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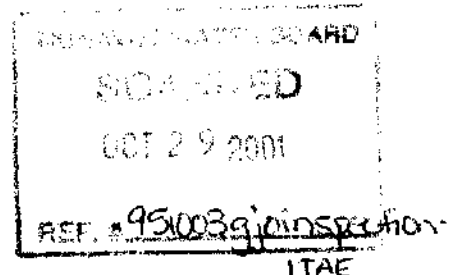
During September 15-22, 1995 I was able to visit communities in the Kitikmeot. The purpose of the visits were to conduct municipal water inspections, and meet with community and government leaders in order to continue to forge relationships and allow communities to voice any concerns.

The NWT Water Act (NWTWA) requires communities that utilize water and deposit waste to be licensed under the NWTWA. The communities of Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak and Pelly Bay do not have municipal water licences. Water application packages were provided to the above noted communities and the SAOs were advised of the requirement for a Water Licence under the NWTWA. A Land Use application package, which included an overview of the departments roles and the Sub-District's function, along with information on the Environmental Action Program (EAP) and the Arctic Environmental Strategy (AES) were provided to each community.

### Cambridge Bay

#### Contacts

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Land Use Inspections were conducted September 16, 1995. Frontec charter was utilized to inspect sites on Hat Island, Jenny Lind and Sturt Point. (N95X360\N93X971\N93X980).

The Cambridge Bay Municipal Water Inspection (N4L3-1532), was conducted on September 18, 1995. I was also able to meet briefly with Mr. Mike O'Gormann, Mayor Cambridge Bay. A meeting was held with Mr. Henry Brown SAO, Cambridge Bay. I took the opportunity to discuss the Water Licence and the organization of DIAND. Mr. Brown was provided with a Land Use Application package which outlined the departments role and the function of the Kitikmeot Sub-District. I also provided Mr. Brown with a copy of a video of the Landfill and Sewage Lagoon taken in August during Land Use Inspections.

## **Gjoa Haven**

### **Contacts**

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A Municipal Inspection was conducted in Gjoa Haven on September 18, 1995. I was accompanied by Messrs. Greg Morash, SAO and Jerry Arqviq, acting Hamlet foreman. I provided Mr. Morash with a Land Use application package and a Water Licence application package. I reviewed the water licence and land application packages with Mr. Morash, and advised Mr. Morash of the requirement for the Water licence and explained some of the advantages which may be gained from the licence. In the evening I took the opportunity to video the facilities and some of the community.

On Tuesday morning September 19, 1995 I met with Mr. Charlie Cahill, Area Economic Development Officer. After introductions I explained the department's role and my function as a RMO. I asked Mr. Cahill if he had any concerns that I may be able to address. Mr. Cahill indicated that the community had applied for EDA funding for a fishery program. Although all levels of government had apparently approved the project, which is nearly completed for this season, funding has not yet been received. Mr. Cahill gave me a tour of the fish packing plant, which was in operation.

Mr. Cahill also indicated a concern in regards to possible land use on King William from archaeological expeditions. I was advised that several expeditions were made in the area and the community was not advised. I explained that some activities do not require a permit, but The Prince of Wales museum should have a record of any archaeological work in the area. I indicated that I would talk to Margaret Bertulli and inquire if I could be advised of any activity to ensure the community was made aware.

Mr. Cahill also indicated that the community wanted the expeditions to hire local people. I indicated that it was not in our mandate, but suggested that maybe he should attempt to acquire some joint funding to pay a local resident that may be interested in Archaeological work. He could then indicate to any potential archaeological expeditions that the community would be willing to provide a local resident to assist. This would reduce the burden on the applicant and still allow a local resident to gain valuable experience.

Mr. Cahill noted that Parks Canada had camped in the Back River area this summer with some local elders to gather information for a potential National Historic Park. The project was lead by Darren Keith of Parks Canada and the goal is to have an area designated a historical site in the next several years.

I met with Renewable Resources and introduced myself to the officers. Renewable Resources brought forward several issues. The first was the need for a Waste oil furnace for the community. I explained that I had provided information to the SAO in this regards and that they should forward a proposal. Renewable also wanted to know if any costs were involved to the HTO and Renewable Resources for leases.

Renewable also informed me that there was an exploration camp situated in Mangles Bay at approx. 95°12 67°40. I advised I was not aware of the camp and would check on the matter when I returned to Coppermine. Mr. Williams said that a Mr. Rob Johnstone with EMR was aware of the camp.

### **Pelly Bay**

#### **Contacts**

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Inspection of Municipal facilities was conducted September 20, 1995, with Elwood Johnstone. Accompanied on the inspection by Margaret A. Keast, area Technician, Eastern Arctic Area, Central and Arctic Region.

I discussed the requirement for a water licence and provided Mr. Elwood with a Water Licence application package which I reviewed with him. I also provided the Hamlet with information on the DEW line site CAM-4 and relevant information taken from the Royal Roads Reports, which were provided to me by Mr. Dan Elliott. The Hamlet indicated that Barrow Lake was still a concern as it is a source for the community drinking water. I would like to see some additional testing done on the lake including sediment and fish sampling in conjunction with the Hamlet and HTO. Funds may be able to be acquired through the AES Water Baseline project or AES. I think that until further work is done this issue will continue to come forward.

Mr. Elwood did not have many issues for me, but indicated that the community was constructing a road toward Barrow Lake. I advised that if any construction were to take place on Crown lands that the hamlet must apply for a Land Use Permit. Mr. Johnstone also indicated that he is trying to find some plans for pump out chutes for the Lagoon. I suggested several options including the use of large diameter culverts which I noted in the metal dump. I also suggested that further information could be obtained from MACA. In addition I advised that I would contact our Water Resource Officer for any additional ideas.

I Met with the local RCMP member, Const. Dave Thorne. I also met with the local Co-op manager, Mike Hart. The Co-op runs the POL operation and Mr. Hart advised me that DIAND had fuel stored in the fuel storage area. I said I was not aware and would check the fuel. Six drums of Jet B, marked DIAND were stored in the storage area. Two drums were contaminated and four were sound. Mr. Hart inquired about disposal options for contaminated fuel. I gave him several options and mentioned that I had been talking to the hamlet about a waste oil furnace.

## **Taloyoak**

### **Contacts**

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An inspection of the municipal facilities was conducted on September 22, 1995, with Mr. Don Pickle, SAO. After the inspection Mr. Pickle was provided with a Water licence application package as well as a Land use application Package. The information was reviewed with Mr. Pickle. Mr. Pickle and Mr. Mistecki inquired about disposal techniques for waste oils. I indicated that I had supplied the Hamlet with an information package on waste oil furnaces this summer and that the Hamlet should submit an application, even though the deadline for the EAP program has passed. The Hamlet also inquired about management plans for landfills. I advised that MACA should have the necessary information, and that I would inquire with Water Resources and District for any additional information.

### **SUMMARY**

The visits were well received and it is my feeling that with some follow-up and assistance that most, if not all, hamlets will apply for a water licence. I have indicated to the Hamlets that once the application is completed and mailed to the NWT Water Board, the process would be initiated and if any further information is required they would be contacted. I will contact the hamlets shortly after the inspections reports are distributed to inquire about the status of the Water applications.

In every community the concern over waste disposal was an issue that, all seemed to agree, required attention. The District may be able to play a small role, while at the same time encouraging hamlets to continue to pursue their own avenues for proper and effective methods of waste disposal.

If the micro drum crusher is approved for the Sub-District, I will solicit proposals from the communities in the Kitikmeot for its use. Also I would like to continue to push for waste oil furnaces for the communities. The cost of shipping the oil out for disposal is prohibitive and the cost of fuel for heat makes any amount of recycling beneficial. Although the smaller communities would not generate sufficient quantities of waste oil in a year to operate the furnaces for any length of time, the advantages of having the capability of recycling all waste oil generated in the community can only be beneficial in the long term.

The issue of archaeological activity has been brought to my attention on more than one occasion. Both the communities of Gjoa Haven and Pelly Bay have indicated that activity has proceeded without their knowledge. I am not sure if the Prince of Wales Museum informs the department of activities in the region, but it would be beneficial to be informed of any archaeological Land Use in the Region. This would ensure that any proposed land use can be properly screened.

The opportunity to visit the communities and meet with the community leaders and organizations is an important and invaluable part of my job. My effectiveness as well as the Regions perception of the department will only improve with continued and sustained visits to the communities. Nunavut stresses decentralization and the efforts made by this department to ensure that the whole region is served by the Department will go a long way toward achieving an effective and respected form of regional representation by the Department. I will continue to stress the importance of continued community visits, and would recommend visiting the communities at least twice a year in order to keep informed of community issues and maintain effective and useful working relationships with the communities.

I still have not met with representatives of Bathhurst Inlet and Omingmaktok, but am making a special effort to visit this spring as well as the summer during inspections. These communities have a special relationship with the land and their importance can not be underemphasized.

The communities were documented on 8mm video, a copy of which will be provided to the District this winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at Ph. (403) 982-4306.

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