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INITIAL MEETINGS

Beginning on November 7, 1977, the Royal Commission on the Northern Environment will hold a series of informal meetings in a number of northern communities. The schedule for these meetings including areas in which submissions are likely to be made, is as follows:

SIOUX LOOKOUT - Nov. 7, 8, 1977. Knights of Columbus Hall
Introduction, Forestry and Timber Resources, Tourism and Recreation.

DRYDEN - Nov. 9, 1977. Canadian Legion Hall
Forestry and Timber Resources, Tourism and Recreation

RED LAKE - Nov. 14 - 15, 1977. Canadian Legion Hall
Forestry and Timber Resources, Mining and Mineral Resources, Tourism and Recreation

EAR FALLS - Nov. 16, 1977. Canadian Legion Hall
Forestry and Timber Resources, Mining and Mineral Resources, Tourism and Recreation

MOOSONEE - Nov. 21, 1977. James Bay Education Centre
Mining and Mineral Resources, Energy (including transmission), Communications

TIMMINS - Nov. 23 - 24, 1977. Senator Motor Hotel
Mining and Mineral Resources, Energy (including transmission), Communications

GERALDTON - Nov. 28 - 29, 1977. Gym, B.A. Parker Public School
Forestry and Timber Resources, Energy (including transmission), Transportation

NAKINA - Nov. 30, 1977. Gym, R.R. Steele Community School
Forestry and Timber Resources, Energy (including transmission), Transportation

The Communities north of 50° are obvious participants. The Commission hopes to receive written and oral submissions from all larger communities near or north of 50°. It also hopes to receive written submissions from smaller communities, or some of their residents, or their representatives. The Commission expects to receive submissions from organizations representing regions or a number of communities, or their local government, such as the Northwest Ontario Municipal Association, the Grand Council Treaty #3, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the Grand Council Treaty #9. Submissions from other organizations with local mandates, such as Chambers of Commerce, are also anticipated.

The Commission would like to learn more about the background, evolution, future prospects, issues and concerns of communities north of 50° as seen by their residents or representatives. Their submissions could help make bare statistics on population, industry and employment alive for both the Commission and the people of Ontario. The Commission would like to learn how communities have come to exist, what sustains them now, and could sustain them in the future. Communities in the north depend to a great extent on resource development and government, and the consequences of this for northern residents is one matter that ought to be addressed by communities when making submissions at the November meetings. Advice is also sought on how the Commission should conduct its inquiries.

People in northern communities may feel that the Commission is asking them to repeat the concerns that they have been raising for many years. This may be so, but the Commission comes to the north with an open mind, and needs to be informed even of long standing problems.

Access to Information

Copies of written submissions received by the Commission for the preliminary meetings will be available for public viewing at the Commission offices and at public libraries in the following communities as soon as possible after the Commission has received them.

KENORA	Kenora Public Library, 24 Main Street
SIOUX LOOKOUT	Sioux Lookout Public Library
DRYDEN	Dryden Public Library, 36 Van Horne Avenue
EAR FALLS	Ear Falls Twp. Public Library
TIMMINS	Timmins Public Library, 236 Algonquin Blvd. East
GERALDTON	Geraldton Centennial Public Library 405 2nd. Street West
RED LAKE	Red Lake Twp. Public Library
NAKINA	Nakina Improvement District Public Library
IGNACE	Ignace Public Library, McLeod Street
MOOSONEE	Moosonee Community Centre Library, James Bay Educational Centre
MOOSE FACTORY ISLAND	Moose Factory Island, Angus Memorial Library
WINDSOR	Windsor Public Library, 850 Ouellette Avenue
KITCHENER	Kitchener Public Library, 85 Queen Street North
OTTAWA	Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street
KINGSTON	Kingston Public Library, 240 Bagot Street
THUNDER BAY	Thunder Bay Public Library, 216 Brodie Street