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Whitehorse, Yukon Territory
March 23, 1977

Mr. Speaker: I will now call the House to order.
We will proceed with Morning Prayers.

(Prayers)

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed at this time with the Order Paper.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: Are there any documents for tabling this morning?
Reports of Committees?
Petitions?

PETITIONS

Madam Clerk: Mr. Speaker, I would like to report that I have examined the Petition in relation to Air Brake Tests, presented by the Honourable Member Mr. Berger, on March 17, 1977 and find that the Petition should not be received.

Mr. Speaker: Is there anything further under Petitions?
Introduction of Bills?
Notices of Motion for the Production of Papers?
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NOTICES OF MOTION OR RESOLUTION

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I would give notice of motion, seconded by the Honourable Member from Riverdale, that this House respectfully request the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Honourable Warren Allmand, to accede without delay to requests by the Government of the Yukon for block transfers of land required for the development of established communities within the Yukon.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further Notices of Motion or Resolution?
Statements by Ministers?
This brings us to the Question Period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I am informed that I should table as a Legislative Return, the answers to the questions that the Honourable Member from Kluane asked concerning L.I.D. so it can be taken off the Order Paper.

I would also like to table the answer to a question that Mr. Berger asked on March 3rd, 1977, "Is it correct that a land freeze in Yukon Territory has been in effect as of February 1, 1977 or is it still possible that individuals can apply?"

The answer to the above question is as follows: The Regional Director of Northern Operations Branch, Yukon Region, I.A.N.D., has provided the following information with respect to federal lands. In accordance with the statement made by the Minister on the 10th January, 1975, no lands for agricultural grazing purposes are being disposed of, until suitable lands have been identified and the policy has been developed and agreed to by the federal and territorial governments.

Commitments made prior to this announcement are being honoured and leases in good standing continue to be renewed. Leases for cottage recreation lots are approved in accordance with the policy announced by the Minister on the 10th of January and the 14th of July, 1975.

This policy allows for long term leases in areas approved by the Department as suitable for the attended use.

All applications for other uses are being accepted and processed in the normal manner which includes review by both the federal and territorial governments. Copies of the reference statements by the Minister of Indian Affairs in 1975 are tabled to be available for your reference.

On lands, Mr. Speaker, under the control of the territorial government, there has never been a land freeze and we continue to dispose of land on a planned development basis.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Question re: Transfer of Health Services

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The question is directed to the Minister of Health. I am aware of some discussions in the N.W.T. with respect to the transfer of Health Services and in those discussions, I understand that they're contemplating the appointment of the Minister of Health for Indian Affairs. I am wondering if this kind of discussion has been going on with respect to Yukon as well. Maybe the Minister could enlighten me on that.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Health and Welfare.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member is quite correct in his understanding. In this week's mail, I received the minutes of the Federal Provincial Advisory Committee on Health manpower which is a sub-committee established by the federal Department of Health which meets, I presume, once or twice a year.

We did not have representatives attend that meeting in November. But there was a report of our Health Manpower situation here provided to the meeting. I noted with interest, Mr. Speaker, that in the report from the Northwest Territories on the subject of Health Manpower, there was a statement that the Northwest Territories would be assuming responsibilities for all Health Care in the Territories and that there would be -- in fact, Mr. Speaker, if I may quote, I believe the sentence read, there will be a Minister responsible for Indian Affairs. A Health Minister. That is the extent of my information on the subject.

That is the only way I have heard of such a proposal. It strikes me as being most unusual. There have been no such proposals made to this government, to share a portfolio with another Minister and to segregate the people of the Yukon through one department headed by two Ministers, which I cannot see as a viable procedure in any shape or form.

I am seeking more information on this subject and as all Honourable Members will understand, it is of great interest to this Government.

Until I have additional information, that is all I can tell you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? That then brings us to Orders of the Day and Motions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTIONS

ITEM NUMBER 1

Madam Clerk: Item number 1, standing in the name of the Honourable Member, Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Speaker: Is the Honourable Member prepared to discuss Item Number 1 today?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, seconded by the Honourable Member from Klondike, that the First Report of the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments presented March 22, 1977 be concurred in.

The Honourable Member from Hootalinqua.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Is it customary to read the whole report, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: It is --

Mr. Fleming: Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: -- up to the --

Mr. Fleming: The Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments has the honour to present its first report. "March 9th, 1977, the Yukon Legislative Assembly ordered:

THAT a Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments be established to review all regulations as they are published;

THAT Messrs. Fleming, McCall and Berger be appointed to the said Committee;

THAT the Committee has the power to report from time to time; to call for persons, papers and records; to print such papers and documents as may be ordered by the Committee; to arrange for verbatim transcripts; and to sit during the inter-sessional periods;

THAT the Clerk of Assembly be responsible for providing necessary support staff to the said committee.

On March 7th, 1977, the Yukon Legislative Assembly ordered 'that a draft paper entitled 'Recreation Grants Regulations' be referred to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments for review and report back to

this House on or before March 22, 1977.'

Your Committee is to ensure that Statutory Instruments are authorized by the Ordinance pursuant to which they are made and that such instruments do not constitute an unusual or unexpected use of authority.

Bill Number 12, Recreation Development Ordinance, is currently before this House for consideration. Your Committee, not having a statute base from which to work, finds itself unable to determine whether the Recreation Grant Regulations are *ultra vires* or *intra vires* of its parent legislation.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that upon Royal Assent being given to the Recreation Development Ordinance, any regulations made pursuant to the said Ordinance be examined by your Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments.

We find that the draft regulations are not passed through this House yet, so therefore we have been unable to do anything about them at this time. However, if they do, if and when they do pass this House, we will do so.

Mr. Speaker: Any further debate? Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion as carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure at this time?

The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

Mr. McCall: I would move Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I shall declare the motion as carried.

(Motion carried)

(Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order and declare a brief recess.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. We will continue with consideration of Vote 6, we're on Establishment 605.
Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a question. It's based on the Paper that the Minister of Local Government tabled when we went into Vote 6, and it deals with the CMHC in Municipal Incentive Grants for the City of Whitehorse, which was alluded to on the second page, I believe. That's right.

I wonder if the Minister could explain this Grant and whether the \$80,000.00 to \$120,000.00, I presume it refers to the year 1977?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the CMHC grant is provided to a municipality of \$1,000.00 a lot, for whatever lots are used for certain type of housing. This particular type of housing is the AHOP type program. I better be careful on this, it's the use of land, of developed land, in the most efficient manner of density and probably, I should check on it, it is for either the AHOP housing or for the duplex type housing lot use. Anyway, there's a certain type of lot function which CMHC says is the most efficient use of serviced land that they will give the municipality \$1,000.00 back for each of this type lot and housing that is developed. It is either AHOP or duplex housing, I'm not sure just which one it is.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am familiar with the AHOP Program and I suppose the Duplex one is very similar to that. However, that means then, that the territorial government feels that the City of Whitehorse may be developing eighty to one hundred and twenty lots, that will be utilized in that manner, this year by the City of Whitehorse?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, this is last year's development. These were lots that were zoned in that type of land use in the Riverdale area, last year and homes have been constructed.

We acted as the agent. When we found out that this development could provide the City with some unbudgeted, really windfall monies that they didn't realize that CMHC had available to give to municipalities who allowed zoning and this type of housing to be built on that land.

So once we found out about it through the CMHC program, we did the enquiries and found out that the City obviously, eighty to one hundred lots were eligible under last year's land development program and the City is eligible and will be receiving that unbudgeted windfall money from the CMHC.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then am I to take whether that the 80 or 120 lots are not utilized or built on this coming year, they will get the money regardless, because the lots have been developed and are available for that use?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, as I understand, those lots have been developed and utilized in last year's building program.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then is my understanding correct, that the City of Whitehorse was a little dubious about using this amount of money as revenue within their budget, this year?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I don't think they are prepared to budget it until they have it in their hot little hands, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, it was because of the fact that they didn't feel secure in this money, that they put the extra 1.9 mill levy on in the City of Whitehorse?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that is a question that the Honourable Member is going to have to ask the Mayor and the City Council. That is their prerogative and their responsibility.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then alright, the Minister must feel quite sure that they are going to get that money, or you wouldn't have put it in your presentation to the Members of the Legislature. You are further alluding, page 2 again, this does not include any per capita assistance, which may be made available to municipalities under the CMHC grant program. I wonder what you were referring to there?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: This is exactly the program that we are talking about, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, then am I to understand that there could possibly be more than 80 to \$120,000.00 available to this City for 1977?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, what we are saying, that the increase in the Per Capita Grant because of the new population statistics, the Windfall Per Capita which we passed in Supplementaries, and the Grants-in-Lieu of taxes that the territorial government will be paying to the City, amount in this fiscal year, these are statutory requirements except for the Windfall grant, to an increase of \$182,633.00. That does not include any Per Capita system which may be made available to municipalities under the Recreation Assistance Program, if it is passed, or the 80 to 120,000 that will be available to the City under the CMHC grant

program that we have just been discussing.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, all right then, you say the total increase in grants available to the municipalities over '76-'77, including Per Capita Grant, was there an increase in the Per Capita Grant to the municipalities or to the, I think you are talking specifically about the City of Whitehorse, was there an increase in the Per Capita Grant in '76-'77?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, what we are trying to say in the paper is that with the Windfall Grants, with the Recreational Assistance Program, with the CMHC Grant program, if all of these come about, the city of Whitehorse will gain, in YTG funding, over last year's estimates, almost \$300,000.00.

We didn't feel that there was an increase needed in the Per Capita Grant because of the other grant programs and statutory requirements under our present law which would bring this increased revenue into the coffers of the City of Whitehorse during this fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, all right now, for 1977-78, in calculating your Per Capita Grants for your municipalities, what figures are you using for population?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the new census figures.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, isn't there a requirement then, to split up that grant as it's shown in the budget, because I'm back to the same thing again. The municipal aid legislation provides that you use your new census in June of '77. So you are going to have to, if you're going to use the census, the new census figures, for fiscal year '77-78, you're going to have to either bring in legislation to provide that or at least, the argument I had last time, to provide separate Vote wording to give them the difference between April and June on the new census figures, because you're going beyond what your legislation allows you to do. So you're going to have to make other provisions to provide that money, be it by vote wording, which I don't agree with, or by extra legislation.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I understand that the Primary 90, which is Grants and Loans, is the unconditional Per Capita Grant which is isolated under a separate Primary and is the unconditional Per Capita Grant based on the preliminary census figures announced by Census Canada.

And as far as I understand, and I'm prepared to once again seek legal advice on it, that the Primary and Vote wording of Municipal Services and the voting of these monies takes care of the problem that is mentioned by the Honourable Member from Kluane.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: But, Mr. Chairman, would it not be proper for the government to say, under the Municipal

Aid Legislation, unconditional grants so much, grants using the new statistics formula outside the Municipal Aid Legislation so much, then you're providing vote wording for it at least, but it's not being split up. I would certainly hope that the Minister does look into this and do the required adjusting which is in the Estimates.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm prepared to seek both financial and legal advice on this, although the total administrative staff has deserted me at this moment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I was wondering if the Minister could give us a breakdown on Primary 20 of Vote 605 dealing with Special Programs, I was just wondering if the Minister could give us a breakdown on this?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: 605?

Mr. Chairman: 605.

Mr. McCall: Special Programs, 34.5.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in my breakdown of Professional and Special Services under Primary 20 in Vote 605, I have the survey and the establishment of plot plans of the Mayo and Teslin cemeteries, which are estimated at \$2,500.00 each.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I was just wondering if the Minister could be a little more specific, because it says Special Programs here; I was just wondering if he was making a reference here to the same thing?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Also, Mr. Chairman, in the Special Program section, under Primary 20, comes the mosquito control program, the appointment of a supervising entomologist and a program co-ordinator, and that will be in the neighbourhood of \$15,000.00. Our consultants are Beak Consultants and I have an extensive report of last year's program which was extremely professionally run, and an excellent report with suggestions which we are following for this year.

Any of the Members who are interested in the report, I would be prepared to make it available to them.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, the Member just asked the question that I wanted to ask, but while I am up I would go back to the CMHC situation. Perhaps the Minister of Local Government could advise me if in fact residents of, say, the Porter Creek area have been able to take advantage, under the Central Mortgage Act, there is a section that allows the individual to get a grant, once they have updated their facilities. In other words, if they put in sewage and water - if it is a total situation.

I was just wondering if the Minister knows if anybody in Whitehorse, Porter Creek especially, has been able to take advantage of that section.

I am sorry, but I do not have my copy of the Act here

either, but I could easily find it.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member is prepared to give me the details and the section of the Act, we would certainly be prepared to see whether residents in Porter Creek are eligible for any type of assistance under any of the myriad of CMHC programs.

I think we should almost have a CMHC expert on staff to make sure that Yukoners are taking advantage of the total gamut of CMHC programs which are available.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, under Primary 20, Special Programs, there used to be a provision, along with insect control, for dust control and in particular we used to consider the plight of the highway operator — or, pardon me, the highway lodge operator — throughout the Territory; the fact that there was one way we could get a return of his taxes and make life a little better for him was to ensure that there were, there was, dust control.

Also, the question relates to dust control in unorganized communities; is this still the policy of the Government and is it provided for in this part of the budget?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It's provided, Mr. Chairman, in different sections of the budget in the L.I.D.'s, it's part of the L.I.D. budget, in the unorganized communities, it's part of the unorganized communities' breakdown of their budget — dust control throughout the unorganized communities, and it's part of the General Services in the overall budget of Local Government that the highway lodges and establishments have a dust control program alongside their premises on the highway.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that was one of my questions that has been answered now.

However, the other one was, I didn't quite catch all that the Minister said on the \$2,500.00 Teslin and some other area, something to do with cemeteries, I didn't quite get what you -- could you clarify that for me, please?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Part of Primary 20, in the Special Programs, is a survey of cemeteries in both Teslin and the Mayo area, to the tune of \$2,500.00 each.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to get back once more to the Per Capita Windfall Grant that was referred to on the first page. I think I tried to point out this morning that there is a difference in the Municipal Aid Legislation and, using the new statistics at the beginning of this year, would be, in fact, the Windfall Grant that was referred to in the Budget Speech last year. And I will read from that Budget Speech:

"No provisions have been made in this Budget for increased Per Capita Grants to Municipalities. However, following the receipt of the 1976 census of the population figures in early 1977, there will be a reassessment of the financial position of the Municipalities in the light of the high rate of inflation. At that time, consideration will be given to the provision of one-time special grants, to help ease the burden of shrinking dollars."

Just to clear the record on that one.

Mr. Speaker, looking at this paper, and I refer now to Page 3, to the Unorganized Communities and Areas in the Yukon Territory, and we're looking at three Municipalities, about a million and a half, I think. We're looking at four L.I.D.'s, almost a half a million, and we're looking at all of the rest of the area of the Yukon, unorganized communities and other areas of the Yukon, at \$200,000.00.

And the point is made in the paragraph that the existing mill rate from those areas contributes approximately \$34.00 per person. Which is likely correct. However, we must understand those areas do not have any concentration of government buildings, or any concentration or any type of industry. So you're looking at strictly a very small business operation.

I am beginning to think that the Yukon Territory has to make a bigger effort to accommodate some of these other areas. I just jotted down some of them last night and I will read them out. There are quite a number of them and I may have missed some: Old Crow, Burwash, Pelly, Carmacks, Ross River, Keno, Elsa, Carcross, Tagish, Destruction Bay, Swift River, Beaver Creek, Stewart Crossing and Johnson's Crossing. Have I left any out?

For all of those, we are looking at \$200,000.00. When we went through the budget on Health, and most of these communities are not served on a regular basis by any health facility because of the small population. They are not served by the Territorial agent because of the population. They are not served by a liquor store because of the population. So these people who are living in these areas have to make an awful lot of accommodations because they happen to live in a small, unorganized community or area.

I think of all of those communities, and there are certain things that are very, very basic to their needs which this government should be attempting to provide and to upgrade the services that they are providing right now, of course, the most basic one, Mr. Chairman, is roads and streets, water delivery, and I was very happy to see that the government is attacking this problem in two communities this year - Burwash and Pelly River.

I am looking at garbage dumps and the maintenance of garbage dumps. Now, this may seem very foolish for someone to stand up in this Assembly and speak about garbage dumps, but they are a real thing and they are a real problem.

I am thinking about fire protection. Some of them have adequate fire protection, some of them do not. So there are a lot of areas where we could accelerate and possibly make their life just a little more enriched in the Yukon Territory.

I would like to see this government embark upon building up some of the other areas in the Yukon Territory. The work that has been done in the Municipalities and the L.I.D.s is commendable but I think that we are at the point that we should be changing our priorities now and looking at the rest of the Territory.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to point out that the T.V. service that the Territorial Government has put in place has been most welcomed by these communities. However, again, I have to be realistic about it, and a community with 250 people is paying the same annual maintenance cost as a community with 63 people.

So there does seem, again, because of the smaller population, these people have to make bigger accommodations for the way of life that they want to lead in the Yukon. And I would very much urge the government to start looking at these areas and see how they can, through Municipal Services, and it's quite obvious in many instances, do things to improve their way of life.

I also think about areas where they have no services and I'm thinking of that area in my constituency that borders the Mayo Road, the Takhini Hot Springs Road, the Alaska Highway North. These people have told me, through their association, that I should not ask for municipal services for them because it is the way of life that they have chosen, living outside of an organized community. However, regardless of whether I had had requests or not, I think that it is very important that the Territorial Government review those two areas and at least make some provision whereby they have a garbage dump, so that they have some place where they can take their refuse. And provide for the maintenance of that, of that garbage dump.

And, as I said before, it may seem very silly to people in here, but it's a problem and it becomes a great problem for anyone if they want to get a permit to have a place where they can put the refuse. And it's also a great problem of who is going to maintain it. And we do levy property tax across the Territory, which I don't argue with at all, but the property taxes that are levied in municipalities go for municipal services in the municipalities, which is fine. But when you have areas such as the Mayo Road, Takhini Hot Springs Road and the Alaska Highway North, people are living there, they are paying taxes, they're not looking for municipal services, but in order to protect the environment and the use of land in the area, that's one of the least things that we could do.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member read a list very quickly of a lot of place names in the Yukon, but I rise to protest that as far as I could hear all the place names she mentioned do have Health Services provided in one form or another.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the Minister must realize that they do have health services, but on a very temporary basis. And these people have to accommodate their way of life to the type of health service that they have there. It's very easy for us to sit here and say, well, they have health service. Certainly, they've got a trailer sitting there with a bunch of outdated medicine,

and that's supposed to be their health services.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member said there were no health services provided, that is why I rose on that point.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: For four weeks, for three weeks, out of every month, there aren't.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'd be extremely pleased to listen to specific instances where the Honourable Member, and any Honourable Members in the unorganized areas, wishes to see an improvement in municipal services. I think the Honourable Member forgets that we're talking only O and M under this item. When we get into the Community Assistance Ordinance, that funding to the unorganized areas gets up into the neighbourhood of half a million dollars.

I spent the weekend in Carmacks and I hadn't been there for several months and just in that small community the addition of just a magnificent community hall that was structured and constructed under the Community Assistance Program and also a perfect T.V. signal in the community has, I think, really made living in that community every bit more palatable than probably it was prior to the addition of those two facilities under the Community Assistance Program and under our T.V. Program.

The Honourable Member has seen where an outright grant has provided the reconstruction of a curling club in one of her constituencies this year so that people wouldn't have to be without curling because they didn't have the oomph to be able to raise the money necessary, even under the Community Assistance Program because of the smallness of the community and the special circumstances which that community found themselves in.

I will only say that the normal municipal services in all the areas really do provide the basic services that are provided in L.I.D.s and municipalities without the sophistication.

In my travels throughout the Yukon, I get the distinct impression from talking to people in these unorganized communities that the last thing that they want is really for government to move in to their way of life on a massive scale. They think, generally, that the YTG is providing fairly good basic type services and, with the additions of Community Assistance monies and the T.V. Program, that they've done quite well over the last few years.

I would think, Mr. Chairman, that there's always room for improvement and if there are specific instances in the unorganized communities where municipal services are suffering or there is a special need, we're flexible enough to be able to move into that area, and a good argument to me will see an upgrading or a service introduced.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think that one of the most basic needs for most of the communities at the present time, is an upgrading of the streets and the roads, and a steeping up of the maintenance program for those streets and roads, both during the summer and the winter.

A very, very basic thing but it is a very glaring one.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we have a continuing program of road upgrading in the unorganized communities. There is always some difficulties to provide it. We have been trying to get the Carcross roads upgraded for two years and have included monies in the budget.

There is no crush presently available in the Carcross area and there is a really long haul involved if we set up to get crushing from areas where it is available. So what we do in trying to be efficient and economical, is wait until the Carcross road is going to be upgraded and there is crush available because of the upgrading of the Skagway roads, so that it is not really a cost that is uneconomical for the Local Government to provide.

We hope that because the finishing of the Skagway road, we will have crush available and we will be able to put that money onto the Carcross roads which do need upgrading, as everybody knows.

The expenditure just would be completely out of proportion if we attempted to do our own crushing, specifically for the upgrading of those roads, or have to haul crush the distance we presently have to. So six of one half a dozen of the other.

There is a continuous upgrading program, but we like to do it by the most economical and efficient method possible when the material is available in the community.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I am finding myself getting more and more confused about what comes under special programs and what comes under other sections, particularly I have been trying to follow how much the insect control costs.

In the budget presentation, it says that a cost of \$81,000.00 which is mentioned in connection with unorganized communities but really, that must be for the whole of the Yukon, which includes an awful lot of municipalities too.

Then in recoveries, there is \$40,000.00 and we were told that under special programs primary 20, I believe, it was \$20,000.00 in there. I am just really confused about what comes under special programs and what is the breakdown?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, under special programs, only the entomologist and the contract to provide the expertise for the mosquito control program is part of the special program.

The actual mosquito control program, every area, the municipalities, there is a cost recovery from the municipalities as part of the program, there is a cost recovery from LID's for part of the program, and un-

ganized areas, they're budgeted for part of the program costs. I think the recoveries from the LID's, from the municipalities, approximately 50 per cent of the total cost of the mosquito control program.

But under the special service section it's only that portion which provides the expertise to run the program, do the report and make suggestions and recommendations following the year's activity to the Government of the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Then could we have a breakdown on what the other part of \$195,000.00 is for?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, under the total of Special Programs, I broke down Primary 20, which consisted of the entomologist portion of it. The total of the budget, in Special Programs, under all the Primaries, includes, under Primary 20, the appointment of the entomologist; under Primary 61, the rental of the machinery for the contract for the mosquito spraying program, that's announced at \$36,500.00.

In Primary 62, it's the internal rental of the machinery for the program to transport chemical from the central warehouse to the community of \$3,500.00. In Primary 30, the travel cost for the entomologist is \$1,500.00. And Primary 50, the purchase of the chemical Abate 2-G, 49,000 pounds at \$.50, is \$24,500.00 for the total program of the mosquito control of \$81,000.00.

Under Primary 57, in Special Programs, the utilities for the rental of earth station equipment from Telsat Canada was for our agreement between YTG and Telsat, five stations at \$13,900.00, \$69,500.00. One station for eight months, \$9,500.00, for a total of \$79,000.00.

The utilities to run the TV systems for eight earth stations, at a \$100.00 per month for twelve months, is \$7,200.00. The utilities in the way of propane energy to supply the three mountain top repeater stations, 36 bottles at \$25.00 at \$900.00. And the professional and special services under the Maintenance Agreement amounts to \$15,000.00 for the TV systems for the servicing of them, for a total of \$102,100.00, added to the \$81,000.00 for up to \$183,000.00.

Under the Sewer Flushing and Sewage education mileage subsidy, under Primary 20, the mileage subsidy to ensure two yearly visits made to every community by the sewage education unit, 2,500 miles at \$.90 per mile, that's 2,250 for each trip, there's two trips a year, amounts to \$4,500.00.

The sewer flushing, to visit each community that has a piped sewage collection system at least once to flush the sewers with YTG's unit, six communities, eight days each at \$150.00 per day, including mileage, labour, at \$7,200.00, the repair and maintenance of machinery, \$500.00, and that should Mr. Chairman, I think, add up to the total of \$195,000.00 under Special Programs.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, when I asked yesterday on the difference between the actual budget of '76-'77 for Haines Junction, that it was in excess of \$100,000.00 and we have voted \$55,000.00, certain revenues were not taken into consideration. Then I was informed that there was \$20,000.00 voted by way of supplementals. Now, I wasn't aware that we had voted any in the Supplementals, however, we probably did in one

of the Establishments where it wasn't broken down.
Were there any other LID's that required a supplemental in '76-'77?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the Treasury will have to answer that, I haven't got that information.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, it might take me a couple of minutes to figure this out, but in the Main Estimates last year there was some \$305,000.00, I think shown for the LID's. And that was a preliminary budget figure. At that particular time Local Government hadn't received or reviewed all the LID budgets.

The final total payments to LID's were somewhere between 10 and \$20,000.00 higher in total.

Now, the distribution amongst the LID's -- some of the LID's received more than what was on the original list, some received less.

I do have a list here someplace, Mr. Chairman.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Just generally, Mr. Chairman, we can say that in the first year of operation of a new sewer and water system, we always find some extraordinary expenses. We found this in the community of Mayo, we found it in the community of Watson Lake. No doubt we are going to find it in the community of Teslin and we found it in the community of Haines Junction last year. I think in almost every instance there has been extraordinary expenses for many and varied reasons and I am sure that the Honourable Member would know the unusual and varied reasons in the Haines Junction area and that generally caused, in the first total year of operation, a supplementary estimate. The reason being that many of the faults that are examined can be laid at the door of the senior government.

We don't feel that the LID's should experience the -- that that should come out of their normal operating budget in that first year of operation.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, I found my schedule. The original estimate for Haines Junction was 55 and the actual payment was 75,000. The original estimate for Watson Lake was 130,000 and the actual payment was 120,000. The original estimate for Mayo was 75,000 and the revised payment was 81,000. The LID of Teslin was estimated at 45,000 and that is what they received, so there were minor -- there were several adjustments but the total of the additional costs was something like \$15,000.00 higher and it was included in the supplemental to 605 of last year.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Thank you for the information. This brings me to another question, the water and sewer user fees. How are they calculated. I know they are established by bylaw by the LID's. How are they calculated? Is there a regulation under the Financial Administration Ordinance or under the Community Assistance Ordinance that stipulates the formula or calculations that are used to establish that fee?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would have to check whether there is an actual Commissioner's Order or regulation. I know that the method that has been my instruction to local government and the advisors, is that they have to correspond with the municipalities and the other LID's. If sewer and water charges are reflecting the real cost of operation and maintenance of the system, then the LID's and some municipalities could just not afford the cost of the water and sewer system.

So we have tried to keep the user charges -- we have suggested that the user charges be in this or that area and you will see that throughout the municipalities and throughout the LID's in the Yukon that they -- there is very little variance between the user charges from one jurisdiction to another.

We know that if this type of policy were not followed, that particularly in the LID's and particularly in one municipality - the Municipality of Dawson - that these areas would just not be able, by the user fee, to cover the total operation and maintenance costs of that sewer and water system within the LID or within that particular municipality.

There is regulation that these have to be struck yearly by Commissioner's Order.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, that is exactly right but I haven't been able to find it and I think that it is -- maybe the Minister's Departmental people will know, that there is a requirement to base the next year's sewer and water fee -- user fee on the operational maintenance cost. The average operational maintenance costs of sewer and water systems out of municipalities from the year before. I wonder if you could check this out and bring back the information.

If it includes municipalities, whether the operation of maintenance costs of Dawson's water and sewer system is considered for the average, to determine the average?

Mr. Chairman: Is there any further consideration of 605 at this time?

Mrs. Watson: I would clear it if I could get the information that I had asked for - it's very limited, it's just on his last topic, on the user fees for sewer and water.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would hope that I'd have that information available tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Watson: Then, Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't hold it.

Mr. Chairman: Right.

Are we clear on 605?

606. Ambulance Services, \$272,700.00.

Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on this item, I have spoken with the Honourable Minister of Local Government in relation to a problem that we've had with the use of ambulances, in particular in Watson

Lake, whereby they were being used to convey deceased persons or persons known to be deceased, sometimes at great distances, taking the ambulance out of service for those who may have required or needed the emergency use of such a vehicle. I have been assured by the Department of Local Government that a policy has been formulated to deal with this question.

What I am curious about is, has this direction gone to Northern Health Services in the operation of the Nursing Station or Nursing Stations, as the case may be, inasmuch as they often direct the use of these ambulances?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, if I recall correctly, the problem was brought to my attention and the ambulance supervisor wrote back to the LID's with a carbon copy to the Member and also to Northern Health Services and the constabulary in Watson Lake, explaining the policy that they were not to be used for taxis, or the transportation of cadavers.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would have hoped --

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: -- that the policy directive wasn't just limited to Watson Lake. I think there should be a directive to all communities because, particularly when you have people who are working at this on a voluntary basis, almost, or are called in the middle of the night to perform this function when urgency isn't -- you know, it isn't urgent at that stage of the game. I think it's badly needed, the directive.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon, you, in your budget review, you mentioned there had been negotiations with the City of Whitehorse regarding the ambulance service. Do you have anything that you can tell us about that?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I don't think I said negotiations, Mr. Chairman, because we never went down to active negotiations with the City. I said that it had been explored with City Council and the City Manager and we did explore the situation and so far we have not come down to any negotiations in any substance in any way, shape or form.

The best breakdown of the -- what I consider to be a major expense to all Yukon taxpayers, and the problem seems to be centred in the Whitehorse area, is in the Annual report of the Protective Services Branch. And on page 40, it shows, for example, we have 713, or 855 calls in the metro area last year. The total, with supplementary estimates and the cost, was in the neighbourhood of \$270,000.00. The vast majority of those 855 calls, 713 of them were within the City of Whitehorse proper. Four 401 in the city limits, 237 at airport calls and 75, the ambulance not required.

Even though 713 of those 855 calls were not going out on the highway to need ambulances or not going outside of the city limits, \$325.00 each time one of those ambulances was moved, that's expensive, Mr. Chairman, terribly expensive. People know that when I think that when there is an efficient use, inefficient use of tax-

payers' money, that I try to solve the problem and I see that representations are constantly being made to turn the ambulance service over to the Member from Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation because I feel her to be a very nice person, which she certainly is. I think that it's a major expenditure on the taxpayers of Yukon.

This is nothing personal against the ambulance service, which everybody agrees is one of the finest in the country, bar none. The ambulance attendants, who are all extremely qualified, every one of them possesses a St. John's Certificate and they're all qualified -- we just need three people to do the job on a twenty-four hour basis, 365 days a year, at the present time.

I've said nothing that -- I would like to find some method of making it more economical and more efficient to the Yukon taxpayers. And of course, every time that you say something like this, it gets people disturbed and people who are directly involved are concerned, but everybody is taxpayers, I think, have to be concerned. Every time you move one of those ambulances, and most of the calls are within the City, it's costing the taxpayer of Yukon \$325.00. Those are the facts and something that should be looked at on a hard nose basis, which I'm trying to do.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe that this is a problem that we've gone round and round and round on for many years. But I'm wondering, would it be a suggestion to the Honourable Minister to take a second look at bringing in private enterprise and seeing what private enterprise could produce at this time, within the Municipality of Whitehorse? Perhaps this may be a solution to the problem, and I'm speaking only, of course, within the Municipality.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that's a distinct option that will be looked at. I have made a commitment that I am going to look at all the various options that are open to us to try and provide the same type of service at a more efficient, or on the same efficiency, at a saving to the people of the Yukon. I don't think that that's a position that should be roundly condemned by various people.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, my comment was going to be very much the same as the Member from Watson Lake, because I recall that, last Budget Session, that we discussed this, as the Member from Watson Lake indicated, and we suggested also at that time that the possibility of private enterprise entering into this be looked at.

I'm just wondering why, why maybe the Department of Local Government just don't call for some proposals and get an idea of how private enterprise would react to this. I know it's a very complex situation. I know that, you know, people have a lot of ideas about it, but this is one way of getting it and that's just calling for a proposal and getting some ideas to just see what, maybe, the costs would be. And I'm again emphasizing on the fact that it would be strictly for the Municipality of

Whitehorse, the City of Whitehorse, where you'd want to look at this first.

I, personally, have been involved in ambulance services in the North in many communities and we were faced with the kind of costs the Honourable Minister is faced with and we were able to solve that problem by going to the private enterprise system. Of course, government is still going to have to subsidize quite heavily any proposal or any program, but certainly you can budget for it on an assisted manner. As I say, I hope the government does do something positive about it by actually calling for some proposals.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, what is the fee structure for a call-out for the ambulance in Whitehorse and also for anyone living outside of Whitehorse on one of the highways?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I will be happy to provide a schedule of fees. There is such a structure. I can only add that there is a fee structure and a vast majority of it, for a myriad of reasons, goes uncollected.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe we have talked about this before, too. When we look at almost \$300,000.00, and really we are not providing for the Territory a very good type of evacuation system for medical purposes - when you think of the drive that the people have to have from Heaver Creek: they have to drive from Beaver Creek to Destruction Bay before they even see a Health Nurse.

Now, 300 miles is a long way for a very ill person to be taken. We should really, and it has been brought up before, we should be looking at the utilization of aircraft and with MOT's new program of updating the airstrips, putting lighting facilities in some of them, maybe we should be looking in this area also.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I welcome the suggestions from all Members and I can only promise that every one of these options will be looked into and examined.

I just want to emphasize once again that I think that the volunteer ambulance system outside of Whitehorse is -- there have been complaints from different areas and when I have researched them and looked into them, I can only say that it is just a marvelous system and I think that all the people who are in this type of a volunteer system in the smaller communities are just to be commended so much by the people living in those areas and also by the Government of the Yukon. Also, whenever there has been the need for the ambulance service in the City of Whitehorse, I get nothing but praise for the people who attend whatever the call is.

So there is nothing at all in any of the remarks that I make that should be taken as detrimental to the ambulance service in the Yukon Territory. When medical doctors from the Yukon -- in fact, when our ambulance supervisors go out to conventions, they are always singled out as having an extremely fine and efficient ambulance service.

All I am saying is that we know that it is not -- it's good

but it sure isn't cheap. And if we can make it a little more economical and efficient then we are going to examine all the options that all the Honourable Members have raised to do that, without losing our number one status in ambulance service, in Canada probably.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, I heartily agree with the Minister this time. The ambulance service is good; however, I didn't quite get the drift of the, his, comment on the volunteer situation. I didn't really realize that there was volunteer work done on the ambulance service in the outlying communities especially.

I wonder also, while he is bringing a breakdown in, if he could bring a breakdown of the cost of the ambulance, for instance at Teslin, for service for one year, let's say of 1976?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that full information is contained in the Protective Services Branch Annual Report, which has been tabled in the House at this point already. And the total operation of the ambulances outside of the Whitehorse area is done on a volunteer call basis, in all of the smaller communities, including Teslin. When the call goes in, there is a roster of people on call who are phoned and then they get paid to transport the patient to meet the other ambulance or into town. But on all of them, except in the Whitehorse area, that's the system on which Yukon ambulances are operated.

I think that's the system. Anyway, I was just trying to think whether any of the L.I.D.s are in charge of the operation of the ambulance itself under the L.I.D.s and I would have to check into that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon, in your staff of 13, that does not include, I presume, the support staff that is not centred at the hospital? Supervisors, et cetera.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I have a breakdown, Mr. Chairman, if I can find it.

That information I can provide for you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: That will include casual, if there are any casual as well, in that breakdown?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, that includes all the staff at the hospital. I think the only person not included there is the ambulance inspector and, of course, he doesn't work just specifically with the Whitehorse Ambulance Service. But there is a need, from time to time, to hire casuals over and above those 13 man years and they wouldn't be there, but that's those 13 man years are permanent staff of the ambulance service.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, in the dollar total there, the \$228,000.00, that includes casuals, doesn't it? That, you know, the estimate is there to cover that, for

casual employment?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, this is one of the establishments where we have a supplemental almost every year to cover forced costs such as the hiring of additional casuals and the payment of overtime.

One of the problems we were faced with when we put the budget together is that we know, historically, that throughout the government there are always going to be vacant positions and, historically, the amount of money that we save on vacant positions more than covers the extra casuals that we have to hire in certain areas such as here, or such as the Whitehorse Correctional Institute. But, unfortunately, we never know where the vacancies are going to occur. We know where the overtime is going to be incurred, but we never know where the vacancies are going to occur.

So, when we present the supplementals, there's always some shifting in salary dollars around so that there will undoubtedly be a supplemental here, but where the dollars are going to be lapsed, we don't know yet. So there will have to be a supplemental here sometime next year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the 13 positions are broken as one ambulance attendant supervisor, nine ambulance attendants and three combination switchboard/ambulance attendants, for a total of thirteen.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one last question regarding the upgrading of the equipment that they have in the ambulances. And I'm talking specifically of two of them in the northern part of my riding where I constantly hear complaints that, you know, the equipment, the stretchers and the rest of it doesn't necessarily -- can't be accommodated that efficiently within the vehicle that they are using it in. I would hope that, every year, a review is made of all of the equipment in each of the ambulances so that they, you know, they can provide for the deficiencies.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is an establishment, I think in 2600, under Capital, that provides for a yearly upgrading of both fire and ambulance equipment. I think it's in the neighbourhood of \$13,000.00 or something like that.

We'll be getting to it in the Capital section.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, just with a word of caution, though, you have some very good ambulances, well-equipped ambulances, in the Whitehorse area. Shall we try to upgrade the ones that are in the very extreme distances from Whitehorse?

Mr. Chairman: Are we clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Expenditure Recoveries and Revenue.

Project Capital, page 206. Establishment 2600, Fire/Ambulance Equipment, \$58,000.00.

Mr. Lengerke:

Mr. Lengerke: Just a general question, Mr. Chairman, about replacement of vehicles. Does the government have a replacement vehicle policy, whereby dollars are put towards depreciation and then it automatically occurs that the vehicles will be traded off after four years, or three years. Maybe Mr. Williams could answer that one for me?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, there is a policy in effect. I'm not sure of the, it's a combination of age of the vehicle and/or mileage and I think we also look at the condition of the vehicle. But normal vehicle replacement won't fall under the Local Government portion of Capital, that's under Establishment 2900, in the Highways and Public Works section. You see, any vehicles that are in this section of the budget will be vehicles for the unorganized areas or the L.I.D.s or ambulances and fire type vehicles.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary to that...

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Do you not charge so much for vehicle, charge yourself so much for vehicle, like on the books, and establish a fund that way and then you have guides as to when you replace that vehicle, when it's paid for, it's depreciation, and ...

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, if it varies. With respect to our heavy equipment, that is the case. There is an equipment replacement fund and, for instance, if you use a grader, you pay so much per hour for the grader and a component of that is designed to recapture the depreciation and to replace the grader.

For the lighter vehicles, cars and that sort of thing, that is not the case. The O and M votes absorb the actual out-of-pocket costs; then, when the vehicle has to be replaced, it's replaced out of Establishment 2900.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in relation to Establishment 2600, I'm wondering if any of these monies, the \$58,000.00 for fire/ambulance equipment, if any of these monies would be allocated to considering the Village of Upper Liard?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in what regard, specific regard?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Well, Mr. Chairman, the problem being that our Watson Lake equipment is centred in Watson Lake itself, within the Local Improvement Dis-

trict, and seven miles to the north, we have the airport and they have a fire truck which makes it possible for them to contain a fire at that point, but seven miles or eight miles the other way is the Village of Upper Liard which really has no means of fighting a fire until we can get there. Very often, by the time we get word of the fire and our fire department gets to Upper Liard, we've lost the building and perhaps, in time, lives. I'm just wondering if any consideration was given, in preparing the budget, to providing some sort of, shall we say, first aid type of equipment for that Village of Upper Liard and the area of Upper Liard?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing specific in this year's budget that I would be happy to ask our junior fire inspector to visit Upper Liardxxx

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing specific in this year's budget, but I would be happy to ask our junior fire inspector to visit Upper Liard and meet with the Band and see whether -- and what is needed and what arrangements can be made for the type of material that the Honourable Member has asked for.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: This would be certainly most appreciated. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly hope, too, that consideration will be given to the need for another fire truck in that North Alaska Highway area. I am not going to specifically say where it's needed. I understand some shuffling could be done with equipment, but there is certainly another one very badly needed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, \$45,000.00 of the \$58,000.00 is indicated and budgeted for just that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I won't take the time of the Committee but I will consult with the Minister of the Treasury staff later to ensure that there is a cushion stool provided in one specific ambulance where the nurse is having trouble. No, Mr. Chairman, I assured that particular public health nurse that I would provide it if the Government wasn't. It is a little difficult in some of the older vehicles - if you have an ordinary seat, your head hits the roof while you are tending a patient on the stretcher, so I have this commitment, Mr. Chairman, and I will certainly follow through on it.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I'll split it.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Twenty-six oh one, Roads, Streets and Sidewalks — \$150,000.00. Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Just some specifics on this, Mr. Chairman. Could the Minister provide in what communities exactly are these things going to be done?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in Burwash Landing we need a road to the Fire Hall and also the Village roads which will be approximately \$15,000.00. In Haines Junction, Dalton from Ogilvie to Alexander \$5,000.00. Mayo, general road improvements \$20,000.00. Ross River, road upgrading general \$25,000.00. Watson Lake, and I am sure that the Honourable Member who asked me about this before from Watson Lake will be happy to know that there will be the completion of the Road Improvements Program, which hasn't been completed, following the installation of the sewer and water system up to this point in time, for \$60,000.00. Carcross, the completion of the road resurfacing of \$10,000.00 and a cushion of miscellaneous road improvement in various locations of \$15,000.00.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: My question was just answered, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Page 211A?

Mr. Chairman: Page 206.

Mr. Fleming: Oh, you are on 206; I thought -- recreational roads, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Twenty-six oh two — Local Services, \$70,000.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I guess it is at this point that I make my annual pitch to the Department of Local Government and the Government of the Yukon Territory and all the predecessors and perhaps their successors.

Once again, for many, many years now, I have been asking this House, each budget time, for provision of a vehicle for the Fire Chief in Watson Lake.

I must rise once again, Mr. Chairman, to ask if really, after all these years, that a vehicle must be able to be found and be equipped for the use of the Fire Chief in Watson Lake.

When we discussed the ambulance service, I pointed out that we did have a problem with deceased, you know, moving deceased persons without tying up the ambulance, in addition to the many other facilities that this vehicle can handle, this could also be considered.

Also, this vehicle could be a back-up ambulance and I would ask if the Honourable Minister could give me a commitment today, now. In 1977, after all these many years of asking, that they will provide an equipped vehicle, panel type vehicle for the Fire Chief in Watson Lake, under this budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I thought we had bought the Honourable Member from Watson Lake off last year when my colleague presented him with his

new fire chief's hat, but evidently, that is not to be the case.

I have as many problems as the Honourable Member keeping up with this one on the change of the ambulance inspectors and fire marshalls in the Yukon, because it seems that we're just coming to the point where we're going to find, from vehicles that have been turned back to the government and new vehicles purchased, a vehicle to fulfill this function when we get a new fire marshall and we start all over again and looking for such a vehicle.

We're not prepared under Capital Funds to provide a brand new panel type vehicle as a back-up vehicle in Watson Lake and for the use of the Fire Chief. We've promised the LID and the Member that the first vehicle which is suitable for such a purpose that comes back to government which is in good enough condition for such a purpose, that we will provide that to the community of Watson Lake.

We have other, under the \$70,000.00, monies for what I understand is the absolute priority in Watson Lake, which is a grader for the LID. You know how big a hole that will make in a \$70,000.00 commitment, which provides capital equipment for all the LID's and unorganized areas throughout the Yukon. So Watson Lake is doing very well, this year, if they get their grader in the \$70,000.00 that is allocated and they'll do very well also, and I stand here and promise the Honourable Member, that if such a vehicle is available to us, that has been turned back to government for that purpose, that that vehicle will be made available to Watson Lake. But we can't provide capital funds for a brand new vehicle for that purpose, under this item in the Local Government budget.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Minister for his remarks and his thoughts on this question, but perhaps, inasmuch as the Government of the Yukon Territory, over the past many years, we have been asking for this vehicle, they've gone through thousands and thousands of vehicles, and while I suggest that not all of these vehicles would be appropriate to the need, perhaps if the Minister cannot find, at some early point in this forthcoming fiscal year, a vehicle suitable for this purpose, then perhaps a secondhand vehicle can be purchased somewhere, without purchasing a brand new vehicle.

I really hope and trust, Mr. Chairman, that after these many, many years of asking, that in this fiscal year we may reach a highlight and actually provide the vehicle.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I just want to comment on that, Mr. Chairman, that maybe I can help the Honourable Member from Watson Lake.

I would suggest that you get a list of the vehicles that are to be surplussed from YTG and at the next moment that there is going to be an auction, that you, as an LID, make a bid of a dollar, and I'm sure that the Honourable Minister of Local Government will provide you with that vehicle.

I think the City of Whitehorse went through that exercise a few times, and I might say that we ended up with a

couple of very good units.

And for a dollar, it was a very very good investment, and I think there's one still running around today. That is available to the LID certainly, so there's another way of doing it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, precisely, we have left this matter in the hands of the Department of Local Government, who have just assured me now that they're still looking, but I just suggested that if they can't find, and find early in the ball game, not next fall when there's some auction, but early in the fiscal period, then perhaps they may wish to look around town and see if there's one that they could purchase quite reasonably on sale somewhere.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm getting personally involved in this because I just want to make sure that I have just the right vehicle for Watson Lake. When it is found, if I can get it there, Mr. Chairman, I personally want to deliver it to the LID of Watson Lake and the Honourable Member and I'm sure that there'll be great rejoicing and good times in Watson Lake, when and if we finally get that vehicle to Watson Lake.

(Applause)

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Land Development, 2603, Land Development, \$3,766,000.00.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I didn't have time. I intended to have a sheet on Land Development for this year available to all Members, and it breaks down the total development rather than me just reading to the Members. I'm sure that they'd appreciate having the program for this year in front of them.

Mr. Chairman: I would suggest that we recess until 1:30 and that could be made available to the Members.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, maybe the Minister could also give us a tentative -- I know he doesn't have anything firm, a tentative breakdown for 2612. I know you can't have anything firm at this stage of the game.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, before we leave, if you haven't called recess -- we have this problem which I think I explain every year, on community assistance. We know that if all projects went ahead in all of the communities, with the desires of all the communities, that this is what would take place. So what we do, we put down all those projects that we know certain communities want to undertake in that budget. All I say is because of so many different elements that could come into play during the course of the fiscal year that it could change substantially within the course of the year.

So just as long as everybody doesn't raise their politi-

cal expectations, that this is what is going to happen in the following year, then I'd be pleased to present that breakdown, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Committee is recessed until 1:30.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I now call this Committee to order. Establishment 2603, Land Development, \$3,766,000.00.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I have information which I promised Members before we recessed at noon. If that could be distributed, perhaps I could answer some other questions that were asked this morning, while we were going through the Estimates.

The ambulance charges, as indicated, are charged through a Commissioner's Order. The Commissioner's Order of 1973/420, which says a flat rate of \$10.00 will be levied against all patients whether juvenile, parents or guardian and carried in an ambulance unit of the Government of the Yukon Territory to cover the first fifteen miles of the journey.

In addition to the flat rate of \$10.00, if the road mileage from the ambulance garage to point of pickup of conveyance to a place of medical aid and return to the ambulance garage exceeds fifteen miles, an additional charge of \$.33 per completed road mile shall be levied.

Concerning the sewer and water user charges, Mr. Chairman, in Local Improvement Districts, those districts established their user/charges for sewer and water by a local bylaw. There are no regulations or ordinance which sets out an exact formula for establishing some such rate.

One method commonly used is for an LID board to determine the extent of revenue they feel necessary to assist in operation of the systems and then establish a unit rate. Units are then applied to the various user groups. For example, a laundromat might be assessed 25 units and a single family residence assessed 10 units. The bylaw is then reviewed by the Department of Local Government for their approval.

As stated before, these rates are generally similar for all LID's, and are reasonable economic rates which do not necessarily reflect the actual operation and maintenance of the system. The LID rates are based, or, no LID rates are presently based on a metered consumption basis.

Just an example, in the Member from Kluane's own district, the Haines Junction operation and maintenance of the sewer and water system was approximately \$20,000.00 last year and the recoveries from the user charge were approximately \$15,000.00.

I believe that the Honourable Member from Kluane may have understood the legislative requirement for establishing rates. This applies only to frontage charges levied by the territorial government annually, as the taxing authority. Rates for new systems are established on the basis of the average of all capital costs for systems constructed in the previous year, upon a rate per front foot is established. Once established, this rate

doesn't change from year to year.

This is a requirement under the Community Assistance Ordinance and relates only to capital construction and frontage rates of systems and not to O & M costs or user charges. And Mr. Chairman, from yesterday there are presently 13 owners of 31 vacant residential lots in the LID of Teslin.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Member for the information and that is exactly right. That is what I was thinking of, that it is actually the frontage rates that you determine that way.

One question, the ambulance charges, the flat \$10.00 for anything under fifteen miles is that correct? Is that cheaper than a taxi?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Honourable Member and all Honourable Members could relate some fairly interesting stories to the House on that matter.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, on the 2603 Establishment, my question is -- is any of this land -- I know -- I know that one part of it is, other than the Haines Junction mobile home site, is there a requirement for any other of this land that you want to develop to have transferred in lots within the federal government?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that depends on where the planners come up for the best type of development. In 2603, as it now stands, if say, the acreage property for Teslin could be found within the block land transfer of the LID, there wouldn't be the need to ask for additional block land transfer.

Presently, we know there are problems with the block land transfer as it concerns the Haines Junction Mobile Home subdivision and also the Dawson Industrial area. One of the problems is that both of these are almost what we would consider to be an emergency type situation because of obvious reasons in both the Haines Junction and the Dawson area.

Other than that the other areas planned are within block land transfers currently, depending upon where planners decide where the best place for small holdings could be, but we are still in other problems which we haven't settled up to this point in time. It may take the court case to do so on mineral staking claims that we want for residential or commercial or industrial development within the block land transfer in the Yukon at this time.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, in speaking about the provision of lots and trailer lots, I am reminded that in one section of Watson Lake, there are trailer lots that can hardly be sold because the land requires development, filling and this type of thing. If one was to purchase this property, would the price would have to pay to reclaim the land in order to put a

trailer on it be, would he be credited with that against purchasing the lot?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, because the Government has the policy of not losing money on the sale of lots because we borrow it from the federal government and have to pay the total sum back to the federal government of the money that we borrow, or if we don't, it's a cost upon the taxpayer of the Yukon. So, we sell, and the price of all those lots that abut the services are exactly the cost of the development of the raw land and the services abutting them at the present time.

If the person who had to put fill in were allowed to take that price of making the lot available to put his improvements on, against the cost of the lot, then that charge would be upon all the taxpayers of the Yukon, that we'd all have to contribute to pay back to the federal government the money we borrowed from them for the development of the land.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, then would it not seem reasonable that if these lots are unsuitable, then the Government ought to make more lots available somewhere else in the community to compensate for the loss of those which were abutting on the sewer system but are not useable by anybody. Nobody can perhaps afford to fill the great holes that are required to make the lots suitable for development. What does one do?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, it all depends on the scarcity of land. There's all types of private sales go on every day in the Yukon where the person who buys the land has to make the land available, or the land up to a condition, where he can put improvements on it. I don't think, at the present time, at least as far as I know, that there is a great problem for land for residential development in the Watson Lake area with the development that has taken place in land in the last few years. Certainly we recognize that there is a demand for industrial, commercial and small holdings type of lands in Watson Lake which are budgeted to get under way this year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I was speaking in particular of trailer lots, Mr. Chairman. And if a development such as, for instance, pipeline, which we look forward to seeing coming, the development in the Howard Pass area starts taking place, there perhaps, will be another requirement for more additional trailer lots. Is this anticipated or has an area been set aside for this? Are these lots surveyed and will they be ready for sale when they are required?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, in the municipalities and the L.I.D.'s what we depend upon is the resolutions and the requirements as outlined by the people of the L.I.D. and the municipality. We work on the premise that they certainly know better than we do, where and what kind of land has to be developed in the different areas.

Before we went onto that type of a premise, we used to

try and develop land without having the input of the local people and of course we got into the problems that the Honourable Member from Teslin has already stated in this House. Since we've listened to the requirements and the requests of the local people of the local L.I.D.'s and the municipalities, we haven't had one study committed, nor one development, which hasn't gone into operation with the approbation of the local people involved.

So as soon as the L.I.D. tells us where and when they need trailer lots developed, we'll start immediately on a project of planning. They've told us for this year that industrial-commercial is their number demand. We're treating that as the number on priority in the Watson Lake area. They've said the second priority is for some type of small holdings, country residential type, and that's the second priority that we've assigned to Watson Lake this year. And if we hear of any other priorities, then we'll start planning in those areas immediately, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, yes, I have to commend the Minister in what he is doing now. He's trying to do the best he can with what he's got. I have to agree, things are bad. We have in our area, in Teslin, for instance, many lots that possibly could be used for commercial. However, there are swamp and I would presume that anybody that bought them would supply the money to build them themselves. Fix them up themselves, not expect the taxpayer to do it.

However, I'm wondering if the Minister took into consideration the possibility of a pipeline in the Yukon Territory? Such as Foothills has advocated, and I'm wondering if that pipeline went ahead and, in the instance of the Teslin development, there would be a need for possibly 20, or between 20 and 30 extra lots for residential homes. Could this be done, the question is, could this be done in that time frame, that you would find out the pipeline was being--and the time that would be needed?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, that is exactly the reason why we are making such an effort to obtain 13 acres in a block land transfer at Haines Junction for a mobile home subdivision, not with the pipeline in mind at the moment, but with the firm knowledge that there is going to be an influx of people who will want mobile home lots because of the already announced paving and upgrading of the Haines Highway-Alaska Highway North.

We have to do the same kind of study along the Alaska Highway if and when a pipeline is announced. Yes, we will have enough lead time for some very obvious reasons.

One, the Government of the Yukon Territory and the Department of the Local Government has informed anyone who will listen to us, the N.E.B., Berger, that we are not going to put demands upon the taxpayers of the Yukon for supplying all the goods and services in the smaller communities if pipeline construction goes ahead in the Yukon.

We are going to demand and we are going to stick to it. That all of the construction camps be of a completely

self contained unit, just as they were on the pipeline on the north slope.

Because we just couldn't put the capital investment of increased sewage and water facilities, increased land development and the pipeline moves out and there is a skeleton amount remaining, to run those stations that are left in Yukon if the pipeline goes ahead. We will see the normal growth of areas -- of services that want to supply to the pipelines and the people who will be remaining after the pipeline has been constructed.

But this Government will put the demands upon the taxpayers of the Yukon's back to provide those facilities which the pipeline companies are going to be looking for if they build it here.

They have been told and they have been told that on no uncertain terms, and they will continue to be told on no uncertain terms, that all of the facilities for the pipeline construction crews are a responsibility, will be a responsibility, of the pipeline construction crews and not the Yukon taxpayers.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, while we are on this subject of studies, I notice in this material that the Minister presented us after lunch, with reference to land development, my basic concern here -- I notice you have allotted approximately \$10,000.00 for Faro Industrial. I take it that that is the Industrial Engineering study that you will be doing? I was just wondering if the Minister can advise me of whether he would take into consideration, also a residential subdivision at the same time if the monies can be allocated within the \$10,000.00 or whatever, at the same time as you do the industrial subdivision? I was just wondering if the Minister can give me that assurance.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the Department of Local Government is intrigued with the possibility of perhaps beginning a privately owned residential subdivision in the Faro Area. The reason why it is not included in the estimates is that we've been awaiting the results of the Faro development plan. We were hoping that it would have been tabled prior to this Session and one of the recommendations could have been that there be a location where there would be such a private residential subdivision.

We have enough flexibility in the budget that, dependent upon when and what that development plan comes in as, that we will have the ability of doing the engineering and planning, at least, of a privately, of a private residential subdivision, along with the industrial subdivision in the Faro area. I can give the Honourable Member from Pelly my assurance that, depending upon such a report of the development plan for Faro, that we'd be willing to examine that possibility.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.
Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, just to go back to, briefly, to the question of a potential pipeline development. It occurs to me from the information that I have, that we're talking about compressor stations being placed every, perhaps, fifty miles along the route of this proposed pipeline. There can be little doubt that

at some point in time this pipeline is going to come, it's just a matter of timing, when.

If this be the case, obviously, not all these compressor stations would be located or sited near communities where the, and I'm not talking about construction now, I'm talking about the lasting--the stations themselves and the people who will forever and ever and ever be here, what provision is made for the development of the small communities around these compressor stations every fifty miles, where they are not able to take advantage of moving into a community such as Teslin or Watson Lake or whatever?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I picture them just as the United States army pump line compressor repeater stations, where the company has the responsibility for the few employees. I understand that there'll be no more than 12 in any of the compressor stations, they they will have the responsibility for any other amenities that will be provided to those residents.

We, of course, will provide schooling in the nearest place and busing, or the normal method of paying parents in getting the kids to school, from these compressor stations. But I just won't accept the responsibility on behalf of all the Yukon taxpayers, that we're going to be responsible for providing housing, schooling, amenities, recreational facilities, to these people who are employed by the pipeline companies in isolated compressor stations.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I think there's a little misunderstanding with this. The compressor stations are all automatically operated and they don't have personnel at them, not every compressor station, and they'll be operated from the various centres where they said that they would have personnel established, for example, Beaver Creek, Haines Junction, and Teslin. But there will be compressor stations between them, but they are not manual, they'll be operated on an automatic basis by the personnel at those three strategic places so there won't be any requirement for personnel to live at the isolated stations.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, just a general question under this section. I wonder if the Minister, in view of the announcement that Can-Tung is going to double its production this year, can advise us whether or not the Yukon provides anything in the way of territorial services to that community, although it is on the other side of the N.W.T. border. I realize they use Watson Lake as their transportation centre and that we provide health facilities and services to them and I'm wondering, Mr. Chairman, whether increase in the numbers of people there in that community will have any effect on our side at all?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we provide the operation maintenance of the total road into the Can-

Tung mine, which is either 85 per cent or 100 per cent recoverable from the Federal Government under the Engineering Services Agreement and we have a novel arrangement rather than them having to purchase their booze from the Northwest Territories liquor store, it goes up to Can-Tung from the Yukon Territorial Government liquor store. And other than that, those are the only two services that I know of, at least in the Department that I'm familiar with, that are provided to Can-Tung by YTG.

Mr. Chairman: What you are saying then, Mr. McKinnon, that you just maintain the road just to get the booze in.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That's exactly true, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, just to correct it, it would not be entirely correct to say that we maintain the road to Can-Tung. We maintain 82 miles of the Canada Tungsten road which the Government here call the Nahanni Range Road, but the mine maintain the balance of 45 miles themselves, of that road, beyond the Government section. In terms of services, no, very few services are provided other than those mentioned by the Minister, but, however, on the revenue side, we seem to benefit in terms of the fact that their fuel oil and gas, for instance, is purchased in Watson Lake, the butane for the underground operation of course, is purchased in Fort Nelson. By and large the doubling of production is not going to have that great an impact, I don't think, on revenues here in the Territory, perhaps some, during the construction stage it'll mean a few more people around, but not all that many more.

Mr. Chairman: I have a question, Mr. McKinnon. In reference to the Ross River ten lots you have \$30,000.00. Is that completion of that project?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I believe, that is, that there are some lots that are surveyed and all that has to be done is a certain amount of road work and getting them on to sale, with a very limited amount of work. If I understand it correctly, that is the completion of that area that is already surveyed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, before we leave it, what is Cedar, Basswood, Willow, and Ebony?

Mr. Chairman: Timber.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That is the completion Mr. Chairman, of the total--Cedar, Basswood, Willow and Ebony -- Porter Creek A--Porter Creek d-1 and d-2 are the total completion of the Porter Creek residential subdivision to the limits of its expansion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, of the 10 lots in Ross River, would these be serviced lots when they are

finished?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Ross River is totally on a trucked water and a sewage eductor system, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: In other words, I take it if there was \$30,000.00 spent on 10 lots, they would be sold for at least \$3,000.00 per lot, with no improvements whatsoever on them?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I just don't want anybody, in either the capital assistance of the land development, taking these estimates as going to be the final figures. They are estimates and rough estimates only, and all I can say is that we can give the Honourable Members a total breakdown of every penny that is spent in the cost of land development and the only charge to the person buying that land is to the extent to that land development, plus I think there is a 10 per cent contingency charge in it.

Mr. Chairman: Vote 2603.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Vote 2612--Community Assistance Program, \$3,000,000.00. Mr. McKinnon, this item for Faro Cemetery for \$30,000, what cemetery?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I thought it was at the request of the Honourable Member from Pelly that there wasn't a cemetery in Faro one session ago that promoted us to believe that we should start planning and developing a cemetery in Faro because it appeared that the place was going to be around for a little while.

Mr. Chairman: They are pretty expensive lots in that cemetery, Mr. McKinnon. Mr. Fleming.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member knows something we should know about and don't know about, we could easily not plan a cemetery in Faro for this year if he wants to let us in on some inside information.

Mr. Chairman: Well, I would like to get residential lots and industrial lots put in first before we start worrying ourselves about cemeteries.

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Fleming, do you have a question?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, on the -- I see for \$3,000.00 a garbage dump in Teslin. I am wondering about this. We have had problems with one garbage dump and we were demanded to move it to another area and fussed around for years and got it to another area, and now I see they are going to spend 3,000 more dollars. Are they moving it again or just what is going to happen?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It's just one of these things with this job -- you are damned if you do and you are damned if you don't. As the Honourable Member of

Kluane stood up this morning and berated us for not providing the services of garbage dumps in all the communities for the taxpaying citizens of the Yukon Territory, I said, 'Boy, wait until she comes to the Community Assistance Program. She will see that we have taken these things into consideration and are looking at garbage dumps in all the Yukon communities.'

Really, Environmental Protection Services, they dictate to the Government of the Yukon, the people of the Yukon, in the field of garbage and related environmental issues.

We have been told, and we recognize, that there are problems with garbage dumps in various and many of the Yukon Communities and are working in conjunction with EPS and the local communities on the relocation and the upgrading of certain garbage dumps in just about all of Yukon communities.

I just want to say that there are things that I don't agree with in development of land and in the different functions of the Federal Government, *vis-a-vis* the Territorial Government, and one of them of course is that the Federal Government, over the years, has gone out and given land out, provided leases and title all over the Yukon and then when it comes time to make sure that the amenities are there for those people that have either leased or bought from the Federal Government, the total responsibility and cost is on the shoulders of the Yukon Territorial Government. The federal law is there to bring us and throw us all into jail if we don't provide the services out of our costs for the problem that the Federal Government has got us into in the first place.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I noticed with interest you were speaking in terms of Watson Lake garbage dump improvement, \$3,000.00, or, pardon me, sewage treatment evaluation \$5,000.00. Evaluation water supply, \$15,000.00. Now, does this mean we're going to get another eastern or southern expert to come in here and do this or do we have, have we not yet attained the expertise of government to do this, or how is this going to be done?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, under the Northern Canada Inland Waters Act, we have to do certain testing and it has to be up to a standard that the Environmental Health Service sets upon us. And we have no choice in the matter; we can't send out a guy from our engineering department to take a drink of the water and say, 'well, it sure tastes good to me'. That just is no longer acceptable under Federal Statute and Regulations and we are bound, as this government, to fulfill the statutory regulations which they demand upon us.

If we hadn't have had the Capital Community Assistance Program to go to in the upgrading of sewer and water systems and all of the environmental demands that have been made upon us, I'm sure that most of the, most of the mayors and alderman in the municipalities, all of us in government in the YTG would be just serving our second year of our ten and twenty year jail sentences for not living up to the law as we were dictated to by the federal government and the statutes which are

presently on the books.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, perhaps if the Federal Government are that concerned and the Department of Environment are that concerned about the quality of water and this type of thing, and sewage, I might add, then perhaps they should be required to come and spend the money and give us the study at their cost to tell us exactly what we need and let us go ahead and build it. Maybe that's the direction we should be looking at.

If we go and spend a great deal of money on a study and these birds from Ottawa don't like it, we're going to have to spend more money to correct it, why not let them tell us what we need in the first place if they're such experts.

I had one other question with respect to the fine ore bin at Haines Junction, which they call a water tower. Has that thing quit leaking and does it now work?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Honourable Member should send a telegram or a letter over to the engineer, I think he's in Uganda or Kuwait or some such place, who designed it. We've been trying to get hold of him to ask him the question, but he's left no forwarding address and we only hope that Idi is taking care of him.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I know in Dawson City the water and sewer design, is this that Stanley and Associates' report or is it another design?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, of course the Honourable Member knows that the pre-design is in and, depending upon the meetings and the consultation and the input and the meaningful dialogue, and all the rest of the things that one goes through now before you actually see a project underway, we will then get down, hopefully, to the actual engineering drawings of getting this system working. And they are quite different from the pre-design report which is presently before the House and before the members of the Dawson City Council.

So, we're hoping that maybe something can actually get accomplished this year after all these hurdles are reached and we can actually have some monies to go into the actual design of at least one of the phases of the system in this year's budget.

Mr. Chairman: I have a supplementary question, Mr. McKinnon, to the one I asked previously concerning the cemetery, and I am at a loss why we have \$30,000.00 for cemetery and only \$10,000.00 for preliminary engineers' study for industrial lots. Are we more important dead than alive, or what?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: We don't have to go through quite as many boards, commissions and agencies be-

ore we can actually plot out a cemetery and have it ready for human habitation as we do with the problems of developing the land for residential use. We think that we can probably not only do the study but actually have the ground ready to accept the cadavers in a one-year period, which we won't be able to do with residential development.

Mr. Chairman: Clear on 2612?
Twenty-six thirteen, Mayo Administration Building.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, aren't you proposing a fairly conservative amount of \$800,000.00?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, very much so. The original bids I think we had in this area two years ago, perhaps a little less, and the bids, the tenders, came in, I'm just taking it off the top of my head, I'm not sure but well over \$1,000,000.00 — in the \$1,500,000.00 if my memory serves me correctly, and we just had to put it off because we couldn't afford that price at the time.

There have been consultation talks with the L.I.D. We had another plan with a different L.I.D. Board that took out some of the grandiose aspects of the administration building and we felt we could build it for that amount, but the L.I.D. Board has changed again since that time, so really we're starting over from square one, which we'll be doing in land assembly number one, which is a real problem in Mayo. We have actively under consideration some various methods of land assembly in conjunction with the members of the L.I.D. that we hope will be able to come up with the site plan, number one. For a number two with a plan for an administration building which will be functional, efficient and we'll only know when we actually go to tender whether or not we're going to be able to come in at this price and then make a decision whether we're going to be able to go ahead or not. Our number one problem is a land assembly in the Mayo area and we're actively pursuing that at the present time.

Mr. Chairman: Twenty-six thirteen, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Twenty-six fourteen — Sewage Treatment Whitehorse, \$3,000.00. \$3,000,000.00, I should say. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, are these funds for capital construction, is this plan in fact designed, sited and all ready to go? What is the story about it?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It's all sited and designed and ready to go, but the \$3,000,000.00 has still not been finalized before the Treasury Board. It's been on the Treasury Board agenda for months and months and has not seen the light of day up until this time. It was scheduled the last time to go ahead last week and we just received word from Ottawa that it did not get on the Treasury Board agenda at that time, so it's exactly almost like one of the items under the Engineering Services Agreement.

We were told that there would be a submission presented over and above the Community Assistance Program because of the extent of the funding involved and this was prepared and we were given every assurance, of course, as we always are, that Treasury is going to meet with Treasury Board approval, but up until now these funds have not been approved. I would venture to say, Mr. Chairman, that, like the Engineering Services Agreement, if we want to get the budget finalized before April 1st, and Treasury Board approval has not been given, that we will have to delete this \$3,000,000.00 from the Mains and come back with a supplementary upon Treasury Board approval. I think that's the way we probably have to go and I'd appreciate hearing from Treasury if that would be our method of going about it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Williams, do you care to comment?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Chairman, it could probably stay in the budget to the extent it's been approved in principle and if we don't get the funds then of course we couldn't go ahead with it.

The other alternative would be, as Mr. McKinnon suggested, would be to amend the Ordinance and take it out and then come back later and stick it back in.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I just have another question and it is of a little bit of concern, over the nature of this type of facility. And it has come to my attention that, in some places in Canada, some facilities were installed for sewage treatment that absolutely broke down, so in other words, on the operation and maintenance end of the side, they were of such a nature that the mill rate increased so high in this facility that it made it unbearable on the taxpayer.

I'm just wondering if the Honourable Minister does have any information as to whether or not the nature of this facility would be such that the operation and maintenance annual cost would be nominal.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the total cost, the operation and maintenance end of it and the 10 per cent funding of the municipalities has to go to plebiscite, just the same as sewer and water and sewage treatment facilities and any other Yukon community has to go to plebiscite before it's accepted.

It is up to the municipality of that time to give the taxpayers an honest and as best as they can assessment of what the cost, the user cost, or the mill rate cost, whichever method they decide to go will be to the taxpayers and then the taxpayers vote on the issue and that's exactly what has to be done.

In the case of the Whitehorse Sewage Treatment, all this Government can do is say we've been successful in getting funding on a 90/10 basis over and above the Community Assistance Program; now you have to let the people of Whitehorse know how they will be picking up their 10 per cent and how they will be picking up the O and M costs.

All these costs are done in this year's dollars, that the

project gets ahead this year and I only want next for the Honourable Member to let me know that he would like to have the study and the figures that are available at this time, and they will still, the panel that I will be bringing down to him in Watson Lake and I, will be happy to fill the panel with them and deposit them on his doorstep when I deliver the panel to Watson Lake, hopefully sometime this summer, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I find that a curious explanation because what the Honourable Minister stated was a very democratic principle but, yet, it's no longer in effect because Environment Canada tells the City of Whitehorse, as it tells the other cities in the Territory, you have to have a sewage treatment plant. And there's no matter what the costs are, the taxpayer is going to have to be burdened with it. I don't care, I don't think a plebiscite is even necessary in that particular instance, because the City of Whitehorse has to have that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was about to rise on the same point. It seems to me that when a federal authority imposes requirements upon a territorial or a municipal government and then when these requirements are in the process of being met, slows down and sits on its butt and refuses to provide the funds which it has the authority to provide, somebody should be raising a stink.

And if we can't make enough noise here to get somebody to move on this matter...

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard, we'll be discussing this matter later.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest in all seriousness that we solicit the assistance of our native friends, who are certainly concerned and who certainly seem to have the ear of the federal government when we don't.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to caution the House not to raise too much stink, otherwise we have to have the sewage treatment plant.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, doesn't that put a municipality or even an LID, but particularly a municipality, in a terrible quandary, when the federal government does expect them, or gives them so long in order to put a sewage treatment plant, they will give them so many years, and then the referendum within the community which would okay the spending of the money is turned down. This is a real situation, isn't it? What happens then?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we can visit our Sergeant-at-Arms daughter up at the Whitehorse Correctional Institute at least once a week on Sundays.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Sherlock?

Mr. Sherlock: Mr. Chairman, I should point out that the funding for this particular project has in fact been approved in principle by Indian Affairs. In fact funding has been approved. It is the project that has not been approved because any project also requires specific Treasury Board approval that is the main reason why it is being held up, the Treasury Board project approval. The funding has been approved in principle.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: It has been approved but what I am saying is that 10 per cent that the taxpayers have to pick up and the O & M costs. The local referendum still hasn't been approved and that is quite a quandary.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Member from Kluane is quite right and this is what I am trying to point out the other day also. The sewage treatment replacement in Dawson and the water replacement would have never come about if the federal government Department of Environment would have never insisted on having a sewage treatment plant in Dawson. It was because of their insisting that the treatment plant be installed in Dawson by 1980, this is when the federal government came up with a study on replacing the sewage and the water lines in Dawson because both of them had to go hand in hand. But now the City of Dawson is faced, the taxpayers of the City of Dawson are faced with a possibility of 10 per cent from a possible \$2,500,000.00 to \$4,500,000.00 and this is a direct burden to the people in Dawson which they can ill afford.

And nobody is talking yet of their own end costs of that project.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, one question, is this \$3,000,000.00 completely and totally recoverable from the federal government or does any portion of this come out of our territorial revenues.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: This is negotiated, Mr. Chairman, over and above the normal fiscal arrangement for the financial year.

We have, in our representations, the last time we went and discussed with the Committee on financing for Yukon Territory, that this was one of the areas where we thought that funding should be available, over and above the normal funding for the '77-'78 fiscal year. That is the way it has been provided to this point in time.

If we get the project clearance from Treasury Board, this will be monies which would be over and above the normal fiscal arrangements for the year.

Mr. Chairman: 2614 - Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 2618 - Escarpment Control, \$600,000.00. Yes, Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, escarpment control has always been a fun thing around this legislature for many years. I see we are provided with \$600,000.00 this year to provide funds for year three of the escarpment control program. Has anything been done in years one and two?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there's been \$600,000.00 spent in each of those fiscal years which the Honourable Member from Watson Lake, I think, voted on in the last two budgets.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's why I gave rise to the question. I still see the old escarpment still pouring mud down on the poor people of Whitehorse and I'm wondering just what kind of control has been effected. It looks the same today as it did to me back in 1948, except that the little short hill up to the airport is now buried in mud. Just what controls have been, other than the trees that were planted up there quite a number of years ago, what has taken place, where is this money spent to control?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, there is none of the money spent on control at this point in time. This is the removal of the homes from the slide area.

If the Honourable Member would like to take a tour of the site, I can show him the excavations and the foundations where \$1,200,000.00 worth of houses have been moved in the first two years of this program. This will be the final removal of those houses within the slide area, and then we have to go to funding for the controls of the escarpment area. The first priority was to remove those houses which were in the slide area and the danger area.

Two years of that program have been embarked upon, completed successfully, this is the third year, then there are plans in the offing to seek funding to reclaim the area and make it quite an attractive area for Whitehorse. Mr. Edo Nyland has come up with, I think, a sound and workable plan. We are presently forming a tri-level committee of federal, territorial and city government officials to work on the plan, as Mr. Nyland has suggested, that could make the area, with not that much money, an attractive place in Whitehorse once again.

So, with the removal of all the homes, with the completion of this year's program, we'll then be able to attract the control and reclamation program in other year budgets.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that was my point, and as I said the escarpment looks the same as it did in 1948. In fact, this is what I was wondering. There,

in fact, has been in year one and year two, and will not be in year three, any control as it states here in the budget.

What we're doing is removing houses, which is all well and good and very commendable but I think in the budget, it should state that there is no control anticipated for another year. That's what I'm getting at, because that's what it says in mine, "Escarpment Control, to provide funds for year three of the City of Whitehorse Escarpment Control program." So we now have determined that there is no control as yet and we've spent a whole bunch of money but no control.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, since that particular piece of property happens to be in my constituency, I would like to point out to the Honourable Member from Watson Lake that I appreciate his concern over some fifteen years and it's unfortunate that he hasn't been able to come up with a solution which could be applied to the problem. But I did rise to commend the action of Mr. Nyland, who has gone to a great deal of trouble as a private citizen to study all the pros and cons and the factors and the problems involved and go to the city with the proposal that there should be a three level action activating committee, concerned only with this particular problem.

I hope that, as the Minister says, this is going to result in some very commendable action and I think that it's most noteworthy that a private citizen should take it upon himself to give this much time and effort to a problem of the entire community, when the rest of us usually leave it to the officials who are supposed to be in charge.

Mr. Chairman: Is 2618 clear?
I'll declare a brief recess.

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I call this Committee to order.
We will proceed with the consideration of Vote 8, Department of Legal Affairs. Page 156.
Mr. Gillespie has joined us as witness.
Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, with respect to the man years, I see that they remain the same, five to five. I was wondering if there has been any change in the classification of any of those people. Is there a new description of duties for anybody?

Mr. Chairman: I'll just introduce it first, Mr. Lengerke.
Establishment 800, Legal Services, \$155,300.00.
Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, there is only one minor change and it's in Legal Services, where there's, there was, or there is a research assistant position, which is currently being staffed by a secretary who is not classified at the research assistant level but who, nevertheless, is doing some research work for us. But that's the only change, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, under Personnel, it's generally known that this legislature is looking for its own law clerk to deal particularly with the Legislative Assembly in the drafting and so forth, and it's my understanding that this person would come over to our department, is this correct?

Mr. Gillespie: That is correct, Mr. Chairman. That position is currently, I believe, reflected in Vote 1, Establishment 120.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, perhaps just an explanation on Primary 61, the \$6,000.00. I think that is rental of machinery or office equipment again. Is that tying in with computer services or what is that?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member is correct, it is for the rental of a memory IBM Mag-Card typewriter.

Mr. Lengerke: That, Mr. Chairman, is the piece of equipment that they're going to look at and possibly purchase in the future, I think.

Mr. Gillespie: I don't know that we're contemplating purchasing that.

I was making reference to purchasing equipment in reference to the Queen's Printer at an earlier stage. I'm not aware of any intention to purchase this -- I'm sorry, I stand corrected. I wasn't party to that conversation.

Mr. Chairman: Any further consideration of Establishment 800? Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Just, in the Primary 1012, is there any casual help in there, reflected in there at all for legal?

Mr. Gillespie: No, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: 801, Administration of Justice, \$737,700.00. Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions related to the Administration of Justice. This is also my annual plea to the Administration to provide, in Watson Lake, a Deputy Magistrate.

I'm wondering if over the course of this last year, of course this has been many years that we've been asking for this, I'm wondering if over the course of this last year, consideration has been given to placing a qualified Deputy Magistrate in Watson Lake, and if not, why not?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, no decisions have been made. A tally of case loads and the progression of case loads for the Yukon as a whole and in the various regions of the Yukon is being or has been kept during this period of time.

It's evident that in the fairly near future, certainly not this year, but in the fairly near future, we're going to have to look very seriously at the possibility of having a second Magistrate.

At that time, once that decision is made, or in conjunc-

tion with making that decision, we will also have to decide whether that second Magistrate will also be based in Whitehorse or in fact be based in Watson Lake, but no decisions have been made as yet, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that very, very - well, like yesterday, we required the services of a Deputy Magistrate in our community. We have a rather large representation of the constabulary there, which certainly generates more business, and we also have the -- the Magistrate there, as I say, could serve the community of Canada Tungsten and work into Northern British Columbia as well.

We've always felt it to be important that this be provided and I would hope that the administration would give a great deal of consideration in the acquisition of a second Magistrate or a Deputy Magistrate to placing that Magistrate in the community of Watson Lake to handle all the various court duties, including the daily court bench proceedings.

My other question is, under Justices of the Peace, is there any cut-off level, at what age a person is retired as a J.P.?

Mr. Gillespie: No, Mr. Chairman, we have no policy on that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I would certainly suggest that some consideration should be given to this question and certainly no later than 70 years of age.

Mr. Gillespie: We will take notice of that suggestion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, the Honourable Member from Watson Lake mentioned something and I was wondering if we could have -- a correction may be necessary. Is the Yukon Magistrate serving Northern British Columbia or visaversa or something like that?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the Magistrate was serving in Northern B.C. area. I believe that I am correct in saying we have been asked in the course of the last year to not do so any longer. But I would have to check to be sure if in fact that is the case. It certainly was the case that we were serving Northern B.C. just as recently as a year ago. And the N.W.T. on a periodic exchange basis, yes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: If this still is the case, where is the recovery shown? Who is paying for the services of the Magistrates in Northern B.C.

Mr. Gillespie: I don't think that they are -- as I indicated, I don't think the Magistrate is serving Northern B.C. at this point in time so there is no recovery but even when he was serving, there was no recovery. There have been a number of services provided by British

Columbia to the Yukon and the reverse. And in order to maintain goodwill between the two jurisdictions it's generally been considered in matters of this sort, that there won't be a charge.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, question for the witness, native court worker, where would we find that position?

Mr. Chairman: Under 805.
Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Just one more question, does 801 make provision for fees and expenses for witnesses? Is that where that would be?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is included within 801.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we have the same number of man years, we have a approximately \$110,000.00 increase in that establishment. There must be some reason. I wonder if the witness could explain.

Mr. Gillespie: One portion of it, Mr. Chairman, is \$18,000.00 for a second Supreme Court Reporter which we have had to put into this years budget on a contractual basis, because of increasing work loads. In addition, that is \$18,000.00 and there is also a supp for \$39--roughly \$40,000.00 so that the comparison then Mr. Chairman, would be between after supp's \$666,000.00 to \$737,000.00 which is the total of what is it roughly \$80,000.00, 20,000 of which is for the second court reporter. \$20,000 for salaries, that is \$40,000.00 and the rest is general cost increases.

Mr. Lengerke: Are the escorting associated there?

Mr. Gillespie: The total for guarding and escorting prisoners cost--the amount provided for, for that purpose is \$32,500.00. It is a very costly item. And it has gone up on the basis of experience from the level last year.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, in the transportation of prisoners and this type of thing, is this charged against, I should say, when these people are flown by the RCMP, is this charged against this 801?

Mr. Gillespie: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. when they are flown by the RCMP, in their aircraft?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Police plane.

Mr. Gillespie: I don't think so, Mr. Chairman, not separately, because under the Police Services Agreement, we pay at least a portion of the cost of the police

aircraft and we would not want to be paying for it twice. We will be coming back to that later, but I should say now that we have asked for, and the RCMP are in the process of compiling a precise cost breakdown of the police costs for this coming year. We don't have all the details on that right now.

Mr. Chairman: Clear, 801?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Eight oh two. Legal Aid. \$85,000.00.
Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, in respect of the \$70,000.00 allocated last year, just what is that position to date, in this current year?

Mr. Gillespie: Our anticipated expenditure for this year is only \$48,500.00, due to the late introduction of the Civil Legal Aid.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'm just wondering how long we're going to sit around and negotiate with the lawyers before we're going to make up our minds about the Civil Aid Program. I'm sure there are people waiting in the constituencies to find out whether or not it's going to come into action. Can we give them some idea?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the Civil Legal Aid is now starting to operate, as we have two firms who have agreed to operate under this program. We are still negotiating with the other firms and hope to have a totally comprehensive program, in terms of everybody participating, underway soon. But, in the meantime, the indications that we have is that we are able to keep up with the demands and the applications that are coming in.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: I believe last year, Mr. Chairman, we recovered, what, \$35,000.00 under that program, or that was the cost-sharing? Is that the same or has it been increased?

Mr. Gillespie: The cost-sharing arrangement, Mr. Chairman, is on a 50 per cent basis, so half of 48.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: The reason I asked that, we're not in recoveries yet, but I see recoveries under Legal Aid for \$45,000.00.

Mr. Gillespie: That is the anticipated recovery for this coming year.

Mr. Lengerke: Yeah, well--

Mr. Gillespie: Which, oh I see.

Mr. Lengerke: How does that jibe, this is what I was trying to get at?

Mr. Gillespie: I, yes, it's for, this is the way account-

tants do these things, Mr. Chairman. That is \$42,500.00 rounded off to \$45,000.00. Which \$42,500.00 being half of the anticipated expenditures of \$85,000.00.

Mr. Lengerke: I wondered, Mr. Chairman,...

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke:how it had been rounded off?

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, one question. Would you use the same legal fee structure or schedule for both criminal and civil legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: No, Mr. Chairman, they are separate schedules. They both, I believe, are based on the Alberta Schedules, but they are two separate schedules, pursuant to the Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I would wonder why? I don't know that much about it, therefore, I was wondering why?

Mr. Gillespie: Well, I'm not really sure why, Mr. Chairman. The general practice as to treat the two in a different manner, but it becomes pretty technical to explain that. I'm not competent to do so.

Mrs. Watson: Would I be correct in assuming that civil legal aid schedule would be less than that for criminal legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: I don't think that this would necessarily follow in that sometimes civil actions drag on for a long period of time, whereas, a good many of the criminal actions can be dispatched very quickly so it would depend--I don't think there's any straight forward yes or no answer to that question.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I don't want to belabour that, but I just - that answer puzzles me, because then I really wonder why there would be a difference in the schedule of fees. It would either be different because of work load and the complexity of the kinds of cases that one would have to deal with and it would be a straight forward situation. Otherwise I would see the schedule as being the same and then the other thing that would really be the differential, is the time involved. As the witness has said, if the case dragged out, I can see the cost going up, but does the per diem change?

Mr. Gillespie: The general basis of the fees, on a block fee basis, for the most common forms of action, such as divorce cases and various other things of that sort, so divorce cases only appear under civil legal aid, naturally.

For those items, there's an easy explanation. When it comes to time, I expect the amount paid for the amount of time spent on cases otherwise, there should be consistency between the two and I imagine there is, but I

haven't checked it to be sure.

Mr. Chairman: We might approach the problem in another way. What is the problem in the negotiations with the lawyers regarding legal aid?

Mr. Gillespie: Some of the firms, Mr. Chairman, believe that the block fee tariff that we are proposing for civil legal aid is not high enough. We contend that it is because, as far as I know, at this point in time, it is the second highest in Canada.

Their argument is, of course, that costs are higher in the Yukon and therefore the tariff should be higher. In response to that, of course, we're saying that in fact we do have a higher tariff, a considerably higher tariff than the average across the country.

Mr. Chairman: But they did accept the criminal legal aid fee structure?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, they did and there have been discussions, of course, to have that re-negotiated, periodically, because it was established I think two years ago, and they're just not satisfied with some of the terms with the level that is being struck for Civil Legal Aid.

Mr. Chairman: Eight on two, are we clear?

Eight oh three. Police Services Agreement. \$1,939,000.00.

Mr. Gillespie.

Mr. Gillespie: If I may, I just wanted to indicate that we have asked for a detailed breakdown of that figure. I have a rather crude breakdown, which isn't of too much use to us.

However, this is a cost that is indicated to us by the federal government and represents 53 per cent of the total estimated expenditures for this coming year. It's not something that we have much ability to tamper with, but for the information of Members, I have asked and I had hoped that I would have had it today, but it's not here for a full breakdown, showing just what the contribution of the Territory, is in detail, towards the total cost.

Mr. Chairman: Quite a remarkable increase, isn't it? Than the previous year?

Mr. Gillespie: The increase is a product of a number of things, Mr. Chairman. If I can just find my note here.

There have been six man years added in this year. One of which is a dog handler and the other five of which are spread out throughout the Territory to increase the level of service.

In addition to that, there has been a substantial pay increase, authorized for members of the Force. General inflationary or cost increases and finally, the increase in the cost-sharing percentage borne by the Territory from 52 to 53 per cent, which is consistent with that now levied on all the provinces. It used to be that the Territory paid, I think it was 50 per cent of 80 per cent of the costs and now we're paying 53 per cent of 100 per cent. So that accounts for a very large amount of the increase.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe we're locked into-- I believe that agreement runs three years, if I'm not mistaken, but, you know, I would be suggesting that in any event, that, when we've concluded discussion on this, that we clear it, that I would hope that the information, the detailed information, that the witness has suggested could be made available as quickly as possible.

I had a question relating to the White-Green Paper on Native Constables, Special Constables, and I'd just like to say, Mr. Chairman, that for my own part, that I think that this is a real worthwhile program and I think it's going to do much to assist particularly in the native areas and native villages in the Yukon. It's my understanding, in talking with some of the people in RCMP here a few days ago, that they're hopeful of having six constables in the Yukon, special constables, and already they've managed to find two candidates, from around the Territory, and hopefully, if they can, you know, get through the training, and get going this year, this would really be of benefit to the Territory.

And I'd just like to say that I support the suggestion in the White-Green Paper.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member for his support for this. It is intended to be a Green Paper seeking the views of the House because we would like to know, first of all, what they think of the program, but secondly if Members approve of the concept it would be our intention to go ahead and enter into an agreement with the Federal Government to enable the R.C.M.P. to recruit two candidates this year. That would incur a net expenditure to the Territorial Government of \$12,800.00 which is not provided for in this budget and which we would be coming forward with a supplementary estimate, later in the year, to cover.

It would probably not be right to enter into such an agreement, incur the expense without having the prior views of the Members of the House on this program before we proceeded to do so.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: I was going to ask, Mr. Chairman, if we do in fact have a signed agreement with the R.C.M.P. now. I recall last budget session we had quite a go around, if we were signing the agreement or if we were not, and I realize of course that the agreement, that I think last year we were looking at, was one that was the same as the Provinces' and we were operating under the one that Mr. Gillespie had mentioned and we didn't-- we were really reluctant in signing the new one until we knew all the ramifications of it.

I guess that has occurred and have we now a signed agreement?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, the agreement was signed by the Commissioner on November 6 of last year and sent to Ottawa; however, the Solicitor General has withheld signing agreements with any of the Provinces due to a minor change suggested by British Columbia which has been incorporated in the agreement and we expect that it will be incorporated and sent back up for signature very soon.

But we had signed it and there has been this delay as a result of that change.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, a supplementary. Perhaps Mr. Gillespie could tell us what that change is that is going to be incorporated?

Mr. Gillespie: I don't recall what it was -- when we did see it, Mr. Chairman, we considered that it was of no consequence, no particular consequence to the Territory, so we agreed to the change.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, along that line, we were also wondering whether we were going to get the same services as usual and there was some alteration in the contract in the Northwest Territories. We were assured that we would be given the same services. Is this continuing?

Mr. Gillespie: We had that assurance in writing, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Also on the other subject of the White/Green Paper, it certainly has my total support. I am really glad that the Territory is sharing in this. I am just wondering why it is treated as a separate kind of thing rather than under the Police Services Agreement. Is that just for this year, just to begin the program, or will it be treated separately, continually?

Mr. Gillespie: It is a separate program because at least for the first few years we are not yet sure how long that will be, it will be an agreement between the Territorial Government and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

After a few years of operation of this particular program, it is expected that it will come from under the regular Police Services Agreement. The Agreement, as I have indicated, has not yet been reached, but that is the intention.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think it would be of interest to all Members of this House if, at some point, we could be provided with a breakdown of information contained in the Agreement.

To my knowledge, it does not come before this House except that we are providing the money. I don't know whether Mr. Gillespie has some specific reasons or whether or not we could be provided with an outline of what we are getting for the money and how many people we're paying for and where they are.

Mr. Gillespie: We could provide a great deal of that information, Mr. Chairman, a description of how the program operates in the Provinces and how it will also operate here, in more detail than is provided in this Green Paper. We could also provide an indication of where the two candidates that we anticipate hiring under this Agreement, will be from, and any other information that's available. I'd be happy to table that for you.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was referring to the entire Agreement, not just the one for the Special Constables Program. But I would also like to add, Mr. Chairman, that I hope there will be some female candidates coming forward for that special constable training. I think they'd be a most valuable addition.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, I'd be most happy to table a copy of the Agreement, as we have it, for the information of the Members.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I believe we had the Agreement tabled last year, so I'm not really requiring a copy myself.

Did I understand you correctly to say that there would be an increase of six man years to the police force under the Police Agreement in the Yukon?

Mr. Gillespie: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, did I understand you to say that there would be a dog handler?

Mr. Gillespie: And a dog, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Our very own dog. We don't have to share it.

Mrs. Watson: Is it a man year?

Mr. Gillespie: I believe the dog handler is the man year. The dog comes along with him usually.

Mr. Chairman: I've heard of horses being on the payroll, but not dogs. Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: So, Mr. Chairman, then we have the dog handler who will be stationed in Whitehorse, I assume, with his dog, and then we have five additional.

Of those five additional, are two of them proposed candidates for the Native Special Constable Program?

Mr. Gillespie: They are not included in those five, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, we could be looking actually for seven more, eight more man years under this Police Services Agreement?

Mr. Gillespie: That's correct.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, in fairness, Mr. Chairman, in doing a little research on this subject outside of the Chambers, it was explained to me that as the Special Constables come into service they would replace constables who are already doing these chores, and so, in other words, it would be a replacement in some instances, and in some circumstances these people would simply replace a constable, a normal constable, who is already fulfilling his duty. That's the way it was explained to me.

Mr. Gillespie: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, except that as the Honourable Member from Klauane was indicating, there is still a net increase of eight, taking into account both.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, would the witness agree with me, the last few months there has been some constables at Carcross and an extra one at Teslin, and I don't know, I think Ross River, there was one, there was several places where they put in some extra. Is this actually where this figure is coming from?

Mr. Gillespie: I believe these six man years were already hired, or have already been hired, and where they're located at this point in time I don't know, but it could well be that that's where they are.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if our witness can give us some indication of any planning that is being done in the event of a Foothills Pipeline running through out beautiful country. They have admitted at the National Energy Board Hearing that there would be an increase in crime, simply because of the increase in population, if nothing else. Do we have contingency planned under the Police Agreement, in the event of a needed increase?

Mr. Gillespie: The Territorial Government does not have such a plan at this point in time. That -- we would be looking for that plan to the R.C.M.P. to provide to us. We feel it's their responsibility and I can only assume that they're thinking ahead and planning for that contingency at this point in time. But we have no such plan.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Supplementary, then, so we're just simply hoping that the R.C.M.P. are taking this into consideration when they're planning future agreements with us? We don't have any say in that, we don't have any planning involved in it?

Mr. Gillespie: We would certainly. We have the ability at any time, Mr. Chairman, to approach the R.C.M.P. and ask that they undertake certain things and this would certainly be a reasonable request.

Ms. Millard: Well, Mr. Chairman, then, do we have that in mind? Say, even through the Pipeline Coordinator or something, is that part of that scheme of what's going to be happening to the Territory when the pipeline, if the pipeline, comes through?

Mr. Gillespie: It's not something that we've addressed specifically, as yet, Mr. Chairman, but it's a reasonable expectation that we would -- I can give the Member the assurance that we would do so. It just stands to reason that when we get to that point that we will be asking them to look into the manpower, their manpower requirements, to cope with the pipeline construction when it arrives.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Similarly, since we're in the Legal Department, are we making plans for further expansion of the Legal Department, in the case of a Foothills Pipeline, because we're going to be, obviously, you were talking about another magistrate without the consideration of a pipeline.

Are these things also being talked with in the department, in some kind of tentative plans? I realize they would have to be tentative at this point, and we would probably have a two-year lead into what might be happening, but I think that we should be discussing it now and I would really like the assurance that we are.

Mr. Gillespie: All departments within the Territorial Government, Mr. Chairman, have undertaken some preliminary examination of the impact of a pipeline, both during the construction and post-construction periods to determine just what the impacts on our services might be. And some work has been done and work is still going on in all areas, with regard to the pipeline.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, next year, then, the Native Special Constable Program will be part -- the two, or possibly more, will be part of the Police Services Agreement, then, and will be cost-shared on a 53 per cent basis?

Mr. Gillespie: The indications that we have at this point in time, although the discussions have not been concluded, are that that will not occur after the next fiscal year. Precisely when it will occur has not yet been indicated to us, but we expect that we will operate under this cost-sharing agreement for at least the first two years.

We will be paying 40 per cent of the Special Constable Program for at least the next two years.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will the administration, supervision and training of these special constables be under the authority of the R.C.M.P. and the determination of where to post these special constables. Who will be making this decision?

Mr. Gillespie: The supervision will be by the R.C.M.P. The posting will be done after consultation with the local Band Councils, but the decisions of where the postings will be will be made by the R.C.M.P.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, will the administration be right within the R.C.M.P. force then?

Mr. Gillespie: That is correct, in all cases, Mr. Chairman, including training right through the operation of the program.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Am I correct in saying that we have, or did have, a special constable at Old Crow, or have had up to this present time?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do not believe that there is a special constable up there now, but there was one. That was under a different program which did not give the special constable nearly the same powers as will be given to them under this new program.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to comment on the discussion the Member from Ogilvie was having with respect to the problems that may be anticipated with the pipeline and the kinds of manpower needs and everything else that may happen. If I can be of any assurance to her, from my knowledge outside this Chamber as well as association with members of the R.C.M.P., I think I could say that, certainly, plans have been made and are certainly being talked about with respect to that impact that that pipeline would have.

I just might say that it is a good thing that people in organizations like the R.C.M.P. don't wait for direction from Y.T.G. Government because, as I say, they are working on this thing. I am sure that the witness, Mr. Gillespie, will confirm this, that they have visited the Alaskan people and have been in constant touch with the Alaska Police Agencies; they have already received quite a bit of direction in that regard.

I am sure that they have in place, with pretty quick dispatch they could have in place, the kinds of manpower needs that we would be looking at.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: From what the Honourable Member has stated, he sounds like he has a direct pipeline to C.I.B.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: I am just curious if the Native Special Program is under the Indian Affairs Northern Development Program called Northern Careers. Is that part of it?

Mr. Gillespie: No, Mr. Chairman, it is a completely separate program from that.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank the Honourable Member across from me for the assurances that we can sleep in peace. But I still am not sleeping very peacefully because I was wondering who is going to pay for all the services that are required. Is the Federal Government thinking of putting the charges under the pipeline company, or are the taxpayers of the Yukon going to come up with the money for that?

Mr. Gillespie: That decision, Mr. Chairman, has not yet been made but it's obviously one of the important factors that is going to have to be taken into account on our planning.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: I do have to agree with the Honourable Member from Ogilvie. It's high time that we looked at

those things, because these things are going to be happening too soon. We have no plans of any sort by the sound of it.

Mr. Lengerke: I would submit that that's our responsibility. We're all here, we can initiate anything we want with respect to that. Let's get at it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Yes, I just have one comment, listening with some interest to this discussion on pipelines and so forth and I think you've forgotten just recently we were told if the pipeline comes through and this mythical land claim isn't settled, then there's going to be violence in the Territory and perhaps we should be thinking more about having the Army in here than Police Constables. But in reality, pipelines are like land claims, neither at this time exist, and I think it's well that we think of them but I'm quite sure that the Government of the Yukon Territory and the RCMP are well ahead in looking into this one.

But I just remind you once again, that neither pipeline, nor land claims exist. They're non-existent.

Mr. Chairman: Is it committee's wish that we deal with this Green-White Paper. Seeing we have been debating it at the present time. Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Just one final comment.

I was just wondering, in view of the lack of success of the program a year ago to arouse any interest in training to become a member, either a special or any other kind of member of the RCMP, among the native people of the Yukon, where special inducements were offered and special programs and scholarships were available, how can we insure that there will be a fulfillment of this program and if only two candidates show up, will that be the limit of the program?

Mr. Gillespie: The intention is that the program will be limited to six constables. The reason for the success in this current year compared to the lack of success in the last year, I'm not too sure about that, except that I can speculate that it might have something to do with the assignment of one of the members of the force on a fulltime basis to public relations work, of a sort, which has enabled the force to go to the local native communities, explain to them the operations of programs of this nature and to gain a better understanding and as a result, a better response. Up until that time, they didn't have any single person assigned to do this kind of work and it appears, Mr. Chairman, that it's paying off.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I'm very happy to see the program and I haven't any questions for the witness, however, I'd like to comment.

I think that if it does take the consensus of this House or something to carry this program forth, as I've understood, then let's get with it as Mr. Lengerke has said and do it as soon as possible because we can't, in my view, get it going fast enough.

The idea of how many we will have doesn't bother me. I think the police will take a very good look at who they are getting for special constables, although I suppose

they will have a problem, because they pick and choose very carefully I think, and hopefully this will be so. However, as I say, I think we should...if there's any consensus to be made, let's do it as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I support the program. In fact, I'm sure there are a couple of communities in my constituency who would be very happy to have the services of such individuals. I hope very much that they're able to recruit, train and keep in the program, people, native special constables.

There's only one criticism that I have, and that's on the Paper and that's on the first page, the bottom of the page. I have an aversion to the word culture, because it can mean so many things to so many people. It can be used to cover up or when you can't find anything else to say, say culture. I would say, "that it is hoped that this will make our policing system more responsive to native needs", period. And leave out "and cultural values".

Hon. Mr. Taylor: I'm just wondering if the Honourable Member's neck is getting about as red as her jacket?

Mr. Chairman: Order, please.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, culture--you know, that was a dirty, rotten statement to make. Culture, can mean almost anything and it's used to mean almost anything and I don't like it to be used in papers like this where you're supposed to--where it implies one thing and may mean another. And the idea behind this program is "to provide a policing system that is more responsive to native needs", period.

And Mr. Chairman, I would expect an apology from the Honourable Member, a retraction of the statement.

Some Members: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe the Honourable Member is due an apology. She can infer out of what I said what, I accused her of nothing, I just asked her if it was.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, on a point of privilege, it was very obvious what the Honourable Member was meaning, you don't need to do very much searching. I expect a retraction of that statement.

Mr. Chairman: I think the incident was quite plain, Mr. Taylor.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, I made no statement. I asked a question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you not prepared to apologize?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: If the Honourable Member is so offended, I would withdraw the question, Mr. Chairman.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I am very offended, very offended. It was uncalled for, unnecessary.

Mr. Chairman: The Chair will entertain a motion to support this Green Paper, if that's, I gather what you want, Mr. Gillespie.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, a little earlier in the debate here, I came to the understanding from what the witness had said, that if the population of the Yukon stays static, stays the same as it is two or three years down the road, and we have increased our man years within the RCMP by a total of six, through the Police Agreement, and we have this special program for native constables, from the answer that the witness gave, I was lead to believe that, within two or three years, we will be able to take the places of these officers if they do leave the Yukon, if officers leave the Yukon. In other words, we have made increase for a temporary period over two or three years by six or nine man years between the two agreements, but in that space of time, we will actually have increased, say three years down the road, by six man years and those made up of special constables will have taken place of officers that have been transferred here from the south. Is this correct?

Mr. Gillespie: That's right, Mr. Chairman. That's my understanding of how it will operate. In other words, it's a good means of bringing natives into the regular force of the RCMP in Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, at the same time, my understanding of this program is that they must be native people from the Yukon. They will not be people that are brought in from Saskatchewan or Ontario in this particular program. Is that correct?

Mr. Gillespie: That is also correct, Mr. Chairman, and that they will also be posted in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I'm hoping as well, that we could have the assurance that they're not only going to be posted in their own villages since that can create an awful number of problems, that it should be taken into consideration that native people, certainly because they're native, doesn't mean that they actually want to police native people all the time. In fact, it can create a lot of problems. If the Chair is looking for a motion, I have one seconded by the Member from Hootalinqua that the Green Paper on Native Special Constables Program be concurred in.

Mr. Chairman: Moved by Ms. Millard, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the Green Paper on Native Special Constables Program be concurred in. Are you ready for the Question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Chairman: 803, any further consideration? 804, Criminal Injuries Compensation, \$100.00. Is the inference from this accounting, Mr. Gillespie, that this criminal injuries compensation fund has not been used?

Mr. Gillespie: To date, Mr. Chairman, or at least over the last year, a total of \$109.00 was spent under this program. We have no way of predicting the extent to which it will be drawn upon in any given year. For that reason in this program we have only indicated a \$1.00 figure because we just cannot estimate.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I'm wondering, Mr. Chairman, if the reason for that is that most people don't even know it exists. I know that we have a press release stating that the Legal Affairs Department, I believe, put out a brochure describing this program. As well, someone from the Affairs Department ran around the Territory trying to tell everybody about civil legal aid and to set up small local committees, as far as I understood, that would further the information giving from the Department. How well established are these committees and could we have a list of where they are established and what they are doing? Is the news really getting out to the communities that these things are available?

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, is the Honourable Member referring to civil legal aid, or, I believe what you are referring to is civil legal aid, is this correct.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I see the whole thing in conjunction because it seems--although the committees were to be set up for civil legal aid, there's no reason why the same committee couldn't be available for information on criminal injuries compensation and other legal matters, to a certain extent.

Mr. Gillespie: The committees, we have not set up committees as such, rather, what we have done is to establish resource people in the various communities through the Yukon. I'm quite sure that to the extent that the resource people have been familiarized with the operation of the Criminal Injuries Compensation program, they would be prepared to assist. It is a good point that they should be acquainted with this program so that they can provide assistance to people locally.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Just on the subject of that brochure, where is it available? Does someone have to write to the Department, knowing that the program is there or is it--I have never seen it anywhere, not in post offices, not in the Territorial Liquor Store, anywhere? How is it given out, do you have to write for it first?

Mr. Gillespie: I imagine, Mr. Chairman, that the people, the resource people in the various communities,

including the Justices of the Peace and various other people in the communities, the RCMP and so on, would have copies of that brochure available for anybody who wants it. I'm quite sure that they do.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: I'm still further curious about the number of places that do have resource people, they're not committees. How well established is that? I wonder if you could bring us list of the people?

Mr. Gillespie: I'm told, Mr. Chairman, that every community has resource people, but if you would like, I will do as the member asks, bring in a list of resource people in all of the communities.

Ms. Millard: Yes, Thanks, Mr. Chairman, that would be just. I don't think anyone in Dawson knows who the resource person is, at least I don't.

Mr. Chairman: Does this figure of \$109.00 represent one claim?

Mr. Gillespie: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
Seventy five per cent of that claim was recoverable from the federal government, because under this program, we only pay 25 per cent of the total cost.

Mr. Chairman: Eight oh five, Court Worker Program. \$30,000.00.
Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, I presume that the additional \$15,000.00 is for one more person to work under this program? Will that person be situated in Whitehorse?

Mr. Gillespie: The base of operations of the person will be Whitehorse, but that person will spend a good deal of time travelling through the Territory, particularly when court circuit is moving through the communities, or into the communities, I should say.

Mr. Lengerke: The man years are two?

Mr. Gillespie: That is correct. Although they are not man years, they're not YTG man years. The funds are provided for Skookum Jim Hall to obtain the services of two court workers and those court workers are supervised by Skookum Jim Hall, not by the Territorial Government although the operation of the program is monitored by the Territorial Government.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Chairman, how closely is it monitored? Are they given a certain amount of training within the department or is there any kind of association on that level, with the department? Do we monitor it more than just financially? Are we giving them some support morally and educationally?

Mr. Gillespie: We, as far as I know, Mr. Chairman, I

think we monitor it quite closely in the sense of providing that kind of support, to the court workers by way of legal advice, on various practices and so on. And also follow-up to see the manner in which the program is being operated. not necessarily on a very formal basis, because that, indeed, could kill the program. If there's too much supervision, oppressive supervision, we'd rather it's done on an informal basis and I'd like to add that, Mr. Chairman, that all the reports that I've had about the operation of programs from everybody who has been involved in it, have been most praiseworthy.

Mr. Chairman: Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 806, Legal Profession Ordinance, \$100.00. Mr. Gillespie is this Legal Profession Ordinance in force now.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Chairman, no. The difficulty is that with the -- we have been trying to obtain the services of the British Columbia Law Society and up to this point through - for a variety of reasons - we have failed to reach or conclude an agreement with them.

We are reaching the point of exasperation at this time, and after this session of the Assembly is over with, it is our intention to have the Legal Advisor go directly to Vancouver to find out whether or not they are indeed going to provide us with services they said they indicated that they would and make a decision there and then as to whether we might not have to seek help from Alberta. To this point we have failed utterly in getting any final decision of any sort from British Columbia.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, under the supplementary budget, we spent \$273.00 last year. Is that under the old Legal Profession Ordinance or is that under the one that we passed and isn't in force?

Mr. Gillespie: That was spent under the old Legal Profession Ordinance. As a matter of fact, the year before, there was \$6,400.00 spent and the \$274.00 is just a carry over from the year before, under the old Legal Profession Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I was just thinking of the \$100.00. I think that the Legal Advisor must be able to travel economically. For a \$100 he is going to go to Vancouver? I realized that there is money in another area, of course that was my immediate reaction to that.

Mr. Gillespie: Changes in personnel, the secretary to the British Columbia Law Society, the first one indicated that they would provide us the support and help that we required and he left and there was another one, he changed his mind, then he left and now we have another one. We are not just too sure at this point in time of what their attitude is, except that we are not getting any answers very fast. We are hopeful that they will be prepared to provide us with this service but we are beginning to think that maybe they will not and we will have to turn elsewhere to get it.

Mr. Chairman: 806, clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Expenditure, Recovery and revenue.
Clear?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Vote 8, Legal Affairs, \$2,947,200.00.
Clear?

For a change of pace, I thought we might consider further resolutions on the Order Paper and Mr. Lengerke has consented to proceed with the Motion Number 12. Special Committee on Pipeline Development in Yukon.

Pardon? Yes, the witnesses are excused, thank you.

That a Special Committee on "Pipeline Development in Yukon" be established to work in cooperation and liaison with the Pipeline Coordinator of the Yukon Government and to observe and report on a continuing basis to the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly as to the progress and findings of any discussions and hearings that are held in this regard and any other matters pertaining to pipeline development in Yukon.

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman, it's quite some time ago that I presented the motion and, since that time, we've heard, of course, that the federal government is going to mount an inquiry, a task force and also that there's a possibility of a three man kind of board, or whatever, be named. There's a few other implications to this now.

But I just, I'll just re-emphasize the thoughts that I had about it and I'm sure that, through discussion, we'll certainly deal with this fairly fast.

I think when I presented, I said to you that I was really trying to seek out your opinion if we should appoint a one or two person committee to work with our Pipeline Coordinator. And it was really through the idea that I knew that the Pipeline Coordinator was going to be visiting all the communities, at least this was the intention, and that he would be reporting back, but reporting back to who and, as I understand it, the Pipeline Coordinator reports to the Commissioner.

So, I had thought that, and in discussion with the Coordinator, that it might be a good idea to have an elected person to go along with him. And not, this was not to preclude the idea, of course, that if the Coordinator happened to be in the constituency of Watson Lake, that the Honourable Member from there would certainly be present and would be --

Mrs. Watson: Don't call him Honourable.

Mr. Lengerke: -- The Member from Watson Lake would take place in the discussion. But, I also felt that if by having a person on a continuing basis to cover the entire area, that we would be able to get a complete and concise report back to this House at the conclusions of that type of hearing, or discussions across the Territory.

That was really the only idea I had behind it, Mr. Chairman, it was a pretty simple situation, a pretty simple request, I thought. But again, I know that the whole idea maybe now has been clouded by some of the

other announcements with respect to pipeline hearings.

I'd be glad to hear other views of other Members. Maybe my feelings about it were not valid, but I would certainly like to hear discussion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lang?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the mover of the motion if, in view of the fact that there is going to be a pipeline commission going through the Yukon and stopping at the various communities, do you feel that it is necessary to go ahead with a special committee of the Legislature in view of the fact that Members that are representative of those areas will be at those meetings, I would suspect, and possibly the other Members that are interested. It just appears to me that we're going to get a duplication. I realize that the news release came out after you put forth the motion and I just want to hear your views on it.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: That's what I said in my remarks in dealing with this motion as now, Mr. Chairman. That's exactly it. It may be -- the thing is, it certainly can be defeated and I feel that we'll probably still get the same kind of information back to this House now that we have some input through the other hearings.

I really wonder, I'll ask this question, maybe we can arouse a little debate here. Do you think we need a pipeline coordinator, now that we've got the other task force mounted or the other hearings to be scheduled and I'm not trying to have the pipeline coordinator out of a job or anything because I think he's doing some excellent work. But, you know, we have a pipeline coordinator, we have the CYI going out and barking on pipeline hearings, we have the federal government doing the same, you know, we're going to be pipelined to death, I think.

How's all this coordinated? How do -- Mr. Chairman, the pipeline coordinator is answerable to the Commissioner and I'm just wondering, that's the only concern I have that -- I don't think that the Commissioner is going to keep some facts and figures from us, but I'd like to hear those facts and figures from the pipeline coordinator first.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard?

Ms. Millard: I would just like to rise briefly in support of the motion because I had a fear that people in several areas aren't going to be able to discuss with the pipeline coordinator or any other commission that's going up and down the highway and yet are going to be almost equally affected.

Dawson City, for one, is going to be affected by the increase in the population of the Yukon. Certainly if anyone's got a few extra dollars they're going to be charging up to Dawson and spending it at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, hopefully. So that will be an increase -- a positive effect on Dawson but as well, I still reiterate that I feel that if the Alcan pipeline goes through, it means that we still have to deal with Mackenzie Valley oil, it means that the next alternative will be a pipeline down the Dempster and I'd like to be able to say that to a pipeline commission or whoever it is. So, I really would

like them to come to Dawson and they probably won't because of the shortness of time and everything else. We'll have a pipeline coming in our back door in the next five years from now. I'll guarantee it, if that Alcan pipeline goes through, I'd like to have some say in what's happening.

So, I would fully support this, in fact I'd like to be on this special committee because I feel that we have a total lack of knowledge as to what's going on, we've only been discussing pipelines over the past two or three months and yet there has been information available from a lot of other sources but we haven't had them at our fingertips, in support of this motion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Yes, Mr. Chairman, when I first read the motion, I was more or less in support of it, however, now I'm wondering if I could have some questions answered. I might still be in support of it, but as it stands now, I don't really understand what the special committee could bring to us.

If we have a special committee of one person or two people, they will only, as near as I can see, be able to go to pipeline hearings, such as they are not secret anyhow, at which myself, and I would hope that other Members would be there too, and bring any information to this House.

I'm just wondering, if we have a special committee and if the mover of the motion could answer this, as to whether that person could get other information for us other than just the hearings on the road. Will the coordinator be having hearings where there are no - you know - not public hearings and will he be able to get information from this type of thing?

Then, if so, I would agree with the motion.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it, the pipeline coordinator, who is Mr. Wright, as we all know, will be travelling from community to community on an informal basis talking to residents in those communities and my only thought was that I had suggested that an elected Member would be made available to go with him on those trips, on that kind of pursuit of information.

As I said, I realize that each individual Member of this House, who represents certain constituencies, will also be doing some kind of informal lobbying or discussions, I'm sure. But, somehow, I was wanting to bring this together in a coordinated fashion. In other words, when there's a report to this Assembly, who will do that? Will it be the pipeline coordinator that'll do that, or will it be the elected person, if we had one? That was really my only concern.

And I still, you know, as I said, when I presented this, when I thought about it, a number of the other actions were not initiated at that time. There still may be some validity to this, because sometimes these hearings get pretty far out of reach. That is the only point, as I say, I welcome comments. I am not looking -- you know, I am not going to be going away made, if this thing gets defeated or something, there may be some merit in it yet.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Fleming?

Mr. Fleming: Mr. Chairman, after hearing that, I will be in support of the motion. I think that possibly that many of us would go to the same -- probably the same meetings and everything but when we come to this House, we do not have the same opportunity as the special committee would have to report the actual thing to the House. We might merely get up when our chance came to speak on the subject or to argue the point with somebody, but to have somebody who is on a special committee and they can report directly to us as to what they found when they were with the coordinator and what went on at the hearings, I think it would be a good idea.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Taylor?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Mr. Chairman, as the Minister stated a short while ago, this mini-Berger, as we call it, goes down the highway and through Yukon communities hearing evidence, this is transcribed evidence. Now, certainly there should be no problem for any Member for this House, through the good offices of our clerk, and the auspices of our Ministry here, to get us copies to ensure all Members will get copies of transcripts of those hearings. That should resolve one problem that perhaps that hasn't been thought of here.

And I like his suggestion that Members involved or Members concerned, for that matter, can simply attend these hearings, listen to them, give evidence before them, if they so choose, represent their communities if they so choose and I really can't see the need with this type of support. Plus the fact we have the pipeline coordinator who, I understand, is answerable to the Executive Committee of which we have three Members sitting in this House, who can then also report back to us or answer any questions we may have relative to this.

I feel the same way as -- why have another special committee, why have it? It just doesn't make sense to me.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I would have supported the motion with no hesitation whatsoever prior to the last events which have overtaken us. Now, I don't believe that such is necessary because as I understand it, the pipeline coordinator is not going to have either time or ability to be going out to the small communities to be able to get informal input. I think that his majority of time is going to be spent coordinating the Yukon's input into the pipeline hearings.

So, prior to -- with the original terms of reference of the pipeline coordinator, I would have wanted this elected body with him in meetings and formally with communities, to gather that information and give it from a legislator's and elected Member's viewpoint. I find it now redundant.

There are other problems I find too. We have gone into the committee system in a big way and we have all got some very pleasant but onerous responsibilities in these fields of committees. We have a Statutory Committee on Regulations, Committee on Land Claims and a Constitutional Committee, besides our other duties; some of us with Excom duties, others with our normal rep

representative duties and I think that it is going to be expensive. I know that many of the commitments that we have already are going to be more expensive than we originally thought. I don't know that we have that much provided for in budget in the committee work, and I don't think some of us really realize the time commitments that are also going to be spent on the committees which we are already on.

For these reasons, and I would have had no problem at all, prior to the events that have happened in the interim, in supporting the motion. I don't think that much can be accomplished now by a special committee of Members of this House and I think that we would be better off putting all our efforts into making valid presentations on behalf of our constituents to the mini-Berger type of inquiry that will be visiting the communities because I know that if only one/one thousandth of the publicity that attended the Berger Inquiry attends this type of hearings, that will be going on along the Alaska Highway, we're all going to know what's going on and be informed of what's going on.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: I'll be short and sweet, Mr. Chairman. I won't be supporting this motion. I believe it is redundant.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was about to rise to say that by the time that mini-Berger is over, we will have heard so much about pipelines, it will be coming out of our ears. I have every sympathy for the Honourable Member's intentions. I don't want to see his motion defeated and I wondered if at this stage he would like to withdraw it?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I'm not going to withdraw it for a minute. I'd just wanted to hear some other comments and they have been spoken. I think I discussed it with you, I certainly had that option to withdraw it and I knew very well what the situation was. As I said, I prefaced my remarks before putting the motion on that exactly, it could well be redundant. But I think it's brought out some interesting discussion and if there's any other Members who wish to speak about, I'm quite happy to hear them. As I said, it doesn't hurt my feelings to have a motion defeated, believe me. This isn't the name of the game in this House. As long as something constructive can come out of it, either if it's supported or defeated.

I think so often Members just lose sight of that. It doesn't matter I think that we're trying to make some progress here not try to win marks on who's got how many motions defeated or -- okay?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I won't support the motion at this time and I would hope that if the need arises that we can bring it back and consider a special committee on pipeline development in the Yukon.

Now we don't know for sure what these hearings are going to be like. We are imagining them very much like the Berger Inquiry in the Northwest Territories, but we haven't really had that much information. There isn't that much specific information at all and we did get

some publicity to the National Energy Board hearings but if you sat in on the hearings and then listened to the news broadcast of the hearings, you wondered whether you'd been sitting in at the right hearing.

So you know, I think we have to guard against that. And I think we should leave our options open. The co-ordinator, the Pipeline Co-ordinator, and that was very interesting, it was a question I was going to ask, was that in his role to co-ordinate within the Yukon Government, planning for an eventual pipeline, should there be one, if his task becomes solely this then there may be rather a gap on a committee or someone sort of monitoring for the benefit of people in the Yukon and specifically our Assembly what actually is going on.

So I think that, while we may defeat the motion now, we may, at a later date, or if we just leave it and not deal with it, we may at a later date be very anxious to establish a special committee on pipeline development in the Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fleming: If somebody could answer me who is the Pipeline Co-ordinator directly responsible to - the Commissioner, other than the Commissioner? Who will he be reporting to - say, the Ex-Com and the Commissioner? Or just directly to the Commissioner?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: He reports directly to the Commissioner, as the Director of Local Government reports to me and I report to the Ex-Com on behalf of that Director and the Commissioner reports to Ex-Com on behalf of the Pipeline Co-ordinator. And that is his responsibility as the Commissioner, if the Executive Committee is to work.

And, you know, as in every management situation, there's problems when you have new people and I'm happy to say that there were some problems, you know, at the beginning. But people settle into their positions and realize the line of communications and I think my colleagues will agree, we're kept aware of the departments that report directly to the Commissioner the same way as the Commissioner is kept fully aware of the Departments that report directly to us.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I won't support the motion at this time either, but I would have been all for it before that, and I agree with the Honourable Member from Kluane that we should have an open mind in keeping, of forming a committee in the future. This future may not be too far away, but I can just see that there's piles and piles of information forthcoming which somebody from this House should search through and report back to this House and sort out the important facts on all those hearings. I don't think it's too much to ask, to keep an open mind on a committee on pipelines in the not-too-distant future.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Honourable Members for their comments and I would just take

the opportunity now, if I might, I would withdraw the motion before we do vote, if I could have the consent of the seconder.

Mr. Chairman: You do.

Mr. Lengerke: Thank you very much.

Mr. Chairman: Let's try Motion 19.
Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Okay.

Mr. Chairman: But whereas the unique opportunity exists for the strengthening and stabilizing of Yukon's economic future:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Yukon Government establish an independent Board or Commission to examine in detail the feasibility and to appraise the economic benefits of "legalized gambling" in the Yukon, and in particular the question of full-time commercially-operated enterprises in the City of Dawson and seasonally-operated enterprises within all other appropriate areas of the Yukon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board or Commission work in liaison with representatives of the tourist industry, both private and government, and with municipal representatives, elected and non-elected, and have the full co-operation of an access to the Yukon Territorial Government's Socio-Economic Planning Unit and other appropriate departments.

Mr. Lengerke?

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I hope that this motion does not go the route of the one we just discussed. I would hope that Honourable Members, if they see fit to go along with it, possibly through an amendment or whatever, but I do feel, and I feel very sincerely, that this does represent a unique opportunity in strengthening and stabilizing Yukon's economic future.

I think the question of legalized gambling is, as I said in speaking to it the other day, is something that is a very valid consideration. It's one that could realize tremendous economic impacts to the Territory. I also realize, of course, that the social impacts are also something else that have to be considered. Somehow we, in the Yukon, are always talking about our liberal drinking laws and the freedoms and everything else that we seem to be able to operate with no difficulty; then, we should certainly be able to figure out a way that we could operate -- have a legalized gambling system within the Yukon as well.

I say now, as the time is right, because I'm aware that there are two other Provinces, two other jurisdictions within Canada, that are looking very, very seriously at entering into legalized gambling in certain areas of their Territory or Province, and it certainly would take away any uniqueness or any opportunity that we might have, at this time, to grasp for the North.

I realize of course that it's a very complex question and somebody has to get at it and start looking at it. I also know that some of the members have said, "well, gee, do we need another board, and do we need this and this...?" and as I told you when I spoke on the motion originally I suggested that it be an independent board or commission.

I also told you, are suggested, that an independent board or commission could well be the same independent board or commission that is set up, or I'm hoping will be set up, to study Yukon's economic future. As you know, at this point in time, the Socio-Economic Planning Unit, and these are questions I directed to the Commissioner the other day, have written fourteen or twenty letters to various groups within Whitehorse and across the Territory, asking them for input as to the kind of participation or the kind of structure required to start getting the answers to some of these questions of Yukon's economic future.

And if it is to be, if it's the consensus of the people that they've written to and if it is to be an independent board or body or commission, then why not commission these people or tell that board to look at this question of legalized gambling? Because to me it's a very integral part of economic planning, of an economic future. It's like questioning the tourist industry; it's like questioning the mining industry, to see what the opportunities are. And that's what I've asked for quite a number of Sessions, Mr. Chairman. I say that this does represent an opportunity and we should look at it and look at it quickly and not sort of think it's just one of these things to pass over lightly, because it does in fact represent a very large monetary value and a monetary gain for this Territory.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to propose. Seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North, that Resolution Number 10 be amended to read: THAT whereas the unique opportunity exists for the strengthening and stabilizing of Yukon's economic future:

BE IT RESOLVED that the YTG Socio-Economic Planning Unit examine in detail and appraise the economic benefits of legalized gambling in the Yukon and in particular the question of full-time commercially-operated enterprises in the City of Dawson, seasonally-operated enterprises within all other appropriate areas of Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Comments, Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Pardon, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. Chairman: Do you want to comment on your ...?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I think that the amendment incorporates the intention of the motion and at the same time gives us a practical means of carrying out, without establishing any other independent board or commission, but utilizing the manpower we're already paying.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. McIntyre: Mr. Chairman, part of what I was going to get into has already been dealt with by the amendment, but we already have legalized gambling in the Territory, so the only thing we really have to consider is the commercial legalized gambling and there I don't think that the economic aspects are the really important ones, the social aspects and the moral as-

pects are the most important.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: My only comment, Mr. Chairman, that I would have with respect to the amendment is that it puts it in the hands of the Socio-Economic Planning Unit, an in-house unit, and I could go on with this if I knew that they were given some direction that they would do this in concert with other arms of government, certainly, but certainly of the private industry. I would hope that this would be studied and that they would have some input.

If that is what really is the intent by the mover of the amendment, I could go along with it, but, just as I was trying to explain, I don't particularly think this is a question that should be just answered by the in-house planning unit, and that there has to be -- and how, maybe, the mover of the amendment will tell, maybe I'm missing a bit, but how, in fact, have we got the guarantee that there's going to be some real meaningful participation by citizens of the Yukon?

If the Socio-Economical Planning Unit, out of it emerges an independant commission to study the questions of the Commissioner has told us, of Yukons' future, there is no problem.

But if that doesn't emerge, then it is strictly an in-House situation, then I am a little bit against that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, when this motion first came on the floor of the House, I made some attempt to obtain information regarding an assessment of the situation in Dawson City which Executive Committee understood was coming forward last fall or sometime during the winter, and on inquiry I found that this assessment had not yet been prepared and there was a hasty attempt on the part of the Member responsible for that particular area, to provide information by contacting the RCMP and the KVA and the people in Dawson and the Social Welfare Officers in the area and so on.

It seems to me that if this assignment was transferred to this unit, they have got the manpower and the time and they would have now an assignment to follow through, consulting all the people who have not been involved so far with this kind of gambling and in addition, getting the opinions of people on the Social Welfare side, as the Honourable Member from Mayo would suggest, and bringing forth a comprehensive report for the consideration of this House.

And that is the reason I am proposing the amendment because I am sure that it can be done reasonable quickly.

There was an understanding obtained from the operators of Diamond Tooth Gerties last year, that there would be reports kept after we had acceded to their second or third request for increasing the number of tables for special holidays and so on. And there is information to begin such a study but it requires a great deal more than that and I would see this unit as being the logical place to start.

I certainly expect, Mr. Chairman, that that information would be brought back to this House.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I didn't get a chance to debate the philosophy of the motion the other day in the House, I was--closure was affected by me prior to me having a chance to state my viewpoint. However, it seems that the Honourable Member from Riverdale would like to somehow, make synonymous, a person who supported liberal drinking laws, with liberal gambling laws. I want to assure the Honourable Member that as one of the proponents of the liberal drinking laws in the Yukon, philosophically, I am against, on no uncertain terms, fulltime commercially operated gambling enterprise in the City of Dawson and seasonably operated gambling enterprises within other areas of the Yukon.

It's a personal philosophy, I like Diamond Tooth Gertie's a heck of a lot better before it went big time. I realize the reasons why it had to do it, I realize why we gave the monopoly to the City of Dawson because of the problems the KVA was facing and hopefully that that would be the monopoly that would allow them the ability to provide and maintain and operate the tourist attractions in Dawson City.

I want to see them maintain the edge and we have had representations from other people to this Government, wanting to, of course, make the Yukon and Whitehorse the Las Vegas of the North and, no, not interested in it at all. It's not the kind of attitude and climate in which I want to get involved, I want this Government to get involved, and I want to raise my family in, so that's my philosophical base. I'm against it.

I've nothing against seeing a study be affected to put out the social and economic advantages or disadvantages on gambling full time or part time, seasonal or around the year in Dawson or in other areas of the Territory.

I've found, Mr. Chairman, that when you are effective is when you have something on the table for somebody to talk to or rip apart. I've gone to so many meetings of boards of commissions of where the public and Joe Blow and everybody else has been invited to and unless you have a base to start with you just never seem to get anywhere. I find that in the field of planning and land development that once you have a program to give to the public to get some input for them to add to, for them to say yes, to pull apart, or to say you didn't take into consideration this and if you had the proper group working on it, they're touching bases with these people all the time while they go about putting their statistics together.

I'm kind of interested to find out whether the Socio-Economic Planning group will accept a decision of this House to move into a certain area on behalf of the people of the Yukon and deliver a study for the legislators of the Yukon and I'm prepared to accept, as seconder of the amendment, the motion for the reasons I have stated, of my colleague, the Minister of Health. I can tell you, that when they bring their report in and they say that we should go full hog into a gambling situation in the Yukon, there's not going to be a more ardent detractor and non-supporter of that idea in the Yukon, than this Member standing right here, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, the amendment to the motion should read that "this House recommends

that" of course, because there is financial policy involved.

Mr. Chairman: Thank you, Mrs. Whyard. Is there any further debate on the amendment? It has been moved by Mrs. Whyard, seconded by Mr. McKinnon, that resolution number 10 be amended to read, "that whereas a unique opportunity exists for the strengthening and stabilizing of the Yukon's economic future, be it resolved that this House recommends to the Yukon Territorial Government's Socio-Economic Planning Unit to examine in detail and appraise the economic benefits of legalized gambling in Yukon, and in particular the question of full time commercially-operated enterprises in the City of Dawson and seasonally-operated enterprises within other appropriate areas of Yukon.

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: There is a word "feasibility" in there somewhere, Mr. Chairman. I better type it for you.

Mr. Chairman: Yes, you are reading there.

Mrs. Watson : Mr. Chairman, do you read, "and report to this House" on there.

Mr. Chairman: That is a sub-amendment I think the intent of what you had to say--I will stick in the word "feasibility."

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: Mr. Chairman, I was quoting from the original resolution, I must have left that out inadvertently.

Mr. Chairman: Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The amendment is carried.

Mr. McCall: I hope you might read it this time, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: I don't think I can get through it again.

Mr. McCall: Well, we squeaked by on the amendment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: The motion now reads, that whereas the unique opportunity exists for the strengthening and stabilizing of Yukon's economic future, be it resolved that this House recommend to the Yukon Territorial Government, the Socio-Economic Planning Unit to examine in detail the feasibility of legalized gambling in the Yukon, and in particular the question of full time commercially-operated enterprises in the City of Dawson, and seasonally operated enterprises in other appropriate areas in the Yukon. Are you ready for the question?

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, I would like somebody to add to that, if I might, "and to report its findings to

this House at the fall session".

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Well, someone will have to make that recommendation.

Mr. Lengerke: Somebody else would have to do it.

Mr. Chairman: You can amend the motion. Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: With permission of the members I will rewrite the amendment to include those words with the approval of my seconder.

Mr. Chairman: Well, I really think that we have to consider that amendment separately. We have already voted on your amendment.

Mrs. Watson: Could we leave it until tomorrow until we get the amendment and then it would be just a matter of the committee tomorrow to add another amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Chairman: We can do that now if you want.

Mr. Berger: Since you had trouble reading the amendment to this House, maybe we could assume that this last sentence was included in the amendment.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall:

Mr. McCall: I would move that Mr. Speaker would now resume the Chair.

Mr. Fleming: Do we not have a motion on the floor at the moment and if we let that die, what happens?

Mr. Chairman: We don't. It merely will be in Committee tomorrow. We will be considering it when we return to Committee tomorrow.

Mrs. Whyard?

Hon. Mrs. Whyard: With respect, I think the content of the remarks made regarding this amendment in the Votes and Proceedings will show, or in the Debates, will show that the intent of the motion is to have this report returned to this House for consideration by the Members. If you don't wish to go into the technicalities of amending the amendment, I am sure that the intention is clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall?

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I just hope we don't start going through all these motions we have in the books, the same way.

Mr. Chairman: Well, there is a motion -- Mr. McCall's motion is a procedural motion which is non-debatable.

There is a motion before the -- on the floor, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Fleming: I second that motion, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Are you prepared for the question.

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Chairman: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: The motion is carried.

(Motion carried)

(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair)

Mr. Speaker: I call the House to order.

May we have a report from the Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole considered Bill number 2, First Appropriation Ordinance, 1977-78 and directed me to report progress on same.

The Committee have also considered the Green Paper on Native Special Constable Program and directed me to report that they have concurred in same.

Committee has also considered a motion respecting a Special Committee on Pipeline Development and directed me to report that the Member withdrew his motion.

Committee has also considered Resolution Number 10 and directed me to report progress on same.

The Committee has directed me to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committees.

Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Leave is so granted.

May I have your further pleasure?

The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I move we call it five o'clock.

Mr. Fleming: I second that.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, seconded by the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua, that we do now call it five o'clock.

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.

(Motion carried)

Mr. Speaker: This House now stands adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

(Adjourned)

LEGISLATIVE RETURN #12
(1977 First Session)

LEGISLATIVE RETURN #13
1977

Mr. Speaker,
Members of the Assembly

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On March 15th 1977, Mrs. Watson asked the following question:

1. Population of each of the 4 L.I.D.
2. The assessed value of all real property in each of the 4 L.I.D.
3. The property tax revenue, exclusive of school tax, derived by the Territorial Government from property owners in each of 4 L.I.D.
4. The amount of grants-in-lieu of taxes which would be paid by Territorial Government in each of the 4 L.I.D.

The answer to the above question is as follows:

L.I.D.	POP (1976)	Assessed Value of all Real Property (76 for 77 tax yr)	Tax Revenue Excluding Education	(1)	(2)
				Grant-in-lieu Territorial Excluding Education	Grant-in-lieu Federal Excluding Education
Watson Lake	795	\$4,930,670	\$68,034	\$15,133	\$9,600
Haines Jctn	263	1,954,130	25,080	13,370	3,690
Mayo	433	1,919,460	26,191	8,295	7,318
Teslin	238	794,590	11,412	2,073	2,244

Notes:

1 & 2 Amounts are estimates only. We must apply to Federal Grants Division who use a complicated formula to calculate actual payment.

On March 3, 1977, Mr. Berger asked the following question:

"Is it correct that a land freeze in the Yukon Territory has been in effect as of February 1, 1977 or is it still possible that individuals can apply?"

THE ANSWER TO THE ABOVE QUESTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

The Regional Director, Northern Operations Branch, Yukon Region, IAND, has provided the following information with respect to federal lands:

"In accordance with the statement made by the Minister on 10 January 1975, no lands for agriculture/grazing purposes are being disposed of until suitable lands have been identified and a policy has been developed and agreed to by the Federal and Territorial Governments. Commitments made prior to this announcement are being honoured and leases in good standing continue to be renewed."

"Leases for recreation cottage lots are approved in accordance with the policy announced by the Minister on 10 January and 14 July 1975. This policy allows for long-term leases in areas approved by the Department as suitable for the intended use."

All applications for other uses are being accepted and processed in the normal manner which includes review by both the Federal and Territorial Governments."

Copies of the referenced statements by the Minister of Indian Affairs in 1975 are available for your reference.

On lands under the control of the Territorial Government, there has never been a land freeze and we continue to dispose of land on a planned development basis.

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Date Signature

March 17 1977
Date Signature