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## INTRODUCTION

This inventory describes records of the N.W.T. Council For Disabled Persons that were donated to the NWT Archives in August 1994. The records have been arranged into series by type of medium. Descriptions are supplied for each series. Also, textual records are described to the file level, and sound cassettes are listed by item. Any information supplied by the Archivist is contained in square brackets []. The Council provided a brief written history of the N.W.T. Council For Disabled Persons at the time of the donation and this is included in appendix A.

The final appraisal and arrangement of these records must still be completed and not all material currently contained in this accession may be retained.

The NWT Archives has been identified as the official repository for the archival records of the N.W.T. Council for Disabled Persons and further accruals are expected in the future.

Contents:           84 cm. of textual records  
                  55 sound recordings : cassettes  
                  ca 1600 photographs : col. prints, slides and  
                  negatives  
                  1 video tape : 8mm.  
                  1 poster

Restrictions:   Written permission of the Executive Director of the N.W.T. Council for Disabled Persons is required for access to, or duplication of any portion of these records. Files containing personal information have been noted as restricted in the following file list. In the event that the Council ceases to exist the NWT Archives will become responsible for granting access to these materials.

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

In 1976 an informal Committee for the Disabled was organized by concerned Yellowknife citizens. Some of the first projects conducted were the participation of NWT disabled athletes in southern competitions, a manual "Resources for the Handicapped in Yellowknife," and a study of recreation services for the disabled in Yellowknife. In 1978 the Council was registered as a society. Initially operating under the name N.W.T. Council For the Disabled, the name was changed to the N.W.T. Council for Disabled Persons in 1980.

The early focus of the Council, partially due to funding requirements, was sport and recreation for the disabled, but over time, it has become active in all aspects relating to the needs and rights of disabled persons in the Northwest Territories. The stated goals and objectives of the Council are: 1) to encourage disabled individuals to identify and express their needs for a personally satisfying lifestyle; 2) to identify and help maximize the resources available to disabled citizens to pursue their chosen lifestyle; and 3) to promote and lobby for rights and interests of persons with disabilities.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS

This accession consists of records relating to the administration and functions of the N.W.T. Council for Disabled Persons from 1977 to 1995. The material has been organized into five series based on type of medium: SERIES I - 84 cm of textual records, 1977-1991; SERIES II - 55 sound cassettes, 1986-1991; SERIES III - approximately 1600 photographs, 1986-1995; SERIES IV - 1 video tape, [199-?]; and SERIES V - 1 poster, 1981.

The records document the Council's involvement with conferences, workshops, community liaison, public awareness programs, fundraising activities such as the Celebrity Auction and Bike-a-thons, ongoing projects in sport and recreation, the operation of the Handi-van, and issues such as respite care and accessibility.

**SERIES I - TEXTUAL RECORDS. - 1977-1991.**

This series consists of 84 cm. of textual records, 1977 to 1991, which include: monthly reports of the Executive Director, President and various committees within the Council; minutes; records of clients throughout the NWT; files of the Ability Column, and files from special projects and functions such as the Celebrity Auction, Bike-A-Thon, the Handi-van, workshops and conferences. Some files relate to the Inuvik Council for the Disabled, and to the communities of Pine Point and Hay River. The Council's filing, originally arranged in a numbered system by subject, was later changed to an alphabetical system. The files are arranged and listed in the order that existed upon receipt by the Archives. The NWT Archives box-file number appears in square brackets [] at the end of the description.

**TEXTUAL RECORDS ITEM LIST**

Frobisher Bay Clinic May 1979 (S3). - 1979

Correspondence relating to a recreation/sport clinic for disabled people in the Baffin region. [1- 1]

Yellowknife Workshop Practical March 1979 (S-2). -1978

Correspondence relating to the workshop "Planning Practical Approaches to Community Recreation Opportunities for Disabled People."  
[1 - 2]

Constitutions. - 1977-1980

Consists of copies of revised constitutions and by-laws.  
[1 - 3]

The Van (A Community Project) (F6). - 1981-1983

Correspondence and memorandums relating to a modified van for the transportation handicapped persons. Includes a draft policy for the operation of "The Van" and a Driver Orientation Manual.  
[1 - 4]

Arctic Winter Games (H-6). - 1978-1981

Correspondence relating to the participation of disabled athletes in the 1980 Arctic Winter Games. Includes a discussion paper "Sports for Disabled Persons in the NWT. Where do we go from Here?" and "Inclusion of Sports for Disabled Persons in the Arctic Winter Games." [1 - 5]

Pharmacare/Extended Med. Care. - 1985

Correspondence, discussion papers and memorandums relating to the Government's proposed changes. (This was Ben McDonald's personal file which he brought in to the Council.) [1 - 6]

Monthly Reports - Exec. Director, July 1978 - Dec 1981 (P-1) (605-002). - 1978-1982.

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. Includes reports dated to January 1982. [1 - 7]

Executive Director's Reports (100-012) . - 1984-1985.

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. [1 - 8]

Finance/Personnel/Admin. Committee (100-010 (4) ). - 1985-1986.

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. [1 - 9]

Programs Committee (100-101 (3) ). - 1984-1986

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. [1 - 10]

Fundraising Committee (100-010 (2) ). - 1985-1987

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. [1 - 11]

President's Reports (100-010 (1) ). - 1985-1986

Monthly reports for the Board of Director's meetings. [1 - 12]

Special Needs in Pine Point S.N.I.P.P. (B-2). - 1979-1982

Correspondence regarding the organizing of a local chapter in Pine Point. [1 - 13]

NWTCD Inuvik Branch (B-1). - 1979-1982

Minutes of meetings from the Inuvik Council for the Disabled (also known as the NWT Council for the Disabled (Inuvik Branch). Includes the constitution and bylaws for the Inuvik branch. [2 - 1]

\*Inuvik Council. - [1980] - 1983

Correspondence relating to the finances of the NWT Council for the Disabled (Inuvik Branch). Includes minutes and a survey of people with disabilities in the Mackenzie Delta.

**\*RESTRICTED**

[2 - 2]

Accessibility (705-002). - 1983-1984

Includes the report "Accessibility of Yellowknife", copy of the accessibility survey, and reports on phase one and phase two of the Accessibility Study . [2 - 3]

N.W.T. IYDP [International Year of Disabled Persons] Committee (O-3). - 1980-1981

Correspondence relating to projects and activities for the International Year of Disabled Persons - 1981. [2 - 4]

IYDP [International Year of Disabled Persons] Museum Display. - 1980-1981

Correspondence relating to a museum display at the PWNHC for International Year of Disabled Persons. [Colour photographs and negatives have been removed from this file and stored with the photographic material]. [2 - 5]

Spirit of Adventure Fundraising Venture 1981. - 1981

Includes correspondence. [Colour photographs and negatives have been removed from this file and stored with the photographic material].

[2 - 6]

Celebrity Auction (K-10). - 1980-1981

Consists of a list of items for auction, the highest bidders, and news clippings. [Colour photographs and negatives have been removed from this file and stored with the photographic material].

[2 - 7]

Ability Column (The) (101). - [1989-1991]

Contains the original column and news clippings. [2 - 8]



Ability Column. - 1990- 1991

Contains original submissions for the column. [2 - 9]

The Van. - 1988

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van. [3 - 1]

Handi-Van (100-025). - 1985-1988

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van. [3 - 2]

Handi-Van (100-025). - 1985-1988

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van. [3 - 3]

Handi-Van (100-025). - 1985-1987

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van. [3 - 4]

Original Handi-Van Manual. - [1985]

[3 - 5]

Handi-Van (100-025). - 1984-1985

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van.  
[Colour photographs have been removed from this file and stored  
with the photographic material]. [3 - 6]

Van. - 1987-1990

Correspondence regarding the operation of the handi-van. [3 - 7]

Annual General Meetings. - 1988-1991

Minutes. [3 - 8]

Celebrity Auction. - 1985

Consists of lists of the items for auction, memorandums and  
correspondence relating to the organization of the event. [3 - 9]

Celebrity Auction. - 1986

Consists of lists of the items for auction, memorandums and  
correspondence relating to the organization of the event. [4 - 1]

Celebrity Auction (700-003). - 1983-1984

Consists of lists of the items for auction, memorandums and correspondence relating to the organization of the event. [4 - 2]

Celebrity Auction (700-003). - 1987

Consists of lists of the items for auction, memorandums and correspondence relating to the organization of the event. [4 - 3]

Wheel for Wheels 1988. - 1988

Correspondence relating to the organization of the fundraiser event later known as the Bike-a-thon. [4 - 4]

Conference - Hearing Impaired (705-009). - 1983

Correspondence relating to the organization of a conference on hearing impaired in Frobisher Bay. [4 - 5]

TDAW [Territorial Disability Awareness Week] (705-021). - 1986

Correspondence and memorandums regarding the activities conducted during Territorial Disability Awareness Week. [4 - 6]

Celebrity Hockey Game (700-006). - 1985

Correspondence relating to the organization of the Hockey Night in Yellowknife event. [4 - 7]

Wheel for Wheels (705-026). - 1987

Correspondence relating to the organization of the fundraiser event later known as the Bike-a-thon. [4 - 8]

Conference. - 1987

Consists of notes and memoranda regarding the 1987 conference "Equal Access in My Community." [4 - 9]

Responses from Conference (705-021 (A) ). - 1986

Includes notes and correspondence relating to the "Together in Change" conference held during Territorial Disability Awareness Week, and the coordinator's report. [Colour photographs of the conference and participants have been removed from this file and stored with the photographic material]. [4 - 10]

- Accessibility - Yellowknife (U-9). - 1980 - 1981  
Correspondence relating to the Council's advocacy efforts to making Yellowknife buildings accessible. [5 - 1]
- Territorial Housing Survey (Accessibility) Public Education Project  
NWT Council for Disabled Persons. - 1980  
Reports consisting of completed surveys. [5 - 2]
- National Access Awareness Week 1989. - 1989  
Contains the NWT Co-ordinator's report. [5 - 3]
- \*Maurice Lafferty - 1969-1981  
Consists of correspondence relating to the Council's advocacy efforts.  
\* **RESTRICTED** [5 - 4]
- \*Clients - Disabled People. - 1978-1982  
Consists of lists of people with disabilities in the NWT.  
\***RESTRICTED** [5 - 5]
- \*[Client Records - Baffin Region]. - [1979]  
Consists of two books of cards listing people's names and type of disability; one book includes the communities of Arctic Bay, Broughton Island, Cape Dorset, Clyde River, Hall Beach, Igloodik, Pangnirtung; the other lists Frobisher Bay, Lake Harbour, Pond Inlet, Repulse Bay.  
\***RESTRICTED** [5 - 6]
- \*[Client Records - Keewatin Region]. - [1980]  
Consists of two books of cards listing people's name and type of disability; one book includes communities of Rankin Inlet, Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord; the other lists Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Eskimo Point, Gjoa Haven.  
\***RESTRICTED** [5 - 7]
- \*[Client Records - Kitikmeot Region]. - [1978]  
Consists a book of cards listing people's names and type of disability in the communities of Cambridge Bay, Spence Bay, Pelly Bay, Holman Island and Coppermine.  
\***RESTRICTED** [5 - 8]

- \*[Client Records - Yellowknife Area]. - [1980]  
Consists of a book of cards listing people's names and disabilities for the communities of Yellowknife and Rae-Edzo.  
**\*RESTRICTED** [5 -9]
- \*[Client Records - Mackenzie Valley, South Slave and Delta]. - [1978]  
Consists of four books of cards listing people's names and disabilities for the following communities: 1) Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Fort Simpson, Fort Liard; 2) Fort Providence, Lac La Martre, Snowdrift, Pine Point, Wrigley, Trout Lake; 3) Hay River, Fort Good Hope, Fort Norman, Tungsten, Fort McPherson; and 4) Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk and Aklavik.  
**\*RESTRICTED** [5 - 10]
- Board Meeting Minutes May 23 - October 22, 1987. - 1987  
Includes minutes and lists of Board of Directors for 1987-1988, 1986-1987, 1985-1986 and the AGM report for 1987. [5 - 11]
- Board Meeting Minutes September 1988 to March 1990. - 1988-1990  
Minutes. [6 - 1]
- Accessibility Study of Hay River. - [1990]  
Copy of the study conducted by the Hay River Council for Persons with Disabilities. [6 - 2]
- Minutes Mar. 7, 1985 to Oct. 29, 1985. - 1985  
Minutes of the Executive Meetings, Board Meetings, and the 1986 Annual General Meeting. Includes "Air and Ground Ambulance Paper." [6 - 3]
- Minutes. - 1985-1988  
Minutes for Board of Director meetings from November 21, 1985 to July 31, 1986, and minutes for February 18, 1988. [6 - 4]
- \*Requests till end of 1986. - 1986  
Contains completed forms recording client requests for information and the Council's response. Also contains records of community visits and meetings.  
**\*RESTRICTED** [7 - 1]

\*Requests 1987. - 1987-1988

Contains completed forms recording client requests for information and the Council's response.

**\*RESTRICTED** [7 - 2]

\*[Requests for Information]. - 1988

Contains completed forms recording client requests for information and the Council's response.

**\*RESTRICTED** [7 - 3]

\*[Requests for Information]. - 1989

Contains completed forms recording client requests for information and the Council's response.

**\*RESTRICTED** [7 - 4]

\*[Requests for Information]. - 1990

Contains records of client requests for information and the Council's response.

**\*RESTRICTED** [7 - 5]

**SERIES II - SOUND CASSETTES. - 1986-1991**

This series consists of 55 sound. cassettes, 1986-1991, and features recordings of conferences, an aldermanic candidates' forum, and speakers on topics such as respite care, services in the north, advocacy and independent living centres, and accessibility.

A few of the recordings are in Inuktitut. This material requires further appraisal and the following items are identified by control numbers only. Some items are duplicates which may be retained as reference copies. Other items appear to be edited portions of other recordings and may not be retained upon final appraisal. The following descriptions were taken from the cassette and case labels. Information contained in square brackets [] has been supplied by the Archivist.

**SOUND CASSETTES ITEM LIST**

<u>CONTROL NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 27/10/87 Side #1 Tues. 1:00 pm Allison Moore, Vicky Grant, Kim Eggart, Tony Gray. Side #3 Question Period - Break - Dave Mathews, Cathy Praamsma, Gerri Ann Donaghue, Liz Seaton
2	Tape #2 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 27/10/87 Side #2 Tony Gray, Claudia Walker, Constable Robertson, Question Period Side #4 Liz Seaton, Romeo Beatch, Audrey Henderson, Bob Barradell
3	Tape #3 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 27-28/10/87 Side #5 Bob Barradell, Question Period, Wednesday morning 9 am Audrey Henderson Side #7 Richard Knight, 1:30 pm Dale Robinson, COPOH

- 4 Tape #4 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 28/20/87  
Side #6 Audrey Henderson, Richard Knight  
Side #8 COPOH
- 5 Tape #5 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 28/10/87  
Side #9 COPOH  
Side #11 Wendy Edey, Ann DeWeerd
- 6 Tape #6 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 28-  
29/10/87  
Side #10 29/Thursday 9:30 Wendy Edey  
Side #12 Ann DeWeerd
- 7 Tape #7 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 29/10/87  
Side #13 Jim Derksen  
Side #15 Jim Derksen
- 8 Tape #8 NWT Council for Disabled Persons 29/10/87  
Side #14 Jim Derksen  
Side #16 Jim Derksen
- 9 Tape #1 NWT Council For Disabled Persons  
Kat. Rm. A Oct. 28/87 10:30 - Noon  
[Side A] Start 10:30 Speaker, Marjorie McLelland,  
Martin Crux  
[Side B] Cont. Martin Crux till 360 halfway thru side B  
pm Mike Hurley, Katrina McKay, Tech. in the Lives  
of Disabled People.
- 10 Tape #2 NWT Council for Disabled Persons  
Kat. Rm A Oct. 28/87  
[Side A] Katrina McKay, Mike Hurley  
[Side B] Mike Hurley, Katrina McKay, Mike &  
Katrina, Thurs. am
- 11 Tape #3 NWT Council for Disabled Persons  
Kat. Rm A Oct. 29/87  
a.m. Katrina McKay, Mike Hurley

- 12 Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled Persons  
29/10/87 Thursday evening Explorer Hotel.
- 13 Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled  
Side 1 & 3 [Recordings of a conference held at the  
Yellowknife Inn?]
- 14 Tape #2 NWT Council for Disabled  
Side 2 & 4 [Recordings of a conference held at the  
Yellowknife Inn?]
- 15 Tape #3 NWT Council for Disabled  
Side 5 & 6 [Recordings of a conference held at the  
Yellowknife Inn?]
- 16 Tape #4 NWT Council for Disabled  
Side 6 & 8 [Recordings of a conference held at the  
Yellowknife Inn?]
- 17 Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Morning English
- 18 Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Evening
- 19 Tape #2 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Morning English
- 20 Tape #3 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Afternoon English
- 21 Tape #4 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Afternoon English
- 22 Tape #1 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Morning Inuk
- 23 Tape #2 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Morning Inuk



24           Tape #3 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Afternoon Inuk version

- 25 Tape #4 NWT Council for Disabled  
16/06/90 Sat. Afternoon Inuk
- 26 Inuk Trans. Dub.
- 27 Side A Ethel Blondin NAAW [National Access  
Awareness Week] Luncheon June 16, 1990  
Side B Dale Robinson - "Speaking for Ourselves"
- 28 Tape 1 Side 1 All Candidate Forum  
Tape 1 Side 3 Sept. 11/90  
[Forum for Yellowknife aldermanic candidates.]
- 29 Tape 2 Side 2 All Candidates Sept. 11/90  
Tape 2 Side 4 Sept. 11/90
- 30 Disabled Brunch 17/3/91
- 31 Henderson - "Karen" 18/03/91 4:45
- 32 MS - Shirley McFall Sept. 21, 1991 Conf. Intro by Pat McMahon  
MS - Luncheon
- 33 Disability Awareness Week Nov. 24th - 28th/86  
[same as tape cn#34]
- 34 Disability Awareness Week Nov. 24th - 28th/86  
[same as tape cn#33]
- 35\* Services in the North Tape #1  
Allison Moore, Vicky Grant, Kim Eggart, Tony Gray,  
Claudia Walker, Constable Robertson, Question  
Period [same as cn#36]
- 36\* Services in the North Tape #1 [same as cn#35]

\*[These tapes may be duplicate recordings of portions of tapes cn #'s 1 to 8]

- 37\* Services in the North Tape #2  
Question Period, Dave Mathews, Cathy Praamsma, Gerri Ann Donaghue, Liz Seaton, Romeo Beatch, Audrey Henderson, Bob Barradell [same as cn#38]
- 38\* Services in the North Tape #2 [same as cn#37]
- 39\* Advocacy & Independent Living Centres Tape #1  
[same as cn#40]
- 40\* Advocacy & Independent Living Centres Tape #1  
[same as cn#39]
- 41\* Advocacy & Independent Living Centres Tape #2  
[same as cn#42]
- 42\* Advocacy & Independent Living Centres Tape #2  
[same as cn#41]
- 43\* Accessibility in the North - Richard Knight
- 44\* Romeo Beach - Self Esteem Copy of Master
- 45\* Framework For Support of Mental Health - Margy McClelland - Martin Cuix
- 46 Sensitization of Employers & Employees to Disabled Persons  
Tape #1
- 47 Sensitization of Employers & Employees to Disabled Persons  
Tape #2
- 48 Edit 1 Respite Care NWT Council for Disabled  
Dale Robinson [same as cn#49]
- 49 Edit 1 [same as cn#48]
- 50 Respite Care Inuktitut / Kitikmeot [illegible]

\*[These tapes may be duplicate recordings of portions of tapes cn #'s 1 to 8]

- 51 Services for the Visually Impaired Persons Tape #1
- 52 Employment
- 53 Rick Hansen Media
- 54 [Speaker: Barbara Joe May, new chairperson for Council. Recorded at the time of Rick Hansen's visit to Yellowknife?]
- 55 Yellowknife Slide Show

**SERIES III - PHOTOGRAPHS. - 1986-1995**

This series consists of ca 1600 colour photographs, 1986-1995; approximately 75 are slides, 1100 are negatives and 400 are prints. The images include: Kids on the Block (KOB) puppet performance tours by Barb Barnet and Barb Bond to Gjoa Haven, Cambridge Bay, and Coppermine; Celebrity Auctions; National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) events; Bike-A-Thons; posters; the Council's museum display for the International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP); Run For Light (1986); conferences; and Rick Hansen's visit to Yellowknife. This material requires further appraisal and arrangement. Some items are duplicates and the negatives have not been matched to slides or prints. Items have been retained in the groupings that existed upon receipt by the archives. Descriptions in square brackets on storage envelopes were taken from the original photograph envelopes.

**SERIES IV - VIDEO RECORDING.- [199-?]**

This series contains one 8mm. videotape of approximately 11 minutes of Kids on the Block puppet performances.

**SERIES V - POSTER. - [1981].**

This series contains one N.W.T. Council for the Disabled poster for the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981).

**APPENDIX A - HISTORY OF THE N.W.T. COUNCIL FOR DISABLED PERSONS**

The following history of the N.W.T. Council for Disabled Persons was provided by the Council.