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J. E. Oberholtzer,
Director,
Human Resources Development Authority,
228, Legislative Building.

June 17, 1969

Mr. R. Orysiuk, Executive Director,
Alberta Housing & Urban Renewal Corporation,
Stanley Building,
11810 Kingsway Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

RE: Fort MacKay Housing

A few days ago Dr. Bouvier, M.L.A. from Lac La Biche, visited the community of Fort MacKay and had discussions with them regarding a number of matters including possible repairs to houses.

Dr. Bouvier forwarded a listing of bits of information related to this matter which I told him I would forward on to your office. The thought in mind was that perhaps Mr. Pyfe might wish to have this for information, if it has not already come to him direct.

Dr. Bouvier is well aware that the future locations of dwellings at Fort MacKay are rather up in the air. He did express himself with the thought that some repair operations might be useful.

Perhaps this is a situation where the efforts of the Indian Association and the Métis Association can be put to good use.

No doubt you will be in touch with them in this regard.

J. E. Oberholtzer,
Director,
Human Resources Development
Authority.

Att'd.

23/69 - Information for Margaret Cooper forwarded to Mr. Orysiuk this date.

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Fort McKay.

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Mr. G. J. Armstrong,
Administrator, Community Development,
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March 10th, 1969

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MEMORANDUM

JAN 29 1969

FROM: Mr. G. J. Armstrong, Administrator
Community Development Branch

OUR FILE NO.:

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[Handwritten initials]

TO: Mr. J. E. Oberholtzer, Director
Human Resources Development Authority

DATE: January 28, 1969

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Noel Dant, Provincial Planning Director dated November 26, 1968 regarding the Fort MacKay area.

Would you please give direction as the questions raised require policy decisions by The Human Resources Development Authority.

[Handwritten signature: G. J. Armstrong]
G. J. Armstrong
Administrator

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JAN 29 1968

MEMORANDUM DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

FROM: Noel Dant
Provincial Planning Director

OUR FILE NO.
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TO: Mr. Gordon Armstrong
Administrator of Community Development Branch
Department of Industry and Tourism

DATE: November 26, 1968

I have been asked by the Provincial Planning Director to prepare a basic subdivision design at Fort McKay. We have had aerial photography flown and a contour map prepared of the area covering basically the inhabited area of Fort McKay. We have prepared a basic layout for subdivision based on - the school remaining in its present location initially; limited or no servicing of the lots with water and sewer; a fixed demand for approximately 60 lots.

Several problems must be answered before any effective or acceptable plan could be finalized or circulated. Some are mentioned in the attached report, but further to this I think we need to know:

- (1) What have the people of Fort McKay been informed or promised, and by what level of Government, (i.e.) Executive Council, Ministers or Deputies, officers, etc., so we may establish priorities, objectives, and the terms of reference which our work has to satisfy.
- (2) The Policy on Development at Fort McKay - would a basically Metis-Indian settlement attract other Metis or Indians who may want to locate there? This will affect the population and conversely any ultimate design size of a subdivision, schools, and commercial development in the area.
- (3) What type of housing will be provided? Will services such as sewer and water be installed? Regulations on minimum lot sizes vary with the amount of services provided and the economical provision of services is based partly on lot sizes. With the advent of the further development of the oil sands at some future date; north, south, east and west of the McKay settlement, there may well be a demand for a town to be developed probably within 10 to 15 miles of Fort McKay. Any permanent housing or servicing provided now at Fort McKay will exhort the development of this townsite at Fort McKay which may not be the best place for this town. We should have a policy now, before any plans are prepared for circulation. Should this be a "Planned Non-Permanent Community"? In other words, perhaps new housing units provided should be portable, and land tenure be lease rather than fee simple.
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These are only a few of the many problems to be solved. I would be very interested in receiving any answers, or means of getting these answers that you may have. I imagine you also have several questions or problems that have to be solved, and I would appreciate hearing these so we may consider them where they apply at the initial stage.

R.H. Betham
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(for) Provincial Planning Director