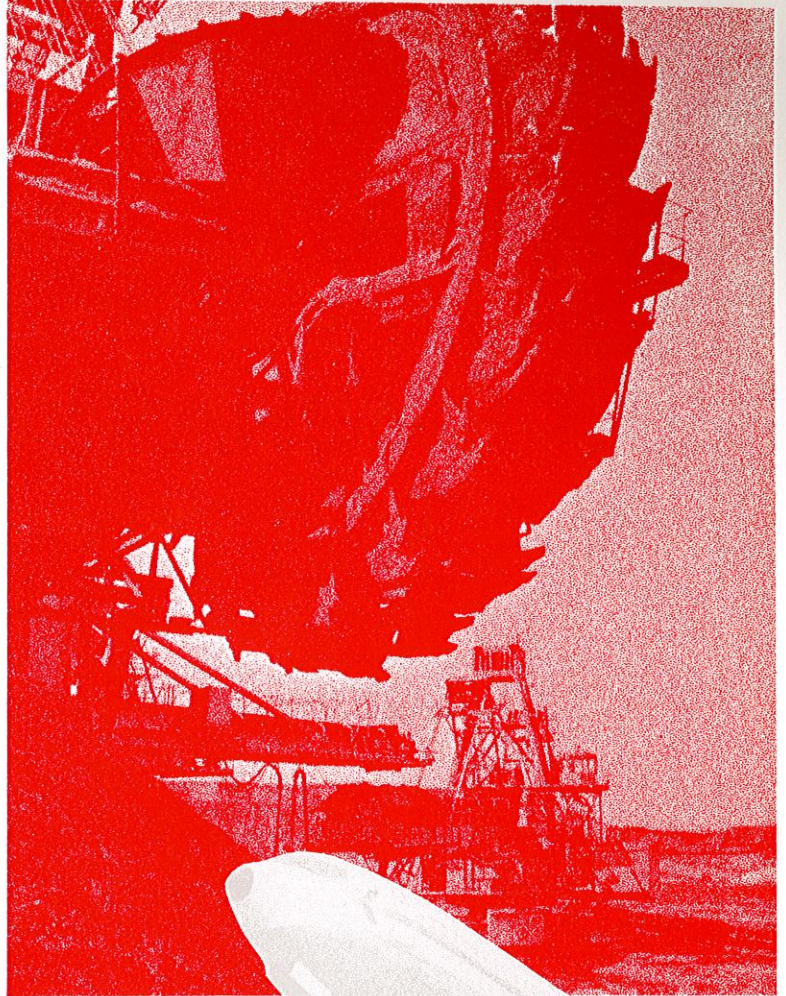


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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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# STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Elmer E. Borstad, M.L.A.  
Chairman  
Northern Alberta Development Council

It is now one year since my appointment as Chairman of the Northern Alberta Development Council and it has been a very interesting and informative time.

The Northern Alberta Development Council through its public information, monitoring and coordination functions, has an exciting and very responsible role to play in the development of the North. The tremendous rate of economic advancement throughout the '70s has resulted in population growth and increased pressure on the service and infrastructure delivery systems throughout the region. Some significant undertakings directed by the Council in the past year have contributed to a better understanding of northern conditions, and the opportunities and problems related to this growth.

Among these activities were the sponsorship of a Workshop centred on Health Needs in Northern Alberta, a major review of the Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program, and interdepartmental coordination in the area of social employment programs and the delivery of community infrastructure services. There was intensive follow-up to some sixty-nine briefs submitted to the Council at twelve monthly meetings. Some of the significant issues raised in the briefs were the relocation of Athabasca University, daycare in northern Alberta, commercial fishing, education services, communications, transportation needs and a number of other growth related issues. The Baseline Study on impact of development in the Cold Lake region is nearing completion and new projects in the Grande Prairie/Peace River area to assist and monitor development have been initiated. A major Overview of the North has also been commissioned as a background document to Council's planned Alberta North in the '80s Conference.

Near the end of the year under review, we were pleased to have six new members appointed, on the basis of public nominations, to replace dedicated retiring members of Council. We, on the new Council, look forward with renewed purpose to continuing the excellent past efforts in providing valuable advice to the government. We especially look forward to meeting the challenge of growth in the 1980s.

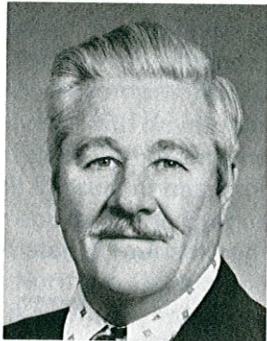


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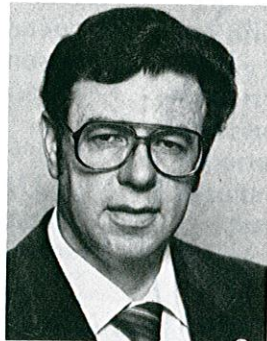
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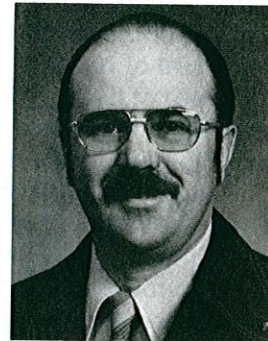
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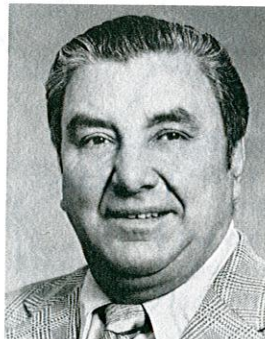
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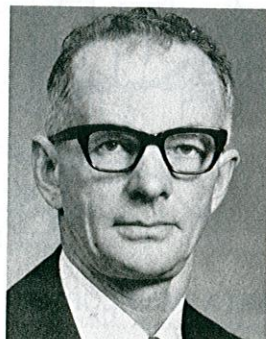
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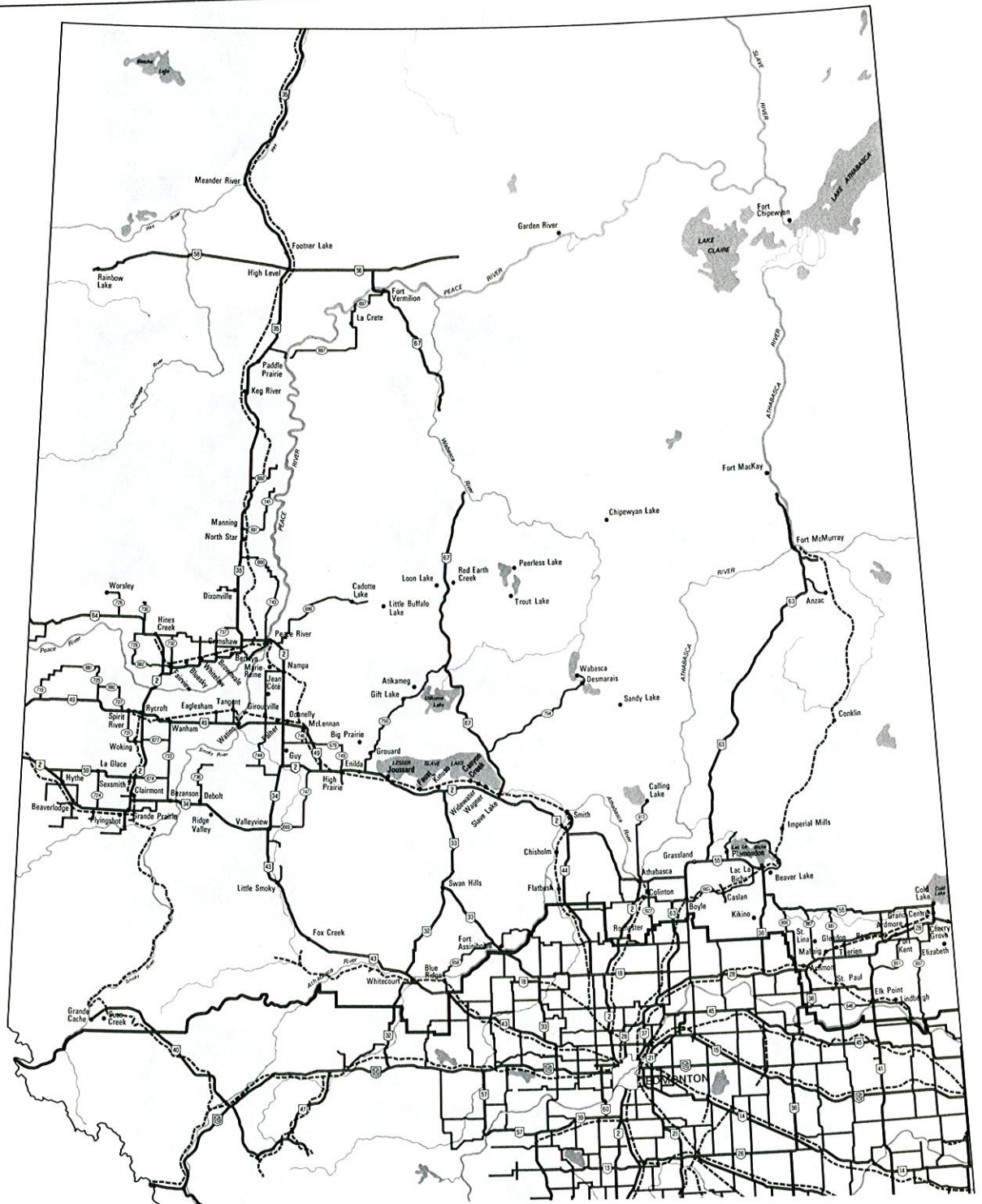
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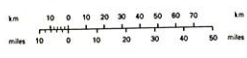
**Henry Sinclair**  
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# NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA OF JURISDICTION



**NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA**  
 COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATION OVER 50 (1971 CANADA CENSUS)



- PRIMARY HIGHWAY
- SECONDARY ROAD
- RAILWAY

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The Northern Alberta Development Council, initially created in 1963 as a five-member advisory body to government, was enlarged in 1973 to a membership of ten, made up of eight private citizens appointed on the basis of public nominations and two elected Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Through its own Act, the Northern Alberta Development Council is charged with the responsibility to "investigate, monitor, evaluate, plan and promote practical measures to foster and advance general development in northern Alberta and to advise the government thereon". The Act makes specific reference to social and economic development, the development of communities and service delivery, and development of government services and programs.

The Council at present has a full-time M.L.A. Chairman and reports to the Executive Council through the Minister of Tourism and Small Business, responsible for Northern Development.

The Council's primary role is to provide government with a northern point of view on a wide range of issues, supplementing and complementing the perspectives of northern M.L.A.s. A major objective of Council since 1973 has been to increase the amount of public participation in the planning and design of delivery systems for various government services in northern Alberta.

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.

Through regularly scheduled public meetings and sponsorship of major conferences and seminars, the Council serves as a forum to which residents can express their ideas and concerns regarding development of the North. In addition to receiving briefs at public meetings, the Council can initiate research into particular opportunities or needs and often pursues, on behalf of northern residents, efforts toward the development of new

programs or coordination of the existing service delivery.

The information service provided through the response to briefs received from the public results in the initiation of most Council activities. The general pattern starts with the presentation of a brief at a public meeting or receipt of a written submission addressed to the Chairman of the Council. Based on this expression of interest or concern, the Council initiates an inquiry to the appropriate government agency to determine their position. The reaction is then discussed by the members of the Council and an agreed-upon response is forwarded to the person who presented the brief. Often, further follow-up is required to clarify the response or to try to convince the department concerned to re-evaluate its position. Over half of the briefs presented to the Northern Alberta Development Council since 1973 have resulted in a positive response.

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

In February, 1980, the Council sponsored a workshop on Health Needs in Northern Alberta which brought together health care professionals, lay persons and consultants to discuss the health care delivery system in northern Alberta. A summary of this Workshop can be found on page 16 of this report.

The Northern Alberta Development Council is the catalyst assisting the departments of government responsible for the implementation of any changes and service improvements recommended by the Council. (It should be noted that the responsibility and the funding for the various programs rests with the specific individual government departments.) The Council's role has provided a better two-way flow of information resulting in a marked improvement in the service delivery mechanisms for all northern Albertans.



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# NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

## BRIEFS

During 1979/80, the Northern Alberta Development Council held twelve meetings and conducted one closed workshop. Sixty-nine 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 further clarify the issue through Branch-directed research, or to undertake discussions with the responsible officials in order to achieve the necessary action. At times, coordination of the efforts of a number of departments of government was required. The originator of each brief was kept 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 in Peace River.

### Briefs Received — 1979/80

The briefs which were submitted to the Northern Alberta Development Council during 1979/80 were as follows:

- Brief #392 presented by Harry Merrifield/Worley Rossen, regarding the Hail and Crop Insurance Program in the Peace River area.
- Brief #393 presented by Rene Lanctot, Fort Vermilion Fire Department, regarding the use of Bingo money to purchase fire equipment.
- Brief #394 presented by M.H. Murphy, Athabasca U Committee, requesting Council assistance in having Athabasca University relocated to the Town of Athabasca.
- Brief #395 presented by John Shannon, Athabasca and District Industrial Development Committee, requesting assistance to locate funds required to undertake an economic business survey.

- Brief #396 submitted by Agnes Rosenberger, Fort Vermilion Board of Trade, regarding the small hamlet grant — street paving.
- Brief #397 submitted by E.W. Drake, Northwestern Health & Social Service, High Level, regarding hospital services.
- Brief #398 submitted by Harold Cardinal, Kikino Metis Settlement Association, regarding experimental log building project.
- Brief #399 submitted by R. Eben, Slave Lake, regarding the disposition of Crown lands.
- Brief #400 submitted by Len Haley, East Peace Gas Co-op, Donnelly, regarding gas supply transmission line.
- Brief #401 submitted by M.R. Hamm, La Crete Municipal Nursing Association, regarding medical doctor for the community.
- Brief #402 submitted by W. Rumley, Faust, regarding freshwater fishing industry and marketing.
- Brief #403 submitted by David Vano, Beaverlodge Chamber of Commerce, regarding a Provincial Park on Wapiti River.
- Brief #404 submitted by David Vano, Beaverlodge Chamber of Commerce, regarding the highway between Bonanza and Highway #2.
- Brief #405 submitted by David Vano, Beaverlodge Chamber of Commerce, regarding a dangerous corner on Hwy #2 between Grande Prairie and Beaverlodge.
- Brief #406 submitted by Ray Hassenstein, Lesser Slave Lake West Regional Economic Development Board, regarding upgrading of Secondary Road #750.
- Brief #407 submitted by Chris Anderson, North Canadian Forest Products, regarding the development of timber resources north of Grande Cache (Berland Timber Development Proposal).
- Brief #408 submitted by Pat Carrell, Beaverlodge Order of Royal Purple #130, regarding extended care beds for Hospital District #32.
- Brief #409 submitted by Rae Dolemo, Village of Hythe, regarding utilities and roads.
- Brief #410 submitted by C.R. Elliott, Beaverlodge, regarding the re-establishment of Saskatoon Mountain Provincial Park.
- Brief #411 submitted by C.S. Vos, I.D. 23, regarding the need for a five-year development plan for northern Alberta.
- Brief #412 submitted by Dorothy Daniels, Metis Association of Alberta, regarding the N.A.D.C. Student Bursary Program.
- Brief #413 submitted by the Citizens Group of High Prairie, regarding a sub-division development



- in the Jack Pines area near High Prairie.
- Brief #414 submitted by Rhoda Pilker, Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce, regarding the completion of Highway #67.
- Brief #415 submitted by Al Vick, Slave Lake Chamber of Commerce, regarding the proposed lake stabilization canal on Lesser Slave Lake.
- Brief #416 submitted by Leonard LaFrance, Smith Development Association, regarding access to the campsite at the west end of Fawcett Lake.
- Brief #417 submitted by Tom Silman, Chisholm Community Association, about acquiring title to property under miscellaneous permit or lease in Chisholm.
- Brief #418 submitted by Ray Hassenstein, Lesser Slave Lake West REDB, regarding the allocation of Berland and Fox Creek Timber reserves to small operators.
- Brief #419 submitted by Joe Hugo, Smith Development Association, regarding the expansion of Opportunity Corps into Smith.
- Brief #420 submitted by Joe Hugo, Smith Development Association, regarding a road from west end of Fawcett Lake to Marten Hills.
- Brief #421 submitted by Len Stubel, Smith Recreation Board regarding construction of a community centre.
- Brief #422 submitted by Edward Sinclair, Trout Lake, regarding housing, roads, establishing a campsite, employment, and sawmill in Trout Lake.
- Brief #423 submitted by Denis Champagne, Community Development Program, Lac La Biche, regarding expansion of the Opportunity Corps into Lac La Biche.
- Brief #424 submitted by Don Lowry, Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce, regarding the need for upgrading on Highway #34.
- Brief #425 submitted by R. Anderson, regarding a water system for residents of Wagner/Widewater.
- Brief #426 submitted by the Wabasca-Desmarais Land Tenure Secretariat, regarding land tenure, local community needs and services, local government.
- Brief #427 submitted by Rick Bambrick, Wandering River, regarding district roads.
- Brief #428 submitted by Sandra Legare, Wandering River & District Local Development Committee regarding land issues.
- Brief #429 submitted by Al Trimming, Wandering River & District Local Development Committee regarding townsite planning in Wandering River.
- Brief #430 submitted by Ken Hatch, Wandering River & District Local Development Committee regarding the need for water and sewer in Wandering River.
- Brief #431 submitted by Howard Johnson, Wandering River Valley Estates, regarding a dumping ground, and highway access road to a private resort development.
- Brief #432 submitted by Vivian Aubee, Community of Wandering River, regarding school upgrading.
- Brief #433 submitted by Marie Leduc, Lac La Biche Day Care Association, regarding capital funds required for the construction of a day care centre.
- Brief #434 submitted by Lena Labonte, Camp 3F Association, Plamondon, regarding funds for operating Camp 3F.
- Brief #435 submitted by Jackie St. Jean, Wandering River Recreation Association, regarding operating funds for a skating rink in Breynat.
- Brief #436 submitted by Odean St. Jean, St. Jean Lumber, Breynat, regarding the availability of timber to small operators.
- Brief #437 submitted by Joyce Cerny, Pelican Mountain Association, Sandy Lake, regarding local government funds for community secretary, school, post office and roads in Sandy Lake.
- Brief #438 submitted by Walter Mitchell, Wandering River, regarding a road from Wandering River to Plamondon.
- Brief #439 submitted by Sandra Legare, Wandering River, regarding cemetery development.
- Brief #440 submitted by Floyd Griesbach, Wabasca, regarding recreation services and other community concerns.
- Brief #441 submitted by Charles Patry, Athabasca, regarding ecological damage in the Chain Lakes area.
- Brief #442 submitted by Muriel Venne, Native Outreach, regarding the expansion of Native Outreach services.
- Brief #443 submitted by Larry Chorney, Town Council of Fairview, regarding installation of lights and improved signal at the Dunvegan Bridge.
- Brief #444 submitted by Norm Weiss, Community of Lac La Biche, regarding C.B.C. sports coverage in Fort McMurray area.
- Brief #445 submitted by the Fort Vermilion Board



of Trade, regarding the relocation of the I.D. 23 office.

- Brief #446 submitted by Muriel Oslie, Peace River, regarding road access and recreational facilities at Haig Lake.
- Brief #447 submitted by Sheila Scrutton, Northern Alberta Recreation Association, regarding energy costs for recreation facilities.
- Brief #448 submitted by W. Cuthill, New Town of Fox Creek, regarding the health care delivery in Fox Creek.
- Brief #449 submitted by Brian Elko, Whitecourt Chamber of Commerce, regarding the need to pave the Whitecourt-Swan Hills road, Highway #32.
- Brief #450 submitted by Horace Olecko, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, regarding the Berland-Fox Creek timber proposals.
- Brief #451 submitted by Horace Olecko, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, regarding the Cold Lake Heavy Oil Development and usage of coal.
- Brief #452 submitted by Horace Olecko, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, regarding Highway #32 upgrading.
- Brief #453 submitted by Horace Olecko, Mayor, Town of Whitecourt, regarding the Roads to Resources funding program.
- Brief #454 submitted by Harold Wharton, Alberta Independent Loggers & Lumbermen's Association, regarding timber allotments for small operators.
- Brief #455 submitted by W. Duma, Grande Prairie, regarding timber allotments for small operators.
- Brief #456 submitted by the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce regarding a proposed meeting with N.A.D.C. concerning labour requirements in Grande Prairie.
- Brief #457 submitted by Keyano College, Fort McMurray, regarding basic education needs of northern Alberta adult natives.
- Brief #458 submitted by the Federation of Metis Settlements, regarding economic and social development.
- Brief #459 submitted by Frank Paul, Edmonton, regarding medical services to mature persons.
- Brief #460 submitted by Cal Web, United Way, Grande Prairie, requesting Council assistance to undertake a social impact study in Grande Prairie.
- Brief #461 submitted by G. Dubois, Chamber of Commerce, St. Paul, regarding hazardous wastes disposal.

## RESEARCH AND COORDINATION

A number of issues brought to the attention of the Northern Alberta Development Council have required intensive background work and follow-up activities. As a result, the Council has prompted a number of major research projects and efforts directed toward coordination and modification of the delivery of government services in a number of areas.

Council initiated follow-up activities in 1979/80 included:

- support for the relocation of Athabasca University
- support for a re-examination of the Dunvegan Dam proposal
- review and recommendations with respect to updating information and statistics available on the North through a major Overview Study
- support for provision of student residences at Grande Prairie College
- consultation with Peace River Regional Planning Commission on needed sub-regional studies
- review and recommendations regarding incentives in the Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program
- input into a number of interdepartmental committees in such areas as water and sewer delivery, social employment programming, resource development, payment of government accounts, daycare, second channel television and infrastructure provision in remote communities.

The process of detailed follow-up to issues presented to the Northern Alberta Development Council is illustrated in the following summary of the Workshop on Health Needs in Northern Alberta.

## HEALTH NEEDS IN NORTHERN ALBERTA

The Health Needs in Northern Alberta Workshop sponsored by the Northern Alberta Development Council in St. Paul in February of 1980, was part of a two-year review process undertaken by the Council regarding health care delivery in the North.

In May of 1978, the Council passed a motion to investigate current health needs in northern Alberta. The intention was to review and clarify issues which had previously been submitted to the Council from various northern citizens, communities, and health organizations.

Initial investigation revealed that health needs



could not be studied in isolation due to the complex nature of health care delivery. The Council, therefore, initiated a process which involved:

- Formation of a study Management Committee with members from the Northern Development Branch, Alberta Social Services and Community Health, and Alberta Hospitals and Medical Care.
- Research and preparation of a study by an independent consultant for use as a discussion document. The study was to utilize the Demand-Need-Supply model as viewed by health delivery personnel, professional organizations and provincial departments.
- Organization of a workshop to discuss the study findings and provide additional input regarding needs and potential solutions.
- Preparation of recommendations for consideration by the respective provincial government departments responsible for health care.

In the summer of 1979, a consultant was selected to undertake an intensive review of the health care delivery system in northern Alberta. In addition to the study, the consultants were required to attend the Workshop to discuss potential recommendations.

The study included utilization of available statistical data from provincial departments, field collection of anecdotal references from twenty-two localities across northern Alberta, and a review of current research. In writing their report, the consultants were asked to include material that could be utilized for discussion by participants at the Workshop.

On February 5-8, 1980, the Council Workshop was held in St. Paul. Sixty participants representing a wide cross-section of health care professionals, government officials and professional organizations attended. The purpose of the Workshop was to review the consultant's report and discuss potential recommendations on northern health needs.

Participants were invited and advance material was distributed in sufficient time to allow review of local concerns not outlined in the consultant study. The Workshop also intentionally provided time for information exchange on health care as it related to the national, provincial and local level.

The Workshop discussions resulted in a list of approximately fifty recommendations supported by a consensus of the participants. The recommendations were presented to the Northern Alberta Development Council for their consideration and use in preparing the Council's private submission to the Provincial Government.

Through the process outlined, the Council addressed a major concern — northern health needs. By incorporating information from the consultant's study, the Workshop deliberations, and various submissions from northern Albertans, a composite list of recommendations on northern health care was prepared for review by the respective Ministers involved. It is anticipated that careful consideration and appropriate action will be undertaken in response to the Council's recommendations.

A printed Workshop Report and copies of the consultant's study, Health Needs in Northern Alberta, are available from the Northern Development Branch, Tourism and Small Business, Postal Bag 900, Peace River, Alberta.

## **FISHING IN NORTHERN ALBERTA**

In response to a number of briefs noting concerns about commercial and recreational fishing in the North, Council directed the preparation of a public statement on the fishing industry in northern Alberta. This public statement was presented as a submission to the Select Committee of the Legislature on Fishing at a public hearing in Cold Lake, October 5th, 1979.

The basic assumptions underlying the Council position were that:

- the primary objective of fishing legislation should be the conservation of fish population as a renewable resource for commercial and recreational fishing; and
- fisheries resources are a public resource and as such should be managed to make the greatest possible contribution to all facets of society.

The submission provided recent statistics on commercial and recreational fishing in northern Alberta and presented the Select Committee with nineteen detailed recommendations for consideration. The position paper presented by the Northern Alberta Development Council Chairman received wide circulation and provided a basic discussion document for subsequent hearings of the Select Committee.

A printed copy of the submission is available from the Northern Development Branch, Tourism and Small Business, Bag 900, Peace River, Alberta.

## **REVIEW OF GOALS**

In early 1975, the Northern Alberta Development Council completed a major Goals for



Programs 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 provincial Cabinet Ministers. The document establishes the goals Council seeks to attain in four general areas: Economic Development, Development of Communities, Education, and Government Services.

The Council carried out a major review of the Goals document at a closed three-day session during the fall of 1979. Arising out of that review was a general affirmation of the Goals established in 1975 and a number of recommendations regarding the on-going operation of the Council and future public meetings.

The current Council priorities, established during the 1979 review, are:

- Roads/Transportation
- Economic Development
- Alcohol Abuse
- Adult Education/Training
- Health Care
- Agriculture
- Community Services
  - Fire Equipment
  - Potable Water
  - Operational Costs of Community Facilities

• Payment of Government Accounts

• Labour Supply and Unemployment

Four important recommendations for future direction of the Northern Alberta Development Council which came out of the review session were:

- Council should not restrict its current mandate.
- Council should maintain a "neutral arbiter" and "court of last resort" role.
- Council should respond "no" to a brief at a public meeting if nothing can be done to resolve the issue presented.
- Council should attempt to achieve a higher profile as an information exchange mechanism for the North.

## NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

1979/80 was a significant year with respect to rotation of members on the Northern Alberta Development Council. A new full-time M.L.A. Chairman was appointed and an extensive public nomination process was carried out to select new members for appointment to Council.

In 1979, a decision was made to encourage

more intensive and consistent communication between the Council and the Provincial policy makers through appointment of a northern M.L.A. as full-time Chairman of the Northern Alberta Development Council. Mr. E. E. Borstad, M.L.A. Grande Prairie, was appointed in June, 1979 and a Chairman's office set up in the Provincial Building in Grande Prairie. Support staff continued to be provided by the Northern Development Branch in Peace River. Legislative responsibility for the Northern Alberta Development Council was transferred to Hon. Hugh M. Horner, Deputy Premier, Minister of Economic Development, and following his resignation in the fall of 1979, to Hon. J. A. Adair, Minister of Tourism and Small Business.

In late 1979, through public advertisements in all northern newspapers, nominations were solicited from community groups and organizations for nominees to replace retiring Council members. In March, 1980, the Minister responsible for Northern Development appointed six new members to the Northern Alberta Development Council. The new membership for 1980/81 includes:

Elmer E. Borstad, M.L.A., Grande Prairie,  
Chairman

Henry Sinclair, Slave Lake, Vice-Chairman

Barrie Fraser, St. Paul

Walter Holowack, Grande Cache

Jim Kincaid, LaCrete

Romeo Lauzon, LaCorey

Barry Lazoruk, Rycroft

James A. May, Grande Prairie

Norman A. Weiss, M.L.A.,

Lac La Biche/McMurray

Barbara Wilkinson, Athabasca

## STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

The Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program was created in 1974 to provide additional incentive for northern students to attend post-secondary educational institutions and return to professional and technical positions in northern Alberta, particularly in remote and isolated locations. Students assisted through the Program are obligated to work in northern Alberta for at least one year for each year of bursary support received. If students do not complete their program of study or do not complete the work obligation, they are required to repay the bursary funds received.

The Bursary Program is administered by the



Students Finance Board. A selection committee made up of four members of the Northern Alberta Development Council and one representative each from the Metis Association of Alberta, the Students Finance Board and Alberta Advanced Education is responsible for the establishment of guidelines and selection of candidates for bursary support.

On the basis of criteria including need, northern experience and special circumstances, the Selection Committee granted bursary assistance in 1979/80 to 133 applicants for a total of \$380,000. New bursary rates, of up to \$3,500 for single students and up to \$5,000 per academic year for married students, were also established.

At the initiation of Council in early 1979, the Student Bursary Program was evaluated by an independent consultant. The consultant noted the program was generally successful and provided a series of recommendations regarding selection criteria, guidelines, and administrative procedures. The recommendations are presently being reviewed by the Council and the Students Finance Board.

Since the inception of the program over 700 students have been assisted at total expenditure of \$1 million. Most of the returning graduates have remained in the North to contribute to the growing and diverse economy of the region.

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# NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT BRANCH



## **NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT BRANCH**

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, coordinates 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 communications services, resource development, etc.

Early in the fiscal year, the Branch's reporting responsibility changed from the Minister of Business Development and Tourism to the Deputy Premier's Office and, in mid-year, reverted to a second northern Minister, the Minister of Tourism and Small Business.

During the year under review, the Branch was organized in three functional components: Research and Analysis, Program Coordination, and Council Administration. The Research and Analysis Section provides the review and planning function for northern Alberta socio-economic improvements. Basic research is performed and background and position papers prepared in support of the Council in its monitoring role in the North.

Examples of major projects undertaken by the Section on behalf of the Council during the fiscal year included the Fishing Report, Health Needs Report, Daycare Report, Infrastructure Inventory, Northern Overview Study, the impact of part-time farming, an evaluation of the Water Supply Program and a review of the Dunvegan Dam project.

The purpose of the Program Coordination Section is to facilitate and assist in the coordination of activities of various line departments and agencies to achieve maximum opportunities for

socio-economic development in northern Alberta. Within this context the Section has a major responsibility for implementation of the \$55 million 1978-82 Alberta North Subsidiary Agreement. In the area of northern coordination efforts on behalf of the Council, extensive staff time was spent on such activities as water and sewer, second channel television, transportation needs, Education North, Native Outreach, training, social employment and the Berland/Fox Creek forestry proposals.

The Council Administration Section provides technical and logistical support to the Chairman's office in Grande Prairie and to individual Council members for the monthly meetings. During 1979/80, six closed meetings, four public meetings, the Health Needs Workshop and a major goals review and priority setting session were organized. Detailed follow-up to the Student Bursary Program and assistance in the public nomination process and appointment of six new Council members was also undertaken. Sixty-nine briefs were presented to the Council during the fiscal year and background documentation, interdepartmental liaison activities and draft responses were undertaken in each case by the Section staff.

Some of the major follow-up activities arising from the briefs and/or Council initiated requests involved: payment of government accounts, Athabasca University relocation, fire protection in isolated communities, Grande Prairie labour needs and health care recommendations. Preparatory work was also initiated for the Alberta North in the '80s Conference scheduled for November, 1980 in Grande Prairie.

In its work as a coordinator and facilitator, and, particularly, as a supplier of technical support to the Northern Alberta Development Council, the Branch continued to maintain a vital communications link between northern people and government.

# ALBERTA NORTH AGREEMENT



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The Alberta North Subsidiary Agreement is an enabling agreement between the Province and the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion designed to encourage the development within provincial line departments of appropriate programs beneficial to northern Alberta.

The current fiscal year represents the second full year of operation under the 1978-82 \$55 million Agreement. During the first two years of the Agreement, a total commitment of over \$27 million has been achieved.

In 1979/80, the Northern Development Branch

staff with the advice and 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. Activities cost-shared during the past year reflected increased attention to housing, transportation and human development related programs. A number of projects in the area of social employment and skill development were also further developed during 1979/80.

Following is a listing of projects authorized for cost-sharing in the first two years of the Agreement:

## CANADA/ALBERTA NORTH AGREEMENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

		1978/79	1979/80
Program I			
251101	Opportunity Corps	2,280,000	2,709,367
251103	Development of Management Capability	1,269,170	1,193,685
251104	Education North, Phase II	350,000	371,000
Program II			
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES			
251201	Fort Vermilion Sanitary Services	700,000	
251202	La Crete Water Supply	1,200,000	
251203	Northern Water Supply Project	848,573	679,000
251204	Internal Roads in Isolated Communities	270,000	4,470,000
251205	Metis Settlement Housing	500,000	600,000
251206	Isolated Communities Log Housing	350,000	450,000
251207	Land Tenure Secretariat	357,320	347,696
251208	Rural Electrification Associations	300,000	102,000
251209	Northern Electrification Projects	75,000	
251210	I.D. 23 Natural Gas Supply Project	3,180,000	
Program III			
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES— INDIAN RESERVES		970,957	2,168,500
Program IV			
SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
251401	Employment Relocation Counselling	223,595	287,597
251402	Native Outreach	225,000	154,491
Program V			
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
251501	Cold Lake Baseline Study, Phase I	29,000	
251502	Rural Development Projects	88,000	110,000
251503	Research & Development Assistance	225,000	225,000
		<u>13,271,415</u>	<u>13,868,336</u>

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