

MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS BY EACH OF

(a) CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LIMITED FOR A
RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS
CROWN LANDS WITHIN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND
THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, and

(b) FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY
THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS CROWN LANDS
WITHIN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL
AND ECONOMIC IMPACT REGIONALLY OF THE CONSTRUCTION,
OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT ABANDONMENT OF THE ABOVE
PROPOSED PIPELINE

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Berger, Commissioner)

**AKLAVIK, N.W.T.,
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1 AKLAVIK, N.W.T.,
2 April 4, 1975
3 1:00 P.M.

4 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.)

5 THE COMMISSIONER: Well,
6 ladies and gentlemen, I will call our gathering to
7 order this afternoon. This has been our first
8 Community Hearing and I have listened and appreciated
9 everything each one of you has said. I hope you
10 understand that in a sense because Aklavik is the first
11 community that the Inquiry has visited, it has not been
12 altogether fair to you because some of you, I am sure,
13 don't know exactly what you ought to say, and we made
14 it clear I think before but I will repeat it now, that
15 I will be coming back to Aklavik later in the year to
16 hear from anybody who didn't get a chance to speak on
17 this occasion, or who did speak but didn't get a chance
18 to say everything they wanted to say. Now I thought I
19 would just point that out so that the people would
20 understand that it isn't your last chance, I will be
21 back again later in the year, and I certainly am
22 grateful to all of the people who have come, and the
23 counsel, and people of Aklavik for inviting us to
24 come, and giving us a chance to have our first
25 Community Hearing here in Aklavik. So we will start
26 our session this afternoon.

27 I apologize for being late.
28 I was out visiting Mr. Headpoint's camp this morning,
29 and I also visited the Seismic, Shell Canada Seismic
30 crew on the west side of the West Channel of the

1 Mackenzie Delta, and we saw them carrying out some
2 blasting operations this morning.

3 JOHN MacWATT, sworn:

4 THE COMMISSIONER: Go ahead,

5 A Judge Berger, my name is

6 John MacWatt and I am Chairman of the Hamlet Council
7 here in Aklavik, and it is in that capacity I would
8 like to tell you the following.

9 I would like to submit to
10 this Inquiry a collection of concerns expressed by the
11 people of Aklavik at a public meeting held in this hall
12 on March 25th. These concerns were spontaneous and from
13 a very wide cross-section of the public, in fact, one
14 of the best attended public meetings for a long time.
15 The views expressed represent many of the social
16 aspects, problems and aspirations of the people here
17 towards a more agreeable life and community spirit. I
18 hope they will be of some assistance to you in better
19 understanding the views and problems of the people in
20 this community. The purpose of obtaining the views of
21 the people regarding their social life and future was
22 not expressly for this Hearing, but for the benefit of
23 the people here in planning our future. It is an
24 example of the responsibility shown by our Hamlet in
25 helping to shape our future and to meet the wishes of
26 the people here. We are trying to make our Hamlet work
27 for the residents of Aklavik. I would like to-submit
28 now the thoughts, some of the thoughts and ideas of the
29 people that attended that meeting.

30 Before that meeting was

1 | and perhaps many of the out-of-town
2 | people that are here today won't be around then. It is
3 | great to have support when dealing with such passionate
4 | matters as one's land and of past injustice. People
5 | need legal advice and resources in such important
6 | issues as land settlement, compensation, and other
7 | matters, but what about the question of daily living,
8 | who puts the pieces together once fractions have been,
9 | made in infinity, discrimination and other matters, who
10 | puts the pieces together? It has to fall back to the
11 | community, the people that live here themselves. To
12 | further this Inquiry, I feel that a settlement of land
13 | to the Native people will allow our community to freely
14 | take part in this hearing without fear of jeopardizing
15 | a settlement and without feeling partial or traitor to
16 | some group within the Hamlet. Indeed the very
17 | conditions that this Inquiry is all about can be a
18 | very important part of what people want to get out of
19 | the resources of this land. I can now look forward to
20 | the next community hearing and hope at that time to
21 | present a submission on behalf of the Hamlet Council
22 | of Aklavik, a presentation that will be prepared by the
23 | Hamlet of Aklavik and endorsed, I hope, by the people
24 | of Aklavik so that we may present something of faith n
25 | the future. But we can only develop that case by
26 | recognizing the scope of our influence and by taking
27 | full advantage of this privilege or opportunity instead
28 | of ignoring what may be the obvious. For many
29 | generations and many decades people have said the
30 | problems of Aklavik cannot be solved because there are

1 | too many different people in Aklavik. People will
2 | never be able to agree in Aklavik. I have heard many
3 | times by Council and other organizations to end up with
4 | fruitless results or frustrations.

5 | MR. ITSI: Can this be
6 | translated in Loucheux?

7 | THE COMMISSIONER: Just a
8 | moment, I think that's a good point. Maybe Mr.
9 | Sittichinli could come up and translate what Mr.
10 | MacWatt is saying.

11 | MR. MacWATT: I just have a
12 | few remarks to make, a couple of sentences.

13 | THE COMMISSIONER: I think we
14 | should do that, when Mr. MacWatt is finished, if it is
15 | all right with Mr. MacWatt, we might have Susie Husky
16 | translate your remarks that you have written down, is
17 | that all right?

18 | MR. MacWATT: I didn't write
19 | down everything.

20 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, the
21 | things you did write down. I think what we will do, Mr.
22 | MacWatt just has a few things left to say. We will let
23 | him carry on and then have Mr. Ookpik translate into
24 | Eskimo, and then we will see if we can have what Mr.
25 | MacWatt said translated into Loucheux.

26 | I think we should do that. I
27 | would like Mr. MacWatt to finish and then Mr. Ookpik
28 | can complete the translation in Eskimo, and then we
29 | will try and arrange for it to be translated into
30 | Loucheux, we can sort that out in just a moment when

1 | call our meeting to order, and I understand that Mrs.
2 | Rosie Jane Stewart has a statement that she wishes Mr.
3 | Jackson to read.

4 | MRS. ROSIE JANE STEWART resumed:

5 | MR. JACKSON: "Whoever wants
6 | the pipeline is crazy. I want our country to be the
7 | way it stands. I don't want it upside down just for
8 | the sake of our children. We are all right with what we
9 | eat in the bush like caribou, fish, rabbits, and rats,
10 | that is the best food we live on and if we don't do
11 | that it will be the pipeline's fault. The grub in
12 | the Bay is high. I set ten snares, in one week's time
13 | I got one ptarmigan, and what is that, I never get
14 | rabbit."

15 | This is the statement of
16 | Rosie Jane Stewart, the lady sitting next to me.

17 | THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
18 | very much, Mrs. Stewart. Would you let us have that
19 | statement to be marked as an exhibit?

20 | (STATEMENT OF ROSIE JANE STEWART MARKED EXHIBIT C-7.)

21 | MR. BAYLY: Mr. Commissioner,
22 | while on the subject of exhibits, Mr. Joe is here
23 | again, he doesn't have anything further to add, but he
24 | did bring additional photographs of the crossing of the
25 | Rengleng River that he would like you to have.

26 | THE COMMISSIONER: Is that
27 | the culvert?

28 | MR. BAYLY: Yes,

29 | PROFESSOR JACKSON: Mr.
30 | Commissioner, I think what we should do at this point,

1 | translations back and forth, he said he would like it
2 | this way. He doesn't like that earphone.

3 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, we
4 | will carry on the way we are doing now, but people can
5 | still use the machines. It will take a little longer
6 | but that doesn't matter, we will take our time.

7 | Well, we are not having
8 | quite the same success today I gather. Let us carry on.
9 | I think you must understand all of you, since there are
10 | three languages, that we are using here today, it may
11 | get a little difficult, but let u do the best we can.
12 | I think we will get along all right. As I told you
13 | before, I will be back again at a time that is suitable
14 | to the people of Aklavik, and anybody who doesn't get a
15 | chance today to say what he or she wants to say will
16 | get a chance then, and anybody who has already spoken
17 | yesterday, on Wednesday or Thursday or today, will get
18 | another chance then too.

19 | Well, after all that, I
20 | think the last thing that happened was that Mr. Joe's
21 | two photographs were introduced, and I think Mr.
22 | Thrasher and Miss Husky just might explain these two
23 | photographs of a culvert that Mr. Joe told me about
24 | yesterday had collapsed and they are part of a set of
25 | photographs that he turned into the Inquiry. I am
26 | grateful to him for that. You might explain that.

27 | MR. BAYLY: Mr. Commissioner,
28 | the next witness has a statement that she would like to
29 | read right through and then give the Interpreters so
30 | they can interpret it from the paper.

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Certainly.

2 FANNY MARRING sworn:

3 MR. BAYLY: Mr. Commissioner,
4 I have been asked if I could read this for her because
5 she is very nervous.

6 THE COMMISSIONER: Go ahead.

7 MR. BAYLY: "I lived here
8 all my life and I have gone through what experiences
9 the people here of Aklavik have gone through and like
10 most of them I do not like to see our land spoiled.
11 Whether or not in my feelings some day the pipeline
12 will come through and I would like to see more time and
13 years and the people to understand what really is going
14 on. Everything is going too fast and we need time to
15 think and learn about it more and for the younger
16 generation to get an education so they can be prepared
17 for it when it comes to get jobs. All construction of
18 oil companies that has been going on for the last few
19 years hasn't really made the people clear on. They get
20 jobs now and not really knowing what the company are
21 working towards. There has been a few camps set up
22 close by and most people should be able to see what a
23 change there has been especially with the younger
24 people and I don't think we are really prepared for the
25 bigger camps that are coming up and to my thinking and
26 speaking I would like very much to see lots more time
27 and then we should be prepared to make the answer of
28 what the pipeline would do for everyone, whether it is
29 yes or no."

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you

1 | very much. I understand that Mrs. Gordon wants to
2 | make a statement but she isn't quite ready yet. Is
3 | there anyone else who wishes to speak before Mrs.
4 | Gordon?

5 | MR. ITSI: I would like to
6 | say a few words.

7 | THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, go
8 | ahead.

9 | MR. ITSI: I would like to
10 | say that I am the Chief from Fort McPherson, my name is
11 | John Itsi. The main point I want to stress here is why
12 | can't the Native people, the Indian people, the Eskimo
13 | people -- like you are a Judge -- can you put up the
14 | panel of six people to say when the pipeline should
15 | come in, when not to come in. Can you do that?

16 | THE COMMISSIONER: No.

17 | MR. ITSI: Like the whole
18 | load is on you?

19 | THE COMMISSIONER: No, the job
20 | that I have to do is to conduct an Inquiry to make a
21 | report to the Government of Canada about the impact
22 | that the proposed gas pipeline will have in the north,
23 | on the people, on the land, on the economy of the
24 | north, and to recommend to the Government what terms
25 | and conditions should be imposed if a right-of-way is
26 | granted to allow the gas pipeline to be built. I am
27 | also bound to consider what will happen if a gas
28 | pipeline is built, in that I am bound to consider the
29 | question of the impact that an oil pipeline would have
30 | as well.

1 I have been appointed by the
2 Government of Canada to carry on the Inquiry. I am to
3 make a report and to make recommendations, that is my
4 job. That is why I am here, and that is why I intend to
5 visit each community in the Mackenzie Valley, the
6 Mackenzie Delta, the Northern Yukon, including Fort
7 McPherson, when the people invite me to come to, those
8 communities, to hear what the people who live in the
9 North have to say. That is my job.

10 MR. ITSI: Yes, the thing is
11 that I was talking to some trappers yesterday, and like
12 they are not still on any jobs, the oil companies
13 spoiled up all the Delta, they got nothing to do now.
14 They are looking for work. There is no work. People
15 won't hire them because they are unskilled.

16 Why can't we have -- why
17 can't we have the right to say when to go and when not
18 to go How come it is always on the Federal Government's
19 side That is a good question, right. We should be the
20 ones to say when to go and when not to go, it's our
21 livelihood. I think you should ask the people, the
22 trappers to help and assist you in deciding, don't take
23 it on the Brotherhood, don't take it on C.O.P.E., have
24 a regular Panel.

25 THE COMMISSIONER: I am here
26 to listen to trappers, hunters --

27 MR. ITSI: Sure.

28 THE COMMISSIONER: Let me
29 finish, people who live here. I want to hear what they
30 have to say. I have been here for three days now

1 | listening to people who want to tell me what their
2 | concerns are, what their fears are, what their hopes
3 | are, and that's what I am doing.

4 | MR. ITSI: Well, I will
5 | invite you down to the mouth of the Peel when you come
6 | to McPherson, I'll invite you down to the mouth of the
7 | Peel, and we'll have the Inquiry there, is that all
8 | right?

9 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, let
10 | us allow the other participants in the Inquiry, to hear
11 | what they have to say about that.

12 | MR. ITSI: Sure, well, I'll
13 | invite you down there, is that all right, is that part
14 | of the Inquiry?

15 | THE COMMISSIONER: You can
16 | invite me down. I am going to go to Fort McPherson, I
17 | am not going to say now when --

18 | MR. ITSI: Sure, well we
19 | feel you are jeopardizing our rights, you are throwing
20 | our rights away.

21 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, Mr.
22 | Itsi --

23 | MR. ITSI: -- I could be
24 | sitting up there just the same as you and I will
25 | invite you down to a tent someplace, maybe then you'll
26 | know when not to put the pipeline in and when it is
27 | time to go ahead, is that all right? Can I say that?
28 | I said it.

29 | You come to McPherson and we
30 | will take you down to the mouth of the Peel.

1 THE COMMISSIONER: All right,
2 I will be happy to come down to the mouth of the Peel.

3 MR. ITSI: And that's where
4 you will have the Inquiry.

5 THE COMMISSIONER: I said I
6 would go down to the mouth of the Peel, let's do this
7 one step at a time.

8 MR. ITSI: You have your
9 Inquiry down there.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I am
11 afraid, Mr. Itsi, --

12 MR. ITSI: I'll invite about
13 a million mosquitoes.

14 THE COMMISSIONER: I will be
15 down at McPherson but I think that I have to listen to
16 all the people concerned, about when they want me to
17 come to McPherson, and where they want me to go when I
18 am there.

19 MR. ITSI: I am the spokesman
20 for them.

21 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, how
22 are we getting along now, are you not ready yet?

23 Well, now, is there anybody
24 else who wishes to say anything, if not, we will just
25 recess.

26 We did not have Mr. Itsi's
27 remarks translated into Eskimo and into Loucheux and I
28 think we should, I want Mr. Thrasher and Miss Husky for
29 you to translate what Mr. Itsi said into Eskimo and
30 into Loucheux.

1 MR. THRASHER: I will say the
2 ones I can remember.

3 THE COMMISSIONER: Do the
4 best you can.

5 (ESKIMO TRANSLATION.)

6 (LOUCHEUX TRANSLATION.)

7 KATHY PAUL, sworn:

8 My name is Kathy Paul. Most
9 of our living is depended on the land and animals. If
10 the pipeline comes through our community, the noise
11 might attract their attention and will get scared and
12 move further up. Most people live on the animals
13 because of meat in the stores being expensive.

14 If the pipeline is built
15 here in our community, the increasing population will
16 cause more garbage and sewage problems than it is now.

17 Another problem I think
18 about the pipeline is outsiders bringing in all kinds
19 of drugs and the younger and older generation will be
20 taking them. This is all I have to say. Thank you for
21 listening.

22 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
23 very much. I wonder if we could have that translated o
24 far as the translators can.

25 (WITNESS ASIDE)

26 VICTOR ALLEN: I am here on
27 behalf of Miss Thea Gordon.

28 "My name is Thea Gordon. I
29 am going on for 69 years old. I was born at Barren,
30 Alaska in 1906. I do not know my Mom but when I am

1 seven or eight years old, my dad died. I was brought
2 up by my Grannie. I thought she was my Mom but when I
3 was five or six years old, my Grannie told me to go to
4 school. It was kind of hard for my Grannie. I liked
5 school, even how much it's cold. It's a public school.
6 We use coal and blubber for school stove. No
7 electricity. We used just gas lamp. We got married in
8 1923 and we moved to Barter Island and there they
9 trading Nielson and Company.

10 In 1947 or 1948 we came to
11 Canada. My old kids they don't know how to talk
12 English, not a word, but now they all speak how to talk
13 English. They forgot Eskimo language, especially Jeanie
14 talks not a word, but she understand me when I say.
15 They should not forget their language. About the
16 pipeline, I like fishing, I mean jigging with a hook
17 in the fall time and about caribou. If the pipeline
18 starts, when the planes go back and forth there will be
19 no caribou. I don't know nothing about the pipeline
20 but I don't like pipeline. That is all I have to say
21 to you, Mr. Berger. Have a good luck, May God be with
22 you always. I hope you understand my writing. Love
23 from Mrs. Thea Gordon. P.S. Oh, I forgot, I teach
24 Eskimo language at school nearly two years. I am still
25 teaching. I like it and the kids at school like it
26 too. They've learned a little but that's all I have
27 to say."

28 I would like to give a
29 version to the Eskimo speaking people.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: I think we

1 | to stay, be my own country, I still want to make a liv-
2 | ing out of it. Who is going to chase me out of the
3 | country? Nobody. I don't want no pipeline. I want
4 | the right for the land. That's all,

5 | THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
6 | very much. You made your stand very very plain, sir.

7 | (WITNESS ASIDE)

8 | THE COMMISSIONER: I think,
9 | ladies and gentlemen, that we have completed three
10 | days of hearings here at Aklavik and I think that we
11 | will adjourn now and I will return later on in the
12 | summer, if you wish, or in the fall. You and any other
13 | people that live here can let me know when you want me
14 | to come back, so anyone who has anything further to
15 | say will have a chance to say it then.

16 | I want to thank all of you
17 | who gave evidence, all of you who are witnesses, thank
18 | you very much. I feel that I have learned something
19 | from each one of you and I am grateful to you for
20 | coming here to tell me what you had to say.

21 | I want to thank the ladies
22 | who made the tea and coffee and sandwiches. I am very
23 | grateful for the hospitality you extended to the
24 | Inquiry. I want all of you to realize that your
25 | evidence is just as important, so far as the Inquiry is
26 | concerned, as the evidence of the scientists and
27 | engineers and biologists and the sociologists who are
28 | giving evidence at Yellowknife at the Formal Hearing.

29 | I think that I should make
30 | it clear that I am here because I want everybody in the

1 Mackenzie Valley, the Mackenzie Delta, and the Northern
2 Yukon to have a chance to have his say, that includes
3 the people who live here in Aklavik, it includes the
4 native people and the white people, it includes
5 trappers, fishermen, and people who work in stores and
6 offices.

7 My job is to listen to all
8 of you and then to make a report and recommendations to
9 the Government of Canada.

10 I want you to understand
11 that I do intend to listen to everyone who lives in the
12 Mackenzie Valley and the Mackenzie Delta, and that
13 means that I will be visiting all of the cities and
14 towns and the villages and the other settlements. It
15 means that I want all of you to give me what help you
16 can and by all of you I mean the people living here in
17 Aklavik,, native and white, and the people living
18 throughout the Valley and the Delta, native and white.
19 I mean the people who are trappers, hunters and
20 fishermen, the people who work in stores and offices.

21 I think that I should tell
22 you that I am considering the evidence that is being
23 brought forward. by Arctic Gas, the Company that wishes
24 to build the pipeline, by Foothills which is another
25 company wanting to build a pipeline, by the Committee
26 for Original Peoples Entitlement, the Indian
27 Brotherhood, the Metis Association, the Inuit
28 Tapirisat, the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, the
29 Northwest Territories Association of Municipalities,
30 the Chamber of Commerce, all of those organizations,

1 | but I want to hear from the people who live in each
2 | city, town, each
3 | settlement, and each village, and I will be going
4 | around to visit each one of those communities.

5 | I have to make a report and
6 | recommendation to the Government of Canada, and it is
7 | the Government of Canada, the law making authority, the
8 | highest law making authority in our country, that will
9 | determine whether a gas pipeline will be built, and if
10 | one is to be built, what terms and conditions should
11 | be imposed on any right-of-way granted to allow a
12 | pipeline to be built in the North.

13 | I want to thank you all
14 | again for coming, and I want to express my thanks again
15 | to all of you for your kindness and hospitality, and to
16 | say that I will be seeing you again when I return to
17 | Aklavik later on.

18 | MR. BAYLY: Mr. Commissioner,
19 | I have a submission that was given to me just a few
20 | minutes ago. I have spoken to the man who has given me
21 | the submission and he said he would be content if this
22 | was put in as a written submission and perhaps read
23 | into the record when the hearing reconvenes at
24 | Yellowknife on Monday.

25 | THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I
26 | think perhaps you might read it now.

27 | MR. BAYLY: I would be
28 | content to. This is the submission, sir, of Jim
29 | Marring, and I don't know if you wish to have him
30 | sworn or not.

1 THE COMMISSIONER: I think
2 perhaps he should be.

3 JIM MARRING, sworn:

4 MR. BAYLY: The statement
5 is dated Aklavik, Northwest Territories, April 4th,
6 1975.

7 "Mr. Berger. I hope this
8 will help to swing a little weight for being careful
9 how they build the pipeline because I believe they will
10 because oil will be needed and I don't believe we can
11 stop that kind of operation so big they call progress.
12 So let's hope for a minimum of northern damage and a
13 fair share of the profits all around.

14 I verify the facts of wires
15 being left behind and even garbage by various
16 companies, also creeks being full of dirt where they
17 crossed to make winter bridges, the same on the edge of
18 lakes and rivers. Did you know if some lakes lose
19 their natural water level suddenly it can cause a poor
20 rat crop for two or three years because some plants
21 grows in only about two feet of water and it takes
22 approximately two years for them to drift and find
23 their proper water depth, so I have been told by
24 biologists. In the country I work east of Aklavik
25 there hasn't been good muskrat trapping or hunting
26 since the seismograph lines have been put through. I
27 don't understand it or if it's even the lines fault
28 but I do know rats, like anything else, die off in
29 cycles. I believe it used to be in the neighbourhood of
30 seven years and then start building up again to a very

1 | just ground mostly heaved up by the frost and it has to
2 | be right before it is used on account mostly it has
3 | to be high enough, I mean the nest, to be out of the
4 | water, because up to August or bad rain the dens are
5 | sometimes surrounded by water. Did you know from the
6 | Alaska border on the north slope to not too far north
7 | of Blow River we only found I believe 30 some white fox
8 | dens that could be used and I believe less of them
9 | showed active signs. What I am really trying to say is
10 | if any amount or even a few of those dens are damaged
11 | the young may be born outside and they don't live to
12 | feed some kid's belly by the price of their pelts. A
13 | biologist told me he thought those fox dens should be
14 | studied at least another year and the dens should be
15 | marked by sinking cement blocks in the ground with
16 | solid iron poles and iron flags that could be seen for
17 | a mile, then the companies can't send a Cat operator
18 | out in a poor visibility day to spoil it to save a few
19 | thousand dollars, fire the operator by passing the
20 | buck. With the bright iron they could be in line to
21 | be sued. Yes with all the study I saw from grass,
22 | birds, fish, flowers, what I have mentioned to big
23 | game I believe that word sued by land claimer or such
24 | is the best control this northern country has to
25 | survive and profit. I don't believe we will survive
26 | by lying dormant either but I believe we should think
27 | carefully, go slow until we are sure but above all
28 | let's not get greedy, I believe those are what will
29 | bring destruction to our kids faster than anything
30 | else. And if they go to hell, who's going to save this

1 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
2 very much,

3 (WITNESS ASIDE)

4 MRS. CARMICHAEL: I want to
5 thank you for coming to Aklavik and making it available
6 for everyone to speak. There are so many different
7 people here and everyone spoke and we were very glad
8 and I want to thank you for coming. I want to thank you
9 and your staff for coming before us. I know you are
10 leaving tonight and I want to say good luck and God
11 bless you wherever you go in your work. Thank you very
12 much.

13 THE COMMISSIONER: Well,
14 ladies and gentlemen, I think nearly everyone has left
15 and I appreciate it very much, and I think we will
16 adjourn since there is nobody left.

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