

NORTHERN MINERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee recommends the following statement in order to provide guidance to the Minister in the formulation of Northern mineral policy.

1. The Government of Canada will foster, promote and encourage prospecting, exploration and mining in the Yukon and Northwest Territories in recognition of the fundamental and major role of non-renewable resources in the economic and social development of the North. The Committee supports the principle that economic development of the North must proceed with full recognition of the legitimate interests of Northern people and the protection of the environment.. "Role of the Non-Renewable Resources"

2. In support of the above declaration the Government of Canada undertakes to establish means for continued consultation with the mineral industry preceding and during the development of legislation and regulations related to Northern mineral development. "Consultation"

3. A preferred option with respect to reservation of surface lands for any parties is that all mineral rights remain vested in the Crown. The Committee recognizes that, although some mineral alienation may occur in the COPE settlement, the Committee does not regard this part of the agreement as an essential element in land settlements. This is not inconsistent with achieving a broad equity between settlements, but such equity does not mean that any one settlement be considered a precedent because of the variability of conditions throughout the North. "Mineral Tenure"

The Committee recognizes that there will be areas where economic development is prohibited or restricted. These lands should encompass the minimum area required to achieve the objective, and their selection should take into account their potential mineral value.

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| <p>4. Access to mineral rights or to non-alienated areas should be maintained notwithstanding any subsequent alienation of the surface rights. On all lands where development is not prohibited, access should be assured for prospecting, staking, exploring and developing mineral resources.</p> | <p>"Access"</p> |
| <p>5. Land use policy should endeavour to achieve a balance between economic development and environmental protection. The Committee recognizes that reasonable and positive efforts must be made by all parties to minimise disturbance of the natural environment.</p> | <p>"Land Use Policy and Environment"</p> |
| <p>6. Administrative and fiscal terms and conditions established by the Crown with respect to disposition and use of the mineral rights should provide individuals and corporations incentives which are commensurate with the difficulties and risks of finding, exploring, developing and operating mines in Canada's North.</p> | <p>"Incentives"</p> |
| <p>7. Northern people will be encouraged by both government and industry to participate in Northern Canada's mining industry.</p> | <p>"Participation by Northern Residents"</p> |
| <p>8. The Government of Canada will assist in the development of efficient and economical modes of transport and other forms of infrastructure in the North.</p> | <p>"Infrastructure"</p> |