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Mr. Speaker reads daily prayer

Mr. Speaker: Madam Clerk, is there a quorum present?

Madam Clerk: There is, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: Are there any documents or correspondence for tabling this morning?

Are there any Reports of Committees?

Introduction of Bills?

Are there any Notices of Motion or Resolution?

Are there any Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?

We will now proceed with Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mr. Speaker: We have Motion Number 3. Mrs. Whyard, are you prepared to proceed with your Motion?

Motion No. 3

Mrs. Whyard: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I beg leave to move that Sessional Papers Number 2 and Number 3 be discussed by Committee of the Whole. This Motion is seconded by the Member from Watson Lake.

Mr. Speaker: Is there any discussion? Question has been called. Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried.

Motion Carried

Mr. Speaker: Madam Clerk, could you ascertain if the Commissioner would be available for Question Period this morning?

At this time I will declare a brief recess.

Recess

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: I will call the House to order, and may we proceed with the Question Period?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Question re: Minister of Communications

Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Commissioner if I may.

Is it the intention of the Honourable Minister of Communications to meet with this Assembly on his forthcoming visit?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, arrangements are being made, there is invitations are going out to councillors, I believe they are going out today.

Mr. Speaker: From the chair, might I ask if this is intended to be a formal meeting, or informal meeting, Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, this is strictly a social meeting.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions?

There being no further questions, I would thank Mr. Commissioner for his attendance in Question Period this morning, and there being no Bills for processing today, what is your further pleasure?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole for purposes of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and Motions.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. McCall: I second it, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and the House resolve

in the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing -- of considering Bills, Sessional Papers and memorandum -- I'm sorry, and Motions. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare that the Motion is carried, and the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale will take the chair in Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I now call the Committee of the Whole to order, and declare a 5 minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I will now call the Committee of the Whole to order, and we're resuming our discussion of Bill Number 2. We have with us today Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau, as witnesses, and we are now dealing with Item number 5, Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, and we're at page 32 in the Main, and I believe the next item is Contributions, \$6,000.00.

Miss Millard, do you have something to say?

Ms. Millard: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday around 5 o'clock we heard some comments on the abysmal ignorance of some people about women, and I would really like to comment at length about this item, in the budget.

I feel that there are some people present that may not understand the reasons behind International Women's Year or the reasons behind the fact that there are several women's organizations in Whitehorse that are trying to promote the cause of women. I have distributed papers to everyone and I think if you would be willing to read them, it might be to your enlightenment.

International Women's Year was established in Canada, because Canada ratified the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women from the United Nations General Assembly in 1967. In the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Article 10 reads:--This is what Canada has ratified as a government: Article 10, number 1, and I quote:

"All appropriate measures shall be taken to insure to women, married or unmarried, equal rights with men in the field of economic and social life, and in particular (a) the right, without discrimination on grounds of marital status or any other grounds to receive vocational training, to work, to free choice of profession and employment and to professional and vocation advancements. (b) The right to equal remuneration with men and to equality of treatment in respect of work and of equal value. (c) The right to leave with pay, retirement privileges and provision for security in respect of unemployment, sickness, old age or other incapacity to work".

In other words, "other incapacity" would probably be maternity leave. "(d) The right to receive Family

Allowances on equal terms with men."

Article 10, number 2: "In order to prevent discrimination against women on account of marriage or maternity, and to ensure their effective right to work, measures shall be taken to prevent their dismissal in the event of marriage or maternity, and to provide paid maternity leave with a guarantee of returning to former employment, and to provide the necessary social services, including child care facilities."

We went into that one yesterday. Number 3, Article 10:

"Measures taken to protect women in certain types of work for reasons inherent in their physical nature shall not be regarded as discriminatory".

This, I believe, in the United Nations is probably a more advanced assembly than we have here, and they certainly have passed this with no problems.

Some Member: Shame, shame.

Ms. Millard: Annexed to the United Nations on suggestions concerning programs for International Year read, and I quote:

"International Women's Year should be viewed, not as a celebration limited to women, but rather an event in which both men and women will participate for the ultimate benefit of all members of society".

In other words, women's liberation is also human liberation, and I don't think we can disagree with that. The central theme for the year may be based on the principles set forth in the preamble of the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and they quote:

"That the full and complete development of a country, the welfare of the world and the cause of peace requires a maximum participation of women as well as men in all fields".

I would like to note at this point that women are 51 percent of the population, and perhaps the Honourable Member from Faro would realize that that's a great amount of the voting population.

Also, you have before you which I have provided, is a copy of the Status of Women's News, and in that is a history of women's rights in Canada, which is an article I would draw your attention to. I won't read anything from it at this point, but simply to point out that women's rights have been a struggle for many, many years, and it's something that continues. I would think that anyone interested in human development of any sort, and certainly in civil rights, would be interested in reading that.

Also, there is a Women's Bureau which has been organized by Labour Canada, and in this -- in Women's Bureau of '73, the publication they put out for 1973, there is quite a bit on the suffrage of women, suffrage meaning right to vote, rather than the suffering.

Page 28 and 29 goes into it quite thoroughly. I would note that in an Act of 1834 the Canadian Parliament specifically excluded women from the right to vote. I would note that we haven't even done that to Indians in this country or to blacks. I think this is discrimination of the worst sort when an Act of Parliament actually eliminates enfranchisement. It took until about 1920 for any real right to vote to be passed by the Canadian government, and just quoting one sentence from here:

:"It is a matter of some interest to note that as late as 1928, the Chief Justice of Canada reasoned" --

reasoned, I would emphasize, -- "that while a woman might be elected as a Member of the House of Commons, it was questionable whether a woman might be appointed a Member of the Privy Council". This was a justice, a male, of course.

There is a note there that it was not until 1957 in fact that the first woman was ever appointed to the Federal Cabinet, so we sure have a long ways to go.

Also in this book is a reflection of the attitudes of women and men towards their employment in society, and their participation in it. This is what the struggle really is. It's a struggle against changes in attitudes which were reflected by the Honourable Member yesterday, quite well.

On page 51 of the Women's Bureau of '73, there's statistics on women students in institutions of higher education from 1970-71. The national percentage of -- in separate fields of specialization. The two that are in the acceptable kinds of education, in arts and journalism -- Arts is 45 percent of the population in the students was women; in journalism, 54.7 percent, that's the only one that we lead in. The others go as follows, and I think we would have to agree that women's intelligence is just as high as men, I don't think anyone would be crazy enough to argue about that, and that they could probably be quite competent in these other fields, but I would like to point out that the reason behind this is because the attitude of women and men towards higher education for women has been pretty negative. In pure science, only 25.9 percent of the women registered -- in pure science, only 25 percent of registered students are women. In commerce and business administration, 8.7 percent. In medical studies, 17.4 percent. In law only 12.7 percent. In engineering and applied sciences, 1.3 percent.

I might note that these various subjects certainly have nothing to do with the physical capacities or incapacities of women.

Several years ago, the Canadian government had the foresight to establish a Royal Commission on the Status of Women, and they made several recommendations, all of which I have here for anyone's enlightenment. Some of these have been acted upon. Just one I would like to read since we are talking about working women in particular, and I would like permission to just quote from a summary here on page 154 of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, under the section "Women in the Canadian Economy". The summary is for paid work which is paragraph 567.

"This commission found women in paid work handicapped by discrimination in policy and practice. Briefs, individual submissions and special studies documented specific injustices within the work world, and suggested how social pressures and attitudes less easily defined but no less strong prevent women from competing equally with men."

Paragraph 568,

"We learned that pay rates for women and men are often different. Pay is generally lower for traditionally male professions" -- Pardon me.

"Pay is generally lower for traditionally female professions than for other professions. Equal pay laws are inadequate. Pension and group life insurance plans often provide less protection for the husband of a female worker than for the wife of a male worker. Paid maternity leave is rare. Women have less opportunity to enter and to advance in many occupations

and professions. Compared to men, few women reach senior levels. Women's skills and abilities are not being fully used."

Paragraph 569:

"Differential treatment prevents many women from entering the labour force. Married women are at a special disadvantage. Sometimes they have to work to help support their families. Sometime the housewife feels the need for a different kind of challenge than housework offers, or looks to employment to relieve a sense of isolation from society. Wives and mothers should neither be prevented nor inhibited from taking paid work. Often they are denied this right by lack of equal opportunity at work and lack of child care facilities."

Paragraph 570, "Women in the work world face equal frustrations, many have no chance to develop their potential, some accept this more or less philosophically and set their sights lower, others are discouraged when they find men with less ability promoted over them or offered jobs from which they are implicitly barred. Women with leadership talents are especially penalized by managements traditional attitude that women should be confined to support roles for a genuinely capable woman influence behind the scenes is no substitute for real authority."

If any one is interested in this report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, which is a very important document in the legal process that is happening in Canada daily, it is certainly available to them.

Just to continue with exploring the areas of problems that women have, which I promised yesterday I have also another document which is showing the progress on what has been done on -- from a Report of the Advisory Council on the Status of Women to the Federal Government. I thought it might be interesting just to sort of list through the various sections on the alphabetical list of recommendations that the Status of Women Council has made just to give the Members an idea of the far reaching problems that we are coping with and why a \$6,000.00 grant probably would not even be adequate to make some sort of attempt to allow women to make some point in society, make some kind of imprint on what is happening to them. I will just read this list until everyone has the effect and I would like to invite everyone to the Y.W.C.A. on -- at 7:30 on Thursday night there is an International Women's Year Seminar, which if anyone has anything to add we will be glad to see you there.

The first subject, of course, is abortion, which only because it starts with "a", but it is also a very important subject since the Federal Government at the moment, at least the Minister of Justice has been very reluctant to accept the fact that women should have some control over their own bodies. Abortion is certainly a very important legal question, moral question, theological question in this day and we must look at it very thoroughly.

Other subjects are Adult Occupational Training Act, Appointment of Women to Boards, Crown Corporations, Public Service, Senate and the House of Commons, Armed Forces, problems about married women in the armed forces, maternity leave, superannuation, problems with the availability of information on birth control, which certainly has an impact on women. A definite impact on whether or not

they can control their own lives.

Other problems continue under Canadian Labour Code, Career opportunities for women in the R.C.M.P. I am sure that the influence was felt in the recent implementation by the R.C.M.P. of the policy to finally hire women.

Career opportunities for women also in other public service areas. Child care is a very important area that has to be looked into.

Under the Criminal Code there is all kinds of discrimination elements in areas of divorce, prostitution, Protection from sexual abuse, deletion of the phrase, 'of previously chaste character' under several sections. Crown corporations, there are problems with equal opportunities there, traditional occupations, promotions, transfers and utilization of women as a -- just -- using their abilities to their fullest extent.

Under Education, there is problems in Student Aid, citizen's information, equal opportunities in the chartered banks, armed forces. Equal opportunities for natives, native women particularly. Equal pay legislation. Family and Youth Allowances. Grievance procedures, home workers, wages and conditions of employment of home workers. Housing loan regulations. Apparently C.M.H.C. has some discriminatory sections.

Immigration. Definition of the head of the family. Wives as independant applicants for immigration.

Income Tax certainly is an area that has to be explored.

Dependant spouses are in a difficult position. The wife-husband unit is treated differently than the single women or single man.

International labour organization, which the member from Faro may be interested in, has had some problems and I have the available information if he would like to look that up, because he is certainly involved in labour.

Judges, the appointment of women as judges; loans, again with C.M.H.C., Manpower programs are discriminatory; marriage certainly is under the Marriage conditions. A woman is looked on as chattel. Maternity leave.

Native women have very great difficulties as we all know. Female offenders under the penitentiary scheme have a very difficult time. Passports even are coming under question. Pension plans. Public service, senior positions, sex typing, superannuation Act, public service health insurance, terms and conditions of employment, recruitment programs, secretaries, election standards and procedures.

The Senate, sex typing of occupations -- I think that's pretty well been at least recognized formally although there certainly hasn't been much done in the actuality. A lot of these things have been changed, but not enough and certainly the attitudes towards the problems haven't been changed. The legislation is beginning to change, but the attitudes must change for the sake of all of us.

I think that's it. If anyone has any questions, I'm certainly available to answer them.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. I believe that Mr. McCall has something to say about his attitude.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I feel that I have been a victim of circumstances here, but seeing that no other Honourable Member is about to take up the challenge, I guess I'll have to do it for him.

I notice in Mrs. Millard's statement, she made quotations for --

Ms. Millard: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, that happens to be Ms.

Mr. McCall: Here we go. Mr. Chairman, I would like to pick up one item that the Honourable Member quoted or stated about maternity leave. If you look at the law relating to working women, which is part of the items that are printed, in the legislation, the Federal legislation, the British Columbia legislation, Saskatchewan Legislation, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, a female employee is allowed 11 or 19 weeks off for maternity leave with fringe benefits where she does not lose any seniority, et cetera, et cetera. That is discrimination.

When you consider that it's a traumatic time for a couple that are having children, I think that 11 weeks or 19 weeks should entitle also a male employee to the same time off. That is out and out discrimination as far as I'm concerned, when you see language in labour standards in various provinces, and when it says maternity leave for female employees. This is a little ridiculous.

I would like to -- I have only touched on that briefly, but I just thought I would bring it up. I notice some of the propaganda we received today, that the Status of Women News, they had a brief in here, a C.R.T.C. brief, and it states at the bottom,

"We request that the present CBC reporters", and I'm quoting here, "--be trained not to smirk and not to indulge in sarcastic jibes on the rare occasions when a woman's news item is reported".

Now, I mean really, you know, this is going a little bit below the belt, you know. I mean let's be a little realistic. This is supposed to be a serious item, this brief. We go to our own people in the Yukon, the Yukon Women, the Yukon Status of Women Council, there was proposal given to me last December, I would like to take a quote out of there if I may.

"Women everywhere need to know their legal status". I don't think there's any argument there.

"And we here should be aware of our rights and responsibilities." I presume when they say "we", that is male and female on this particular point in question.

It also goes on to say,

"A handicap to this knowledge being general is the fact that many women are poorly educated because they left school at an early age."

Well you are not going to blame the male population for that. Many women living in the north it is for pleasure and creates few problems. But for other women, the conditions imposed by the harsh climate and the long winter are troublesome in the terms of emotion and creature comforts."

Well I take exception to the term "creature comfort". I think this is a little, you know, ridiculous.

I have a motion to put to the House and I would like to put it to the House if I may, because I do not wish to take up three-quarters of an hour's time explaining my rights as a human being in this world. I know my rights, and I think the women of the world know their rights, and I think they are bordering on

discrimination in their demands.

There is one thing I would like to leave you with before I put forward the motion. We all are aware that 1975 was adopted as International Women's Year, and at the same time, the "Why Not" expression was coined. Now, if we look at the calendar, the Chinese calendar, you will find it's the year of the rabbit. Why not?

Mr. Chairman, I would like to put forward a motion. I move that the budget estimate of \$6,000.00 for contributions in connection with International Women's Year be relocated to social services agencies budget estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McCall. Do we have a seconder for that Motion?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Are you seconding the motion, Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: No, I would like to make a comment before we go any further.

Mr. Chairman: Well, first of all we have to see whether or not there's a seconder to the Motion. I take it there is not, so we will then pass on to the next speaker who will be Mr. Lang.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, it was very interesting and enlightening the views of our two Honourable Members, and I don't think before the Motion should have been put to the floor, I would like to know from the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare, we have \$6,000.00 here that is proposed for grants. Now who decides where that grant goes, and has it been decided?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that's a very good question, and the item is not in here to dispute the rights of women or to dispute the arguments of the Status of Women at all. The government is recognizing International Women's Year as all governments in the country are. The Federal Government made a grant, I believe, of 5 million dollars. I stand to be corrected, towards women's organizations to commemorate International Women's Year in Canada.

Every other province is allocating funds to some project or projects which will commemorate International Women's Year, and I feel that the Yukon Territory should likewise provide some funds, be they minimal, to the various organizations in the Yukon to commemorate International Women's Year.

Now, I would hope, this \$6,000.00 hasn't been allocated at all, and I would hope that the government would receive submissions from various organizations or individuals who have ideas of how this money should be spent, and I would hope then in consultation with these various organizations a decision would be made, but that it is a sum of money to commemorate, I think, a very important year, International Women's Year.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Watson. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: I would like to ask a question. I would like to know who is going to decide on behalf of the government where the \$6,000.00 is about to go.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would hope that the government wouldn't make the decision. I would hope that the government would take some advice from the various organizations who are involved.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang, yes?

Mr. Lang: I still don't understand that. I mean, I realize that we have to go in full consultation with these various women's groups, but what I would like to know, who finally authorizes the \$6,000.00, wherever it may be spent? I still don't think that's been made clear.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Excuse me a moment. Mr. Miller, do you have a reply, or Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the government would accept the recommendations. If they appoint a committee they would accept the recommendations of the committee, and the sum of money would be forthcoming.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, that was going to be my suggestion. I have spoken to some of the women's groups and they are certainly willing to set up a board, an advisory board through Mrs. Watson as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare -- I would like to take up from what Mr. Lang stated, I don't think you still answered the question. I think what he is really asking is, who is going to make the decision, male or female?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: I would like to answer that if I could. I think that we certainly as females have the right to distribute monies for International Women's Year, and we certainly have the intelligence to do it properly, and I have all faith in Mrs. Watson's ability. If she would like to confer with her two male counterparts in Ex. Com., she has every right to do so, and I give her my full support in doing this.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, there are none so blind as those who will not see. The whole point of International Women's Year is to change attitudes throughout the world, and I can see that we have a job cut out in this chamber --

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mrs. Whyard: --and we need more than \$6,000.00 to

do it.

There was a comment made by the same Honourable Member the other day when I mentioned that we had a very attractive female candidate here for the position of Speaker, and he said at that time, that the day a woman was Speaker in this House was the day he would walk out.

I would like to draw to the Honourable Member's attention the fact that the House of Commons in Canada has at last named a Deputy Woman Speaker. There are -- the Speaker of the Senate has been a woman --

Mr. McCall: How much did that cost?

Mrs. Whyard: Nothing more than it costs to have a man in the same position and the job is being done much more efficiently.

Some Members: Hear, hear.

Mrs. Whyard: I think you can see it is obvious that it is the attitude that has to be changed. It doesn't matter how much money you give day care centres, Women's Status, Councils of Women, none of them are going to get through to the people who are making the problems continue. The biggest opposition encountered by the national Advisory Committee on the Status of Women is not in general business regarding employment practices, it's in the government. Government departments won't give an inch. Crown corporations won't give an inch. The government, which should be establishing leadership in this field is the worst offender in many employment situations involving women.

We have had a number of local examples of that in the last twelve months. Discrimination against women employees at C.N.T. is one good example. Housing rights to C.M.H.C. is another good example, but it's the attitude of the people who are making these decisions that has to be changed.

Now, I don't know how you would do this, and I certainly don't think that handing out \$6,000.00 to four or five hard working organizations is going to accomplish anything. I think we have to have input from all women of the Yukon regarding their ideas as to how we should commemorate this year when we finally stood up to be counted, and tried to make some gradual change in attitude toward women throughout Canada, not just the Yukon.

My first comment when I entered this chamber as a member, and the main opportunity to examine our very handsome Mace at close hand, was that there are three figures in the main body of that Mace which is a beautiful thing and a source of pride to me, and they are symbolic of those who opened this country. There are three men on the handle of that Mace--

Mr. McCall: Right on Baby, right on.

Mrs. Whyard: -- and I object to that entire symbolism of men only opening a rugged country. They had women here to help them and they wouldn't have got very far without them. The missionaries had women with them. Bishop Bompas had a wife, an aristocratic little Englishwoman less than five feet tall who read her Dante in the original Italian before she came to this country, and she went off into the

wilderness and stayed 15 years without ever seeing another white woman. This kind of woman needs to be commemorated in our International Women's Year.

Martha Louise Black, who walked over the Chilcoot Trail was the second Member of Parliament, a woman Member of Parliament in Canada, and she took her seat in the House of Commons at the age of 70, and she did the Yukon proud. I have just been working on a book about Martha Louise Black.

There are so many women whose story is something to be proud of in this Territory, and of whom very little is known, and I would venture to say, very little is taught in any of our schools, but you will hear about the men who discovered the gold, and you will hear about the men who did all these heroic things in opening the north.

I would like to see some of this money devoted to preserving the story of the women who helped open this country as a source of inspiration for the women who are following them and doing an equally good job.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard.

(Applause)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman. After listening to the Honourable Member of -- what is it, Miss Millard, I notice she made a point which I think Mrs. Whyard carried on about leadership in journalism, is 54 per cent, for which the women leads. I guess that shows they have a gift for the gab, if nothing else.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: On the strength of that comment and several other comments which have gone before, I think it is about time that this Assembly had a vote of censure on the opinions of this Member from Faro who doesn't seem to be able to accept the fact that women are a certain part of the community. I think that he would have a great deal of difficulty in getting up in this Assembly and condemning Indians in the same way that he does women, and any -- although we are not a minority group, we are certainly being treated as less than a minority group when we can't even be respected as well as the group which is now struggling for its civil rights.

I move that we now have a vote of censure on the comments of the --

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard, I will have to rule that Motion out of order, and accept your comments. It is not an appropriate---

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, could we have some sort of agreement then that you control the obvious derisive remarks from the Honourable Member.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just in explanation we are all a little new to this process, but it is not competent for any member to reflect upon the motives indeed of another member, and the House as in the Com-

mittee, is based on the principle of free speech, and I would hope at the outset that Members do not become agreed that the comments going back and forth on the table and resort to such things as censure. Censure is a very, very serious thing it must be taken very seriously, and of course the whole question would be quite out of order.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Well I myself have no qualms about women's rights. I feel they are equal, the same as anybody else. In some things I might possibly disagree a certain amount, is they say in the attitude -- again I am speaking for myself, but I don't think it is entirely the attitude of the people towards women that cause some discrimination. It is possibly the incapability of the women to be able to handle certain jobs, and I feel the same thing would be for men if they had to handle some of the jobs that women have to have, or do some of the things that women have to do, if necessary, and I think this argument is beginning to get to be a personal problem of being women and men, and you know, on the other hand, I just can't quite go along completely with Women's Lib. Because you know, it's the same old thing, if the Divine Ruler or God expected us to be something else, such as if he had wished me to work in the dark, he would have put a set of headlamps on me, and I feel the same way here. If he wished the women to be different than they are today, or years ago, he would have arranged that somehow.

I think the \$6,000.00, possibly -- if it comes to a vote I wanted to get a few of the facts clear and I possibly may not vote against it, I may and I may not, but I would say this, that I think that due to the fact that there is many instances in this budget where money is really needed, such as for day care centres, such as for Boy Scouts, such as for many other little things, that the Women's Lib, or whatever, receive a grant, they might see fit to use it possibly to a better venture than writing--

Mr. Chairman: Any further comments? Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Just one, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to ask the Honourable Member from Faro if he could tell us whether there are any plans to introduce maternity leave into union negotiations in the Yukon, or have they already done so?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, I feel we are getting into an irrelevant discussion at this point--

Mrs. Whyard: --as a project for International Women's Year, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: No, Mrs. Whyard, I think that I will rule that question out of order and not ask for a response.

Are there any other pertinent comments or questions?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just one question on the grant. Is this going to be for capital expenditures only or can it be used for anything? O and M only?

Mr. Chairman: Is there an answer on the record, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this is in the O and M Section in the budget and we would expect that it is what it would be used for.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, as just a final word, as all women would like to do. I would like to point out that this year, which is something perhaps that everyone is not aware of, I think we all are, but I don't think the gallery is, this year for the first time the Slush Fund has been eliminated from the budget, so that means \$8000.00 each has been eliminated. In the last legislature it was \$56,000.00 of course, in this one it would have meant an awful lot more. I think \$6,000.00 is a small drop in the bucket compared to things that have been spent in the past towards something that we have no control over, we didn't know how it was being spent. I think that \$6000.00 is the least we can do towards a project such as this.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Miss Millard. Can we now say clear?

Some Mebers: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. The next item is Corrections Branch, \$1,174,461.00. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to direct a question, I presume to Mr. Miller. How many inmates are committed on the average per year to the correctional institution?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I don't have an average over the year which I can get for you, but I have some information as of March 7th if the Honourable Member would like that.

In the Correctional Institution as of March 7th there were 32 men and one womrn.

In Wolfe Creek we had 16 boys and 10 girls, a total of 59.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, along that line what is the repetitive figure, if there is one known in terms of the Wolfe Creek Institution for juveniles?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I don't have that. If the information is available I will get it.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to know how many employees are working for the corrections Branch.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I believe it is on page 35 under Corrections Manpower.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just for the edification

of the Honourable Minister the reason I asked the question is that is a quite a matter of concern to me as to the rehabilitative function within the corrections program. I was curious as to the repetitive factor in relation to the boys and girls who have been incarcerated in the Wolfe Creek Institution more particularly. It occurred to me if there appears to be a high repetitive factor that possibly some attention should be given to the whole rehabilitation program and see if other ways could be devised to improve upon it.

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman we are certainly hoping to be able to go more into the rehabilitation aspect of it when we get the new facility. The facility that they are in now does limit them to the type of programs they can carry on to some degree.

I would also like to point out to the Honourable Members that many of these people who are incarcerated in the Juvenile Detention Home do attend school and do attend the Vocational School. They do have some type of program like that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman. Could we have an explanation of the inmates' pay?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the rates of pay for inmates fifty cents per day, the normal inmate. Those assigned to maintenance and kitchen duties are paid a dollar per day.

Those assigned to campground projects receive two dollars per day. They assist the Tourism Branch in the construction of campground tables and this type of thing. They receive two dollars a day.

All adult inmates are supplied with tobacco twice a week, two packages twice a week.

The juveniles receive an allowance of two dollars per week.

For special occasions, for example Rendezvous or something like that, five dollars a week.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The total on item five is \$8,520,173.00.

We will now move to page 66. We are back down to Project Capital being item 11 in Schedule A of the Bill.

The first item on page 66, Northern Health Services Construction, \$236,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman is there a break down available for the distribution of this \$236,000.00?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman the latest one I have is for October 10th of '73, now I am not sure whether the Treasury has further information but because of the increased costs that might be outdated. The total cost sharing, the total project at that time was estimated at \$1,148,500.00. The federal share would be \$600,666 and the Territorial share would be 547,834. Now maybe Mr. Miller has an updating of those figures. That is the latest that we have.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the actual tender, I believe, on this hospital came in at about a million three so we will have to share our portion of that. The total costs aren't as yet due because they have called the contract in three phases, I believe, or at least two. So we won't know until the job is done and we get the bill.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, then I can assume that this is all related totally to the one Watson Lake Hospital then?

Mr. Miller: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item, is Northern Health Services Miscellaneous Projects, \$20,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Equipment and Furnishings, Welfare, \$12,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Juvenile Training Home, \$215,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at what stage is the new juvenile training home at now and could I have again the projected occupancy date?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman I don't have the total costs here and I am sure that Mr. Miller has them, but I understand that it about 60 percent complete at the present time.

Mr. Chairman, possibly Mr. Miller has a target date, or possible target date.

Mr. Miller: The building completion, Mr. Chairman, is scheduled for the end of May, 1975. It is unlikely we will be able to use it until probably the end of June mainly because of the sewer and water hook up that will be necessary after completion of the building.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Miscellaneous Equipment, Corrections, \$3,000.00. That is listed in page A-43.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Leadership Training Equipment, \$1,000.00, again set out in A-43.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, maybe before you go back to starting another vote, there was a question asked when we were dealing with the supplementary estimates concerning the gymnasium in the Juvenile

Training Home. The information that we have been able to gather indicates that approximately two years ago, when they called the first tenders for that building the estimates were far in excess of funds available so the gymnasium was deleted and a games room was substituted. The size of the games room that is presently being built is 24 by 30 by 9 feet high.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I still am not satisfied with the dimensions of that area. A 9 foot ceiling precludes the playing of any kind of physical game, basketball, volleyball, badminton. You can't call it a games room. You might call it a reading room. You already have a crafts room in the institution. The Minister has very kindly given me a look at the plans and I observed that this room is in the basement, which means that there is no hope of expansion at this stage.

A number of questions rise immediately, who consults with whom when these buildings are planned? Does the staff have any input into priorities for the Architect who plans the building to suit the needs. The Minister has very kindly invited me to go today to see the project and I hope to obtain more information.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I think I can respond to the Member's questions. The design of these buildings is carried out by an Architect under the direction of the department head who will be responsible for the facility. So the Director of Corrections in this case would have been the individual who would have made the compromised position at that time. In other words, deleting the gymnasium. It is also his responsibility to find the money, so he has two functions that he has to carry out.

Mr. Chairman: We will move then to page 37 in the Main, and we are dealing with Department of Local Government, a total of \$2,146,170.00, and the first item on page 37 is Administration, \$109,663.00.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if Members would like, I would like for their edification to explain the different Establishments as we go through the administration Establishment 600. There is no increased man years it just provides for the Administrative Director and clerk typist and accounting clerk and the increase in it from 92,000 to 109 are just the normal increases in a years escalation in costs.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Community Planning and Land Disposal, \$125,788.00, and you will note that there is verification of some of these items on page A-25.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I will probably get in a lot of trouble for saying some of the things I'll be saying, but they are things that I believe very strongly in and under Establishment 601 I think some of you have heard in a press release a few days ago that the Territorial Government has seconded a land

planner from the Manitoba Government by the name of Mr. Len Chambers. Unfortunately, because of the pressure of Council, I haven't had the opportunity of meeting him yet, but the total reason for this type of a person and this type of a professionalism to be seconded from my old home province is because I think that the Department of Local Government should be looking forward during this term of this Council in the next four years, of having as probably one of its number one priorities, the transfer of the surface rights of Crown Land in the Yukon to the direction and control of the Yukon Territorial Government.

I personally believe that this is the one thing that is going to save the Yukon from literally falling apart, because the land question and the land problems have occupied about 99.9 percent of the time since I assumed the portfolio that I have. I've had up to seven complaints a day prior to coming to Council, and that's just an ordinary day and I will probably have up to 20 before the day is out. And with the different government departments with no coordinated land use plan, the whole question is one of absolute ad hoc delivery system and complete impossibility.

So my instructions for the land planner are going to be to work on the premise that within this period of time, the next four years hopefully, that the total direction and control of all unalienated Crown land will be in the hands of the Yukon Legislative Council for their direction and control. The Yukon Legislative Assembly. Every time I say Council Mr. Taylor almost has a bird, but it's hard after a lot of years here to call it an Assembly. I'll try.

And of course, the objective is to have a plan that is prepared at the Territorial level to be able to go to the Federal Government and say, "Look it, you've made a botch of it, we all know it. We've got the ability, we think, of coordinating this thing, of bringing the proper land use assembly principles to the Council table, and of having a proper land management and land distribution".

And I think that not only should it be a priority of the Department of Local Government, but a priority of every Member of the Yukon Legislative Assembly to bring all the pressure that this Assembly can to bear on the powers that be, the Federal Government, to have the control of the surface rights of the Crown land in the Yukon Territory.

I can't see any hope for the future of the Yukon if this is not, if this doesn't happen and doesn't come about at the earliest opportunity. That is why a person with such professional qualifications was looked for by the Department of Local Government. Hopefully we have him and hopefully we will have this Land Assembly and Land Use Plan available to further our arguments with the Federal Government, that it is to their benefit and to our benefit, to have this ability within the next few years.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I was indeed enlightened by the remarks of the Honourable Minister, but I don't think it should pass by without making comment on the fact that in addition to what he has stated to the House today, that we must also ensure that in talking in terms of land assembly and

community planning, that the communities involved in these plans become totally, at least to almost a saturation level, involved in the planning of their own communities, and I hope -- I am sure that the Honourable Minister would not lose sight of this.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, I have no trouble at all with that, Mr. Chairman, because it was essentially the message that the Honourable Member from Kluane and myself brought to the people of the North Highway when we went up to listen to their comments on the Synergy study on the Kluane Corridor Report, and it is both their intention and my intention to make sure that prior to any of the recommendations being put into practice, that with the final report, that it once again goes back to the people to see whether they agree with the final recommendation, and I might say because of the input of the people on the North Highway, I think the recommendations in the Kluane Corridor Report are going to be quite a bit different than the original report as when the Council saw it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government in his own opinion, does he feel that a well coordinated program of land use will take the full four years?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, we hope to have a total program available in the next 18 months.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Under item 601, Mr. Chairman, Professional and Special Services as outlined on Appendix 25, the planning and Appeal Board and the Planning Board account for 4,500. The biggest chunk is for the Carcross Regional Study and the share of the Yukon Territorial Government of \$15,500.00. Of course the reason is with the completion of the Skagway to Carcross Road, that already applications are being put to Local Government and to the Federal Lands Department, for areas along the road for different commercial and residential ventures. And hopefully, the Department of Local Government is going to be there before the fact, rather than after the fact, that when people come and apply for land for various land usages, that we will be able to say, well we feel that the best use of land in this area is this use, and we have reasons to back it up, but we think a venture as you propose, would be better in this area.

Hopefully, we are going to be there in the future before the fact, rather than after the fact which has been the case up to this point in time.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there any further -- is there any further discussion on that item?

We will then move onto the next item which is Protective Services Branch, \$187,701.00. And again, page A-25 explains part of that item.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: One of the biggest things I think in this Department, Mr. Chairman, is the Protection Services Branch is broken down on page 39 and the Members of the Executive Committee really

didn't have that much input into this budget, as you know by Mr. Miller, this was signed, sealed and delivered in Ottawa almost a year ago, and it's even a question of whether we are going to have that much input into the next budget, because it has to be finally prepared by next month.

But I must say that I am happy to see that there are no new Departments in the field of the inspectorial branches under the Department of Local Government, and when there were cuts demanded by the powers that be, we didn't have too many problems finding where those positions wouldn't be available in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Taylor, I would like to make a comment on the fire prevention and the fire halls, and the operation in the Yukon Territory, just for the Honourable Member of Local Government, more or less for his information, that we find in some instances, I don't know all of them, but it's the same thing again that we find everywhere else in the Yukon Territorial Government; or have found in the past -- I won't say so much now -- but at the local level whereas you need equipment, certain types of equipment for a certain place, and it is requested from the Fire Marshall and the Fire Department, then you find that it is being more or less ignored.

And the next week or two you find something else coming down that really isn't needed at all in that area, and we found this to happen quite often, just for the record.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Fleming. Are there any further comments or questions?

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say that when you consider under the Protection Branch, and these are of course important and necessary evils, but when you have the fire inspector, the building inspector, the electrical inspector, the chief building inspector, the chief electrical inspector and the plumbing and heating inspector arrive at your place all at one time, they make quite a formidable team, and it is my hope that the Honourable Minister now in charge of Local Government will ensure that the inspectors will get into the spirit of the suggestion that was made by Mr. Gillespie here the other day in terms of their -- and exercise a little rationale in terms of their inspection services to the people and premises in the Yukon Territory.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure whether it's worse for the person trying to make a living on the highway, whether they all arrive at the same time in one car, or they all arrive on a staggered basis within one or two days, all in a separate car.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: We shall then move on to the next item, which is Assessment Services Branch, \$80,669.00.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, you will notice there is an increase in man years in this Department of one more assessor. The reason for this being that the Alberta Government, which used to help the Yukon Territorial Government, and which the Yukon Government still uses the Alberta Assessment Manual, have so much pressure on their assessors that they no longer have the capabilities of giving the Yukon part time assessment help when it's necessary, so there is no choice at all with the total assessment work in the Yukon, including the Municipalities under the responsibility of the Department of Local Government.

We have no choice at all but to keep a current assessment which we are bound to do by Statute, than to go and hire another assessor at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, this is a matter of concern. As I explained a little earlier in Committee a day or two ago, there was a great deal of concern generated in the Watson Lake area over the reassessment in that community, and some assessments were lifted pretty staggeringly.

Now, as I say, this isn't one area whereby the government of the day, which in this case is the Feds, can impose taxation upon us by simply raising assessments. I would like to know from the Minister if it's the intention of the Government of the Yukon Territory to follow the Alberta Manual as in the past, or is it their intention to devise some other means of assessment?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, it's the policy of the government to continue with the Alberta Assessment, because it has proved to be a quite a good guideline for assessment in the Yukon, because the Alberta does face many of the same problems in the northern communities that the Yukon faces with its different communities and hamlet allowances and the whole ball of wax.

And it would just be economically infeasible at this point of time for the Territory to devise its own assessment manual and keep it updated. The cost to Local Government would just be too expensive, and as you see from the Department, that we have held the line in the proliferation of the Department of Local Government and intend to do so in the future.

Mr. Chairman: Just for my clarification, Mr. McKinnon, is the manual still the 1964 Alberta Manual?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I'm not sure -- I'm sure it's been updated since 1964. Perhaps Mr. Miller could let us know what the most recent revision of the manual is.

Mr. Miller: I don't know what the date on the latest manual is, but it seems to me that it's sometime in the '70's, so it's relatively current, and we do get the amendments, on-going amendments, --

Mr. Chairman: Yes, I was simply --

Mr. Miller: --from time to time.

Mr. Chairman: --asking because the City of Whitehorse, the assessments are based on the '64 Edmonton manual.

Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Municipal Services Branch, \$1,436,411.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at this point we got caught a little quickly with going through these estimates. Just last night I phoned Watson Lake for information relating to the Local Improvement District budget, and they have just been informed that their budget has been slashed to the extent it may be extremely difficult, and probably costly to function this summer, and I have asked them to forward me information related to this so that I could bring it to the attention of the Minister.

But I'm wondering if the Minister could tell me why the L.I.D. budgets were slashed this year, or at least the Watson Lake budget?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, or Mr. Chairman, to this moment I haven't seen the Watson Lake budget, nor have I received any indication that the budget has been delivered to the Department of Local Government or that it has been slashed by the Department of Local Government, and it's a question I will take up as soon as I get out of the House.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Well Mr. Chairman, I will be receiving this as quick as the mails can get it here, and I thank the Honourable Minister for his attention to the matter.

I would like to know if there's enough flexibility within Municipal Services Branch funds to reallocate if a case can be made for the point, to reallocate some of these funds back to the L.I.D.'s where they have had drastic budget cuts?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: When we went through the budget, Mr. Chairman, and the Assistant Commissioner can back me up, there was quite a lengthy debate on the budgets of the L.I.D.'s, and the prevailing thought was that the items under A-26 as they appeared now, appeared at that time without any chopping whatsoever. And if you will see the Watson Lake budget of the L.I.D., it's the largest of any of the communities that the L.I.D.'s in the Yukon Territory, of course because its position as the largest L.I.D., and to my knowledge, and I would like to know what last year's estimates were in '74-75 to the Watson Lake L.I.D., because I don't think there was a diminishing of the L.I.D. budget in Watson Lake.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I believe I was just informed it was \$75,000.00 last year.

Mr. Miller: I think you will find also though, Mr. Chairman, that the Watson Lake L.I.D. has a considerable sum of money in the bank as a surplus from last year's budget.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I understand that they do have a reserve for a specific purpose. They are trying to pool monies in order to achieve it, but I can't recall just exactly whether it's the -- I believe it is for

the upkeep of the streets which are now torn up by the Government of the Yukon Territory in their three year attempt to put sewer and water in the community. But I am just not sure of what the money is for, but it is there a specific purpose, not related to the needs of this budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, do you wish to comment?

Mr. Miller: Well our general policy, Mr. Chairman, with working with the Local Improvement Districts, is if they have a surplus from one year's operation, that surplus must be returned to the Government of the Yukon Territory, because (a) we provide them with all their capital funds, and (b) with the majority of their operating funds, so I don't know why they would be having a reserve in Watson Lake, it's quite possible that they are trying to save it for something. I have no argument with that, but if the something isn't subject to this Legislature's control, I would suggest there may be something not quite right.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: The logical thing to do would be to look at the situation and ask why, and as I say, I still have the information coming in the mail, but I would really appreciate it if some thought could be given to this question, and I really hope that funds, there's enough flexibility within the budget to find funds to relieve the situation because they are very upset about it, and as I say, until I get all this data on paper, it's pretty difficult for me to explain it at this time. It's all coming too quick.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. McKinnon. I'm not quite clear on this Capital Assistance Program and this budget we are looking at today, and I would just like to ask you -- and I may have done this before, but is it included in this budget, the Capital Assistance Program and the monies to be allotted from there included in this budget here?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the Capital Assistance Program is found on the capital side of the budget, and it is found on page 68, Establishment number 2612, the item in the amount of \$3,280,000.00, and it's my intention, Mr. Chairman, when we come to that item in the budget, that we don't proceed with it at this time, because we have the Ordinance relating to this money at second reading stage in front of the House. I would like to see an invitation to the Yukon Association of Municipalities who now have the legislation in their hands, it was delivered to them the day following its introduction here or mailed to them. Once they have had the ability to study it, then an invitation go from this House to representation from the Yukon Association of Municipalities to be able to appear before Committee during Committee proceedings on the Bill, because it's probably the most important piece of legislation that we will be dealing with at this Session.

Mr. Fleming: I thank the Honourable Member, very good.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Fleming. Any further questions or comments? Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, when are we about to go through another census? I see in Whitehorse here we have a population of 10,417 -- no, 11,000 apparently, 11,417 people which we know is not right. When will this next census take place so we can get the per capita grant?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: This is a question that has occupied as much time at this table as any other question, and the final statement that has been made which so far to the dissatisfaction of the Members, is that the only census figure that will be taken for grants, for share cost programs, for any kind of federal funding scheme is the official census statistics of the D.B.S., and this provides incredible problems in an area like the Yukon with its fast growth rate, because we are always getting -- we are getting left out in Whitehorse now to the tune of, I would imagine, about 1,500 people by any current census figures.

The Town of Faro has run into great problems with its growth and the figure is still by the last Dominion Census, and we are told that there isn't a program now, even with Medicare or even with all the different methods of establishing a figure on the number of people in the Yukon, that none of it is acceptable to the Federal Government except the official Census figures of the D.B.S.

I have asked the head of our Department to try and evolve some kind of formula that would be acceptable to them so we can keep a current census status at all times, and to this moment in time it's been an absolute impossibility.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have a great deal of problem with the question of the sewer and water facilities that are currently being undertaken in Watson Lake, and there is a great fear in the community that the administration may, as a result of the problems they're had in constructing this facility in Watson Lake, that they may try and backcharge the Members of the community, the people in the community, more particularly by mill rate or by frontage charge, the people to pick up the surplus monies that have been spent in endeavouring to provide the facility.

The facility was initially, the first phase of it was initially put in at a quoted price. All the land owners were told what their capital share would be, and what their service--the capital share in cash or per foot basis, and what their services would cost them on a per month basis.

Now, based on that a plebiscite, a plebiscite was held and the majority, based on that information, agreed to accept the service, and I felt that it was only right that in the instance of the current exercise the same thing be done, and this was done and based on the information the costs being laid out, the information spread before them, a decision was made by each individual ratepayer or landowner as to whether or not he wished to vote for or against the system.

Now, I am wondering if I can have the assurances of the administration today that in respect of the existing

program up and to its completion, notwithstanding what it costs the Government of the Yukon Territory, that no additional funds will be sought from the ratepayers of Watson Lake in terms of completion of this project.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, our standard procedure with frontage charges for water and sewer system has always been the same. Once the people have voted on it, that's what they are charged. It never varies beyond that point.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further questions or comments? Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: In relation to this sewer and water system there are some horrendous problems, and I think the Minister may have become aware of some of them, it's a real bad situation, and I'm wondering just how much money is going to be available to correct the mistakes. I think the engineering mistakes certainly have to be, and there's just mistakes all around. And as recently as about two months ago, the first major break occurred and there was about two million gallons of sewage laying around which will have to be dealt with before the spring thaw, that's laying right in the middle of the community as a typhoid trap, and even the water system can't be turned on and tested because of freezing possibilities, and it's a big mess.

There's a lot of people tied up in land in this situation too, people who have bought lots and paid money and can't move on to them, can't build on them, can't do a thing on them because there is still no sewer and water and we are not convinced, as a matter of fact, nobody is convinced that we will have it again this year, that it may take as far as three years to get this thing working.

And I'm wondering if the administration would make provision through their land offices to give people full extensions on their lots, give them one and two year extensions in relation to improvement, and those people who have built there, give some consideration to them, inasmuch as they can't move into their houses because there is no sewer and water, or alternately, at government expense, drill them a well and put in a septic tank.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the water and sewer system that is down there is currently about nine months behind schedule. There are problems with it. It's anticipated they will turn the water system on in June or July as soon as the weather breaks and flush it out, and it should operate.

The sewage break is not an engineering fault, it's a fault that they now know the reason for, it's been corrected, and they have a course of action which they are prepared to undertake as soon as the weather clears well enough to undertake it. This course of action to clean up the sewage spill has been agreed upon by Environment Canada and Northern Health Services, so we are not doing anything that hasn't been approved by Federal authorities, who are responsible for this type of thing.

In the case of the problems that have been incurred down there, we're well aware of the problems, and when we talk about engineering design, that is yet to be proven. There is a lot of speculation. Our engineers and the consultants on the job indicate that the thing is well

in hand, and that the problems were not design, they were installations. That is really where it stands.

I don't have any guarantee that it will be working this year, but to the best of my knowledge, the intention is to have it fully operational by about the end of June, weather permitting, of course.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I still rise to say. If in fact, it is not, which I very much doubt, but I hope we can make it by then. But it seems to me very unlikely it will be working in June. Will the people who have been delayed in building by this project be given extensions, all people on their lots, under the scheme of the government whereby you have to have improvement or lose your lot.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the instructions I gave the Land Department before I turned it over to Mr. McKinnon, was that in the case of the Watson Lake, in that particular area, and only in respect of that area because we were not able to provide the water and sewer system as we had promised, that the appropriate length of time would be added to their existing agreement, but only the appropriate length of time. There will not be any mass three year or four year extensions, it will be the one year extension because that's the delay that we have now experienced essentially is one building season.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next and final item is ambulance service, \$205,938.00. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: A few years ago when the ambulance started moving around from the City into the little bigger centres, Swift River lost their ambulance to Teslin. One lost the other gained. I would like to ask a question. Is there any provision in the offering for an ambulance to be returned to Swift River?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is allocation for one ambulance for the next fiscal year in the capital side of the budget, and unless I'm mistaken, I think that that is for Ross River, is it not? Mayo? It's for the Mayo area, so not in the next fiscal year, there is no plan for a return of the ambulance to the Swift River area.

I might say, Mr. Chairman, that I find this a little difficult to find ambulance service in the Department of Local Government. I'm trying to convince my colleague to the right of me that I think it could more naturally be found under the Health and Welfare vote than in Department of Local Government.

Mr. Chairman: Dr. Hibberd?

Dr. Hibberd: Mr. Chairman, it might please some of my confreres and displease others, but in the area of the ambulance attendants it should be noted that the heretofore all male field has been infiltrated with a woman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: It is very well to say that ambulance service should be taken over by Health and in certain area this is understandable, but to be realistic in some of the outlying communities in the smaller communities in the Yukon Territory at the present time the service is being provided by the Engineering and the Highways people. I think that because of the unique situation in the Yukon we are certainly going to have to take some hard looks at it before we take it away from the maintenance garages to provide the service for the community. It could well be that the Honourable Member will continue to maintain this service in Local Government.

Mr. Chairman: Does this mean nobody wants it? Are there any further comments on this item? Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, it doesn't matter to me which department lists this service, I want to go on record as saying that the Yukon Territory is very very fortunate to have such an outstanding service available to all users of every road in the Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard. Any further comments? Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would like to point out that the ambulance at Dawson seem to run between the hospital and the airport. I think that is all it has been used for that I know of. As per my comments yesterday, I think perhaps it would be better if the money was spent inside that service in the building so that we wouldn't have to be shipping people to Whitehorse all the time.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there any further comments or questions? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The total then on item 6 is \$2,146,170.00. I see that we are getting very close to noon and I think we should probably recess at this time and continue again at 2 o'clock.

Mr. McCall: Agreed.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: I now call the Committee to Order. We are now moving into the Project Capital side of the last vote, which was number 6. We are now turning to page 66, I believe.

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, before we go into capital there is some information I can provide to The Honourable Member from Watson Lake concerning questions that he raised this morning. The Watson Lake budget has just been received by the Department of Local Government. Last year the estimated budget was \$75,000.00, and as far as the figures show to this date, about \$60,000.00 of that was spent by the Watson Lake L.I.D. so the government felt quite safe in budgeting \$72,000.00 for this year's budget.

Evidently the estimates from the Watson Lake budget that have just been received, come in at \$110,000.00, so Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member

is right, it will be being looked at very closely by the Department of Local Government.

Just for the information of Members, some of the other budgets, at Haines Junction where the estimate was at \$44,000.00, their budget requirements for this year in their estimations are \$41,000.00, their estimates come in at the neighbourhood of \$34,000.00 so as you see, the budgetary estimates and the actual estimates are running extremely close in the Local Government forecast, except for the area of Watson Lake. So there is a very great discrepancy between what was budgeted and what is estimated by the L.I.D. and certainly there is going to have to be close consultation between the officers of the Local Government and the Watson Lake LID to examine the budget thoroughly, and of course that will be an undertaking of this Department, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for that information, and no doubt when I do get copies of the — you know, their submission, why I will get in touch with the Honourable Member and we will see if we can't work something out.

Mr. Chairman: Fine, We are on page 67, not 66 as I previously stated. The item is 2600, fire fighting equipment, \$10,000.00. And this is set forth on page A—44. Any questions or comments?

Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it's the continuing program of upgrading fire hall facilities, and fire fighter equipment and intensified training program, and I think that the remarks of the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua this morning, that he agrees with the principle of the monies being involved every year for the continuous upgrading, that they would like to have more say as to the actual equipment ordered, that these comments will be taken into consideration by the Local Government Department.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Roads, Streets and Sidewalk Construction and Storm Drainage, \$152,000.00, and again there's a little more explanation on page A—44.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I would like to ask how much the pebble surfacing of the Dawson — of the pavement in Dawson is going to be?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: My breakdown of the capital funds does not include the pebble surfacing, unless Mr. Miller can give an estimate of that program.

Mr. chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. MilMiller: Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge, that will run about \$20,000.00

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, it says to complete it. Has it already begun, or this is to do the whole thing, \$20,000.00?

Mr. Miller: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we paved the road, Front Street in Dawson last year, and the one thing that didn't get finished on it was a pebble surface, which will make the road look like a gravel road with a paved surface, but it's basically to tie it into the Historic Sites Program of keeping Dawson an historic area.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I would like to put it in the record that I object very strongly to expenditure of this money simply to make a road look gravel when the gravel road was sufficient in the first place, I felt, except for the dust.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: So did the last Council.

Ms. Millard: What happened?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We were a minority.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I questioned the wisdom of this particular project because the contractors paving this particular section of highway decided last year not to put the pebble surface on it for a minimum time of three years or so. It is just that information today I received from Dawson that the paved surface on that particular highway is cracking up pretty badly. I think this \$20,000.00 could be allocated to much more useful purposes—

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, if the citizens of Dawson want dust control in the city, that's their prerogative. The City Council has that ability. The agreement that we had with the City Council and Historic Sites was to pave Front Street, because it's a highway, but that's all that our agreement covered at the time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: But the thing is like I mean, the City Council last year requested when the equipment was in Dawson to have Fifth Avenue paved, or else to put a paved surface on there, an oil surface and it was turned down because the reason was given Historic Sites, it was federal engineering was —, strongly put a recommendation against it, and like I say, I don't see the reason to spend the \$20,000.00 out there, because the roads all around it have gravel and dust on them and knowing from last year's experience, it only takes matters of days and the pavement — as it is right now, it is going to look like mud at any rate. There is no brooms available in Dawson to clean that thing.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Berger. Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: I remember the request from Dawson last year, but it seemed to me that the City of Dawson wanted Y. T. G. to pay for paving that street, and that is purely and simply a municipal matter, and I think that was the advice that we passed back.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: The whole thing was to cost was about \$65,000.00 and as we were told at first, the money was available and then it was cut back. Mr. Fingland informed us the money was not available and here is \$20,000.00 are available in this fiscal year for that particular purpose.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, this money, this \$2,000.00 isn't available to the municipality, it's available for the highway.

Mr. Berger: Yes, but —

Mr. Chairman: Sorry, Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Just a supplementary

Mr. Chairman: Go ahead.

Mr. Berger: The whole thing is charged to the Department of Local Government, it would be a highway it should actually come under Highways then.

Mr. Miller: Well we have highways, Mr. Chairman, in municipalities which we often turn over to Local Government because they have to liaise with the municipalities. Highways outside of the municipalities are just straight engineering work, and there's nobody to contact, but often when we are doing these projects within municipalities, they come under local government because of the liaison between the local government officials and the municipal officials.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to point out that if it's at all possible, that \$20,000.00 could be spent on several recreation roads around Dawson, where I know they have — I worked for the Department of Highways last summer and we had complaints constantly about the Bonanza Creek and Hunter Creek. I note there's—I think I figured it out to about \$2,000.00 for each one of the recreation roads around Dawson. This would double their capacity, particularly in the summer for the tourists. I think the tourists would rather see a good road up Bonanza than they would a pebbled surface on Front Street.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I think I raised this question in Executive Committee, and as far as I was concerned the answer was that we were locked in, the Territorial Government, to an agreement with the National Historic Sites to do this. Am I correct in that?

Mr. Miller: That's right, Mr. Chairman. Historic Sites asked us to do this because they intend to spend something like \$10,000,000.00 in Dawson City over the next X number of years, and they don't want it ruined

by a piece of black pavement running down the front of it, so they asked us to do it and we agreed to do it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I can't understand the question, I would like the answer to that because we are in contact with Historic Sites through the local office and the Ottawa office and they informed the City Council in Dawson that it wasn't their doing that the pebbled surface had to be put on. So somebody is telling a story around here.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well I have no problem checking into it. I'm telling you the answer that I got when I raised the question as you have raised it here, that we are locked into it with Historic Sites, so we had no choice but to spend the \$26,000.00, if they wanted to contribute ten million dollars to Dawson in the renovation of historic buildings, so the only thing I can promise the Members from Dawson is that I will certainly try and find out what the real answer to the question is, that is the one that the Territorial Government has received at this time, it apparently is not the one that the people in Dawson have received.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon, if we could have that possibly before we go through the second time?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I can tell you what happened. I was party to it, Historic Sites asked for that to be done. I can go back and find you the exact individual who did ask for it, and to my knowledge, it came out of the Calgary, not their head office and not their local office. It came out of their Calgary office.

But I was party to it at the time and it was asked for and it was agreed upon by this government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It appears we are telling the same story, they are telling the people of Dawson City another story.

Mr. Chairman: Just before we leave this item, Miss Millard, did you have anything further?

Ms. Millard: No, thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall is next then.

Mr. McCall: Yes, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government two questions. One, is there any provision or plans in this particular budget estimate for the extension of the blacktop on the Klondike Highway?

And the second question is, is there any provisions or plans to improve the road situation where the glaziers are around the Little Salmon area of the Campbell Highway?

Mr. Chairman: Possibly, Mr. McCall, this would come under a different item of the budget.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, both these projects are in the engineering portion under the care and control —

Mr. Chairman: Right. You will get a crack at that

later, Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Yes, okay.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor was next, then Mr. Fleming.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I might direct a question to the Honourable Minister and ask him if there is sufficient funds under sub (b), complete Watson Lake roads to stockpile, or to purchase and stockpile 30,000 yards of crush gravel for the purpose of finishing these streets in this year?

The reason I ask this is that there is a crew down there crushing for the paving of the Campbell Highway, and the L.I.D. and members of the community felt that in view of the fact that they are there, we would now get crush cheaper than what it would cost to have another group move in, say, one or two years hence to crush this gravel which could cost us double by then? I'm wondering if there is sufficient funds to provide for this 30,000 yards of crush gravel for finishing these streets?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is \$30,000.00 available for the upgrading of streets in Watson Lake, and the way it is put in the submission is that they should be to a long term acceptable standards.

Now, just what, engineeringly, a long term acceptable standard means, I don't know, but the reason why the \$30,000.00 is available to Watson Lake area this year is because with the completion of the utility system, the Territorial Government feels that this is the time to go in and bring the streets up to an acceptable standard for some time in the future, and just how fare \$30,000.00 will go in the area of providing this type of standard, I just can't really say.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: In relation to these streets, is it understood or is it an understanding with the contractor on the sewer and water system that they will first put the streets back in the condition they found them.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have been involved somewhat in the problems of the Watson Lake sewer system, and I would prefer if the Honourable Member wouldn't press me too far and come and see me in private to let him know some of the things that are taking place over that contract. I don't think that it would be wise to be relating some of them in public at this time.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That would be quite agreeable, Mr. Chairman, yes.

Mr. Chairman: Fine. Mr. Fleming is next.

Mr. Fleming: Would you tell me, or Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Minister, could you tell me how much has been allotted for the Teslin Roads upgrading? I believe if I am not mistaken, this was a contract that was to be out last year, but it was too late, it couldn't be

completed, and therefore it is on the books again this year, of course.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there's \$12,000.00 provided in this year's budget for the relocation, upgrading of the roads in Teslin.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to ask if, in the event that the L.I.D.'s in this district say decided that the upgrading of the road was not entirely what was needed there now, in other words, there was a relocation that was more important at this time, can they use this money towards that end, or do they have to keep with this upgrading situation?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The funds specifically call for relocation and upgrading.

Mr. Fleming: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard is next.

Ms. Millard: I would like to ask the Honourable Minister what is going to be done in Old Crow and how much it's going to cost?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There is \$10,000.00, Mr. Chairman, available from this fund to upgrade the roads and develop a road pattern in the native village areas and both Old Crow and Upper Liard.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, excuse me, you don't know yet how that will be divided between Upper Liard and Old Crow?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have no breakdown of that \$10,000.00 in relationship to how it will be divided between the Old Crow and Upper Liard area, unless Mr. Miller has a further breakdown.

I can probably, between Engineering and Local Government get to a pretty close estimate of what is needed and what will be available to the two communities.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further questions or comments on that item?

Yes, Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Under Indian Village, roads in Old Crow, Upper Liard and Carmacks, the Honourable Minister maybe he could --is it possible that is refundable from the Federal Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It's refundable from the Federal Government, Mr. Chairman, to the percentage which is available under the Operating Deficit Grant. The Department of Local Government, however, tends to feel as though all the people of the Yukon are -- have the availability of the needs of the Department of Local Government, and treats all of the areas needing the help of Local Government on the same basis of recovery from the Federal Government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I see Indian Village Roads, Old Crow, Upper Liard and Carmacks are also -- there are also other villages, such as in Teslin. Now I understand, and I think I'm right in this, that the Department of Indian Affairs do pay the bill in some way to, either the Territorial Government or the L.I.D.'s, that are doing the roads. Do I take it that this is the same principle here in these three places, that is it is paid from there to the Territorial Government, or just a share from the Department of Indian Affairs?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Assistant Commissioner, who is more familiar with the recovery program available under the different programs, whether the roads from Old Crow, Upper Liard and Carmacks would be recovered on a charge to Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I thought that they would fall under the recoveries of the normal operating deficit grant.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, over the years we've had varying policies with regard to roads in Indian villages. In some cases where we were doing it at the request of Indian Affairs and they were paying for it; in other cases it wasn't being done.

A couple of years ago we had opted the policy that regardless of who paid for it, the Federal Government was paying for the total, their citizens of the Yukon and that we should be prepared to provide the equivalent roads in an Indian village as we would provide in any other community in the Yukon.

So this is what we have adopted, and what we try to do now is work with Indian Affairs in terms of where roads need upgrading, reconstructing and if they get money in their budget, they pay for it, we do the work, in a lot of cases and charge them back. If they don't have money in their budget, we do it if we have the capability to.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Miller.
Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Just before leaving this item on roads, Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if indeed it's possible to tell me at this point, as to whether consideration has been given in this preparation of this budget or the preparation of next year's budget of the paving of the access roads by the government in Watson Lake for this year or next year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Could we have a clarification of what access roads are?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the access roads were put in by the government in order to take traffic off the Alaska Highway, and it was done in conjunction with the Department of Public Works by the Government of the Yukon Territory, and it is assumed that they are still Territorial roads. They are parallel access roads to the Alaska Highway in order to give limited access from the Highway to the community.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There will be a program, Mr. Chairman, under the Capital Assistance Program that takes care of access roads, and I don't believe they are called access roads.

Mr. Miller: Frontage roads.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: They are called --

Mr. Miller: Frontage roads.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: -- frontage roads, and there is a program as a part of the Capital Assistance Program.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, if this be the case, do I have it correctly that in this budget these are not, shall we say, L.I.D. roads or municipal roads as such, but any project undertaken on them under the Capital Assistance Program will be 100 percent borne by the Government of the Yukon Territory, and no frontage charges be charged on these roads?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, these frontage roads are local roads, they are not government roads. If you want to get technical, all the roads in the L.I.D. of Watson Lake are government roads, but they come under the purview of the L.I.D. of frontage roads.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well Mr. Chairman, maybe you might term them as trunk roads then, because they are in there, not for the purpose of any municipal road where you would charge a mill rate or some part of their construction or paving and maintenance, but indeed these are trunk highways on either side of the Alaska Highway, and I don't -- I would never suggest that they were otherwise, and if it is the intention of this government to start levying frontage charges upon either paving of them or upgrading of them at any time, on those trunk highways, I would think that you are going to have an awful battle on your hands, because this is not what these roads are, should be or were ever intended to be.

And these are trunk roads, placed as a matter of fact, at the request of the Department of National Defence under Brigadier -- I forget his name, one of the Brigadiers, and the government said fine, we will put in the access roads in order to get the heavy density of traffic off the Alaska Highway, and indeed these are Territorial trunk roads, and if -- it is my impression and the impression of others who are involved with them, this is 100 percent responsibility of the Government of the Yukon Territory.

And, Mr. Chairman, I might add within the access of the Alaska Highway.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I guarantee you there's going to be a debate on the Capital Assistance Program, which I always knew there was going to.

Mr. Chairman: Anyone else? Clear?

We will then carry on to the next item which is Local Services, \$50,000.00, and we turn for further edification to page A-45. Yes, Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Could we have a breakdown of how this money is to be spent?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, Capital funds are broken down in the amount of \$50,000.00 as follows: Garbage collection equipment in Carmacks, \$10,000.00; garbage collection equipment in Haines Junction, \$10,000.00; miscellaneous items of equipment to operate utility systems to Local Improvement Districts, \$6,000.00; replacement of a utility service vehicle in Watson Lake, \$8,000.00. The improvements to sanitariums in various communities \$3,000.00; replacement of the water tank on the Keno City water delivery unit, \$8,000.00, and culvert installations in unorganized communities, \$5,000.00, Mr. Chairman, for a total of \$50,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I believe I heard the Honourable Minister say a service utility vehicle for Watson Lake. Is this the long awaited panel for the fire department? We have a paid fire chief down there, and he doesn't even have a bicycle. He would have to call a cab to get to a fire if his car won't run.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: This is to replace the utility service vehicle, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well last year it was agreed that this vehicle had been ordered or would be provided, a panel vehicle for the Fire Chief, and I'm just noting in the votes and proceedings of that session, one suggestion was the then Member from Dawson suggested we get a red bicycle for \$90.00, and even that would be an improvement, Mr. Chairman, and I'm wondering if after one year of asking, if the administration would consider even a second hand vehicle, anything better than a wheelbarrow, preferably with a motor in it, that the Fire Chief could use to conduct his duties around Watson Lake.

Mr. McCall: How about a horse?

Mr. Chairman: Was that a question to be answered or a comment?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, that was a question, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I, of course, wasn't a part of the preparation of the budget for this year and I am stating strictly what is being -- what is coming out of the \$50,000.00 grant for next year's budget in local services, and there is not a fire panel, or a panel truck for the Fire Chief in the Watson Lake area. There is a replacement of a utility service vehicle in Watson Lake in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Now why the suggestion of the Member from Watson Lake was not taken up in this year's budget, perhaps Mr. Miller can answer that question.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to the best of my knowledge, we have never been requested by the L.I.D. to provide one and that's as simple as it is.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, the L.I.D. has

requested on many occasions last year, and I have made many representations on their behalf as well, and the last I heard was that they were waiting on a new vehicle coming over the White Pass about the same time as, I believe, the ambulance was coming in, and Mr. Sear, I believe it was, was going to forthwith dispatch a vehicle to Watson Lake, which never occurred.

Mr. Miller: Well I know there are just some new vehicles in town, so maybe that's what they have been waiting for is those new vehicles to arrive.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well then with these new vehicles, there can be no question that one of which I assume will be going to Watson Lake.

Mr. Miller: Well certainly not one of the new ones will be but maybe one of the old ones will be.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Have we exhausted that? Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister if he knows at this point, the culvert installations in unorganized communities, would that have anything to do with upgrading the drainage in Old Crow?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would have to get a breakdown, a further breakdown of the \$5,000.00 in the \$50,000.00 budget to answer that question.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Miller, can you help us in that?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, to my knowledge, there is no intention to upgrade the drainage in Old Crow. It's a natural problem up there, and to upgrade the drainage, as I recall the situation, we would have to cut right through the middle of town with a canal.

Ms. Millard: And the airport too.

Mr. Miller: And the airport too, yes.

Ms. Millard: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming? Do you have a question?

Mr. Fleming: No.

Mr. Chairman: This is like an auction, you have to be careful, Mr. Fleming. Are we clear on that item?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item then is Land Development, \$400,000.00. And again one can turn to page A-45 for some clarification.

Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to ask the Minister if some of this money does cover any costs in the Car-

cross area, for developing areas there.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as far as I'm aware, there are no monies in next year's capital budget for the development of any further property in the Carcross area.

If there is a need for further developed lots in the Carcross area, the Department of Local Government, of course, is willing to move in and develop the property.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would ask the Minister then if this is the same in Teslin, I presume?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the amount of money available for next year as broken down on A-45, the \$400,000.00, is primarily for the development of 200 more lots in the Riverdale Extension to the amount of \$330,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I don't think it quite answered my question. Maybe there's a misunderstanding. The Minister said Riverdale, I mentioned the Teslin area.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I answered as directly as I could, that there was no money in next year's development plans for Teslin or Carcross. If it can be proven to the Department of Local Government that future, further lots are needed in the Teslin and Carcross area, the Department of Local Government is willing to go in and develop that property.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I think the question should be to this Minister to clarify the Small Holding Development. I think this is the argument here.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: The Small Holding Development, Mr. Chairman, and I hope that this will be with the concurrence of the City Fathers of the Municipality of the City of Whitehorse, may very well not be proceeded with on, at this -- during this year's budget, and that money may be available for development in other communities that need it.

The principle is, of the Department of Local Government, and I think that this is shared by different municipal organizations, that it should not be a priority of the Department of Municipal Government to be developing small holdings on the fringes of municipalities. The reasoning behind it being that the city which provides through its tax base all the facilities, recreational, shopping, any number of facilities, should not be prejudiced against collecting their fair share of the taxation base for providing those facilities.

As you know, territorial taxation on the fringes of municipalities is in the area of 12 mills only. Is it fair for the Territorial Government to be developing, in competition with the city, on the fringes areas, which come under a mill rate which is only about a quarter of that charged to the taxpayers within the city limits.

I'm in full agreement with the cities' priorities, that

the land within the city boundary, whether it be for small holdings or whether it be for lots on a 50 by 100 basis, that they should have the first option of providing all the land necessary for development, have the citizens as taxpaying citizens within the boundaries of the city, and of course, not have the Territorial Government the senior government acting as a competitor in the development of land on the fringes to their detriment.

That's the philosophy of the Department of Local Government to this time, and unless the Council can convince this member that that should be changed, that is the way that it will remain for some time in the future.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, I would like to ask the Honourable Minister for Local Government if he is going to give the same consideration to the other municipalities?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I'm sorry if I didn't make it clear that that was the government's and the department's attitude towards all municipalities and including L.I.D. and -- in the Territory, then I want to make it absolutely clear that the Department of Local Government hopes it only has one policy and one philosophy and that's for the benefit of the total community of the Yukon, not primarily for just one municipality in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to ask the Minister, Mr. Chairman, a year or so ago the Territorial Government came to the L.D.D.'s, and I am speaking now of specifically one area and one L.I.D. district, with plans for subdivision and so forth and so on, in the town which is needed. I think today, or I feel it's needed and the people feel it's needed, more lots, and the L.I.D. spent a lot of time, the people in the town spent a lot of time going through this and arranging where this would be done and so forth and so on.

Now, do I take it that that is more or less shelved now, because I don't see money in here to put in any subdivision, or is it somewhere else, maybe in the budget, or is it just something that you can come up with? Where would you get the money to develop say a subdivision in Teslin that has been in the planning for a year or so now if they came forth with it now, where would you find the money?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as the vote appears presently, there are not capital funds for the development of a further subdivision in the Teslin area.

As I've stated, and as Members know, that within the different establishments in the vote, that monies can be allocated to different purposes. I would be very surprised if under Establishment 2603 that the \$70,000.00 on Small Holdings Development would be expended by the Territorial Government in the next year. If it can be proven by the L.I.D. in the Teslin area, and if it can be proven to the satisfaction of the Department of Local Government that there is a demand for lots in the Teslin subdivision, there can be money found from within the different Establishments in the Local Government vote to develop lots for sale in the Teslin sub-

division.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments? The next item then is Ambulance Services, \$6,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Haines Junction Administration Building, \$700,000.00, and I note that \$400,000.00 of this is a revote.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to steal any thunder from my colleague the Honourable Member from Hootalingua, but I have spent, prior to this Assembly, many years in trying to get some facilities into the constituency which the Honourable Member now represents, and one thing I have repeatedly asked for in budgets is some sort of an administrative building in the community of Teslin, and I almost convinced, or I was convinced myself that this would be in this year's budget, and I see it is not reflected in the budget at all, and I'm wondering just why it is not appearing in the budget, Mr. Chairman, and if indeed, we may expect it in the next year's budget. This has been many years of asking.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Getting closer, Mr. Chairman, because as Mr. Chairman -- or as Council knows, the concept of the total Stanley Report and the concept of the development of services within the community was that the plan be accepted by the people, that the subdivisions and the planning go ahead, that the services be installed, and with the completion of the services that the administration building and the services come in conjunction, one with the other in the total plan of smaller communities throughout the Yukon.

We're almost completed in Mayo, in Haines Junction and in Watson Lake to this point of time. Now, where will the priorities lie for other communities to come up to the standards of these three more or less major centres will be the next discussion in the Department of Local Government, where will the priorities lie for the upgrading of services in other communities throughout the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I must, Mr. Chairman, just comment on this. My people, I think, expect me to.

As Mr. Taylor has said, we have been for many years, trying to get assistance in this or even have the Territorial Government build us a liquor store and office for Territorial Government work, such as where you can buy licences and this type of thing, and I think at that time of course nobody realized that sewer and water and so forth and the services would be coming into this Territory, and now I must also comment the government on the fact that they are trying to do this first.

I think myself, and I will talk to the people and I have already, stated many times that I feel that we do need the water and services into places before we start building too much, or we are just going to get into a schmozzle for the rest of our lives, so, I go along with the idea, the way we are handling it now.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments?

The next item is Community Assistance Ordinance, \$3,280,000.00. Would it be the wish of the Members that we pass this by, Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as everybody knows, I think that this is probably the major piece of legislation before this budget session of Council.

I have already invited the Yukon Association of Municipalities whether or not they would like to make presentations in Committee with the Ordinance on second reading of the -- and in Committee discussions on the Capital Assistance Program, and with Committee's concurrence, I would like to become in contact with the Yukon Association of Municipalities and trying to arrange a day certain when they could be available, rather than going through it in Committee on second reading, and then representations from the Yukon Association of Municipalities whether we could wrap it all up in one package at the same time, I think would be more expeditious to Committee. So if Committee would allow me to see whether we can arrange a day certain at this time to debate the Community Assistance Ordinance. That is the route that I would like to follow.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. McKinnon. I feel myself that ideally if we could get through first reading of most of these items in the budget and then have a go at that particular Bill with the special witnesses, it might be the best timing.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The next item then is the Mayo Administration Building, \$730,000.00. I note \$400,000.00 is a revote.

Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Next item is Community Services Improvement Program, \$818,000.00, and there's some detail set forth on page A-46.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: I'm interested in the breakdown of items e, g, h and i in the Appendix.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: What items, Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry?

Mr. Chairman: e, Garbage dump relocation, g, h, and i.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the capital -- or the monies -- the breakdown of the \$818,000.00 in the areas that the Honourable Member from Ogilvie would like, in the relocation, upgrading and rehabilitation of garbage disposal sites in various communities, there is \$5,000.00 allotted for the Beaver Creek area; \$8,000.00 for the Carmacks area; and \$7,000.00 for the Ross River area.

The purchase of water delivery units and sewage

adduction reduction equipment with related garages in unorganized communities in the Old Crow area, \$35,000.00; the Burwash Landing, \$20,000.00; and Carcross, \$15,000.00, for a total of \$70,000.00, and as alternative communities, Upper Liard and Pelly Crossing are being considered.

Mr. Chairman, I have no breakdown of the Community Swimming Pools at this time or the community television system. As Members know, that the community swimming pools are done on a basis of several new areas each year provided with swimming pools, upon the request of the different areas to the Department of Local Government, so the initiation is from the communities themselves to ask for the location of swimming pools within their communities.

I probably would be the one who should make the political statement, as far as community television systems go, and then leave it up to the Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Miller, who has been dealing with the technical problems of providing community television system.

As all Members know, up to this budget, since I have been in Council, there has been a Community Development Fund which consists of \$8,000.00 per year per constituency for distribution in the different constituencies to different community groups requesting funds.

We have been under fire from Ottawa for an awful long time and of having any assistance at all in the deficit operating grant as long as we retain as the only legislative body in Canada, the aura of having of funds that are paid by the taxpayers being delved out by elected members. We were told quite bluntly that though we might be able to get away with it for another year, it being a new Council, a new Assembly, pardon me, Mr. Speaker, that it would be the final year that the Slush fund would be available to the elected Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and if we wanted to try and behave responsibly as an Assembly, that this anachronism should pretty well go by the board.

Mr. Chairman, we realize the elected Members on the Executive Committee, the problems facing communities with no funds available for different capital projects within the community, and got together and presented the Government of the Yukon with what I would consider a quid pro quo that the monies that were available prior under the Slush fund would be available on a year to year basis to provide what we feel is one of the most necessary things in smaller communities outside the Yukon so that they feel that they are being treated as equals within the Yukon, and they are receiving the same rights and privileges of other people in the Yukon, and that was the television reception to smaller communities.

We prevailed upon the government that it should be an ongoing program that is available on a year to year basis in the tune of the exact amount that was taken from the representatives of the people in the Slush fund area, and that the Territorial Government embark on a program of providing television reception to all the smaller communities of the Yukon Territory.

The basis on which communities apply will be much the same, I would imagine, as they now apply for this swimming pool, that the initiation will come from the community, and that priorities will be given to communities upon request and that in the not too distant future, all the smaller communities in the Yukon will

be receiving television reception.

How far we have gotten along to the program of being able to say that we will be -- or to say that at least two communities in the Yukon will be receiving a television reception by this winter is -- are questions that should be directed towards the Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to direct one or two of those questions now.

Could we have a breakdown, or is there such a thing as a breakdown in the community television system, as to where the money will be allotted this year?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there isn't a breakdown, mainly because we don't know what it's going to cost, but maybe just for all Members' benefit I could outline what's transpired to date on this program.

I think as most of you are aware, about a year ago there was a proposal placed before this Council to provide mountain top repeater television service.

A Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Miller: That proposal we had checked out by a very good consultant, and while it's technically feasible, it turns out that it might be a very expensive way of providing it on an ongoing basis.

Our consultant came up with a proposal to us suggesting that he would like to undertake a project, a study project, to develop a low cost earth receiving station. We entered into an agreement with the consultant and in fact the earth receiver was put together, tests were conducted in Ottawa in December, and as probably most of you are aware, we had intended to bring the station to the Yukon to test it in the Yukon.

The tests that were conducted in Ottawa were successful, in fact, so successful from a technical standpoint, there was no point in bringing it to the Yukon. At the same time, we were having some licencing problems to bring it to the Yukon, so we decided to shelve it, and use the success that we had had at that point.

Since then, we have verbal agreement, and this is now being put together in writing, with CBC, that they will licence community organizations as affiliates of CBC, and that they will provide normal Anik programming to these facilities. There is one rider in it, there may be some program interruptions or deficiencies due to the remote switching, or the lack of remote switching capabilities.

One of the major savings in this low cost earth receiver that we have come up with is that it doesn't have all the very technical high priced equipment that will allow it to be remote switched from Toronto to a different channel, so if they are transmitting on one channel, receiving normally on that channel, and something goes wrong with the Channel, you get a dead station for whatever time it takes to get the channel, that particular channel back in operation. That is different from the service that we would get here in Whitehorse, because if a channel goes down here, what they can do is remote switch it, they can switch it from Toronto to another channel, and they can switch the receiver here to that same channel.

So cost wise we had to give up that feature. The situation that arises with Telsat under the Telsat Canada Act, they are the only people in Canada who are claimed to be able to provide earth receivers to receive signals from Anik. They are currently preparing specification and tender proposals to obtain some fixed costs on providing earth receivers. We will hopefully know within about six weeks what those costs might be to the community or to the Government of the Yukon Territory.

Until we know that, we just don't know how many stations or what length of time, or anything else. One of the things you must realize is that this earth receiver is something that was just developed. Some of the equipment used in it is not even produced as yet on a commercial basis. It is laboratory equipment.

To my knowledge, the majority of the equipment that isn't produced yet, is equipment that's provided by Northern Electric, and they are very interested in helping us and Telsat with this proposal.

What we would hope, as I say within about six weeks we should have some figures from Telsat and CBC, we will then know what the constraints are.

The way we have been looking at providing this television is that there will have to be an organization of some description in the community, responsible for it. They will have to apply for the licence. The transmitting equipment will have to be purchased and owned by the community, so basically what we are saying is that the community organizations, whoever they might be, with our help, we would like them to be responsible for certain civil works, building, power supply, et cetera and the purchase of transmitters for licencing applications and for certain maintenance responsibilities.

The final details I can't tell you and we won't know until we get some more detail from CBC and Telsat as to all of the ramifications inherent in this thing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, I would like to ask one more question and more or less make a comment at the same time.

In my constituency there is one small town, Carcross, as you know, it is close to Whitehorse, and therefore the television can be received from here in that district, but very, very poorly, and consequently, I have a good many people in that district, and I also sat there and watched it myself.

It is going to be a detriment there sooner or later, unless there is something done about it. I know that it's there to be had, you take it or you don't take it, but people will turn on their television sets and the children, I know, are going to be affected by it sooner or later, in fact maybe a little bit already, due to the fact that it is just a steady flicker all the time and I think it is a real detriment in Carcross, and I'm wondering if there has been any thought to possibly putting in a small satellite station there that may cost four or five thousand dollars to remedy that situation in that one particular area.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, there are many ways of handling a situation like Carcross. One would be to use a mountain top repeater from Whitehorse and steal the signal off the Whitehorse air, I suppose is a way you could do it, much the same as the Ross River situation.

I don't know all the technical and financial ramifications of the various proposals, but certainly Carcross would be the same as any other community in the Yukon, if we get this program going, maybe it will be available to that.

Mr. Chairman: I have —

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: There would just probably be a different technique used, rather than having an earth receiving station, it would be much more—much cheaper to build some type of a receiving station at Carcross whether our signals can be made available at a strike that will provide a good picture to Carcross, and then bring it down into Carcross.

Mr. Chairman: I have got a lineup here, Miss Millard, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fleming, but before we leave this subject, I would like to ask a question of Mr. Miller, so I guess it's appropriate —

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Right from the chair.

Mr. Chairman: Right from the chair?

It is my understanding, Mr. Miller, that people from WHTV have looked at the problem in Carcross, and it's my further understanding that for a cost of less than \$5,000.00, they could, as you have said, steal the signal from Whitehorse to provide perfect TV coverage, not only for Carcross, but for right back out the other valley down through Tagish and right out to Jake's Corner, and it's my feeling, and I feel rather strongly about this, that the much neglected community of Carcross ought to expect priority in this item, and obtain those funds almost immediately, because surely this administration can go to the experts of WHTV, if nowhere else, and find out what is required to give them a decent signal.

And I have some rather close friends at Carcross, and they are elderly people and I have watched them in their homes trying to watch the hockey games and so on, and the picture is just a disaster, it's terrible, so I would like to say at this time that I feel very, very strongly that proper television ought to be provided for Carcross in the very near future.

The next person I suppose, is it on the same, Carcross, Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, you have said it very nicely.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. The next person is Miss Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I have two questions for Mr. Miller. The first one is I understand then from what you have said, that any organization which is willing to take on the responsibility of this system and financial presumably, as well as the organization of fixing it up or whatever will happen and apply for the licence, et cetera, that you will seriously be considering them then?

I'm wondering then how does Old Crow stand, because they have been sending Band Council resolutions til they are blue in the face about Old Crow

television, and I know for certain that they are willing to take on all that responsibility tomorrow if you give it to them.

The other question is has the Northern Package System been thoroughly investigated. That worked well in Dawson and if the first system, systems you were talking about don't work, can it be instated as a Northern Package System which seems to me fairly easy to run and cheaper.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, with respect to the Old Crow situation, once we have developed the policy as to how the communities obtain this service, it will be available to any community, including Old Crow, and now that's assuming that we can get a signal at Old Crow, and I don't know any reason why we couldn't. I'm talking about the Anik.

So it would be available to Old Crow, the same as anyone else, and it would be through whatever organization exists in Old Crow, such as the Band, the Band Council, but I would like to not say that we will get Old Crow television this year, like any other community in the Yukon, I can't promise we will have television this year. All I can promise is that we are doing our darndest to get something going.

I have been rather frustrated, it's taken six months to get this far, but this is the way it works sometimes.

Ms. Millard: And the Northern Package?

Mr. Miller: The question about the Northern Package, I would assume what you are really referring to is what we used to know in the Yukon as the four hour a night disaster? Where you saw everything two weeks late, and I can't see it being provided because that in Whitehorse was transmitted essentially from here—I shouldn't say it was transmitted — there were local packages. I don't know how well it worked and I don't think CBC even provides that service any more.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It was a direct policy of CBC once they went into Anik transmission that the Frontier Package terminated. Which it has.

Ms. Millard: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard.

Ms. Millard: Is there a possibility of having it investigated for Old Crow particularly then, because I know they would be quite satisfied with anything, whether it's two weeks late or not.

Mr. Miller: I would doubt, Mr. Chairman, that CBC would change their minds on this, because if they did it for Old Crow, they would have to do it for about 8,000 communities in Canada, and you know, just the pure taping costs I would think would be prohibitive for one community.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor is next.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I rise in support certainly of the remarks made by Mr. Chairman in respect to Carcross, and there has been a

lot of work done on path profiles and this type of thing and the information that was stated by Mr. Chairman is quite correct, and it would appear that for about \$3,500.00 to \$4,500.00 was the range I was working in, that a translator could be placed into Carcross, and beef up the signal at that point.

I do think though in terms of the policy as to the distribution of the first two, the first two units to be placed in the Yukon this year, television units, that I really strongly feel that some priority--I know everybody wants one of these for their own community and there's only two to go around, but I really strongly feel that special priority on this item should be given to my Honourable Colleague's community of Teslin, mainly because it was because of Teslin that this whole program, the whole concept of timberline television and the whole thing evolved. And after years of asking down there for frontier packages and everything else, they asked me as their representative at that time and over those years, if I would bring their voice to the table, which I have done, and that became an annual event around here. It was always the Teslin T.V.

And we got to a point in the House where the House, there was a majority in the House and it was not possible to get this motion through any longer. That was about three or four years ago, so everytime a motion would come in, it would get amended to include Carcross, Carmacks and all the other communities in the Territory. And so, another tact had to be taken at this point as the majority would always then, or had the chance of defeating my Motion or amending it, they could do what they will with it.

And so we thought and we thought, and we started questioning CBC and they must have a file on Teslin that may be that thick--if it's not that thick I would be very surprised, and I'm talking about the CBC. They have a little one on Brook's Brook too, they have been sending stuff to Brook's Brook Curling Club, that hasn't been inexistence for ten years, that shows how dated the CBC are.

However, in all seriousness, it was as a result of all these questions and answers that the suggestion came forth for the Timberline television proposition, and it was necessary to add communities to that, but the two that we were primarily concerned with, of course, were Teslin and the fact that it was very easy to throw a signal into Carcross, or to pick up a signal in Carcross.

And I think, I really think that it behooves the administration to give, and you know, in light of the contribution that this community has given to the development of this concept in terms of providing television to the smaller Yukon communities, I think that Teslin should have absolute priority on at least one of these two units.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to ask the Honourable Member and I also hear a few comments around the table and realize that the whole of the Yukon Territory does need television and I for one am behind the concept of when we can get it, to get it to everybody, and I hope this can be done. If it can't, then I must say that I will think that Teslin too would be a priority in a sense that I know myself, I have done alot, in fact, I started this last fall but I think I would like to see the govern-

ment take a real good look at it and I don't agree with the Television Community System of \$96,000.00.

I can't say it is niggardly, because that wasn't very nice -- we got into big argument about that but I don't see -- you know \$96,000.00 for something that is needed for all over the Territory, for all of the children for educational purposes, in many ways, and something we waited for so long, I think \$96,000.00 is a very small amount of money, to be allotted to this when I can see so much money being allotted to a lot of other things that aren't needed, but I won't mention them.

Mr. Chairman: Now I don't want to speed people up at all, but I would like to call a recess after we have finished this item, so are there any other comments or questions? On Item 2616.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just one question, I did want to ask just so that all members could be aware, the Honourable Minister said that they would be receiving representations from interested communities in terms of distribution of these two units.

What form is required of application, what more specifically is required by the Department in order that they be considered?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, as soon as the arrangements are finalized with CBC Telsat, formal arrangements signed, the technical guarantee that earth receiving stations can be moved to the Yukon at that point they -- there will be an issue from the local government department inviting communities and on what form, to submit applications to the Department of Local Government for processing.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: This means then, it seems to me that we wouldn't have television this year because if you -- what you are doing, you are setting things way, way, way back and it could be well into fall before -- as I understand that some of this equipment has to be purchased, you know, very early in the year, you can't get delivery on it. So we may not see it this year at all under those terms.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we hopefully are going to have television reception in two communities of the Yukon this year. And the Honourable Member, with his background and the way that he has gone into try and provide radio and television service over the years, knows that what the Assistant Commissioner has done in six months is almost miraculous in dealing with the Crown corporation, and the private corporation involved, to get this package as close as we have within the period of time, and I seconded the Honourable Member's motion on this matter as one of the wonders of the world really, and we are hoping that within the next few months that we will be saying that there are going to be the availability for at least two communities this year, television reception.

And it's just a minor, it's the most minor problem in the world getting the communities to apply, considering all the other problems that have been gone through to get this program to the stage that it is right now, and I know the communities' interest in receiving one of these packages, and I think about three days after the notice appeared in one of the papers or was

submitted to an interested organization from the Department of Local Government office, you had -- you probably had it back to you completed from every community in the Yukon that is not now receiving television service.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, I only rise to point out that I was not casting aspersions on the people who have been involved in this good work of developing this.

I am only pointing out that I had the opportunity last year, in talking over this matter with CBC to see bureaucracy -- a bureaucracy which indeed was worse than anything that I have ever seen in government in terms of administration, and when you mentioned to me that we must have clearances from Telsat and clearances from the C.R.T.C. and clearances from these people, it would suggest to me that the way they operate down there it could be a long long time before we ever get these approvals, and I really hope that we can get those approvals in time to have something on the air this year.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I may be able to come back to this Council or this Assembly before you rise with additional information. There are talks going on in Ottawa this week. I happen to know that Telsat has already received a proposal to put together the earth receiver, and costs on that, an unsolicited proposal, so the thing is rolling and the indications that I have is that production wise they could produce probably as many as six or eight between now and the fall, and from a technical standpoint they could be physically installed by the fall of this year.

Now, there is one hanger, and there always is, and that is C.R.T.C. hearings, and we are dealing with the C.R.T.C. staff right now, trying to find out when applications would have to be in to make a hearing. Again we will have that hopefully in the next couple of weeks. We may be a lot closer than everybody thinks, and I say "maybe"

Mr. Chairman: Well surely, Mr. Miller, these delays do not apply to the Carcross-Tagish situation?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, I would hate to again, as I say commit myself to Carcross, because as far as I am concerned, when we develop this policy, and we have to develop a policy, otherwise we might as well go out and install them ourselves, I think the community has to have some input into this in some fashion or another, and I think the same applies to Carcross, and I would hope that their input would be similar to that on which all the others will get television.

Mr. Chairman: I don't want to belabour the point, Mr. Miller, it just seems to me that one of the important factors with regard to Carcross is that the cost will be very slight, and the damage being done now is very great.

Mr. Miller: My point was not necessarily at cost, my point was that I feel, and quite frankly I think this is the only way we would get it, this government, as a government, cannot install television. The community has to install the television. We cannot do it, we can only assist the community in doing it. The community must apply for the licences, so what I am saying is we

have to come up with some sort of a policy as to how we will get the money from our coffers into the community coffers, and under what conditions that money will be transferred, under what responsibilities the communities will undertake as a result of that.

There are a number of details still to be worked out. Those details, I can't work out until such time as I know what we are talking about in terms of total dollars, what communities can do or can't do. There's a whole series of ramifications.

Mr. Chairman: But you will agree the Carcross is a special situation, Mr. Miller?

Mr. Miller: I will agree that Carcross can be given T.V. under different circumstances, but I don't see them as being any different in other terms. I think they still have to have an input into the provision of adequate television into Carcross.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, but possibly a different level of input.

Mr. Miller: Fine.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments on this item, and I'm referring to the entire item, 2616?

Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I see \$96,000.00 for community television. As stated earlier, I don't refer to that as niggardly, but I am interested in what -- is there any idea of what the total cost of this program is going to be? Apparently we are just initiating a new program.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: An educated guess or a ball park figure, whatever you call it, in the area of about \$40,000.00 for -- per ground receiving station and transmitter package at this time is in that ball park figure.

Has it gone up then since the last time we spoke?

Mr. Miller: A lot depends, Mr. Chairman, upon how the thing is handled, and that's one of the things we are trying to work out.

For example, a good piece of money can be spent in putting these things in, in just the civil works, putting in the little cement pads. If you hire a contractor from Vancouver to come in and do that it's going to cost you a lot of money, if you hire local people or the local people can do that as their contribution, as part of their contribution, you have got a whole new ball game.

There is a requirement for certain space to house this electronic gear in. It's not very much. Again, if you go out and build a building, it is going to cost you an arm and a leg. There is a building there, you have considerable savings.

Provision of power, there's all sorts of ramifications in this and that's what we are now looking at, our consultant is working on with Telsat, as to how fine we can cut these costs in terms of what does the community -- what can they logically provide and what will they have to provide, versus what Telsat will have to provide.

So I would hate to give you a figure. And the other things is that we don't buy the earth receiver, we rent

it. Telsat will buy the earth receiver. We don't know what the rental will be.

Mr. Chairman: Anything further on this item? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: I then declare a 15 minute recess.

Recess

Mr. Chairman: And we are now on the item at the top of page 69 in the budget, Ambulance and Equipment, \$12,000.00. Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Whitehorse Escarpment Control, \$800,000.00.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, is any part of this recoverable?

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, the Treasury Board approved a two million program as part of our capital funding. It's all federal money, as is all our capital spending.

Mr. Chairman: Clear? Very well, the next item then in Schedule A is Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information, \$1,898,531.00, and that may be found at page 42.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, before we leave the vote there were several outstanding questions which I believe I can answer now.

The item of upgrading the roads and developing a road pattern in the native village areas of Old Crow and Upper Liard, I have been instructed by the Director of Municipal Government that the breakdown of this will only be possible following a voting of the money, because there will be discussions upon the voting of the money with the Band Councils in both areas, to determine what the priorities will be and what amount of money will be spent in each area in the forthcoming year.

In the other area, the culvert installations in unorganized communities, the \$5,000.00, it is more or less of a miscellaneous item that is in each year's budget so that as roads are constructed in the different unorganized areas, that there are the availability of funds for culverts along with -- along to access roads into different properties as the road construction goes along. So sometimes the total is used and sometimes not, but it's impossible to give a breakdown, because it's depending wherever culverts are necessary, and according to the amount of road construction that is done during the coming fiscal year.

Ms. Millard: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Anything arising from that? We will then carry on with the first item, Administration, \$750,430.00.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, may I comment before questions are asked? We have asked the Assistant

Commissioner responsible for Tourism and Information if he could come down, assuming the Committee would like him as a witness.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Miller: Sorry, I will repeat that. We have asked Mr. Gillespie, the Assistant Commissioner in charge of this Department to come down, subject to committee's concurrence.

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Is he expected momentarily? Good afternoon, Mr. Gillespie. Are there any questions or comments on this first item, Administration?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I think I am in the right one this time. I am curious as to the Appendix for this particular item or items. Grants, Yukon Chamber of Mines, \$1,500.00, could you -- I would like to ask Mr. Gillespie, if I may, what is this grant for?

Mr. Gillespie: This grant is a grant that has been given, as I understand it, annually to the Yukon Chamber of Mines, and at this point in time, we don't have an accounting of just what it is used for.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, could you --

Mr. Miller: Well this grant has been historically given to the Yukon Chamber of Mines primarily because they run an office which provides and people have access to tourist information, plus they do do a certain amount of tourism promotion work, which benefits the Yukon in their dealings in outside affairs, so that was the original reason for it and it's just continued year to year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor, do you have something to say on that?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes. I just wanted to add, having dealt with this one for many years now, that this grant goes towards the organization that it has a tendency to promote industrial development in the Territory. It does a tremendous amount of work on mining legislation, more possibly related to the exploration field and the mining -- the federal laws, and so forth. It just does an absolutely a wealth of work for the people of the Yukon, and in recognition, this \$1,500.00 grant. That's basically what it's for.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Over the past I am well aware of the Chamber of Mines activities as far as legislation pertaining to their industry. That is quite explicit in the Mine Safety Ordinance.

As far as I am concerned, I strongly object to this particular grant because if we are going to do it for

one, I feel we should do it for other Associations, et cetera, et cetera that also add interest and input to tourism.

I don't see where we should keep going on as an historical part of our system, to grant monies to the Yukon Chamber of Mines and not to any other individual Association. The reason because of this is I think they are solvent enough to look after their own affairs without borrowing from the government.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I rise to point out, this is not to the exclusion of any other group. If you will notice, the next item of \$24,500.00 is available to any or all groups wishing to participate.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: If that is the case then, I would like to express myself to be considered as part of a labour movement to put in for a similar grant.

Mr. Chairman: Are there any other comments or questions about this item? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Just a comment, Mr. Chairman. I don't know to date how many museums there are in the Territory, but maybe I should ask, maybe I should say question, Mr. Chairman. I will ask a question. How many museums are there now in the Yukon Territory?

Mr. Gillespie: I will have it for you in a moment, Mr. Fleming. There's a museum at Burwash, there is the McBride Museum in Whitehorse, there is the beginnings of a museum at Teslin at this point in time, plus Dawson.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, just a comment. The museum in Teslin was started, a lot of work down there, a couple of years ago. It is now almost completed between LIP grants and any other grant we could get, whether they were good ones or bad ones, but with a lot of voluntary help we are hoping to finish this spring.

However, they are going to be short 4 or \$5,000.00 to complete the whole project, that's outside paint, everything, and I'm just hoping that if something comes up on it, that they would consider this before maybe a museum that is completely finished and has everything to date, because whenever we do anything like this, I feel -- to finish it and have it completely done, and not lying around with no roadway into it and so forth and so on. I think this is part of the way of doing things --

However, we didn't have the money so we just did the best we could to date, and as I say they will possibly be asking in the future for just a little more, and I'm just hoping --

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Fleming, the policy of the government with regard to grants to museums is that the -- for museums that are outside a municipality, the Territorial Government will contribute \$2.00 for every

\$1.00 that is raised by the people in that area, and for museums inside a municipality, it's the reverse, the Territorial Government will provide \$1.00 for every \$2.00 that is raised locally.

So if your museum can raise money, then the Territorial Government, as I understand it will contribute, up to a total of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask another question now. Does this one dollar for community--is this not also considered in their contributions or their assets into the building, it doesn't have to be in actual cash does it? You know, say the Museum like Teslin almost finished and they have contributed already in work and in material and so forth and so on, is this considered in the contribution?

Mr. Miller: Maybe to clarify this, Mr. Miller, the Teslin Museum was approved, there was a grant approved to the Teslin Museum for up to \$25,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. As I say the \$25,000.00 has practically completed, almost, but there is a small amount of work to be done yet this spring, after spring comes, you can't do it in winter time. As I say, I know that they are going to be short of four to five thousand dollars to complete it. I have been speaking to the Tourism Branch and they have informed me of this and that. I just would like to let you know that it may be forthcoming.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Yes, I would like to ask a request from Mr. Gillespie on an item I commented on before I lose sight of it, prior to what the Honourable Member just brought up. Would Mr. Gillespie be so good as to provide the Members of this House a breakdown of this grant that is allocated to the Chamber of Commerce?

Mr. Gillespie: Could you explain Mr. McCall what sort of a breakdown it is that you are looking for?

Mr. McCall: What does this grant go to as far as tourism etcetra, etcetra, and their involvement?

Mr. Gillespie: This is a grant, Mr. McCall, that is given to the Chamber of Mines for a purpose that to this point has not been accountable in the sense that they have not told us, and we have not asked for a detail by detail description of exactly it is spent, so I am afraid that I don't think I can provide that information to you.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Hon. Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, but does it not follow all of the other grants or contributions that we have there are guidelines and stipulations of how the grant, contributions shall be utilized by the organization that receives them.

I think that Mr. McCall had a very good question, what are our guidelines? You know what are the terms of reference for the grant to the Chamber of Mines. I think, if there aren't any, maybe we should be looking

at developing some, what should the grant be used for? Or are we prepared to just say "here is \$1500.00, go ahead fellows, do what you want to do with it. Make long distance phone calls. You know, there should be some terms of reference. Some guidelines.

Mr. McCall: Yes, the reason for this inquiry Mr. Gillespie, is because I might be putting myself in a position to apply like the Chamber of Mines.

Mr. Chairman: In defence of this grant I--my view is that the Chamber of Mines does do an awful lot of work which does promote the welfare of Yukon residents and tourism. They have a building which a good number of tourists go to. And there's a lot of interesting information in there, and I think they spend far more than \$1500.00 per year on tourism. And of course they spend a lot of money on other things as well.

Mr. McCall: Exactly.

Mr. Gillespie: May I say another thing, Mr. Chairman? We are looking at the policy for grants and contributions in this area. We haven't completed that policy at this point in time and when we do I expect I'll be able to answer your question much more specifically than I'm able to do now.

Mr. McCall: Yes I'm glad you said that, Mr. Gillespie, I hope you'll carefully look at the item we've just discussed as part of the new policy.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall made his viewpoint quite clear I think, are there any other comments or questions on this general item? Clear?

The next item is campground maintenance \$231,200.00. And A-28 gives us some information about that.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, campgrounds. I don't know, the use of campgrounds seems to be today for--primarily for the use of the tourist. But in the promotion of tourism but I think it's as well to remember that campgrounds were originally placed throughout the Yukon Territory for a very different reason. The reason being that they were to try and encourage the tourist to travel the territory, to settle there because of prevention of fire. And trying to get these campfires and get these people into campgrounds where they're not going up every side road and burning up the territory.

I think that quite often people lose sight of this fact. So I've always considered for that reason alone that campgrounds in the territory are very, very important. I did rise the other day though to point out what I felt. That where a campground was located near an existing lodge in the outlying districts that perhaps the administration would consider possibly early in this year, turning over these to private enterprise with some arrangements being made--some reasonable terms being established for their transfer. And that in their place that a new rest stop or a new campground could be placed in another area more remote and more away from the highway lodge facilities. I believe at that time I got an indication that the administration were looking into this idea and had already done some work on it. I'm wondering if it would be possible prior

to the Summer season to resolve the question in order that those campgrounds that are near existing lodge facilities and where it is practical and so forth to do so, that these could be turned over. And I would also like to know in terms of the establishment of rest stops, new rest stops and this type of thing, as to whether these sites have already been collected or would the administration receive from members suggestions as to--you know where these rest stops could be constructed.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Taylor, I'm hopeful that we will be able to conclude our examination of this whole campground activity in time to take the kind of action that you're talking about. That would include examining the feasibility and the desirability of turning these over. And then the process of actually turning them over if that's what's decided by the Summer. But I don't know now what the outcome of that study will be, or just exactly when it will be completed. The rest stops, I don't know that a decision has been made--with me at this point in time as to exactly where--Campgrounds, I believe I can get for you.

Mr. Taylor: The new ones.

Mr. Miller: 846.

Mr. Gillespie: The campgrounds that are being contemplated right now are one at Kluane, is the new one. And then there is some additional work being done at Tarfu and Snafu and Tagish.

Mr. Fleming: May I ask where the campgrounds at Tagish is situated? Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Fleming, I believe it's an upgrading of the existing campground.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, there has been a great concern at Tagish that the highway is going to go through there and there is going to be possibly a need for a campground closer to Tagish. Even today there's a need for a campground. Many people come down there because it is a recreational area. And they camp around through town and just anywhere they can park their vehicles, and consequently they're in people's back yards and on the lake side and everywhere they shouldn't be. And it's felt by the people there that possibly if they had a campground closer to the town--and there is accessible ground there. In fact, very much so. I would say very nice ground for campsites on the area this side of Whitehorse and along the lake shore where the rodeo grounds have been staked off and so forth. There is very good ground there. And their concern is that they would like, you know, to have the same thing closer to the town. Because it is a recreational area right around the town.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming, you're speaking of Carcross?

Mr. Fleming: Did I say--

Mr. Chairman: You said Tagish.

Mr. Fleming: I'm sorry. Tagish not Carcross.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Fleming, I'll take note of that if I may. And perhaps I could take this opportunity to answer a question of Mr. Taylor's that I failed to do, to provide a moment ago. That is that the rest stops--the only ones we're certain of at this time are one north of Whitehorse and one on either side of Watson Lake.

Mr. Chairman: I would like to support Mr. Fleming in his request for something for Carcross again, and the Chair now recognizes Miss Millard.

A Member: Where did you run? Carcross--

A Member: No wonder you want to go to.

(Laughter)

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I know that there has been plenty of discussion on this subject around this table when the campground fees were instigated. I would like to know if there is anything being considered to allow Yukon residents to camp for nothing. I think that -- I see we received \$26,000.00 from the campground fee, and I know I resent very much paying doubly for my use of campgrounds and I use them quite often. The extra few dollars just builds a lot of resentment in me when I am already paying taxes to cover it. I would like to know whether there has been consideration of reducing, of eliminating that, and also what the percentage is of the \$26,000.00 that would be Yukoners, if you know.

Mr. Gillespie: The answers we don't know precisely -- I am not aware precisely of what that percentage is. We are examining the possibility that you mentioned. We are examining a total new few structure. Again, we don't know the outcome of that study and what we will decide at that time, but we expect to have that, if not by this spring, then later on this year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on that subject, this has always been a bone of contention with me and a lot of other people in the Yukon, the fact that we are in fact paying double for the use, the periodic use of campgrounds in the Yukon Territory, and we pay for their maintenance, and then we are asked in addition to contribute further towards their maintenance by this campground sticker, and I think that anybody bearing a Yukon licence plate which identifies them as a Yukon resident, or who can identify themselves as a Yukon resident, should be immune from these stickers and fees and things among the other things that we are plagued with in the Yukon.

Just back to this question, Mr. Chairman, of the rest stops, there is a location on the south Highway which is a very beautiful spot, and it's unfortunate you can't see it from the Highway, it's at mile 718 on the Alaska Highway. There is a beautiful waterfall on the Rancheria River there, that if a foot path was developed into it and maybe a couple of picnic tables thrown in there, no vehicles sort of thing, but a place to drive off the highway, then a lot of people could enjoy some good fishing, and some good scenery, and indeed, I have seen many people looking for places to paint pictures

that I have sent in there at 718, and it's a beautiful spot. I mean that, and people who are painters have gone in there for that purpose, to paint this waterfall, and so that was what I had in mind. I was wondering if there was still an opportunity to make suggestions to the Department involved, or whether this money is already corralled for this year.

Mr. Gillespie: I believe, Mr. Taylor, that the money is pretty well allocated for this year, but we will certainly look into that possibility.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: Any further -- Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, there is an item farther on in Project Capital for an additional hundred thousand for new campgrounds and rest stops.

I have just been doing a little addition here, and from the two items I've seen so far and there may be some more somewhere in this budget that I'm not aware of, there is about \$331,000.00 allocated to campgrounds and maintenance. The revenue from the campgrounds that we have presently in use is \$25,900.00, which is not too high a return, if you are thinking of foisting it off onto private enterprise.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, foisting it off on private enterprise, private enterprise are prepared to, as I say near lodges, to put power in and this type of thing and make it a private enterprise facility, with all the facilities, water and the whole works.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre?

Hon. Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, I don't speak very often, but I wonder if these facilities Mr. Taylor is talking about are going to be free to Yukon residents?

(Applause)

Hon. Mr. Taylor: That's back to the old argument, are Women's Liberation going to give their \$6,000.00 to the T.V. in Carcross, so the good women of the Yukon, not internationally, can enjoy T.V. It would be the same.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Do we have any relevant comments? Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Game Branch, \$429,550.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, at this point I again rise to ask, are we going to provide the Yukon fully with game wardens this summer, or are we going to continue adding to our police services in the Yukon by making gun and badge types out of these people,

which some of them -- not all of them -- but some of them are.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Taylor, my comments yesterday about liquor inspectors will apply, and inspection, generally, apply in spirit to game guardian activities as well. I -- we encourage as much as we can and plan to continue to encourage a move away from any emphasis that there may be on enforcement, and more toward public goodwill and spirit and game management, and abiding within the law.

Mr. Chairman: I would simply like to, at this time myself, to support Mr. Taylor in what he said, because I myself have had some rather unsatisfactory dealings with the over zealous game wardens over the last year, and I will be watching their performance this year very, very, closely.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I have another question. I'm wondering, and I'm very seriously wondering if the administration would consider that when replacing these men as their positions do become open, that a Yukon resident should be the replacement, is what I am trying to say, the position be filled by a Yukon resident.

I would think by now that we have enough expertise in the Game Department, to start bringing in local residents as game wardens and training them on site. I really think we have that expertise in the Department, and I can no longer see any reason why we have to go outside.

Could this be considered?

Mr. Gillespie: By all means, Mr. Taylor. I think this is the Yukon Government policy in general, that wherever possible, we encourage the hiring of Yukon residents, and we certainly intend to do that to the extent that we can in the game activities.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I just rise to state that the terms of reference now in terms of qualifications could mean that a Yukon resident, because he maybe didn't have the academic standing or because he maybe didn't have a training in oh, say biology, mammology and all the various aspects of game work, you know. If you are receiving applications, you would take the man outside who just came from a police department or a university or a whatever, before, because he would be more qualified, before you could in terms of reference that you are working with, accept the Yukon resident who may be very knowledgeable about the bush and knowledgeable about the Territory. And so I just rise to point out that there is a big difference there, and in order to achieve the objective that we are looking for, you would have to change the terms of reference, your hiring references.

Mr. Gillespie: We will certainly look into that possibility, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Miss Millard is next.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I have two questions.

One is I note--both are on Page A-29, Predator Control Poisons. I would like some explanation of that. Have we really accepted a policy of poisoning wolves?

A Member: Hear, hear.

Mr. Gillespie: We do not have a general policy of predator control of that nature. What we do have is a policy that in those circumstances where a -- let's say horses of an outfitter are threatened and in instances of that sort where we are requested to come in and control the predation of those animals, we have on occasion participated, but that is all.

Ms. Millard: Thank you. My second question is about Old Crow, \$63,000.00 for a helicopter to presumably look for Caribou and count the rest of the wildlife that's up for. I would like to know if we have any results to show from \$63,000.00 being spent. The people of Old Crow this year don't know whether there's any Caribou around, there's no predictions available for them, and all they know is if somebody happens to fly over and happens to see a Caribou, they let them know and they go out and find it.

I don't know if \$63,000.00 is making any effect on actual wildlife control, that's my question.

Mr. Gillespie: The \$63,000.00 is for the general area around the Old Crow, more particularly in the north coast area, which may have a pipeline passed through it at some point in time, and our concern there is to know enough about the game resources in the area, the ecology, and the impact that that pipeline might have on them, and the general mining activity might have on them as well. That is primarily for helicopter time and for the hiring of people to conduct this kind of survey, which will provide us with the foundation that we require, the knowledge foundation that we require before we can really develop something that's going to be useful to the Old Crow people in that respect.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to comment that that's excellent. I'm really happy to see that. I was going to make a question tomorrow morning on whether or not we are preparing for a pipeline across the north coast, and I am glad to see that we are making some investigations into environmental control.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I have a question. I don't think that the two Honourable Members from Riverdale and Watson Lake are going to like it very much, that's enforcing, because I think there should be more enforcement, particularly when is the administration going to enforce -- start enforcing big game trophy hunters, and I mean especially non-residential hunters, because they go out, they shoot the game, and just bring out the trophy and the meat stays out there. If any resident in the Yukon would have to do the same thing he's going to be fined by game enforcement officers.

But I've been working as a guide a number of years ago, and there was 2,900 hunters in that area and they all had a full bag, in other words they had a moose, a sheep, and a caribou, and there was not one pound of meat recovered out of all those animals, so my

question is when is the administration going to start enforcing the Ordinance as it reads here?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have an answer to the honourable gentleman's problem. I will send him one from Watson Lake, and he will have enforcement.

Mr. Chairman: Hear, hear, Mr. Taylor. You have got my support.

Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: The question is, it's not a joking matter to me, because the whole thing is -- we have a brief here and it's stated the revenue from this type of hunters, and as far as I am concerned, it's a waste of money and of natural resources, and I think it's high time we look into this matter.

Mr. Chairman: Well if I might comment, I think that there's not really that much area of disagreement, it's a matter of how the game wardens use their police powers. There's a delicate balance always, but when they are over zealous and they abuse the rights of individuals, then I think that surely all of us here ought to be concerned and I think that is really Mr. Taylor's concern, and we're thinking of certain specific instances which we had personal knowledge of.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, you were just a little ahead of me in answering.

The Chairman: Oh, thank you, Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Chairman: Any other --

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I still don't feel that the Honourable Member from Klondike is getting his question answered and I strongly support him. I think it is about time we got this damned answer right now.

Some Member: Order, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. McCall: Sorry about that Mr. Chairman, my apologies.

Mr. Gillespie: Thank you for the opportunity to answer Mr. Berger's question. Mr. Berger, I would be only too pleased to hear of specific incidents from either now or at some other time so that I can follow this up personally.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions? Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I just have one and I don't know if it is an unfair question to ask of the Game Director here but it concerns predator control. I think anyone who has dealt with game management would know predator control is when controlled a necessary evil. I always had the understanding with the Game

Department, this is something that we created several years -- or many years ago that when we set out baits, predator control baits, either poisons or strychnine guns or cyniad guns that we would always contact the trapper, or in the case of an outfitter, where they are readily available, and advise them of what the program was going to be as it effected his area, if possible to find the person. If not, or course, predator control was undertaken in any event.

I am wondering if this still is the policy when we do have to embark on a predator control program in any given area that we do notify the outfitter or the trapper or someone that is working in the area of what we are doing?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Taylor, I don't think I need to refer back to the Game Director to answer that question. The policy still stands as you stated.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman. I wish to ask the Game Director at this time, who is responsible for trapping permits, or trapping lines and so forth in the Territory, is that under your Department now?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, it is Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman if I may ask another question, maybe this is not the proper time, if a trapper has a trap line in use now, very close say, and the Territorial Government for some reason unknown or for some specific reason simply wanted to cut through that line and in this way take some of the trapping away from him, and it is his livelihood, is there any reimbursement can be made or way for him to go through the Territorial Government or through your Branch to find if he can get reimbursed?

Mr. Gillespie: If we were going to go through a registered area and it was going to effect a trap line, I would think we would take that consideration into account. I don't know specifically the answer. What our practice has been in the past, if we have run up against this kind of incident, but I would expect that we would compensate fairly if that -- if his livelihood or if his return from that trap line were effected in the way that you are concerned about.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, thank you for that answer I have been looking for it for some time. Just for the record, I just noticed in the paper, if you can believe the paper all the time, that somewhere in the Aishihik District N.C.P.C. has more less agreed to something of this effect and I am hoping to keep track of that very carefully to see how it comes out. Because there is some incidents whereas the trapper has been done by or something and are interested in knowing if anything can be done and they haven't been able to find out so far, except to go see a lawyer themselves and he finds that it is not worth it in any case.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: It is interesting to note, Mr. Chairman, that this used to be the one branch in the Government, I recall years ago, which had received larger than their expenditures when it was down around the \$60,000 a year level. Now we are up to 429,000 and I am sad to have to reveal that the revenue from the Game Department is only half of the expenditure.

We see in the recovery section that the sale of Game Licences brings in about 280,000 this year. I don't know whether you can actually claim for exports under that grant but it is part of their job. That is another 4,000. It is sort of an interesting equation to find that the bigger you get the less money you make in the same business.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, we are making some attempt at righting that balance a little bit. You will note that this year we have established higher trophy fees for out of territory hunters, very substantially higher than we exacted in the past and from this we hope to gain something in the order of \$80,000.00, I believe.

The other side of the equation is, I think, we are trying to do a good deal more in game management and there is not any immediate return to the Territorial Government from that sort of activity.

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, my figures may be incorrect, I would be happy to hear another version.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman could I add to what Mr. Gillespie has said. If you were to extract the Game Branch budget back down to the game law enforcement agency that it was of three years ago, just pull that out and then equate that, you know, revenue and expenditure wise you will still be ahead of the game. It is when you get into the game management area that they are in now is where your expenditures go a way ahead of your revenue. That is what the basic problem is.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I am happy to hear that. It would be one of the great disappointments of my life to find that we had no departments in this Government that pays its own way.

Mr. Chairman: Any further questions or comments? Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, there is one final item and I think it is most important and that is, problems respecting the Boundary between the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. Annually I rise and I ask this question and during the course of the year I make phone calls and I talk sometimes to Dr. Hatter in Victoria and sometimes to Mr. Fitzgerald here and I have never been able to put together a conference of both departments in Watson Lake, on site, not in Victoria or not in Whitehorse, but in Watson Lake where the trappers who are having difficulty with either our Ordinances, and real difficulties, and where

the British Columbia trappers, for instance, were having troubles with their Acts and Regulations, can all get together with the joint departments and discuss it.

These are basically problems resulting from the existence of the Boundary. Problems that you may encounter possibly, in the Haines Road. Problems that you would encounter on the Atlin road and problems that you would encounter at Lower Post and where that highway dips back and forth across that Boundary. They are real problems. They are problems in fur export. The outfitters have terrible problems in moving back and forth on their heads and trophies and things of that nature. Guides Licences. My God, fishing licences. It is something that can only be resolved by the getting together of both departments, our Department of Game. Our Game Director, say and one Officer, Dr. Hatter, his counterpart in Victoria and one Officer, somebody that writes the regulations, get them together and hold public meetings for a couple or three day or however long this will take in Watson Lake where you have the input. You have the witnesses. You have the people who are having the real problems.

I think if this could be accomplished in this year we would have done much to solve problems for both jurisdictions. I feel that this problem is compounded year by year. It is getting worse and it is making it tougher on the trapper and I think the trapper has it tough enough in the bush right now. I think we owe him that, and the outfitters, for that matter, to sit down and rationalize some of the problems that exist with him and the government. In this case it would take the two governments getting together. I would certainly ask again, as I do annually, if the Administration, in their wisdom could attempt to aid us in putting together these two units, the British Columbia Game Department and the Territorial Game Department for the purpose of settling these boundary problems.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I can appreciate that the problem that you have described is a very real one and in principle, I agree wholeheartedly with the desirability of a meeting of this sort and will follow this up to see what can be done to bring it about.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I'd just be more than happy and I'm sure that the people who live in the boundary areas would be more than pleased to know that the matter is being looked into and that they might have an opportunity to be able to right on site say, "Look fellows, here's my problem" and I'd appreciate the attempt if the administration will make it.

The Chairman: I might just comment that Mr. Taylor's point was underlined by a number of Court cases in Watson Lake approximately one year ago in which a combination of the problems between the jurisdictions and the problem of over zealous police work on the part of various agencies resulted in a case being thrown out of Court because it simply wasn't fair that the charge was laid in the first place. Any other comments or questions. Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I would like to comment on this. That Mr. Taylor in his statement, too. This is maybe not such a terribly big problem due to the fact that hunters for one thing, are coming up the Alaska Highway now

and they are from British Columbia and they are going into places like Atlin and they are just cleaning out the game. Then the ones that are good hunters, and they have a license fee to be there, so forth and so on. They do have a problem getting back out unless there is some administration there that they can go to to get an import license and so forth and so on. An ordinary person can't hardly go and shoot himself a moose or anything in this respect due to the fact that he has to come here, or somebody has got to go to some place before he can get out of there with it once he has shot it because he can't get an import license before he shoots the animal, in some cases. And therefore I see it also creating a havoc when they move into the country as the hunting becomes greater. And it is quite great now. As a matter of fact in Atlin last year, I was over there, and they said that 90 percent of the moose that were brought out of that area were brought out just by hunters coming up from Vancouver. And so I think that it's time that B.C. and Yukon did get together and work out some system for the border. I hope they don't catch me.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Are there any further comments, Mr. Commissioner? Clear?

We'll move on to the next item which is Library Services Branch \$487,351.00.

Hon./ Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have one question related to the Archives. I probably asked this last question and never--I've forgotten what the reply was but in relation to all those Archives which were in Ottawa. I know a great amount of this material was sent up here two or three or four years ago. But have we now received all the Archival material from Ottawa?

Mr. Gillespie: The answer, Mr. Chairman is, yes, we have.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Beautiful, that's good.

Mr. Chairman: Any further discussions or--

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, just something silly maybe. Miss Johnson from the Archives Division has asked me if I would ask people, and this is probably the best time to do it. If they would have anything from their campaign that she is starting--the whole archives is starting a program of keeping materials from the campaigns and elections and they would like to start it this year. Any posters or election material that they could put away for future posterity.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you Ms. Millard. Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I believe all candidates received a request from the Archivist to that point. The last time I was in the Archives I was informed that only the women members had complied with the request.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Towards the end of the day we are coming back to the issue we started with. Any other comments or questions? Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: I did get a letter asking to give me their speeches and so on, but I actually didn't have any to give them.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Possibly we could get back to the item for discussion now. Are there any further comments or discussion? Or questions? Clear? The total then for the Department of Tourism, Conservation and Information is \$1,898,531.00.

We now move to Project Capital page 69. The first item there is Campground and Rest Stop Development \$100,000.00 and there's some information obtained in page A-47. There's already been some discussion of this heading really. Are there any further questions or comments?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Historic Sites Development \$30,000.00 and there is reference to this on page A-27.

Ms. Millard: I think that is the wrong number.

Mr. Chairman: Let's try page A-47. /.

Mr. Miller: Mr. Chairman, it's the wrong reference number. There should be nothing showing there.

Mr. Chairman: Nothing at all?

Ms. Millard: In that case could we have a breakdown of the amount of money and where it is being spent?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board is meeting this Spring and on the basis of the advice they give, the allocations will be made.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Gillespie. Any further questions or comments? Mr. Lang?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, this may be getting away from the subject of \$30,000.00 here. What I'm interested in, is there any figures for amounts of money that have been spent moving the Historical Monument we have down by the river there. As far as funds are concerned. How much it did cost?

Mr. Miller: I think, Mr. Chairman, you are referring to the S.S. Klondike and that's a Federal project. It's not a Territorial project. We don't know what the cost would be on that project.

Mr. Lang: Is there any possibility of getting those figures. I think there's a lot of people in the Territory interested in how much it did cost. Where would a person go to get those figures.

Mr. Miller: We can try and get them Mr. Chairman, from Historic Sites Branch. I'll undertake to try and get them. No promises.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I have a question, actually it hasn't much to do with this but it is:

Historic Sites. In Dawson City there is an old building sitting there that is half falling down it is right at the ferry landing. It's quite dangerous to the public. There is a sign been established there by the Historic Sites and Monument Boards and it says "Under the protection of the Territorial Government". Does the Territorial Government administration has something in mind to do something with that building. One way or another. Tear it down or build -- fix it up again?

Mr. Gillespie: This matter will come -- sorry.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Chairman, a few years ago the Historic Sites -- the Territorial Historic Sites and Monuments Board which was set up by ordinance of this Council recommended that there by an inventory made of certain buildings throughout the territory and that a signing program be undertaken to identify these buildings and locations. And the building that you refer to happened to be one of the ones that came under that particular inventory and was signed accordingly. You'll find buildings in many places in the territory with similar signing on it. The whole problem is that we have about \$30,000.00 a year to allocate to the preservation of these things and the Board sets priorities within which we spend this money and I would venture to say at the rate we are going now that about 75 percent of the buildings that have been signed will have gone back to dust by the time we ever get around to it, because we simply haven't got the resources to put to a preservation of them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, my concern is actually not if there is money available, but is that of the dangerous aspect of the building. There's very many kids playing in that building and it's quite easy by just moving one board the whole building is going to collapse on their head. This is what I think is -- I would recommend strongly to the administration to take a closer look at this particular building.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Berger.

Mr. Gillespie: We will endeavour to look into that dangerous situation in Dawson City.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Any further comments or questions on this. The next item is Museum Construction contributions \$30,000.00.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The next item is Library and Archives equipment \$8,000.00 and there is indeed something on page A-47.

That completes that portion of the project capital and perhaps this is a good time to consider recessing. Thank you for being present Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau. Perhaps we could see Mr.

Miller and Mr. Huberdeau again same time, same place, and you could entertain a motion that Mr. Speaker take the chair.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I move that Mr. Speaker resume the chair.

Mr. McCall: I second that motion.

Mr. Chairman: Question. Agreed. I declare the motion is carried.

Motion Carried

Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair

Mr. Speaker: At this time I would call the House to order. May we have a report from the chairman of committees?

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the committee of the whole convened at 10:15 A.M. to consider Bills, Papers and Motions. We had Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Miller and Mr. Huberdeau present as witnesses and especially on bill number 2. The committee recessed at 11:55 and reconvened at 2:05. And I can report at this time progress on bill number 2. It was moved by Mr. Lang and seconded by Mr. McCall that the speaker take the chair.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the chairman of committees, are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: What is your further pleasure?

Ms. Millard: I would like to move that we call at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is there a seconder?

Mr. Berger: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable Member from Klondike that we now call at 5 o'clock. Are you prepared for the question?

Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion carried. This House now stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Adjourned



