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stated twenty-five million dollars over twenty years and the Honourable Member from Pelly said twenty-five years - the fact of the matter, Mr. Chairman, is that it is a program over twenty-five years with twenty million dollars which amounts exactly to eight hundred thousand dollars a year.

The other matter I think the Honourable Member from Kluane covered most of them already, but I would like to point out to the Honourable Member from Faro. He said this money is being spent through the Federal Government in the city of Dawson for a number of years already —

Mr. McCall: You mean we have spent the money already?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Perhaps we never should have taken it out of the line item in the budget, nobody noticed it then.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any debate on Clause One?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Clause Two.

(Reads Clause Two.)

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the number two is the one that does cause some problems in my thinking. I understand that the NCPC, a Crown Corporation within the city of Whitehorse, does pay the city of Whitehorse a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes, but it is less than they would be paying if they were a regular normal taxpayer. The formula that is used by the Federal Government to pay Grant In Lieu Of Taxes to municipalities amounts to less than the normal taxpayer would pay. Now, if the same formula was used with historic sites, then what we would be doing by number two would be saying that the Territorial Government will be paying the rest of the taxes. Is that what we mean?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes. Yes, Mr. Chairman, that is exactly what we mean. When Historic Sites renovates a building they have a five-year program. I don't know what the actual figures are but it works less than once every year so when they are finally finished restoring there is no tax paid to the municipality. What the YTG does is pick up in the year's progression that amount of money which is less than one hundred percent and at the end they pick up one hundred percent of the Grant In Lieu Of Taxes. That is exactly what that formula that the Honourable Member says it does. That is exactly what it does do, so that always that historical site is being paid by one government source or another one hundred percent of Grant In Lieu Of Taxes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, a question, Mr. Chairman, on 2b "The assessed value of nonfunctional federal historic sites in the city of Dawson", who will do the assessment?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, the YTG is charged with all assessments in Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I am kind of suspicious because the new hospital that was built at a cost in the neighborhood of two hundred thousand dollars yet the assessed value a couple of years agowas sixty thousand dollars, was given to the Federal Government at forty thousand dollars, so who did the assessment there?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if we want to get into a debate on assessment practices in the Yukon Territory, which we do every time we meet in session for at least two days, then we will be here for several days. I didn't think we were coming to argue the assessment of property in Yukon in the Dawson City session or I would have had the Chief Territorial Assessor and the rest of the territorial experts in attendance, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Is it the wish of Committee that these attendances be brought - Mr. Berger?

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, it wasn't my intention to start an argument, but I distrust the Federal Government because I think if it would have been assessed by the Federal Government we would have ended up on the lower end of the totem pole and the taxes would have been much lower.

A Member: Don't we always?

Mr. Berger: And the Federal Government assessed the building. I wouldn't trust that.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, the minister stated that at the present time this is one hundred percent recoverable under the Deficit Grant. Now am I to understand that when federal legislation goes through that there is a possibility that the federal legislation will not be paying one hundred percent of the taxes that should be liable for that historic site?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: I don't want to and can't answer for what the Federal Government does these days.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: But, Mr. Chairman, what we are putting down in here in Section Two is that when the legislation, if this section stays in, when the legislation comes through, federal legislation, they could say we will pay seventy-five percent of the normal taxes on that property. What we are saying here is then forever and a day we will be picking up the other twenty-five percent.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Well, we believe, Mr. Chairman, every indication is that the Federal Government is going to under the amendment, I think they call it the Municipal Aid Ordinance, or whatever it is, the Federal Government is going to pick up this one hundred percent. If they don't then we will have to assess our position at that time whether we are going to pick up the difference or not. But all of the knowledge that we have and the best indicators that we have is that what they did intend to do, whether they changed yet or not, I haven't heard at this time. This is what we were told they were attempting to do because they were under pressure from the total country and the principle of the argument was then accepted that they wanted to be a fair share distributor to the area in which they had those historic sites. You are right, they could change.

Mr. Chairman: Ms. Millard.

Ms. Millard: I would like to know from the Minister if we are going to be paying a percentage of taxes, are we going to have a percentage of say in the application of those taxes? Is there going to be a Board set up or something where some kind of discussions are going to be made with the Federal Government to see that our wishes are carried out.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I don't even presume to tell the elected members of the Dawson City Council how to spend their taxes. If the Honourable Member doesn't like the way they are spending her taxes she has all the normal outlets of a citizen of voting against a particular office.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, would the Palace Grand be defined as a non-functional historic site?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: That is a legal question.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I would have to take it under advisement. I will tell you after tonight.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Would the legal advisor be in a better position after tonight?

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, I was not in fact joking, because the Palace Grand is a functional building, but I would hope that the city of Dawson gets a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes for the Palace Grand.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, there is a schedule there. It shows the Palace Grand has the amount of seventeen hundred and forty-five dollars so it must be at least proportionally non-functional.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I wonder if the legal advisor could give us an explanation of the principle behind the reference "non-functional". What is the reference for functional buildings? You use this type of language throughout this Bill, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Legal Advisor: Mr. Chairman, as I understand it is a federal method of referring to it from their point of view. If they use these buildings for their administrative purposes, they have their staff, their offices, they are functional and therefore immune. If they can be used by somebody else, then it is not a federal functional building. That is the way they view it. If it could be used by the Territorial Government, it could be used by the Municipal Government, then it is non-functional from their point of view.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: With all due respect to the legal advisor, we are not dealing with a Federal Bill, we are dealing with a Territorial Bill and my question is, Mr. Chairman, as the principle is used here as to non-functional, what is the explanation why we use non-functional words in our particular piece of legislation?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Legal Advisor.

Mr. Legal Advisor: We use these words because it is chosen by the Federal Government as a classification on which they will or will not make Grants In Lieu Of Taxes. In drafting this we were picking up the slack so the key and objective which was the building would carry one hundred percent Grant In Lieu Of Taxes from either the Federal Government or the Territorial Government. Where Canada pays then it is fine. When it is not paying we are picking up the slack. We are using their definition so that we can understand what we are talking about. Functional means they will pay the taxes, non-functional, no, somebody else and commonly the user, pays the taxes.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, we want every building in Dawson being used as an historical site to receive one hundred percent of the share due the Municipal Council of a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes. The Federal Government now if they renovate a building and use it for offices as they do the old - what is the name of the old building along —

A Member: The Bank of Commerce building, wasn't it?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, the one that they renovated and are using for offices they pay one hundred percent because it is considered to be a functional building. There is no question on that one at all. It is in the area of non-functional where they are federally owned and they pay a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes according to the formula I mentioned. The first year is one hundred percent, second year seventy-five percent, the third year twenty-five percent, and the fourth and after that nothing. Now we pay the Grant to Dawson City to make up the short-fall between what the full received should be from historical buildings, that is a historical non-functional building and that which is actually received from the Federal Government. This procedure has been

again of Dawson, which we honour today, more than seventy-five years. Of course, the significant geographic differences between the Northwest Territories and the Yukon have resulted in major differences in both resource development and in the make up of the population of each territory.

Mr. Speaker, I say all of this at this time to remind all of us of our history and background on this very significant historical occasion. There are great pressures and disruptive forces at work in Yukon today and they would seek, Mr. Speaker, to tear us apart. So what better occasion for all Yukoners to pledge again those qualities of compassion, courage, understanding, togetherness, indominability, toughness and genuine affection that signified the gold rush and are still present in all Yukoners worth being called that name. There was one answer and one answer only for us. Yukoners have always been best at sorting out their own problems because of our unique history, unique methods of solving unique problems often resulted.

These solutions have always been brought about in the past and will be brought about in the future by Yukoners working together for Yukon solutions, not professionals new to the north or bureaucrats in Ottawa making those decisions which affect the daily lives of all of us who happen to love and live in the Yukon.

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of our Assembly, Linda Adams, has designed a special Yukon crest pin which is to be presented as a Yukon memento by the YTG at special events to special people. As you will see, it is the crest of Yukon bordered by genuine Yukon Klondike gold.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no more special people, or no more special event than this occasion to start presenting. My colleagues on the Executive Committee have enjoyed our association with all of the members of this Assembly over the years. Mr. Speaker, we would like to think that our colleagues are the first to be publically honoured with these pins.

Mr. Speaker, it would also be fitting for our Minister, the Honourable Warren Allmand, to be so honoured, perhaps each time he looked at this unique memento bordered, as I say by genuine Klondike gold, he will be reminded of how genuinely the history and make up of Yukon is from other northern areas and how it desperately needs the ability to solve its own internal problems through the normal tried and proven democratic process.

Mr. Speaker, all members of the Assembly would like to similarly honour our colleagues, the mayor and members of the Dawson Council and also our former colleagues and people who I have formerly served with and proud to be friends with, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Mellor.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: At this time we will proceed with the Order Paper.

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

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 37-1 of the Interpretation Ordinance I have for tabling a report on regulations for February the 14th, 1977 to June the 6th, 1977, and also, Mr. Speaker, I have for tabling replies to motions for production of papers number 4 re Government Indian Relationship Paper and number 5 re Public Participation.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further documents or correspondence?

The Honourable Member of Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 19-1 of the Transport Public Utilities Ordinance I have for tabling Transport Public Utilities Board annual report for the year ended March the 31st, 1977.

Mr. Speaker, I have also for tabling replies to resolutions passed in the 1977 first session and also a reply to the motion for the production of papers number 3, 1977 first session regarding the northern research program.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further documents or correspondence?

Are there any reports of committees?

Petitions?

Introduction of bills?

The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that Standing Order Number 34 Respecting Notice and Standing Order Number 58 Respecting Public Bills be waived so that we can process Public Bills at this stage.

Mr. Speaker: That was seconded from the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that the Standing Orders 34 Respecting Notice and 58 Respecting Public Bills be waived. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any contrary.

I declare the motion carried.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that a bill entitled Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Or-

dinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion as carried.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time?

SECOND READING - BILL 21

Hon. Mr. Lang: Now, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill Number 21 be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that a bill entitled Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Ordinance be now read a second time.
Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I don't recall having received a copy of the Bill and I would like to see a copy of the Bill before I vote on second reading.

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid I erred in not giving the Honourable Member time at second reading, perhaps the clerk could circulate copies of the Bill.
I declare the motion as carried.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Bill be referred to committee of the whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further bills at this time? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

BILLS: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek that a Bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance be now introduced and read a first time.
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: When shall the Bill be read a second time?

SECOND READING - BILL 22

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Now, Mr. Speaker. I would move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill Number 22 be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that a bill entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance be now read a second time.
The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, members have just received a copy of the bill, at this time perhaps it would be appropos for me to deal with the principle of the bill. As the Honourable Member from Kluane knows that the advance pole in the Haines Junction Local Improvement District is just being conducted today. I believe the elections in that district under the amendment of the LID Ordinance are also slated for this week.

I was in Teslin several weeks ago and one of the Board members of the LID Board in Teslin had retired. It was the feeling of the Board that the public of Teslin had an annual general meeting of their LID that rather than go to the time and expense of having an election to replace a third member on the Board, they, as one of the prime movers of going to a five member LID Board, would like to be able, the same as Haines Junction, to hold an election for a five member Board immediately.

I wish the Honourable Member from Hootalinqua was here because I bet him a drink that the government couldn't produce an Ex-Com submission and a bill in that short period of time, but as you see, Mr. Speaker, we have. I am sure all other governments could take note of the efficiency in which the YTG works.

Commissioner. I was wondering, Mr. Commissioner, if the Territorial Government is taking serious consideration on the recent proposal by Dave Barrett, the leader of the opposition in the B.C. Legislature, on a rail link connection between B.C. to the Yukon and into Alaska.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask for a clarification to the question. I couldn't hear exactly the question.

Mr. Speaker: Would the Honourable Member —

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, does YTG take these proposals seriously, to take it under consideration and take a serious look at it.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I need another clarification. You are talking about the proposal of the extension of B.C. Rail into Yukon and to Alaska?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the opposition leader in the British Columbia Legislature proposed the B.C. Railroad be extended to Dease Lake and eventually linked up to the Yukon with the Alaskan Railway.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, most of the push for such a railway thus far has been coming from the Alaskan people. The Governor of Alaska has been in touch through his Office of Inter-Governmental Affairs and Industry and Commerce with people in our administration. Our stated policy at this time is that our priorities are on the extension of the present railroad in Yukon into the mineralized heartlands of Yukon, but that we would be more than pleased to cooperate and to discuss other possibilities of a continental railway with both Alaska and British Columbia. We are proceeding on that basis through the Inter-Government Joint Committee at this time.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, supplementary. This proposal by Dave Barrett was an alternative to the Alaskan Pipeline and I think it should be taken under real serious consideration by this government —

Mr. Speaker: Order please, I wonder if the Honourable Member would get to the question.

Mr. Berger: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. I think my question would be this. Has Mr. Commissioner seen the recent speech in writing that Dave Barrett made in B.C.?

A Member: He finally wrote one?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, no, no communication.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

QUESTION RE FURTHER SUPERVISORY BOARD RE RECREATIONAL FUNDS

Mr. Hibberd: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education seems to be getting away all too lightly this afternoon. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that a Body has been formed to further supervise the distribution of the recreational funds that were formulated under the Ordinance that we passed during this session, is that so?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I felt that I clarified that during the last session when we were discussing the Ordinance. It is the same Advisory Body as struck that was outlined in the regulations under the Financial Administration Ordinance. Each member of this House appoints a member to be on that particular Board and subsequently territorial funds are allocated to territorial governed bodies.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse South Centre.

Mr. Hibberd: The Honourable Minister didn't hear my question. I said a further body - further than the Recreational Sports Advisory Committee, has there been such a Body formed or appointed to supervise their work?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I need some more clarification, just exactly what the Honourable Member is referring to, not to my knowledge if he is talking about another Territorial Advisory Board being struck, no.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

QUESTION RE REPLACEMENT FOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER GILLESPIE

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I regret to note that the Assistant Commissioner Peter Gillespie will be leaving, I think, at the end of the month. I am just wondering if possibly Mr. Commissioner or the Minister of Local Government might be able to enlighten on if any progress has been made in naming an assistant or a replacement or recommending if a recommendation has been made to replace the Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I can answer very simply, the discussions are on-going with regard to finding a replacement for Assistant Commissioner Peter

Gillespie.

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

QUESTION RE RECOMMENDATION OF RESIDENT OF YUKON

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if I am getting hot if I asked if they are considering recommending a resident of the Yukon for the position?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, a what of the Yukon?

A Member: A resident of the Yukon.

A Member: You should recognize that, Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, with a fear of being called facetious, maybe I should ask for a definition of a Yukoner. Certainly we are considering people that would be classified in any sense of the matter as a Yukoner.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

QUESTION RE YUKON TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM

Ms. Millard: Far be it from me to let the Department of Education off easily. I would like to ask the Minister of Education if he could give us a progress report on the Yukon Teacher's Training Program, would it be instituted by this fall?

Mr. Speaker: I think the report would be out of order but - the Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the University of British Columbia has consented to the concept of putting in a teacher training program into Yukon. You will recall when we were discussing that particular lying item in the budget that there were some questions of whether or not they were going to accept that proposal. At the present time there are people in Whitehorse from the University of British Columbia discussing with the Department and the teaching staff, etc. the concept of the Teacher Training Program and it will be approximately another two or three weeks whether or not we will know if we can start in September.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, supplementary to that question. How much consultation has gone on with the Yukon Teacher's Association in the programs that will be instituted.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Education.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Well, Mr. Speaker, quite obviously there is consultation going on because they will be meeting with the Yukon Teacher's Association this coming - today and tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions? The Honourable Member from Klondike.

QUESTION RE INTERPRETATION OF A YUKONER

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, actually it is a supplementary question to what the Honourable Member from Kluane asked Mr. Commissioner. I was wondering if Mr. Commissioner could give us his interpretation of what a Yukoner is.

Mr. Speaker: I don't think I will allow that question. Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Kluane.

QUESTION RE YUKON GOVERNMENT'S POSITION REGARDING A PIPELINE

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Commissioner. We have been attending and hearing about the Lysyk Inquiry and I have attended quite a number of them and the question that is being asked constantly is what is the position of our government, the Yukon Government, regarding a pipeline. My question to the Commissioner is will the Yukon Government be presenting their position before the Lysyk Inquiry, making recommendations and possibly even making some sort of committment to the people of the territory if a pipeline should be proceeded with?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I am truly pleased that question was asked because I can inform the Honourable Member there is no single issue in Yukon today that is getting more attention th the ramifications of a pipeline through Yukon. The Territorial Government will be making a strong presentation to the Lysyk Inquiry during the concluding days at Whitehorse. We will be making, not only our concerns known, but hopefully some concrete measures whereby we feel a pipeline would benefit Yukoners, maximize benefits to Yukoners and perhaps minimize some of the potential ill effects of such a project.

Mr. Speaker: Any further questions? The Honourable Member from Klondike.

QUESTION RE ALTERNATE METHODS OF TRANSPORTING GAS

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, will the Territorial Government look at alternative methods of hauling the gas from Alaska to the south?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, we are speaking

Mr. Speaker: Is there any further debate on a second reading?

Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: Shall the bill be referred to committee of the whole?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

Are there any further bills for introduction at this time?

Are there any notices of motion for the production of papers?

Are there any notices of motion? Are there any statements by ministers?

This brings us to question period.

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Speaker: Have you any questions? The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

QUESTION RE FUNDS IN MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister in charge of highways and public works. I am wondering how much money is in the maintenance budget for the building we are presently sitting in since it is still a government building?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question on notice. I thought it had been transferred to Parks Canada, if it is a Territorial Government building I will certainly supply that information to the Honourable Member.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Ogilvie.

Ms. Millard: Mr. Speaker, supplementary to that then. If you find how much money there is, could the Minister project into the future and try to do some maintenance on this building?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, providing my colleagues agree with me and move the capital back to Dawson.

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

QUESTION RE POST OFFICE SERVICES AT BEAVER CREEK

Mrs. Watson: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Commissioner. For the past eight months the community of Beaver Creek in the Yukon Territory has not had a post office. They have had to rely on volunteer services of people in the community. The community and myself have had correspondence with the Commissioner and in the last letter he stated he would be taking the matter up with the Minister of Indian Affairs on his next visit to the Yukon Territory to see whether the federal government would lend its support in our endeavour to get postal services at Beaver Creek.

I wonder if the Commissioner has taken this up with the Minister and whether we can expect some action in this area.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner?

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I have not brought this up with the Minister at this time, but as the Honourable Member will see I have a very large briefing file and it is on the agenda for discussion later on today.

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

QUESTION RE NCPC LINE FROM CARCROSS CORNER TO MARSH LAKE

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for Mr. Commissioner today with respect to the NCPC line that runs from Carcross corner south of Whitehorse to the control dam on the Marsh Lake, just at the outlet of Marsh Lake. It is a 33 KVA line that was built at great expense to the taxpayers of this country and today, Mr. Speaker, that particular control dam is being operated from a power source generated by a diesel unit. It seems to me, you know, that something should be done, here we have a line from Carcross —

Mr. Speaker: Order please, perhaps the Member is lapsing into —

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am wondering if Mr. Commissioner could enlighten me a little further or could tell me what is happening with respect to that situation, if NCPC is going to get permission from Yukon Power to hook into that line or vice versa, what is the Yukon Government doing about that situation?

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, as all discussions between the Territorial Government and NCPC and the other parties involved are progressing, I must refrain from answering the question. I would be pleased to supply the information to the Honourable Member when it is concluded.

Mr. Speaker: Are there further questions? The Honourable Member from Kluane.

QUESTION RE TRANSFER OF CROWN LANDS TO THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. It is regarding the transfer of Crown lands to the Territorial Government for development for a subdivision, a residential subdivision in Haines Junction and an industrial subdivision in Haines Junction. I believe this request for transfer of Crown lands was made two years ago, up to the present time the Federal Government has not seen fit to bring about this transfer, the community is very desperately in need of these new subdivisions. I am wondering whether there has been any progress or any indication of when in fact this land will be transferred to the administration and control of YTG.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, we have attempted every method to come to some conclusion of this pressing problem. We feel, and we will be writing directly to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for a transfer of thirteen acres in Haines Junction for a mobile home subdivision because all other avenues of negotiation up to this point in time have failed. We feel that now it is even more evident that we must get this into the planning and development stage with the Lysyk Inquiry and the very real possibility of a pipeline could be down the Alaska Highway. We were told that perhaps the urgency wasn't there as much as we thought it was on prior occasions, but we think there are no arguments left as to the urgency of the development of that thirteen acres for mobile homes to be prepared for any and all eventualities in the near future.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Kluane.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Speaker, a further question. The industrial subdivision, land for an industrial subdivision is badly needed. People are contravening Yukon legislation and are not able to get land so that they can conform with the requirements of our government. Is the request going to include land for a industrial subdivision?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I have been working assiduously on thirteen acres for two years now. Let me try to get thirteen acres into the Territorial Government's hot little hands before we try another block land transfer which includes an industrial site for the city of Dawson, which is even more urgent and pressing than Haines Junction, because the whole concept restoring the core of Dawson is dependent upon getting industrial area outside of Dawson City. How the Government of Canada can be spending millions and millions of dollars in attempting to restore the core area of Dawson and not allowing a block land transfer so we can get the industrial sites in Dawson out where they belong seems to me to be throwing good money after bad.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

QUESTION RE SALE OF LOTS IN RIVERDALE

Mr. Lengerke: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Local Government. Recently we had a lot of publicity and controversy over sale of lots in Riverdale. I am just asking - would like to know if the Minister, or if he can tell me if we can look forward to a new system in the future with respect to the sale of these types of lots or that type of land. Will there be a shorter time possibly between the advertising and the sale, or are there some new methods contemplated?

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, much could be done to improve the sale, perhaps in a different location where you could provide some amenities for those people who are lining up. I think the people that we should be paying attention to are the people who are in that line-up looking for lots. I have gone into that line-up at three o'clock in the morning when it is pouring rain and I would say I am the so-and-so that is making you line up for that lot, give me a solution, give me a better method of doing it. The only reaction I have had is people coming back when they have got the lot they want and built the home they wanted on it, saying that this was the only fair way of doing it on a first-come first-serve basis, please don't change that type of a sale. We may improve the location, we may improve the amenities for the people who are forced to stand in line, but no one yet, and that includes the people who are lining up for the land, has given me a better solution to the problem of them getting the lots they want. The only other thing there would have to be enough demand, or enough supply on the market, which there will be by July the 1st, so anybody can go in off the street and buy a lot for residential development, only those who want a particular lot will have to line up. They don't want lotteries, they don't want tokens, they don't want tickets, they say if we want that lot we want the ability to line up and get the lot that we want.

Mr. Lengerke: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Riverdale.

Mr. Lengerke: I wonder if the Minister of Local Government can tell me how many people who were in that line-up were actually purchasing a lot.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Minister of Local Government.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Thirty of them, there were thirty of them in the line-up and thirty of them purchased lots when they came up, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

QUESTION RE RAIL LINK CONNECTION BETWEEN YUKON, B.C. AND ALASKA

Mr. Berger: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a question for Mr.

to the Dean Lysyk Inquiry and the terms of reference do not include such a recommendation which was your question.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Supplementary to this. Mr. Speaker, does Mr. Commissioner not think that it would be high time to look at other alternative methods of hauling gas or oil to the Yukon Territory instead of just going on one particular route.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner.

Mr. Commissioner: Mr. Speaker, I think it might be irrelevant whether I feel that way or not. Dean Lysyk has certain terms of reference, the National Energy Board has certain terms of reference. We will be responding to Dean Lysyk and his terms of reference that he is empowered to put before Yukon people.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: I don't know, Mr. Speaker, if this is a question or a remark. My question would be if Ottawa would tell Yukon to jump in the lake, would we follow?

Mr. Speaker: I will disallow that question.

A Member: On a day like this?

Mr. Speaker: Are there any further questions? The Honourable Member from Pelly River.

Mr. McCall: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would move that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in a committee of the whole for the purpose of considering Bills, Sessional Papers, and Motions.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Pelly River, seconded by the Honourable Member from Ogilvie, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve in a Committe of the Whole. Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare that the motion is carried.

(Motion carried.)

(Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Recess)

Mr. Chairman: I call the Committee to order.

We will proceed with clause by clause reading of Bill No. 21, Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Ordinance.

Clause One.

(Reads Clause 1.(1)

Mr. Chairman: Is there any general debate? Mr. McKinnon?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, this Ordinance was specifically designed for this session to have legislation with specific interest to the city of Dawson. I might also add, Mr. Chairman, that a commemorative edition of this Ordinance is being prepared for presentation to the city.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to make the present system of providing Grant In Lieu Of Taxes on nonfunctional historic sites in Dawson that do not qualify for a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes by the Federal Government. It presently has been identified as a line item in local government's budget up to this point in time. The grant has been paid for '77-'78 and at least two years previous. The future amounts will vary according to Federal Government actions. It is anticipated that Federal legislation which is being amended will eventually result in the grants being phased out.

Mr. Chairman, this is fully recoverable by our Deficit Grant Funding from the Federal Government. They are in a position that they agree with the philosophy of paying the Historic Sites Aid Grant, but they can't under present legislation. They are presently amending that legislation so that they will be capable of paying up to a hundred percent of Grant In Lieu Of Taxes on historical property. When that Ordinance comes into effect then there will be no longer the necessity for this Ordinance or it appearing in a line item budget. We feel that it is important enough on this occasion. We were thinking prior of bringing legislation in to legitimize, more formalize, the line item budget which has appeared. We thought that perhaps other legislation would be coming in the very near future. It doesn't appear that way so we thought that we should formalize it and what more fitting occasion than at this time for formalizing the Historic Sites Grant to Dawson until such time as the Federal legislation is changed.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: I am glad to see that we are putting down into legislation what we are actually doing. We are paying the Grant In Lieu Of Taxes to the municipality of Dawson, the Territorial Government is on behalf of the Federal Government. The minister said that we were a hundred percent, this is recoverable from the Federal Government through the Deficit Grant. This is fine, however, it is things like this that make our Deficit Grant larger than actually what it should be. It always lends argument to the Federal Government to say well, really, you shouldn't have that much more responsibility, or self-determination in Yukon when you are so financially dependent upon us.

Included in that Deficit Grant are amounts of money that we are paying on their behalf. I am very hopeful

that the Federal legislation is passed rather quickly because if the Historic Sites Branch of Parks Canada is relatively active, not only in the Yukon but across the country and it is an obligation that the Federal Government should assume and should legitimize in Federal legislation. I have a question though for the government and it is regarding buildings such as the - I don't recall whether it is the trading post of what building it is that the Historic Sites Board of the Yukon Territory recommended - this is a building which was not listed as a historic site as far as the Federal Government was concerned, but our Historic Sites Board did recommend that it be preserved. I think there was a bit of trouble caused last year when the Territorial Tourism Branch did expend money without first getting the approval of the Historic Sites Board on this building.

Would this include then buildings that the Territorial Government is endeavouring to preserve?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, this is specifically designed to legitimize and formalize the arrangement specifically for Dawson City. If we are going into another program on territorial buildings it will have to be a territorial program and a separate ordinance. You know we get into debate every year in the estimates of when we are going to start spending territorial taxpayers money on preserving territorial historic sites. We always seem to say we have got high priorities but we haven't gotten into that program yet and it is going to be a different program. This is aimed specifically at a specific incident that is happening now in Dawson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: But, Mr. Chairman, I don't see a definition for historic sites in the legislation. What is an historic site? Is an historic site that is designated as such by the Federal Government or is it an historic site that is designated as such by the Territorial Government?

If it is designated by the Territorial Government, then obviously this piece of legislation doesn't apply.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Federal.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, should we not be saying so in our legislation?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: It says Non-function Federal Historic Sites.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: I think the way I read that, Mr. Chairman, is that unless it is a distinct impression we are going to finish up subsidizing the Federal Government for historic sites. Shouldn't it be the other way around?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I think the Minister to his credit announced a twenty year, twenty-five million dollar program this morning. I think that is investing a substantial sum of federal money into the territorial economy.

I agree with everything the Honourable Member from Kluane says but, Mr. Chairman, I certainly didn't think she would be so bold in Dawson City to not continue with this item that we have had in the budget over the last few years because it is thirty-eight hundred dollars. I don't like the system any better than she does but I think it is the best of a system where we can get to help the restoration and preservation of historic sites in Yukon. I don't like the method of financing either, but certainly we are not going to have the trepidation to challenge this Ordinance in Dawson City on this historic occasion.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: I am very sorry that you have read this into my remarks. I feel that when I am passing legislation I have to be very careful and I should question it. I have always felt that government, be it municipality, be it federal or territorial, what have you, should be a taxpayer just the same as anyone else. This has always been a grave concern in Dawson that it has never been clearly defined until a few years ago when actually this Grant In Lieu Of Taxes was in fact put in as a line item. Until that time Dawson City just did not receive anything from this so called government taxpayer. I am not questioning that, but I just don't want any confusion or I want it to be very clear because once you pass a law, unless it is very, very clear what the intention is, it often causes problems. Far be it from me to walk away from a problem.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, the reference about the Minister's remarks, he said a moment ago as to a certain announcement that took place today on a proposed bureaucratic master plan by the Federal Government concerning historical sites in Dawson. He made reference to and I don't want to get too much debate on it, because it is not a matter we should be debating, he made reference to twenty-two million dollars over twenty-five years. It doesn't take a great genius to work out twenty-two million dollars over twenty-five years, approximately just eight hundred thousand dollars which would just cover salaries, so what is left for the historical sites?

I would think there would have to be a readjustment a year at a time or we could run out of money before the years just to pay for salaries of people.

As I said a moment ago, Mr. Chairman, in reference to subsidizing the Federal Government, the Department covering historical sites, I think that is what the Bill is proposing to do. I have a few reservations on it. I think we are opening a can or worms here and I think the Minister should consider it very seriously.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McKinnon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger

Mr. Berger: Mr. Chairman, I have to make this correction with respect to the Honourable Minister. He

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Mr. Speaker: I will call the House to order. We will proceed at this time with prayers.

(Prayers)

Mr. Speaker: Before calling the Order Paper today I would like to introduce to the House from the Robert Service School, the Pages who will assist the House during this sitting. They are Debbie Kormandy and Donna Barber.

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome onto the floor of this Legislative Assembly our new Pages and I would invite them at this time to attend.

Before calling the order paper today I would like to personally welcome all Honourable Members to these most historic chambers in which we are to hold the final debate of this the first session 1977 of the Yukon Legislative Assembly which was adjourned to the call of the Chair on April the 27th last.

These chambers were constructed following the creation of the Yukon Council by the Yukon Act in 1898. I believe the actual construction was done in 1901. It was in these chambers that the Yukon citizens enjoyed the very first fully elected legislature in the year 1908 under the speakership of Robert Lowe.

While this sitting of the House has been summoned in honour of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Dawson I feel that it is appropriate that the dedicated work of our Legislature and administrative procedures be recognized as well on this occasion. Accordingly, I would draw the attention of all Honourable Members to the presence in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon of three most distinguished personages, firstly, I would introduce Her Worship, Mayor Burkhard, the mayor of Dawson City and whom today is representative of the many Yukoners who served the people of Dawson since its incorporation in 1902.

Secondly, I would introduce to the Honourable Members Mr.George Shaw, former speaker and member of the Legislature, who is representative today of all the members who have in the past served the people of Yukon in the former Council of the Yukon Territory and the Yukon Legislative Council respectively and I would add that we have the honour to have with us as well Jimmy Mellor who also served in this Council.

I would like to welcome the Honourable Warren Allmand, Member of Parliament, current Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and who is representative today of the former Administration and Ministers of Canada whose duties have reflected the Federal presence in the Yukon since its creation as a separate territory in the year 1898.

I am sure that all members will join me in expressing our welcome at this final spring sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly in tribute to the 75th anniversary of the city of Dawson.

While we are on the subject I would like at this time to express the appreciation on behalf of all Members of the House to the Dawson City Museum and Historical Society and their membership who have worked long and unselfishly to prepare these historic chambers for today's sitting.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a correction in the Votes and Proceedings of March the 30th, 1977, the motion respecting vote wording for establishment one hundred was inadvertently left out and with the consent of the House the motion was passed.

We will at this time proceed to the Order Paper.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Klondike.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the point of privilege. I would like to welcome you, Mr. Speaker, the clerk and her assistant, Mr. Commissioner and the rest of the legislators to Dawson City and to thank you for attending and fulfilling my idea of coming here to Dawson to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Dawson.

Mr. Speaker, on this occasion I would like to quote from a speech given in 1901, December the 5th, 1901. It was the first session in this new building at that time by, at that time counsellor Mr. Wilson and he says:

"This being the first meeting of this Council in these magnificent chambers, and also the anniversary of the election of Mr. Prudhomme and myself to this body, I think the occasion calls for a few remarks. I am sure, sir, that the commodious quarters in which the government has been pleased to place us is a credit to the government and we are willing to give the government credit for every good things that it does. We are glad, sir, to have the accommodation that we have here today and yet there is a point in this. The government has erected this magnificent building and lined its walls with native Spruce and British Columbia Fir. Had they built this building of the finest marble and decorated its walls with the finest paintings the world had ever known, it would not have been sufficient, in the present unsatisfactory state, to convince the people of this territory that the government in Ottawa has their real interest at heart. I recognize that all of these things that we desire cannot be done in a day, and I am willing, of course, to make allowances for the necessary time required, but even with these allowances there are some of us who cannot help thinking that the government has not done all it should have done, and it is our duty to point out these facts and before this session is ended I hope to see a memorial going out from this Council to Ottawa setting forth the wants of this territory. I hope to see properly presented the question of representation of the Yukon in the House of Commons, and I would also like to see popular representation in the Council. And not only do we ask representation in the House of Commons, but also in the Senate. You are aware that this matter is a burning question and has been for some time. It figured in the last election a year ago, in fact, the people of this territory were unanimous in asking for a representative government, and while I am quite aware and have been informed that it would be a bad policy for the government at Ottawa to take any steps to this end at the present time, that there is no precedent for the government at Ottawa to follow. I mean to insist that the Yukon Territory is unique in itself and is altogether different in its population and in every other respect to the territories which have been granted representation in the past. Let us look back in history and refer to what was done in regard to other communities.

We know that Quebec and even Ontario were governed without direct representation for a time and in the Northwest Territories. In the Yukon it is different. Here we have men and women too, who are already skilled in the institution of our country, who are well versed in all that goes to the working of a constitution as free and liberal as that of the Dominion, and therefore I say that the authorities at Ottawa should take this into account when dealing with the question of giving representation in the House of Commons and in the Senate to the people of the Yukon Territory.

If I had the power to govern matters in this territory for a short time I would manage them differently to the course that they run at present. I would not for instance ask my honourable friend Mr. Senkler to occupy a seat in the Council. I would think that he has sufficient to do in carrying on the work of his important office as Gold Commissioner, and neither would I ask him to sit as a member of the Court of Appeals to pass judgement upon his own decisions.

If I had the power for a short time I would not have the Chief Justice of this territory occupying a seat in this Council. I would have him devote himself exclusively to the high and important duties of his office, and not ask him to mix himself up, as he now has to do, with to a certain extent the petty bickering, incidentals to political life, which are inseparable from this Council. No, I would ask my honourable friend to confine himself to the duties he has today and as for our legal advisor, Mr. Newlands, I would tell him that he knew full well that we ought to have an elected Council and that when we have it we would ask him to take a seat as Attorney General. If I had the power I would not have my honourable friend Major Wood sitting as a member of this Council; instead I would have him confine himself to the policing of the territory, a task which he is so abundantly able to fulfill. You, sir, Mr. Commissioner, are known to us as a man of some fine qualities. I would have you sitting as premier of the province known as Yukon.

As for myself, when all of this arrangement should have been carried out, I should be perfectly satisfied to go back to Eureka Creek and work with frozen nature."

This, Mr. Speaker, was done on December 5, 1901 and I don't think time has changed very much in over seventy-five years.

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, with your permission I would like to stretch the rules of the House on this extremely historic occasion. I would, Mr. Speaker, with your consent like to exercise whatever perogative I may have as the senior elected member on the Ex-Com of this Assembly, also, Mr. Speaker, the only living Whitehorse charter member of the Move the Capital Back to Dawson Movement, to say how proud and privileged we all feel to be here in Dawson and to be in this chamber today.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Dawson and the members of this Yukon Legislative Assembly have much in common. We share in Yukon a seventy-five year history of democratically elected members serving the Yukon public. This precedes, Mr. Speaker, many Canadian provincial jurisdictions. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, our fellow Canadians are appallingly ignorant of Yukon and its background. This was fine, Mr. Speaker, when we enjoyed our isolation and immunity from "outside" and welcomed to our bosom only those who wanted truly to be Yukoners. Mr. Speaker, things have changed, our ideal is over, we are caught and we have been discovered and we have been invaded by the most curious group of probers, analyzers, professional do-gooders, inquirers, panelists, environmentalists, politicians, bureaucrats, sundry others. It almost makes one wish, Mr. Speaker, for twelve months of winter. Or perhaps this Assembly should pass legislation limiting the above mentioned to do their thing and to do their work and travel in the Yukon only in the months of January and February. What a time saver that would be, Mr. Speaker, to the Yukoners in the summer and what a money saver, Mr. Speaker, to all of those tax payers of Canada.

However, it is essential that we in Yukon now tell our story and we have to tell it loudly. As we all know, but nobody else in the country seems to, Yukon's history of municipal affairs goes back to those Dawson days that we honour today when at the height of the gold rush the city of Dawson, with its population of over thirty thousand people, was the biggest and most sophisticated of all the western cities and only San Francisco rivaled her in the entire west.

The City of Dawson as the center of gold activity developed all of the sub-structures and all of the infrastructures to deal with that influx of people. I can only say, Mr. Speaker, that it is fortunate that things were different in the days of '98 or Dawson may just never have happened. The people responsible for providing the hydro-electric plant on the north fork of the Klondike River and for providing the massive pipeline project, unique in North America at that time, to bring water to the miners, could well still be watiing for the Inquiries to terminate and the permits to be issued so that the gold rush could be in earnest and Dawson City could emerge.

Mr. Speaker, it has been fine for us to sit back and watch the antics of our brother and sister Canadians and move along in our silent manner, which suited the people of the Yukon. That time is ended and we must react or we are going to lose the ability to have Yukon developed at the style and pace that all of us who make our home here want to continue. We must tell all who will listen that Yukoners as northern Canadians are unique because of their early exposure to economic development. Yukon's development today is highly sophisticated and industrialized. Yukon residents over the past five years have become Canada's most affluent wage earners and correspondingly we accept the dubious privilege of being Canad's highest contributor per capita to the Federal coffers. It is vital for those presently examining us to recognize that the people of Yukon and Dawson have had four generations in which to develop and perfect the mechanisms of dealing with all forms of government structure.

Mr. Speaker, another myth of Canada's north that is being attempted to be sold these days by the new group of instant northern experts is that the Northwest Territories and the Yukon are one big northern area with common needs, background and future inspirations. They must be told, Mr. Speaker, that nothing could be further from the fact that unlike most of the Canadian north, Yukon has prolifical, economic, transportation and communication structures which go back, because

in force for some years and, of course, has been a line item as I said in M-1's budget.

Now we know that they are coming close in the Federal Government to passing legislation that will apply to both a functional and non-functional building. The Federal Government as our information has it, they will pay that one hundred percent on both buildings so then this legislation will become redundant, superfluous and we do not need it and can be repealed or we don't have to have the line item in the budget any longer. If the amended legislation doesn't take care of the one hundred percent then we are going to have to make a decision on whether or not we are going to continue to make up the difference from whatever percentage the Federal Government is going to pay on non-functional buildings. It is a very minor item in the budget, it is one that we hoped would be rationalized by that federal legislation. It is not at this time and we think Dawson should have one hundred percent of the Grant In Lieu Of Taxes on all of its historic buildings and if the Federal Government won't be that good corporate citizen then the Territorial Government taking up the slack, has taken up the slack, for the last five years and now by this legislation wants to continue to take up the slack. The line item has already been approved in the budget for this year's estimate, so all we are doing is incorporating in the Ordinance what is present fact of life in Yukon.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Berger.

Mr. Berger: Maybe I can clarify the Palace Grand Theatre a little bit for the Honourable Member.

The Palace Grand Theatre was an exception made in the historical sites. Normally they don't lease out historical site buildings to third parties. This is the reason it is still a non-functional building because the KVA kept all the insurance and everything on the building. It is a functional building if Historic Sites let any government agency use it. Legally right now it is still non-functional.

Mr. Chairman: Far be it from me to interfere with the debate but somehow we are supposed to be running on a schedule and we are now over time.

Mr. McCall: A point of privilege, Mr. Chairman. The debate can go on as long as we so wish not following any rules or references or order or time.

Mr. Chairman: I think that is what I just said.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Shall Clause Two carry?

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Three One.

(Reads Clause Three.)

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, if the Territorial Government does in fact take over and own a historical site say in Dawson or Whitehorse or any of the municipalities, does the Municipal Aid Legislation provide that the Territorial Government pay a Grant In Lieu Of Taxes for that historical site. Would it just be classed as Yukon Government land in a group?

Mr. Legal Advisor: The answer to the question I think is yes. If we take over a historic site for government purposes and use it genuinely for government then it would tend to come within the normal Grant In Lieu Of Taxes legislation and it would be put into a different category.

Mrs. Watson: But, Mr. Chairman, as your Historical Board becomes more active and as the government of the territory goes into restoring historic sites on your own, I think we are going to have to look at legislation to take care of territorial classification of that and probably very soon.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Right on.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Lengerke.

Mr. Lengerke: Mr. Chairman, just a clarification on 3(1). I was just wondering could we not put in a definite time when this Grant shall be paid? Is this in conjunction with the Taxation Ordinance or how and when is it paid? Maybe the Minister could tell me that? Or does that just come whenever the Commissioner thinks about it? Why is there a schedule?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, if you knew the city manager of Dawson like I did, you'd know we'd get billed promptly.

Mr. Lengerke: I know the city manager, that is why I don't want it to have to be the city manager of Dawson that has to ask for the Grant every time. Not that he isn't capable of doing it, but I think he should be on the receiving end by cheque.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: No, Mr. Chairman, I do not know the exact date on which it is triggered that the Grant is paid. If the Honourable Member so wants, I will get that information for him.

Mr. Lengerke: I just wondered if it was in conjunction with the Municipal Aid Ordinance.

Mr. Chairman: Clear.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: 4(1).

(Reads Clause 4(1)

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory by and with the advice and consent of the Council of the said territory, enacts as follows, Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Ordinance. Shall the title carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Shall I report the Bill without amendment?

Some Members:. Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: We will proceed with consideration of Bill No. 22, and Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance.
One.

(Reads Clause One.)

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Is there any debate on Clause One? Shall Clause One carry? Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: No, in all seriousness, you are talking about Clause One, may I go into specifics in Clause One about the "whole Board shall be deemed to have retired". Now, for example, if Teslin should send a request to have a five man Board that means that the two existing members will be retired and you will have a completely new election.
Mr. Chairman, another question, what if three members of a Board resign without making a request for a five man Board, is there any mechanism that can be triggered by the Territorial Government to provide for a five man Board?

Mr. Legal Advisor: Yes, Mr. Chairman, there are sections that pick that up, that is why this is drafted in that way.

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Chairman, I am so disappointed because I so expected the Honourable Member from Pelly to jump in and ask what an Acceleration Order is. When we first look at this amendment it had the Commissioner may by regulation, we said we just want things to be nice in Dawson City and we knew what the Honourable Member from Pelly will react to the Commissioner making more regulations, so the legal advisor worked long and hard to come up with a euphemism for regulation which he turned into an Accleration Order, which says the Commissioner may do at the request of a local improvement district.
I must compliment the legal advisor for his imagination in this amendment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Legal Advisor: I should say, Mr. Chairman, in the draft my typists spelled it Excelleration.

Some Members: Clear.

Mr. Chairman: Shall Clause One carry? Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Watson: Mr. Chairman, as far as I am concerned it can but I don't have time to look back in the legislation to see if there is a triggering mechanism. I certainly hope the legal advisor is correct because it would be unfortunate if we had a three man Board resign without making the motion and then we couldn't have any mechanism to bring in a five man Board. We would still have to go under the three. So I would hope that there is something in there.

Mr.Legal Advisor: There is —

Mrs. Watson: I will take your word.

Mr. Chairman: The Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, by and with the advice and consent of Council of the said Territory, enacts as follows an Ordinance To Amend The Local Improvement District Ordinance Number Two.
Shall the title carry?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Shall I report the Bill without amendment?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Chairman: Mr. McCall.

Mr. McCall: Mr. Chairman, I now move that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Mr. Chairman: Is there a seconder?
It was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that Mr. Speaker do now resume the Chair.
Are you ready for the question?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Fleming is not present.

Mr. Chairman: Carried.

(Motion carried.)

(Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.)

Mr. Speaker: May I have a report from the Chairman of Committee?

Mr. Hibberd: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has processed Bill No. 21, the Dawson Historical Sites Aid Grant Ordinance, and Bill No. 2, an Ordinance to Amend the Local Improvement District Ordinance No. 2, and directed me to report the same without amendment.

Mr. Speaker: You have heard the report of the Chairman of Committee, are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May I have your further pleasure and respect of the Bills at this time? The Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek.

THIRD READING BILL NO. 21

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill No. 21 be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre that Bill No. 21 be now read a third time. 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: Are you prepared to adopt a title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill No. 21 do now pass and the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, that Bill No. 21 do now pass and the title be as on the order paper.
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 and that Bill No. 21 has passed this House.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: The Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre.

BILL NO. 22 THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill No. 22 be now read a third time.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill No. 22 be now read a third time.
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: Are you prepared to adopt a title to the Bill?

Hon. Mr. McKinnon: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill No. 22 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Mr. Speaker: It has been moved by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse North Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member from Whitehorse Porter Creek, that Bill No. 22 do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.
Are you prepared for the question?

Some Members: Question.

Mr. Speaker: Are you agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried and Bill No. 22 has now passed this House.

(Motion carried.)

Mr. Speaker: I believe at this time we are now prepared to receive assent to those Bills which have now passed this House.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ANNOUNCES THE COMMISSIONER

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Commissioner, the Assembly has passed two Bills to which in name and on behalf of the Assembly, I respectfully request your assent.

The Clerk: Bill No. 21, Dawson Historic Sites Aid Grant Ordinance, Bill No. 22, an Ordinance to Amend Local Improvement District Ordinance No. 2.

Mr. Commissioner: I hereby give Assent to the Bills announced by the clerk.

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