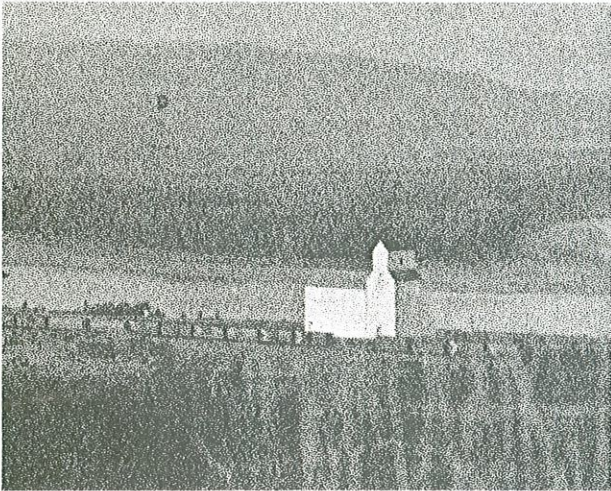
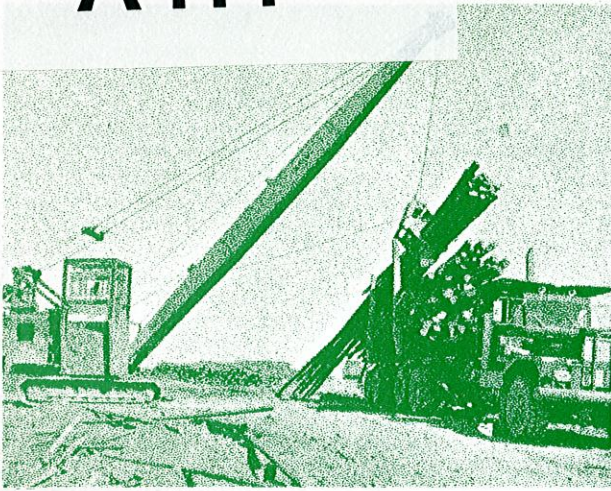


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May 15th, 1981

Hon. J.A. Adair
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Alberta Development Council

Sir:

The undersigned has the honour to transmit herewith, the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Northern Alberta Development Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer Borstad".

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

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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

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

1980/81 has been a very rewarding year to be the Chairman of the Northern Alberta Development Council. The orientation of six new Council members and the participation of the Council in six public meetings, a major conference, a number of intensive research projects and follow-up to 121 briefs has made for a very busy time. The time and effort has been well spent however, as is demonstrated by the positive response to Council initiatives from both the government and private sectors.

During the past fiscal year, Council began its second round of public meetings in northern communities with meetings in Fort McMurray, Fort Chipewyan, Lac La Biche, Slave Lake, High Prairie and Grande Cache. The public meetings in Fort McMurray and Fort Chipewyan were highlighted by the premiere showing of the N.A.D.C./R. Angus film "People of the Oil Sands".

A number of N.A.D.C. activities over the year were concentrated on a review of the past decade in preparation for the cooperative efforts which will be required to meet "the challenge of the '80s". Notable among these activities were meetings with various Cabinet Ministers and the Premier, and the release of Council-sponsored research — such as the Cold Lake Baseline Study and the 1971-79 Trends in Northern Alberta statistical overview. Input into a number of interdepartmental committees in such areas as vocational training, infrastructure, transportation, social programming, health care, housing, parks, day care and communications, also occupied extensive time.

A major event was the Alberta North in the '80s Conference held in Grande Prairie, November 20-22, 1980. The Conference brought together over 300 northerners to examine northern development in the seventies and to help set the stage for the coming challenge. The Council also held a major meeting with the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission to discuss the growing problem of alcohol and alcohol-related concerns.

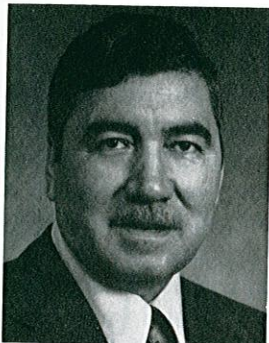
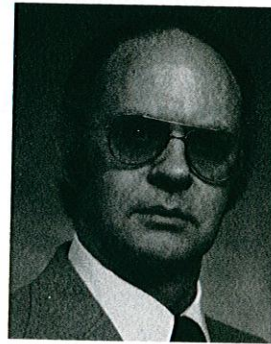
In March, 1981, three new members were appointed to Council to replace dedicated retiring members. We look forward, in the year ahead, to continuing past efforts in providing a forum for public participation and provision of valuable "grassroots" advice to the government on development of Alberta's north.

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MEMBERS OF
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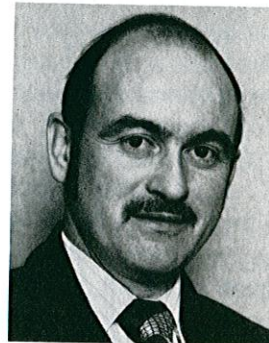
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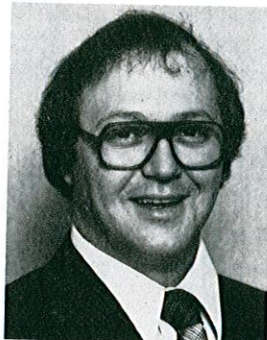
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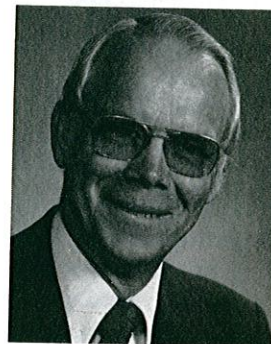
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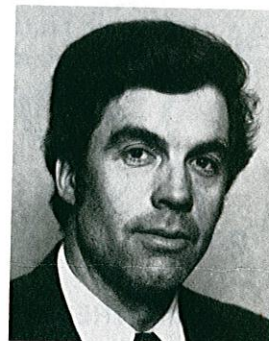
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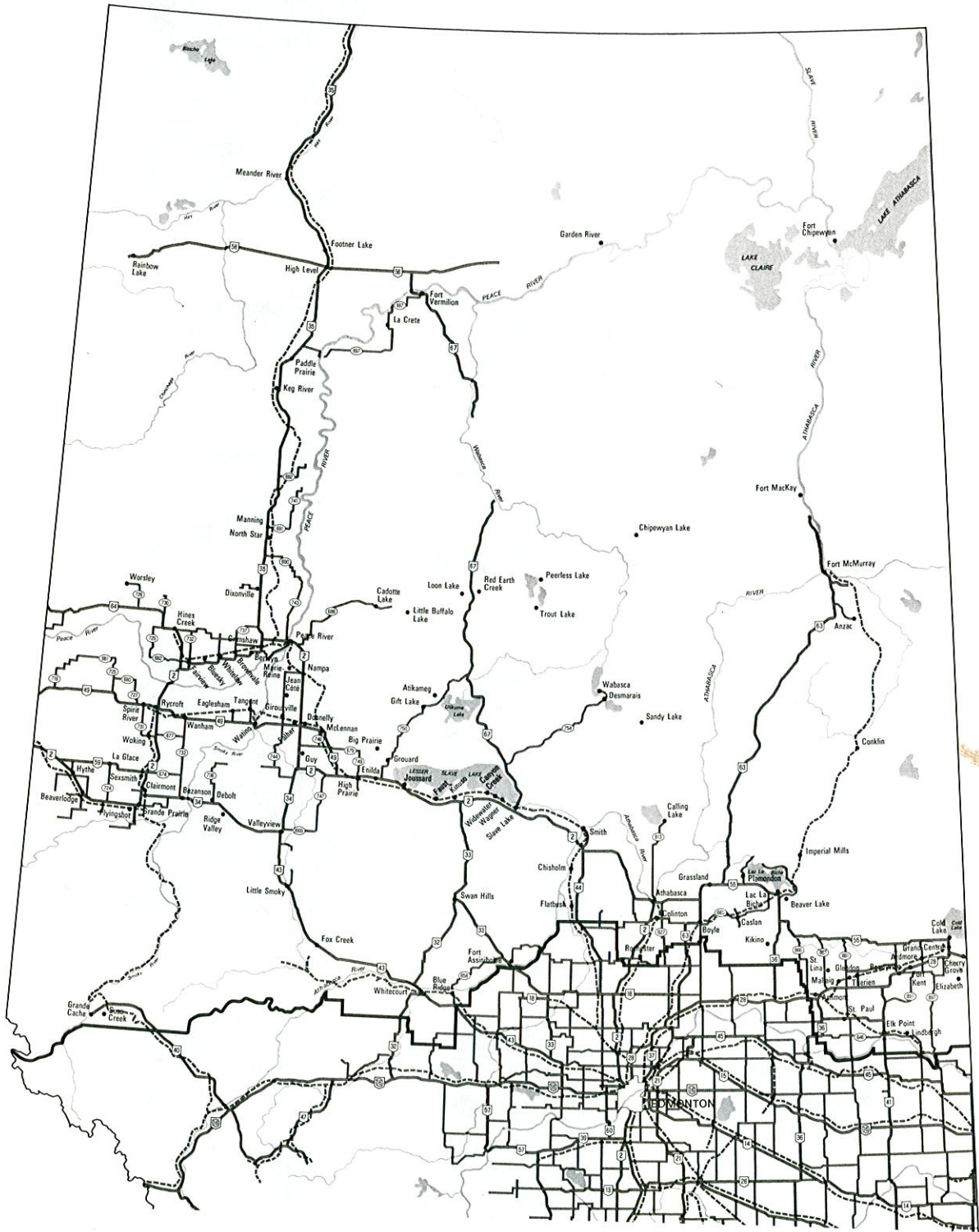


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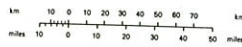
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NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA OF JURISDICTION



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 was initially created in 1963 as a five-member advisory body to the provincial government. It was enlarged in 1973 to a membership of ten, and currently consists 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 the 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 its 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 resource development projects, education, training, transportation, parks, local government concerns, infrastructure systems, health services, housing and agriculture.

In November, 1980, the Council sponsored a major conference, Alberta North in the '80s, which brought together 300 elected officials and northern citizens to discuss current challenges and concerns, and review progress since the 1975 Opportunity North Conference. A summary of the Alberta North conference can be found further on in this report.

The Northern Alberta Development Council serves as a catalyst, assisting the departments of government responsible for the implementation of changes and service improvements. The Council can make strong recommendations but the responsibility and funding for the various programs rests with each individual government department. 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.

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

BRIEFS

During 1980-81, the Northern Alberta Development Council held twelve regular monthly meetings, three special meetings and sponsored a major conference. One hundred and twenty-one 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 — 1980/81

The briefs which were submitted to the Northern Alberta Development Council during 1980/81 were as follows:

- Brief #462 submitted by Lorna L. Ferguson, Further Education Council, Fort Vermilion, regarding a Reading and Writing Tutoring Project.
- Brief #463 presented by Lachlan S. Phimester, Peace River School Division, regarding the need for vocational education in northern Alberta.
- Brief #464 presented by Bert Broeckx, E.Q.C. Associates, Hines Creek, concerning the disposition of Crown Land for a highway commercial development near Cleardale.
- Brief #465 submitted by Mayor Val Meredith, Town of Slave Lake, regarding the school division, roads, parks and education in Slave Lake.

- Brief #466 presented by Muriel Venne, Native Outreach, regarding the development of a native labour force in Alberta.
- Brief #467 submitted by Ms. E.M. McCullough, Slave Lake Native Friendship Centre, regarding expansion of their friendship centre.
- Brief #468 submitted by Floyd Griesbach, Wabasca Community and Recreation Service, regarding several local issues.
- Brief #469 submitted by Peerless Lake Community Association requesting a local community resource worker.
- Brief #470 submitted by Herman E. Leicht, Mayor of Athabasca, concerning the construction of a new truck route.
- Brief #471 submitted by Herman E. Leicht, Mayor of Athabasca, concerning construction and upgrading of northern highways.
- Brief #472 submitted by J.G. Wallsten, Slave Lake, regarding school taxation and equalized assessments.
- Brief #473 submitted by Paddy McGuire, Steering Committee for the Youth Group Program, Native Friendship Centre, regarding a Youth Worker project for Slave Lake.
- Brief #474 submitted by Angeline Willier, High Prairie, regarding their Native Friendship Centre Society.
- Brief #475 submitted by William Beaver, Indian Association of Alberta, regarding Indian Awareness Workshops in the Treaty 8 area.
- Brief #476 submitted by T. Piquette, Lakeland Environment and Agricultural Protective Society, regarding agricultural land use in the Bonnyville-Cold Lake area.
- Brief #477 submitted by Sugar Plum Tree Day Care Society, Peace River, regarding a permanent facility.
- Brief #478 submitted by the Interagency Council of Grande Cache regarding a community impact assessment study.
- Brief #479 submitted by the La Crete Chamber of Commerce regarding re-routing and paving of roads.
- Brief #480 submitted by the Cadotte Lake Community Association regarding housing allocation in their community.
- Brief #481 submitted by Don Butler, Fort McMurray School District #2833, regarding equalized assessments and supplementary school requisitions.
- Brief #482 submitted by Preventive Social Services, Fort McMurray, regarding expanding their local services.

- Brief #483 submitted by Kathy Trimming, Wandering River and District Local Development Society, regarding centralizing of facilities in the townsite of Wandering River.
- Brief #484 submitted by Geoff A. Weber, Village of Plamondon, regarding municipal services and growth.
- Brief #485 submitted by Sandra Le Gare, Wandering River, regarding Highway #63.
- Brief #486 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding the re-establishment of an elementary school in Anzac.
- Brief #487 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding road improvements.
- Brief #488 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding flat rate telephone service.
- Brief #489 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding television reception.
- Brief #490 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding natural gas service.
- Brief #491 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding community water system.
- Brief #492 submitted by Rose Pratt, Anzac Citizens Association, regarding a public transportation to Fort McMurray.
- Brief #493 submitted by Irwin Huberman, Fort McMurray Express, regarding Highway #63.
- Brief #494 submitted by Ted Mason, Mayor of Fort McMurray, regarding general concerns and an update on Fort McMurray.
- Brief #495 submitted by Maureen Clarke, Fort Chipewyan, regarding several community concerns.
- Brief #496 submitted by Pat Anderson, Fort Chipewyan, regarding Tri-Milk.
- Brief #497 submitted by Lawrence Courtreille, Chief — Cree Band, Fort Chipewyan, regarding several local concerns.
- Brief #498 presented by Maureen Clarke, Fort Chipewyan, regarding Grade Twelve in Fort Chipewyan.
- Brief #499 presented by Robert P. Cooke, President, Fort McMurray Tourist and Convention Bureau, regarding recreation and tourism.
- Brief #500 submitted by Norm Weiss, M.L.A. Lac La Biche/McMurray, regarding a lumber industry in Janvier.
- Brief #501 submitted by Fred Herzog, Cleardale, regarding land use issues.
- Brief #502 submitted by John Friesen, Mayor of Peace River, regarding a new airport terminal building for the Peace River airport.
- Brief #503 submitted by C.C. Bevan, Peace River Industrial Resources Ltd., regarding markets for gravel.
- Brief #504 submitted by Russell Moghrabi, Lac La Biche Fishermen's Co-Op. Ltd., regarding walleye rearing ponds.
- Brief #505 submitted by Valerie Meredith, Mayor of Slave Lake, regarding a community growth study.
- Brief #506 submitted by the office of the Municipal Administrator, Town of Bonnyville, regarding upgrading of Bonnyville airport.
- Brief #507 submitted by E.J. Woynarowich, Mayor of Lac La Biche, expressing greetings from their town.
- Brief #508 submitted by W.M. Tichonuk, Lac La Biche Fish and Game Association, regarding access to public lands, hunter training and fish production in Lac La Biche.
- Brief #509 submitted by the Senior Citizens' Societies of Grand Centre and Cold Lake, regarding Drop-In Centres.
- Brief #510 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche, regarding assessment of Improvement District 18.
- Brief #511 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche, regarding supplementary school requisitions and school foundation fund.
- Brief #512 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche, regarding restoration of the lake for recreation purposes.
- Brief #513 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche and Regional Economic Development Council, regarding Northern Alberta Railroad (Canadian National) yards and property in Lac La Biche.
- Brief #514 submitted by the Lac La Biche Chamber of Commerce and Regional Economic Development Council regarding Highway #63.
- Brief #515 submitted by Gary Elashuk, Regional Economic Development Council, Lac La Biche, regarding Lakeland country recreation development.
- Brief #516 submitted by Dave McArthur, Regional Economic Development Council, Lac La Biche, and Lac La Biche Fisheries Co-op Ltd., regarding an Inland Fisheries Enhancement Program.
- Brief #517 submitted by Miles Maskalyk, Lac La Biche Fishermen's Co-Op Ltd., regarding scheduling of commercial fishing.
- Brief #518 submitted by David Janvier, Chief, Janvier Band, regarding a sawmill operation for Janvier.

- Brief #519 submitted by the Preventive Social Services Board, Lac La Biche and District, regarding a community-based approach to alcoholism treatment.
- Brief #520 submitted by Ernie Sehn, Lac La Biche School Division # 51, regarding public education in northern communities.
- Brief #521 submitted by Ted Langford, Alberta Vocational Centre, Lac La Biche, informing Council of the role and services of A.V.C.
- Brief #522 submitted by Helen Belchek, Plamondon, regarding Youth Camp 3F.
- Brief #523 submitted by Jocelyn Sparks, Blue Quills Native Education Co-ordinator, St. Paul, regarding Blue Quills Nursing Program.
- Brief #524 submitted by the Town of Lac La Biche, regarding policing costs.
- Brief #525 submitted by Edith Campbell, Conklin, regarding several local concerns about the community of Conklin.
- Brief #526 submitted by Dennis Heney, Bonnyville, regarding development in Cold Lake Regional Plan area.
- Brief #527 submitted by Robert Strayer, Cold Lake, regarding agricultural use of land.
- Brief #528 submitted by Anthony J. Shann, Slave Lake, regarding Shaw's Point Campsite renovation project.
- Brief #529 submitted by Valerie Meredith, Mayor of Slave Lake, regarding a Special Area Agreement with DREE.
- Brief #530 submitted by M.R. Hamm, La Crete Nursing Association, regarding the establishment of a Medical Clinic at La Crete.
- Brief #531 submitted by Vic Stapleton, Grande Cache, regarding a Corporate Sports Program in northern Alberta.
- Brief #532 submitted by Kathleen Laboucan, Little Buffalo, regarding the establishment of a day care centre in Little Buffalo.
- Brief #533 submitted by Joyce Cerny, Pelican Mountain Association, Sandy Lake, Desmarais, regarding infrastructure requirements.
- Brief #534 submitted by Don Tournier, Preventive Social Services, Lac La Biche, regarding access to RITE lines.
- Brief #535 submitted by Elizabeth Siemens, Fort Vermilion-La Crete Medical Needs Committee, regarding health care and social service needs.
- Brief #536 submitted by M. Mathisen, Grande Prairie Construction Association, regarding the Highway south of Grande Prairie, a regional nursing school, and construction of Grande Prairie hospital.
- Brief #537 submitted by Rosemary Seaman, Northwest Regional Coordinating Committee, regarding retention of staff in northern agencies.
- Brief #538 submitted by David C. Peters, La Crete Grain Handling and Transportation Steering Committee, regarding their grain marketing situation.
- Brief #539 submitted by Joe Hugo, Smith Development Association, regarding the road from Fawcett Lake to Marten Hills.
- Brief #540 submitted by Jake D. Elias, Businessmen of La Crete, regarding the routing of Secondary Road #697.
- Brief #541 submitted by Ike Lawrence, High Prairie, expressing greetings, and regarding third level air carrier service for High Prairie and other northern towns.
- Brief #542 submitted by Dr. Margaret Kirwan, Grande Prairie, regarding the Cool Aid Project in Grande Prairie.
- Brief #543 submitted by Velva Harding, High Prairie Police Commission — Town Council, regarding RCMP contract costs.
- Brief #544 submitted by Edmo Peyre, High Prairie, regarding drainage of agricultural land.
- Brief #545 submitted by L.J. Lamoureux, McLennan, regarding flat rate telephone service.
- Brief #546 submitted by Ronald Faulkner, McLennan Chamber of Commerce, regarding stabilization of Kimiwan Lake.
- Brief #547 submitted by Norma Godin, Winagami Beach Association, McLennan, regarding algae in Lake Winagami.
- Brief #548 submitted by William Janssen, Woking, regarding erosion control and prevention.
- Brief #549 submitted by Floyd Griesbach, Wabasca, regarding community needs for Wabasca-Desmarais.
- Brief #550 submitted by Bill Farley, Advisor to Chief and Band Council, Bigstone Reserve, regarding joint community planning in Wabasca-Desmarais.
- Brief #551 submitted by Susan Lamothe, High Prairie Working with Youth Advisory Committee, regarding a youth centre and the Canada Employment Program.

- Brief #552 submitted by Audrey Gale, High Prairie Interagency Council, regarding a halfway house operation in High Prairie.
- Brief #553 submitted by Sam Sinclair, Metis Association of Alberta, regarding concerns of Metis people in Alberta.
- Brief #554 submitted by Leonard Young, Bigstone Band Enterprises, Desmarais, regarding water and sewer services for Desmarais.
- Brief #555 submitted by Pally Pillay, Mayor of Slave Lake, regarding a community impact study.
- Brief #556 submitted by Don McPherson, Metis Indian Town Alcohol Association, regarding the Detox Centre in High Prairie.
- Brief #557 submitted by Eugene Dextrase, Northwestern Regional Economic Development Council, High Level, regarding grain handling facilities in Improvement District 23.
- Brief #558 submitted by Dr. Garnet E. Birch, University of Calgary, regarding integrated health/welfare services and Human Services Project.
- Brief #559 submitted by Local 7621, United Steelworkers of America, Grande Cache, regarding a third trailer park for Grande Cache townsite.
- Brief #560 submitted by Sue Landaker, Fairview Day Care Society, regarding the development of a day care centre in Fairview.
- Brief #561 submitted by George Amato, Peace River, regarding trappers' compensation.
- Brief #562 submitted by Elmer Ghostkeeper, Federation of Metis Settlements, Edmonton, regarding Settlement Sooniyaw Corporation.
- Brief #563 submitted by Wally Silvestri, Town of Grande Cache, expressing greetings.
- Brief #564 submitted by Jack Slimmon, Chamber of Commerce, regarding the implementation of tourist facilities in the Grande Cache area.
- Brief #565 submitted by Stan Wall, Skyline Motor Co. Ltd., Grande Cache, regarding jet boat access to Willmore Wilderness Park.
- Brief #566 submitted by John St. Arnault, Grande Prairie, regarding native counselling service for Grande Cache.
- Brief #567 submitted by Laura Gould, Grande Cache Family Centre, informing Council of their operation.
- Brief #568 submitted by Lynn Zak, Grande Cache, regarding the Early Childhood Services Program.
- Brief #569 submitted by Bob Beard, Woodlands Manager, B.C.F.P., informing Council of their operation and plans.
- Brief #570 submitted by Mary Stevenson, Grande Cache School District #5258, regarding isolation, speech therapy, and staff development.
- Brief #571 submitted by Eric Ferrie, Grande Cache, informing Council of the plans for Mihti Contractors.
- Brief #572 submitted by Roxanne Delorme, Grande Cache, regarding concerns of the native people.
- Brief #573 submitted by Peter Thomas, Grande Cache, regarding a Mine Training School for Grande Cache.
- Brief #574 submitted by Hedley Boschma, Grande Cache, regarding revenue sharing in Improvement District 16.
- Brief #575 submitted by Percy Cummins, Special Friends Coordinator, Grande Cache, regarding family and community support services.
- Brief #576 submitted by Lorraine Sinclair, Hinton, regarding Metis Local #177 — Education and Training Survey.
- Brief #577 submitted by Roy Lambert, McIntyre Mines, regarding upgrading/paving Highway 40 to the minesite.
- Brief #578 submitted by Karen Cameron, Tree House Day Care Society, Grande Cache, regarding the development of a day care centre for Grande Cache.
- Brief #579 submitted by Susan Feddema, A.A.D.A.C., Grande Cache, informing Council on their Interagency Project.
- Brief #580 submitted by D. Lambert, Grande Cache General Hospital Board, regarding coordination of long term planning needs.
- Brief #581 submitted by Jim Ceasar, Grande Cache Halfway House Association, regarding the establishment of a halfway house in Grande Cache.
- Brief #582 submitted by Rene Landry, Grande Cache Elementary School, regarding the Grade 6 class letter about preservation of Willmore Wilderness Park.

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.

Major Council-initiated activities in 1980-81 included:

- a June, 1980 review meeting with various Cabinet Ministers
- public release in Fort McMurray of the N.A.D.C./R. Angus film "People of the Oil Sands"
- participation in European Study organized by Alberta Housing
- a November 20, 1980 review meeting with Premier Lougheed
- support for the development of a major recreation area in the Lakeland region
- a major follow-up meeting with Provincial Ministers regarding the Health Needs Workshop
- support for the Grande Prairie and Grande Cache Community Impact Studies, and the Lower Peace Economic Growth Study
- release of the Cold Lake Regional Baseline Study
- review and recommendations with respect to Native Friendship Centres
- review and recommendations regarding northern water and sewer programs
- review of part-time farming in northern Alberta
- projection of highly qualified manpower requirements
- publication of Trends in Northern Alberta, a statistical overview 1971-79
- input into a number of interdepartmental committees in such areas as vocational training, water and sewer delivery, social employment programming, resource development, equalized assessment, daycare, second channel television and infrastructure provision in remote communities.

ALBERTA NORTH IN THE '80s

The "Alberta North in the '80s" Conference was a major effort of the Northern Alberta Development Council to help northerners face the

challenge of the next decade. Over 300 community leaders from across the North attended the November 20-22, 1980 Conference in Grande Prairie. The Conference was designed to provide an opportunity for northerners and government officials to exchange views and become aware of each other's plans. The delegates represented all facets of northern life: industry, community organizations, municipal councils, small business and social agencies. Government representatives included the Premier, a number of Cabinet Ministers, most northern Members of the Legislature, and several Deputy Ministers and Program Managers. The structure of the Conference was one of "information giving" and "workshop deliberations" and focussed upon three major topics:

1. What are the business and employment opportunities in the 1980s?
2. What are the implications for people as a result of present and proposed plans?
3. What are the infrastructure and servicing requirements in the future?

The "information giving" consisted of a major address by Premier Peter Lougheed, a presentation by Harold Millican, Administrator of the Northern Pipeline Agency, presentations by three panels of Deputy Ministers, and a panel on Native Development. The workshop portion involved simultaneous meetings of twenty delegate discussion groups, all of whom were assigned the three major discussion topics of business-employment opportunities, implications for people, and infrastructure/servicing requirements.

Through this process the delegates identified a total of 285 concerns and brought forward 570 recommendations. A "Tier II" group consolidated these to approximately fifty concerns and recommendations. These were presented to the total assembly during the final day of the conference for discussion and ratification. The Conference concluded with an opportunity for the delegates to raise these common ideas and concerns in a direct interface with a number of provincial Cabinet Ministers.

After the Conference, the Northern Alberta Development Council tabulated the results of the discussion groups and mailed a summary to each of the delegates for final reaction and comment. Following this, Council reviewed the "issues" and "recommendations" which emerged from the Conference and condensed these down to the major elements.

A total of 15 major issue and recommendation areas emerged from the deliberations. The Northern Alberta Development Council sincerely felt the issues and recommendations identified were a close reflection of how northerners perceived the present situation. Towards the end of the year under review, the Council forwarded a set of recommendations for consideration by the Provincial Cabinet.

A printed Conference Report has also been prepared and copies are available from the Northern Development Branch, Alberta Tourism and Small Business, Bag 900-14, Peace River, Alberta.

MEETING WITH A.A.D.A.C.

As a follow-up to its 1979 review of priorities, the Council initiated a number of activities during the year relative to the acute problem of alcohol and drug abuse in the north. These activities culminated at Lac La Biche on September 24, 1980, when Mr. John Gogo, M.L.A., Chairman of the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission, and all of the Board's Commissioners joined the N.A.D.C. for a major information exchange.

After introductions and a review of roles, the recently completed N.A.D.C. Health Needs Study was reviewed in detail. A wide variety of issues were discussed and a number of very useful suggestions were made to address the serious alcoholism and drug abuse concerns which exist in many northern Alberta communities. The Council praised the work of A.A.D.A.C., a leader in Canada, but felt more had to be done. The Council, in particular, supported the continuing need for additional A.A.D.A.C. staff in the north and posed the idea of mobile detox centres. The need for major treatment facilities in both the northeast and northwest was also noted. The value of halfway houses and innovative programs, such as Cool Aid, was also reviewed. Educational programs, particularly for young children, was another topic of discussion.

As a result of this meeting, Council responded favourably to the proposed appointment of a permanent liaison person to the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission. Continuing information exchange and joint research activities were also suggested follow-up activities.

NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

In late 1980, through public advertisements in all northern newspapers, nominations were solicited from community groups and organizations for nominees to replace retiring Council members.

In March, 1981, the Provincial Cabinet, through the Minister Responsible for Northern Development, the Hon. J.A. Adair, appointed three new members to the Northern Alberta Development Council. The membership for 1981/82 includes:

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

Barbara Wilkinson, Athabasca, Vice-Chairman

Peter Erasmus, McRae

Walter Holowack, Grande Cache

Christina Jones, McLennan

Jim Kincaid, La Crete

Romeo Lauzon, La Corey

Barry Lazoruk, Rycroft

Richard Upham, Ashmont

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

Lac La Biche/McMurray

STUDENT BURSARY PROGRAM

Created in 1974, the Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program is designed to encourage young people to obtain technical training or professional qualifications that are in high demand in northern areas of the province.

Students assisted through the program are obligated to work in northern Alberta, preferably in remote and isolated locations, for at least one year for each year of bursary support 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 and Manpower, 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 1980/81 to 108 applicants for a total

of \$391,117.00. New bursary rates, of up to \$3,500 for single students and up to \$5,600 per academic year for married students, were also established.

Since the inception of the program over 800 students have been assisted at total expenditures of \$2 million. In the past year the number of applicants for assistance has increased substantially, and it is anticipated additional funding will be provided. Currently, bursaries have been awarded in the areas of health care, education, social services, business-related studies and engineering.

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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The purpose of the Northern Development Branch of Alberta Tourism and Small Business 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.

The Branch is 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 Local Assessment/Taxation Review, Native Friendship Centres Report, Northern Water and Sewer Report, Trends in Northern Alberta, Drainage and Erosion Review, Projection of Highly Qualified Manpower Requirements; and follow-up to the Cold Lake Baseline Study, Fishing Report, Health Needs Report and the Impact of Part-time Farming Study.

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, forestry developments, policing costs, Education North, Native Outreach, training, social employment, alcohol problems, and planning for the Annual Ministerial Meeting.

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 1980-81, six closed meetings, six public meetings, three special events, and the major Alberta North in the '80s Conference were organized. Detailed follow-up to the Student Bursary Program and assistance in the public nomination process and appointment of three new Council members was also undertaken. One hundred and twenty-one 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.

A significant amount of the Branch's time during the year under review was related to preparation and follow-up to the Alberta North in the '80s Conference held in Grande Prairie in November. Major activities included conference organization, major publication preparation, advertising, speaker registration, delegate invitations, audio visual presentations, small group process orientation, recording of the deliberations, and detailed follow-up to recommendations.

Other major Branch follow-up activities arising from the briefs and/or Council initiated requests involved: vocational training in Peace River, Slave Lake Treasury Branch, fish hatchery in the northeast, Fort Chipewyan water and sewer, La Crete by-pass route, AOC Regional offices, paving the road to Wabasca, support to Senior Citizen Centres in Grand Centre and Cold Lake, nursing schools in the north, halfway houses in High Prairie and Grande Cache, freight subsidies for commercial fishermen, review of Alsands and BCFP proposals, industry native employment programs, tri-milk in Fort Chipewyan, submission to Ministers Advisory Committee on Native People's Education, Cool Aid in Grande Prairie, grain handling, and need for incentives to attract health care professionals.

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.

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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 represented the third full year of operation under the 1978-82 \$55 million Agreement. During the first three years of the Agreement, a total commitment of over \$32 million has been achieved.

In 1980/81 the Northern Development Branch staff, with the advice and support of the Northern Alberta Development Council, were involved in the continued operation of existing programs and the development and expansion of a number of new projects eligible for cost-sharing under the terms of the Agreement. Activities cost-shared during the past year reflected continued efforts in 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 1980/81.

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

CANADA/ALBERTA NORTH AGREEMENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

		Expenditures 1978-81 fiscal years
Program I		
251101	Opportunity Corps	6,950,940
251103	Development of Management Capability	3,005,020
251104	Education North, Phase II	612,125
Program II		
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES		
251201	Northern Supplementary Funding (Water and Sewer)	1,011,555
251202	La Crete Water Supply	1,302,000
251203	Northern Water Supply Project	1,013,751
251204	Internal Roads in Isolated Communities	6,740,000
251205	Metis Settlement Housing	1,850,000
251206	Isolated Communities Log Housing	1,265,564
251207	Land Tenure Secretariat	712,678
251208	Rural Electrification Associations	841,885
251209	Northern Electrification Projects	75,000
251210	I.D. 23 Natural Gas Supply Project	2,081,361
Program III		
COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES — INDIAN RESERVES		2,841,829
Program IV		
SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		
251401	Employment Relocation Counselling	746,240
251402	Native Outreach	437,568
Program V		
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
251501	Cold Lake Baseline Study, Phase I	29,000
251502	Rural Development Projects	273,000
251503	Research & Development Assistance	585,017
		32,374,533

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