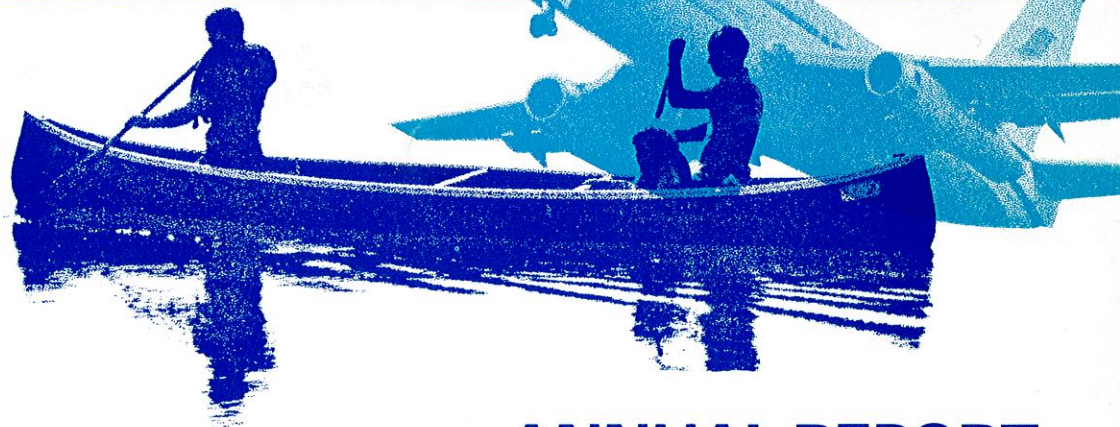
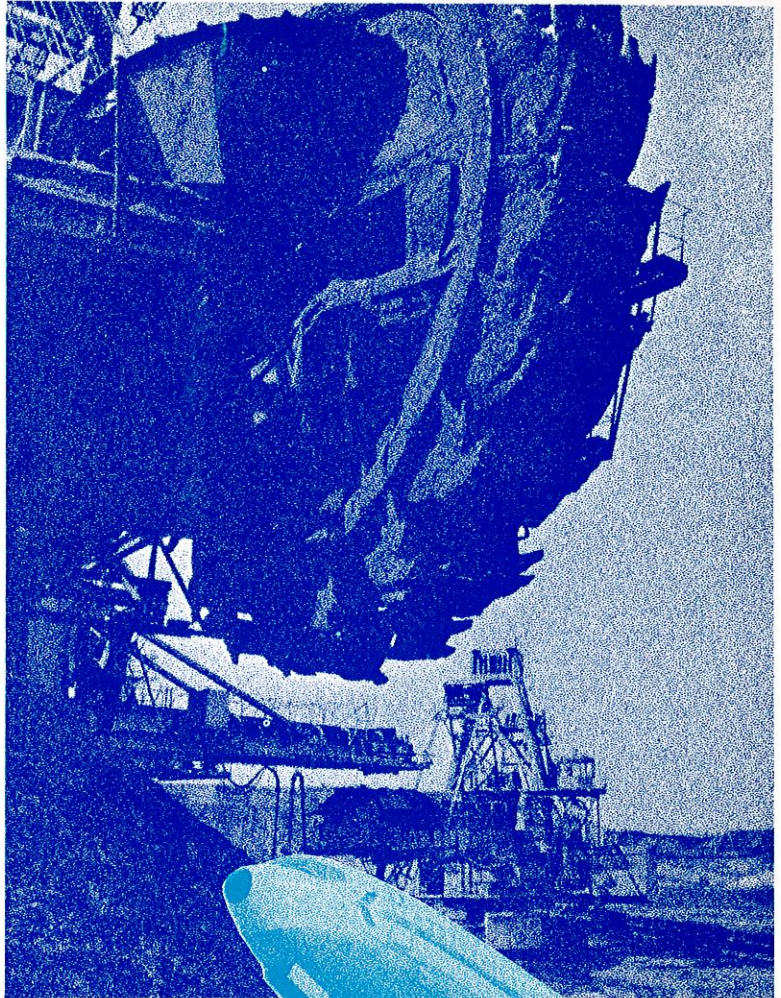


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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Honourable R.W. (Bob) Dowling

The 1978/79 Annual Report marks the fourth year I have had the pleasure and the responsibility to report to the Legislative Assembly as Chairman of the Northern Alberta Development Council.

The past year has been significant in the development of Alberta's North. The economy continues to grow and diversify and the potential for a better standard of living and increased quality of lifestyle becomes more apparent every day. The diligent work of the Northern Alberta Development Council continues to give special emphasis to the needs of northern people. In particular, the Council continues to assist government in design and modification of the government service delivery system so that it continues to be flexible and responsive to the unique demands resulting from the interests and desires of northern residents, and substantial growth in the economy of Northern Alberta.

Significant in Council's 1978/79 activities was a major review and summary of the past five years of Council operation and a setting of priorities for future action. The Agriculture North Seminar also occupied a large amount of Council's time in the year under review.

As well, the relocation of the offices of the Northern Development Branch was a significant change complementing the work of Council and northern M.L.A.'s. The move of Council staff to Peace River should ensure that planning and implementation of government activity is carried out with even more awareness of the hopes and aspirations of the people of Northern Alberta.

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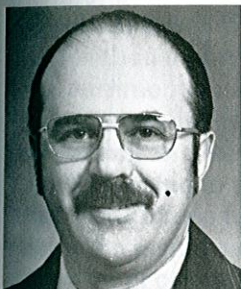
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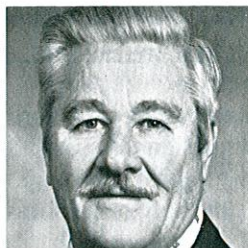
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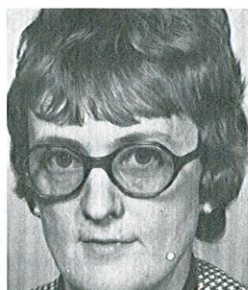
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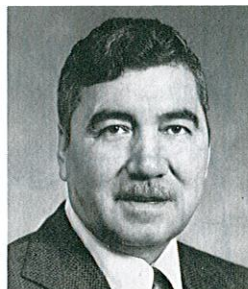
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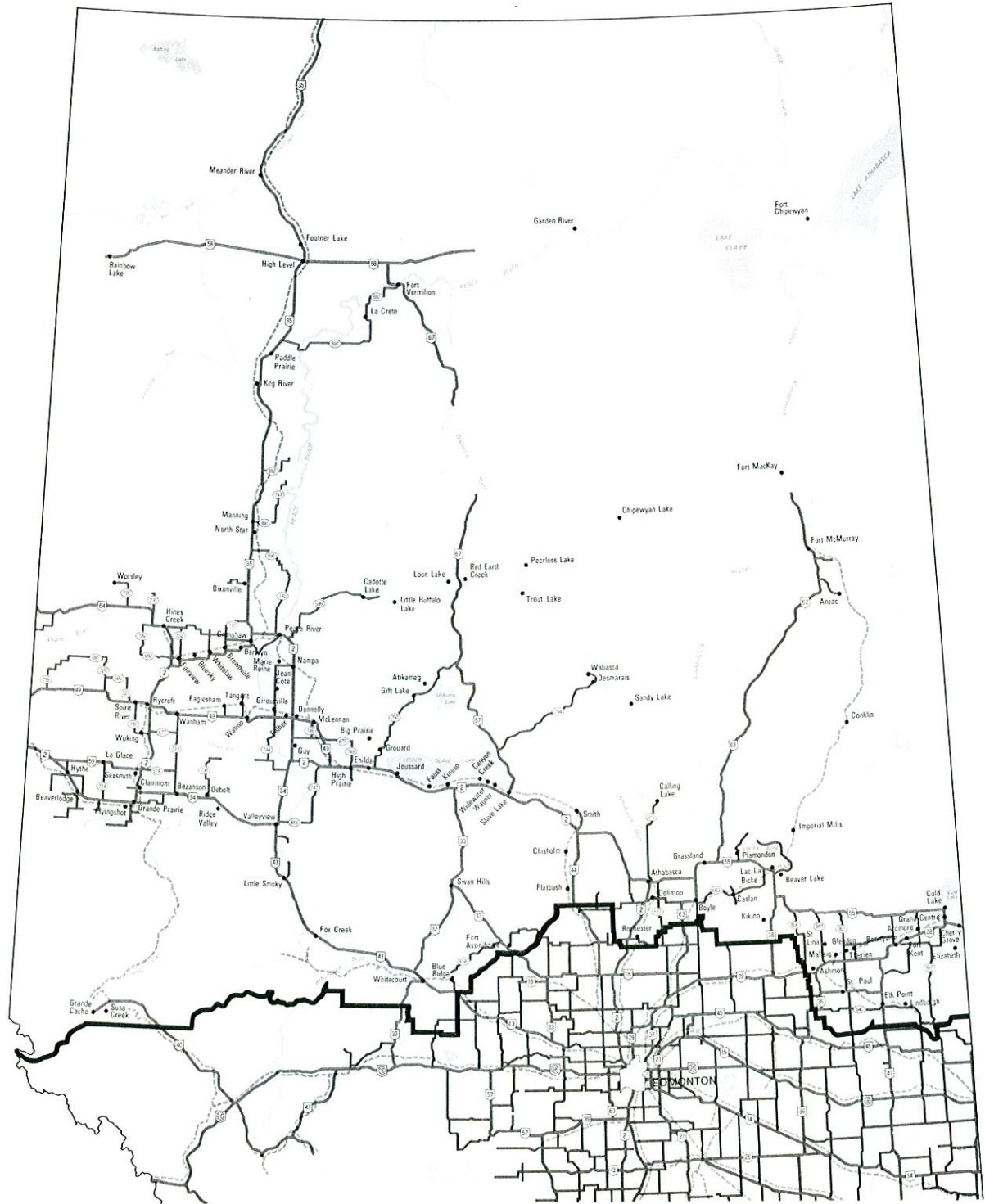


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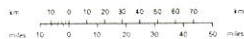
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THE NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Re-established in 1973, the Northern Alberta Development Council attempts to increase the amount of public participation in the planning and design of delivery systems for provincial government services in Northern Alberta. The Council itself, since it consists of northern residents, sees things through northern eyes, and supplies the government with a northern point of view on a wide range of issues, supplementing and complementing the perspectives of northern M.L.A.s. In addition, by means of public meetings organized for the receipt of briefs from northern residents, the Council itself maintains contact with the "grass roots" of the North.

The Northern Alberta Development Council is operational in an area totalling 139,103 square miles with a total population of 174,272. The map on the previous page indicates the southern boundary of the Council area.

The Council has now been fully operational for six years, and has developed techniques for receiving and responding to briefs. The general pattern is that a brief is received from some member of the northern public, expressing a concern or a desire for a particular service. The Council then initiates an inquiry to the department of government concerned to determine its position. The response is then discussed by the members of the Council and the information contained in it is then forwarded to the person who presented the brief. Sometimes further follow-up is required to clarify the response or to try to convince the department concerned to change its position.

The Council provides an information service by hearing briefs from northern people and obtaining answers to their questions, and also acts as an advisory group to government.

The Northern Alberta Development Council Act gives the Council a broad responsibility for promoting economic and social development in Northern Alberta and advising the provincial government on policies appropriate to the area. The general purposes that Council wishes to promote are:

- to increase economic opportunities within Northern Alberta so that young people will not be compelled to leave;
- to enhance the viability of traditional northern small town and rural life;
- to support the desires of disadvantaged people in Northern Alberta for a fair share in the wealth and potential of the area; and
- to support the desires of various cultural and

ethnic groups within Northern Alberta for maintenance of their distinctive heritage.

Issues considered by Council during the year under review were many, including economic development, transportation, local government concerns, infrastructure systems, health services, education, housing and agriculture.

In November, 1978 the Northern Alberta Development Council sponsored a Seminar on Northern Agriculture which brought together farmers, agribusiness people, government officials and a number of government ministers to discuss current agricultural issues in Northern Alberta. A summary of this report can be found on page 21 of this report.

Lacking the responsibility and budget for actual delivery of the services handled by the departments, the Northern Alberta Development Council cannot directly implement changes and service improvements in the North. However, better information flowing both ways is resulting in the improvement of service delivery mechanisms to Northern Alberta.

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

BRIEFS — 1978/79

During 1978/79, the Northern Alberta Development Council held seven meetings and conducted one major seminar. Fifty-seven briefs were received from groups and individuals in attendance at the public meetings. Each brief submitted to Council was forwarded to the appropriate department or agency of government for consideration and comment. The departmental response was then reviewed by Council, and a decision made as to whether or not the department's position and/or action was appropriate. If the departmental response was felt to be inappropriate, the Council directed the Northern Development Branch to work with the responsible officials to achieve the necessary action. The originator of each brief was advised of progress made on the concerns expressed in his brief.

The results achieved by the Council varied greatly from brief to brief. In the majority of instances, the concerns raised were either totally or partially resolved. In some cases the Council and Branch are continuing to work towards a practical solution which is acceptable to all involved. The current status of any of the briefs submitted to Council since its re-organization in 1973 is available from the Northern Development Branch.

Briefs Received — 1978/79

The briefs which were submitted to the Northern Alberta Development Council during 1978/79 were as follows:

- Brief #336 submitted by the Village of Berwyn and Berwyn and District Chamber of Commerce regarding amendments into Bill 15, The Planning Act, 1977.
- Brief #337 submitted by the Alberta Trappers Central Association regarding compensation to trappers for damage to equipment and loss or damage to wildlife habitat, which renders the trapping area less viable.
- Brief #338 submitted by Grimshaw Chamber of Commerce regarding medical facilities.
- Brief #339 submitted by Hythe Unifarm regarding their exchange be included in the area toll-free system with Grande Prairie.
- Brief #340 submitted by Community Services Commission, Peace River, regarding promotion of further education in the area.
- Brief #341 submitted by Mayor John Friesen, Peace River, regarding sanitary landfill sites.
- Brief #342 submitted by John Vos, Keg River, regarding construction of rural access roads.
- Brief #343 submitted by the Town Council of Fairview regarding unoccupied space in the Fairview Provincial Building.
- Brief #344 submitted by the Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce regarding the completion of Highway 67 between Slave Lake and Fort Vermilion.
- Brief #345 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche regarding funding for installation of sewer by-pass system for Old Hudson Bay Post.
- Brief #346 submitted by Woking and District Board of Trade regarding water and sewer facilities for Woking.
- Brief #347 submitted by Sylvia Carson, Ray Lake Women's Institute, Demmitt, regarding toll free service to Grande Prairie.
- Brief #348 submitted by Smoky River Regional Economic Development Council regarding acquiring dental service for this area.
- Brief #349 submitted by Sexsmith Village Council regarding grants available to small towns and villages.
- Brief #350 submitted by President, Grande Prairie Regional College regarding student accommodation.
- Brief #351 submitted by Smith Development Council regarding upgrading of the road between Smith and Marten Hills.
- Brief #352 submitted by L.G. Villeneuve, High Level, regarding purchase of land.
- Brief #353 submitted by J.A. Cardinal, Community Association, Peerless Lake regarding local government.
- Brief #354 submitted by Anzac Citizens' Association regarding local government.
- Brief #355 submitted by Anzac Citizens' Association regarding an elementary school for Anzac.
- Brief #356 submitted by the Anzac Citizens' Association regarding public recreation facilities.
- Brief #357 submitted by the Anzac Citizens' Association regarding Gregoire Lake concession and boat rental stand.
- Brief #358 submitted by the Anzac Citizens' Association regarding road improvements.
- Brief #359 submitted by the Anzac Citizens' Association regarding T.V. reception in the area.
- Brief #360 submitted by the Anzac Citizens' Association regarding a solar heating experiment.
- Brief #361 submitted by Ted Mason, Board of

Administrators, New Town of Fort McMurray regarding improvements in the town.

Brief #362 submitted by Smith Development Association regarding the road upgrading to Marten Hills.

Brief #363 submitted by Robert Cree, Gregoire Lake Indian Reserve regarding road access to Indian Reserve.

Brief #364 submitted by Simon Waquan on behalf of community of Janvier regarding road access to Janvier.

Brief #365 did not materialize.

Brief #366 submitted by Gary Ouellet, Co-Chairman, Peter Pond Bi-Centennial Committee, Fort McMurray, regarding interpretive centre.

Brief #367 submitted by M. Imesch, St. Paul, regarding assistance to purchase laundry equipment for Habitat Enterprises, St. Paul

Brief #368 submitted by the Mayor, Village of Boyle, regarding general concerns of the village.

Brief #369 submitted by Poplar Regional Economic Council regarding N.A.D.C. boundary.

Brief #370 submitted by the Lac La Biche General Hospital Board of Directors regarding hospital construction.

Brief #371 submitted by Wabasca - Desmarais Land Tenure Secretariat Committee regarding community needs.

Brief #372 submitted by Signe Genoud regarding training and accommodation facilities for mentally handicapped children.

Brief #373 submitted by the Town of Athabasca regarding the re-location of Athabasca University.

Brief #374 submitted by Smith Development Association regarding the road from Fawcett Lake to Marten Hills.

Brief #375 submitted by the Federation of Metis Settlements regarding the establishment of a serviced area to accommodate emergency trailers on each Settlement.

Brief #376 submitted by Ray Rizzoli, Lac La Biche, Trapper, regarding the purchase of a fur auction house.

Brief #377 submitted by Paul Rebkovich, Wandering River and Dick Wunder, Grassland Blackfly Committee, regarding the renewal of the blackfly control program.

Brief #378 submitted by Chief Victor John, Kehewin Band Council, regarding assistance to locate funding for economic development projects.

Brief #379 continued regarding the use of the Heritage Trust Fund for infrastructure development.

Brief #380 submitted by Lac La Biche Regional Economic Development Council regarding a housing counselling program.

Brief #381 submitted by R.E.D.C., Lac La Biche, regarding the Lac La Biche to Fort McMurray Highway.

Brief #382 submitted by Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Association, regarding road construction linkage to Highway 28.

Brief #383 submitted by Gordon Bourque, Council Chairman, regarding roads and public buildings.

Brief #384 submitted by Ted Ganske, Bonnyville-Cold Lake local of A.T.C.A regarding concerns of trappers affected by encroachment of industry.

Brief #385 submitted by Muriel Venne regarding the upgrading of services of Native Outreach.

Brief #386 submitted by Don Auger regarding training in sheet metal building construction in Calling Lake and Wabasca.

Brief #387 submitted by Plamondon Chamber of Commerce regarding the conversion of Plamondon Campsite into a Provincial Park.

Brief #388 submitted by Red River Point Society regarding funding of local community council.

Brief #389 submitted by the Land Tenure Committee regarding water and sewage systems in Desmarais.

Brief #390 submitted by the Northwestern Regional Economic Development Council regarding the Cabinet Tour Brief for High Level and Fort Vermilion.

Brief #391 submitted by the Northwestern Health and Social Services Board, et al, regarding the Cabinet Tour Brief - High Level/Fort Vermilion.

Brief #392 submitted by Worley Rossen, Little Smoky and Harry Merrifield, Little Smoky, regarding the Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Program.

REVIEW OF GOALS

In early 1975, Council completed a major Goals for Program document for consideration by government. A summary of the Goals has been widely circulated to elicit comments and suggestions from citizens of the North. Comments were also solicited from all Cabinet Ministers. The document establishes the goals Council seeks to attain in four general areas: Economic Development, Development of Communities,

Education, and Government Services.

In mid-1976, as a follow-up to the Goals statement, the Council identified eight specific priority areas to pursue:

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure Systems
- Transportation
- Education
- Local Government
- Banking Services
- Housing
- Health Services

With respect to these major priorities, the Northern Alberta Development Council during 1978/79, was involved in, or monitoring the progress of the following activities:

1. Economic Development

- Follow-up to 1977 position paper
- Commercial Fishing Industry Report
- Agriculture North Seminar
- Resource development studies in various areas (Aspen Utilization, Peace River Iron Ore, Cold Lake Heavy Oil, etc.)
- Tourism/Recreation preliminary review

2. Infrastructure

- Water & Sewer special needs
- Communications priorities
- Electrification extensions & repairs
- Community fire protection proposals

3. Transportation

- De-isolation priorities
- Development roads

4. Education

- Education North project
- Training priorities

5. Local Government

- Unorganized Communities proposal

6. Banking Services

- Bankmobile project
- Treasury Branch extensions

7. Housing

- Northern Housing Review
- Innovative Programs

8. Health Services

- Special Needs
- Services to Remote Communities

MEETING WITH PREMIER LOUGHEED

On November 22, 1978, the Northern Alberta Development Council had the opportunity to present its Five Year Review Document and review current priorities with Hon. Premier Peter Lougheed. In his comments to Council, the Premier particularly noted Council's success ratio in terms

of positive responses received from government departments to briefs presented to the Council from northern citizens. The Premier acknowledged the strong benefit of Council's public meetings and the sponsorship of seminars and conferences. The Premier thanked Council for its policy advice to Cabinet and asked Council to continue to provide advice on the needs of Northern Alberta. He requested Council to devote more detailed attention to the monitoring of government programs delivered in the north in order to ensure that programs being delivered are compatible with northern conditions.

During the latter part of the year under review, the Northern Alberta Development Council spent considerable time evaluating its current and future priorities in the context of the Premier's remarks.

FIVE YEAR REVIEW DOCUMENT

The Northern Alberta Development Council was created to give special attention to the development potentials of northern Alberta. March 31, 1978, marked the fifth year of operations since the re-establishment of the Council. The current members felt that a review of Council activities was timely.

During the 1973-78 period the Northern Alberta Development Council dedicated itself to increasing the dialogue and flow of information between the provincial government and citizens of Northern Alberta. It attempted to do this in two ways: by holding frequent, well advertised public meetings in various locations in the North; to hear briefs from northern people and obtain answers to their questions; and by acting as a northern advisory body to government through the development of policy and program recommendations for the Provincial Cabinet.

The Council also attempted to increase dialogue by holding conferences and seminars, directing original research into unique problems, and compiling and distributing relevant publications. The Council initiated several multi-faceted activities to support its efforts in Northern Alberta, including the design of the Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program, an advisory role, in development and implementation of the Alberta North Agreements, and interchange trips with the Territorial Councils of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The Council attempted to supply government with a northern point of view on a wide range of

issues, supplementing and complementing the perspectives of northern MLAs. It operated under a defined purpose:

To help the Provincial Government and northern Members of the Legislative Assembly plan for the future of Alberta's North and its people, by acting as an advisory body to the Minister responsible for Northern Development; and through him, assist in the investigation, planning, promotion and co-ordination of practical measures to foster and advance development in Northern Alberta.

Between April 1, 1973 and March 31, 1978, the Northern Alberta Development Council held 28 public meetings for the purpose of receiving briefs. Some 345 briefs were received from northern individuals, communities and organizations. The briefs covered a broad range of topics from simple tapecutting exercises to requests for massive investment in roads, parks, lake stabilization, etc. Council spent considerable effort to achieve action on all of the topics of concern and ensured that every brief was responded to in some satisfactory manner.

An in-depth analysis of the briefs received to December 31, 1977 showed some 450 topics had been dealt with by the Northern Alberta Development Council. The analysis evidenced that positive action was taken on 45% of the issues, 31% were under consideration by government departments and 24% of the issues were not acted upon due to program constraints or because of the request being unreasonable.

Given the wide range and complexity of requests submitted by northern citizens, and the fact that some briefs are still under consideration, achieving positive results in nearly half the briefs referred to government departments is deemed very satisfactory by the Northern Alberta Development Council.

The analysis of briefs received since 1973 indicated Council's public participation role is definitely assisting in bringing a special emphasis to the particular concerns of Northern Alberta.

As a result of the Council's first activities review meeting with Premier Lougheed on June 19, 1975, considerable time was also spent on attempting to move from the specifics of the briefs received to general policy recommendations to help alleviate the concerns expressed. The Council reviewed and/or provided advice on a large number of program and policy advisory matters.

In most instances, matters were reviewed in a normal program monitoring sense, with no further

action taken. In some cases instructions were given to the Northern Development Branch for follow-up and co-ordination. In other cases, substantial research and detailed review resulted in Council recommendations to respective Ministers and/or Cabinet as a whole.

A number of reports, information papers, and discussion documents were published by Council from 1973 to 1978. Following is a sample listing available from the Northern Development Branch:

- Opportunity North Conference Report
- Northern Transportation Seminar Report
- Inventory of Infrastructure for Northern Communities
- Local Government Structure and Organization in Northern Alberta
- Transportation and Communication Services in Northern Alberta
- Economic Development of Northern Alberta
- Summary Report of Interim Alberta North Agreement
- Alberta North Agreement (1977-82)
- Agriculture in Northern Alberta

To fulfill its role in bringing attention to the special needs of Northern Alberta, the Northern Alberta Development Council sponsored two major seminars during the review period and planned a third. The seminars were designed to provide a forum for public discussion of development issues affecting Northern Albertans. In 1976 at the Northern Transportation Seminar, public debate was focused on the specific issues of concern related to transportation. The Agriculture North Seminar planning (for November, 1978) was initiated as an opportunity for farmers, agribusiness and government officials to participate in a dialogue relating to current issues in northern agriculture.

In order to maintain and strengthen ties with the Yukon and Northwest Territories the Council, in 1977, travelled to Whitehorse, Yellowknife and Hay River to meet with the Commissioners and Executive Councils of the two Territories.

The Council hosted members of the Northwest Territorial Council on a return visit to Alberta and follow-up information exchanges were undertaken. Council was also represented on a visit to Alaska which explored similar interests with the State of Alaska.

The Northern Alberta Development Council played a significant advisory role in the design of the DREE/Alberta Agreements and Council public meetings proved to be a useful forum for "grass roots" input into various phases of Agreement implementation.

The General Development Agreement (GDA) signed in 1974 established a broad framework for the planning and implementation of policies and programs to foster economic and socio-economic development in Alberta. One of the first subsidiary agreements signed under the GDA was the Interim Alberta North Agreement (1974-78) which saw the implementation of over \$14 million of special cost-shared projects.

The Interim Agreement was followed by a long term Agreement signed at a Council-hosted ceremony on February 8, 1978 in Fort Vermilion. The new Agreement, to conclude on March 31, 1982, projects the cost-sharing of some \$55 million worth of northern programming.

Alberta Transportation, DREE and the Ministry of Transport also signed a series of Northern Transportation Agreements complementary to the activity under the Alberta North Agreements. The objectives of the Northern Transportation Agreements, concurred in by the Northern Alberta Development Council, were directed towards social de-isolation and improved access for remote northern communities and promotion of balanced economic development. To date over \$40 million worth of projects related to transportation in Northern Alberta have been supported.

Council also fulfilled its program monitoring and advisory role by serving on various interdisciplinary committees, such as the Student Bursary Program Selection Committee, the Northeast Commissioner's Advisory Committee, the Education North Project Committee, and the Lesser Slave Lake Basin Advisory Committee.

AGRICULTURE NORTH SEMINAR

Over 300 practising farmers, agribusiness and government officials participated in the Agriculture North Seminar sponsored by the Northern Alberta Development Council in Peace River, November 22, 23 and 24, 1978. The Seminar was an opportunity to discuss current issues and problems relating to development of agriculture in Alberta's north. One of the prime initiatives for the sponsorship of a seminar on northern agriculture was the Northern Alberta Development Council's view that problems facing the development of Northern Alberta are often unique. It follows, therefore, that to overcome many of these obstacles requires innovative solutions.

The Economic Development Position Paper published by the Council in 1977 led to a discussion

document "Agriculture in Northern Alberta" released in September of 1978. This discussion document emphasized the need for opportunities for dialogue between practicing northern farmers and various officials involved in research, policy development and program delivery.

To facilitate the dialogue objective, Council was fortunate to obtain the full co-operation of Alberta Agriculture and various northern MLAs and proceeded with the sponsorship of the Seminar on Northern Agriculture. As a public participation mechanism for the North, Council made every effort to assure the success of the Seminar by involving all facets of the agricultural community. A bus was chartered to transport farmers from north-eastern Alberta to Peace River for the Seminar. In addition, Council subsidized accommodation costs to enable wide attendance from practising agriculturalists. Extensive newspaper and radio advertising also aided in the popular response to the Seminar. Extensive consultation with the District Agriculturalists in Northern Alberta was particularly important to the success and promotion of the Seminar.

Following the conference, the staff of the Northern Development Branch working from verbatim transcripts of the Seminar proceedings, analyzed and summarized the proceedings in a Report soon to be released by the Northern Alberta Development Council.

The report outlines the major presentations and topics of discussion raised by the participants in the Agriculture North Seminar. The Seminar provided an excellent forum for dialogue and the results of the dialogue summarized in the report will help provide the basis for the future direction of Alberta's agriculture policies, particularly as they affect the North.

STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

The Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program offers needy students who are residents of the Province special bursary benefits. In return for financial help the students commit to work in Northern Alberta for one year for each year of bursary support. If the student withdraws from the program he/she will be held responsible for repayment of the major part of the bursary.

The Bursary Program is administered by a committee comprised of four members of the Northern Alberta Development Council, one representative each from the Metis Association of

Alberta, the Student Finance Board and Advanced Education and Manpower. Determined by the needs of the applicant, the Committee during 1978/79 granted a single student up to \$2,500 per academic year and married students up to \$4,000.

During 1978/79, 138 students received bursary assistance totalling \$326,240. Seventy-five students are registered in the Faculty of Education, seven enrolled in social work programs, twenty-six are studying medicine, twelve in Business Education, three are in Agriculture, and fifteen are engaged in miscellaneous studies from Engineering to Public Administration.

Bursaries were also provided to native students enrolled in the Morningstar Program at Blue Quills, which enables native people to teach after two years of university level studies. Participants are allowed an additional five years to complete the Bachelor of Education degree usually during spring and summer sessions.

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

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The purpose of the Northern Development Branch is to participate in developing and maintaining a socio-economic environment in Northern Alberta which gives maximum opportunity for the inhabitants of the area to grow and prosper.

In achieving its purpose the Branch provides all the administrative and technical support activities required by the Northern Alberta Development Council; co-ordinates the Federal/Provincial Alberta North Subsidiary Agreement; and attempts to implement a flexible strategy of achieving specific socio-economic improvements in Northern Alberta.

The Branch seeks to advance the development of human and natural resources in Northern Alberta, as well as aiding in community development goals such as local decision making and planning. It delves into a wide variety of issues as a result of briefs received by the Northern Alberta Development Council — health services, manpower training, community infrastructure, education, law enforcement, housing conditions, transportation and communication services, resource development, etc.

During 1978/79, the Branch was organized in two main components: Program Development and Program Co-ordination. The Program Development Section was charged with providing the analysis and planning function for Northern Alberta socio-economic improvements. Basic research was performed and background and position papers prepared in support of Council in its monitoring role in the North. Some of the major projects undertaken during 1978/79 included initiation of the Cold Lake Baseline Study; a study documenting government activity in isolated communities; and a preliminary review of the Wild Fur Industry.

In addition to its major responsibility for the implementation of the Alberta North Subsidiary Agreement, the Program Co-ordination Section was instrumental on behalf of Council in the establishment of a number of inter-departmental co-ordinating committees to facilitate service delivery in Northern Alberta. Among the committees struck for this purpose were the Northern Communities Advisory Committee; Interdepartmental Committee on Social Employment; Water and Sewer Task Force; Interdepartmental Committee on the Economic Development Assistance to Disadvantaged Entrepreneurs.

Two major events highlighted the activities of the Northern Development Branch for the year 1978/79. Taking its direction from the Northern Alberta Development Council, in recognition that development in northern areas is unique, the Branch organized the 1st Annual meeting of Provincial Ministers Responsible for Northern Development. Ministers from seven Provinces across Canada attended a three day meeting in Fort McMurray, September 27-29, 1978. This first meeting, being introductory in nature, allowed for considerable exchange of information among the Provinces. A number of committees were established to provide a format for on-going exchanges of information, and a second meeting of Ministers is being planned for the fall of 1979 in Northern Ontario.

A second significant event which occurred during 1978/79, was the physical re-location of the offices of the Northern Development Branch from Edmonton to a new home base in Peace River. The response from staff and the public regarding the relocation has been positive. Some internal re-organizing and changes in staff deployment resulted from the move, but the official opening of the new Northern Development Branch office at 10018 101 Street, Peace River, on February 9, 1979, was widely celebrated.

In its work as a co-ordinator and facilitator, and particularly as a supplier of technical support to the Northern Development Council, the Branch during the year under review, continued to maintain a vital communications link between northern people and government.

ALBERTA NORTH AGREEMENT

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The signing of the Canada-Alberta North Subsidiary Agreement was accomplished in February of 1978. The 1978/79 fiscal year represents the first full year of operation under the new Agreement. Many of the programs operated under the Interim Alberta-North Agreement (1974-78) were carried over to the new Agreement. The Northern Development Branch staff with the support of the Northern Alberta Development Council, were involved in the expansion of existing programs and the development of a number of new projects eligible for cost-sharing under the terms of the Agreement.

An emphasis was placed during the past year on the development of projects under the

Community Services and Facilities Program of the Agreement. Of particular note under this program were the ID 23 Natural Gas Supply Project and the Water & Sewer Projects in Fort Vermilion and La Crete. The Isolated Communities Internal Roads Project was also a significant new project developed in response to briefs presented by a number of isolated communities.

A number of projects related to the area of social employment and skill development were also in the planning stages at the close of 1978/79.

During the first operational year of the Agreement, a total commitment of over \$13 million was accomplished out of a potential \$55 million over the projected four year term of the Agreement.

Following is a listing of projects authorized for cost-sharing in 1978/79:

CANADA/ALBERTA NORTH AGREEMENT 1978/79 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

		APPROVED AMOUNT *
Program I		
251101	Opportunity Corps	2,280,000
251103	Development of Management Capability	1,269,170
251104	Education North, Phase II	350,000
Program II		
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES		
251201	Ft. Vermilion Sanitary Services -Northern Supplementary Fund	700,000
251202	La Crete Water Supply	1,200,000
251203	Northern Water Supply Project	848,573
251204	Internal Roads in Isolated Communities	270,000
251205	Metis Settlement Housing	500,000
251206	Isolated Communities Log Housing	350,000
251207	Land Tenure Secretariat	357,320
251208	Rural Electrification Associations	300,000
251209	Northern Electrification Projects	75,000
251210	I.D.23 Natural Gas Supply Project	3,180,800
Program III		
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES — INDIAN RESERVE		
251301	Water Supply	426,700
251302	Internal Access Roads	68,100
251303	Physical Planning	234,157
251304	Flood Control	71,000
Program IV		
SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
251401	Employment Relocation Counselling	223,595
251402	Native Outreach	225,000

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Program V	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
251501	Cold Lake Baseline Study, Phase I	29,000
251502	Rural Development Projects	88,000
251503	Research & Development Assistance	225,000
	TOTAL	13,271,415

*DREE SHARE 50%

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