a plebiscite and that two-thirds majority of tax-payers would have to be in favour. As a tax payer, I would vote against it. I think that would be the slowest way to do it and what would happen, now, if it were voted down by the taxpayers? Would that mean that the whole thing would come to a standstill? I think it would be quicker to teletype Ottawa and get an immediate understanding that something like this could be received from Ottawa. As you say, there's a good chance of it and is Mrs....Judy...has already made a commitment to the Provinces, then all we would have to get is an affirmation that the Territory would be entitled to the same commitment. I was just reading last night where the original estimate of the deficit for Expo '67 was two hundred and thirty some odd million dollars and already it is over four hundred million so this is happening all across Canada. They must expect it to happen here. They have already made their commitments to the Provinces. They have made their commitments to Expo itself. There is no reason why they shouldn't be prepared to make this commitment right here, right now. I think that if we could get half of it from Ottawa, half of it from the Territory, and then I don't think the City would have...probably I could be corrected, but would the City have to go to a plebiscite for the other \$25,000.00 or could they borrow the \$25,000.00 without a plebiscite and we pay it back to the....?

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Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, the City has to go to the people on a money by-law and get two-thirds majority regardless of price, as I understand it. I suggest, as Councillor Watt and Miss LaMarsh seem to be on first name basis, that he would be the only one that would be successful in getting an immediate answer on the additional Federal Funds because I am quite sure that there would be nothing come back for some weeks, and possibly months, if I was to make such a request.

Mr. Watt: That is Administration. I deal with legislation.

Mayor Firth: I think Mr. Cameron's suggestion seems to be a very fair one and if we should be successful in getting some additional funds from Ottawa, as you say, this can be applied against our debentures. The question of selling this idea or proposition to the ratepayers is our responsibility. It's not going to be easy but I feel that we can accomplish it...at least I hope so. I feel also, and possibly Mrs. Stark can enlarge on this, the intimations that we have had so far is that the \$275,000.00 is not going to be enough. Some of the contractors have already kind of thrown their hands up and said "What's the use?" We are finding ourselves in a very difficult position. I think this would help if we could assure them we had the money, but, again, I hesitate to go out and publicize this amongst the contractors and say "Yes, we have \$275,000.00 to build this thing and we are likely to get some help from the Territory over and above this and we have a few funds of our own we can throw into this". I think this is going to predicate the price of the building. I am nervous about this. I feel that they are just degauging their bid on what they think they can get. I would love to see some actual bids and get some intimation and then we may not be working so much in the dark. Next Tuesday will tell the story.

Mr. Boyd: I'm a little vague. The City have been accumulating monies for quite some time, taxpayer's money, for this very purpose, and it would be very interesting to know how much they accumulated from the taxpayers for this purpose and how much they intend to put into this project. Mr. Firth just mentioned that they have "a little money of their own", and I am sure if I was going to vote on that, I would want to know what happened to this money you have already have and what is its status and so on.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, possibly I could throw in twenty-five cents worth here. There has been a fund that City Council has had set up for many, many years. Originally it was set up for the building and construction of a new City Hall. It was called a Building Fund. Approximately seven or eight years ago, it was decided that it would be some years before we could actually get a new City Hall and it didn't appear to be so essential at that particular time, and yet we were in very dire straights regarding equipment. So, they changed the name of this Fund to "Building and Equipment Fund". This Fund has been drawn on over the years for a new grader, new cat, and equipment as required. I believe Mrs. Stark can take it from there. I think there is \$30,000.00 or \$35,000.00 in the fund at the present time. Mr. MacKenzie and myself and the Council have discussed ways and means of trying to cut their Budget down for this coming year to see if they can bring it up to \$50,000.00 which would mean, if the figures we presently have on the cost of this structure are basically correct, we will be lending them \$50,000.00, but we are a little afraid because of the escalating costs and the way they have gone up just the past two

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years that it would seem a little ridiculous to just ask for what we feel is the bare minimum and then have to come back at a later date and say, "Well, we still need more". We are concerned...naturally it digs into Mr. MacKenzie's coffers...and we are going to make sure that they get every bit of scratch available of their own and we put up an absolutely minimum amount of the \$100,000.00, but what that figure would be, we can't at this moment say.

Mr. Stark: There is approximately \$52,000.00 in this account now. We expect to be extending the City Boundaries and so on so we have to keep some reserve.

Mr. Southam: Does that answer your question, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Yes.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, it seems that the matter is somewhat in hand. I would agree with Mayor Firth that the best thing we can do at this particular time is to accept in principle the matters contained in Sessional Paper #61 and let this matter go, and I would move at this time that Council agrees in principle with the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper No. 61.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, seeing I don't see anybody jumping up to second that Motion...the City have not come out and stated what they are going to do. They want to borrow money but they don't explain where they stand at all. They are not prepared to say what they can do and I think they should do this. We find they have \$50,000.00. Do they say that they are prepared to use it for this or what? We haven't taken over the Camp Takhini yet. That's for sure, and maybe we aren't going to take it over until we know that we aren't going to be the joe boys, cost wise, money wise. We are not going to take over a white elephant. We have a couple of them now. That's all very well to say that but here we have a plan and we have had this thing in mind for years and I think the City should be able to say what they are prepared to do. If they are going to borrow money from the people, the people are entitled to know this. They've got money that they have been collecting for this for a number of years. The people know this and they are going to ask them questions I would think. I know I would.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest that rather than make a Motion on this now that we...we'll probably be sitting here by the time it gets here...when the bids are opened and we will have an idea of how much money we are talking about. This may not be too big a problem. I would suggest that we defer this...we have talked it out...unless the Commissioner needs an answer immediately on this. If it appears that the figures that are mentioned here are all right and the City can handle it the way as is suggested, then we could make a Motion here, such as Mr. Taylor has made, and it can be seconded at that time. We know what the problem is roughly and as soon as we find out what the amount is, and if it is comparable to what is in here, and the Mayor and City Council think it can be handled this way, I am sure that the Council would go along with the Motion.

Mr. Commissioner: Well, that's...it would probably be all right, Mr. Chairman, as long as the City can progress to a certain point in this. Mind you, they have to advertise for a plebiscite and prepare their advertising and publicity on it, and hold it, and then notify the successful bidder and before they can do this, of course, they have to know that

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Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have listened to the discussion. I have payed particular note to the remarks of the Commissioner and the possibilities of what Miss LaMarsh may do in making further money available. I also realize that the time, the matter of time involved and the City, to conduct this plebiscite and all these other arrangements, could run into a month or so and certainly we won't be sitting at that time. At least I won't be. I think we have to consider, Mr. Chairman, that we have an elected Municipal Council for the City of Whitehorse. The Mayor and Council are elected by the people to run the affairs of the City, and I would think the attitude, Mr. Chairman, that these people are quite qualified to do that. They have, no doubt, given quite some consideration to this particular loan matter, which in turn will have to be presented to the people for their acceptance or otherwise. I would think that we have a similar situation when this Council makes a request to the Federal Government. The Federal Government don't care to have the caucus in the Council. I think that many members, including myself, object to that somewhat strenuously. I think that we should also, when we are considering the Council of the City of Whitehorse, that they are entitled to the same consideration. They are asking to borrow some money, which, in turn, they will put before the people. There will be nothing underhanded. It's a straight business proposition. If the people reject the loaning of this particular money, then, as far as I can see, it's a case of where the Federal Government will come up with more money under the arrangement the Commissioner has stated, with also the Territory possibly assisting in the matter, and if that is not possible that they will not come up with any more, then it may be a matter where the garment will have to be cut according to the cloth...in the amount of money available. After all, this is \$250,000.00. That's a quarter of a million dollars. That's a nice little piece of money. However, somewhere along the line, it got split up between the Museum and the City Hall too...the building costs have skyrocketed. I don't think they have skyrocketed that much in the course of a year when this first, I think, came out. Surely it hasn't gone up 35% but that's neither here nor there. I feel, Mr. Chairman, that the City has given this very considerable consideration...City Council, and it also appears that the Administration agree with that thinking. I would, therefore, go right along with it and I would second Mr. Taylor's Motion. I was hoping that a Whitehorse Member might do that but they haven't so I will second that particular Motion.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I as just going to make the same point that there's a certain amount of faith and trust involved here, and I feel that both the City and the Territorial Administration will act in the best interests of all concerned in this matter.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to ask whether the Museum Society have approached the Commissioner for any additional funds because of this increased building cost?

Mr. Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, they have and, unfortunately, there is no way that I know of that we can make additional funds available to them. This is why, getting back to Councillor Watt's concern, that it is imperative that we know

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as soon as there is any change in the amount of grants made available for this Memorial Grants Program because having had the question raised at the last National Committee Meeting a week or so ago, the Federal Government, no doubt, is working on it, and we want to get our oar in there, and I am going to make sure that they are reminded that we would like a little additional green across the palm of our hands for this program and we need it for both projects, but the immediate answer appears, to us, in order to get this City Hall complex underway, is for us to make arrangements whereby we can loan them money. We can't do this with the Historical Society as far as I know, and if the Federal Government does happen to dig deeper into their pockets and offer more money, it will help both projects out and it would certainly cut down the amount of money required by the City as far as borrowing is concerned, in fact, possibly eliminate it.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you take the Chair, please? Well, Mr. Chairman, possibly I shouldn't be speaking on this, being an out-of-towner. I know that the plebiscite will not affect me, but it seems to me that good business is good business. The Government is giving the town of Whitehorse a quarter of a million dollars to build a complex. I think it's a pretty good round figure. I wish they would give me that. To try and get any money out of Ottawa in a hurry, gentlemen, is an impossibility, unless you know somebody down there better than I do. It took me forty-two years for me to get a pension. Forty-two years. And, I finally got it. I didn't get the interest with it though. So, this is what you are up against, and I think that all this is doing, in my mind, is to guarantee that you are going to get your complex. I don't think there is anything out of the way about it. Just straight lending and borrowing and a little interest. It's to make sure that these people, this town, has got the money to finish what they are going to start. Now, if you have the plebiscite, and they turn it down, I think they are very short sighted because, after all, they are getting a big boost with a quarter of a million dollars. If you didn't get the quarter of a million dollars, what are you going to do anyway? You have got to have your new town hall sooner or later. Who's going to build it? Your town has got to build it, so I would say that this is a pretty good idea. I am quite in favour that, of course, I say I'm from out of town, and I can be criticized on it, but I don't mind...I still think it's good business to make sure that you have this money ready. For you information, gentlemen, the cost of building has gone up 17% since last summer...17%. What cost you \$200,000.00 last September, will now cost you \$215,000.00 and it's still going. And, if labour keeps demanding what they are demanding, you are going to find that your 35% won't be very far out. This is true. All you have got to do is read the papers, follow up your agreements, and you will find this is so, and I think Mr. Daniels can bear me out on this one. As I say, I think it is only good business to deal amongst ourselves if we can do it and, personally, I can't see why you can't do it. You are talking about \$50,000.00 to go down to Montreal to put up a little something in a little shack...nothing to it. \$100,000.00 here and there...and here, in your own balliwack you want to....a town hall complex and you are not willing to lend them a hundred thousand bucks to make sure that they get it. Why? I don't know. However, I am willing to listen to arguments on it, but this is my opinion. It's good business and I think you should go. I will take the Chair back, Mr. Thompson.

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Mr. Boyd: Well, this is all very fine, Mr. Southam. You may be living here one of these days and we will ask you to pay some taxes down here for us. I know, the costs have risen considerably and it may be that we don't need to build a City Hall Complex. We are now talking about taking in Camp Takhini and we have got some buildings up there that, I am sure, are equal to what we are going to build and then some, that the City might use. Another angle is, in view of what appears to be inflation or whatever is causing these high costs, it might pay us to rent, as we did with the Liquor Store. We didn't deem it necessary to build a Liquor Store. It's cheaper not to have one. Let somebody else pay the light bills and so on. There's another angle. If we go to the people and ask them for \$100,000.00, the first thing they are going to think is "What about my taxes. Are they going to go up?" and so on. Will they go up? I would like to ask the City Council this. Will they go up because of this \$100,000.00 and other business that you are now in the midst of undertaking, shall we say, within the next eighteen months?

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, for Mr. Boyd's information...I would first like to compliment you and thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the remarks that you have made and the ideas you have put forth. Another thing is that I think our operating costs today, in our present situation in the Casca Building, would almost pay the amount of the loan if we, say, borrowed \$50,000.00 and we spread that over a period of ten years. Our actual operating costs today would pay that, so I can't see any immediate additions to your mill rate, although I do feel that it would only be reasonable to consider, for a municipal hall complex that we are getting...I think the people of the town should be willing, and expect, to pay a reasonable amount. Now, I don't say five or ten mills, but even one mill, or something like this, to provide the town with a proper City Hall. This is something that we have badly needed for many years. I feel the time has now come, and as Mr. Southam has pointed out to you, and we are receiving \$175,000.00, or \$250,000.00, for this full complex, and if we don't take advantage of it now, the whole thing is going to go down the drain, and we will wait another twenty years before we ever have a proper City Hall. We have the thing practically in our grasp now, and if we muff it this time, I think that you can kiss goodbye to City Hall for another twenty years. Thank you very much.

Mr. Shaw: I just had one comment, Mr. Chairman, I think we'll go back a little bit in history. When I was living in British Columbia and this was around 1934-35, when the Mayor of the City of Vancouver...we called him the Red Mayor and all other kinds of names. He was quite a going concern...a fellow by the name of Jerry McGear. He, up to that time...the City of Vancouver had been operating the affairs of the City from what they called.. I believe it was the Holden Building. It was on Hastings Street. I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, it was a very crummy looking affair from the outside although I never was in the inside. I did get a parking ticket but I left town the day after. So, Jerry McGear, he decided he would build a City Hall in Vancouver. So, of course, there was all kinds of controversy on the subject but finally, we might say, in subsequent events, right prevailed, and he built the City Hall in Vancouver, and when I travel to Vancouver, in this day and age, various residents of the City of Vancouver point out the City Hall. That's a wonderful edifice that they have. They are very proud of that City Hall. The only problem now is that it is getting a little bit too small, possibly, but I point out, that is what happened in the

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City of Vancouver when they got out of this flea trap that they were in and built their own City Hall. I know there was a lot of controversy at the time. At the present moment, the Citizens of Vancouver are very proud of this beautiful edifice.

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Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, may I add a few more words to my remarks. I overlooked a very important point. The fact that we need a City Hall is one thing, but we badly need a fire hall a great deal more. The present one...we have out-lived it for size. It's impossible to repair at any reasonable cost. We were very fortunate to have the fire hall included in the City Hall Complex. They were of almost two minds whether they were going to grant joining the two, then they decided to consider it one and we were able to come up with a new fire hall. I think that this is also a very important point and I am sure that when we go to the people and try and sell them this idea, we are going to stress this point in particular.

Mr. Boyd: I am going to vote for this thing...in favour of it, but the reason I stand up the way I do...it seems that every time we make a move in this Council, we are dealing with astronomical figures. Everything seems to have lost its rhyme and reason and we are just spending people's money, after all is said and done, literally like water running down the drain and we don't seem to have any say or control or anything else. We are in a bind and when you sit here and listen to a man like we had here the other day in connection with Corrections...we started off with a figure and he's a half a million dollars over what we told him we'd go for. Education comes along and they're up half a million dollars. Welfare...and we just go on. I like to spend money too, but I wonder where we stop...how far we can go...who is going to pay for it in the long run. I may not be here to tell and see how things go, but this is my concern and I don't think anybody can blame a man for being a little bit concerned about it.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, Councillor Boyd has a good point and I think it's a concern of all of us. We run into this in Administration every day and it is shocking. There's no doubt about it, but I would like to clarify one point. The figure of \$250,000.00 did not come up a year ago. This is going on three years now that this figure was brought up, and at that time, we checked with the City and talked about the City Hall and it was felt that \$100,000.00 and \$125,000.00 would build a pretty nice City Hall. The same with the Museum, the Historical Society. We said "How much would it cost for this Museum you have designed?", and one of the professional engineers who had been in on the designing said well he thought he could make a fair profit and build it for sixty thousand dollars so this is where we got the breakdown. We felt, well, \$175,000.00 for the City Hall Complex should be ample and \$75,000.00 should be for the Museum, but over the past three years...your 17% is not a good figure because I think it will be more like 30% or 35%..40% over that period of time. I think this was the point that was made at the last National Committee. That was why the request was made to Miss LaMarsh that the Federal Government throw in more money and she is going to look into it, and I think that we, certainly if they come up with a favourable reply, will be on the receiving end of that too in the form of an additional grant because we are not sharing in this program at all.

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Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that, from what some of the Members from the hinterland have said, they have a lot of faith in the City Council....I have a lot of faith in the City Council too. By asking to have this deferred so that we could find out what the actual sum would be, I wasn't saying that I have no faith in the City Council or that I want to pull the plug out from under this Centennial Complex. If we can get the \$50,000.00 that we are entitled to from Ottawa, that we are asking for, we should certainly do it. It's coming out of our own pockets anyway. They collect that \$50,000.00 from us through Income Tax. I pay a good share of that myself. I'll vote for the Motion. It's too bad that we couldn't wait for just a little while until the Commissioner had contacted Ottawa to find out what additional help that they are giving the provinces and would be forthcoming here and how much the actual bid is going to be. We will know by next Tuesday but apparently Members from the hinterland are in a hurry to get this over with so I will certainly vote for this Motion.

Mr. Southam: Did you wish to say something, Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: I guess I should, Mr. Chairman. I don't mind helping the City of Whitehorse spend their money so I'll vote for it.

AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE OF S.P. #61 MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Shaw, that Council agrees in principle with the recommendations contained in Sessional Paper No. 61.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, looking at the time, I don't think we can get very much else done before noon, so I would recess and we will reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

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Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson and Mr. Watt will be late. I have BILL #6 been asked if the committee will go back to Section 36. Mrs. Stark has something she wishes to discuss.

Mrs. Stark: Section 36 says the judge will have notified the clerk by the first day of February in each year. Now, Section 40 says the tax demand notices will be issued by the first of March. I think when the judge has from February first to turn it back to the clerk it means that if he calls for the reassessment for the land, this takes a couple of weeks to do and then you only have two weeks to calculate taxes. It should be March 15th in Section 40.

Mr. Southam: Agreed, gentlemen?

Mr. Spray: It is page 12 of the Bill. Mrs. Stark would like to have section 183 changed to the 15th day of March.

Mr. Taylor: Possibly this should be noted for the Legal Advisor since he is absent.

Mr. Clerk: He will be notified.

Mr. Southam: All clear gentlemen? We will carry on to Section 43 and 44.

Mrs. Stark: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that the Commissioner is setting a mill rate on an assessment he won't know until the first of February. If it goes to court the judge has only the first of February to make a decision. You have the Commissioner doing something before he knows the assessment that he has to base his mill rate on. I would say a month would be all right. This would give time to make any changes and get the information over to the Commissioner then he can set the mill rate.

Mr. Spray: I would agree with the 15th of March for the clerk to issue tax notices. It is two weeks after any new assessment asked for by the judge.

Clear

Mr. Southam: Section 45, 46, 47, 48.

Mr. Shaw: The only difference is in respect to unpaid taxes and this one in respect of current taxes. There is a difference there in what is existent and what is now. Can Mr. Spray explain that. This is under the election part of the matter where a person can run for an office or not. There was a thought that a person may be temporarily embarrassed and therefore he was still a taxpayer and liable for these taxes.

Mr. Spray: The change from unpaid taxes to current taxes clears up an ambiguity where we felt that current taxes was an ambiguous term.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Clear.

Mr. Southam: Section 49, 50, 51.

Clear.

BILL #6 Mr. Southam: Section 52.

Mr. Spray: Section 52(4) Mr. Chairman, if I may, this proposed amendment was not discussed by the Territorial Council in the Fall Session, this came up since. Our instructions to the draftsman who had the job had the Board of Revision consist of two aldermen and the mayor or reeve as the case may be. You will note in 256 (1) that the Board of Revision will consist of those not holding office or employed by the municipality. I draw this to your attention.

Mr. Shaw: I note that I think it isn't a very good move to have the person who sends out the notice in the first place, they should hardly be judge of the act.

Mr. Spray: We did change it on the tax assessment board and put it into an independent board. This is an election and the drawing is following the same train of thought.

Mr. Shaw: How does that date fit in with the date of the election occurs and so on. Does that concur with the date of election.

Mrs. Stark: Election is the first Monday in December.

Mr. Spray: Before we go further I would like to draw your attention to 253 and 254. It has not been amended although we requested that they be changed to abide by the preparation of lists of electors in villages only. The city should prepare this list of electors before an election and base it on the enumeration. This is in keeping with the wishes of the Council. We proposed enumeration for the smaller communities and after discussion Council said not for the small communities. The draftsman has left this out entirely. This is a matter of preparing a list by enumeration.

Mayor Firth: This is revision of the voters list.

Mr. Spray: I am going back prior to 256, to 253 and 254 which should be amended by enumeration.

Mr. Shaw: In the old Ordinance the Clerk would prepare the list, it would not be the same in the smaller communities.

Mr. Spray: This is quite true but it was our wish that the clerk look after preparation of the voters list in villages but in the cities the voters list should be prepared by enumeration. I think this was brought up in discussions with the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, this was a request made by the City of Whitehorse because we found that our voters list was sadly outdated. We are now taking steps to improve it.

Mr. Southam: Should this not be drafted? Should 253-254 be included.

Mr. Firth: Right now it is an option.

Mr. Southam: Speaking from the chair, it would be my opinion at the present time and for quite a few years to come that you might find quite a change over the last three years.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to the Legal Advisor, we have in section 253 of the Municipal Ordinance, "where the municipality is divided up into separate polling divisions the clerk should prepare an annual separate list of electors or the polling divisions" If the clerk prepared a list would it be in the confidence of the City of Whitehorse to go around and get a list or can he get it from his information.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I have no ready answer for that, I will have to do a little reading and just sort out, the Municipal Ordinance is rather a long one.

Mr. Shaw: Could the Legal Advisor put into this a particular section in this bill which will permit that the municipality may do this. I do say may as perhaps there may be instances where it will not be necessary every year but every second or third year. To give the one a power to send enumerators out.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, I think I would prepare something to cover your point if that is the wish of the committee.

Mr. Boyd: It states that the clerk may already do something, it doesn't define or tie down the means. It is now in the city's hands.

Mr. Spray: One point, if you use enumerators it would eliminate the swearing in at the polls by voters. They are not enumerated and then the name doesn't appear on the voters list.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I am very much in favour of everyone getting the right to vote but it appears to me that in the past this matter has been very loose...people strolling in and having to swear to responsibility, etc. I think myself that every opportunity should be given to the people to vote and at the same time we are restricting the power of the clerk. It states in 252 "where a municipality isn't divided into polling divisions the clerk should prepare a list of electors annually in which the names of persons qualified to vote as far as is ascertainable are set out in alphabetical order with your occupation and addresses. Would this prohibit the City from having enumerators go around to conduct their survey.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, if the City wants to provide enumerators who will go out and get the information for the clerk I don't think it will prohibit it. They might have trouble providing the money to pay the enumerators.. They might be able to cover it under administrative headings but they can't prohibit it. The clerk or whoever is preparing the voters list has got to get the information some how. They would lack some of the status of appointed enumerators and they will have to swear an oath that they would return proper information. Now these people would not be sworn enumerators, there might be a weakness there. The point brought to your attention by Mr. Spray is quite right, the idea of putting the enumerators in there on a regular footing was to prevent this chaotic business of swearing in lots of people at the voting station. It hasn't always received the kindest comments from the public or anybody else. So, that is what we are trying to do there and we thought we had your approval for this.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you Mr. Legal Advisor.

Mr. Firth: I don't think even with the enumerator that we should not give the person the right to sworn in. What we are trying to do is eliminate the open bulk swearing in.

Mr. Spray: We have asked for enumerations only in the cities and not in the villages. In order to have the prospective voters we have suggested that anyone may present themselves to the Board of Revision without prior notice.

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Mr. Firth: There is no definite time set for the Board of Revision.

Mr. Boyd: It says as required.

Mr. Firth: It could be for a month or it could be a week. This is indefinite.

Mr. Southam: Speaking from the chair, wouldn't it be up to the City Council to set a time.

Mr. Spray: If you look at Section 263 of the Ordinance.

Clear.

Mr. Southam: Sections 53, 54, 55

Mr. Shaw: Do we still have the swearing in if we have the enumerators.

Mr. Spray: One point, Mr. Chairman, the swearing in is a last resort to get your name on the voters list. If your name is not on the list it should be put on by the Board of Revision

Mr. Shaw: It would appear to me that when a person goes up before the clerk and says that I am paying \$180 dollars on property and signs for that....anyone can swear to that. If the person had to have written proof this would be proof that the eligible persons would vote.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Shaw has changed my thinking on the enumeration and court of Revision. It doesn't seem to be too hard to get on the list.

Mr. Boyd: I thought this was what we had concluded.

Mr. Shaw: I would ask Mr. Spray and Mr. Firth by this Board of Revision are we eliminating in urban areas the swearing in vote.

Mr. Spray: In the villages you don't have the enumeration. The enumeration applies to cities. I think you will find later on where we have asked for amendments.

Mr. Southam: Sections 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61.

Mr. Boyd: What is the reasonable amount of time that would cover all areas of places of employment. Who states the reasonable time arrangement?

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, but I can say that it was felt in the Municipal Ordinance that the same standard of absence from work as in the Federal Ordinance wouldn't really apply. I think it is two hours or is it three hours in the federal and we thought that since a municipal election it would be unfair to the employer when his employee has to walk down the street. So we have used the word reasonable out of inability to find a better word. Who would decide the reasonableness I don't know. It could be a matter that could be tested in the court. If the employer said you had five minutes when it was five miles to go vote that would be unfair.

Mr. Boyd: If the management says you have ample time in your noon hour, well maybe he has time and maybe he hasn't. Let us say we are dealing with fifty on staff and I say you can use your noon hour. I heard noises concerning the election a while ago about time off. I won't go into detail as I am not sure of the facts but there were some rumbles.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No I don't think an employer can say use your lunch hour as it says give the employee reasonable time. The lunch hour is provided for the man and the employer has to give it out of the day so the employee can't do that. If someone could suggest a more equitable standard we would be very happy to put it in. We have got to put in something, if we put in one or two hours it might provide a hardship.

Mr. Firth: I think it is up to the employee to ask if he could go out and vote and then take the reasonable time.

Mr. Southam: What is the usual procedure in Whitehorse now and what is the furthest distance the voters may have to go to the polls.

Mr. Firth: Our boundary goes just beyond Tourist Services and the voting is usually held in the C.Y. Hall and that is in the center of town.

Mr. Shaw: What if it says reasonable time during the working day.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The section does apply a penalty if the employer is unreasonable. If you take the municipal boundary as a yardstick this isn't too reasonable because the man may be working at McRae or Porter Creek and have to drive in before the polls close and on the other hand the voter may live next door to the polls and not need any time.

Mr. Boyd: Let's leave it the way it is. I am not going to argue the point. I have made my point but there are some people working quite some distance and some are with the Territorial Government and they are allowed reasonable time from where they are working and this could be a day or so. This is getting ridiculous but this was the comment made and I thought I should draw it to your attention.

Mr. MacKinnon: In the cases of a Territorial employee would the government be liable.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The Territorial Government wouldn't be liable but there maybe personal intimidation, the person responsible for that might be in a bad position. It might read any employer or other persons and if it is the head of a department he could be singled out. A man might use it as an excuse to come to town.....what to do about it, Mr Boyd did bring up a good point.

Mr. MacKinnon: The head of the department would be liable?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Under the present heading he wouldn't or at least it is open to too much argument, if you put in the words employer or other person then he would be liable.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, would you take the chair please. Now in the case of where a Territorial employee, I would assume that if they were on the road, his supervisor or what couldn't say take all the day off. Isn't there some way he could vote before hand. The date of election is known months before hand. It should be left up to the man. I know if I were out of town I would find some way to vote.

Mr. Thompson: It seems that we are talking about a very small population and I think there should be an advanced poll. We are talking about so few and seem to be spending so much time on it.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Irregardless of how few, one has as much right to vote as another. I know pretty well what Mr. Boyd was talking about. Just because they are working out in Carmacks, they should have as much right to vote as anyone else.

Mr. Boyd: With all due respect, that isn't quite the point. We were arguing about what was reasonable time. We had a crew out on the Canol road and you never know where they are going to be and so they were out there and they didn't vote. It did come up and one said that he was going to vote. According to this it could happen anywhere. I think we would be wise to leave this in abeyance.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess and maybe in the meantime we can make up our minds.

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Friday, May 6, 1966.
3:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I will call this Committee to order and we will continue with section 290A, Bill No. 6, An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance, and I will finish up the (2) and (3) which will give us a better idea. (Reads (2) and (3) of Section 61). BILL #6

Mr. Legal Advisor: I thought that Councillor MacKinnon had a point there that he raised earlier and as you have now come to this subsection, I wanted to be sure what my instructions were.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Hughes made a very good point when he mentioned these three words could be added "or other person". I believe that would be a necessity and then we would not have any question within our Government Departments, and this would apply to quite a few of our Departments. Every man has a right to vote and we shouldn't deny him that right.

Mr. Southam: Was there something you wished to ask, Mr. Shaw?

Mr. Shaw: I just want to go back to something a little later. I will bring this up a little later after we finish this section.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I take it that the Legal Advisor is recommending that these three words should go in, and I am inclined to agree although I don't know who, other than an employer, could, directly or indirectly, could interfere with an employee in this regard. If a Motion is required... I would like to ask that first... I think we should do it now and get it over as an Amendment.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will take it as an instruction, Sir, to come back with an amendment on that point and you can pick it up on your final reading.

Mr. Shaw: The point I wanted to bring up, Mr. Chairman... I didn't quite get it was that, to go back to section 60 (c), "agents, not exceeding one for each candidate;". In the existing Ordinance, we have "agents not exceeding two for each candidate". I would look at it like this, Mr. Chairman, quite frequently being an agent for a person is more or less a labour of love, you might say. Quite frequently, one person will go in in the morning and one will go in in the afternoon because it is a rather long day from eight o'clock to six o'clock at night and I wondered about the necessity of restricting it to only one agent can be appointed or can two agents be appointed but does that mean two can be appointed but only one can be there at a time? I can quite understand one being there at a time but it would still need two to be appointed.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could the Councillor refer me to the section? I can't find it.

Mr. Shaw: Section 282 of the existing Ordinance and section 60 of the new.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Section 282 would then read "during the holding of the poll, no persons may be present in the polling station other than (a) officers appointed, (b) the candidates, (c)"...this is where the change would come in. It would be "agents, not exceeding one for each candidate". It doesn't

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues:
mean that he could only have one agent. He can only have one in at a time. There has been a slight clustering of agents in some of the polling stations in the past so we are trying to keep the numbers down.

Mr. Southam: Could I ask a question from the Chair of Mr. Legal Advisor? What is meant by "agent"?

Mr. Legal Advisor: "Agent", Sir, I think there is a definition somewhere of the functions of an agent.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, you have the official agent, that is your manager, and then you have scrutineers...what we call scrutineers. I don't know but I think this would mean scrutineer.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Coming back to that Sir, I think I can come up with some remarks on it, but it's being a little elusive.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, let me try to explain it. In the case of Whitehorse, where we have nine electoral districts, speaking along the thoughts that Mr. Shaw is using, we would need nine agents. My interpretation of an agent is the man I appoint to run my campaign, to conduct my business, pay my bills and so on. The person who sits in the voting room on the day of election, he is not an agent by that sense. He is there to see that only the right people vote and so on and look after your interest in this respect..as I see it.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, according to this...it is quite clear....during the holding of a poll, no person may be present at the polling station other than the officers for the election, the candidate to be voted for, one agent, and the persons in the process of voting, or a police officer. So, in other words, if a person went in to get information from the agent, or I would assume this means the scrutineer and not the official agent, then they would be excluded from going in because you can only have one agent.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could I draw your attention to section 250...."Any person producing to a Deputy Returning Officer, written authority to represent a candidate as his agent at a polling station, shall be recognized as such by the Deputy Returning Officer". So, any messages that had to be conveyed by the Returning Officer to the candidate...the candidate that wasn't there for instance...would be delivered to the agent. The exact range of functions he would perform, I don't know, but that's where he is found...in section 250.

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but the big problem here is that he is limited to only one of those agents at each poll. This is where the problem lies. I think we are talking about scrutineers for sure here, rather than official agents.

Mr. Shaw: It would appear to me, Mr. Chairman, that if we just had the existing Ordinance.."agents, not exceeding two for each candidate"...as far as I can see, it has worked satisfactorily in the past, and if we only have one, the Returning Officer, when another person comes in, you will see this agent say "Get out. There is only one agent allowed in here." and I am certain that that very thing could happen if there was just one agent. If there are two, there is a certain amount of flexibility and I can't see that it does a great deal of harm. The other might.

Mr. Legal Advisor: We have no views. We had heard, I believe, that there were too many people congregating in the polling station, and this was an attempt to reduce the number of people there. There is no strong feeling on this at all. It's simply just changing the word "two" and substituting "one". That's all we have done here in this suggested amendment. I can't think of any other reasons other than trying to keep down the number of people standing around. BILL #6

Mr. Shaw: I don't see any objection to having one agent representing a person, but there must be some provision for another agent to come in from time to time for communication, but this would exclude it because two agents cannot be there. That's the only thing I am remarking on. I think there would be quite a lot of controversy on something like that. There could easily be. That is why there has always been two...for that specific purpose.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, in the past, in a Municipal election, we have always had two polling sections so I think you would have to have an agent stationed before each polling division or section...as I say, to act as a scrutineer to see who has voted and who has not voted. This possibly is the reason for this "two" being here in the first place. As Mr. Shaw has pointed out...one, he's going to be kept kind of busy looking after both polling booths.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The note I have made of Council's view last year is found on page 31 in heading 64. There the Council had agreed to the suggestion as outlined so that's why it's in. If you don't like it, we can soon deal with that problem...by putting a pencil right through it.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, Item 64 says "agents not exceeding two for each candidate".

Mr. Legal Advisor: If you look, reading across, you will see in the next column, the suggestion, and the next column "the Territorial Council agrees with the proposal as outlined", but if the Council wishes to say "No, it doesn't agree with it", then that's fine. It does not seem to be a world shaking improvement in any case.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, being human, possibly I didn't note the significance of it at the time. I did note it this time. I agree that one is plenty to have in at a time, but when you have communications and, like I pointed out, one person works in the morning and one works in the afternoon, it would create some difficulty.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you take the Chair? In the area where I represent, and I guess they are all the same, we have a poll at Elsa, Calumet, Keno City, Mayo, Stewart Crossing. Does that mean that we would have to get ten agents? I understand the agent is a man, as Mr. Boyd says, that represents you...your agent. Scrutineer, yes, but not an agent. This is the way I understand it. Maybe I am wrong. Whether you call him an agent or a scrutineer, what's the difference? What I was interested in is what do you mean by an agent? I understand the agent is the man that you appoint to run your campaign and pay your bills and so on and so forth but the others are scrutineers. I will take the Chair back Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Boyd: We are talking about the Federal wording of a deal

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Mr. Boyd continues:
and a Municipal wording. The Municipal wording has gone to the plan of calling, what we think of as a scrutineer, they are calling him an agent. I suggest we change it back to two and leave it where it is...where it was...and everybody will be happy.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads Sections 62, 63, 64, 65 and 66.

Mr. Taylor: What section is section 297?

Mr. Legal Advisor: If you have your explanatory discussion notes, page 34, item 72...it's hard to escape reading them.

Mr. Southam: While you are looking that one up, gentlemen, you might as well look up section 67, sections 307 and 308 of the said Ordinance are repealed.

Mr. Legal Advisor: That's on page 35 of the explanatory notes. May I deal with 297, Sir? May I offer a comment? The draftsman here has gone farther than Council had agreed, or the Administration had recommended. He has proposed the repeal of the whole of section 297. With respect...I would suggest that it is better to leave section 297 in than to take out the whole of it because section 297, sub 2, does give the Returning Officer a power he might have to use. The idea was that he should be prevented from appointing a candidate's agent, but I recommend that 297 be kept in rather than swept out in such ominous fashion.

Mr. Southam: Do you agree with the suggestion, gentlemen, that 297 be left in?

Mr. Thompson: What **are** the Members of City Council's feelings on this, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Firth: I can't see anything wrong with leaving that in, Mr. Chairman. It gives the candidate a chance, if he feels that there has been a miscount, that he can ask for a recount right there and then. There is provision for a recount at a set date after the election. You say that the voting is closed and he feels, before the information reaches the street, that he would like to have it clarified and he can ask for a recount before the results are made known, so long as he does it before it is publicly declared.

Mr. Boyd: He could ask for a recount. As you say, it might be very close and he might get the decision by the recount. Then the other candidate might ask for another recount because he's entitled to another check I would think. If you make one mistake, you can make another mistake. Where do you go from there?

Mr. Southam: What is your opinion, gentlemen? Do you want it taken out or left in, or part of it eliminated, or part of it left in?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it has been in there since 1959 when we revised this. It seems to have worked out very well. It's not hurting much to leave it in there.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 67.

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Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, our instructions to the draftsman were that sections 307 and 308 remain unchanged.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Throughout the instructions to the draftsman, Sir, if we had put an idea up to Council for discussion and Council had said "No", then we abided strictly by Council's instructions in this matter. Here, if you look at the top of page 35, you will see a suggestion had been made for an amendment...it was the Administration's suggestion. Council said it did not agree...if you look in the third column and, therefore, we have just filled in the right hand column to say "sections 307 and 308 should remain unchanged". We had gone right through the whole of the discussion with Council so far as possible, noting what was said pro and con on the different sections. Why the draftsman decided to change something that we had given a clear instruction to, I don't know, except it was quite a lengthy draft to prepare and he may have lost sight of the instruction on this point. I can only continue to recommend that Council has stated its view, and if you give effect to section 67, you are now countermanding your previous instruction, so to be consistent, I would recommend that Council now refuse this section 67.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of these two sections, it seemed to me that the Administration had proposed a change which would allow the Commissioner to fill the vacancy and Territorial Council said they wished this to remain elected members only because we didn't want the Commissioner appointing members on Municipal Councils and this is where the whole thing went up in the air.

Mr. Legal Advisor: So, if Council reasserts its previous view, Sir, this section 67 must come out.

Mr. Taylor: This 307 and 308 also sets down the date of nomination days and so on. I think it should remain in.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am sorry. I am suggesting that section 67 in the Amendment should come out. That is the section calling for the repeal of sections 307 and 308.

Mr. Southam: Are you agreed with this suggestion, gentlemen, that section 67 of the Amendment be deleted?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads section 68.

Mr. Shaw: If we add any more sections to that, we will have to get a new alphabet.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, you have in front of you now about three pages of nothing but forms. Maybe Mr. Legal Advisor could inform us if there are any changes whatever, and if there is not, I would suggest that we leave them as is. We have to go back to one or two sections, if this is agreeable.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I think we have a couple of sections.. 26, 27 and 28..that we did not review, and then after that I would like to take up section 135.

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Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, if I may before you go on with those other sections, one of our instructions to the draftsman was that the words "So help me God" be struck from every form thus allowing someone to affirm rather than swear "So help me God" which is not always desirable by everyone.

Mr. Southam: So help me God, it will be.

Mr. Legal Advisor: You asked me to indicate if there were any changes in the forms. There are changes but I wonder whether the City Clerk has studied these and found any reason to object to them. We tried to improve the forms but sometimes when we start tinkering, we get into trouble.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the Legal Advisor how you would change the closing of these forms if we are going to strike out "So help me God"? There must be some way of closing them off. "I do hereto attest" or "I do hereto affirm" or what is the phraseology?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, it's always open to a person to affirm so we could actually leave the "So help me God" in and put below that "or affirm". Or you put a note "Instead of swearing, this may be affirmed". This would perhaps relieve the situation.

Mr. Shaw: "I solemnly affirm"....would that fit in...something like that?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, couldn't we just say "So help me"? Isn't that what we decided last fall?

Mr. Legal Advisor: No...it might be "So help me Hannah"... I think that's an expression.....if we put it in...see, in the first one, there is actually no swearing in it. It is really an undertaking. It's an oath. It isn't an oath with reference to the Bible. It's an oath of office. The next form says "I do swear"...well, we could put in "I do swear or/do solemnly affirm". We could make these small interpolations and leave off the "So help me God". Would you allow us to do a little tailoring on that. I think we can overcome the point.

Mr. Southam: Speaking from the Chair, I think we could leave this in the Legal Advisor's hands and he could surely come up with something that would sound original....

Mr. Thompson: I think there should be a choice...give them one or two...find a way out.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, could we go back to this section 26? (Reads Section 26).

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Mayor if this is alright with him...this particular section?

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I see nothing wrong with that. The two signing authorities of the City are signing the debentures. This is the usual procedure.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: Reads sections 27, 28 and 29...."The headings substituted therefor" and we went on from there. Well, gentlemen, Mr. Firth would like to discuss Section 135 of the old Ordinance.

Mr. Firth: To clarify my remarks, if I may read to you 135...it says "lands shall be assessed at their fair value and in determining the value, the assessor shall consider, among other things, the business advantages of location", etc., etc., and what we are trying to do now is to amend this section so that we can get in a wording so that we can more accurately describe the fair value. We are proposing to you, Mr. Chairman, and to Council, that you accept the interpretation of "fair value" as is set out by the Alberta Assessment Ordinance and it reads in this way: "The fair actual value of such properties, subject to taxation, is a matter of great concern" and so on. To that, we would like to add "but an average price that fits similar property sold by willing informed sellers to willing informed buyers". Now, if this extra wording can be worked into these amendments, I think this is what we would like and we would ask your indulgence.

Mr. Shaw: I have a question, Mr. Chairman, in respect to that. I would refer this to Mr. Firth as he must have a reason for wanting this wording. If I had an old shack in the middle of a business area, a commercial area, a residence in other words, would that mean that I could continue to live in that old shack and pay the rate that residential property would be or would I have to pay in relation to property that is surrounding me?

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, I would say that once we have accomplished our zoning by-law which is in the process now, that if this situation did arise, that you would pay the same on this land as the ones next to you. This is what we are trying to get. We are trying to get the people to use their land. We are trying to get a fair assessed value on the land regardless of what use you may wish to make of it. This is the reason for the zoning. This is the reason that we want this power so that we can assess the property at a fair actual value.

Mr. Shaw: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That answers my question. I am quite satisfied with the proposal. I would ask Mr. Legal Advisor if this proposal will affect the desired results?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, I really couldn't hear what the Mayor had to say there. I assume that he is proposing to introduce a standard in section 135. It would be an explanatory subsection in 135. Shall we put it this way, I have no confidence that any formula of words or legislative instruction will avoid controversy. There will always be different points of view. This is being asked for by the City of Whitehorse. It might be that the City of Dawson will hold a different point of view. The City of Dawson has, so far as I am aware, not encountered the problems that the City of Whitehorse has been meeting although both operate on the same section. I am bound to bring to the attention of the Council, that is my Council, the fact that the City of Whitehorse does not avail itself of the business tax provision and there is provision in section 178 and so on for preparation of a Business Assessment Roll. It is, in fact, in 179, mandatory "the assessor shall, in each year, prepare a Business Assessment Roll". This doesn't seem to be done, and, with respect, I say now as I have said in another place, part of the difficulty seems to arise because there is an attempt to make the realty assessment work double harness. It's the only place...and I think I may say this quite honestly...I have a very extensive knowledge of assessments because I have argued assessment cases in virtually every major City across Canada. It's the only place where I have not found a Business Assessment used. I think that this attempt

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues:

to avoid using it...it's not a deliberate attempt...it's just an approach...does produce this distortion and no magic formula or words...no rearrangement of section 135, is going to be the answer. Sooner or later the City has got to take a good hard look at the provisions of 178 and 179. If the City wants the wording which the Mayor has just put forward for 135, I will write it in but I am not going to offer any guarantees that they will not end up with just as many assessment appeals in a year's time.

Mr. Firth: I think the main reason that we would like to have this change is the fact in previous years, we have ran into so many Court cases where they have not accepted the Court of Revision's decision and they have taken the City to Court at a great deal of expense. It has been the Judge's recommendation that this particular section be changed to a better wording, something that can pin down the actual value of the land...rather than say a fair value...a fair value can be anybody's value on it. I think that what he is trying to tell us to do is to get this change so that we can get something a little more accurate and a little more actual. This is the only reason we are suggesting this change at this moment. In connection with the business tax, you know that we levy licences in the City in lieu of a business tax. This has been found to be not too satisfactory. We found that there has been inequalities in it. It got to the point where it was almost becoming an income tax rather than a licence so I am sure that my present Council are seriously considering changing this. We are going to repeal our licencing by-law when we get to it and we will try to institute an equitable and fair business tax.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, Sir, there it is. It is the wish of the City of Whitehorse. Now, do you wish to include the City of Dawson? By all means, give the City of Whitehorse what it wants. This is their responsibility, but without consulting the City of Dawson....you may feel that they should be consulted. That's my difficulty now. I will write in what the Mayor wants.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't know. Probably Councillor Shaw would be able to give you some answer on that but it seems to me that in this Ordinance, we are dealing with all municipalities in the Territory, and it would seem to me that in view of the fact that our assessment is based on the Alberta Manual, that it should go along that any other municipality should receive the same treatment.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I don't know all the ramifications of this particular thing. The taxation in Dawson...let's put it this way...I always thought it was too high which is a natural course of events but I don't think...at least there doesn't appear to be...I don't think there is any zoning particularly there and I do believe you have zoning in the City of Whitehorse. I think there is a big difference. I certainly wouldn't want to upset the present system that is in use in Dawson City because it does seem to be fairly equitable....although everybody complains about taxes..that seems to be their right and prerogative that we all have... There doesn't seem to be too much inequality. It seems to be pretty fair for all citizens, but I do notice that in the City of Whitehorse, in the fall I read about the Court cases and it appears to me that it is our function to try and put down the law...put the law into Ordinances...so that we will make it as clear as it is possible to make it

Mr. Shaw continues:

for the circumstances involved. If we have a law and it is continually going to Court because the Judge said it is a little too hard to read or too ambiguous or for any reasons, I think it behooves us to see what we can do to make it clear so that it works out in accordance with the wishes of the people and, in turn, the municipality who represent the people. I certainly wouldn't want to change the status quo in Dawson at the present time because there doesn't seem to be any trouble, but there certainly seems to be trouble in Whitehorse, so when these things continually go to Court, there must be something that must be required to be cleaned up. It would be much better to contact the municipality of Dawson. I would make this suggestion that...it is possible to contact them by telephone, explain this, and find out their views on the situation, or, on the other hand, we can leave the present thing in as far as the City of Dawson is concerned and see what we can do to help matters out in the City of Whitehorse. I don't know, but I do know that to continually have these Court cases, there must be something wrong some place along the line and it should be rectified and I think it is our duty to try and get it rectified in some form or other, whatever that form may be.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, it seems that there is a divergence of opinion here. The Mayor of the municipality of Whitehorse seems to think that by changing a few words that the assessment problem will be corrected, whereas our Legal Advisor says that, with this change, he can't promise any less trouble. Now, if this change has come about through representation from the Bench, then I would think that Mr. Legal Advisor would have been aware of it and might have been able to cope with the situation. I am just wondering where the difference is. There seems to be quite a decided difference here. If these proposed changes aren't going to help any, then I can't see much point in making them.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, my point is simply this that it doesn't matter what words you use. Just about every formula has been tried. There will always be assessment appeals. All I am underscoring is that there is no magic formula. If the City wants to try this formula, we will write it in for them. If there are disappointments, I don't want to be singled out as the person who advised that this would secure instant success. That's all I am saying.

Mr. Firth: Mr. Chairman, this is quite true, Mr. Legal Advisor. We in the City welcome assessment appeals. We feel that this is healthy and good and our assessors are only human and they can err, and when the appeal comes before us and we can do something for them, this is wonderful.. if it can be settled in an amicable way without having to go to Court. The reason we have found in the past...what we were doing...we were using the Alberta assessment system, and we had no actual system set out Territorially or by our Ordinance whereby to assess the property in Whitehorse and we would bring in our assessors and they would show them "Now, this is how we arrived at it and so on" and yet the appellant would come in and say "Well, I don't believe this. This is the way it should be done". We had no set rule and this is what, I think, we are after now. We want this wording changed so that it will agree with the revised Statutes of Alberta and the Revised Statutes according to the wording is termed "land shall be assessed at its fair actual value and buildings at a given percentage of their fair actual

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Mr. Firth continues:

value. If this is changed, then in section 136, you are giving the powers to the Commissioner to set up a system whereby he can appoint....get the section here so I can get the right wording...We are going to add a section 136. It says "improvements to land shall be assessed in accordance with an Assessment Manual approved by the Commissioner". Now, this is something quite new. This has never been in the Ordinance before and it's up to the Commissioner then to set down whether it's going to be the Alberta system, or if we don't like Alberta, we will switch to the B.C., or maybe Ontario for all I know, but at least he has the power here to set the system under which we assess. Then, when we set up our assessment in this manner and an appellant comes to us at a Court of Revision, we can say "We have followed this system. This is the way it is done. This is the way your assessment comes out and have you got any arguments?" I think we can squelch any arguments before we ever have to go to Court to prove it. This, I think, is the main thinking behind our request for the alteration in 135.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Southam: I will call the committee back to order and we will continue the discussions. Mr. Thompson.

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Boyd brought up an interesting point here and I don't know just when but he stated a specific incidence where a person is living in what will be or is to be zoned commercial. Now, this I understand is a private house in a commercial area. You say at fair market value and everybody is talking about this, well in fact you are taxing then on it's use and not on it's potential or it's zone. Now is this right or are we talking about two different things?

Mayor Firth: That's one way and then there is use value. I think what we are after is to put a fair market value on the land and the building will be assessed for it's use, it's being used as a dwelling and not commercial business.

Mrs. Stark: The way the judge has been doing it I can see the point Mr. Thompson. Over in this block we did have two residences and they are still there. This land has a value just like Hougen's has a value and the Taku has a value and this land has much ^{more} value than a residential. So, what the judge did was that all of Main Street, \$18,000 more as the assessed value irregardless of what was on it. Corner lots are allowed an advantage of 10% added to corner lots only. In taking into consideration that these people's buildings don't have the value that the land could be put to be put a very low assessment on the buildings, in other words, the land has the value. The land has the value depending on where it is situated.

Mr. Thompson: This would mean then in fact that a person living in a residential house in an area zoned for commercial would be assessed commercial rates on his land and use factor instituted for the house.

Mrs. Stark: This is the way it works.

Mayor Firth: Mr. Chairman, may I ask Mrs. Stark about Herb Taylor, he has a duplex in a commercial area.

Mrs. Stark: It comes up every year, this is assessed...well naturally as you get away from Main Street your value is dropping off. But, this is where the commercial has had a tendency to go on Second Avenue. Therefore, the land around him lends value to his land even if he is only using it as a home. In other words, he is not using his land properly. He wants it to go up more in value.

Mr. Thompson: Is this area presently zoned for commercial use or do we have a zoning area?

Mrs. Stark: It is not done on commercial use, it is done on the value of the land and what is around it. This is the way the judge thinks of fair actual value and this is the way he did it, what is around there and what value does this land have and not what is on it. Right now, I am not too sure that I remember correctly, Herb Taylor's area is assessed at \$4800 a lot. But it is not done according to zoning. Actually if commercial buildings go up around your land you are not being assessed according to zone but these commercial buildings lend value to the land.

Mr. Legal Advisor: If Councillor Thompson is finished I wanted to make a suggestion. I could have or will institute an attempt at setting up what the City wants by Monday. I could put a trial draft in front' ^{of} you so you could see what it

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues.....
looks like. I would suggest, I am not sure who might have a copy, everybody is quoting from the Alberta Manual and maybe everyone could see what the assessment manual has. If that could be made available and a time set for Monday then I would try and have a draft ready on this point.

Mr. Southam: Does the committee agree to this?

Mr. Boyd: I would like to direct this to Mr. Firth. This document you are working from is seven years old and there are changes coming out at this time. Do you think it wise to go ahead and work on something that is being revised, don't you think it would be wise to wait.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am sorry, I am at fault there. I should have indicated that I would take the latest Alberta Assessment Act and, frankly, do a little bit of stealing from their assessments. I was aware that there is a later one.

Mayor Firth: The copies we have before us is just the photo-static copy of a few pages. What we actually got this for was to get the idea of the words fair actual value and so on. It is just a section of the manual. You are quite correct that it has been amended and if we are going to accept the Alberta Manual then we are going to have to accept it as it has been amended. We have got to start working somewhere.

Mr. Southam: It appears to me that we are going to have to have a short session next week and I would suggest that we stop for today and have Mr. Firth and Mrs. Stark back again if necessary.

Mr. MacKinnon: I was just going to ask a question of Mayor Firth and the wording that he has been using "land to be assessed at it's fair actual value" and buildings at a "given percentage of it's fair actual value". Are these words what you are going to use. Do Mayor Firth and Mrs. Stark agree with the amendment that they asked for. Can't we be done with this ordinance right now?

Mr. Thompson: I think there will be a little bit more discussion on this matter and I suggest two o'clock Monday be set aside for further discussion on this matter with the City Council.

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Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, are you agreed? I will excuse Mayor Firth and Mrs. Stark.

Mr. Thompson: I would further suggest that the Legal Advisor draw up the necessary amendments for presentation to Council at that time.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I will try to prepare something sir.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: I would move that the Speaker resume the chair and hear the report of committee.

Mr. Boyd: I second it.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor MacKinnon and seconded by Councillor Boyd that the Speaker resume the chair and hear the report of committee. Are you agreed? Are you ready for the question. Contrary? Motion is carried. The Speaker will now resume the chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will call this Council to order to hear the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. Southam: Council convened at 10:55 this morning to discuss Bills, sessional papers, memorandums, etc. Sessional paper #61 was discussed and agreed to in principle. Bill #6 was discussed with a delegation from the City Council. I can report some progress on Bill #6.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committee. Are there any errors or corrections? Are you agreed? Thank you. The next matter is the agenda for tomorrow and what is your pleasure?

Mr. Taylor: I am just wondering what useful purpose we can serve here tomorrow morning when the administration are not here in the building during that period and I am just wondering if there is any purpose in our sitting tomorrow morning.

Mr. Speaker: To answer the question, we can discuss the matter of Labour Ordinance. It seems to be on the agenda and two hours on that could be usefully put to use. The Legal Advisor would be required on that matter.

Mr. Thompson: I think the Legal Advisor is going to be busy making changes we require to the Municipal Ordinance and I would move that Council adjourn until Monday morning at ten o'clock.

Mr. MacKinnon: I can't agree with that Mr. Chairman. I think the time has come when we must work and we must get out of here. At least, I must. I would like to work all day tomorrow if the rest would see fit and I believe that we can discuss the Labour Ordinance and there are a couple of motions yet to discuss and I think we should be looking forward to winding up early this coming week.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I greatly fear that one Councillor will not be intending to work tomorrow and I know that he is concerned vitally with the Labour Bill you are talking about.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to point out gentlemen that you are using the matter of adjournment very loosely, the matter of sittings of this House are very clearly outlined in the Standing Order #2. If you want to change the rules it takes the unanimous consent of Council. Now, if you want to change these rules that is the privilege of the House but at the present moment that this has to be a unanimous decision as to whether we change the rules or we don't. These are the rules and we must abide by them as much as we can or we change them.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I didn't realize that it took a unanimous vote, I thought it had to be the majority. Were they unanimous when they were insituted.

Mr. Speaker: To change the orders of the day, etc. it has to be unanimous, otherwise I couldn't accept the change. What refers to one section of the rules and orders would refer to the other. Possibly I am wrong but that is the way I interpret it.

Mr. Taylor: With respect to the rules, the normal use of Council in general apply at this moment. However, I would say that Mr. Legal Advisor, tomorrow, will be busy preparing material for us on Monday and if we tie him up it will just set us back. What could say be discussed tomorrow morning without the Legal Advisor.

Mr. Speaker: The Legal Advisor has informed me that anytime Council wishes his presence he will be here. I assume that he has not changed his mind overnight.

Mr. Boyd: I think we are getting out of the way. You have asked the Legal Advisor to have something here before you at two o'clock and you have many changes, changes that we couldn't agree here and he has to change the wording and so on. He has to have stenographers and has to bring them back to work. If we are going to keep him here tomorrow, then he will have to work Sunday. Now, I think this is pushing a man pretty hard. I am willing to work at something provided someone is not being hurt in the process and that something can be accomplished. I see no reason why the staff should be required to put in overtime when it suits our whim. We can take a week off when it suits our whim and we can take three days off at Easter when it suits our whim without considering other staff members and so on. I don't like the idea of pushing the Legal Advisor.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to say that all the Legal Advisor has to do is draft a half dozen words and he could well do that before he goes home this evening. My God, how long does it take to draft one section of an Ordinance and I am sure that it is not going to take half an hour.

Mr. Taylor: I believe that there are other issues Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: If Council wishes to take time off tomorrow I can just tell you one thing gentlemen, if it lasts more than next week then you are going to have to get a new Speaker. I have put in two months here in this House and this is all the time I can possibly put in.

Mr. Boyd: Well, then let's get the staff back.

Mr. Taylor: I can't agree to this, we are pushing the administration to drag them out for two hours and would only be an hour after orders of the day. I simply cannot see it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Taylor that we recess until Monday morning. Ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried and the Council stands adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday.

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

THE FOLLOWING

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors were present.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the agenda is the matter of the correspondence. Have we any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: I have three Sessional Papers this morning, Mr. Speaker. Sessional Paper No. 72 deals with Question No. 10, Yukon Forest Service. Sessional Paper No. 73, dated May 6, deals with Question No. 26, Position re Lands. Next is Sessional Paper No. 74, dated May 6, re Expo '67. That's all I have this morning, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Have we any Reports of Committees? We have no Bills to introduce. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I have a Notice of Motion with reference to the Territorial Legal Department.

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MOTION #50

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I have a further Notice of Motion regarding the Catholic Episcopal Corporation.

NOTICE OF
MOTION #51

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further Notices of Motion and Resolution? If not, we will proceed to the next item which is Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers. We will now proceed to Motions and we have Motion No. 49, Mr. Taylor, Motor Vehicle Licences.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this is Motion No. 49, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. MacKinmon, that in the opinion of Council motor vehicle licences go on sale to the public at least thirty days prior to the actual expiry date of same. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

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Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Members, this arises from some problems that have been incurred this spring and possibly even before. These were brought to my attention and that is our motor vehicle licences do not go on sale until after the old licences have expired. This, in the Territory, allows thirty days for the purchase of motor vehicle licences which results in quite a rush, but for someone who might be outside of the Territory, this is quite a difficulty because he is not able to purchase a licence until after the old one has expired and can only purchase it during a thirty day period of grace. The intent of the Motion would be to follow, at least half way, along with what British Columbia do. The B.C. licences go on sale the first of the year and the old ones expire the end of February. Here in the Yukon, the licences expire on the 31st of March and this Motion would ask that the new licences go on sale on the 30th of March and if the thirty day period of grace is allowed, then this would allow sixty days in which to get your licencing done for the year.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further discussion in relation to Motion No. 49?

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I don't know why Administration is carrying on their business in this way. It does seem to me that if something is due on the first of May, or the first of any day, if it is appearing in Court, if it's paying a note, or even the lease on your land, when it's due, you'd better get in there because you will get a second notice telling you about it, but here we adopt the attitude that it is fine. Just forget about it. It's unorthodox. I do know that there have been people outside wanting to buy their licences. This has happened in years gone by. They can't get them, and I would like to know why they can't get them. They tell you your licence has expired and they refuse to sell you a licence so I think this Bill has some merit. Unless Administration can come up with something that tells me that I am all wrong, I think I will have to vote for it.

Mr. Speaker: We do have the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Does the Council wish that he explain what reasons there may be. Is that agreed?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, in your capacity as the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, would you be able to explain why licences cannot be purchased until after the deadline?

Mr. Clerk: Yes, Mr. Speaker. This is entirely a brainchild of mine, I might say. In the past, for years, I don't know how many years back it goes, all motor vehicle licences used to go on sale the middle of February and came the end of March, everybody was given an extra two weeks in which to get their licences. In other words, they were extended for two weeks because there was such a mad rush the last few days. It doesn't matter what date you put the licences on sale, be it January 1st, or even December 1st, the majority of the people will wait until the last two or three days before the actual expiry date before they pick them up. This is proven the world over and not only here. It meant that, when these licences went on sale the middle of February, all the Territorial Agents in the Territory...Haines Junction, Dawson, Mayo, Watson Lake, and our own office, had to keep two cash sheets - one which went into prepaid revenue for the new issue of licences and they also had to keep another cash sheet for all the current business that went through. In other words, the old licences...we always had to argue with customers who came in and wanted to buy, for instance, their new 1966 plates, in the middle of February. They are not valid until the first day of April. They cannot be used unless they have had 1965 licences. In other words, they would have to buy two licences if they wanted to put the new ones up, and as I said, all our Territorial Agents had to keep two active cash sheets for a month and a half. The Territorial Treasurer's office had to keep the revenue from the new licences separate from the current year's revenue. Then, at the end of the month, or the end of the fiscal year, which is March 31st, the Territorial Agents then would have to turn in their two cash sheets for that month. The Territorial Treasurer's office would have to transfer all the funds from the old year to the new year and then we had so much pressure that we still had to give them another two weeks extension into April. In other words, the expiry date was changed, quite lawfully, to the 15th of April, nearly every year, so I suggested that rather than do this, why don't we give them a full month's extension. Now, mind you, I got this idea from all the rest of the Motor Vehicle Administrators in the Dominion. Nearly every Province gives

Mr. Clerk continues:

an extension past their actual deadline...some as much as three months. I think Ontario goes three full months past the actual expiry date which is written on their licence certificate. I suggested that we should do the same thing - not sell any of our new licences until April the first. Then, it would do away with all this duplicate bookkeeping that everybody in our office had to do. I suggested it to the Commissioner and to the Territorial Treasurer and it was received quite favourably by everybody. I think it has been working out extremely well. We have isolated cases of people who have gone out on holidays say in December, or in January, or even in February, and they might be out for a month. They are stopped and their licence, operator's licence, says "expires March 31", but every law enforcement agency in Canada, every Provincial Registrar, every Registrar in the Northern Half of the States and most of the Southern States who do correspond with us are notified of our actual expiry date and all the police cars have a list. If you go into any one of the R.C.M.P. patrol cars on the highway, he will have a list a mile long and it covers every State in the Union and every Province in Canada, telling you what the actual expiry date is because they are all extended past the actual calendar day. But, in order to get over these isolated circumstances, we have, over the last two years... mind you this practice has only been carried on for the last two years, possibly three, I'm not quite sure exactly when we made the change, but, anyway, this problem has come up so I have told people that if they are going out after we have got our new licence plates here, come in and see us, give us a letter to the effect that they are going to be on holidays and they won't be back before the end of March...come in, give us a letter, and we will give them their licences so that they can take them with them, but they promise me faithfully that they won't display them until the first of April because we don't want everybody in the Territory to know that they can actually buy them before they go on sale. We have done this but I hate the thought of the public knowing it because it really shouldn't be done, but to stop some of the beefs, we have tried it. Mind you, it doesn't work too well because now we will probably get everybody in the country saying they are going on holidays and need their licences early. It's purely a matter of efficiency in the office as far as I am concerned. We don't have any terribly strong feelings about putting them on sale earlier, but it is a practice that is one in every other province and I could go so far as to say that all the doctors, all the lawyers, all the business houses in the Territory, renew their licences sometime during the first month or second month of the fiscal year. I don't think that there is one of them...I shouldn't say none, but very, very few of them...renew their licences before the actual expiry date. They are always given a month's extension, and it's quite legal under our Ordinance. I don't think I have to say any more.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Is there any further discussion in relation to Motion No. 49?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, if there is no further discussion, I did have some closing remarks on this. I think it would be well to note that although this was established with good intent by the Administration, what we are really doing here is inconveniencing the general public in order to convenience the Administration. Though there seems to be some merit in what is said, I don't think that this is necessarily the policy that should be adhered to in the

MOTION #49 Mr. Taylor continues:
 future. I think that it is well to note that British Columbia have a sixty day period...a minimum sixty day period..in which to buy licences and that is prior to the expiration of the licences from the year before. In the Yukon, apparently we used to have the total of sixty days, including the days of grace, and now we have cut that down to thirty days so we only have half that period of time. I think that's well to bear in mind, and it seems to me a fairly haphazard way of administering licences and I would think that people should be able to buy licences before their old ones expire so that they can affect the change on the appropriate date and change their licence plates on their car and I would ask your full support in not only the acceptance of this Motion, but I would ask the support of the Administration, if approved, to implement some such program.

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MOTION CARRIED

The Motion was carried with Mr. Southam contrary.

Mr. Speaker: That completes the Motions. Have we any questions this morning?

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, if you wish, I am prepared to go ahead with Motion No. 43.

Mr. Speaker: By all means. I have gone past that so many times, it has almost become a habit. Proceed Mr. Watt.

MOTION #43 Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, Motion No. 43, moved by Mr. Watt and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon, re Metropolitan Planning Committee. It is the opinion of Council that the Whitehorse Metropolitan Committee be disbanded and (1) Jurisdiction over land within the City limits of Whitehorse be controlled and developed by the Mayor and City Council of Whitehorse. (2) Jurisdiction over land beyond the City limits of Whitehorse be controlled, developed and zoned by the Commissioner-in-Council taking into consideration the implementations of the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan. (3) Problems of mutual Territorial and City interest can better be resolved by the elected City and Territorial representatives. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Watt.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, for some of the newer Members of Council, I will just mention that this Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee was originally set up to study the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan. It was composed of anywhere from twelve to fourteen members. I will read you a list of the names that were on the meeting of June 22, 1964. This was one of the first meetings. This Committee was set up. There were appointments by the Commissioner and it was set up to study the Plan and to make recommendations to the Commissioner with respect to the implementation of the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan and this they have done. They have completed their work. When the Committee was set up, the Chairman was Mr. Smith, Jim Smith, and the members that were present at that particular meeting...this is a pretty good cross-section...there were three Territorial Councillors, three City Aldermen and six appointed...three from the Chamber of Commerce and three off the street. The members were Miss Montgomery, Alderman; Mr. H. Boyd, Territorial Councillor; Mr. Scott, Chamber of Commerce; Brian Daniels, Alderman; Mr. Philipsen, appointed from the White Pass; Ken McKinnon, Territorial Councillor; Mr. Bill Drury, Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Howard Firth...he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce Committee at that time; Paul Lucier,

Mr. Watt continues:

Alderman; Stan McCowan, Porter Creek; and John Watt, Territorial Councillor. There were twelve on this particular Committee at that time, that meeting, and they discussed recommendations. The Committee went through the Metropolitan Planning Report completely and they did make recommendations to the Commissioner and some proposals, they adopted, some they didn't adopt. There were very few that they didn't adopt. After these meetings were over, the Territorial Council here passed...I think it was eight or nine recommendations of this Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee Report. We have adopted these and we are away ahead of.... the action that the Territorial Council has already taken is, I would say, two years ahead...the action we have taken now is two years ahead of what is being done, what is being planned immediately. All the recommendations in Lot 19, implementing that and putting it into production...the Territorial Council had asked this recommendation about a year and a half ago. The Planning Committee itself has made recommendations and some of these have been adopted by the Territorial Council...a good percentage of them and some have not as yet. I think it is the intent of the Territorial Council not to adopt some of these until some of the steps that we think should go ahead are developed first...one was Lot 19 that we thought should be one of the first things. I think the Whitehorse Metropolitan Committee has served a useful purpose. It has got the opinions of not only the Territorial Council and the City Aldermen, but also of Chairman Smith and the Chamber of Commerce and different influential groups in the Territory with respect to the development of the Metropolitan area. There is one thing that I notice that is lacking in this Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee and that is the only basic representation that the ordinary man on the street has is through the Territorial and City Councillors and Aldermen. I think that this Committee has served its usefulness now and I believe that all it is doing now is that they are having a Committee whenever they think something should be brought up and this is probably once every six months or whenever they have to have one, call one. They send out this letter and go over some particular thing. The last time it was the closing of a street within the City of Whitehorse. I think this can be very capably handled by the City itself. If it is something like Lot 19, where the Territory, by both the location of it and the financing of it, where the Territory or the City are both involved, then the City and the Territory can get together.. maybe once every year, once every two years, or something like that...if we have to get together...and in two hours we accomplish more than we could with ten or twelve hours of meetings with a Committee that has no real authority. These things can be resolved by both of us and other problems that are beyond the City Limits and are not associated with the development of the City, these can be resolved by the Commissioner by a normal motion from, probably a Whitehorse Councillor, can be introduced and the problem can then be resolved here but I don't expect many of those. I think what the Metropolitan Planning Committee does now is put quite a bit of extra work on our shoulders. If this Whitehorse Metropolitan Committee wants to have jurisdiction over land beyond the City Limits of Whitehorse, I suggest that any one of these men...they are all good men...many of them have spent time on Territorial Council...they can run again. Right now, if a problem comes up...if the Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee and the Commissioner decide on an issue and resolve it and it's not satisfactory to the people of the area, they are going to

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come complaining to the Territorial Councillor and the Territorial Councillor has had very little to do with the question that was up at the time. I think we are elected here to do that particular job and I think that we should do it and not pass it on to this influential group, you might say; and I think that the Commissioner-in-Council and the City can adequately do this work. I have talked to the Mayor and I have talked to several Aldermen of Whitehorse, and they think that those things within the City's jurisdiction can be handled by them just as capably as by another Committee. They have confidence in the Territorial Council and I have confidence in the City. It's a very simple matter for the City and the Territorial Council to get together in a case such as Lot 19 and there are very few cases like that. I would like to have support for this particular Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Mr. Watt a question. He states that he has talked to the Mayor and I think he mentioned others concerning this. I don't quite follow Mr. Watt's reasoning. I don't think he has said all there is to say. I would like to ask him, did somebody else approach you concerning this Committee and you are now taking the attitude that you have approached somebody? Is it by any chance in reverse to what you have said?

Mr. Watt: No, Mr. Speaker, I can assure Mr. Boyd that I made this Motion and then I asked Mr. Firth and a couple of the Aldermen what they thought of the future of this... if it could serve any useful purpose in the future. I did this shortly after the success we had in a very few minutes here, possibly an hour and a half, in the resolving of Lot 19 and doing something about it. To me, this accomplished much more in a short space of time than this Committee could have done in twelve hours of work and, to me...when I found out how easily some of these were resolved that with with the mutual consent of the City and the Council.. I actually saw what happened there and how successful it was with very little time put into it...not wasted time. We actually did something in a short period of time and then I made this recommendation that this Committee be resolved after that. So, this actually emanated from myself and it was as a result of the discussions and the success we had with Lot 19. This is what sparked it. I asked Mr. Firth if they had any need for the Committee and he said he thought it was just making extra work as far as the City Aldermen were concerned and that everything that came up in it...as far as the City was concerned...their particular part of it...they would just have to duplicate everything anyway and they have already gone over every recommendation in the Report. So, in answer to Mr. Boyd, this was sparked entirely by myself and then, before I put the Motion in... it was sparked, as far as I was concerned as a result of what we did with Lot 19 and the success we had with it, and then I asked the Mayor if they had any...if he saw any need for it and he said that he didn't. He felt that it was time...we are just making extra work for ourselves and this is what sparked it. Does that answer your question, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Yes, it answers my question. I'm not so sure this Committee should be abandoned. It is all very well to say that what we accomplished here by meeting the City... if this Committee is abandoned, then there will be no Territorial Councillors on a Committee that concerns at least half

Mr. Boyd continues:

of the Metropolitan Plan. What Mr. Watt, I think, is saying is that the City should decide something without the advice of the Council. I am not saying they can't, but I think that it would still be advisable, and certainly do no harm, to have Territorial Councillors on that Committee and know what is going on in order that they may advise the Territorial Council itself, if necessary. I have seen things that we would like to happen, and have happened, that by the so-called management, that the public by 'n large was not very happy about. This is not being critical or anything else. It just happens to be facts. Mr. Watt mentions that.. what he did say was that management is two years behind what this Territorial Council has agreed to. So be it. Management is four or five years behind in all kinds of things all the time. That doesn't say that you should abandon the Council, or the Committee. The City weren't...it wasn't deemed advisable to leave it in the hands of the City and Administration when it was first implemented and to study it. So, I think that the Committee should...it was understood at the time that this would be a long-standing Committee, replaceable by those who may disappear for one reason or another and that, from time to time, their advice could be sought, and I think it should be left.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it has been noted that the eventual problems that are arrived at by various bodies usually end up in front of Territorial Council, but I would draw to the assembled gathering the fact that on this imposing list that Mr. Watt read out were the three Territorial Councillors, at that time, for Whitehorse and so they had a voice in all of the matters that were brought up. They were able to present their feelings, their views, and conceivably, with the backing of their constituents. This Committee was set up, and within their Terms of Reference, was primarily to study the Metropolitan...the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan. Now, there is still much of this Plan to be implemented. They were to advise the Commissioner of the Yukon on what recommendations that were listed in the Plan should be implemented and advise the method, the timing and the order of implementation. They were to advise the Mayor of Whitehorse what recommendations as listed in the Plan should be implemented and advise of the method, the timing and the order of implementation....advise the Commissioner of the Yukon on general policy to be followed in the zoning of land within the Metropolitan area, which is beyond the limits of the City of Whitehorse.....to advise the Mayor of Whitehorse on general policy to be followed in zoning of land within the City of Whitehorse. To advise the Commissioner of the Yukon on general policy to be followed in disposal of land within the Metropolitan area, which is beyond the limits of the City of Whitehorse. To advise the Mayor of Whitehorse on general policy to be followed in disposal of land within the limits of the City of Whitehorse. To advise the Commissioner of the Yukon on the method of administering the recommendations implemented under the terms of the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan and to advise the Mayor of Whitehorse on the method of administering the recommendations implemented under the terms of the Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan. What this, in fact, boils down to Mr. Speaker is that this is still strictly an advisory group and they feel that with the numbers concerned and the representation from the various organizations that this can be more fully realized and for this reason I will vote against the Motion because I feel that it is still a very necessary group and I think a worthwhile one.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I had waited until I heard what the other Councillors from Whitehorse felt in respect of this. For my own part, I feel that the first...item one... the jurisdiction over land within the City of Whitehorse that is not private land...that is to say Government, White Pass, or etc....I believe they have a right to look after the disposal of their own land. The City...it has always seemed to me...has always had the right of negotiation in respect of any land within its boundaries. The land beyond the City Limits of Whitehorse may involve the Federal Government as well as the Territorial Government in which case I am sure that the Federal Government may not wish, under the present Terms of Reference, to give us control over their land as yet although we would like to see this happen and, thirdly, that the problems of mutual Territorial and City interest, can better be resolved by the elected Territorial and City representatives....I can't necessarily entirely agree with this. I feel that the Administration are competent and capable of negotiating in respect of the Territory and possibly to a better degree than the elected representatives at this table. Consequently, I would be contrary to this Motion as well. I feel that the Metropolitan Planning Committee, for better or for worse, has got to remain and this will accord the protection to the people of Whitehorse and the Territory that their interests are best looked after, protected, and I would certainly be contrary to this.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Watt, do you wish to close the discussion?

Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I may just as well. It appears as though it is going to fail anyway. I would just like to remind the Member from Whitehorse East that when something comes up about street closing or something like that and it is done automatically with the approval of this Committee, the Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee, then don't come crying to me; and if something comes up about Porter Creek and it is done by Order-in-Council, with the approval of the Whitehorse Planning Committee, and Mr. Thompson comes and says "Well, look. We didn't have much to say about this", well, he has voted his right to say about it away and this is what I am trying to tell him. He may have one say, but he's got one say in twelve as a Member of that Committee and that say isn't very loud. This is what we are voting away. Mr. Boyd says that it is just an advisory committee. I will read you a title....."Commissioner's Order 1966-65, Area Development Ordinance. The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory pursuant to the Area Development Ordinance is pleased to and doth hereby order as follows:".....thirty-two pages of Ordinance and you say this is only an advisory committee? This is far more than an advisory committee. This is a Committee that is putting these thirty-two pages into effect. Not only that, but they would like to put it into effect by May 27, 1966. In other words....a meeting of this Committee, and you have not much say about it....one point in this thing.. anybody within a ten mile radius of Whitehorse who wants to cut down a tree with a diameter more than two inches has to get a permit from the Commissioner, and if they don't, the fine is \$25.00 a day or so many days in jail. This is what we are voting on and this is what we are turning over. We are turning over this Area Development Ordinance for one thing and it's not merely advising. This is an Ordinance that we are turning over and then if you want to appeal, you've got a right to appeal, certainly. You can appeal to a Board that is set up of three members that's appointed by the Commissioner. Now, what three members is he going to pick out? Probably pick out three out of here...out of this list. Anyway, I can live with this as well as anybody else. I have seen this Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan and it has...for all intents and purposes...the Administration has

Mr. Watt continues:

been trying to put it into effect...at least the parts of it that it wants to put into effect and keep into effect.. for the last two years. If you look at those names there, I can name about four violations that have been contrary to the wishes of the Metropolitan Planning Committee and the greatest violators are some of those that are on the.. this list here. This Committee is made up of Whitehorse citizens - Mr. Smith, Miss Montgomery, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Scott, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Philipsen, Mr. McKinnon...Ken McKinnon.. Mr. Drury, Mr. Firth, Mr. Lucier, Mr. McCowan. You are going to ask these people....90% of this Committee has a pecuniary interest in the development of land outside the particular baliwick in which they are passing these Ordinances. I think that their pecuniary interest alone makes it so that they cannot freely think of Porter Creek and McCrae and every other place because they want to concentrate everything down around their own business area. It's just human nature. I see, right now....this particular question that Mr. Boyd is worried about, I think, is a closing of a street and when this came up in this Metropolitan Planning Committee, I said at that time that I think this is a City problem. It doesn't border on the Territorial road and it is something that is completely internal. At that time, I abstained from voting...for that reason and I think Ken McKinnon did too. He abstained from voting for that particular reason. Some of the City Councillors abstained from voting on a couple of issues that didn't include...had very little jurisdiction over the City so they recognized that they wanted to work within the framework within which they were elected too, but, anyway, when these Regulations come into effect, and they are...they are going to come in in spite...this Committee set-up...they have probably already agreed to this...or some of them....when this comes into effect and the complaints start coming in, they are not going to come in to these people here. They are going to come in to the Territorial Councillors. They are going to come in to the City Aldermen. They are not going to go in to Jim Smith. They are not going to go in to Mr. Scott, Mr. Philipsen, Mr. Drury, and other Members of the Chamber of Commerce. These complaints aren't going to come in there. They are going to come in to us and we are going to say, "Well, it was recommended by the Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee", and we turn around and say "Well, we don't have any jurisdiction over this"? Well, our only excuse is that we voted it away....any jurisdiction that we had, we turned it over to the Commissioner and the Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee. This is what we have turned it over to. This is what you have done. All your Regulations, your zoning Regulations in Porter Creek...and as far as Mr. Taylor is concerned, he missed the point entirely. He said that we don't have jurisdiction over private land. He's perfectly right. We are not trying to tell somebody what to build...what kind of house to build, but if it's within the City Limits, they are zoned. You've got a commercial zone. You've got a residential zone and the City has jurisdiction over that... whether it's White Pass land, whether it's John Watt's land, whether it's Territorial Government's land, or anybody else's land. Mr. Taylor missed the point entirely. He's miles out. In a way, this is what you are voting away and this is what, in effect, you are voting in and you are voting your jurisdiction over the Area Development Ordinance to a Committee set up....the Chamber of Commerce largely and the Commissioner. There are some recommendations of that Whitehorse Metropolitan Plan that the Territorial Council didn't recommend and they didn't recommend for a specific reason. Just because it wasn't

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introduced...they weren't introduced by a Territorial Councillor for a specific reason because we didn't want it introduced yet, but this Ordinance is instituting this. Obviously, the Motion is going to fail and this, in other words, assents....in effect, it assents to this entire Ordinance - thirty-two pages of Regulations and it just votes away the jurisdiction the Territorial Council has over a ten mile radius in Whitehorse. I have heard people here mention that we should have jurisdiction over land, whether it's Government or Territorial land. Well, we are just voting away jurisdiction over about 80% of the commercial and residential property in the Yukon Territory. We are just voting away jurisdiction over a ten mile radius of Whitehorse. If that is what this Council wants to do, then when these complaints come to me, there is nothing I can do except the Territorial Council voted away any jurisdiction they had over this and they voted it to the Whitehorse Metropolitan Planning Committee which is composed of, mainly, of the commercial businesses in the two blocks of the City of Whitehorse. So, when it comes to developing, say, McCrae....if they need a little bit there.. or Porter Creek, then this is who we can turn to and I would suggest that any Territorial Councillor, in the future, that gets any complaint....If I get any, I am just simply going to refer to these twelve people and the Commissioner. This is the only thing I can do. I had a call a couple of days ago from one of Mr. Boyd's neighbors who was concerned with a particular item. From now on, they don't have to call me. They can call twelve other guys. Once they call all eleven of them, they can call me too because I have no more authority over it than these other eleven people and the Commissioner.

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The Motion was defeated. Councillors Taylor, Boyd and Thompson were contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Now, gentlemen, there was one matter I wanted to bring to your attention. I am advised that the Mayor has some important business this afternoon and he wonders if Council would agree to changing the meeting in relation to this Municipal Ordinance from two o'clock this afternoon to two o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Would you note that, Mr. Clerk, and so advise the Mayor. At this time, I will call a short recess.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order. Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd: I would like to ask a question at this time. Would it be in order? I wonder if Council would consider discussing our possible agenda for the balance of this week. I think it is time we come to a position to where we know what we are going to do and what we are going to do exactly for the rest of this week with a view to winding this up. I think we must come to something now. I have a couple of proposals that I would like to make if Council would be prepared to discuss it.

Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the question put forward to me and this is something for the Council to dispose of. Are you agreed to discuss the matter of the agenda and when we should complete this Council Session. Proceed Mr. Boyd.

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Mr. Boyd: First of all, we have the matter of the Game Ordinance which has to be changed and we are going to spend quite some time on that. Even after we have spent the time I understand that it will be in poor phraseology, in other words, the members of administration are not happy with its wording and so on. It has been done in too much of a hurry and will have to be looked at again and will have to be revamped. This is the opinion of administration, and therefore it would seem to me that this Bill would be better left alone and give administration time to put it up properly and deal with it at a later date. We come along also to this Labour Bill, if we are going to go into this we are going to have to make up our minds that we are going to have to stay here next week, it is just as simple as that. For my money, it would seem to me that this Bill may have been produced in a hurry too. It certainly is not a Bill that has had all the consideration it would have gotten had it come in the normal manner and therefore I think we are going to run into long obstacles or long delays in the way of amendment and so on. I think this Bill could possibly left to Fall and I think really it will have to be until Fall. We haven't talked about the Five Year Agreement yet. I think if we are going to look at it we should say that we are going to spend one day at the most and call it quits there. Maybe we might want to work an hour or two at night during this week to get out of here but we must do something. I think we should determine the end of this Council at this time.

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Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Boyd. There has been some poor drafting in the Game Ordinance and I suggest that we send it back to be redrafted. There is no point in having it now and then having to have the darned thing drafted again and as far as the private member's Bill respecting hours of work, I have showed it to several officers of unions in town and they are not too happy with quite a few things. I think there is a lot of redrafting to be done, it makes exception after exception and as the Territorial Council has spent quite a lot of time in the past on a Labour Provisions Ordinance I think it is only right that we accept this Bill from the administration and not as a private member's Bill. I think the whole Council and administration should work together and I don't think that Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hughes should overcome or supercede the work of Council. There are many things in it that will have to be changed and I think that we are better off to wait until Fall and then pass good legislation instead of slipshod legislation that would cause more harm than good. If this Bill does come up it is our duty to see that it is done right and properly and this is not going to be done in five minutes.

Mr. Watt continues.....

About the Five Year Agreement, I agree with that too as I think we are going to meet a little earlier in the Fall to really settle this and I suggest that it isn't too many months again until we will be meeting again. I would like to defer that to the Fall session and when we do we could give all three subjects priority as the first Ordinances to come before us. I think it will save us nothing but time.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I am sure in favour of seeing some time saved and some useful work done here but I am just wanting to say in relation to the Game Ordinance, initially our request for amendment was because we have been sluffing it off session after session. The administration have done this in respect to game and at least we will be in a position to offer some instructions to the draftsman. I am sorry to see the Game Ordinance come to a head and then the members not wish to discuss it. In regards to the Labour Bill, this is a Bill that is badly needed and was agreed to except for one item at the Fall Council. This embodies the work of Council last Fall and I am not prepared to accept the point of view that we sluff this off until Fall again. This legislation was needed years ago and as most members know as most have cried for this bill or a portion of it for years. I would like to see this proceeded with. The unions are not running this Territory, the Territorial Council and the people are running this Territory and I think this should be made abundantly clear to all concerned who feel otherwise. The third item is the Five Year Agreement, last Fall we stood here and got into the same position of "it's getting late and I want to go home". Well, I want to go home too and just as much as everyone else. I think we can deal with this as long as we can stay away from this so called "nit-picking" and get private interests out of it and start dealing with these things for the general benefit of the Territory as a whole. The Five Year Agreement evolves itself around a sum of money of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts and this is of great importance of the Territory as it involves the Territory for the next five years. Believe me, having gone through the negotiations of the last agreement I am sure that it is something you won't want to walk into stone cold or otherwise you say "carte blanche" to the administration---you give us what you think is right and forget about the people--all for the sake of going home. No-one wants to go home as much as I do, however, there is one thing, we are here to do a duty to the public and a service to the Territory. That is why we were elected and that is why we are here. Those are my comments.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would like to ask Mr. Taylor why is it a private member's Bill or is it the work of Council.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Will you sit down and let Mr. Taylor answer the question please?

Mr. Taylor: This is the work of Council Mr. Speaker. There was to be a Bill introduced at this Session and administration saw fit to not introduce it and I have had it compiled as a private member's bill so that we might deal with it and approve a labour law.

Mr. Speaker: Does that answer your question Mr. MacKinnon?

Mr. MacKinnon: Not exactly, this is sort of taking over the duties of the whole Council when Mr. Taylor presents the Bill in this manner. This Bill was discussed many times at Council and the administration does not see fit and it seems

Mr. MacKinnon continues.....

they did not have clear enough discussion to bring forth a Bill in regards to the Labour Ordinance, and so Mr. Taylor apparently did see this and brought this in as a private member's Bill. I think this Bill is far too important to be brought in in such a manner as this. It is far too big for one little head.

Mr. Boyd: Aren't we off the subject? We are trying to decide when to go home and what we are going to do.

Mr. Speaker: That is quite correct but I think at this time I have this as a suggestion, that Council do indicate when they wish to conclude this session and we can go on from there.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I am not going to argue too much about the Labour Bill but I do know it is sadly needed in this Territory and has been sadly needed for years. What are you afraid of? I might ask everybody that question? It is a Bill that we practically brought in here last Fall. there are very few changes that I see. If you wish gentlemen you will get a Labour code forced on to you whether you want it or not and it will come from the unions. If this is what you want just toss it out and I assure you that you are going to get it. I know what I am talking about.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer that question of Mr. Southam's, asking what we are afraid of. I am not afraid of anything. I think that we have a Labour Provisions Ordinance and I think we should hear from the administration and not from Mr. Hughes and Mr. Taylor. I asked the Commissioner the other day about this and he said that he had expected one in the Fall. Have you read this Ordinance.

Mr. Southam: I certainly have.

Mr. Watt: There is not too much there to the credit of the Territorial Council and the administration.

Mr. Southam: Order please Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Watt: A good percentage of it is turning over jurisdiction to the Commissioner and I think if the administration didn't see fit to present it themselves I don't see how Mr. Hughes and Mr. Taylor can see fit to present it themselves. I think that the whole Council is involved and if someone has a real inside track with the administration and can get private member's public bills drafted. There is something wrong with this Council and I think that it is time we had a good look at ourselves. Mr. Speaker, I think this is part of the point Mr. Boyd brought up and I think we should request this formally from the administration to be presented in the Fall, not by one or two people. We can put it in on the agenda first thing in the Fall.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this is just evidence of lack of responsibility in respect of Council. It is the duty, not the prerogative of any member to raise a private member's bill at any time during any legislative session. Secondly, we have got to have this vendetta against members of the administration stopped at this table. This would save us much, much time and would insure that we could get our work done expediently. Here is another expression of a vendetta.

Mr. Watt: Order Mr. Speaker. I want that withdrawn from the record.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, will you please sit down, now let's get this down to a rational way of thinking. We are not getting anyplace and this refers to the members on their feet. The subject matter is when we should conclude this Council and I feel that once that has been determined then I think I would be prepared to form a committee to lay out the agenda so that we cover the work to be concluded in that period of time. Would you keep this to the matter of when we should conclude the deliberations of this Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to clarify one point. My reason for setting this bill aside...

Mr. Speaker: Please Mr. MacKinnon disregard the Bill, we are talking about concluding the Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: What are we to talk about, do we have anything to do with it. Well then you run it.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I feel that Council should say today that we will prorogue on Friday and we should arrange our affairs to do just that. I agree with your idea of a committee. We will deal with what we feel can be dealt with in that period of time. Otherwise, Council has the right to say that we will stay here but you must make your mind up.

Mr. MacKinnon: I have a right to speak here.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. MacKinnon, will you please sit down.

Mr. MacKinnon: But I will get back up.

Mr. Speaker: Order Mr. MacKinnon, we can go on discussing Bills, we will discuss at this moment on what we should attend to. If we go on like this it would take all day. I asked for a proposal on a date and then a committee could study and present to Council what they considered the Bills that should be taken up in the time we have. I think that is the only way we can resolve this matter. There is no necessity for people to indicate that they can't have their say but this Council could go on for hours and hours. We first must determine how long we intend to sit at this Session. Will you please keep your remarks to that area and we will progress.

Mr. Taylor: In relation to the work we have ahead we have those Bills enumerated this morning. If we have them thrown out this would leave the sessional papers and a few minor bills and that would mean we could prorogue tomorrow or the next day. It all amounts to what we are going to accept.

Mr. Watt: I agree with Mr. Taylor, the member from Dawson Creek and I therefore make a motion that we prorogue on a certain date, on Thursday. I think we are going to have to make a deadline sometime and give priority to stuff we can't get through in the Fall.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to point out that this is quite unusual and is quite inflexible in setting the prorogation date. It holds you to a prorogation date and we may have to sit here after we have concluded our work and on the other hand we might have to sit beyond that.

Mr. Speaker: Do I have a seconder to the motion?

Mr. MacKinnon: I second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that this Council prorogue on Thursday the 12th of May. Are there any discussions or are you ready for the question?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, in view of what has been said I believe that if the various Bills are not discussed or the Five Year Agreement it has been intimated that we could finish tomorrow. I, like everyone else, would like to get out of here. I think by carrying on until Friday we could clear up everything tomorrow and would give us three days to discuss one or two or three of these items and it might help matters in some way or another. This is merely a suggestion, if things can be wound up tomorrow this can give us three days to hash out some of ^{the} other things before we prorogue.

Mr. Speaker: Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? How many are agreed? Those that are contrary? That is three for and three against, I will agree with the motion and the motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: If I might once more Mr. Speaker, I notice that Mr. Thompson had a proposal and I certainly am not against it but this Council could sit for two hours or so and could really crowd in another three hours a day here if Council is so concerned. I am only offering this as a thought.

Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Speaker, I guess you might as well, you have committed yourself to Thursday and this is simply dragging this out.

Mr. Speaker: I think we will be kept fully busy until Thursday. Is it your wish at this time to have a program agenda committee appointed by myself or are you prepared to continue as we are.

Mr. Boyd: I think we can continue with understanding.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. We have a few public bills and orders to process. We have Bills 16 and 17 for first and second reading.

Mr. Boyd: I move that Bill #16 be given first reading. BILL #16

Mr. Southam: I will second that motion. FIRST READING

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #16 be given first reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Boyd: I move that Bill #16 be given second reading. SECOND READING

Mr. Southam: I second that. READING

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #16 be given second reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that first reading be given to Bill #17. BILL #17

Mr. Southam: I second it. FIRST READING

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #17 be given first reading. Are you ready for the question. Agreed. Contrary. The motion is carried. MOTION CARRIED

BILL #1 Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that Bill #1 be given first reading as amended.

Mr. Southam: I second the motion.

FIRST READING Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #1 be given first reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed. Contrary. Motion carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that second reading be given to Bill #1.

SECOND READING Mr. Southam: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #1 be given second reading as amended. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary. Motion Carried.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, is it all right for me to say something now?

Mr. Speaker: We are just on bills Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: That is what I was going to say something about. For the record I would like to tell Mr. Southam that I am not scared to deal with the Labour Ordinance.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. MacKinnon, Mr. MacKinnon, you are out of order.

Mr. MacKinnon: How?

Mr. Speaker: We are not discussing the Labour Provisions Ordinance at this time. Would you please take your seat.

BILL #11 Mr. Boyd: I would move that third reading be given to Bill #11.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

THIRD READING Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Mr. Southam that Bill #11 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

BILL #13 Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to move that third reading be given to Bill #13, an amendment of the Companies Ordinance.

THIRD READING Mr. Southam: I second the motion.

MOTION CARRIED Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #13 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Motion carried.

BILL #15 Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to give third reading to Bill #15.

THIRD READING Mr. Southam: I second it.

MOTION CARRIED Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #15 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: I might state we have titles to Bills #11, 13, and 15 to process and also the second reading to Bill #17 regarding the Whitehorse land sale. Do you wish to process this and complete this fully?

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that the title to Bill #11 be accepted as written. BILL #11

Mr. Southam: I second it. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Mr. Southam that Bill #11, the title be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Bill #11 has passed this House. BILL #11 PASSED

Mr. Boyd: I would move that the title to Bill #13 be adopted as written. BILL #13

Mr. Southam: I second it. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the title to Bill #13 be accepted as written. Are you all ready for the question. Agreed. Contrary? The motion is carried and Bill #13 has passed this house. BILL #13 PASSED

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that the title to Bill #15 be accepted as written. BILL #15

Mr. Southam: I second the motion. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and by seconded by Councillor Southam that the title to Bill #15 be accepted as written. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried and Bill #15 has passed this House. BILL #15 PASSED

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker. I would point out that on the order paper Bill #1 and 9 have been indicated for third reading and Bill #1 has not been passed out of committee. However, Bill #9 has and I would move that first reading be given to Bill #9 as amended. BILL #9

Mr. Southam: I second the motion Mr. Speaker. FIRST READING

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that the amendments to Bill #9 be given first reading at this time. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary? The motion is carried. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor: I move that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill #9.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion. SECOND READING

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #9 as amended be given second reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed and contrary? The motion is carried. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Taylor: I move that third reading be given to Bill #9, as amended. THIRD READING

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #9 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried. MOTION CARRIED

BILL #9 Mr. Taylor: I would move that the title to Bill #9 be adopted as written.

Mr. Southam: I second the motion.

MOTION

CARRIED

BILL #9 Mr. Speaker: It has been moved that the title to Bill #9 be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried and Bill #9 has passed this House.

PASSED

Mr. Speaker: We just have Bill #17 for second reading.

BILL #17

Mr. Boyd: I would move that Bill #17 be given second reading.

SECOND

READING

Mr. Southam: I second it.

MOTION

CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam be given second reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, one thing before we leave Council. I had a suggestion of personal vendetta against the administration this morning. I would like to have that struck off the record. There was no motive like that in my mind at all when I said that the administration and Council should present a Bill in the magnitude of the Labour Ordinance and I was accused of personal vendetta against the administration. I don't know how that could be after agreeing that they should do this with us. I don't think this is personal vendetta and I think that statement of accusing me of personal vendetta should be taken off the record because there was no intent and I don't think it was intended that way and I don't think it should be taken that way and I would like to move that this particular phrase be stricken from the record.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved that this particular phrase referred to should be stricken from the record.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to point out as the member who raised that comment that I said that it would indicate.

Mr. Speaker: Ready for the question. Are you agreed with the motion. Are there any contrary?

Mr. Taylor: Contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Motion is carried.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, just for my edification, can we delete certain Councillor's remarks by motion of Council? Don't they have to be retracted?

Mr. Speaker: That could be quite right.

Mr. Watt: I think there are two methods that we have used in the past and one is a member should be asked to retract a statement or the alternative that a motion in Council asking that it should be stricken from the record. Otherwise, anyone can say anything about anybody and this is spread around the Territory and goes to Ottawa and it could be completely contrary to fact. We have stuff taken off the record in the past and I would ask that this be done.

Mr. Boyd: I didn't vote on this and I would not want to do so. Before I would want to vote on it I would like to hear the exact wording. I wasn't listening too closely and I don't know exactly what was said but I do know what was implicated. But, what was implicated and what was said is two different things.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, this is just another indication of how we are wasting time in Council.

Mr. Speaker: Do you wish to retract what you said Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: I reiterate that what I said was to me that it indicated a vendetta and I didn't accuse the member and so I see no reason to withdraw the statement.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, if that is not an indication of personal vendetta then I don't know what is. There was no such thought in my mind and he is indicating that there is. The thought was that what the council and administration has done should be introduced as by the Council as a whole. The member has got up and said again that it would seem to indicate, just by adding the word indicate doesn't make it right, does it? You can run this Council the way you want and this guy here can get up and he can slander anyone and he can say anything. Don't we have any order around here to keep people straight and use proper language. If not you can't expect us to sit here and call ourselves a Territorial Council. It is a disgrace as it is now.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, order. If the member said this indicated this it would appear to me there was nothing wrong with that. If he did say you were doing it I would say that that was incorrect and should be stricken from the record. We will play the tape back and see what was said. My decision will be accordingly. Mr. Clerk, will you stop the tape and we will call a recess.

RECESS

Councillor Taylor assumed the seat of Speaker and Council was called back to order.

Mr. Speaker: I will call this Council to order and we will adjourn until two o'clock this afternoon.

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2:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order. In view of this morning's Session, I have made a few notes here and I wish to pass along a few remarks. I can understand that this morning's debates were quite heated, and, if I may be permitted to say, quite unreasonable at times. The duties of your Speaker is, at all times, to endeavour to be as impartial as possible. When two Members in the heated debate have opposing views and I have to give a decision, it is fairly obvious that one of these Members are going to be unhappy with the ruling. Our rules are taken substantially from Beauchesne or what is practised in the Canadian House of Parliament. Any Member can have the privilege to appeal to Council on any ruling if he should feel aggrieved. In such event, I have to call for a vote. The House settles the matter and we should then, of course, continue with whatever it is. Any reflections whatsoever upon the character or the actions of the Speaker may be punished as a breach of privilege. This is Standing Order 68. It further states that the chief characteristics of the Speaker are the authority he has and his impartiality. In other words, gentlemen, we must consider the Speaker, not as an individual, such as myself, but as the authority this Council itself has set in the position of the Speaker to conduct our affairs in a manner which will give every freedom of speech but, at the same time, conduct the meetings with sufficient discipline in order to better serve the people we represent. Without each individual Member himself accepting the discipline which he has given to the control of the Speaker, we can have nothing but chaos and disruption of our deliberations. In view of what happened this morning, I consider that quite disgraceful, and it is evident that we cannot continue under these same circumstances. When your Speaker has to call for order a number of times...two, three times...and then have what we might term sotto voice remarks about his impartiality, it's a most unhappy situation. Now, this could be called, more or less, of a personal reflection on the individual, on the Speaker, but that is a small issue. The important issue is the reflection to the Chair which, in turn, is carried through to the whole system of elected representation embodied in this Council. This paramount point must rise above anything...above any personal issue...because without due deference to the position of Speaker, we have collectively failed in our duty to the electorate. That's all I have to say on this matter, gentlemen. It was very disturbing to me this morning and, as I stated, it cannot continue. On the other hand, it may be myself who is in error. It may be that I do not serve you... I do not have the qualifications which I should have for this very important office, and I would feel that if that is the wish of Council that some other Member should take over these duties, it would be quite acceptable to me. I would like to get your opinion on it. I would like to know whether you wish me to continue, or otherwise, and I would ask you gentlemen that wish me to continue would raise their right hand.

Councillors Thompson, Boyd, Southam and Taylor raise their right hand.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. We shall continue and I hope that we will have better decorum in the future. What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

BILL #12

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, before you leave the Chair, I think this morning we kind of decided that we had not time to deal with some many things. Amongst them, we discussed Bill 12 as being a part of this business that would be left, but I would like to make a Motion now that we do deal with Part No. 2 only of Bill 12 which concerns the Minimum Wage. I think we should set the minimum wage for the Yukon. It's the only place in Canada where there is no minimum wage established and I think that should be done. It would not take us very long to do it.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would certainly second the Motion to deal with this.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Taylor that we discuss the Minimum Wage Section only in Bill No. 12 at this time. Are you ready for the question?

Mr. Taylor: Just one question, Mr. Speaker. I seconded that we discuss this Section. I didn't agree to anything "only". This is my Private Member's Bill. The Motion, as stated, Mr. Speaker, was that we discuss this Section. The word "only" didn't take part in the Motion to my knowledge.

Mr. Speaker: Is this correct, Mr. Boyd, that you moved that we discuss the Minimum Wage Section only in Bill No. 12? Was that your Motion?

Mr. Boyd: All I intended to establish was a minimum wage out of this Bill...nothing more.

Mr. Speaker: Is that correct then...I have your Motion correct?

Mr. Boyd: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Did you second that Motion, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Not as "only". I would withdraw as seconded if this...

Mr. Watt: I will second that Motion of Mr. Boyd's then, Mr. Speaker.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Watt, that we discuss the minimum wage section only of Bill No. 12 at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

The Motion was carried. Mr. Taylor abstained.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Southam, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Motions and Sessional Papers.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now declare a short recess while we get organized.

Mr. Southam: I will now call this Committee to order. We BILL #1
will discuss the Amended Bill No. 1, An Ordinance to Amend
the School Ordinance. (Reads the Amended Bill No. 1).

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a
question of the Legal Advisor. We are staying, apparently,
on the same old rate as it has been in the past, only, I
believe this has been extended from a ten mile limit to
exceed a ten mile limit, possibly. Now, this five cents
per mile basis....is this based on running mile or is it
based on just a one-way trip. If children were to travel
to and from via, say Canadian Coachways, would this same
thing apply, or how would this be handled?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I think, Mr. Chairman, and I am not too
familiar with the day to day administration of this clause,
they pay the actual costs....or if you go by Coachways,
that's what they are paid...actual cost of transporting
pupils to and from their homes...that in the first line of
(e) and it is the transportation to be calculated at the
rate of five cents per mile each such child is actually
transported. I understand that this is applied as a round
trip. This is my understanding. I am not on the adminis-
trative side. I should mention that the maximum figure of
\$3.00 per day is based on a twenty day school attendance
for a month, which gives you \$60.00 maximum for transporta-
tion, which matches the \$60.00 allowance for boarding. That
is why that figure is put in. Now, if questions go beyond
this on the administrative side, I can only ask that a
Member of Administration be called in because I don't know
how they have been applying it exactly.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hughes mentioned that
five cents a mile for each mile the children are to be trans-
ported. I believe in every case that this will apply. The
children will only be transported one half of the actual
travel. For instance, if a person takes their children to
school in the morning and you are taking, for instance, the
children twenty miles to school, then you return that twenty
miles. You are not transporting children on your return
trip and this is what I am getting at and I don't think it
is really very clear.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I agree, Mr. Chairman, that if you go
out in the morning and you come back empty, you are really,
in effect, you have got no load on your return trip and you
have to go again in the evening but this, I understand, has
always been the practice....you go again in the evening and
you are paid for bringing them back...in effect. The Coun-
cillor's point is quite valid, but you will remember that it
was five cents per mile up to a range of ten miles and a
maximum of \$1.00...you see, this was mean't, so far as the
children were concerned, to be a complete round trip. Now,
for the parents, they are really driving one way without any
recompense other than...in effect he is getting two and one-
half cents a mile, but I can't comment on this. The Councillor
has a point if this point was obviously equally valid at the
time the School Ordinance was passed. If you want to go fur-
ther on this, I can only recommend that you get the Adminis-
tration down on this because it will involve further expendi-
tures.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would like to go back
to page 92, Votes and Proceedings. It was pointed out at
that time by Mr. Boyd "five cents per mile is now a very un-
realistic figure. No man can even start a car up for that,
and I would suggest that this is dealing with people boarding
away from home and this should come up with a figure on what
we are talking about before we do anything".

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Legal Advisor if I am right in my interpretation of the meaning here. It states that "the Commissioner may pay the actual cost of transporting the pupils". This is what, I think, we should concern ourselves with and this covers it. It says that if there are no extenuating circumstances..or such wording...or such meaning, the five cents shall apply, but, in the meantime, the actual costs of transportation will be paid as agreed to....some pre-arranged amount... with the Commissioner and the Department of Education. Would this be right?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, he could pay that, but if you cast your mind back, this was the way it was going to be. The Member...the former Member for Kluane objected to the Commissioner having discretion and he was supported in this by the Member from Mayo. I have a very clear recollection of this particular subsection because it started life as quite a small subsection, but they objected to the Commissioner having a free hand so they then began to impose a mileage limit and they then began to impose a maximum for the day, and they fixed the maximum for the day at \$1.00. As a result of that, the discretion which had originally been given to the Commissioner was whittled down and he could now really only agree to something up to a maximum of \$3.00 a day as I understand it. The convenient fraction was decided upon at one point of time... five cents per mile. It is not my business as Legal Advisor to comment on whether five cents a mile is adequate or not. I am always prepared to give you my personal opinion but this is outside my purpose here. If the rate is to be changed, could the Administration be given some specific figure so it can recalculate its cost and see where it will stand...if the rate is to be changed. I am only asking this because I know...otherwise this will get into a mess. If the Councillor wants to set ten cents per mile and a maximum of \$5.00 per day, then the Administration has got some tangible figure to work out the cost, but I can't, in drafting this, write in these figures. The reason I got the \$3.00 per day in is because twenty school days matches our \$60.00 for the boarding. That is the reason you've got \$3.00 there.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to see this worked out on a fair basis and I wouldn't want to see it where any one person, such as myself, would eventually capitalize. The way this is set up, on the five cents, it's not based on so many children. For instance, I might possibly, next year, or the year after, have five children that I would be taking to school. If I was getting \$3.00 per child, that would be \$15.00 a day, and then I could quit work. I don't like to see this type of legislation passed. It's no good for me...it might be good for me but not for the country. I just want to see things set up on a fair basis. I don't like to be jilted. Like, for instance, last year when I couldn't get a place to board my children at Haines Junction, I had to drive...I had to pay \$1.60 for the return trip. I am not thinking of myself. I will grant you that but I would like to use it as an instance because I have had this experience and it might be of benefit to the rest of you. When the Canadian Coachways Bus was running, where my children could return on the Bus, I paid Canadian Coachways \$1.60 a day, plus I drove the children to school in the morning which was a forty mile trip return. When the forms were submitted, they wouldn't pay them because the children had returned on Canadian Coachways Bus and I was only driving them one way so all I could

Mr. MacKinnon continues:

collect then was \$1.00 per child per day which was \$2.00, so, therefore, I never resubmitted the bills. I wouldn't accept anything, but all I could have got at that time was enough to pay the bus fare. Had I been fortunate enough to find a place to board the children, I would have gotten \$50.00 per child per month and this is what I am getting at....to set this up on a basis, as I say, as to where that when my five children go to school, then I could almost retire on a policy set up by the Territorial Government because it would be in excess of what the actual cost is, so I think we should hear from everybody else in this respect.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, the way it reads now, it is five cents a ton mile or up to an amount of \$3.00 per child... and we are talking about per child...it's five cents per mile per child or it's up to an amount of \$3.00 per day. Now, no matter what you set down in black and white, circumstances are varied and what suits one, doesn't suit another. It would seem to me that the Commissioner is going to have to make...no matter what you set the... figures you put down...the Commissioner is still going to be faced with problems one way or another, and he is going to have to be able to say "All right. It's not fair for you to have to put up with this. We will make it \$2.00 a day and forget the five cents a mile". This, I think, is still going to be a necessity somewhere along the line, but I also think, to be using five cents, is just not... this must be changed, and I would suggest that, in fact, I will move that this five cents be changed to read twelve cents.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think that, with all due respect, that that's a little bit hasty. Let us try to review the whole matter. We have five cents per mile. That won't usually encompass one child...that might be two, or three, or four...so at five cents per mile...it could be ten, fifteen cents per mile...I think the average cost for cost of operation is twelve cents per mile covering insurance and all the rest...but I don't think that can be used as a yardstick in a matter such as this. For example, I think the buses work on the basis, as far as I can calculate.. I might be wrong...of about two and one-half cents per mile per passenger, so that in arriving at a matter such as this, it's very difficult to put down any mileage because, as Councillor MacKinnon has stated, they might get fifteen dollars a day by filling up the bus, or they may get ten cents a day, or a dollar a day. So, it would appear that for this particular case of Councillor MacKinnon's....it's hard to know just what way to figure it out without disrupting the whole system of busing children. At one time there was no busing of children...or very, very little busing, but the last number of years, this is increasing every year so that it's getting to be a very, very large part of our financial contribution to education...is taking children there and taking them back again. If we start monkeying around at this time with something such as this.. choose a piece here and a piece there...then we could disrupt the whole system and we could have quite a time. In respect of this particular matter, I was wondering, Mr. Chairman, just how many children this would involve. We are discussing changing the whole structure of the busing. Perhaps it would be a good thing to get a list before Council to know exactly what this involves...what we are going to change, the impact it will have...and perhaps we

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Mr. Shaw continues:
 can better deal with the subject if we get that kind of information. How many people are there involved? Where would this involve...where is it located?...and stuff like this. I think, myself, that rather than disrupt something like this, that the Commissioner can say, in certain circumstances, that he will give so much a month rather than have it down in mileage. Maybe that would be a better system if they were so far away and had to be bused in. On the other hand, if it's fifteen miles.. it has to be thirty miles I believe...I haven't got down to figuring it all out...but if you took two, three children that mileage and left them in school and then you drove them back, I would imagine the amount that is provided now of \$3.00 per day...that would be \$9.00 if you had three children...would be adequate payment. I think we must also take into consideration too that although the Government is endeavouring to make every assistance to these people, these people do live, by their own choice, in certain sections, and in so doing, it is going to make it difficult for the parents and it's going to make it difficult for the Administration or the Government so, therefore, we have to try and arrive at something that will make everybody reasonably happy with the situation without disrupting the whole system of transportation. That's the way it would appear to me.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Boyd suggested twelve cents. This is reasonable in one way. On the other hand, it is very unreasonable. It would be very drastic in a case, for instance, where we have eight to twelve children travelling on one privately owned bus within the limit of the ten mile radius. These people would then, I would say, be capitalizing on such a plan. Maybe I am wrong, but it would just look....I haven't figured it out in actual dollars but I believe it would come to something like \$30.00 per day....unless I misunderstood what Mr. Boyd has in mind. Does he mean twelve cents per mile for the vehicle irregardless of whether there are five children or twelve? Would you answer that, Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: To be quite frank, that was the terms in which I was thinking because when this five cents was put in, the bill for a mechanic at the garage was possibly \$2.00 an hour, or maybe less. Today it's between \$6.00 and \$7.00 an hour so obviously the five cents is not the figure, but nobody seconded the Motion I made and I have another thought now. We have only got a short while to go and rather, as Mr. Shaw points out, than upset anything right now, this will cover anybody that is in difficulties. We can do this or that so one of the two must fit the foot and I would move that we accept this as it is and that Administration use it for the rest of the term...this Bill as it is written.. and let Administration use it for the rest of the term and maybe they will have something more to the heart's desire later.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is this moving the Bill out of Committee?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I will withhold my Motion in case anyone wants to discuss it further.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I think this suggested amendment brings it into line with what we had discussed previously. We have raised it from \$22.00 a month to \$60.00 a month. This is precisely what the people get for boarding their children away from home so this makes it equitable and, as has been pointed out, this five cents a mile is for each person that is transported so with two people, it's ten cents a mile; three, fifteen, and so on, so I feel that this is quite in order. It is what we had recommended and I feel that both the (d) and the (e) sections cover any contingency that might exist at the present time.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, now there is one point that hasn't been clarified and that's in regard to this, as Mr. Thompson points out, ten cents per mile....is this one way? What happens if children travel one way by bus? Is this going to be compensated for? Maybe Mr. Hughes would answer that question.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I offer this interpretation without too much confidence at the moment. If the parent pays the actual cost of sending the child to school by bus and the Commissioner is then left with the alternative of paying such amount as he may fix and then it sets out the ground rules for fixing the amount, I would say that if it cost you \$1.00 to send a child to school by bus, you could still drive over in the evening and pick the child up and get your five cents a mile, provided the bus fare and the mileage allowance didn't exceed \$3.00 per day. That's how I think it would be made to work.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, is the Legal Advisor saying that it will be equivalent to \$3.00 a day per child paid? Well, it's what it says, Mr. Thompson, but I don't believe that this is realistic. For instance, I will have, personally, three children going to school this summer and that would be \$9.00 and, like I say, this can go up and up and up in all various areas and you would get into the \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$20.00 bracket and this is the point I am trying to make.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, if the Committee wants to fix a maximum...not merely the maximum per child per day...but an overall maximum...aggregate maximum...this can be done. Perhaps the Committee can suggest the amount.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in considering this, I think that there has been two thoughts expressed and one is the fact that if a child requires transportation to school under this Bill, he can get up to \$60.00 a month for doing so per child which could conceivably...depending on how many children you take to school...will make the thing reasonable. Also, there was a second point...a case of where you get busing one way and driving the other. Well, if there is a school bus operating where there are children...it's kind of pointless...if the school bus goes one way, why, then, they should go the other.

BILL #1

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, on the Alaska Highway North, there is no school bus. If you are fortunate enough that the Canadian Coachways has a bus running anywhere near school time...your children might two to three hours but they can return on the bus because there is lots of time after school. They might have to hang out in somebody's cafe or something but, nevertheless, they can return by Canadian Coachways Bus...not a school bus. There is no such thing on the North Highway as a school bus. There are quite a few of these cases. For instance, we have no school at Burwash and there are several children being transported to 1083 and also from 1118 and you are going to exceed the twenty mile radius in many cases and this is what you are up against. In some areas, and I will outline one case, I don't particularly like mentioning certain parts but I don't see why I shouldn't. The U.S. Pump Station, for instance, is exactly ten miles out of Haines Junction. There is quite a staff at the Station as you know. There are approximately ten to twelve children to go to school from the U.S. Pump Station and the people there have bought a bus, small bus, and they bus the children to Haines Junction school. This works out fine. They get \$1.00 per child per day so when you have ten to twelve children, this isn't so bad and they are only travelling ten miles...return trip is twenty; but on the other hand, there's places with similar circumstances with two to three children and they are driven anywhere from ten to twenty miles and sometimes exceed the twenty miles so this is what we have got to keep in mind....you set it up on an equal basis. I don't know just how it will work out. It is hardly fair to pay the person that is travelling with his vehicle twenty miles the same price you are paying the person travelling ten miles with five times, or eight times, as many children. He's not burning any more gas or any more rubber off of his tires. I believe there must be some way of working this out where people cannot overdo it and make it a racket and get more money than what is coming to them but I believe that the person should get as much as the rest. I mean...if you are fortunate enough to find a place to board your children....I believe that Mr. Thompson made the statement here a few moments ago about \$60.00 per month which, in my estimation, is not correct. This is a maximum and from Grade One to Grade Seven will be \$50.00 per month...has been outlined and has been paid in the past so we are not talking of \$60.00. We are talking of \$50.00. The point is this. If you are driving children twenty miles and that means eighty miles a day you travel, and under the present system of \$1.00 per child per day...that would be \$2.00 you got paid. Now, at the same time, if you were fortunate enough to have those kids boarded out, you would be getting \$50.00 per month per child, which would be quite a little difference.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, the Members who were here may remember that originally 93 (e) just started as a provision for the payment of the actual costs of transportation, and then at one point in the discussion...this was four years ago...somebody said "What about these children...the special cases...the invalids or who have some infirmity, or they are blind, and their parents want to bring them to school?" It was originally thought of that either you lived on a bus route or a school bus route or you boarded out. This was the original concept. Then, as a result of trying to provide for a special case, a child with some handicap who had to be brought in by parents, the rest of it has grown on to this subsection.

Mr. Legal Advisor continues:

BILL #1

If you go back to the way it read originally, I wonder if it would meet the Councillors objections "pay the actual cost of transporting pupils to and from their homes, or other residence, approved by the Commissioner" for the purpose of this clause "and the school they attend". You chop it off there but what you are then doing is giving the discretion to the Commissioner. This case cited by the Councillor obviously...if they were going to get \$30.00 per day, it would be a very profitable bus company they had going for them. Your choice really seems to be an aggregate per day....maximum aggregate per day per vehicle. This may meet your problem, but I would ask for some suggestion as to what the daily aggregate would be and I would point out that the clause is already long and overgrown and hard to find the meaning, and it will get longer. It's almost time to take a good hard look at the whole thing and see if we can't bring it back into shape. With regard to the Councillor from Watson Lake's point, the idea of the allowance....if a school bus was provided, the parent would pay nothing and that's why it's an actual cost. If they are riding on a school bus, then they don't get an allowance. That's my understanding of it.

Mr. Southam: At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess for tea.

Monday, 3:30 p.m.
May 9, 1966

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, I will call you back to order and what is your pleasure now?

Mr. Boyd: I agree that we have talked enough. I would move that Bill #1 be passed out of committee as amended.

BILL #1

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that and I would like to say that if this doesn't work out that we can have another look at it in the Fall.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that Bill #1 be passed out of committee as amended. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried and Bill #1 has been passed out of committee as amended. We will now go to Bill #4.

BILL #4

Mr. Taylor: In relation to Bill #4, possibly this would be the time to have administration prepare a new Bill with all the deletions and amendments. For the edification of the members it would appear that the deletions are Vote 13 - Justice in the amount of \$506,127 and the only other deletions I have noted are in Education, 2303, 2308, 2343, 2351. Also under Vote 20 we have 2908, \$10,000 for renovations.

Mr. Boyd: We also have an item in that which was deferred and it will either have to be taken out or left in as we desire.

Vote
20.

Mr. Taylor: The one that was deferred was 2355, the Clinton Creek School.

Mr. Thompson: Page 20, Vote 7.

Mr. Boyd: Page 10.

Mr. Clerk: Also you deleted \$75 on Page 6, 2303 for a second hand cash register.

Mr. Taylor: This was already enumerated.

Mr. Thompson: 2343 was \$1,000 for furnishings?

Mr. Clerk: The thousand dollars deleted was for to purchase furnishings and equipment for a portable class room.

Mr. Taylor: 2351 a deletion of \$5,000 for furniture. I wonder if we could deal with this matter of 2305.

Mr. Southam: You mean to say that you are putting a three-room school into Elsa with out any furniture?

Mr. Thompson: Furniture is under something else.

Mr. Southam: We are dealing with establishment 2305, this is a new portable classroom and it's equipment?

Mr. Boyd: I wonder if we need Mr. Thompson here or not. I think that if we are going to deal with money that concerns him I would think that it might be better if he were here. I am open minded on it.

Mr. Taylor: Are there any members that do object to this expenditure and is there any reason for this that we require Mr. Thompson. If there are, then he should be here.

Vote 20

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this was brought up previously and the reason for it's deferment was that we were awaiting some word on the possible outcome of teaching requirements and teaching demands and we found out that at the beginning of this year there were only 16 pupils in Christ the King High School and the projected figures, although they show 27 in Grade 10 this year, the graph has shown a sharp decline in Grade 11 and 12 and we felt that for the coming year that the total Grade 11 and 12 student population could be quite easily included in the F. H. Collins School and taught quite adequately for this year and thereby saving us this expenditure at this time in view of the proposed new Junior High School which has previously been mentioned. This, I believe, has been the understanding and the Catholic-Episcopal Corporation have agreed to this at this time and so for that reason I don't feel that this is necessary. In making this submission I would move that the item 2305 in the amount of \$32,730 be deleted from the budget.

Mr. Boyd: I am told that these people have held a meeting and they have agreed that Grades 11 & 12 will not be taught and so there is no need for this money because those two rooms will become available to take care of this excess student population.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Boyd that establishment 2305 be deleted from the budget. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: In reference to the next item, 2360, in Vote 20, it refers to school equipment for F.H. Collins School. I believe that this was deferred until we reviewed the aspects of the school with the Director. Do we have any other problem with this one or can we approve it?

Mr. Clerk: I think the part deferred was on page 10, under Christ the King in the amount of \$4,909.

Mr. Boyd: My understanding there was this was equipment was to be used for the Grades 11 and 12 and therefore it would appear no longer necessary.

Mr. Clerk: It was in 2305.

Mr. MacKinnon: Are we definitely sure that these classes will not be in operation in the next year. Does anybody know or are we just guessing.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Boyd can you assure us that this will not be required.

Mr. Boyd: To clarify the matter, there is a letter which could be read, stating that these classes will no longer be taught.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, would Mr. Boyd mind telling us who the letter was from?

Mr. Boyd: I see no crime in having the letter come out to make it all clear in your mind. Mr. Thompson has the letter on his file as chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thompson: I am just trying to locate it.

Mr. Taylor: I would be quite prepared to accept the word of Vote 20 the Financial Advisory Committee in this respect without requiring to go any deeper and I would move that we take \$4,909 from 2360, Vote 20.

Mr. Boyd: I second the motion.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that establishment 2360, Vote 20, in the amount of \$4,909 be deleted from the budget. Are you agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson: I have a letter dated the third of May of this year written to the Vicar Apostolic of Whitehorse, the Most Reverend Mulvihill from the Commissioner and it says "the conditions you outlined for the operation of Grades 11 and 12 in Christ the King School are acceptable to me. I understand from the discussions that took place between the Superintendent of Schools and your Director of Education that both those grades will not be taught in the year 1966-1967".

Mr. Southam: Does that answer your question Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. Taylor: There was an item 2908 that was deleted, I wonder if we could review that.

Mr. Southam: That has been dealt with. Is that all gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: I believe gentlemen that that is all.

Mr. Thompson: I have a notation against Welfare Department and I also have a notation against the Department of Corrections.

Mr. Taylor: I am pretty sure we didn't delete anything out of these departments.

Mr. Thompson: I just have a notation here against Corrections on Vote 20, page 24. This Children's Home was a revote and the project was not undertaken and the same figures are the same as submitted last year and I am just wondering if this is still required as it previously was.

Mr. Taylor: In respect to these, these were all cleared up by committee and there were no deletions from them.

Mr. Southam: I have them marked here.

Mr. Taylor: Possibly these deletions could^{be} noted and a new Bill for amendment for consideration of Council be made.

Mr. Thompson: Going back to this Department of Corrections one we received an amended operating and amendments vote for Corrections that was somewhat increased but there has been no increase in the capital side of it and here again in as much as they won't be in operation for the whole year I am wondering if this is a necessity and that this total not be that.

Mr. Taylor: The matter is referred to as a vehicle for the Director of Corrections and a vehicle for two probation officers and these are in operation now. Medium security will require a vehicle and a van will be needed for the minimum security for the men. Irregardless of what we do with this vote these will still be required.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Vote 20

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I don't know whether I am on the right subject. The Department of Education it appears is attempting to have people set a price on their property, not only the Department of Education so far has not come out in this degree. We have Area Development ascertaining and we have other people not connected with the Government at all doing the same job and I think that if there are plans to do certain things concerning the purchasing of people's homes and things like this that Council should be taken into their confidence and this discussed in Council. What are their plans, all you hear is what gets around by the grapevine and then you get a little closer to the core and things start to look different and so on. I think it is time someone came out in the open so that this Council knows where we stand and are not just up in the air.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I think I have an inkling of what Councillor Boyd is talking about and I have had several requests or comments made about it and I expected it to rise daily. It occurred to me that the Government are not going to be empowered to purchase anyone's house, nor is the Department of Education until it has come before Council. For some reason or other this matter has been kept under cover and apparently they are going to cut out a street in Whitehorse and divide somebody's property.

Mr. MacKinnon: Maybe Mr. Boyd could explain a little bit more. I am a little in the dark on this, are you talking about the Superintendent of Schools, Harry Thompson, is this what you mean Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: Well as I stated I have named a couple of direct men and the rest is so much talk but where there is smoke there is usually fire and I would not want to find myself faced with something here in the Fall Session that had actually taken place, and to be put on the spot so that I had no choice. I think we should know what is in the wind and be given a chance to express ourselves.

Mr. MacKinnon: I suggest that we call Mr. Harry Thompson, Superintendent of Schools to the table and discuss this matter with him.

Mr. Shaw: I don't know what we are talking about but before the Department starts buying property if they are, I don't know, I would think they would at least come before this Council and state what they would like to do and state their plans. I feel very much like Councillor MacKinnon, let's find out some facts. If there are rumors around there must be something.

Mr. Boyd: I think that we could enlighten ourselves if we ask Mr. Spray to come down.

Mr. MacKinnon: What about Mr. Harry Thompson?

Mr. Southam: We have Mr. Spray with us and Mr. Boyd would you like to start.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I have been stopped in the street many times in the last ten days or two weeks and not only myself but others have been in the same boat concerning somebody asking people to put a price on their property in order that it may be bought. I think Mr. Spray you are aware of what exists and I would like if possible that we have the full information and who all is involved and in what way does it effect the Territorial management and so on.

Mr. Spray: Mr. Chairman, for the last year and a half there has been talk of required extension to the Christ the King School playground. Last year in Council there was some talk of closing Fifth Avenue between Wood and Steel Streets to add onto the playgrounds at the school. Now this year there is still talk of the addition to the playground. Before any decision can be made to extend this I was instructed to find out who owns the property fronting on Fifth Avenue between Wood and Steel and contact these owners or their agents and determine if they would even consider selling and if so approximately what price they would fix on their property. At no time did I quote a price, I explained why I wanted a price and why the Government required this and at no time did I definitely say that the Government would purchase their homes nor did I say that the Government was definitely interested in purchasing the property. I said that if the Government was going to put an extension onto Christ the King School playgrounds and Fifth Avenue would be closed and this would require Block 7, two lots one and twelve.

Extension
of School
Play-
Grounds

Mr. Taylor: I have also been approached on this situation and I understand that there have been at least two owners questioned and they are under the feeling that the City may expropriate or the Government may. I think their fears should be put to rest in this respect and I think we have also pointed out that two grades from that school are to be moved and possibly the playground requirement no longer exists. It was also pointed out that there were some old buildings on the site which should be taken down and taken elsewhere to make room for playgrounds. I think the administration should make it clear.

Mr. Spray. Mr. Chairman, to go one step further, at the present time the administration feels that before we proceed further we should find the land use of Block 37 and 32. This is where we are going to have a layout to determine if the property is properly used and if not perhaps some changes can be made. In the matter of appropriation I have no idea of what the City of Whitehorse has or if they appropriate property and as far as purchasing the property this can't be done until the funds are made available in the estimates. All the actions taken to date have been to prepare the information so we can assess the problem and if it is determined by someone in the administration that the addition is required then we have the information available to us.

Mr. Boyd: One more question, is there anybody else other than yourself that you know of asking these same homeowners what their price would be.

Mr. Spray: I was told by one of the homeowners that a member of the clergy who is connected with the school situation had spoken to them, now whether he was determining something or what, this was not done by direction of the administration and this did take me by surprise. I might say that this method of going to the individuals and finding out whether they would be willing to sell their property and at what price is something that we do elsewhere in the Territory to acquire land. We feel out and see what could take place and then we have something to work on.

Mr. Boyd: That is a fair enough explanation but it amazes me that and I think it should be stopped, if one part of the Government is going to do a job then I don't think anyone else should be running around making inquiries. I wouldn't want

Mr. Boyd continues.....

to be pestered by would be buyers. There is only one way to decide it and that is by the government only. I do know that there have been other propositions put up to these people. One can only guess that they were all aiming for the same end result and as you say, where do we stand now. What have the people said and are you still thinking about acquiring the ground.

Mr. Spray: The indication I have from the people concerned is that they are not too interested in selling their property at this time. I told them if they considered a proposal they could let me know. That is as far as it went. My instructions came from the Executive Assistant and to the best of my knowledge and this is being done so that before the money is put in the estimates we will have the information to supply Council for discussion at that time. There is some doubt as to whether we require additional property on that block for Christ the King School.

Mr. Boyd: You mean the Executive Administrator, do you mean the present one or the one that has just retired?

Mr. Spray: Mr. Fingland, Executive Assistant.

Mr. Taylor: I think that this matter could be easily resolved. It must be clearly understood that in respect to any purchasing that the administration could contact the Catholic-Episcopal Corporation and the Director of Education. I think too that the administration should properly find out about this property and do nothing until the Fall session.

Mr. Spray: It is my understanding that we will not proceed on the project without facts being specifically provided. When we, well in the case of the Whitehorse Elementary School, we had to purchase additional land from B.Y.N. We found out before hand what price and if they would be interested in selling before we put it before Council.

Mr. Shaw: I can't agree with the administration making investigations, but really it isn't their fault that other people are getting onto the scene.

Mr. Southam: Anything further gentlemen? May Mr. Spray be excused at this time.

Mr. Taylor: We have two Bills here, 16 and 17. Maybe we could tidy them up while Mr. Spray is here.

BILL #16

Mr. Southam: Gentlemen, we will take Bill #16 which reads as follows. What is your pleasure gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Does Mr. Spray concur with this?

Mr. Spray: My understanding is that this Ordinance was for specific programs and without these programs there is not requirement for the Ordinance.

Mr. Shaw: This Ordinance gives the Commissioner the power to purchase land from the White Pass and Yukon Route, there is \$17,800.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I just wanted to know if any of the members wanted to consult the Ordinance when Mr. Shaw was speaking.

Mr. Taylor: I would move that Bill #16 be moved out of committee without amendment

Mr. Shaw: I second it.

BILL #16

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Bill #16 now be moved out of committee without amendment. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried.

Mr. Southam: We will go to Bill #17 which reads as follows. BILL #17
Are you clear gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: I would move that Bill #17 be reported out of committee without amendment.

Mr. Boyd: I second it.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Bill #17 be moved out of committee without amendment. Ready for the question? Are you agreed? Motion is carried.

Mr. Southam: May I excuse Mr. Spray? I will also call a short recess.

RECESS

Monday, May 9, 1966.
4:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will now call the Committee back to order and we are going to go on to Bill No. 10, An Ordinance to Amend the Game Ordinance. What is your wish with this Bill, gentlemen? BILL #10

Mr. Shaw: I have all kinds of notations - out - six month hoist...it appears to me there is a good deal to be worked out on this Bill. Perhaps if the Government collectively got together and worked on this and presented it next fall, I think that possibly that would be the best move at this time.

Mr. Southam: Any further suggestions, gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if there was anything that Mr. Fitzgerald might consider urgent on this particular Bill. Maybe we should contact Mr. Fitzgerald and ask him if there is anything that he considers urgent.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, that sounds like a very good suggestion...if there's anything that's important...

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess while we get Mr. Fitzgerald up here.

Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order. We have Mr. Fitzgerald with us now. We are discussing possible amendments to the Game Ordinance. I think they are all pretty well marked in now what we want to have done. Have you anything that you wish to say, Mr. Fitzgerald?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think there should be a little explanatory prologue here. We are somewhat pressed for time and there seems to be quite a number of issues involved in this Ordinance, which may have been due to a number of factors...and Members of Council are contemplating leaving this until next fall. However, there may be some matters in this that are important and necessary to have at this time...some particular section of this Ordinance. We would like to hear if you feel that there is something very necessary in this Ordinance that you would like to have dealt with at this time.

Mr. Fitzgerald: I think, Mr. Chairman, to have the Ordinance...Amendments...realigned properly....they are not nearly right now...I spent some time with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Hughes was pressed for time....the thing is all out of kilter and I think that there's not much point in trying to get anything into it now until we get it all lined up properly, and I think it will have to wait until fall. As far as I am concerned, I can't see anything there that has to be dealt with right now, but I would certainly like to see that it's workable and ready for this fall.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there are two sections of this which I think we could usefully change at this Session, and that is, first of all, the matter of the increase in the hunting licences. Possibly that could be retained. The other would be the proposal that I was going to make when we discussed this Bill and that comes under Schedule "A"... Schedule "C"...that all the Game Sanctuaries now be known as Territorial Parks.

BILL #10

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Fitzgerald has stated an opinion and this is what we asked for, and I agree. This is why Mr. Shaw asked him to come up here. I agree with Mr. Fitzgerald that this should be left for fall... the fees and the parks...and I, for one, would like to let it go until fall and we can do the thing up properly and we can put it on the agenda right at the beginning of the fall session.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I agree very much with Mr. Fitzgerald and he is in a position to know whether there is anything urgent or not. That's the reason I suggested we invite him to the table, and I am willing to accept his explanation that there is nothing that we can accomplish at this time by passing any of it now.

Mr. Southam: Are we all agreed to give this the hoist until fall, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Just one thing. I would ask if Mr. Fitzgerald could do a little work on this this summer and we will look forward to taking it up in the Fall Session. It's not a case of delaying it. It's just asking him in his capacity as Game Director to see that this is lined up so that we can clear it.

Mr. Fitzgerald: Mr. Chairman, I am very willing to do this but, then again, in order to draft this legal type of ordinance, it is understood that the Legal Advisor would have to instruct.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, that's understandable. I think the situation is well in hand. The Legal Advisor just hasn't had the time to do the many things.....and there's no recourse.....

All: Agreed.

Mr. Fitzgerald is excused.

Mr. Southam: Looking at the time, gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

Moved by Councillor Thompson, seconded by Councillor Watt, that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

REPORT OF
CHAIRMAN
OF COMMIT-
TEES

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 2:15 P.M. to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers, Motions, etc. Moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Estimate 2305 of Vote No. 20 be deleted. This Motion was carried. Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that the amount of \$4,909.00 be deleted from Estimate 2360 of Vote 20. This Motion was also carried. I can report some progress on Bill No. 4. Mr. Spray was here to explain some property sales and Bill No. 1 was moved out of Committee as amended. It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Bill No. 16 be reported out of Committee without amendment. It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Bill No. 17 be reported out of Committee without amendment. Somewheres in the mix up, Mr. Speaker, I have lost who moved No. 1 out of Committee as amended. Bill No. 10 was referred to the Fall Session.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: We have the agenda for tomorrow. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning, I would suggest we conclude...Bill No. 4 is now...the amendments are being drafted...the Main Supply Bill. We have Bill No. 12, the Labour Ordinance. I would suggest we continue with that first thing in the morning, and if it is the Member's desire to do so, we should be able to prorogue either tomorrow afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, did we not have an appointment tomorrow afternoon with respect to this Municipal Ordinance?

Mr. Speaker: Yes, we have that for two o'clock tomorrow with the City of Whitehorse and Mr. Spray, I believe..the Municipal Ordinance. So, the agenda is motions, bills, sessional papers and memoranda under the routine of the day and we also have Bill No. 4 and Bill No. 12 to discuss in the morning...if we have time for two of them. At two o'clock we have the City of Whitehorse and Mr. Spray to discuss the Municipal Ordinance. I think that pretty well fills us up for tomorrow. What is your pleasure now?

Mr. Boyd: I move we call it five o'clock.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and this Council stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.
May 10, 1966

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

Mr. Speaker: Is there a quorum Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: There is Mr. Speaker:

Mr. Speaker: The first item on the agenda will be correspondence. No correspondence, have we any reports of committees? Have we any notices of motion and resolution.

Mr. Thompson: I have one motion concerning the Alaska Highway system.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further notices of motion. Mr. Taylor would you please take the chair for a moment.

Mr. Shaw: I have a notice of motion in relation to Klondike Restoration.

Motion # 53.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Mr. Taylor. Have we any further notices of motion? Have we any notices of motion for the production of papers? If not, we will proceed to the next item which is motions and we have #50. Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Yes Mr. Speaker, Motion #50, moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Southam, "In the opinion of Council Administration should prepare estimates for 1966-67 to include provision for the senior legal advisor and two assistant advisors to perform the following functions:

- (1) Advise Territorial Council and Territorial Department Heads;
 - (2) To prepare draft legislation for discussion and acceptance as to principle and later enactment;
 - (3) To act as Registrar of Land Titles, Joint Stock Companies, Administrator, Securities;
 - (4) To take all prosecution;
 - (5) To act for the Territory in civil matters; and
 - (6) To prepare all contracts, agreements, and to attend as advisor with the Financial Advisory Committee and other committees of Council at the direction of the Committee."
- May I proceed?

MOTION #50

Mr. Speaker: Proceed Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Well, gentlemen, you realize that by deleting the Justice Vote in the Main Estimate we left ourselves in a rather untenable position by not having made allowance for our own Legal Department and for this reason I have submitted this motion and I think that this covers all the extingencies that would be required and this would carry us over for the 1966-1967 period and give us the necessary funds to operate and operate sufficiently and give us the sufficient staff to perform the duties of the Legal Department. I don't think I have anything further Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any further discussions on Motion #50?

Mr. Taylor: I agree Mr. Speaker with the additions to the Legal Advisory but I think it should be recognized at the same time whether Council agrees or disagrees with the Justice budget it has been clearly stated by Commissioner that these monies would be expended.

MOTION #50 Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, as seconder of the motion I certainly agree with it and will certainly vote for it but I certainly think we are understaffed and I do think it is time Mr. Legal Advisor got some help. This would help out considerably and there is no doubt about it that if we are ever going to run these departments then it is about time we got some staff to run it. You can't run an industry with a wheelbarrow and neither can you run a department with nobody to help. Therefore I certainly agree and it pretty well states here what we had in mind when I seconded it and there is no doubt about it after what we went through in this session that there is some help needed and badly and the sooner we get it the better.

Mr. Boyd: We have been told that in order to satisfy our previous request whereby our Legal Advisor be Territorially employed, this motion went through sometime ago, we have been told that there has been a man from the Justice Department in Ottawa being sent to the Yukon to talk about it. This was six months ago and the man hasn't gotten here yet as they are too busy, real busy. Now, we are just as busy and probably....well I will leave it at that, just as busy. If we don't make arrangements for our own protection here then I think we are going to be waiting on these gentlemen from Ottawa until they find a time when they are not too busy. In lieu of the wages paid or offered I think they are going to be busy a long time as they are not going to get any new lawyers. So, we must get something here that we can control ourselves.

MOTION

CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Question, are you agreed with the motion? Are there any contrary? The motion is carried. We next have

MOTION #51 Motion #51. Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Motion #51, moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Southam, re: Amendment to "Agreement with the Catholic Episcopal Corporation and the Yukon Territorial Government, "it is the opinion of Council that certain amendments to the Catholic Episcopal Agreement with the Yukon Territorial Government should be instituted. In keeping with recommendations made by the Superintendent of Education and in order to further clarify this agreement it is recommended that the following sections be amended:

- (1) In section 2 and 2(c) wherever grades one to nine is written, it should be changed to read "grades one to seven".
- (2) Section 3 should be revised so that the intent would be that secondary grades would not be taught in a separate school unless the minimum enrolment in each secondary grade to be taught was 20 students." May I proceed Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, there is considerable back-ground information regarding this question Mr. Speaker and I think with the concurrence of Council that this be set over to be discussed when we go into committee as a whole, if this is agreeable to Council.

Mr. Watt: I agree with the motion and the amendments to the motion but I would like to have a little bit of time to have a look at this. This agreement that we are talking about took this Council and a previous Council quite a few weeks. There is an agreement between two parties and I don't think it can be broken or changed without the consent of both. I would like to have it referred until tomorrow morning. This is something that was thrown at us in a hurry. This motion was introduced to us yesterday and the first time I have seen it was today. I would ask that it be referred to committee tomorrow and not today after orders of the day. That would give us a day to think about it.

Mr. Speaker: Would you care to make a motion to that effect
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Mr. Watt: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move that this be referred to committee immediately after orders of the day tomorrow. I think we should think about it.

Mr. Taylor: I don't see why this can't be discussed at any time. I don't see any reason for deferral. I think when committee does get around to it would be fine but I see no reason to defer it.

Mr. Speaker: Did you wish to say something Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Boyd: Yes, this is the first time I have looked at the motion too but I feel that after it has been discussed I am capable of making up my mind or postponing it until next Fall. After we have discussed it I will be prepared to vote for it one way or another without deferring it.

Mr. Speaker: We have a motion to dispense with this matter, I should say deferred, to committee and we are in a position of having to proceed with this in Council as we are so doing and it is not possible under our rules that the mover can make an amendment to his motion. If we do not have a seconder we will have to undertake this at this time.

Mr. Taylor: I would move this motion be referred to committee of a whole.

Mr. Boyd: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Motion #51 be referred to committee of a whole. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary. The motion is carried. That, gentlemen completes the motions that we have on hand. Have we any questions this morning?

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I have a question on the order paper and I hear from the sidewalks of Whitehorse that some claim to know who the new Commissioner is. I would like to find out if this is true and I would like to find out right quick in as much as we are about to vote considerable amounts of money to an unknown quantity and if anybody knows we should know.

Mr. Speaker: Who do you think could give you the answer Mr. Boyd?

Mr. Boyd: It could go through the Clerk but I think the Commissioner should get a telex off to Ottawa right away and either deny or confirm the rumors. QUESTION #27

Mr. Speaker: Can you get any information relating to question #27 Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: I have nothing to add this morning. I can ask again.

Mr. Speaker: Apparently there are rumors circulating and I haven't heard the rumors myself. We would like to verify them or not. Have we any further questions?

Mr. Boyd: Do I understand that the Clerk will be acting forthwith and not waiting until tomorrow morning about my request.

Mr. Speaker: In about ten minutes.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions? If not we will proceed to the next item namely public bills. We have a bill for third reading.

BILL #1 Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I would move that Bill #1 be given third reading.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

THIRD READING Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #1 be given third reading at this time. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Taylor: I believe that the motion would be out of order. I believe that what we first must do is give first and second reading.

Mr. Speaker: You are quite correct.

Mr. Clerk: We gave that first and second reading yesterday.

Passed House Mr. Boyd: I would move that the title to Bill #1 be accepted as written.

Mr. Southam: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Mr. Southam that the title to Bill #1 be accepted as written. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried and Bill #1 has passed this House.

BILL #16 Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that third reading be given to Bill #16.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

THIRD READING Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #16 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed with the motion? Contrary? Motion carried.

Mr. Boyd: I move that the title to Bill #16 be accepted as written.

Mr. Southam: I second it.

BILL #16 PASSED Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the title to Bill #16 be accepted as written. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried and Bill #16 has passed this House.

BILL #17 Mr. Boyd: I would move that Bill #17 be given third reading.

THIRD READING Mr. Southam: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that Bill #17 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried.

PASSED Mr. Boyd: I move that the title to Bill #17 be accepted as written.

Mr. Southam: I second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the title to Bill #17 be accepted as written. Ready for the question. Motion is carried and Bill #17 has passed this House.

Mr. Speaker: What is your pleasure at this time gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, respectfully, I must go back to Bill #1. If we didn't give it first and second reading this morning the Bill would be quite out of order. The matter was only referred out of committee last evening and I am most positive it wasn't given first and second reading. I feel that this is an important Bill and in order to set things correct to move that first reading be given to Bill #1.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Taylor, we have to have first and second reading before we can discuss any Bill in committee so therefore we gave first and second reading to an amended Bill and I would say that this has had it's proper reading and it is in order. If we did not have the reading of the amended Bill we would not have been able to discuss it in committee which we did yesterday.

Mr. Taylor: I would like to direct a question to Mr. Legal Advisor. Is my interpretation correct?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Speaker, I must only suggest that we check the Votes & Proceedings on this point. At the moment there seems to be some dispute. Councillor Taylor's suggestion may be correct. May we take some time and check the Votes & Proceedings.

Mr. Speaker: I am quite sure of the facts as they are but we can check into this and report later.

Mr. Taylor: My only concern is that if anyone wants to challenge this legislation at a later date this may be an opportune way of doing it. My point to Mr. Legal Advisor was that if this Bill wasn't reported out of committee until last night.

Mr. Speaker: I think that you will find everything in order. We will proceed to the next item of business.

Mr. Boyd: I would move that the Speaker leave the chair for the purpose of convening into the committee as a whole to discuss Bills, sessional papers, etc.

Mr. Southam: I second that motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the Speaker leave the chair and Council resolve itself in committee as a whole to discuss Bills, memorandums, sessional papers, etc. I would bring it to your attention that we have Bill #14 and Bill #4 and at two o'clock we have a meeting with the Mayor and the delegation from the City of Whitehorse.

Mr. Thompson: There is one other item that hasn't been discussed and although it was not included in our financial agreement for this year, it is the liquor control budget as supplied to us in a separate paper and there are two or three questions that I would like to ask of the Director of Liquor Control Board and I am wondering if this could be included in the matters to be discussed.

Mr. Speaker: That sounds quite reasonable and you could bring it to the attention of the chairman of committees.

Mr. MacKinnon: I also have a question in to the Superintendent of Liquor and maybe we could maybe deal with that at the same time.

Mr. Speaker: Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Mr. Chairman will now take the chair.

MOTION #51 Mr. Southam: I will call this committee to order and we have Mr. Harry Thompson, Superintendent of Schools with us. We will discuss Motion #51. This is your motion Mr. Thompson, will you say something, I should say Councillor Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: As you are or are not aware this agreement was dated the thirtieth of April, 1962 and was between the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Whitehorse on behalf of and representing the Roman Catholic residents of the Yukon Territory and they are referred to in this as the Corporation. Gentlemen, this agreement was brought into being four years ago and the motion suggests two small changes. Now, section 2 in the original agreement reads as follows, "with respect to grades one to nine, both inclusive, where three or more Roman Catholic parents, each of whom appears on the tax roll of the Yukon Territory or of a municipality in the Yukon Territory residing in an area of not more than 25 square miles petition the Commissioner for a separate school providing grades one to nine inclusive for that area". It goes on to an a, b, and c, but that is all that is required for a background for the proposed change that instead of it reading grades one to nine it reads grades one to seven.....now, in section c of two it reads "that the enrolment in any other school providing grades one to nine both inclusive in that area operated by the government of the Yukon Territory for children regardless of the religion of the parents will not fall below 26 during the four years immediately following the date of the petition and this is also asked to read one to seven. That is section 2 and section 2(c). Section 3 of the original agreement reads, "where a separate school has been established pursuant to subsection two of this section and the Commissioner is satisfied that there are residing in the area for which the separate school was established, children of Roman Catholic parents who in the opinion are eligible to attend grades 10, 11, and 12, and whose parents wish them to be educated separate and apart from children of Non-Catholic parents, the Commissioner may, (a) for where the children in number is 12 or less arrange for their instruction in grades 10, 11 and 12, in the separate school which was established, and (b) where the number of such children is more than 12 if it is not in his opinion economical to do so establish, operate and maintain for that area a separate type school providing grades 10, 11, and 12." Now that is the basis for section 3 and the amendment would be to revise this section so that the intent would be that secondary grades would be taught in a separate school unless the minimum enrolment of each secondary grade to be taught was 22. Now that is the original agreement between the Commissioner and the Catholic-Episcopal corporation. In February of this year while reviewing estimates the Financial Advisory Committee asked the Superintendent of Schools to examine the school enrolment picture in the Territory to see where where economies could be effected without prejudicing the education which our young people are receiving or the intent of the agreement with the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Whitehorse where it may apply and to examine the agreement of the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Whitehorse and in the light of our experience with it over the past four years, and further from the context of changes following the report and we ask that these amendments be produced. It was suggested that these examinations be conducted with four basic premises in mind. One, is that action already taken or contemplated is educationally sound, that the arrangements that exist or is contemplated can be financially justified, that the arrangements in effect or contemplated are in the best interests of the children and their parents and of the interests of the

Mr. Thompson continues.....

Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Whitehorse where applicable are protected. I think gentlemen in every instance these four basic premises have been followed. Now, it was the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education that these two amendments be proposed to the Catholic Episcopal Corporation. These were presented to us and we suggested background to these suggested amendments come from notes, the original agreement signed in 1962 has proved satisfactory except in the area except in the areas where it deals with the secondary grades. In the Territory we follow by choice the curriculum and the organization of the Province of British Columbia. The committee on education agreed that this choice in 1960 should be followed; following the implementation of the Chant Report in B.C., certain major changes have taken place in the educational system and it is because of these changes that in the system that ~~these~~ requested amendments have been brought forward. Now, we held a special meeting in the Commissioner's office on the first of April, and those persons present were Commissioner Cameron, Mr. Fingland, Father Studer, Mrs. Alfred, Mr. Bolger, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Flemming, and myself. Now, the matter was discussed at considerable length and just to give you some background Father Studer presented a list of terms which were presented by the Christ the King School Advisory Committee and they concerned whether to continue or discontinue grades 10 and 11 in Christ the King School and the meeting agreed on certain terms and conditions "that Christ the King School is established as a secondary school for junior and senior grades and the decision to discontinue grades 11 and 12 or only grade 12 for any particular year would be the practical solution to the problems of enrolment and the decision to resume teaching the grade or grades would have to be the **perogative** of the Catholic Episcopal Corporation on behalf and representing the Catholic parents wishes and desires and that the Catholic Episcopal Corporation share with the Department of Education the responsibility of making Christ the King into a full high school serving all Catholic secondary students in the Yukon Territory. In the measure and at the rate made possible by existing conditions and available means. This presumes the implementation of the express policy of the Department of Education to have grades 11 and 12 taught only in Whitehorse. Now, following that submission there were comments pro and con and there is a two page document here concerning that meeting but after that meeting it was primarily decided that any changes would be made with letter of intent but this did not give teeth to the original agreement which was suggested by the Department of Education and to which the Financial Advisory Committee concurred. This was that these amendments would be implemented so there would be a definite basis to come to any concrete agreement or understanding and not have anything left up in the air. Now, after the meeting it was brought to our attention that or at least it was intimated that no one had taken notes. The original minutes were prepared by Mr. Flemming and after the minutes were circulated Father Studer, on behalf of the Catholic Episcopal Corporation made certain observations which varied from what other people thought had transpired. So there was a letter from Father Studer to the Commissioner and a further letter from the Commissioner to the Catholic Episcopal Corporation and finally a further letter from the Catholic Episcopal Corporation and then a letter from the Commissioner to them and then after all that there is a letter from Mr. Bolger in Ottawa which is also a little bit hazy in parts. So, with all of this change of heart or change of mind I thought that in as much as the Financial Advisory Committee had asked for these recommendations I feel that they are not unduly hard on any one person or any group of people. I feel as I have said

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Mr. Thompson continues..... that the four basic premises of the amendments that have been asked for, both parties have been taken care of and there shouldn't be any disagreement. There is only one matter which I myself stand corrected on. During our original meeting in the Commissioner's office Father Studer asked me directly a question concerning "may I also mention at one point I asked Councillor Thompson if the criticism of the Financial Advisory Committee was directed at, (a) academic standard of the school or (b) the economic factor, or (c) any other factor". In his reply he stated that it was motivated by the economic reasons only. This gentlemen are precisely my feelings. I have noted here in Mr. Thompson's report to the Financial Advisory Committee and the Territorial Administration that the proposed action was definitely educational sound. The F.H. Collins is much larger and is in a position to offer a broader program of offerings and to have teachers who specialize in one or two subjects. In the June, 1965 B.C. Departmental Exams written by students in grades 11 and 12, 89% of the papers in the Collins School received passing grades compared to 57% in the Christ the King School. I came upon that later but as I said our primary concern is one of economics and I just bring you that to substantiate my point. I feel that these amendments are quite within reason. As I stated previously I don't think there will be any difference in the overall operation of the program and I feel this will give the necessary backing to the agreement that has been requested and is needed to make this a more workable agreement.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a short recess to change stenographers.

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Tuesday, May 10, 1966.
11:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order. We are discussing Motion No. 51. We will carry on with the discussions. MOTION #51

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Thompson, our Superintendent of Education. It seems, from what has been stated, that this matter has not been entirely reconciled, or I get that inference. I wonder if Mr. Thompson could just outline what the position is of the Department of Education in respect of this.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, Councillor Thompson has made reference to the recommendations which I made to the Commissioner with regard to changes in the Agreement with the Catholic Episcopal Corporation. These recommendations were given as guides to action at the meeting which Councillor Thompson referred to. It was felt that rather than opening up this Agreement to revision that the task at hand could be better served by an exchange of letters and exchange of thinking. My own feeling is, and I think that I am speaking for the Commissioner in this regard, that a sensible and reasonable working compromise has been reached. Quite frankly, I think we have come much farther than I felt that we could come along some months ago. St. Mary's School which, as you know, has had a very...increasingly smaller enrollment over the years, will be closed at the end of the current school year. This was mentioned in my memorandum to the Commissioner. In Whitehorse, it was my recommendation, in view of the very small enrolments in Grades 11 and 12, that these two grades should not be taught in Christ the King School until the enrollment increased substantially, and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation is agreeable to this. These two grades will not be taught in Whitehorse next year and this has been achieved through, I think, mutual understanding and a reasonable approach on the part of both parties. In Watson Lake, I did recommend that the separate school should teach grades 1 to 7. The school there has been teaching grades 1 to 8 and it is the wish of the parents, the Advisory Committee, to continue teaching these two grades, and I don't think it is an unreasonable request and that it will impinge in any way on the economics of the situation because if Grade 8 is kept in St. Anne's School, it will not mean the addition of an additional teacher. If it were put in the other school, it would not affect the situation in any way. I feel that actually all the Administration set out to obtain with the Catholic Episcopal Corporation has been attained through this exchange of thinking and exchange of letters and, frankly, I don't know of any useful purpose that could be served by opening up the Agreement to further negotiation and possibly ill feeling and so on. I feel there is a reasonable understanding now. I should like to see the matter left the way it is.

Mr. Taylor: It does raise an interesting question and that is that if this is agreed to, then there should be no real problem.....would it?

Mr. Thompson: I am sorry. I cannot answer that question. I know at the meeting that Father Studor did raise the point... he felt very strongly that the Bishop did not wish the Agreement open for renegotiation, and Mr. Bolger, speaking on behalf of Northern Affairs and National Resources, concurred in this view. The point is, of course, what more would be obtained by amending the Agreement than has been obtained through an exchange of letters?

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, they generally say throughout private enterprise and I am sure, in many cases, in Government, that if you are going to do business, you should do it in a business-like way and sometimes just understandings are not sufficient. What I did infer was that if everybody is agreed on both sides of the fence in this respect, there seems to be no problem in amending the Agreement accordingly. However, if there is disagreement in this field, then, of course, this is a product for negotiation.

Mr. Shaw: Well, Mr. Chairman, I started on this particular thing in 1958...the first thing that struck me when I landed here. I didn't know anything about it and, to be quite frank, I don't know a great deal more about it right now, eight years later; however, there were quite a number of sessions in which it was evolved in a fairly relatively successful manner. It just depended on which side of the fence you were on. We have to accept though that, as time goes on, things do change, particularly in education. We have, since that time and since that Agreement was first made...I think the educational system is broken down into three classifications rather than two. The elementary school was one to eight and from there on, it was high school. Later on, it was broken down into elementary, junior high and senior high so that there is a change there which...it might have some effect on the Agreement because that was one to eight and eight to twelve. However, the facts are that an Agreement was entered into and an Agreement is an Agreement. I think I stated the same thing on the Agreement we have with the R.C.M.P. If you make a deal, you make a deal...whether it's good, bad or indifferent, that's not the point and the only way that you can get out of that or resolve it...I shouldn't say get out of it...I should say resolve it...is by the mutual agreement of all the parties concerned. We can pass resolutions here until we are blue in the face but all it does in this matter is indicate what we feel is a sensible approach to the situation. We have, then, a matter of whether or not the other signatures to the agreement will agree with this. Now, in this particular matter, my viewpoint or my stand has always been that I am not opposed to any separate schools in the Territory, provided we do not have uneconomic duplication and, of course, always there has been in my mind, the effects this policy might have on the education of the children. I think that we, as Canadian citizens, should all feel that our primary objective should be the education of the children. Now, according to what Mr. Thompson has just read and I will agree...I hadn't investigated the situation in all its facets...but according to your report, Mr. Thompson, of the grades ten and eleven or eleven and twelve or whatever it may be, somewhere in that category, in Collins High School, you had 89% of the children pass. In the Christ the King School, there were 57%. Now, that raises a very good point. It raises a very good point that I think that the Episcopal Corporation would be very wise to look at very carefully. Their children are not producing, or absorbing, knowledge as well as the children in a larger, better equipped school. 57% grades are grades that you get somewhat in the Mayo and Dawson...now I don't know the exact percentage, but it's much lower than it would be in the Collins High School...for the simple reason that they do not have the facilities.

Mr. Shaw continues:

They do not have the specialized teachers. A teacher has to teach two or three different subjects and perhaps...they are just not...they don't specialize in this particular subject...and I have seen by experience that those are the subjects that the children fail...and that includes my own children. They did fine right through school. They went to St. Mary's School and I would state that they got an excellent education while they were there...up to grade eight. They went fine for a couple of years and then, of course, when they got into small grades in eleven and twelve, then it really got tough and their grades suffered...not only they themselves, but the other children in the neighborhood. It's unfortunate...it's just one of those things but we can't do much about it because the distances that are involved in the Yukon Territory are so great. In Whitehorse, where you have these facilities, I would feel that the parents of the children that get 57% passing grades should analyze that very, very carefully...are they doing their children a justice by giving them a second quality education when they could have a first. By second quality, I am referring...I use that term meaning that there hasn't been specialized teachers for the specialized subjects. It would appear to me that the Government and the members of this Corporation and the Committee, such as we have had, could well get together and discuss this very open minded again and then sit down and make an agreement that would be satisfactory to all concerned. There is nothing wrong about this at all. That's the way you do things. You negotiate from its various angles. I quite agree with this Motion of Mr. Thompson's when we consider what the result is going to be to the children. I don't take any other factors into consideration in this respect. The results of what would happen to the children, in this case, would be good as far as I can see it. However, as I have pointed out, I agree with what is lined out here. It appears to me that the Corporation pretty well agrees with it. I don't know all the ramifications of it. I see no reason why we can't get together and make up an agreement that will fit in with today's educational standards and policy with the objective in view of giving their children the best education possible in a...with the views to quality with the economy that is involved because you can't get enough teachers...and you have almost tutors in there. We must look at it from an economic aspect. That's all I have to say on the matter, Mr. Chairman. Those are my viewpoints.

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, in the first place, the thing that I concern myself with is the cost of education, and surely we, as people, are not, in this day and age, wanting to tax ourselves beyond what is only common sense. There is nothing as far as the results in the schools is concerned...there is no difference in the children. None whatever. They play together. They live together and they work together and they end up in this world the same way as anybody else. There is no difference, but if we institute a system that doesn't function, then who is getting shortchanged? Everybody, including the children, and we are the ones that are shortchanging them. You have shortchanged the parents. You have shortchanged the children and we've shortchanged the taxpayer so we must use a system that is the best regardless...we can't afford to branch off like a man with two heads and one body because it just doesn't work that way. Wherever we find

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ourselves creating a duplication, with the cost of education what it is, I am sure I, as a parent, don't want to see it and I don't know that any other parent really wants to see it, but if we create that situation and there is a duplication caused because of reasons, then whoever wants those duplications, I can see nothing to do other than either eliminate the duplication or be prepared to pay for it. The Department, as far as I am concerned, has not been functioning well, and I don't blame the Department. Not one iota. You can't function adequately if you've got obstacles to deal with and you have to deal with too many separate things. When you are dealing with three thousand children, you can't spread them around and classify them too easily and...always with success. Somebody, in the long run, is going to fall short, but if we have the conditions that are here, they must be written out and spelled out as far as I am concerned. I have run into this situation where today we agree but tomorrow we are not here, or somebody moved and somebody doesn't agree. He's got another thought and unless it's in writing, you have nothing. We have had this thing proven to us at this table, daily. I don't say this with any disrespect. The intentions may all be good, and are, at the time, but when you buy a piece of ground, you don't trust nobody. You are going to own that ground for a lifetime and you want to be sure that you do own it and that nobody changes your mind for you. I think it is only good business. I hope I have made myself clear where I stand as far as the education end of it goes...simply, let's not shortchange ourselves or our pupils and I feel that all parents, regardless of who they are, are quite prepared to look at it from this angle. I would like to ask Mr. Thompson...I noticed he refrained from mentioning...not deliberately possibly... seven and eight. There is a proposal here concerning seven and eight and has Mr. Thompson anything to say progressive-wise on this as to what has been accomplished. Is there agreement here or are we still where we were before insofar as the changing of these grades?

Mr. Thompson: The amendment referred to in section 2 of 2(c), wherever grades one to nine is written, it should be changed to read grades one to seven. The only separate school in the Territory to which this section would relate at the present time is St. Anne's School. Now, under the terms of the Agreement, St. Anne's School could teach from grades one to nine inclusive, however, it does not. It teaches grades one to eight and I think it does this because of the appreciation of the parents and the School Advisory Committee and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation that a small school, a three room school such as St. Anne's, is simply not in a position to do a good job at the grade nine level that the secondary school there could do, so I think, despite the fact that the Agreement does give the Catholic Episcopal Corporation the right to teach up to and including grade nine, through an understanding of the situation, it does not have that school teach beyond grade eight. The feeling of the parents in Watson Lake, the Roman Catholic parents, is that they would like to see the school continue to teach to, and including, grade eight. As I indicated in my earlier remarks, I don't feel that this, at this time, this is a strong point of issue. The fact that the school continues to teach grade eight will not affect the economic situation one iota. It will not necessitate an additional teacher. Perhaps the time may come when, through understanding, they will be quite agreeable to having this school teach to just grade seven. However, there has been compromise already in respect to the Agreement.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Thompson, do you consider it compromise or do you consider it a step towards better education? Better programming? More workable and logical from the point of education?

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Mr. Thompson: Well, Mr. Chairman, my own philosophy in regard to these matters is that I don't feel that I can force my thinking, or what I consider to be the right course of action, down anyone's throat and I feel that there are areas where a reasonable, workable compromise can be reached and I feel that this is one of them. If the parents and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation wish to teach grades one to eight in St. Anne's School, I feel that grade eight is not an elementary grade. It is a secondary grade. It would be better taught in a secondary school. I don't feel that this is such an important matter that it should be forced down the throats of the parents. There are other areas, quite apart from the Separate School Agreement in the Territory, where I could point out the same thing is happening. For example, in some of our smaller schools along the highway, they are teaching up to and including grade nine. Granted, there isn't a secondary school in the community, but my own feeling is, and I think I am speaking for other members of the...professional members of the Department, that we would prefer to see these students come into Whitehorse for their grade nine. We feel that they could receive a much better education in Whitehorse, however, if the parents, as yet, do not appreciate this... they think very strongly that they would rather have their children stay at Haines Junction and take their grade nine... we will go along with it. I think that eventually they will see the light in this matter. I had indications just recently that at least one of the parents appreciated the problem involved.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is generally...this topic of this Agreement is considered to be somewhat of a bomb. You can see the fuse is burning, but you're not sure when it's going to explode. I took part in debates over this over the past five years...this matter of separate schools and this Agreement...its formulation and its application.. and, as other members, I had to make some decisions in respect of this which were highly unpopular in many circles. There seems to be about a fifty-fifty split on separate schools. However, it does seem to me that if we make an agreement of any sort...we negotiate a five-year agreement and we renegotiate it from time to time, that is to say every five years and we spell out what we will do and the Federal Government spells out what they will do and we are bound to live by that agreement. The only way that we can detract from that agreement is to renegotiate it and in that agreement we set forth those terms which we must live by. Now, I think that here, if we have a situation where the Episcopal Corporation and the Territorial Government, Department of Education, be it who it will, are agreed to carry out something and to undertake a change or a departure from the original agreement, then I feel that there should be no compunction on either side about renegotiating the agreement, setting out the terms as agreed to by both parties. I feel that it is just a straight matter of business. This should be done and then everybody knows where they stand. Then, if for any reason, the Territorial Government break faith, the Catholic Episcopal Corporation have the right to stand up and be heard on the subject and the legal right. Consequently, it works in reverse. I think this is an important point. This ensures that everybody keeps on their toes and does what they agreed to do. In this respect, I would state that if everybody is agreed here, there is no problem. It might take a little time to get up and resign

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it and redraft it, but I am in agreement with this. I feel that this should be changed and amended according to what...

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we couldn't come to a conclusion by, shall we say, voting on the Motion. I would like to vote on it and pass it. I would like to see it passed with the understanding that negotiations be started with the Episcopal Association to correct any inadequacies that now exist if they are such and see what happens.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Boyd....I have listened to Mr. Boyd and everybody else around the table. I think they can listen to the other members that want to speak. I think there are still three who haven't spoken yet on this particular item. I think that, basically, all parents in the Territory, regardless of religion or ethnic origin or anything else, want the best education that they can possibly get for their children. From what I understand, I would just like to ask Mr. Thompson one brief question. Up to this date, has the Catholic Episcopal Corporation complied with the terms of the Agreement as set out?

Mr. Thompson: Yes, they have.

Mr. Watt: They have. Thank you. Now, if they have complied with their terms in the Agreement....we have had a couple of Members here say that this should all be done in a business-like way. It should be in writing, but we have something in writing now and one party has complied with the terms of their agreement and the other party, on their own, without getting a hearing from the other side right now, want to change it. This is what we are doing. We are one side.... the Department of Education and the Commissioner...one side of the story...and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation is the other side of the story. Now we are changing it without their approval. We have already been told that there is an understanding. Mr. Boyd said we should pass this with the understanding that negotiations should start. We have already been told that there is negotiations that have already been completed. An agreement has been reached without opening up this Agreement. The strongest argument that has been given in favour of opening up the Agreement is that a larger percentage of students are getting passing grades in F. H. Collins rather than the other school. This could depend upon different things, but the Department of Education and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation have, if there is changes that are needed, they have already taken steps and we have been given the assurance that the steps have already been taken to improve the situation if it can be improved. We have already been given that assurance. This has already been done. As far as I can see, this is a violation of trust. If we don't complete this Agreement... this is a different situation than the Police Agreement. In that particular Agreement, we kept voting money, voting money, voting money and voting money and they weren't complying with the terms of their Agreement. We all agreed that they weren't complying with the terms of the Agreement. In this case, there are two parties to a contract and both parties to date have complied with the agreement. Both parties to date have complied with the agreement until this Motion came up. Now, this is a Motion where one party, on its own, without any negotiation, without any getting together, is saying "We are just going to change the Law here and we are going to violate the agreement on our own". To me, Mr. Chairman, if our word is no good and the other party is complying with the terms of the agreement...and our word

Mr. Watt continues:

is no good here, then our word is no good for the Five Year Agreement, for any City contracts that we have or for any other type of business that we have. I wouldn't want to do business, either personally, or politically, or any other way with anybody that thinks this way. I think that everybody, particularly all parents, are concerned most of all....more than anything else...with the best education that they can possibly get for their children, and I am concerned about the amount of money that is being spent on education. Mr. Thompson has suggested that there is only one situation where this recommendation could have any change in the Territory right now and that is in Watson Lake and it doesn't change the economics of the situation. This Motion, if it were to be non-discriminatory....without discriminating against a religious group, then I think it should concern other schools...like Territorial Schools in Haines Junction that has just been mentioned. I think this is just picking out a group of people and we are passing legislation which is discriminatory. This is what I believe we are doing here. So, all I can say is, Mr. Chairman, that I think that...Mr. Thompson has already suggested that the situation is well in hand right now and negotiations are being completed....are completed now...for the changing in the number of students and agreement has been reached between the Catholic Episcopal Corporation and the Department of Education with respect to this. This has already been done and this Committee that Mr. Thompson had been a member of has made a recommendation that legislation not be passed. We have been told that they made a recommendation that this be done through letter and through negotiation and not by opening up this Agreement. Mr. Thompson...he never presented a report to us...a Report of Committee. This is the first time I have heard of this recommendation of that Committee. They recommended that any changes being done at this time be done through negotiation and not through changes in the Agreement itself. I don't think it would particularly hurt the Catholic Episcopal Corporation. I think that what will probably happen is that School Boards will be established and legislation is set up for School Boards. School Boards would be established and instead of us hiring the teachers, the School Boards will be hiring teachers. You may have two or three of them in the Territory. We may be all vying for the same teacher...trying to hire the same teacher from each other...and you get two or three School Boards all going after one teacher...one trying to get a good teacher and the other one raising the price and the other one raising the price a little bit higher. I don't think this is helping the taxpayer any. The taxpayer of the Yukon Territory is at a disadvantage if anything. I think that our cost of education...taxes in the whole Territory will go up considerably if this were done. And, if this Motion is passed, and it appears as though it might be, then actually what we are doing is saying that we have unilaterally agreed to change this Agreement. We, on our own, have passed legislation, saying that this is no longer an agreement. We have, on our own, said "Well, you have complied with the terms of your agreement and we are just going to pass legislation here and disregard the agreement altogether". This is what we are doing. I think that if we do that the word of the Territorial Council, in all agreements, will not be worth the paper that they are written on. That is it in black and white.

MOTION #51 Mr. Boyd: Well, there is many things that I should talk about but I am only going to talk about the very last few remarks that Mr. Watt made that we are changing this Agreement, or wishing to change it, without any consideration for anybody else and that things are already working. What has happened, as I see it, is Mr. Thompson has already entered into an agreement, mutual understanding only, written where. I don't know. I don't see it before me and I haven't seen it. He is doing things now that don't coincide with the agreement. The agreement is already dislocated. We are doing something that is not in the agreement, and if Mr. Thompson were to disappear, who would know where we stood. This is carrying this a little far, but this is the principle that we are on and if we are going to do something, then let's have it....if we have agreed to something...if both sides of the group have agreed to something as Mr. Thompson says, first of all, I would think....I would want thoroughly understood and not left in the hands of a few people. It should be on record so that the next Council coming along can know what they are talking about. We are going to be talking about this agreement and we find out that it's not even being adhered to. It could happen and it may happen unless it's in writing and we know where we stand. We would be asked for things that are left here, at this time, considered to be of no use, or not necessary or that they should be used and yet we don't change them. This is what Mr. Watt is suggesting.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to clarify that last statement of Mr. Boyd's. I think there is a different situation in what Mr. Thompson is doing right now in that it's an agreement of both parties of the agreement that they agree that...to make a change in it, together and this is what this Committee has recommended. Wherever Mr. Thompson and the Commissioner, on behalf of the Territory, and the Catholic Episcopal Corporation agree upon something together, then it's quite all right. To me it is quite all right, but if Mr. Thompson agrees upon it by himself, then it's not all right. You just put the shoe on the other foot now. What if the Catholic Episcopal Corporation jumped up and down and said "Well, we're not going to comply with some terms of this agreement"? Well, you'd be jumping up on your high horse and saying "Well, you have got to". Right at the beginning of the Agreement...they made this Agreement and one of the parts of the Agreement was that they were to sell us the school and then they turned around after signing the Agreement and said "Well, we are not going to sell you the school now". Well, we would say that there is no longer an Agreement. This is a breach of trust and we would be jumping up on our high horse and rightly so. The situation, the way it is right now, with the negotiation Mr. Thompson has suggested has already been done, satisfactorily, to both parties...it has been agreed upon by both parties. Just like any two individuals, if they have a contract and they, together agree to disregard a small part of it, it is completely legal, but if one party comes along and says "Well, I don't agree with it, therefore it's no longer an agreement", well, this is, to me, it's something a person doesn't do in business or politics or anything else.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I can only agree with Mr. Watt's saying....we have various schools in my district...Haines Junction, Carmacks, 1202, 1083. We have, undoubtedly, been encouraging grades to be taught up to the grade nine and, now, if we are to turn around and change another agreement and cut their grades to seven, then I don't believe this is right, and we are trying to step the grades up in all areas of the Yukon.. not cut them back...and this would be discrimination against the Episcopal Corporation. I don't think that it is proper at

Mr. MacKinnon continues:

this time to make any of this type of change. It would affect, undoubtedly, the progress of the school at Haines Junction and possibly, in the future, 1202 and 1083, and therefore I am forced to vote against this Motion. I think it would have been far better had this type of Motion never been presented at this time.

Councillor Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to have this construed as if I am trying to cut off debate by standing in, but I would like to ask Mr. Thompson one question. Could you tell me, Sir, when the Chant Report of British Columbia was accepted or implemented?

Mr. Thompson: I believe the Chant Report appeared in 1960. The implementation of the recommendations took place in the ensuing years. It wasn't a full scale implementation in any one year....are you referring specifically, Councillor Thompson, to the reorganization of the grades...grades one to seven as elementary, grades eight to twelve secondary? This took place around 1962. It was very shortly after the Report appeared.

Councillor Thompson: Could I ask a supplementary question, Mr. Chairman? As you say, grades one to seven inclusive have been established as elementary grades and eight to ten have been established as secondary grades and then there has been a complete revamping of the courses and programs in the secondary.

Mr. Thompson: Eight to twelve are the secondary. Eight to ten are the junior secondary and eleven to twelve are the senior secondary.

Councillor Thompson: The affect of the Amendments, then, would be just in keeping in keeping with the recommendations of the Chant Report.

Mr. Thompson: Yes.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you take the chair, please? As seconder of the Motion, naturally I should say a few words. Also, I have probably had as much to do with education as any of you having raised a family, quite successfully I hope and in the High School that they went to...it was a High School that had 800 to 1000 pupils. Their senior fourth, as they called it, or their first grade in High School, when my young lad started, had a class of 181 which had to be split up naturally. Now, as I see it, what we are talking about is the economic reasons for these things that we are trying to get, especially in the grades eleven and twelve classes in Christ the King School. As I understood it, last year there was approximately six or seven pupils in this particular school where they could have been absorbed in F. H. Collins High School, and it is my opinion, and it always will be my opinion, that you must have competition if you are going to get anywheres with education. You can have one or two children in school. They can be as brilliant as you like and yet they can come up with barely passing grades, but if you have the competition, you get some place. Now, I know what I am speaking about because I have seen it. I have seen it in the past. I have seen it now. I have also seen it up in the Elsa School....where you have been teaching grades one to nine...and it is my opinion that a teacher today cannot teach a half a dozen grades successfully. This is my opinion. You have got to have specialized teaching and, therefore, if you have your teachers here, and you do have them, this is the place for them to be taught. Now, if you have a class of

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six or seven, whatever the case was...I just forget the exact figures now...and you have room in the F.H. Collins School and you also want to put another room or something on to this particular school, isn't it better to move these children over there for the time being until you get a big enough class that you can absorb them and have the competent teachers to teach them. My opinion in this is that this is what we should do. We should economize some way or the other. I don't believe in cheap education. My own has been too cheap and this is the reason I am here now. This is my opinion. If I would have had a better education, or a chance, I would probably be some place else...it might be behind the bars for all I know... However, it is something which, in my opinion, we cannot cheapen. You get what you pay for and it doesn't matter what you are buying. This is what you get, but competition is the life of trade and it goes the same thing down the line...education...no matter where you go. Now, in grades one to seven, if this is so, for the schools, why isn't it so for all of them? Let us have one system. Let us standardize. This is my opinion. I do not think, in my own mind, that once a child gets to grade seven and then in grade eight and nine, if he's taught in a one-room school or a three-room school or whatever the case might be, where the teacher, the particular teacher, has to teach probably twenty-five, thirty, or forty children, that he or she has the same ability to do so. In the High School today, as we know, a teacher teaches on one or two subjects alone. Therefore, if you have these teachers, this is where they should be taught, and until such time as this school gets a quota, shall we say...it says twenty here.. students...I think that we should abide by this Motion here and this is the reason I seconded it, for one thing, and I also seconded it for the reason that I have already stated. I have raised a family and I know what education means to anybody. There's nobody knows better than myself what education means. Thank you, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Taylor: I notice the hour of noon is approaching and I think we have discussed this at pretty fair length. As I state, it all boils down, to me, that if both the Catholic Episcopal Corporation and the Department of Education are acting in good faith, there should be no problem with amending this Agreement. If one, or either, or both, are not acting in good faith, then it should be amended, so I think it's a clear cut sort of a proposition and I would vote in favour of the Motion.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Chairman, I just would like to say that the sooner that Council realizes that our job is legislation and Administration's job is administration, and I have a lot of faith in the Administration's ability right now on this matter, and I think they are doing a good job in this respect, and I don't think that we should interfere with their work and I wouldn't like them to interfere in our job in legislation. I can say that I am glad that this is simply a Motion, moved by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Southam, and it is not an Ordinance, and it's up to the Administration, the Commissioner, to do with it as they wish and I hope that they act in a way that it doesn't cast inflections on the ability of Council in the future to negotiate agreements of any kind on behalf of the people of the Yukon Territory.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Superintendent Thompson a question as to adapting this Motion and, if it is adhered to by Administration, will this later affect our schools in the Carmacks-Kluane district like Haines Junction and Carmacks at the present time in cutting down on grades?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would say not necessarily. MOTION #51

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, there has been quite some talk about breaking agreements....justify breaking one and no justification for breaking the other. I would say that there's no justification for breaking any agreement. It can't be justified. We have an Agreement with this Corporation that states that they can have the grade eight, as was stated before, and apparently it's working very well in Watson Lake. There doesn't seem to be any trouble. It's economical and sound and they are getting good education facilities there. I would have no reason to say, or indicate, that that should be stopped. This does stop it. In agreeing with this Motion, it would stop it...perhaps. I don't know. This is, I think, more or less of a guide line on what is to be discussed. The Corporation itself will have to agree with this particular matter because it is a solemn agreement entered into so I am prepared to go along with the Motion on that particular basis. Why do people abstain from voting? Well, there is one part of this Motion that I can't agree with in respect...the grade eight is working fine. I see no reason why it can't continue. On the other hand, I do think that there should be a minimum amount of pupils in the school if it is possible to give them the best of education. So, there we have one thing I might agree with and one thing I might not. I will agree with the Motion insofar as I do feel that it has been five or six years since this Agreement was first entered into and that if these people get together, there is no reason they cannot draw up one that would fit more in with modern days. However, we do have the situation, Mr. Chairman, that if one of the parties do not wish to do anything about it, well, I guess that they don't wish to do anything about it and that is the situation. It's not forcing anybody to do anything. It is asking for negotiations that will be agreeable on both sides. I think that is sound. There is nothing wrong with that. I agree with Mr. Southam when he said we must give every facility to our children, particularly in the higher grades. Now, they need competition. I agree with that. That, I think, will be taken under advisement by all the parties concerned, particularly by the Episcopal Corporation when they think what the results of their Agreement or negotiations will be in respect of their children. I think that should get prior right...the education of their children. Therefore, as I say, in relation to my remarks, I will agree with this. I think it's about time that the people got together and said "Well, let's see if we can make this a little better for all concerned" and it will be up to them to negotiate..... No one is going to be forced. It's merely a modern way of doing things without breaking....

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Mr. Southam: The Motion is carried. Mr. Watt and Mr. MacKinnon contrary. At this time, gentlemen, I will call a recess and we will reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will discuss Bill #6. We have with us this afternoon Mrs. Stark and Mr. Spray.

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Mr. Taylor: Possibly we would have Mr. Legal advisor give us a run down on the matters he has ready before us in reference to Bill #6.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, before I get started on that I should mention that the amendments that the committee called for are in process of preparation at the moment. It is just typing now. You have in front of you notes that I put together over the weekend because the City through the Mayor of Whitehorse was asking for section 135 to be changed to fair actual value. I have looked at the Alberta Act and they say that even though it was passed in 1960 just the sections dealing with value and value improvements have undergone two or three facelifting jobs. Before getting into detail if committee would consider, if you give the City the fair actual and references to the detail of the Alberta technique whether you will disturb the existing basis for the doling out of municipal grants. There must be some formula that the Territorial government relies on to ascertain the value of what the City is really going to be next year. If you get a violent disturbance in there you may have to reexamine the whole schmozzle of calculating the grants. Then, if the City does expand you may find that the residents of the areas which are picked up will be confused or possibly victims of high taxation for a year until their assessments are adjusted. It is convenient to keep the assessment technique for the Territory as close as possible to the assessment technique in the City, say Porter Creek, you add that into the City and they don't know where they are. Now, these are the backbones of it. Now if you take section 6 of the Alberta Act, 1960, they are just trying to say in section 135 they are just trying to say "land shall be assessed at its fair actual value exclusive of the improvements thereof". That is an easy change to make but in the Alberta Act having said that when you get to section 8 they are already having to provide themselves with ways and means of determining what they mean and how the assessors should go about it. So then they start saying "in determining value for assessment purposes, an assessor shall apply the standards and methods prescribed pursuant to the Municipalities Assessment and Equalization Act, and shall assess in accordance with any regulations under the Act." You will have that in front of you, I thought in order to spare you in having to have it read out I thought I would set it in front of you. It goes on to deal with the fact that if the standard and methods of assessment have not been prescribed, etc. and etc., they go on, "the assessor shall assess the property in a manner that is equitable and uniform with the assessments of that and other kinds of property throughout the municipality." In other words, if nobody has provided the rules well use common sense and a sense of clearness. So, you are back to square number one immediately. Presumably the rules have been made to epitomize clearness and common sense and if they haven't made any rules then the assessor has got to use common sense and play it by ear. That is what it is really saying in Alberta. Now, I have set out material there showing where the changes have been made since 1960. That is why you have a section put in that I have drawn a line through it when Alberta changed it's mind. Passing on I would ignore their by-law provisions on sub-divisions and so on which you have their, section 8 (a) and section 8 (b), you have in front of you, and it seems only applicable in municipal areas where they have

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subdivisions and have passed values. It is put before you just as a matter of record. I don't want you to note anything more than it's existence. Now, if you will go to the reference which is 1963, now the assessor says, "in determining the value of land an assessor shall have regard to any advantages or disadvantages of the location, the quality of the soil, any profitable use that may reasonably be made of the land, the benefit to the land of an irrigation or drainage project, and such other considerations as the Assessment Commissioner may from time to time direct". Well, ignore this next bit about section 7 which is dealing with improvements. I have just noted it there for you to glance at at your leisure. If you go to where I have noted a comparison of section 13 of our Taxation Ordinance and section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance, that is page 4 on the typed copy, you will see that I have tried to match the provisions of the Taxation Ordinance against those in the Municipal Ordinance. I have done that because the Territorial Taxation Assessment Ordinance seems to work quite well but it doesn't in the City or hasn't in the last year or two, and I am suggesting that it is not because of a deficiency in the section. It works well in the Territory and I would expect it to work well in the City. I suggest that the assessor in the City must have misunderstood his instructions. This is the only thing that I can conclude because it doesn't really call for a change. I have stated that at some length in the typescript and I am suggesting that you provide such other considerations as the assessor may deem proper and you are giving him enough elbow room then for him to use his common sense, to use his expert knowledge. Now, if you do accept the City's position then I have drafted a suggested form for 135 and I have said, "(1) of 135, Land shall be assessed at its fair actual value exclusive of any improvements thereon. (2) Fair actual value shall be ascertained by reference to the standards, methods and regulations from time to time in force or prescribed for the use of assessors under the Assessment Act of the Province of Alberta". If you want to adopt the Alberta standards. Now, this is what I understand that there was a request from the City and I point out marginally that I consider this type of adaptation very unwise. If you look back you will see how often Alberta is changing it's mind about the methods in use and if they can't be consistent you are putting yourself in some danger. So, I say we can go to section 23 alternatively and use that to determine the value of the land. When you look at Section 33 of the Alberta Act side by side of the Section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance, you find that they are virtually the same animal. For instance, the Municipal Ordinance says you have got to take into consideration the advantages or disadvantages of location, now that is exactly what Section 23 of the Alberta Act says. The Alberta Act says they can consider the quality of the soil. So, what has been gained by picking up Section 23, nothing. The Alberta Act says you must take into consideration any profitable use that may reasonably be made of the land, well our Ordinance says any profitable use that may reasonably be made of the land. Now, I am paraphrasing now. Now in Alberta they take into consideration the benefit of irrigational drainage, you may feel this is part of the general consideration. We don't have that. Then in Alberta it says "such other considerations as the Assessment Commissioner may from time to time direct". Is there any real difference in saying the Municipal Council? I suggest in committee what Section 23 of the Alberta Act, you can make a small change but have other suggestions that the City Council may have. The Council would have a more clear cut position to give directions but even if the Council is given the authority it must be consistent directions, ones that will keep a balance of the assessment picture clear across town. Not these violent

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switches from one lot to another, \$15,000 on one property and BILL #6
\$1500 on the adjoining property and so on. No directions, no
authority will enable the City or the Assessor and anyone to
allow extortions like that, there must be some valid acceptable
justification for it. So I am bound to advise the committee
that I am doubtful as to whether anything will be gained if
Section 23 of the Alberta Act is imported into the Municipal
Ordinance but if it is to continue and the continued wish of
Council then I have outlined the proposal and would make a
small change and give the power to the Municipal Council and
you have before you Section 135 and Subsection one and two
as suggested if this is what you want to have.

Mr. Taylor: I am just wondering if possibly our Territorial
Land Assessor can give us some directions or comments and
practical applications.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, if I may, there are a couple things
that I would like to say. I would like to thank you for saying
Mr. Hughes with your kind remark about the Territorial Taxation
Ordinance being better than the City assessment procedure.
However, I can see on the first page of this edition from
Mr. Hughes the exact meaning, the taxation works better in
the Territory because we don't have any zoning and we don't
have any commercial and residential areas as such. So, that
everybody gets an equitable assessment on their land regardless
of where it is. Now, this is what we have been trying to get
into the City Ordinance to give the City assessor the right
to assess the land and take into consideration the use factor
and this as Mr. Hughes has set out gives you that section. That
is at the bottom of the page, subsection 3, "Notwithstanding
anything in this Act, where an action taken pursuant to the
Town and Rural Planning Act or The Planning Act has the effect
of prescribing", and I can only interpret it as where a city
by-law is in effect of doing the same thing, "for land used
for residential purposes or for a parcel of land used for
agricultural purposes, some use other than its actual use,
the assessor shall, until such time as the land is used for
the purpose designated, assess the land according to its
residential or agricultural use, as the cause may be." That
is for the City to allow them to do what they are doing in
residential areas. If a lot is in a commercial area then it
is given commercial assessment. But, in commercial areas
if there is a residence it is given residential. That is
what has caused all the trouble and that is the basis of my
appeal for the last two years.

Mr. Taylor: Possibly Mrs. Stark may have something to say.

Mrs. Stark: All I might add is the discussions with the
Alberta Assessors and with Judge Parker, they have felt
Section 135 was clear enough except that fair actual value
left a doubt as to what was meant by fair actual value. It
left a question in your mind, in other words, they didn't
have any trouble but thought a section could be added where
the Municipal Council may from time to time act, this is very
difficult, the Council is only in term for two years and they
would be unfamiliar and they would be advising me to do it.
This is what happened before and this is why we went to court.

Mr. Clerk: Could Mr. Hughes answer my question?

Mr. Legal Advisor: In respect to the member from Second Avenue,
South, the position I think is covered by other conditions as
the assessor may deem proper and if the assessor gives some

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues.....
 weighting to the effective zones, he must give a sensible allowance. I don't myself think that it is necessary to get him to spell it out what he is to do about zoning. It hasn't been found necessary in other places. I have been looking at the Ontario and I haven't quite completed the matching of the amendments, but if you want, then you can say fair actual value shall be ascertained by the methods and standards and be enforced. This is the first suggestion I made but I wouldn't recommend it, but subscribe to the Alberta Act and then you have complete authority to pick up these incidentals. You can refer back to the Municipalities and Organizations Act but then I come to my head note and I think it is a very important thing that when a person has a tax levied the most untrained person should be able to sit down and figure out just what exactly has been done. I suggest that we go into the business of interpreting the Alberta Act and importing you are making assessments unintelligible to the taxpayer and almost too involved for the lawyer and where only experts with sliderules may adventure. I think you will be undermining the taxpayers confidence in the fairness of the deal he is getting. If you have to go into Alberta to borrow their methods it is better to have a day in court here battling out assessment and on rules you understand than rules you can't see through. However, if you want to do it all right. My own view is that it is not necessary if the assessor will use common sense and courage.

Mr. Shaw: I talked on this the other day in reference to the assessed value and how that would fit in with the Territorial School Tax and therefore I feel that however there is a change it must not be inconsistent with the general idea because it puts it on a narrow basis for whatever may be said by the various municipalities. At the same time we have before this Council a matter that concerns the Municipalities primarily and doesn't concern the whole Territory so therefore, when we assess you are doing a different type of assessment. We find that we are dealing with something that is essentially municipal. We will enurther then and say under the Ordinance such and such and under prescribed limits and amongst these authorities they have the power to assess people on their property within the municipalities. We may have some certain restrictions but they are somewhat general. I do not believe that the municipality of Dawson has any zones. I might be incorrect in a true sense of the word, they would naturally have some in one sense of the word. However, in the City of Whitehorse we have these by-laws which apparently create the problems with which we are faced with today and we are trying to come up with an Ordinance to set the assessors policy. It would occur to me that this is something that the authority should be in the hands of the municipality, in the hands of the people. It appears to me that as far as the assessing goes, if it meets with the approval of the Commissioner, why should they not be allowed to draw up their by-laws in regard to assessing. Why should it come before the Council, this is a local matter. This is what the City Council is for.

Mr. MacKinnon: In regard to the comments by the Legal Advisor I would like to ask Mr. Clerk if he feels the tax assessor has the courage and common sense required to keep us out of trouble by adapting this document as it is.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, I was quite interested in Mr. Hughes remarks as I am also the Territorial Tax Assessor. The last appeal was thrown out because of the fact that the City Council was told that their assessment was against the law and they

Mr. Clerk continues.....
 couldn't legally do that. I went to our Legal Advisor and asked what was meant and he couldn't tell me, and I went to the lawyer that the City Council had brought up here and we asked him point blank what was against the law and he didn't see fit to tell us. I went to the Crown Prosecutor Collins and asked and he couldn't tell me. No one has been able to tell me yet either. This is why I get so mad when I get all this run around and then the Legal Advisor says the assessor has all the power he needs in the Ordinance. Yet, when he does it the Judge throws it out and says it is against the law. Now this is ridiculous. I would like to get the answer.

Mr. Boyd: I wonder why Mr. Clerk didn't go to the man who made the decision and he might have had a starting point.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I am not sure that the judge has been correctly quoted in what he said at that time. I do point out that we do have a type of zoning in the Territory. You go down the highway to McRae and you have zoning prohibitions, a set back of 350 feet, this is a zoning prohibition and this doesn't seem to give any trouble at all. So, I make those two points, I am not sure that the Judge hasn't been misquoted and that we do have a type of zoning.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson will you take the chair please. Personally and I still say that this is a matter for the City of Whitehorse and I agree with Councillor Shaw that they could bring in a by-law about this assessing. But it seems to me this is the City business and not Territorial business. I am pleased to hear that the Territory is so well looked after and I think the City should be able to do the same thing. When I was in town a few years ago they zoned it and my taxes went up and I sold it and let somebody else take it over and then there was finally a brewery built. But, I got out of it.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Would it be your wish to take what I have suggested, would you want to have considerations as the City Council by by-law may direct. They can have that and the City Council will be completely the author of their own fate.

Mr. Shaw: That is my wish, I think that the City Council should be the author of their own fate in this respect. This is their business and that is what they are put in there, provided it is not inconsistent, but they should have the authority. It must be universal and fair but I would like to see the Legal Advisor revise this Ordinance in this way.

Mr. Thompson: I am just wondering if it would be in order to ask the Honourable Judge to come before us and give us his interpretation. We have had much confusion on all sides and the Territorial Tax Assessor feels that he has never been told why it was unlawful and the Legal Advisor feels that there are some inadequacies and I wonder if the Judge would give us his interpretation it might clarify a few things.

Mr. MacKinnon: I believe that Mr. Thompson has a very good idea and I would certainly like to hear from the Judge before further on this matter. There is one thing I would like to bring up. We have just gotten this document at noon today and I would have liked to have had time to look into it a little more. Why was this not put before Council yesterday at recess instead of today at noon when it does not give us the proper chance to study it and it is very very hard to vote on something that you just read while there is conversation going on. Is there some reason why this was not distributed before now to us?

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Mr. Legal Advisor: I followed the usual procedure in making it available and I don't know when it was distributed. And, could I suggest in regards to the judge that it isn't customary to question a judge about his decision. It would be a nice thing to do but we can't. This is what lawyer's get paid for.....to figure out the decisions of the judge.

Mr. MacKinnon: As an elected representative I would like to get the facts and I don't care whether it is from a Legal Advisor or a Judge. I don't see just because of a persons living or another. We are here to do the best we can for the people and I think Judge Parker could assist us in this matter.

Mr. Clerk: I want to add to that question as to why the document wasn't distributed. These are only documents and they are for you to follow along with the discussions, you are not voting on anything on this paper.

Mr. Legal Advisor: That is right Mr. Clerk, it is a sample of how section 135 should go and that is where it runs on pages 3 and 4 and is based on the Alberta Act. These are only suggestions. It represents a large portion of my weekend.

Mr. MacKinnon: When we have had a chance to read it I am sure that it will be appreciated.

Mr. Taylor: We have been through this document since two o'clock and I might say that it seems to me that the Legal Advisor is quite correct that this isn't quite required at this point. The question is to whether we are going to let the City Council use it's own judgement in regards to assessment and I would concur with those members who have felt that the City should have this power. If the proposed amendment would be included I would say that we should be getting on with it and have the by-law drafted.

Mrs. Stark: I think this would be a good set up. We can set-up a by-law and these have to go through the Commissioner so if we did get off the beaten track he could always straighten us out.

Mr. Thompson: My only comment is that I take it there will be no appreciative change in the section 135 other than these subsections a,b,c,d,e, added. Is this correct.

Mr. Legal Advisor: What it amounts to is that you will add on to it "and such other considerations that the Municipal Council by by-law will direct". That about covers it.

Mr. Legal Advisor: It would go something like this, Section 135 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore. I will follow the tabular method as used in Alberta.

Mr. Thompson: There will be no reference in this amended section to land or reference to fair actual value.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No, I don't think very much is gained but if the Clerk expresses a wish to have actual in there I could put that in there as well.

Mrs. Stark: Myself it is quite clear but the assessors felt it would make it clearer.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Hughes, this is quite confusing and I presume we are dealing with section 135. Mr. Firth did make reference to using the words "fair actual value" based on willing sellers to willing buyers and he wanted that adapted into this section and we shouldn't overlook it.

Mrs. Stark: To add the section about the willing buyer and the BILL #6 willing seller?

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes Mr. Chairman, fair actual value based on informed willing sellers and willing buyers.

Mrs. Stark: I can't really comment on that because I had never heard of that before the other day.

Mr. MacKinnon: It was just a point that the Mayor had made and I was wondering what the purpose of this statement.

Mr. Shaw: In the mind of the Mayor his remarks were to the effect that the words should be in there because in the Alberta Act it was stated. Our efforts before have always ended up in the past in court and I think we should leave it to the City to do.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I remember the Mayor and the point he brought up and there is always room for improvement and may I suggest that we should provide such standards, methods, and other considerations and allow the Municipal Council to subscribe this. Just as our Commissioner can lay down decisions, and just as the Assessment Councillor in Alberta. If the City Council wishes to take up some of the points from Alberta then they will have the power to do that.

Mr. Taylor: I think we are going round and round and getting no where. In order to be expedient here I would like to move in order that Mr. Legal Advisor draft up an amendment to section 135 of the Municipal Ordinance as outlined in much discussion here.

Mr. MacKinnon: I don't think that a motion is here required.

Mr. Legal Advisor: If I may, I could draft up this legislation and take it in to the member from Watson Lake and then if he wants to bring it in as an amendment then he may.

Mr. Boyd: This (e) here if this was implemented wouldn't that be satisfactory instead of writing it down again.

Mr. Legal Advisor: May I bring it back after recess.

Mr. Southam: At this time I will call a short recess.

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Tuesday, May 10, 1966.
3:30 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order and we will continue where we left off. BILL #6

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, during recess we drafted a proposed amendment, and I would like to move this amendment at this time that Bill No. 6 be further amended as follows: Section 135. Lands shall be assessed at their fair actual value, and in determining the value of land, the assessor shall have regard to (a) the advantages and disadvantages of location; (b) the quality of soil; (c) the annual rental value that, in his opinion, the lands are worth for any purpose to which they may reasonably be put; (d) the value of any standing timber; (e) such matters as the Municipal Council may by by-law from time to time direct; and (f) such other considerations as the assessor may deem proper. AMENDMENT TO BILL #6

Mr. MacKinnon: Just one question, Mr. Chairman. What's the advantage in the quality of soil? Will that have any bearing...is somebody going to go into farming or gardening?

Mr. Taylor: Possibly I should...I was just waiting for a seconder....

Mr. Shaw: I'll second that Motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Shaw. In respect of this, (a), (b), (c), (d) and (f) are all included in the present section. We have actually added the term "fair actual value" and in section (e) the power of the Municipality to make by-laws respecting this.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I don't see any sense to this soil testing. Where is this going to bring you? The soil will test more fertile in a swamp, under water. Is this going to have something to do with the value?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, it's in there...it's put in their to guide the assessor, but if you had a swamp in a commercial zone, the assessor would have to take that into consideration. You couldn't put up a skyscraper on poor ground. So, it's just not the fertility of the soil. It's the quality of the soil and whether building is possible on a location. This is how you interpret that. After all, we have got in there "the value of any standing timber". Well, there's not very much timber standing in Whitehorse that has noticeable value and that's been in there for years and years. Alberta doesn't have that, but we have it in our Taxation Ordinance as well.

Mr. Southam reads the Amendment to Bill No. 6, as proposed.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask Mr. Legal Advisor one question. What would be the difference in the proposed Amendment between "other considerations" and "such matter" in sub (e)?

Mr. Legal Advisor: The word "matter" was put in there because we are trying to avoid the word "considerations" again, but it can be just "considerations" in both places really.

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Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder now if Mr. Legal Advisor could have prepared a new Bill, showing the Amendments,

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Mr. Taylor continues: and I would like to, at this time, express my thanks to Mrs. Stark and to other Members of the Whitehorse City Council who have stayed with us during these long deliberations to ensure that we did a proper job on the Municipal Ordinance and I would suggest that Mrs. Stark, at this time, could be excused.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, there is a matter that I have been going to attend to for quite some time. I wonder if I could be excused for about ten minutes to go up to the Commissioner's office. . . shrubs and caribou moss.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I will declare a short recess.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order. What is your pleasure at this time, gentlemen?

BILL #12

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that Mr. Legal Advisor is still with us, I wonder if we could now deal with Bill No. 12. I would certainly like to see the whole Bill discussed but it appears that this would be an impossibility at this particular moment, regretfully, but certainly, I feel that Part II of the Minimum Wages should be discussed.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if, despite the Councillors suggestion, I could take that written copy of the Amendment upstairs and get that launched because there is quite a bit of fitting to be done, unless the Clerk of the Council can arrange for it to be done tomorrow morning.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: I assume that Mr. Legal Advisor will be back right away. We will go on to Bill No. 12. Part II, page three. Do you want the title of the Bill?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, you will have to read the title for sure.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I think you could read the title and what we are going to deal with. Anything else, to me, would be a waste of time...not only because it is time, but because we are going to read it again at a later period.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of this Bill, I would like to direct a question to the Legal Advisor. In adopting Part II, would we not have to include section 1, Short Title; 2. Interpretation; 3. Application?

Mr. Legal Advisor: You would need the title. I am not too sure what interpretation portions are in. If you are going straight to the Minimum Wage...you would need portions of the Interpretation section because an employer has to be defined, an employee has to be defined, and you have to give the Commissioner some regulation making power if you are just going to pick up 11 (a).

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, wouldn't you require sections 3 and 4 to make this workable?

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Mr. Legal Advisor: Well, the Council has expressed itself, BILL #12 Mr. Chairman, on the subject of inclusion of....everybody... yes, you would have to define the extent of the....under section 3. You would have to have 4 in there to pick the matter up beyond doubt. I don't think you would need sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. I don't think you would need 12.

Mr. Taylor: I believe, Mr. Chairman, that we may possibly require section 34.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The Councillor is ahead of me. Yes, 34 (2)...if you are going to have inquiries or an Inspector.. somebody armed with authority...or some equivalent section. If Council just wants to concentrate on Minimum Wage, it might almost be better to have...to do away with 34 and drop some equivalent section in rather than trying to pick up these.....you would want 46, possibly. I would have to sit down and go through it very carefully. I could possibly have it ready by tomorrow lunch time.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, as I have read a portion of this, you would be dealing with almost the whole Bill in order to justify the minimum wage scale, and I think this will run into days of debate. I believe we haven't much to gain by just adapting this one particular thing and I don't know of anybody who is getting less than the Minimum Wage Scale at the present time. I believe the entire Bill should get first choice in the fall and then maybe the Administration will have a chance to present a Bill of their own on Labour Legislation, based on Council's wishes...on discussions... prior to this Session. Just to pass this Minimum Wage, for instance, is not going to be of any great accomplishment, and I have talked to several different people and...by adapting this only, you are going to find that fringe benefits, at the present time, more than out weigh the outlined minimum wage rate and these fringe benefits will no longer exist. I think we have to go deeper into this and cover it from several different angles.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, it has been suggested to me that this might be treated as an Amendment to the Labour Provisions Ordinance...have this tacked on to the Labour Provisions as the Minimum Wage set, in which case you would have to amend the Title as well. That would be an interesting approach. I do believe I could have the Minimum Wage section and supporting sections...the first draft...back in the hands of the private Member introducing this by quarter to five if I was able to get away and do it now. There's about an hours work getting the first draft out.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, yes. This is a must...this basic minimum wage. Council has collectively spoke of this in every Session for many past Sessions. If it would be more expedient to have this Bill shortened down, whittled down to size shall I say, an amendment to it, I would be quite amenable to do that and possibly we could discuss it following Orders of the Day tomorrow morning, if nothing else is on the agenda for that time.

Mr. Boyd: Would that mean, then, that we would be passing the Amendment only and not any portion of it? I wholeheartedly concur.

Mr. Southam: I will call a short recess. At this time, gentlemen, could Mr. Legal Advisor be excused to go to work on this draft to the amendments to the Labour Bill so that we can have it first thing in the morning?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, we have a bunch of Sessional Papers which I think we could go through.

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PAPER #70

Mr. Southam: We will proceed with Sessional Papers. The first one is Sessional Paper No. 70, re Expo '67. (Reads the Sessional Paper).

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PAPER#74

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I think in this case we need to... a bombshell dropped since that time and I think there was more information following this, contained in Sessional Paper No. 74.

Mr. Southam reads Sessional Paper No. 74, re Expo '67.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in order to finalize, as far as Council is concerned, this matter, and clarify it, I think that in view of the circumstances and the excessive cost involved, we will be restricted somewhat in the amount of space that we can financially afford, however, we are well located. There is four hundred square feet here and this is near the main gate to Expo '67 through which, we understand, some thirty million people will be coming and going this summer. I think the proposal, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 74 is sound and I am quite confident that we will have all the financial support required from both Ottawa and the Territorial level so I would move that Council are of the opinion that the Yukon do participate in Expo '67 as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 74.

Mr. Shaw: I'll second the Motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Boyd: I just wanted to ask one question, Mr. Chairman. This is being backed by Ottawa...the \$35-24,000 was..and this remains on the same basis in principle....changed another way...would Council want to think about it again? In other words, will Ottawa go for this?

Mr. Taylor: In answer to that, Mr. Chairman, the Commissioner has indicated that he feels that the \$50,000.00 referred to here would be considered a reasonable amount and the Minister has given us his assurance that he would assist us in any reasonable amount. I think the situation is really unchanged there.

MOTION THAT
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Moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Shaw, that Council are of the opinion that the Yukon do participate in Expo '67 as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 74.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a question. I don't exactly know who to direct it to. We are speaking of \$50,000.00 for the rental of this four hundred square feet, but we will also have to have money for the display and this might cost us \$20,000.00. Am I right in my thinking that the \$50,000.00 is straight rental for the space?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can answer that, I think, by just reading from the Sessional Paper which I believe everyone has here, "cost \$50,000 for display space, decoration and design, shipment of supplies, staff, etc., for the duration of Expo". It's an all inclusive thing, except possibly for those items which we may wish to take from our Museum and place on display down there and even that is paid for. It's an all inclusive deal.

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Mr. Southam: The next one is Sessional Paper No. 71, re Question No. 25 - L.P.R.T. Service at Swift River. SESSIONAL PAPER #71

Mr. Taylor: I just wanted to say that this is the third year of asking, I think, on the old basis of ask for it today and you get it three years from now.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, on that basis then, Whitehorse can conceivably expect twenty-four hour service in 1970.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper No. 72, re Question No. 10, Yukon Forest Service. SESSIONAL PAPER #72

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is, of course, a question that I raised earlier in the Session. It is interesting to note that this is being turned over to the Committee formed to formulate and draft our Five Year Fiscal Agreement, but it's interesting to note that we didn't have any Yukon representatives on the last Committee to draft this arrangement, or this Agreement, and I hope, and I sincerely trust that the Territorial and Federal Administrations will get together... Territorial representative that is on this Committee this year. Having respect to the Forest Service, I feel very very strongly that this is something that could'under Territorial Administration and control, and I very much hope this will come in the new Five Year Agreement.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am sure we will get this with autonomy.

Mr. Southam: Sessional Paper No. 73, re Question No. 26, Position re lands. SESSIONAL PAPER #73

Mr. MacKinnon: Agreed.

Mr. Boyd: What is Mr. MacKinnon agreeing to, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Shaw: What does P.C. stand for, Mr. Chairman? Post Centennial?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, that's my question...answer to it and it's a very long answer to get no answer - a lot of words but nothing said. The thing that I am after is I want them to set the price of the lots that we will be required to pay when they will sell the ground. I don't care if it's a hundred years from now, but let them tell us what that ground is going to cost us. We have buildings on it. We have homes on it. This is no answer. I will leave it at that. I am going to go after Administration again in between now and next fall's Session and I am going to ask them to put the price on because we are now paying for the term of the lease \$125.00...that's every five years. That's the value that they are taking out of us. You can easily see what price we are going to pay for this ground and never own it. That's just not good enough. It's another one of these Ottawa financial gimmicks.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, it does state that they would sell Marsh Lake at \$45.00 per acre and Tagish Lake at \$30.00 per acre, but they also state that they won't get around to it until June 1970...until 1970, nothing can be done..."the selling price would be based on the authorized appraisal table which establishes the price of land", but you've got to wait until June 1970 before they get around to it.

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Mr. Boyd: And it also states that the minimum price of a small parcel is \$60.00. They don't tell you what they will sell it at. They tell you what the minimum price is...the lowest price. I would like to know what the actual sale price would be.

Mr. Southam: Will you take the Chair, Mr. Boyd? This is question No. 26....a question that I have put, and the reason I have put it is when I was coming down to Council last fall, I brought a lady down with me and she informed me that they have 40 acres which they got surveyed last year and it cost them \$1,000.00 and, also, they wanted more acreage at the time that they got the 40 acres, on lease, and were told at that particular time that they could only have 40 acres. Now, on this particular 40 acres of ground, they have a very nice cottage...I suppose you could call it that...very nice, well built, fine looking place and, also, they have broken about 100 or so acres for growing marsh hay, I guess it is, for their stock. They have about twelve head of cattle....Highland cattle...and also quite a bunch of pack horses, but they are discouraged in this way that they cannot seem to get a title or get any answer from the Surveyor-General...I think you call him...and they have not heard from him since the nine months which the survey was taken and now, they told me, although they are not spreading the word around too greatly, that if they can find a place in B.C. this fall, they are going to pull out and let it go because they have come to the conclusion that the Government don't give a damn about them and also they don't want settlers in this part of the country. This, gentlemen, to me...this happens to be a big game man. I will give you his name...Mr. Louis Brown. You fellows know him as well as I do probably....probably know him better, but this is what they told me, and it seems to me that anybody that has been fifteen years, trying to get a title to a piece of ground in a country this size, where they tell you you can lease, buy or whatever you want to do, and take fifteen years to get it, and nine months after you get it surveyed and pay \$1,000.00 to get a little piece, 40 acres, surveyed, it's about time something was done about this land business. I don't know what the answer is. Probably you gentlemen can tell me. You have been around here longer than I have and probably you are just as frustrated as I am. It seems to me that this is needless. I can't understand it, but these are the words, exactly, as Mrs. Brown told me when I brought her down here about a week ago. I will take the Chair back now, Mr. Boyd.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it's like trying to get a National Park.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, all I can add, Mr. Chairman, is that this is par for the course and this will continue until we get a little say in our affairs.

Mr. Southam: That is the Sessional Papers, gentlemen? What is your pleasure now?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, we have one Motion still sitting in Committee, I believe...Motion No. 19, Wildlife Survey. I was wondering if it would be the intention to having that one withdrawn in view of the fact that we have cleared a Motion respecting this?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, according to my records, Motion No. 46, Game Department Development...I don't have any comments....maybe you could refresh my memory. Has this been approved?

Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, and that also embodied that funds be made available for a complete Game Inventory. I believe Motion No. 19 was left in abeyance.

Mr. Thompson: That is correct. In that case, we can remove that item.

Mr. Southam: We will now go on to Motion No. 42 which reads MOTION #42 as follows: Moved by Mr. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Watt, it is respectfully requested that page 3, section 9, subsection (b) "that exceeds four feet in height or eight feet in width" be changed to read "that exceeds eight feet in height or twelve feet in width". Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, Mr. Chairman, this sign deal has become quite a problem along the Alaska Highway. As you are well aware, the four by eight sign is very small, especially when you get out of the City Limits where you don't have newspapers and the like of this to advertise in from day to day. It then becomes necessary to have a sign to bring in your business, and advertising has proven very, very profitable to all business. To our type of business on the Highway, radio advertising is not effective because we are dealing mainly with the travelling public, and a very nice sign is an eight by twelve. If it's a proper distance, as the Ordinance now calls for, a certain distance from the Highway, a bigger sign is an awful lot more attractive, easier to read, and creates less of a hazard to the driver. You can have your print much bigger and they can be driving along fifty miles an hour, which is the speed limit, and read the sign quite clearly without any difficulty. Further to this, there is an awful lot of signs on the highway at the present time that exceed the four by eight, which is thirty-two square feet, and the R.C.M.P. have now decided that they are going to allow two months... I talked to the Superintendent of Highways...and he has personally went to the R.C.M.P. and they are going to, within two months, notify all owners of signs over four by eight to take their signs down. Now, the D.P.W. have no objections to the signs that exceed this size. This is quite clear. I have discussed it with Mr. Koropatnick and Mr. Bakke, also, the Superintendent of the Northern Alaska Highway. If we cannot make this change, it's going to cost a lot of our taxpayers hundreds of dollars to have new signs made and they will be forced to destroy signs that have cost upwards of \$1200.00 for as much as two signs. Therefore, I feel it is very necessary to have this changed, and I will assure you that it is not obstructing the highway in any means. I have been given that assurance by Mr. Bakke, the Highway Superintendent, and I am sure if anybody would like to hear from him that we could ask him to come to this Council and discuss the problem with us.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in respect of signs...boy, do I ever remember the battles that we went through in this House over formulating of signs policy. There was a period of time when it was suggested by the Northwest Highways System that unless a policy was set down and adhered to, that all signs would come down up and down the Highway and we would go for little multiple sign deals with six or eight...little tiny signs...displayed on boards on huge sign boards along the Alaska Highway at the entrance and exits to...the entrances to the communities...the basic community only. So, it was resolved...we came to some agreement with the Northwest Highways System in respect of this and it was a pretty fair agreement, I think. It has worked out very well until now and it seems to be working well, certainly, down in my area. It hasn't created any problems. Four by eight's a pretty big

MOTION #42 Mr. Taylor continues:

sign. Another point to consider is that I have talked to the parties involved here on two or three occasions, and I was informed that their problem was one where they have got a larger sign four by eight displaying several things on it. I asked them if they thought it would be possible to cut their sign down and to put up two signs...make it into two rather than one and they thought well, this may be possible, and I suggested that as a possible compromise but I really and truly and honestly wouldn't want to change and detract from this Agreement that we agreed to with the Northwest Highway System in respect of the size of signs in the Yukon at this time for this one reason. I think that if we do make any changes at all, I think we should approach this with great caution lest the Northwest Highways System people come back as they did a few years ago and this highway signs bit get into another furor and we might come out on the short end of the stick. So, I would suggest that if these gentlemen can, as they indicate, cut their signs in two and put up two signs in favour of the one in order to stay within the present restrictions, that this might be the answer.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, how can you cut a sign in three pieces? Just how would you attempt to butcher up a sign and come up with anything? Furthermore, you are restricted on the amount of signs, and I wouldn't say things are working very well. I know of two people in this business who has contacted Mr. Taylor and discussed their problem with him and I am honestly telling you that there is a problem, and the signs do need to be bigger. Some of these people are paying up to \$1,000.00 in property tax and we are about to deny them the right of having a proper sign. This is what we are here for is to support the general public. When this flourish is over, this mining flourish, then we will get back to earth and realize where our bottom dollars come from... the steady dollars. I believe that at least we can support the people that much and change a couple of words in this Motor Vehicle Ordinance. Change the four to eight and the eight to twelve. This is not much confusion.

Mr. Taylor: As I say, Mr. Chairman, we made an Agreement with the Northwest Highways System and it has worked well up to this point. I have talked to these two gentlemen referred to here, more or less, and I think they can resolve this problem as has been suggested.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it is not a problem with the Highways System. Last evening, I discussed it with Mr. Bakke, and he has made a survey of the Highway North and this is what he told me. If you will give me a few minutes, I would like to call him to Council as a witness, if it's necessary, and you can hear what he has to say. They feel that we must change the Ordinance if we are going to go along with the people and as long as we keep the signs out of their ditches, they have no objections whatsoever and Mr. Koropatnick sent Mr. Bakke on a special trip to make a survey of the sign problem and the sign problem is a threat by the R.C.M.P. to give two months grace and then these signs will have to abide by the present Ordinance, if the Ordinance isn't changed, but we are having two months grace in hopes that the Ordinance will be changed. The R.C.M.P. are taking the action because law is law. When you have it written in the Ordinance, they must see that people go along with the Ordinance. That is the only problem. There is no problem with the D.P.W. and all our Regulations here restrict to so many signs. They restrict as to the locality of signs. This is all going to stay in. We are not asking for anything - only the enlargement of the signs.

Mr. MacKinnon continues:

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There is going to be thousands of dollars worth of signs destroyed this summer if the Ordinance is not changed, and I don't believe this is quite right. I don't think it is asking for much and there are a lot of people involved. Maybe, to some of you, the places along the Highway don't amount to much, but if one goes to close, you hear the howls and the cries, then, wondering what to do. How are the poor people going to get over the Highway if this fellow and that fellow closes down. So let us give them a little consideration. We do need them, whether we all realize that or not.

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Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will continue.

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Mr. Shaw: All I would have to add is that the former member from Kluane-Carmacks brought this up on various occasions and what I can recollect is that the Alaska Highway is a federal road and the federal government determines what signs should be up and so on and so forth. However, the matter of signs along the road are determined by agreement between the federal departments and the Territorial government set up agreements in accordance with such. The object was that they did not want the country side inundated with signs. It does appear to me that before signs can be put up that agreement must be according to the Ordinance which was agreed to by the federal government. It is not within the confidence of the Territorial Council to establish those signs. Now, we can have the Commissioner down here and ask him but it doesn't matter to me if Mr. MacKinnon or somebody else put up a sign. The only thing is that I suppose if the sign is too large there is a safety factor involved with regards to the tourist. Maybe it is a safety factor to have it with the bigger letters, that is something else to think about at this time. I feel, whether it is correct or not, that signs must have the approval of the federal government as they are the people that own the highway. If we took it over then it would be under our jurisdiction but I do not believe at this time that it is proper. The Commissioner could come down and straighten us out but as far as I am concerned there is no problem. I haven't had any complaints in my area.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the R.C.M.P. are acting on behalf of this Motor Vehicle Ordinance and that does apply on the highway as well as anywhere else. So, they have spotted in the Ordinance that the size of the sign is mentioned and they are going to give two months if the Ordinance doesn't change for the signs to come down. That is what Mr. Backe told me last evening. So it is a matter of changing the size. The police are not concerned if we change the size. They don't want to see people throw away thousands of dollars worth of signs. But if the ordinance says they must then they must. It is not a matter of bringing the Commissioner down to see if it is a federal road, we know that it is a federal road, there is no question but the point is that the R.C.M.P. are going in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Ordinance and they are going to apply it the way it is written. This is the reason why I am asking for a change.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have one question, we have the Registrar of Motor Vehicles with us this morning, but right now he has the hat of Clerk of the Council, but I wonder if he could inform Council with his knowledge whether we do have the jurisdiction of what kind of signs they put up on the Alaska Highway or not.

Mr. Southam: Would you please answer that question, Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, well it is not a straight yes and no answer but at the time these sign regulations were set up the Army was in charge of the highway and it was debatable who had full authority on the highway. It was determined that the Territorial Government through the R.C.M.P. are enforcing the regulations and I have no doubt but that we can have the regulations changed and altered in regards to the size of the signs. I could be wrong but I don't think there would be any problem at all.

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Mr. Watt: I haven't been up and down on my feet like an elevator all afternoon.....we have a Commissioner's order respecting motor vehicles and in the Motor Vehicle Ordinance and there is a section in it concerning signs which is in effect now and there is no reason why that cannot be changed now. The request that the member from Carmacks-Kluane is suggesting is very reasonable, that the size be changed and the regulation be amended to read 8 x 12 feet instead of 4 x 8 feet and these do provide a service on the highway indicating that there is a place ahead with a restaurant, gas stop, motel, etc. and these are what the tourists are looking for. They are few and far between and by the time the tourists go forty and fifty feet a sign 8 x 12 is a lot better than a scruffy and scraggy looking sign 4 x 8 or 2 x 4 and I think that the request is very reasonable and there is 300 miles or highway in his area and I will support his motion in regards to the highway signs.

Mr. Taylor: I wasn't aware until this discussion had taken place that these signs were already up. I thought that they had wanted to put these signs up. It seems to me that if this is the case that when they got their sign permit they should have made a study of the signs regulations before putting them up. This is why the police are talking about this and it is in contravention of the law but I can't see that our purpose here is to change the law everytime somebody gets into trouble either. I don't think that is the object of the exercise at all. As I say, this situation is working out very well for the people in the Territory, possibly with the exception of these two gentlemen, and I think that they have found a means by which they could reduce the size as suggested and I see no useful purpose in passing this particular motion and I think we are best to leave well enough alone or we will be getting all tangled up with D.P.W.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that is not right. I would like to tell Mr. Taylor that from down on the south end those people are making the same request, that these signs be enlarged. Clyde Wann is one, and Charlie Shandella is another that I have personally talked to and they feel they are entitled to larger signs than 4 x 8 and they feel it is a necessity to have a brighter and bigger sign and it is just not a few people that have the signs up. There are some that put the signs up without knowing that an Ordinance existed and they are starting into a new business and doesn't expect that we have any foolish regulations and then to his sorrow he later finds out that there is. This is not the purpose of bringing it before Council because this is a request from the majority of the people in that business and it is a necessity, 4 x 8 is a ridiculous looking thing along the vast highway where you see nothing for miles and then you see a little sign that says "gas station" etc., all cramped onto a little 4 x 8 sign. It is impossible. The Forestry have signs along the highway that are near to 200 square feet and now what is the difference. This doesn't seem to cause accidents, now the taxpayer, the person backing this country up and in most cases these places are glorified tax collectors for the Territorial government in the liquor, gas, etc. they sell and they are just getting by but the Territory is getting a good sum of money through these people's deliberations. This is a simple thing. We have dealt with lots of things here with no importance but this is, this is urgent to the people that are involved and they want to know where they stand. When you go to have your sign painted you can't put everything on a 4 x 8. I hope that Council will see fit to give these people a chance, give them a break for once instead of looking at it with an attitude like Mr. Taylor has.

Mr. Taylor: As I say, I represent the south highway and I have no problem there. I will vote contrary.

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Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Chairman, Mr. MacKinnon is quite correct when he says that the government has signs that are not within the limit and another thing I don't accept is the fantastic cost of these signs that Mr. MacKinnon uses. I haven't seen any of these signs that fall into that category. However, if these people want to they will build huge signs, let them build it, he mentioned that they are having trouble getting business and these signs will help. What it will do is make the man after put one up after a little bit bigger and a little bit better. Let them have it, what is the difference. If they want to spend their money let them, no one cares about them, they are off the highway. I will vote for the motion to get rid of it but with the understanding that they are responsible for the sign and they will be charged for the removal of them and they must meet certain standards etc. If not, they must come down and at their expense.

Mr. MacKinnon: This is covered under the Ordinance, Mr. Boyd and they have to be of a waterproof nature and they have to be properly tended. The regulations already cover that.

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question of Councillor MacKinnon. He informs me he has seen many heads of the Department of Public Works and that they have no objection to these signs. In view of that I would go along with the motion as long as it is agreeable to the Department. There must be safety factors and I think that is what enters into that and if they feel it would not do any harm, but I do think that they should be consulted. I would agree to this on this but I feel they should be consulted.

Mr. Southam: I am not going to say much about it but the thing I don't understand is that a man spend a hundred thousand dollars on a business and yet he goes contrary to the law and to build a measly little sign that costs three hundred dollars. I know the price of signs because we get them made up there and of what I have seen up the highway so far is nothing to be proud of. Now, if you are going to change the Ordinance for every whim of every constituent then you are going to be changing it forever. I realize that you will get your signs but they will still be cluttering up the highways. You go south, you go different places and there are no signs because they won't let them put them up. These highways are clean and uncluttered, but I can't understand why you insist on an Ordinance and then insist on breaking it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I had nothing to do with making this Ordinance and neither did Mr. Southam. We are not trying to break it, we are just changing a couple of words, a couple of figures and this is not interfering with the Ordinance at all and I think it is a real treat to the tourist to have these signs along the highway. For instance, if he goes on the highway and breaks down he may be close to a sign that tells him where he is at and how far he is from Haines Junction or 1118 and I think this is very helpful. If the sign says 30 miles and it is 30° below then he knows better to start walking. If the sign wasn't there he might start walking and freeze to death.

Mr. Thompson: I was just wondering if I would be able to ask one question. How many of these signs exist that are contrary to the Ordinance at the moment and how many signs are each of the business establishments along the highway allowed.

Mr. Clerk: I can't say how many are oversized, I hope there are none but if I am not mistaken it is three on a side.

Mr. Taylor: I have a question I would like to direct to Mr. MacKinnon, what was Mr. Koropatnik's point of view in respect to this.

Mr. MacKinnon: His view was that he would not create any hardship on the lodge owner. That they were more than willing to co-operate to the fullest with any highway lodge and for that reason Mr. Backe went north on the highway and checked and looked at these existing signs. There are some people who have too many and these signs will have to come down. I am not asking you to change that part but I feel that under the regulations that the person should be allowed nice big signs if he wishes. Somebody was doubting the cost of painting a sign and these signs are worth hundreds of dollars, in fact I had one made myself last year and it cost considerably. First of all, you have to locate a signpainter and then take him to your place and then let him go to work and the average one wants approximately \$60 per day.

Mr. Taylor: My question was, did Mr. Koropatnik agree to the increase in size?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I just finished explaining that Mr. Koropatnik sent Mr. Backe out on this expedition and Mr. Backe is the man that I have discussed the matter with since his return and he doesn't care how big the signs are as long as they are not in their ditches and in their way. It is only the R.C.M.P. that are concerned and that is on count of this regulation.

Mr. Thompson: I understood somebody said it didn't matter how big these signs were as long as they weren't on the right of way. Now, I think these existing signs are on the right of way. Are these, and incidentally no one answered my question as to how many of these signs, oversized signs do exist at the present time. But, if they are off the right of way then there is no concern.

Mr. MacKinnon: No, you are not right Mr. Thompson. The regulations call for the sign to be thirty feet from the side of the road and this is still on Crown property and comes under the Motor Vehicle Ordinance. As to how many, you are referring to government as well as privately owned?

Mr. Clerk: To answer one of Mr. Thompson's questions, the regulations state that no sign shall be placed so as to interfere with operations connected with the normal maintenance of any highway.

Mr. Boyd: Well Mr. Chairman, I realize that all this fuss has come up because of possibly two people only and maybe if we change it and we go into great big signs we are going to have the rest of the people complaining about the expense of competition and so on and they are going to be forced to put up big signs. The man passing the big sign will likely stop more than he would at a small hand painted sign. It has it's advantages. Secondly, I am not in favour of signs on the highway at all and at one time it was understood that the federal department would put signs on the highway that were standardized and it would read the mileage to whatever services that existed. This is the ideal situation and it never happened. I wish it had and it would have eliminated all this. Let them build their signs and when the government gets disgusted with the oddities they may put up signs that are regular and standard.

Mr. Southam: We have argued about this long enough. I will put the question to the House. Motion #42, are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary?

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Mr. Taylor: Contrary.

Mr. Southam: The motion is carried and what is your pleasure at this time gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that Mr. Speaker resume the chair and hear the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. Watt: I second the motion.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Watt that Mr. Speaker resume the chair and hear the report of the chairman of committee. Are you agreed? Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker: I will call this Council to order and we will hear the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened at 10:35 this morning to discuss bills, memorandums, sessional papers, and other items. Motion #51 was discussed with Mr. Thompson, the Superintendent of Education and Motion #51 was passed. We reconvened to discuss Bill #6 with Mr. Stark. It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that Bill #6 be amended further. Motion #42 was passed. That is all I have Mr. Speaker, except, moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Shaw that the Yukon participate in Expo '67 as outlined in Sessional Paper 74.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the chairman of committees. Are there any errors or corrections or are you agreed with the report..

Mr. Watt: I would like to have my vote recorded as contrary on the first motion this morning on the Catholic Episcopal Corporation.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mine too, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: We have the agenda for tomorrow and unless you have any other suggestions I have bills, memorandums, motions, and sessional papers. We will have to play it by ear a great deal. I would also like to remind you that we have an appointment tonight with the Commissioner for dinner.

Mr. Boyd: I notice that it is five o'clock and I move we adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: Moved by Councillor Boyd that we adjourn. Are you agreed?

Mr. Speaker: This Council now stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

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10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. All Councillors were present.

Mr. Speaker: At this time, gentlemen, I would...before we start the routine of the day...I would like to point out to you that as soon as this is completed, I will be asking to take leave of absence. I have just had communication from Mr. Baker, the Territorial Engineer, that the flood condition at Dawson City is very bad at the present time. The water has risen so quickly that it has flooded way over the dike. There is no water available and, no doubt, my house is floating around in two feet of water or so so it will be necessary, in this emergency, that I will leave as soon as we have the routine orders of the day completed if you will excuse me accordingly.

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, have we any correspondence this morning?

Mr. Clerk: I have no correspondence this morning, Mr. Speaker. I have supplied Councillors with the replacement pages for Bill No. 6. There were quite a few pages to the Bill so we didn't rerun the whole thing.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you. We have no Bills to introduce. Have we any Notices of Motion and Resolution this morning?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I would like to give Notice of Motion this morning respecting sanctions in the City of Edmonton.

NOTICE OF MOTION #54

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Have we any further Notices of Motion.

Mr. Thompson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a Notice of Motion concerning Territorial Council Quarters.

NOTICE OF MOTION #55

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Have we any further Notices of Motion? If not, we will proceed to Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers. Have we any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? If not, we will proceed to Motions. We have Motion No. 52, Mr. Thompson, Alaska Highway.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, this is Motion No. 52, moved by myself, seconded by Mr. Boyd, WHEREAS the section of the Alaska Highway between MacRae at approximately Mile 910 to Mile 925 at the Mayo/Dawson turnoff has the greatest use factor of any portion of the Highway, AND WHEREAS the Alaska Highway is under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Works, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Northern Affairs contact the Minister of Public Works and advocate a policy of upgrading, realigning and hard surfacing of at least that section of the Alaska Highway previously mentioned at the earliest possible moment, and that if estimates are required to institute this work this summer that they be approved so this work can be commenced without further delay. May I proceed?

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Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Thompson.

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Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of policy more than anything else. The Department of Public Works are in a position to do certain work, but their Terms of Reference, as laid down, are such that they will not proceed beyond their present Terms of Reference, and it has been intimated that if, conceivably, some direction or suggestions were forthcoming from the Department of Northern Affairs that this might enhance their position and make it a little bit more feasible to do some grading. With this in mind, it is my request that we ask that this work be undertaken, and at the earliest possible moment, and all this is trying to do is to speed up the eventual results of an Economic and Engineering Survey which has been undertaken, the results of which have not as yet been made public but are about to be. With this in mind, I just ask that consideration be given this Motion and conceivably some immediate action will be forthcoming.

Mr. Boyd: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think it's high time that something was done with at least this portion of the road. The gateway to Whitehorse, on both sides, is far from being adequate. I am surprised that it is necessary at this late date, after all these years, that the Government or people in charge of this part of the Highway have seen fit to leave it in its original state as it was when they took it over from the Americans. It doesn't say too much and anything we can do to upgrade this road...this portion of it in particular...I would suggest that we should by all means do it and I hope that Council, as a Whole, will vote in favour of this Motion.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, this is very enlightening. I would like to mention, Mr. Speaker, the great concern of a particular part of the Highway. I would also like to mention that we have a Native population in the Territory, and I see them bogging back and forth from the Indian Reserve to the City of Whitehorse, and I have been thinking in terms of a paved sidewalk for those people to walk on. The vehicles are getting by very well. You almost ruin a pair of shoes to walk from the Indian Village to the City of Whitehorse so I am told, and I am surprised to see a Member giving hard surfacing of the highway priority over a sidewalk for those people who have no other means of travel. I believe that the sidewalk should be considered before the paving of that portion of the Highway. I honestly believe that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I agree with the Motion but "Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Northern Affairs contact the Minister of Public Works and advocate a policy of upgrading, realigning and hard surfacing of at least that section of the Alaska Highway". I would like to make an amendment to this Motion and suggest that "realigning and paving"...not just hard surfacing...I don't know what their interpretation of hard surfacing is. I think most of it is probably hard surfaced right now. It's worn right down to the bedrock which is pretty hard. I move that this be amended to read "realigning" and substitute the word "paving" for "hard surfacing"....."black topping" instead of "hard surfacing" so that we are specific. I agree with the Motion, but I would like to make the amendment that it be "black topping".

Mr. Speaker: "Hard surfacing", I imagine, would mean paving.. that's the same equivalent. That's what "hard surfacing" means.

Mr. Watt: If I agreed with you, Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't have made the Amendment. MOTION #52

Mr. Speaker: I was just merely pointing out the technicalities. However, if someone wants to go along with that Motion, that is fine. If you will just repeat the proposed Amendment, I will get it down right.

Mr. Watt: I would move that the following Amendment be made to Motion No. 52, namely, the word "paving" be substituted for "hard surfacing".

Mr. MacKinnon: I'll second that Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any discussion on the Amendment before I put it to the vote.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I do hope that Administration, in considering this Motion, give consideration to a sidewalk for the entire length of the Two Mile Hill, and I believe this is very important, and I think it should have been mentioned this morning.

Mr. Speaker: I agree with that Mr. MacKinnon, but at the present moment, the Motion doesn't concern a sidewalk any place...this is the realigning and hard surfacing of a portion of the Highway.

Moved by Councillor Watt and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon, that the following Amendment be added to Motion No. 52, namely that "paving" should be substituted for "hard surfacing".

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The Amendment was defeated with Councillors Thompson, Boyd and Taylor contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further discussion on Motion No. 52?

Mr. Southam: I agree with the context of the Motion. The only thing is I think it stops far too short. I think you should pave from MacRae clean to the Alaska turn-off. Have you ever drove in on the road from Porter Creek and through that country? The last time I drove over it, it cost me \$35.00 for repairs for my car. Now, it's about time that they did something. Now, paving or hard topping...either one...I think is what is needed to an entrance to any town of this size. I think that it's a disgrace to think that Whitehorse, the capital of the so-called Yukon Territory, is not paved with good entrances...no matter which way you go. I think you have got something here that you are going to have a lot of traffic over this particular piece of road and, again, there is one thing, I wonder how much of this your Mining Fraternity is going to pay. This, again, from what I gather...I haven't said anything about it or discussed it with any Member...but I presume this is going to make trucking a lot easier for the Imperial Mines. This is only my own supposition. The thing is that I would sooner see the whole thing paved. As far as sidewalks go, I think this is, again, something for the City to do. I don't think the Territory has anything to do with this. I may be wrong again, but this, to me, is a City proposition. I may be out on that one. However, regardless of whether it is the City or not, I quite agree with it. The thing is that this pavement, black topping, hard surfacing, whatever it is...the sooner they get at it, the better, regardless of what it's for. It's about time it was done.

MOTION #52 Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to clarify one point, Mr. Southam. The sidewalk would be a Territorial responsibility as the Two Mile Hill is a Territorial responsibility, and not City.

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Mr. Speaker: Mr. Taylor, would you please take the Chair.

Councillor Taylor takes Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Councillor Shaw, would you be prepared to discuss Motion No. 53 this morning?

MOTION #53 Mr. Shaw: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Moved by myself and seconded by Mr. Southam, re Klondike Restoration. In the opinion of Council it is requested that a committee be formed of members of the National Historic Sites of Canada and the Yukon Territorial Government as soon as possible to evolve a planned program of restoration of the Klondike area. It is further requested that this committee meet with members of the Klondike Visitors Association and Dawson City Historical Society for whatever advice they may be able to submit to assist in this program. May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw: I will not go too far into this matter. I think it is fairly self-explanatory. I have been here on other occasions with similar requests before Council, and I was always most gratified to get their very great assistance in the matter. I think that it is very important that we do restore this particular area. It's becoming more evident each day...the value of it...in view of the people who are trying to steal this particular thing. In the second part of my Motion, Mr. Chairman, I have put "It is further requested that this committee meet with members of the Klondike Visitors Association and Dawson City Historical Society". Now, I am not putting that in merely to get these people... the object, I should say, of these people doing this particular job....but in view of what happened in 1962, I think the only kind of a program that we can successfully complete would be one in which the people themselves participated in and that is why I have that second section in there. I haven't specified the Council of the Yukon Territory, but I feel sure that this involves the Council of the Yukon Territory and they will also be part of this particular Motion. If there are any questions that any Member may have, I will be pleased to endeavour to answer them, Mr. Speaker. I won't go on any further.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, I seconded the Motion and, therefore, I must concur. I think this is a very good idea. I think it's something maybe a little overdue again. In the Provinces, you see quite a lot of historical sites being restored and one thing and another and I think it's about time again that these things should come into being. Also, at the same time, I hope that when this thing is set up that they will give some thought to marking along the highway these historical places, especially to myself who doesn't know the Territory too well. I get a hold of a map and I try to figure out where such and such a place is and these are places I don't know.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this has already been done and the Territorial Government are installing signs that measure about five by nine in various localities along the Highway, and by this Motion, does Mr. Shaw mean that Dawson City should be declared as a historical site only. Is this the intent of the Motion?

Mr. Shaw: Not necessarily, Mr. Speaker. It is, of course, already declared as a historical complex by the Federal Government, whatever that may mean. It wasn't my intention that this be declared a historic site, because in declaring an area a historic site, you run into all kinds of problems that it would be very difficult... in such case...the historical site...the whole thing... would have to belong to the Federal Government and that would create some complications....so the intention of the Motion wasn't that in its true sense.

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Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Could Mr. Shaw tell me just who is the Klondike Visitors Association? Is there one existing?

Mr. Shaw: Mr. Speaker, I couldn't tell you who it is because it involves a lot of people. It was first created in 1952 at which time they advertised the Klondike area. They got up shows and they put them on and they raised money and they advertised the area, made maps, sent out pamphlets and that has been operating since 1952. It's an incorporated society of possibly thirty-forty members whose dedication is to try to get visitors into the area and, at the same time, try to entertain these visitors and make their stay as pleasant and as informative as possible.

Mr. MacKinnon: A further question, Mr. Speaker. Are the members of the Klondike Visitors Association a part of the same members as the Dawson City Historical Society?

Mr. Shaw: I would say not, Mr. Speaker. The Dawson City Historical Society operates the Museum and the functions connected with the Museum.

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CARRIED

Mr. Shaw resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any questions, this morning? There is one question I have. Mr. Clerk, did you inform us as to the request to ascertain who the new Commissioner would be? Have you any information in that respect?

Mr. Clerk: I made a further request of the Commissioner and he informed me he had been on the phone and had been assured by the Assistant Deputy Minister that the Minister had not made up his mind at that time and could not give us any more information. Subsequently, I heard a news broadcast on the radio. There were four names that the Minister was considering, but he hadn't made up his mind yet and he would make the announcement before the end of the month. That, also, was news to the Commissioner. That was the first time he had heard the information, so there isn't anything further than that yet.

Mr. Speaker: Most unfortunate. Any further questions this morning?

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask when we might expect an answer to Question No. 28.

Mr. Clerk: I haven't had any reply on it yet...Question No. 28 in regard to Freight Rates. I can only say that if the reply does not come to the table before Council prorogues, it will be forwarded to the Councillors when I do receive it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I believe that at an early part of this Session, it was agreed that the Liquor Superintendent would return to the table and he would have some answers.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, if it may be of assistance, in reply to that question, I believe we have had the Liquor Inspector programmed for Committee this morning, and I believe that question could be directed to him.

Mr. Speaker: Have we any further questions? Well, gentlemen, before we revert to Committee, I would thank you for your indulgence in permitting me to go to Dawson during this flood session. As the program is to prorogue tomorrow, I will not be here. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all you gentlemen a very successful summer. This quick trip also means that I will not have the pleasure of formally thanking the Commissioner for his service to the Yukon Territory and to wish him every success and happiness in his new venture. I would ask if you gentlemen would attend to that matter on my behalf when Council prorogues.

Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Boyd, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to study bills, memoranda, sessional papers and motions.

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MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The Motion is carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess.

Mr. Southam: I will call this Committee to order. Mr. Watt asked to be excused for a period of time. I don't know just how long he will be away. You have before you the Amendments to Bill No. 6 and I would assume that you read them. What is your pleasure now?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman. I will move that Bill No. 6 be passed out of Committee as amended.

Mr. Taylor: I will second that Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, would you please brief me on the Amendment, please? I'm slightly out of kilter here this morning.

Mr. Taylor: I might be able to assist, Mr. Chairman. The main and most important amendment was the amendment allowing the City or any Municipality to, by by-law, set up its own method of assessment and that was found on page nine and, also, the other amendments are minor changes here and there, replacement of words, etc., as discussed.

Mr. MacKinnon: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I am with it now.

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that Bill No. 6 be passed out of Committee as amended.

BILL #6
PASSED OUT
OF COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED
MOTION
CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe Mr. Legal Advisor has prepared some consolidation of the Labour Bill and should be down shortly. I would suggest that possibly we recess until that time.

Mr. Southam: Well, gentlemen, Mr. Vars didn't get back into town. His car broke down and he may not be here today. We may not be able to get him so at this particular time, I will call a recess until we.....

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, before you call the recess, I would like to say that I am very disappointed in not getting a reply to this Question No. 28, and I hope it will get Mr. Vars' attention because we have got a problem and the Territorial Government is paying the freight on liquor to Dawson City and Watson Lake, but 1202, the people that are doing business there, are paying their own freight. I believe it should have consideration and I hope that the Administration will carry out the wishes of Council and see that these people are used fairly.

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Mr. Southam: I will now call a short recess, gentlemen, until we get Mr. Legal Advisor here.

Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.
May 11, 1966

Mr. Southam: I will call the committee to order and we have before us Bill #12 concerning the Labour Code.

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Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, why don't you just read it through and if anyone has a question we will stop you.

Application:.....

Mr. Thompson: On wages, it says it doesn't include bonuses for staying until the end of the work season and other gratuities. Isn't that contrary to the Income Tax Act. Is this correct?

Mr. Legal Advisor: That is true and I haven't got in front of me the Federal Act. This is adapted from the Federal one under the Canada Labour Code but I would point out that because in the Yukon there are deals between men and their employers; bonuses to stay on, etc. and there are cases where wages are extended, well you get away from the hourly rate and you have to work the season to know what you earned. All sorts of evasions creep in.

Mr. Thompson: You say that it doesn't include tips, etc. and other gratuities.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Suppose you are looking into the wages of a waitress for instance. The employer says he is paying her 75¢ an hour but then well she is getting another dollar an hour in tips. Well those tips don't count for wages, he has got to pay her a \$1.00 an hour.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Legal Advisor, maybe I don't understand it quite correct either but if we bring this into being wouldn't it throw out your wage schedule for instance in the mines where you pay a bonus on a monthly basis. A miner does so much for ton and then he makes over that per month. He may make a dollar a day or he may make twenty-five. Do I understand this right.

Mr. Legal Advisor: No that is not quite right. We define wages here just to be able to ascertain how much per hour a man is getting.

Mr. MacKinnon: 7 (1), I believe we did agree not to discuss this but I think it would be best to discuss it as we go. I am not too clear on this section and if anyone could enlighten me on this I would appreciate it.

Mr. Boyd: I don't think we agreed not to discuss it, we agreed if there was anything a man didn't understand we would stop Mr. Chairman and discuss it.

Mr. MacKinnon: Just to clarify Mr. Boyd's statement, it was agreed to read it and then discuss it.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Legal Advisor, can you answer this question for Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. Legal Advisor: If you are going to provide something for fixing the wage rate for under seventeen you are creating an area where some very unsatisfactory wage may not be attained. This section does give trouble but it is the way it exists in the Federal Act. I don't think that we can change a word in that. Whether the Territory should have some more ingenious safety valve will be something you have to decide. What it is saying is that an employer can have somebody under seventeen

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues.....
 working in specified occupations, you may feel that at this time that it would be a little difficult to set out all the occupations, such as newspaper carriers, gas attendants, etc. but this is what has to be done. The wage might be set at 75¢ per hour or 50¢, now this is where we do not have the set-up and we have to study the other provinces policy and see where there regulations are. We can use their regulations as a basis, to get these standards. It might be that provisions made in this Ordinance or any part thereof, therefore you could section out section 6 for delay and work out the wages under the type of work for the under seventeen. Until we have proper research material I can't give you examples of how they are handled.

Mr. MacKinnon: Actually there is no proper answer to this section and then it will be analyzed and set up by the Commissioner as he sees fit. Am I right in assuming this Mr. Legal Advisor?

Mr. Legal Advisor: That is the prospectus as I see it. If you say 75¢ right now you can write it in.

Mr. Thompson: 9 (2) Mr. Chairman, why would this....well could we be more specific.

Mr. Legal Advisor: This is taken from the other legislation and you must realize that there will be cases, take a lodge operator who has some casual labour in use who just works for a day and pays him out of his pocket. It would involve an employer a lot of bookkeeping so it is up to the employer to make up the case of not having it as he has to justify it. If he does have a good argument in not handing over the pay cheque then the Commissioner can say you don't have to do it. There are cases where it is unfair to require the employer to fill his house with pay slips, etc.

Clear. 10, 11, 12.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention that I think this two year deal is ridiculous. I mentioned that during the discussions last fall and two years is a long time and it would be hard to come up with any facts after two years and there are some very unfair people that you deal with and I have nothing personally involved but two years seems to be overdoing it quite a bit. I believe that this should be changed to read six months. If the man hasn't collected his wages he should come forth in six months and make complaints. This holds an axe over the employer's head.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I can't agree with this and I don't believe it is holding an axe over anyone's head. The only one that could feel it as an axe would be a violator of the Ordinance. Certainly it offers some protection to the employee who maybe agrieved sometime after his termination of employment. I am certain that two years is sound. I would like the Legal Advisor to clarify this, is this in the federal legislation as the time limit.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Again I must apologize as I haven't got my copy of the federal regulations here. I think the formula there is for two years for a reason. Perhaps, Mr. Clerk as Labour Provisions Officer can outline the provisions as he encounters it. Men do leave and then find out that they have been shortchanged. It does cause the Labour Provisions Officer quite a bit of trouble and the Income Tax save their records longer than two years to be safe.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, two years may be too long but on the other hand six months may be too short. I have had a case this past year where a chap had worked placer mining in a location outside Dawson and he had made an agreement that he wouldn't be paid until the end of the season. When the season did end there wasn't enough to pay the man and so he went along with the employer to give him enough time to dig up enough to pay him. This took him well over the six month period and it was slightly over a year before he collected his wages at all. This did actually happen and so it is hard to draw the line. We have had people leave the Territory and go to Vancouver, Winnipeg, etc. and then they sat there and brooded for two years before they took action. It isn't fair to the employer. And on the other hand it is up to him to protect himself.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, don't we have regulations that everybody must have a payday. Can we go on for six months without paying our paydays. There are regulations that say there must be paydays and your books can be examined at any time. Is this not right Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: No it doesn't because the Labour Provisions Ordinance states that a pay period cannot be longer than 30 days and an employee is to be paid within 10 days of the pay period. That doesn't do away with the problem of underpaying somebody.

Mr. MacKinnon: It would do away with the case that you just explained on this placer mine--working the summer and not getting paid. This cannot be done under regulations at the present time.

Mr. Boyd: Could the payday be once a year?

Mr. Clerk: As I stated that it cannot be longer than 30 days but there are certain concerns that do not fall under the Labour Provisions Ordinance.

Mr. Taylor: Maybe Mr. Legal Advisor could dig up some more information on this and we could come back to it.

Agreed. 13

Mr. Legal Advisor: Could I anticipate a question. These got past me in drafting and this is not really applicable. May I suggest that Section 2 comes out and you then go to the next section and it will become 2 and so on.

Agreed. 13 (4)

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, not exactly clear. Now, could this for instance fall back to the two year problem again. Could somebody possibly get stuck for a two year pile-up of wages.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I must assume that a man has been working for two years and at the end of two years proceedings are launched against the employer and he says that he hasn't very good records. According to my records a man worked two hours a day and then the employee disagrees. The employer must give fact to the hours or the presumption would be that the man had been working an 8 hour day. While this is theoretically possible it is very unlikely. It is doubtful that any court would want to really bankrupt an employer as this wouldn't do anyone any good. This is based on the federal act in this respect. If you are unhappy with it I can change it or can redraft it.

Mr. MacKinnon: This is another case of having the axe over the BILL #12 employer's head and I believe that this is a piece of legislation that is not proper and that we are working for both sides and not one person in particular. We are working for everybody. This should be bottled down and not left as so.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there isn't any use in having an Ordinance unless you have teeth in it and there is nothing to fear from this Ordinance unless you are in contravention with it. I agree with Mr. Legal Advisor that it is entirely possible that the courts may impose this section upon some decision but if they ever have to go that far then the person has it coming and he is guilty.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well Mr. Chairman, this is exactly what I expected Mr. Taylor to say and I just can't agree with it and lots of people can be in error. Just because some people have erred you can't throw the book at them. I believe that a penalty should be imposed. We have penalties in the Criminal Code for murder and manslaughter but on a thing like this we have no penalty and you can't do anything.

Mr. Boyd: I think Mr. MacKinnon is being somewhat unduly alarmed. You can't take the stand that the employer who has been not living up to the laws should get away. What about the employee?

Mr. Clerk: Could I ask a question on section 14? This point has come up in enforcing the Labour Provisions Ordinance and I have had complaints and the person requesting this has asked that his name be withheld. This does handicap the inspector in the investigation when you can't divulge the name to the employer. I have always refused to do an investigation if the employee wouldn't give his name to the employer.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The person would have to give good reasons for having his name withheld and the Commissioner would have to agree to it. Any Commissioner would refer the matter to the Labour Provisions Officer and then under the points mentioned he would not likely agree to the withholding.

Clear. 14, 15, 16, 17.

Mr. Taylor: With respect to Section 18 I would favour the suggestion made by Mr. Legal Advisor that it should be "this Ordinance or any part thereof" so that a minimum wage provision could be effected to this Bill.

Mr. MacKinnon: Are we still dealing with a private member's bill? I thought it was quite clear that we would accept the bill from administration, from them and not a member. Is this from the administration?

Mr. Legal Advisor: This original Labour Bill was a private members Bill and it became apparent that the members wished to concentrate on a minimum wage bill and this is before you not as a new bill but administration couldn't bring this in and the Councillor brought it before you as an amendment from which it has been based. It would have to be approved as an amendment to the Labour Bill and the title itself would have to be approved. This is the only way this can be brought before you at this stage. That is the way I see the position.

Mr. Taylor: That is quite correct.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I just want to have a look at the usual formula for a delayed approval for a bill. I can put my hand on that quickly and I can have that ready after the luncheon adjournment.

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Mr. Taylor: I suggest that we recess for noon.

Mr. Southam: At this time gentlemen, I will call a recess and we will reconvene until two o'clock.

RECESS

Wednesday, May 11, 1966.
2:00 o'clock p.m.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee to order. We were BILL #12 on Bill No. 12.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have new page 4's for the amended portions of the Bill which we were discussing prior to noon recess. This will mean that page 5 will no longer remain and page 4 is replaced by the new section. The sections changed, gentlemen, were No. 4, subsection (2) at the top of the page has been taken out and in section 18, you will note that it now reads "This Ordinance or any provision thereof shall come into force on a day or days to be fixed by Order of the Commissioner". That was the effected change.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, both pages go. Is that right? Four and five.

Mr. Taylor: Four and five go out. Right.

Mr. Legal Advisor: By taking out that subsection (2) of section 13, that's made enough room to pick up what was on page 5 so that's why you are now one page shorter. You will see that on the new page 4, you've got some marginal titles. That's the only difference. That and, of course, 18 is definitely worded now.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if we could just have a minute to read this new page, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could I ask if the Legal Advisor ascertained with reference to section 12?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I have looked at the Federal Act and it is two years....section 44...."Proceedings in respect of an offence under this Act may be instituted at any time within two years after the time when the subject matter of the proceedings arose." That's the Federal Act. Whether you want such a long time....we have heard some of the pro and con this morning.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Legal Advisor if this particular part has been adapted in the Northwest Territories? I understand that the confusion that we went through last fall in regard to the Northwest Territories adapted policy had never been adapted at the time that this Council was led to believe it had.

Mr. Legal Advisor: The situation in the Northwest Territories, at the time of the last Session of this Council, was that early in the year they had had presented to them a draft Ordinance. It was modelled very closely on the Federal Act and it was given First Reading, and what the Votes and Proceedings of the Northwest Territories did not spell out was that it was given First Reading simply in order to enable a Commission to be set up to go around ascertaining what the reaction of the employers and employees would be in the Northwest Territories. Now, it was unfortunate that, reading the Votes and Proceedings, one was left with the impression that they had called for this Bill and, having received it, had not found enough time or reason to discuss the Bill in detail. It was dealt with very briefly in their remarks and we proceeded.. I proceeded...on the assumption that they had been serious

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Mr. Legal Advisor continues:

about this Bill that was placed in front of them and I assumed that that Bill had had Departmental review, been approved as to policy....after all, it followed the Federal Act which had been approved by the Federal Parliament and it would be strange, therefore, to find that what was approved as to principle and policy at the Federal level, was under attack in one of the Departments. So, it was on that understanding that I came to the Council and asked for a discussion, clause by clause, of what had been the NWT Bill. The Council was good enough to discuss it, and as a result of Council's remarks, I prepared instructions to the draftsman in Ottawa. As a matter of fact, my covering letter went...at least the Commissioner's covering letter.. went on the 17th of December. You had only been gone a few days before I did that. I got it off. It was when the Financial Advisory Committee went there and they asked for a discussion of progress....they wanted to see the draft Bill...it turned out, for the first time...that NWT had never really intended to do very much about that Bill, except provide a talking point for this Commission it was setting up. At that time, the matter was discussed by the Chairman and the Members of the Financial Advisory Committee, and since the Chairman is here now, I will leave the rest of the matter, if I may, to him. I brought it up to that point. That's why when we came to the Session here, we did not have an Administration Bill. May I leave it with the Chairman of the Financial Advisory Committee at this point, Sir.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I don't feel that there are any changes required. The only other question that I had was with reference to section 14, and I am wondering if Mr. Clerk had anything further in connection with that. Just to further this...I feel that it is a prerogative of an individual to have his name withheld if he so desires, but if it goes to the extent of prosecution, well, then he automatically loses the cover of anonymity.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Chairman, this point was discussed at a Financial Advisory Committee meeting a couple of years ago. I think Councillor Taylor was on the Advisory Committee at that time. It was pointed out that when we went to make our investigation, in some cases, it caused the man to lose his job. Up to the present time, we had only been operating, or shall I say, we had been operating on complaint only and we have to depart from that procedure and make general investigations. In this manner, if somebody does make a complaint, then it won't hurt. If they do want identity withheld, we comply. We could do it that way.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe that this Amendment to Bill No. 12, section 2, subsection (a)...we are talking about a minimum wage scale for technical skilled labour. This is a ridiculous thing....\$1.25 an hour for technical employees. This is ridiculous, and I think if a man is anywhere near being technical in his position that this is nothing but an insult...\$1.25 an hour. It's ridiculous. This is all right for unskilled labour only, and I believe that this particular part of the Ordinance should be changed to read "unskilled" only and not read as a direct insult to a technical person.

Mr. Thompson: I have no further comments, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Thompson; that Bill No. 12, An Ordinance Respecting Wages in the Yukon Territory, be passed out of Committee as amended. BILL #12
PASSED OUT
OF COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to mention that it is very inadequate but I will vote in favour, but I would like to be on record as showing my honest feelings that this is very inadequate for what it represents.

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CARRIED

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now, gentlemen?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the only two Bills remaining in Committee at this time are Bill No. 4, the Supply Bill, and the Game Ordinance which I believe has got to lie and die in Committee. I feel, at this time, I would like to move that Bill No. 4 be moved out of Committee as amended.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before this is done, and there is not too much I can do about it at this time. It got away from me. I would like to draw to your attention, and I had every intention of asking that our Budget, in several of the Votes, be decreased by 10%. The basis of my proposal was contained in Sessional Paper No. 44 which showed that for the last fiscal year, where figures were available, that better than 17% of the amount of monies that we voted were not expended. There were many and various reasons why this was not done, but I would like to wager that if comparable figures were available for previous years, and even for last year, you would find that the amounts voted and the amounts spent varied by at least this amount. This is one of the matters that was raised in Ottawa when we were there with the Financial Advisory Committee, and I can assure you that Ottawa are quite aware of this continuing trend. As I say, I believe I am a little tardy in introducing a Motion at this time inasmuch as it has had First and Second Reading and we have discussed it. I don't know. Am I too late in making a recommendation of this sort, Mr. Chairman? BILL #4

Mr. Taylor: Well, I think...the terms...the Bill...it was agreed that the Bill would be returned to Mr. Clerk for typing and final presentation, although I don't think there is anything that would prevent a Member from proposing further amendments to it until it is passed out of Committee.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, this is the only reason that I make these comments. Let me put it this way. I feel in several instances, and I quote Health for one very obvious reason, where we approved \$500,000.00, roughly, and roughly \$200,000.00 of this is unexpended. To me, there is something radically wrong somewhere. Now, I have prepared estimates myself and I imagine that the majority of you people have done the same; and if it were private business, there would be definitely some changes made. Again in the Yukon Hospital Insurance Services, in the matter of some \$800,000.00, there remains \$162,000.00. In Welfare, in a half a million dollars, there's \$100,000.00 that is not expended. This is why I raise this at this time. I don't propose a 10% cut right off the top of the Estimates for the Bill, but I feel that Administration should be made aware of our feelings, and I feel that with this information that they may be better prepared to produce Estimates that are a little more in line with their actual spending. I think, Mr. Chairman, I will leave it at that. I feel that something could be done. Something should be done, but I haven't.. I don't know what the effect of asking for a 10% cut on the total

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Mr. Thompson continues:

would entail as I would imagine that the Territorial Treasurer would go down and lop off 10% off of every Vote and this is not my intent because you will also notice that in several of the categories...Public Administrator...Travel and Publicity....Game...these Departments are budgeting, they are estimating, and they are operating on a basis that shows that there has been a considerable amount of forethought gone into their Budgets. Could I ask Mr. Legal Advisor what would be the effect of a recommendation such as this. Would you be able to tell me whether this is what the Territorial Treasurer would do, or would it be more in order to ask the Territorial Treasurer?

Mr. Legal Advisor: I'm afraid I can't give any useful opinion on that. I can see that the effect would have to be assessed in the light of the events that followed rather than predicted at this point. I wonder if the Territorial Treasurer ought to....this is a question which is really outside my field.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I would ask the indulgence of Council - not so much....it would be interesting to note his comments, but our Budget this year is something like 11½ million, and out of this...it was 10 million last year, or in 64-65, and we effected an actual saving of 1¼ million dollars and, to me, this is quite a considerable sum when it's the people who have to foot the bill. We are harping about costs and rising costs of living, and to me, by accepting this, we are not helping the situation at all, and if we could conceivably put a hold on it, or at least stem it to some extent, maybe we are doing some good. I don't know.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the Member raises an interesting and very valid point, but at this time to consider a decrease in the amount budgeted in the Main Supply Bill, I don't... even though I agree in many respects with the Member...I don't think I could agree to anything like that, one reason being, of course, that the other two Members, Councillor Watt and Councillor Shaw, are not present, and it is hard to say whether they will be. The other is that we see around us even today the City of Dawson where we have, for instance, flood. We may have this in other communities. This is going to mean that the Health Budget...I think that Health is the farthest out of the whole works. They were given lots of money and haven't spent anything but, as a result of epidemic or increased facilities throughout the area, they may need this money. Of course, I also agree that some of this could be covered in Estimates. In any event, we have got so many different things coming up. We are on the verge of an economic boom. Possibly the figures will be closer together next year. I think the big point is, and I am sure the Honourable Member will agree with me, that when we sit down and discuss this Five Year Agreement, which we should have started on even a year ago.. when we sit down to negotiate this, this is where we are really going to have to talk turkey because I understand, from the Financial Advisory Committee, that they are thinking very much of cutting us back in relation to that agreement as well and we can't allow this to happen if at all possible. Actually, in relation to bringing Mr. Treasurer down here, I really don't think that there is anything that he can do, usefully, for us. If the Member wishes to have him here, I will go along with it but I can't see any useful purpose served in this. We should take this up when we do this stuff...the Five Year Agreement.. and be very firm on it. I might also point out that we have affected a substantial decrease already in the Budget...by about....less than a million.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I note that we have about 1¼ million over in the past Budget, but is this a bad thing? I would think it was a good thing. I am always tickled to death when I find I have a couple of dollars left over from year to year. Money not spent is still good valid money, and I don't think this is any disgrace to any part of the Administration. I think it's a credit to end up with 1¼ million balance. I don't know whether we would accomplish anything by deleting it. Maybe somebody would enlighten me on this particular subject. Would there be an advantage to deleting that amount of money from the Budget, or when the money is carried over, is that not a credit to Administration to manage things better than they had anticipated? BILL #4

Mr. Boyd: Well, Mr. Chairman, I notice that \$840,000.00 of this saving is in capital which means that something didn't get built. This still leaves us with, roughly speaking, a million dollars over-budgeted. Now, when you are running your business and you go to the bank and you want to borrow some money. The Bank isn't going to use these kind of figures and neither does Ottawa really. They intimated this fall that the budget is just out...exactly as we say it is...it's out that much money, so why do we put it in there? Why are we asking for it? They'll say we don't need it and they are the ones who are giving it to us. They intimated that they were going to lop off...I forget what the figure was...but it was quite a bit...because we are not going to spend it. It's just as simple as that. It could be that we may have to.....Administration may have to start getting down a little closer to the amount they are going to spend. It's all very well for me to go walking around with a million dollars in this pocket here knowing that it's there in case I want to use it. This is fine, but if I don't have any reason to use it, then I had better not borrow it and I'd better not ask somebody to give it to me to carry around in my pocket. That's about what it boils down to.

Mr. MacKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, that was very enlightening. I would like to mention that it is very difficult to foresee these particular things. For instance, our Federal Government, with all the brains involved, have done a certain amount of building...planning the City of Whitehorse at an estimated cost of \$250,000.00 and within a year from that time, the City is looking to borrow \$100,000.00 so they can go on with that project and in talking to certain contractors around the Territory, I am led to believe that the job will cost a half a million so they will still be short a hundred and some thousand or so. One Member also mentioned a few days ago that the cost of living has risen 17% in the past three months and it might rise another 20% in the next year. If the Budget isn't built up a little bit, can we go back then if we are that much short? Would this cause a difficulty?

Mr. Thompson: No, I don't think so, Mr. Chairman. This is the prime reason why we have supplementaries. This covers any contingency. I don't even know the feeling of the Council on this...whether a Motion of this magnitude would even be seconded. I feel strongly enough on the matter. I would very much like to hear Mr. MacKenzie's comments on it if Committee would concur.

Mr. Southam: Would Council agree to have Mr. MacKenzie come down here and give his comments?

All: Agreed.

BILL #4

Mr. Southam: Mr. Clerk, would you ask Mr. MacKenzie if he could be present. In the meantime, Mr. Thompson, would you take the Chair. I have a few things to say. All I have to say is that when we were down in Ottawa, Mr. Bolger, if I remember and I could stand corrected if I am not right, suggested that a 5% cut across the board...this would be logical. This is logical with any budget. This is the first thing that happens. You made a Budget...I made a Budget this year for the Housing up where I work. When it came back, it was slashed...5%, so I had to sit down again and do a lot of talking, trying to get enough money to get a little paint and what have you to satisfy the people with what I was doing. From what I gather, from what Mr. MacKenzie has said here in the Council, and I could stand corrected on this too, that this was, as he called it, a healthy sign, which may be or may not be right. I'm not saying it is; but what he did say was at the end of this fiscal year, this year we are coming into now, we would probably wind up with \$60,000.00 or a little bit better. This is what he said. He said this would cover the unforeseen things such as your Dawson flood, Mayo flood, or what have you. This is as I remember it, and if we had some further schooling or something like this, this is where it would come from. We would have it without having to go to Ottawa and having to wait three..six..months for some more money. It was here. This is the way I interpreted him saying. Now, we will have him down here and maybe he can enlighten us a little more. This is the way I understood it. I could be corrected on this thought. I will take the Chair, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, could I just comment...there is an item in the Engineering Budget for unforeseen circumstances in the amount of \$25,000.00 and I feel that this will adequately look after the flood situation in Dawson, Mayo, Porter Creek, or wherever it might be so I don't think we are too far out of line there. The other point that I would like to make to Mr. MacKinnon...he said that this is a very healthy sign to have all of this money left lying around because he likes to be able to rub two quarters together in his pockets at the end of the year when he has made his final payment to the Income Tax people, but there is a slight difference inasmuch as the money is Mr. MacKinnons, but we don't get this million and three-quarters back. The Administration keep it and spend it again. They accumulate a surplus and this keeps building up so there is no refund, and if you don't spend it, it's accumulated and goes towards other developments in future years so there's not....you are making a little difference in comparisons in this case.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am more puzzled than ever. I would like to hear Mr. Clerk's opinion on this.

Mr. Clerk: I can speak on my own Department if I was allowed to.

Mr. Southam: What I was going to do was call a short recess until Mr. MacKenzie gets here. We will have a short recess.

All: Agreed.

Mr. MacKenzie, the Territorial Treasurer, enters the Council Chambers.

Mr. Southam: I will call the Committee back to order. We have Mr. MacKenzie with us. We are discussing the unspent surplus that we have here. It is of great concern to us. I will leave it to Mr. Thompson to ask his questions of you and maybe you can give us some explanation. BILL #4

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I did have a question for Mr. Clerk if I could get an answer. I believe Mr. Clerk is aware of it.

Mr. Clerk: Well, as I said, I can only speak in relation to my own Vote. It is my understanding that at the end of the year, if I have an unexpended balance in any item in my Vote, it lapses. It's not carried forward as a surplus or as a bumper for the next year. If I want this money for the next year, it has to be revoted.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, before I ask Mr. MacKenzie this, I would just like to further this question of Mr. MacKinnons. What I am saying is that in the figures that we have here in Sessional Paper No. 44, which shows the amount voted, the amount spent and the unexpended balance...I realize that each Vote lapses but what I am saying is that this \$1,000,000.00 surplus...this 1¼ million dollar surplus that is not spent, is still Territorial funds, otherwise how would we operate our Five Year Agreement. Now, Mr. MacKenzie, the general trend of this conversation has been that there is a decided difference, something like 17%, in the figures you supply for the fiscal year ending 1965, whereby we had a ten million dollar vote and a 1¼ million dollar...this is just roughly... unexpended...which you can see is approximately 17%. My question is if we were to ask for a 10% cut in the overall expenditures, would this mean an arbitrary 10% decrease in each of the Votes or how would you arrive at a figure? The reason that I ask this question is that there are three or four rather obvious Votes where there is...the unexpended amount has been fantastic as opposed to three or four Votes where the expenditures are practically the same as the Vote so I wouldn't want to arbitrarily say 10% off of each Vote because I feel that some of these Departments have been a little more cautious in their estimations, shall we say, whereas other have been rather...loose...that's about the way it looks, I would just like to have your comments on this. As I say, I have no feeling of the rest of the Council on this, but I feel strongly enough that some steps should be taken to curtail the trend of present spending.

Mr. MacKenzie: Well, I would advise against an application of a 10% cut to each and every Vote in the Estimates you have been discussing the past two weeks because that might leave us in the position of being short of funds in some of these Votes, whereas as you point out, in other Votes, it wouldn't make a scratch. It is impossible to say, at this stage, which Votes are likely to be hurt and which are not because everything put in these Estimates is thought to be required during this fiscal year. It is only as the year progresses that we find that this is not so. Take, for example, Y.H.I.S. There was a substantial saving there....\$162,000.00. That's simply due to over estimation of patient days at the Whitehorse General. We estimated more patient days than actually were required, and it is impossible to say now what will be required this fiscal year. Maybe there will be no lapse in money at all this year.

Mr. Thompson: Could I ask that if this situation did arise.. that the possibility of supplementary estimates would cover any contingency?

BILL #4

Mr. MacKenzie: Yes, but then I think you run the risk of having the Supplementary Estimates very much larger than have been up to the present. We try and cover everything in the Main Estimates and have no Supplementaries at all. Up to now, there have been very few items in the Supplementary Estimates.

Mr. Thompson: Could I ask Mr. MacKenzie one further question. Do you know off hand the amount of the Supplementary Estimates for last year, perchance? The reason that I am asking this is that I don't see, with a surplus of 1¼ million dollars, why we would have any Supplementary Estimates if this line of reasoning that you have just intimated is....

Mr. MacKenzie: Well, you have to realize that the Supplementaries are prepared in the early fall when the year is only half over. In the case of Y.H.I.S., there were no Supplementaries required. In the case of Travel and Publicity, there were. They needed \$10,746.00 more, and we ended up with a lapsing balance of \$5,300.00. In the case of the Library, it is similar. We needed \$8,300.00 in the Supplementary. We lapsed \$4,752.00. It's very hard to get these Estimates absolutely right. There's got to be a margin but, admittedly, we don't want too large a margin. Capital, of course, which is over half the lapsed money in 1965, is a case all by itself. We may visualize undertaking a project like a sewer and water system and then it happens that we are not able to do so for one reason or another and, therefore, the money lapses and looks bad.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, this is quite a subject and I, personally, would feel that I would, as odd as it looks and so on and so forth, I would want to do a lot more thinking before I would want to come up with any hard and fast proposal. I know how it is and how things go, but it is the policy of the Federal Government. This is the way they work and it's pretty sad. I have seen Federal Departments step out to spend \$100,000.00 when they didn't need to spend it any more than fly....just because it was in the Vote. I don't think that is happening here in the Territory...at least not to this extent anyway. It's very minor, but it does happen in a very big way with Federal Estimates and this is the bad part of having that million dollars in your pocket...when you come along to the ninth month, or tenth, or eleventh month, and you find you don't need it. All of a sudden, boom, and you go out and spend 'er, and it's my money you are spending. I see it right here in the Yukon in quite some big way. This is my only concern about this kind of financing.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, doesn't anybody have to sign the cheque before you get that money in your pocket and start throwing it around?

Mr. MacKenzie: Yes, of course. As far as I am concerned, there is no expenditure on that basis here. As far as I am concerned. I can control that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I agree with Councillor Boyd in this respect, but I think it is important, and I reiterate this now that Mr. MacKenzie is here, and that is there is some fear here, certainly on my part and I am sure on other Member's parts, that when we renegotiate the next Five Year

Mr. Taylor continues:

Agreement that this factor is going to be a...be given a great deal of consideration by Ottawa and they are going to say, "Well, here's this 5%, or 10%, or 15% unexpended balance in your last Agreement so we will accordingly cut your next Agreement accordingly". This is something we have got to take a pretty close look at, and I understand that this is a possibility. It seems to me that the only effectual time that we can really discuss this would be in the discussion of this Five Year Agreement.

Mr. MacKenzie: These lapsing balances will not affect our next Five Year Agreement at all....not in the slightest.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if a plague would have hit the Yukon, this excess money in Health would have probably been all spent I believe. I feel that we are very fortunate that we haven't had a plague and I just don't understand Councillor Taylor's thinking. It looks to me as if this money is set up in case something might happen, say, for instance, like the 1918 'flu and then we would have none of this money left. Am I right?

Mr. MacKenzie: Not in this particular case. There's \$196,815.00 which lapsed last year for Health. It relates to two hospitals.. the Mayo Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital. We, at that time, when the Estimates were made up, used to pay out of the main Vote 5 for Mayo salaries and recover from the Hospital. Now, we changed our procedure. We now pay the Mayo salaries direct out of the Mayo Bank Account. So, the monies voted for salaries in Mayo in Health lapsed. That's about a third of this. St. Mary's Hospital...we took that over from the Sisters of St. Ann on August 16, 1963. First of all, I intended to operate it through the Health Vote. Then I changed my procedure, and I set it up as a separate entity...a separate bank account and a separate set of books...completely separate from Vote 5. Therefore, the money I had in here...this 196...for St. Mary's also lapsed. Those are the two biggest reasons for this. The third reason was the reduced number or value of Ninety Day Old Accounts which we have to pay Whitehorse General Hospital. Those are the three main reasons.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I haven't changed my opinion and I haven't changed my mind and I still think that reductions should be made but I don't imagine I would have any seconder to a Motion that would suggest a 5% cut across the board but I will make the Motion regardless. I would move that 5% be deducted from the Vote and this would be less than I feel that the Administration have put in there as a cushion and it is less by 12% over last year's fiscal figures, but I would so move.

Mr. MacKenzie: May I speak on this? I would have no objection to an across the board reduction of 5%, provided it could be applied where necessary, or where possible. If 5% could not be taken off Vote One, for instance, then I wouldn't want to do it.

Mr. Thompson: Well, let me say, Mr. Chairman, that I would be quite amenable to an overall reduction of 5% in the overall Vote and if this is in agreement with the Territorial Treasurer, I can't see where there would be any problem as far as Council is concerned.

BILL #4

Mr. MacKenzie: Yes, that would be quite...to be applied where possible. Now, that might be in Operation and Maintenance. It might be in Capital.

Mr. Thompson: Right, but it would be a saving of a half a million dollars, better than half a million dollars.

Mr. MacKenzie: If the lapsing balances amounted to this. I don't know how this could be coped with legally....towards the Appropriation Ordinance and I don't quite know how Ottawa would react. We will have to see, but I am quite agreeable to do this. I have no wish to see any lapsing balance.

Mr. Taylor: As I said before, I think that at this particular stage, I think it would be better to let sleeping dogs lie. We have made our point, I believe and sometime this fall we will be negotiating this new Fiscal Agreement and that would be the proper time to sit down and discuss this. I would also like to point out that I think that this is something, when we are referring to the Main Budget, that should be discussed with all Members present.

Mr. Southam: Anything further gentlemen? At this time, I will call a recess for refreshments and, at this time, could Mr. MacKenzie be excused?

All: Agreed.

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.
May 11, 1966

Mr. Southam: I will call this committee back to order and we will carry on.

BILL #4

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like to move that Bill #4 be reported out of committee as amended.

Mr. Boyd: I second that motion.

Mr. Southam: It has been moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that Bill #4 be moved out of committee as amended. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Contrary?

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

Mr. Southam: The motion is carried. What is your pleasure now gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Deputy Speaker now resume the chair and hear the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion.

Mr. Southam: Moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon that the Speaker now resume the chair and hear the report of committee. Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Mr. Speaker will now resume the chair.

Mr. Speaker: I will call the Council to order and may we have the report of the chairman of committee.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened as a whole to discuss Bills, sessional papers, memos, etc. at 10:30 a.m. Bill #6, moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded that it be reported out of committee as amended. This was carried. Moved by Councillor Thompson that Bill #12 be moved out of committee as amended. Carried. Bill #4, moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor Boyd that this be moved out of committee as amended, also carried. That is all Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Any errors or omissions? Are you agreed with the report of the chairman of committee. Apparently the only business which I can note ahead of us are two motions which were submitted this morning. If it is your pleasure I would entertain a motion that the rules of the House be waived and we proceed with them.

Mr. Boyd: I would move that and ask that Council as a whole agree to changing the rules in order that the motions from this morning can be discussed.

Mr. Southam: I will second the motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been irregularly moved and seconded that the rules of Council be waived in order to process these motions. Are you agreed? Any contrary? Motion carried. Mr. Southam will you please take the chair.

MOTION #54

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I have motion #54 "It is the opinion of Council, that effective immediately the Administration curtail any purchases of equipment or supplies from the City of Edmonton until such time as the Mayor or Council of said City of Edmonton signify to the Commissioner in writing, their intention to cease the commercial exploitation of the Klondike theme." May I proceed?

Mr. Speaker: Continue, Mr. Taylor.

MOTION #54

Mr. Taylor: The motion is self explanatory. It seems that some other action must be taken. It also appears that private enterprise are quite willing to get into the fray in this respect. In so much as we will be proroging possibly tomorrow it would appear most necessary that these sanctions be served on the City of Edmonton at this particular time and not be lifted until such time as the City of Edmonton have ceded to our request, to return our Klondike to it's proper place here in the Yukon Territory.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I think this is terrible. I believe that we are going a way too far and we cannot stop doing business with Edmonton over a trifle situation like this. This is getting unreasonable and out of control completely and I could not give my support on such a motion to stop purchasing from the City of Edmonton. Maybe we could buy things cheaper from the City of Edmonton. We have got to act like grown up people and surely we can come to some agreement without using child's play to achieve a method and I am very shocked to see such a motion as this before Council.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, it doesn't say stopped, it says curtail purchasing and naturally wherever it is possible to buy equally as well elsewhere, there is no harm in buying elsewhere. I think that if the merchants of Edmonton find that some accounts are being lost, even slowed down, they are going to think about it and certainly they are going to do their utmost to take advantage of what has turned out to be their gold mine at our expense. There is no harm in curtailing it, no harm at all. I would think possibly with a motion at this time passing Council that there will be many merchants think the same way. They will buy where it is possible to buy on an equal basis and maybe we can bring some sense back in so far as this Klondike thing is concerned. It does not say stop it just says curtails and there is quite a difference.

Mr. Thompson: As seconder of the motion I concur wholeheartedly and I feel that this is a step in the right direction, something concrete can come of this situation.

Mr. MacKinnon: For Mr. Boyd's edification I am quite aware of the meaning of the word "curtail" and we must realize that we are just a handful of people and we are working against 400,000 in the City of Edmonton. I would try to achieve some other method of getting together and negotiating. These people aren't trying to steal from us. I believe that it is more or less agreed that they are going to give up the Klondike theme and we can go too far and get very deeply involved and if we do create any hatred from these people then we don't stand much of a chance in the Territory because we can't really battle them one by one....there are too many of them, and I just can't go along with a motion such as this.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Speaker, I imagine this will close the debate by my rising but I must say that the two members not present now have signified to me their agreement with this motion and they are sorry that they would not be here to add to it. These are the guns that we are going to have to have in order to bring our Klondike home to it's proper place and I certainly hope that Council agree that the Mayor and the City Council of Edmonton will take this into consideration and get to work to insure that the Klondike is returned to Edmonton.

Mr. Speaker: Are you ready for the question? Are you agreed? Any contrary?

MOTION #54

Mr. MacKinnon: Contrary, Mr. Speaker.

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: The motion is carried. The next motion is #55.

MOTION #55

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, this is in reference to Territorial Council Quarters, Motion #55, "In the opinion of Council, due consideration should be given to the establishment of Territorial Councillors' office space in the Northwest Highway Headquarters Building, inasmuch as the future Council Chambers will eventually be located in this building". May I proceed?

Mr. Speaker: Proceed, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, this is only a recommendation in as much as the Commissioner had intimated that there is a move afoot to move the Territorial facilities up to the Northwest Highways Quarters Building in the very near future and it is quite conceivable that the Territorial Council will end up with new Council chambers in this building and it was just that some consideration should be given for office space for the Councillors were in Session, be this one office with seven desks or two with three or four. It is merely a formality but I think that they should keep this in mind so that when they allocate the various space in this building that some consideration should be given to our request. That about sums it up Mr. Speaker.

MOTION #55
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: Is there any discussion gentlemen? Question has been called. Are you agreed, any contrary? Motion is carried. It seems that you have concluded your deliberations with the exception of processing of Bills and I wonder if you could signify if you wish to deal with these tonight or tomorrow.

Mr. Thompson: I would suggest Mr. Speaker, that we proceed with them at this time.

Mr. Speaker: Is Council agreed?

Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I have for your reference Bill #4 as an amended Bill, Bill #12 as an amended Bill, Bill #6 as an amended Bill. We will require first and second reading to the amended bill and adoption of the title. What is your perogative?

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker I would move that first reading be given to the amendment to Bill #4.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second it.

BILL #4
FIRST READING
AMENDMENT

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that first reading be given to the amendment to Bill #4. Are you ready for the question. Are there any contrary?

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

Mr. Speaker: First reading has been given to the amendment to Bill #4.

BILL #4

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I beg move to give second reading to the amendment to Bill #4.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that.

BILL #4
SECOND READING Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill #4. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary?

MOTION CARRIED
Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

Mr. Speaker: Motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that third reading be given to Bill #4 as amended.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second it.

THIRD READING
Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that third reading be given to Bill #4 as amended. Are you prepared for the question. Agreed? Contrary?

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

MOTION CARRIED
Mr. Speaker: The motion is carried. Do you wish the title adopted gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would like my vote recorded.

Mr. Speaker: Would you please note that Mr. Clerk.

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I would move that the title to Bill #4 be adopted as written.

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second that motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the title to Bill #4 be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary?

Mr. Thompson: Contrary.

Mr. Speaker: I will declare this motion carried and Bill #4 has passed this House. What is your further pleasure gentlemen?

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that the amendment to Bill #12 be given first reading.

Mr. Southam: I will second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the amendment to Bill #12 be given first reading. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill #12.

Mr. Southam: I will second that motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and Councillor Southam that the amendment to Bill #12 be given second reading. Are you prepared for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that the third reading be given to Bill #12 as amended.

Mr. Southam: I second it.

THIRD READING
Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that third reading be given to Bill #12 as amended. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried.

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that the title to Bill #12 be adopted as written. BILL #12

Mr. Southam: I will second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor Southam that the title to Bill #12 be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried and Bill #12 has passed this House. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that first reading be given to Bill #6 as amended. BILL #6

Mr. MacKinnon: I will second it.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that first reading be given to the amendment to Bill #6. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried. FIRST READING

Mr. Boyd: I beg leave to move that second reading be given to the amendment to Bill #6.

Mr. MacKinnon: I would second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the amendment to Bill #6 be given second reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? The motion is carried. SECOND READING

Mr. Boyd: I would beg leave to move that third reading be given to Bill #6 as amended.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the amendment to Bill #6 be given third reading. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried. THIRD READING

Mr. Boyd: I move that the title to Bill #6 be adopted as written.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Councillor MacKinnon that the title to Bill #6 be adopted as written. Are you ready for the question? Agreed? Contrary? I will declare the motion carried and Bill #6 has passed this House. PASSED

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, I believe that concludes the matters before us and what is your pleasure in respect to the presentation of your replies to the Commissioner's opening address.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, before we get into the formalities I wonder if the Clerk could ascertain if the Superintendent of Liquor is in town. I understand that he is due back and we have not had an opportunity to discuss his budget. If he were available I think we would have a few minutes discussion.

Mr. Speaker: We will have a short recess while the Clerk finds out if Mr. Vars is available.

Mr. Speaker: Gentlemen, I will call this Council back to order and what is your wish in respect to the agenda for tomorrow morning.

Mr. Thompson: I would suggest that we defer any discussions with the Liquor Department until tomorrow morning and after such discussions that we prorogue.

Mr. Speaker: Is Council agreed? What is your wish in respect to motions?

Mr. Boyd: I would move that there be no more motions presented to this Council.

Mr. MacKinnon: I second that motion.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Boyd and seconded by Mr. MacKinnon that no motions are to be submitted to Council. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary? Motion is carried. What is your further pleasure gentlemen.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would move that we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by Councillor Thompson that we call it five o'clock. Are you ready for the question. Agreed? Contrary. Motion is carried and I declare this Council adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Thursday, May 12, 1966.
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Mr. Speaker read the daily prayer and Council was called to order. Speaker G. Shaw was absent. Deputy Speaker D. Taylor assumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: The first item on our Daily Routine is correspondence. Is there any correspondence this morning, Mr. Clerk?

Mr. Clerk: I have nothing this morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any Reports of Committee? There being no Introduction of Bills, I would then go to Orders of the Day. Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers? I believe there are no Motions. Are there any questions? We have completed all our Bills and Orders. I note on the agenda this morning that Council wish to revert to Committee of the Whole to discuss matters related to the Liquor Department. What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Thompson, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair and Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers and Motions.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION
CARRIED

Mr. Speaker: I will declare the Motion carried and Mr. Southam will take the Chair in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Southam: I will now declare a short recess, gentlemen, while we get organized.

Mr. Southam: I will now call the Committee back to order. QUESTION #28 We have Mr. Vars, Superintendent of Liquor, with us. I understand that some of the Councillors wish to ask Mr. Vars some questions. First, Mr. MacKinnon has a question, Question, No. 28, re the liquor freight rates. Could Council be informed if any equalization attempt has been made in regard to fair liquor freight rates to all licenced premises in the Yukon? Mr. MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, yes. This was the result of a discussion some time ago with Mr. Vars. We thought it might be possible to equalize the freight rates throughout the Territory, and I think Mr. Vars had planned to make some attempt to correct this problem.

Mr. Vars: I think I have been misinformed, Mr. Chairman. I was of the impression that the question had been answered. This would be a policy matter and would have to be discussed by both the Territorial Treasurer and the Commissioner. The agreement to pay the freight on beer to taverns only was introduced by Council some years ago. I feel that there would be quite a few extra dollars involved in the equalization of the freight and it would mean that the Treasurer would have to be involved in this also.

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Chairman, yes, we realize that the Treasurer would have to be involved. We also realize that the North Highway does face a problem and, as I have outlined before, Watson Lake is fortunate enough to have a Liquor Store. Therefore, the Government pay all freight on liquor to Watson Lake. They also pay freight on all liquor to Dawson City. The outlets there can have the liquor stored in their

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Mr. MacKinnon continues:

own basements at near to Liquor Store prices, but when you go almost three hundred miles north on the Alaska Highway where we haven't got a Government Liquor Store and these Taverns or Cocktail Bars have to pay their freight for the three hundred miles, it's pretty hard for them to realize profit as they do here in Whitehorse or other places in the Territory.

Mr. Vars: As I said, this Agreement was reached by Council some years ago. It was agreed at that time that Taverns should have preference but there was no preference given to Cocktail Lounges, primarily, I think, because Cocktail Lounges have the advantage over Taverns of being able to serve various types of beverages with probably equal, if not larger, profits than Taverns have. I think this was the main reason. You are mentioning north on the Highway. This condition is applicable to any place that is in between Liquor Stores outside of the twenty-five mile radius... it applies to any Cocktail Lounge or Tavern has to pay the freight from the nearest Liquor Store. In some instances, I think 1202 would be one, they prefer to have their supplies shipped from Whitehorse. There has been the opportunity of getting their supply from 1016 if they wish which would eliminate some miles from the freight.

Mr. MacKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think the reason is that we do not have banking facilities in Haines Junction for such things as this that makes it more suitable to deal from Whitehorse even though the freight does add up to considerably more. In reading Votes and Proceedings from the first part of the Session, it does indicate the intention was to try and work something out on this particular matter. I hope that during the summer that Administration will make some attempt to equalize the situation.

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Chairman, I just have two questions to direct to the Director of Liquor Control and that is...I have mentioned this matter to Mr. Vars previously...and this is the matter of the lack of stock at certain times in Whitehorse and so, therefore, I would presume elsewhere in the Territory as well. I wonder if...this seems to be a continual problem that periodically certain items are in short supply, and I am wondering whether it would be necessary to suggest a change of policy in the amount of inventory that is carried. You have a rather healthy inventory and I am wondering, with this amount, it seems rather odd that this condition arises from time to time, and I am wondering if the solution or answer to the problem is a larger inventory to offset this problem.

Mr. Vars: I feel that this will be remedied once we are fully located in our new premises and have had an opportunity to operate out of there for a period of about two months. We have a little more space, which was one problem. I think that we will be putting in a tri-yearly order from Overseas rather than twice a year. You must realize that we order just about everything we have direct and in some instances it takes a longer time to get here than in other instances. Normally our Overseas liquor is ordered in January and it gets here anywheres from the first of April to July. We place a second order in June and it is usually in by the end of September. Now we are going to start placing a third order and this will eliminate the shortage in imported goods. Goods from the East seem to get fouled up at different times in transportation. One time it will take six weeks and the next time it will take two months or so. We hope to carry larger inventories and overcome this. I might say that I

Mr. Vars continues:

don't think we are ever out of any price brand. We normally carry eight or ten brands in a particular price range. We have a good supply, say in the \$5.95 price range, but we could be out of a particular brand.

Mr. Thompson: But you do feel that this problem is going to be under control?

Mr. Vars: Yes, I would say that it will be in very short order.

Mr. Thompson: My other question, Mr. Vars, is in reference to....I guess you would call them Liquor Vendors, or Territorial Agents, or people in these outlying places who are presently working six days a week. I don't see any provision in your Estimates here for time off. Is this Territorial Policy that these people will work six days a week?

Mr. Vars: I think this is correct, and I think the policy was gone over the Session before last with Council whereby the hours were outlined in the Ordinance that provided that our men are hired and paid on the basis of forty hours a week. The hours are such that they are working probably less than forty hours a week, but the hours are outlined for those outside of Whitehorse. I think it was realized at the time that these boys are working six days a week but they are only working forty hours for the total week.

Mr. Southam: Any further discussion, gentlemen?

Mr. Thompson: Well, I would just like to...further to this.. at one time, I think even here, the outlets were closed on a Monday. Was this when the change took place. I mean if... you increased your staff here to offset this. In other words, you still had the hours but you didn't close which meant an increase in staff, but in the outlying areas, you still have just the one man and the additional day, but you have cut back on the hours I take it.

Mr. Vars: Not exactly. This goes back to when the hours were incorporated in the Ordinance by Council and that was when the increase took place. At that time, the Whitehorse store was open twelve hours a day, from eight in the morning until ten at night, therefore, we had to take on extra employees. The outside areas were open from eight in the morning, with a break of one hour, and open again from one until six and it was agreed that the Vendors in the outside areas would be paid overtime for any time they worked in this particular instance. In the first of the Session last June, you allowed the hours to be changed to a standard operation of hours in the Whitehorse Store from six to nine right straight until closing with no lunch hour and you reverted back to a standard hours of operation for outside stores from ten to noon and two to six, which gives them something like a thirty-seven and a half hour or thirty-eight hour week although they are working six days.

Mr. Thompson: So, actually if a man wants some time off, he has to make his own arrangements?

Mr. Vars: If it is holiday time, we usually come up with a replacement. Most of the one-man operations have somebody available in the locality that can take over for a day if they wish to take a day off.

Mr. Thompson: The only other item I would like to ask Mr. Vars is that I don't see anything here to specifically tell me how many employees you have in your Department at this time. I see reference to fifteen where the Territorial Government is contributing in the case of Surgical and Medical Insurance and also in Unemployment Insurance and also in Death Benefits...you are going to have more people die because there's twenty-two in that Department. I am just wondering...

Mr. Vars: Our employees at the present time are twenty-two. I don't know why fifteen would be listed in there.

Mr. Thompson: My last question, Mr. Vars. There are no payroll figures or anything of this nature in here, but am I correct in assuming this \$130,267.00 is your budgeted payroll for the period?

Mr. Vars: I think, Sir, you will find \$130,267.00...that's right.

Mr. Thompson: Do you have it broken down?

Mr. Vars: No, I don't, but that is it there.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Thompson, will you take the Chair. Mr. Vars, I don't know whether this comes under your jurisdiction or not, but I would like to know what is the Regulation re serving of beer in cafes and such places on Sunday. What is the Regulation? Are people supposed to eat and drink or are they supposed to drink and then eat?

Mr. Vars: The interpretation previously applicable to the Beer and Wine Licence was that permission was given to serve beer and wine with meals each day of the week. The only restriction that was placed on the consumption of beer and wine and liquor with food is that receipts from food and liquor...the liquor must not exceed the food in a thirty day period.

Mr. Southam: Is there any restriction, shall we say, on any amount of beer and wine that you can have with any one meal or a sandwich, for instance?

Mr. Vars: The only restriction is that the operator is not to sell more dollar value of liquor over a thirty day period than he has of food. If one party comes in and has a meal and one bottle of beer, I suppose you could easily serve the fellow who wants a sandwich three bottles of beer...without any problem.

Mr. Southam: In other words, then, Mr. Vars, you buy a sixty cent sandwich or a forty cent sandwich and you can have three bottles of beer. Is that right? Am I to understand you right?

Mr. Vars: Not necessarily so. It depends entirely on the gross value that is taken for one in comparison to the other. Could I ask Mr. Legal Advisor about this?

Mr. Legal Advisor: This is right. The best that could be devised in 1962 was to satisfy the general average so that the place was not becoming a drinking establishment. If Council wishes us to come up with some other formula, we will try. I haven't come across a better formula in use in Canada, but it is true that one person might come in and order a \$2.00 meal and this would sort of build up a drinking

Mr. Legal Advisor continues:

credit for the person who came in and ordered a fifty cent sandwich. This could happen, but there is, of course, the overall power of the Commissioner, if the place is being run on those lines, to step in and suspend a licence. They needn't think that they can go on doing it indefinitely. They may do it in isolated cases.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Vars, could you tell me how often these receipts are itemized? Do you get these every month, or do you get them once a year? Some of these places I know, there must be quite a difference between the eats and the drinks. I am positive of that.

Mr. Vars: We would only have occasion to get these, I think, if we have a complaint. We have quite a few of the places that voluntarily send the receipts in by the month and they are certainly all in order. I realize that there might be one or two establishments throughout the Territory that are taking advantage of this but I think it is probably a law enforcement problem as much as it is ours.

Mr. Southam: Thank you, Mr. Vars. That answers my question. I will take the Chair back, Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just had one question of Mr. Vars and that is has there been any progress made in relation to the liquor situation at Teslin?

Mr. Vars: We are still working on it. We contacted some of the operators of Bus Lines and some of the operators of Freight Lines. Unfortunately, at the present time, it seems that the people who do have these establishments are also the establishments or headquarters for bus lines or freight lines. This would mean that we would have to have somebody in the locality to act as our agent.

Mr. Southam: Any further question of Mr. Vars, gentlemen? May Mr. Vars be excused at this time?

All: Agreed.

Mr. Southam: What is your pleasure now?

Moved by Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Thompson, that the Speaker do now resume the Chair and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

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Mr. Speaker: I will now call this Council to order and hear the Report of the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Council convened in Committee of the Whole at 10:10 A.M. to discuss Bills, Memoranda, Sessional Papers, Motions, etc. Mr. Vars, the Liquor Superintendent, was present to discuss questions asked by the Councillors. That is all this morning, Mr. Speaker.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

All: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Now, gentlemen, we have reached a point in our deliberations where we give our replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address, and I think at this time that I will declare a very brief recess so that we may get ourselves organized.

Mr. Speaker: I will call the Council to order. At this time, gentlemen, we will receive the presentation of the replies to the Commissioner's Opening Address. Mr. Boyd.

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MR. BOYD

Mr. Boyd: Mr. Speaker, I have gravel in my throat this morning. It's not from talking too much in Council, I can assure you. We started off with what we thought would be a short Session and it turned out to be anything but. We have deferred a couple of Bills until the Fall Session. We have had some good stiff arguments, discussions and so on...now all water under the bridge. I am disappointed by the fact that we haven't been told yet who our new Commissioner is going to be and I think, had a little effort been put forth, this Council could have been accorded this consideration. It would certainly be nice to know who is going to steer this boat before we adjourn, but it appears that it is not to be that way. Commissioner Cameron is going to be with us until the end of the month only. This will be the last Council Session that he will attend, and I would just like to say that it has been a pleasure dealing with Mr. Cameron, either in Council or out. Any questions he couldn't answer, he usually joked his way out of one way or another, but he always got by. I am sure we all wish Mr. Cameron and his family the best of luck in his new field. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Boyd. Councillor Thompson.

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MR. THOMPSON

Mr. Thompson: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say that I sincerely hope that some benefits have been derived by the people of the Yukon from our deliberations at this Session. It has been lengthy, but I think probably some good has come out of it. I also, like Mr. Boyd, would like to take this opportunity to thank Commissioner Cameron for the great contribution that he has made to the Territory and also to wish he and his family the very best in their future endeavours. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Thompson. Councillor MacKinnon.

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ADDRESS MR.
MACKINNON

Mr. MacKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to see this Session come to an end. It seemed continuous chaos from the start to the finish, and I hope that when we return in the fall that we can get off to a smoother way of handling the Territorial business than we have in this past Session. I would also like to mention that we are about to have a great loss to the Territory. We are going to lose Commissioner Cameron, and I would also like to mention that Dave Judd was, in my way of thinking, as much loss to the Territory as losing the Commissioner. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. MacKinnon. Councillor Watt.

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MR. WATT

Mr. Watt: Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that never has so little been done by so few and it has taken them so long. We could have adjourned here a month ago and accomplished just as much as we have accomplished now. It reached the point of ridiculousness.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Councillor Watt. Councillor Southam.

Mr. Southam: Mr. Speaker, Members of Council. It is with mixed feelings that I make these few remarks. First, I must express regrets on behalf of my constituents and myself at losing our most genial Commissioner. We wish him and his family the very best of everything. While we did not get all Bills through this Session, some important legislation was accomplished. The most important, in my opinion, was the Motion starting the Territory on its way towards autonomy. This is something we must have if we are going to expand. The Territory is past the stage of a colony. We must govern ourselves and make our own decisions. The next five years could be the most momentous in the history of the Yukon. Mining seems to have taken a new lease on life, therefore, we must stir ourselves and see that proper towns are laid out with proper conveniences and all the necessities that make living worthwhile. This is the only way this country will get the population it needs. I regret to report that the Labour Bill was shelved till the Fall Session. This is something the Yukon needs badly, but we did manage to get the basic minimum wage set at \$1.25 per hour which is in line with The Canada Labour Code. The possibility of Medicare for the Yukon is also a step in the right direction. The reports in the press were fairly accurate and perhaps that is enough said. Thank you.

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MR. SOUTHAM

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Southam. Of course, as you gentlemen all are aware, Mr. Speaker, Councillor George Shaw, the Honourable Member from Dawson, is away, taken away by the flood problem in Dawson and he has left his Address with Mr. Clerk. I would wonder, Mr. Clerk, if you would care to give Mr. Shaw's Address at this time.

Mr. Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I would feel that this Session, certainly the longest that I can remember, has the possibilities of being the most important of any that I have attended. I say possibilities because of the co-ordinated and fairly unanimous aims we have made in certain directions. The Resolution passed by Council with a large majority was to provide for a more responsible form of government for the Yukon. As far as I could ascertain, this desire for more home rule was unanimous, the minority dissension being only as to what degree that this should be implemented. Most Members including myself, do not feel that we are at this time prepared and ready to take our place as a Province of Canada with full control of all our Resources. Complete Province-hood is desirable but responsible thinking would indicate that we must take the first step first. This first step is still a giant step in which we would have the complete management of our own affairs, and in a Provincial manner, in matters such as Education, Welfare, Public Works, Justice, Recreation and so on. Following this and in a reasonable number of years and by virtue of experience and management and increased exploitation of the Yukon's Resources, we will be in a better position to become a full Province of Canada. This Resolution called for a fifteen man Legislative Assembly out of which a suggested number of five would perform the duties of Management at present conducted by orders from Ottawa. These five Members would be the Executive Council or type of Cabinet Ministers whose duties would be to run the affairs of the Yukon under the direction of the majority. I do not subscribe to the negative thinking that we do not have the brains and ability to run our own affairs in this first stage of independence.

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MR. SHAW

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MR. SHAW Resource Conference and the success it achieved are a
testament as to what we can do. The efforts of the rela-
tively small community of Dawson City in carrying out a
Stratford type of stage presentation each year, financed on
a mere pittance, as a contribution to tourist promotion,
indicate drive and ability and I could no doubt quote many
other valid illustrations. For almost three score years
and ten, we have not been able to make one concrete advance
to accepting our responsibilities in our political manage-
ment as have our fellow Canadians. Yet we were reminded
recently by a well informed source that Manitoba had a
white population of just over a thousand people as far back
as 1879 when they were given this first giant step which
we are now asking for. Our request is not a new move or one
that has not been taken before, but a move that has been
tried and found successful in all of the Western Provinces
of Canada. It is a move that we are now ready for, and
fully qualified to accept, and to carry through. It is
also our democratic right. I am hopeful that the powers
that be in Ottawa will accept our proposals and recommend
these to Parliament rather than delay this matter by form-
ing a type of Carrothers Commission to tell us what they
think we shall have. We have taken positive steps. I now
feel that discussions can be entered into to work out the
details. As Councillor Taylor has aptly stated, "Let us
make this step towards Province-hood one of the highlights
of Canada's Centennial Year". I might add, what better
birthday present for Confederation. Another matter of
great importance is the unity shown by the Yukoners' efforts
in the campaign to stop Edmonton's usurpation of the Klon-
dike theme. A small but powerful group of Edmonton hucksters
are using our history to sell a product which does not belong
to them, in order to entice visitors to Edmonton from all
over North America. Stopping over in Edmonton on my way to
Montreal, I noticed dozens of large signs advertising Klon-
dike this or Klondike that until I wondered if I was still
in the Yukon, or in the Prairies. This promotion is of
major concern to the Yukon, as the term "Klondike" is a
saleable product, a product identification that we must re-
tain. The importance of retaining this Klondike theme is
indicated by the hundreds of thousands of dollars that
Edmonton is eagerly spending on this magic word in order to
generate millions of dollars of business. Stop them we must.
Stop them we will, as we cannot have two Klondikes. Regard-
less of how long this may take, moral right must prevail.
While this fight is continuing, we must not overlook the
equally important task of restoration. Surely it is worth
as much to all of Canada to restore the true setting as
Edmonton would spend to build the phoney. Besides the Klon-
dike being a major Canadian historic site, it is valuable to
the Yukon as our centre of tourist promotion, and is an in-
creasingly valuable renewable resource that is never depleted.
Before leaving the subject of the battle to retain the Klondike,
I would thank Council for their leadership and assistance, and
the Minister of Northern Affairs and our Member of Parliament,
who rallied to our support, along with Yukoners from one end
of the Territory to the other. I must stop here as there are
so many people who helped us that it would take too long to
enumerate them all. I would again say thank you. I share
with the rest of my colleagues and Yukoners generally, a
sadness at the pending departure of a most popular Commissioner.
I am sorry to see Commissioner Cameron leave the Yukon, and
would wish him and his family every happiness and success in
his new venture. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Councillor Southam, will you kindly take the Chair.

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MR. TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor: We have at long last reached the conclusion of our debate and although fairly long in duration, I must admit, I feel this session has to a great extent been a productive one indeed. Although some Members disagree in Council on many issues, I might say that I cannot, at any stretch of the imagination, concur with those who would feel that this Council, at any time, has acted, as a body, in a derogatory manner. This, gentlemen, is a fallacy. Firstly, I would like to draw the attention of all Honorable Members to the growing importance of the south-east Yukon to the Territory and its economy. Exploration and Development activity is as intense as ever before seen in the Territory. The winter long staking projects has given way to sophisticated programs of geophysical work and on site development. Indicated ore reserves are developing collectively to the stage where we can well look forward to the creation of a stable and long lasting industry in the mine development, smelter treatment and related fields. The capital expenditure in this area to date would stagger the imagination and future programmed expenditures throughout the Territory will do much towards the bolstering of our local economy here in the Yukon. Improved facilities at key points such as Ross River, Teslin and Watson Lake are essential if we are to keep pace with this expanded development, and I am confident that the governments at both levels will keep an eye on the situation, and assist private industry where possible and in the best interests of the Territory. During this Session, the matter of Autonomy arose once again, and was dealt with at some length. The result of these many discussions was that we, Mr. Speaker, have made known to Ottawa, by firm Resolution, our desire to step out of the dark ages and proceed towards that provincial goal, which is the rounding out of Canadian Confederation, namely, province-hood for the Yukon. But not overnight. The first step is a big one...the formation of a democratic and responsible form of Government, the acceptance of some provincial administrative responsibility, and the participation on a junior partner basis in our Resource management. Some have scoffed at this proposal, feeling that we should take over everything now, and even others are opposed purely on partisan political grounds, but I say to you Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, that common sense will and must prevail to insure a successful, progressive and flowing transition towards the day when we can control our own destiny. Those who reject this thinking on partisan political grounds are going to have to revise their thinking and get together, for this is a job for everybody and, as I am sure you will agree, Mr. Speaker, ranks far above prejudicial politics. Every one of the ten provinces of Canada at one time, many with small populations and financial Resources, I might say, had to take this very same step. And let's face it, gentlemen, this step that we have taken, is not only bold and imaginative, but is essentially prerequisite to the placing of the people of the Yukon into the mainstream of the Canadian economy and participation in that outstanding Canadian relationship which is Confederation. Now is not a time for skepticism, indecision or prejudice, but rather now is the time for forthright determination...intelligent representation and unfaltering courage. These, gentlemen, are the attributes which will ensure our success. I need not point out that the success of our journey to the East in pursuit of our Klondike Heritage, other than to say that we have been given the firm assurance of Expo '67 officials that the City of Edmonton, Alberta, will not, and I repeat, not, be permitted to distort history by utilizing the Klondike theme in their display, and in fact the Yukon Territory will have a display, though somewhat more modest than formerly contemplated, located near the main gate of Expo, through which over thirty million people are expected to flow. I would also

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Mr. Taylor continues:
like to remark, Mr. Speaker, on our battle to regain the Klondike. The interest shown nationally and internationally in our cause is outstanding and support is mounting daily. Support from the good citizens of Edmonton has exceeded our fondest hopes, and serves to indicate their repulsion towards the high power promoters and civic officials of their once popular city, who have usurped our gold rush history and heritage. The Mayor, Mayor Dantzer, and Edmonton Exhibition Officials, have laughed at the Yukon in an arrogant display of disrespect for the Yukon and its people. But, Yukoners are proud people, and in true tradition are more than willing to fight for their rights, which in this case is their outstanding contribution to Canadian and North American History. It was, therefore, deemed necessary yesterday afternoon, Mr. Speaker, to instruct the Territorial Administration to curtail all purchases from the City of Edmonton until the Mayor and Council of that City signify in writing to the Commissioner their intention to stop once and for all the commercial exploitation of the Klondike theme. Already many in private enterprise are following suit and I understand that some major settlements in the Northwest Territories are considering following as well. This is a positive approach and, though regrettable to some extent, is necessary, if we are to regain this important renewable Resource. I would also like to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to pay tribute to the Klondike Defence Force which, as a fighting wing of Council, has done so much for the common cause in such a short period of time. They have dedicated themselves to a three-fold task. Firstly, to bring back our Klondike to the Yukon; secondly, to encourage an active restoration program in the Klondike area; and thirdly, to assist in the development of a Klondike oriented Tourist promotional program. A noble venture, indeed, Mr. Speaker, and most certainly one which enjoys the fullest support of all Yukoners both within and without the Territory. In closing, I would like to thank those members who assisted me with both representations of my district and the Yukon as a whole. I am confident that our efforts will bear much fruit, and that they have contributed much to our citizens here in the Yukon Territory. To Mr. Commissioner, soon to retire, may I, on behalf of all those I have the honour to represent at this table, express our appreciation for a job well done. We will miss our Commissioner dearly and we send along to him and his family our sincerest best wishes for their future, and we hope that from time to time we may have the opportunity to renew that most wonderful relationship which we have enjoyed these past many years. And, finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish all Members of Council and Members of Administration alike, an enjoyable summer season and continued success, until we meet again at the fall session.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor resumes the Speaker's Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Clerk, I wonder if you would kindly escort the Commissioner into the Council Chambers for his closing speech, and I will declare a very brief recess, gentlemen.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the Council back to order. Mr. Commissioner, the Council of the Yukon Territory has, at its present sitting thereof, has passed a number of Bills to which, in the name and on behalf of the said Council, I respectfully request your assent.

Mr. Clerk: The Bills requiring assent are:

Bill No. One - An Ordinance to Amend the School Ordinance

Mr. Clerk continues:

- Bill No. Four - An Ordinance for Granting to the Commissioner certain sums of money to defray the expenses of the Public Service of the Territory (Second Appropriation Ordinance 1966-67).
- Bill No. Five - An Ordinance Respecting the Immunity of Members of the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. Six - An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Ordinance
- Bill No. Seven - An Ordinance to Amend the Low Cost Housing Ordinance.
- Bill No. Eight - An Ordinance to Amend the Elections Ordinance.
- Bill No. Nine - An Ordinance Respecting Securities.
- Bill No. Eleven - An Ordinance to Amend the Yukon Housing Ordinance.
- Bill No. Twelve - An Ordinance Respecting Wages in the Yukon Territory.
- Bill No. Thirteen - An Ordinance to Amend the Companies Ordinance.
- Bill No. Fifteen - An Ordinance to Authorize the Commissioner to Purchase a Sewage Disposal System from the Municipal Corporation of the City of Dawson.
- Bill No. Sixteen - An Ordinance to Repeal the Loan Agreement Ordinance 1961 No. 1, Chapter 2, 1961 (2nd Session).
- Bill No. Seventeen - An Ordinance to Repeal the Whitehorse Land Sale and Loan Ordinance (1961).

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker and Members of Council. Your spring Legislative Session for 1966 has completed its business and it is my privilege and duty to prorogue your Council. The Administration will make every attempt to carry out your suggestions and wishes where economical, practical and permissible. As you realize, we are on the last year of the Five Year Financial Agreement and we will have to be extremely cautious in order to stay within our remaining funds. Unexpected situations arise such as the recent Dawson City flood, which must be taken care of as expeditiously as possible and which will require considerable equipment, time and money. We are most fortunate that in this disaster there were no fatalities and under extreme conditions the people of Dawson City acted most efficiently and are to be commended for their efforts. You dealt with many and varied subjects during this Session and have survived considerable frustrations and at times heated outbursts. This has been the longest Council Session in history and I am sure you all feel that some means of speeding up the conducting of Council affairs is essential. I certainly hope you will be successful in finding a solution as every indication is that the goose is about to lay a golden egg for this Territory, providing we do not destroy the nest and scare off investment capital, which appears so readily available at this time, by indicating an inefficient or weak local government. The workload placed before you each year is being increased and it is, therefore, understandable that a week-long Council Session which proved to be sufficient a few years ago is no longer acceptable. However, after discussing this subject with individual Councillors at various times, it appears to me that you are all of the same opinion; that seven or eight weeks is actually going to the opposite extreme. This, however, is your problem and as I have mentioned above, I feel certain that with concerted effort as a Legislative Body you will be able to increase the efficiency and harmony of your own House. For your information as Councillors, present plans call for the Territorial Government and possibly certain Federal Departments of the Department of Northern Affairs, to move out of this Federal Building and take over the entire headquarters building in the Takhini area. Should these plans reach fruition over the next few months,

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Mr. Commissioner continues:
your Fall Session will be held in a proper Council Chamber which is available in that particular building. As my resignation becomes effective the end of this month, I will not have the opportunity of addressing you again as Commissioner and I would like, therefore, to take this opportunity of passing on my appreciation for the courtesies you have shown me during my term of office. I would also like to wish each and every one of you and your families all the success in the future and, no doubt, our paths will cross again many times in the years ahead. I hereby assent to the Bills as outlined by your Clerk of Council. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of Council.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. I would like to thank you, Mr. Commissioner, for your Closing Address and, further, on behalf of all Members of Council, I would like to say that we have enjoyed and appreciated the wonderful relationship which has existed between Council and yourself over these past four years. The contribution you have made to both the Administration and the Territory as a whole has been outstanding indeed and the benefits of your efforts on our behalf will be experienced and enjoyed I am sure for many years to come. To you and your family, Sir, we say God Speed and extend our sincerest best wishes for the future.

Mr. Commissioner: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

Council prorogued on May 12, 1966.