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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2001

TO: Senator Leman, Senator Therriault, Senator Austerman, Senator Lincoln, Senator Olson, and Senator Donley

FROM: Senator John J. Cowdery *JJC*

RE: (S) WTSFR / (H) EDTT Committee Meeting

CC: Representative McGuire, Chair, Economic Development Trade and Tourism

The Senate **World Trade and State/Federal Relations Committee** will be meeting in a joint meeting with the House Economic Development Trade and Tourism on:

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

8:30 – 10:00 AM

House Finance Rm 519

Northwest Territories Delegation Presents:

Partnership Opportunities for Economic Development with the Northwest Territories

Members from the Senate and House Resources, Transportation and Oil/Gas committees will also be invited to attend. The Northwest Territories delegation has a ~~new~~ presentation planned on arctic construction, water/sewer treatment, and economic development. They would like our ideas on oil & gas development.

Please also note that a dinner is planned for this delegation. It will be on **Monday, March 26th, 7:00 PM at the Breakwater**. This will be a dinner to share stories, and take some time to become more acquainted on a personal level. Your spouses are also invited to attend. Please RSVP to Annette in my office at 465-4823.



Northwest
Territories Legislative Assembly
Office of the Speaker



By Facsimile

**REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN S. PORTER
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

**SENATOR RICK HALFORD
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Invitation to Visit Alaska - March 27-28, 2001

It is with regret, that I write to decline your kind invitation to visit Alaska next week.

Due to a number of scheduling conflicts, I am unable to arrange a visit that would coincide with the Cold Comfort Housing Conference being held in Anchorage on March 27-28, 2001.

Our Legislature shares your desire to continue discussions that would formalize the relationship between our northern jurisdictions. I agree that we have a great deal to offer each other through future cooperative efforts.

In an effort to confirm arrangements for a future visit, I have asked my staff to contact your offices and determine a mutually convenient time in the coming months for us to further these discussions. I am hopeful we will be able to set some dates in the next week or so.

I look forward to visiting your beautiful state in the near future and wish you an enjoyable spring.

Sincerely,

**Hon. Anthony W. J. (Tony) Whitford
Speaker**

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Good morning Ronda. After a number of discussions with Speaker Whitford, I can confirm his decision to decline the kind invitation to travel to Alaska next week. As I mentioned to you on the phone, he is very interested in visiting your beautiful state, but I think it boiled down to a conflict in his schedule.

We will be formally responding to Speaker Porter and Senator Halford later today.

In an effort to confirm arrangements for a future visit, the Speaker has given me three windows of opportunity over the coming months during which he would be available to travel. I will lay these dates out and request that you provide us with an indication of what would work on your end.

1. May 21-30
2. June 18-27
3. July 3-10

I apologize for the lateness of this response. I am not sure whether Ross Bowring may have already given you a heads up on this decision, but I hope it is not so late that it causes you any great inconvenience.

I know the Housing Conference will be a huge success. I hope to see you again in the coming months as I know we will be in touch. Take care.

Doug Schauerte
Deputy Clerk
NWT Legislative Assembly

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MOTION BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEES

to adopt a
**Regarding the Statement of Intent on Cooperation between the
Government of the Northwest Territories
And the government of Alaska known hereafter as the 'Statement'**

Reference Article II of the Statement

which reads, both governments agree to establish a joint coordinating committee to participate in future timely and meaningful consultations with the goal of signing a Memorandum of Understanding within the period ending July 1, 2001 or when Speaker Anthony J. Whitford and Minister Joseph Handley are able to come to Alaska to sign this joint document.

Also, that Ronda Thompson, Special Assistant on International Trade Policy for the Alaska Legislature and Doug Schuarte, Deputy Clerk of the Northwest Territories Assembly be instructed to present draft language to both governments for discussion and mutual agreement at the next joint meeting of both Governments

AMENDMENT #1

*referred back
to Rules*

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By Representative Gary Stevens

Offered House Floor

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After Representatives;

Honorable Norman Y. Mineta, Secretary of Transportation; Vice Admiral Ernest R. Riutta, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Area;

Alaska State Legislature



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AGENDA

**PRESENTATION OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Before the
JOINT HOUSE & SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM AND WORLD TRADE STATE/FEDERAL
RELATIONS**

March 27, 2001

**8:30am – 10:00am
House Finance Committee Room**

- I. Opening remarks & introductions**
- II. ✓ Opening statement and overview of Northwest Territories**
The Honorable Roger Allen, Member of Legislative
Assembly, Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs (MACA)
- III. ✓ NWT Water-Wastewater programs**
Dennis Marchiori, Manager of Policy & Planning,
MACA
- IV. ✓ NWT Housing Corporation**
Ross Bowring, Business Development Manager, NWT Housing
- V. ✓ NWT Department of Resources, Wildlife & Economic Development**
Cal Brackman, Senior Resource Economist, Division of
Minerals, Oil & Gas,

Legislative Assembly

OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Members of the Assembly

The Members of the 14th Legislative Assembly

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North Slave MLA

Charles Dent
Frame Lake MLA

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Minister Responsible for the NWT Power Corporation

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Minister Responsible for the Status of Women

Minister Responsible for Seniors

Hon. Roger Allen

Minister Responsible for the NWT Housing Corporation

Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

Minister Responsible for the Public Utilities Board

Minister Responsible for Youth

Hon. Jim Antoine

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Minister of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

Hon. Jake Ootes

Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

Hon. Vince Steen

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Public Works and Services

Consensus Government

The Northwest Territories is one of only two federal, provincial or

territorial jurisdictions in Canada that operates under the consensus system of government rather than the more familiar system of party politics.

Within this system all 19 Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents in their constituencies.

Once elected, the MLAs travel to the Legislative Assembly where a territorial leadership meeting is held. The first order of business is the election of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

After the election of the Speaker, Members turn their focus to the election of the Premier. In the 12th and 13th Legislative Assemblies, Members voted to move the selection of the Premier into a public forum.

In the last selection process candidates were nominated, they were given 20 minutes to present their platforms, and then the floor was open for questions from MLAs. Each MLA was restricted in the number of questions he/she could ask of the candidates vying for Premier. Once all questions were asked a secret ballot vote was held. The candidate who garners 50 per cent plus one of the votes is selected Premier.

The election of five Cabinet Ministers is next on the agenda. Again candidates are nominated and given an opportunity to outline their platforms before a secret ballot vote is held.

The consensus system of governing is more in keeping with the way that aboriginal peoples have traditionally made decisions. Unanimous agreement is not necessary for decisions to be made, motions passed, and legislation enacted. A simple majority carries the vote.

Ordinary Members, those who are not on Cabinet, become the "unofficial opposition" in the House. They are responsible, through questioning and through Standing Committees, for making the Government accountable and responsive to the people of the Northwest Territories.

Legislative Assembly

OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MLAs - Roger T. Allen



The Honourable Roger T. Allen

Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

Minister Responsible for NWT Housing

Corporation

Minister Responsible for Public Utilities Board

Minister Responsible for Youth

MLA, Inuvik Twin Lakes

Web Site: <http://www.permafrost.com/rogerallen/>

Roger T. Allen was elected as the first Member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district for Inuvik Twin Lakes on December 6th, 1999. In January 2000, he was elected to Cabinet, and was later appointed by the Premier to serve as the Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, Public Utilities Board and Youth. He was born in Aklavik, Northwest Territories on May 5, 1952.

Prior to his election to the 14th Assembly, Mr. Allen had considerable experience in municipal politics serving as the Mayor of Aklavik from 1991 to 1993 and a Councilor in 1990. He also served as a member of Inuvik's Town Council in 1988 and was the President of the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement.

Mr. Allen was the contract administrator and operator of the open custody group home in Inuvik prior to being elected as the MLA for Inuvik Twin Lakes.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Canadian Junior National Cross-Country Ski Team from 1968-70. He was also a member of the Canadian Senior National Cross-Country Ski Team from 1970-72.

He competed in the Junior World Nordic Championships in Bad Gosau, Austria in 1970 for Canada. He competed for Canada at the World Nordic Championships in Vysoke Tatry, Czechoslovakia in 1970.

In 1972 he was a member of the Canadian National Ski Team competing in the Winter Olympic Games in Sapporo, Japan.

After the Winter Olympics he was a member of the University of Colorado Buffalo's NCAA Ski Championship team from 1972-73.

Mr. Allen took the Legal Studies/Commercial Law course from the Athabasca University in 1996 and also attended the University of Colorado where he took the first year of the General Arts and Science program. Mr. Allen graduated from Samuel Hearne Secondary School in Inuvik in 1971.

Mr. Allen and his wife Vanessa have four children and one grandchild.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF ALASKA

WHEREAS both Governments recognize the mutual advantage in preserving existing trade and economic relations;

AND WHEREAS both Governments wish to develop greater trade and economic ties and relations:

Both Governments have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

To work towards developing a Memorandum of Understanding detailing their future bilateral relations and dealing with the areas of trade, economic development and intergovernmental cooperation, as well as other issues of mutual interest and concern. The Memorandum of Understanding will focus on, but not be limited to, facilitating discussion in the areas of:

- Oil and Gas exploration and development
- Construction
- Housing
- Transportation systems
- Tourism
- Wildlife Co-management
- Education
- Culture

ARTICLE II

Both Governments agree to establish a joint coordinating committee to participate in future timely and meaningful consultations with the goal of signing a Memorandum of Understanding within the period ending April 1, 2001.

This Statement of Intent becomes effective upon the execution of this document.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES MISSION TO ALASKA

Delegation Listing

March 26-29, 2001

- 1) The Honorable Roger T. Allen, Minister of Municipal & Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Housing Corporation, Public Utilities Board and Minister Responsible for Youth. Prior to his election to the 14th Assembly, Mr. Allen had considerable experience in municipal politics as Mayor of Aklavik and a member of Inuvik's Town Council in 1988. He was a member of the Junior and Senior National Cross Country Ski Teams and is very involved in the Arctic Winter Games. He was host to the Alaska Legislature Delegation at the village of Wha Ti in September, 19, 2000.
- 2) Dennis Marchiori, Manager, Policy & Planning, Municipal & Community Affairs, NWT. Mr. Marchiori is a long time northerner, having lived in the Northwest Territories since 1975. He completed his post secondary education at the University of Calgary in 1994 and since graduation, has been employed with the Government of the Northwest Territories. Dennis worked six years with the Department of Health and Social Services as a Consultant for Board Operations in Yellowknife and as the Assistant CEO of the Keewatin Regional Health & Social Services Board in Rankin Inlet. In 1999, Mr. Marchiori joined the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs as the Manager of Policy & Planning.
- 3) Tom Williams, Executive Assistant to MLA Roger Allen (details forthcoming).
- 4) Calvin Brackman, M.A., Senior Resource Economist, Minerals, Oil & Gas for the Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development Department. Mr. Brackman serves Minister Joseph L. Handley in this capacity. He has worked for the GNWT for over three years and was formerly with the Federal Energy Department in Ottawa, Canada.
- 5) Tom Beaulieu, President of Northwest Territories Housing Corporation, which has completed a five plex of affordable housing for seniors in Stebbins Alaska, under a joint project with US HUD and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. Five more projects are underway scheduled for production in the North Slope Borough and Western Alaska which involve training and education for locals in each region of construction.
- 6) Ross Bowring, Manager, Business Development for the NWT Housing Corporation. Ross has 11 years of experience with the GNWT, the last 6 with the housing corporation. Prior to that he worked in the private sector for 12 years with a multi-national financial services corporation. He completed his post secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan in 1979 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Ross now assists community governments in the NWT, provides community infrastructure services to Nunavut and Alaska, and assists clients to help them increase local capacity and improve employment levels in a cost effective manner.



**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

Introduction

- Housing and the NWT
- Corporate Overview
- Empowering Communities
- Alaskan Projects - Stebbins



**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

The NWT Picture

- In 2000 the total NWT population was 42,000;
- The NWT population projection to 2006 is for 49,184 persons;
- There are 13, 405 occupied dwellings across the NWT;
- In the NWT, some 49.3% of dwellings are owned; and
- The total future core need demand projection is for some 3,258 units across the Territory.



**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

Housing in the NWT

- The NWT HC maintains 2279 public housing units across the NWT;
- In 2000, a total of 7,366 persons, representing 18% of the total NWT population, lived in public housing;
- Over 92% of tenants are Aboriginal; and
- Over 85% of NWT persons in core need are Aboriginal.



**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

Corporate Overview

- The NWT Housing Corporation was established in 1974;
- It was established as a Crown Corporation through the NWT Housing Corporation Act;
- The mandate of the Housing Corporation is to assist communities to assume the role of providing housing to their residents and to contribute to Northern economic development. This is achieved by providing mentorship and support to communities in the areas of technical research and services, financial support, information sharing, training, and economic development.



**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

Core Business Functions

The Corporation operates in four main business areas:

1. Public Housing;
2. Home Ownership;
3. Business Development; and
4. Government of the NWT – Staff Housing.

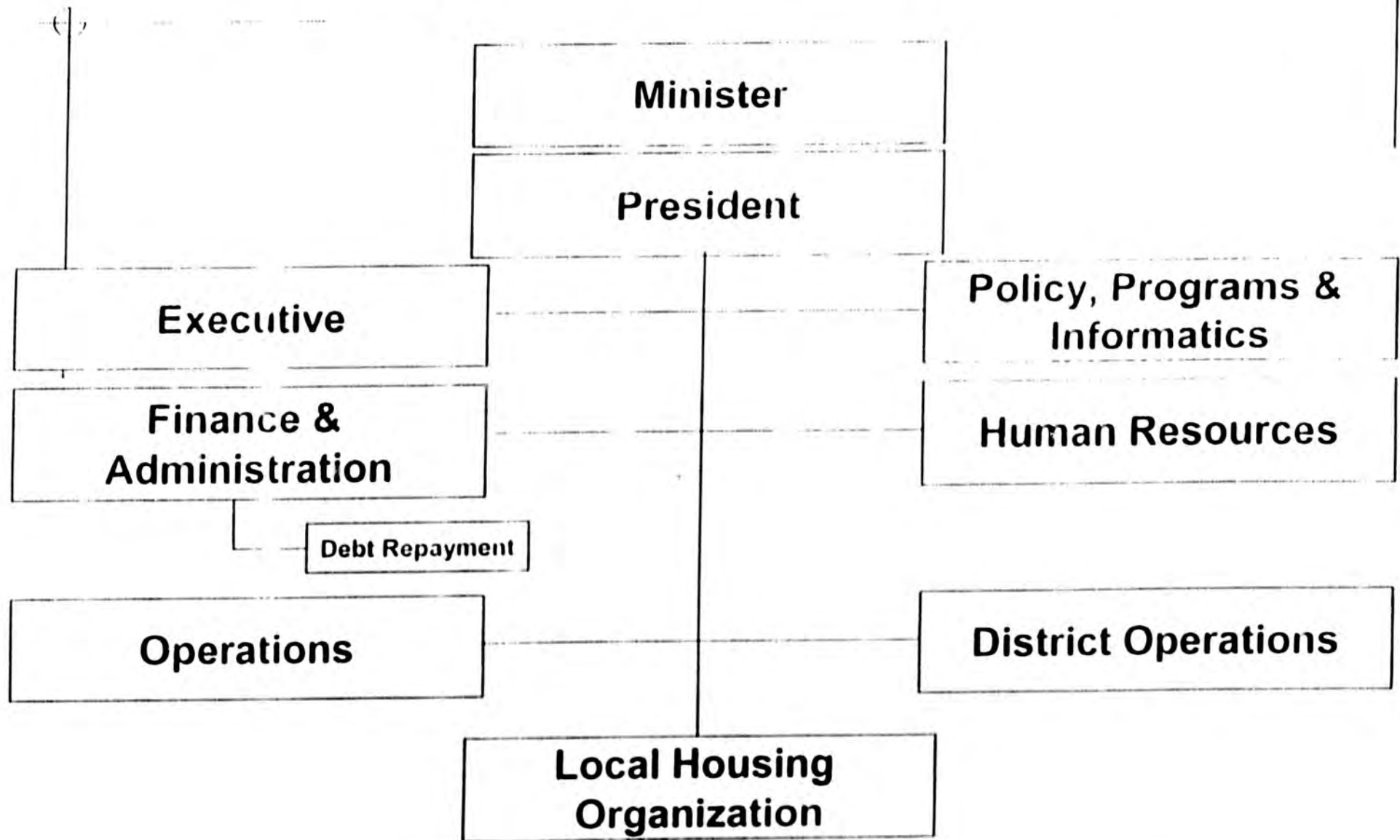


**Northwest Territories
Housing Corporation**

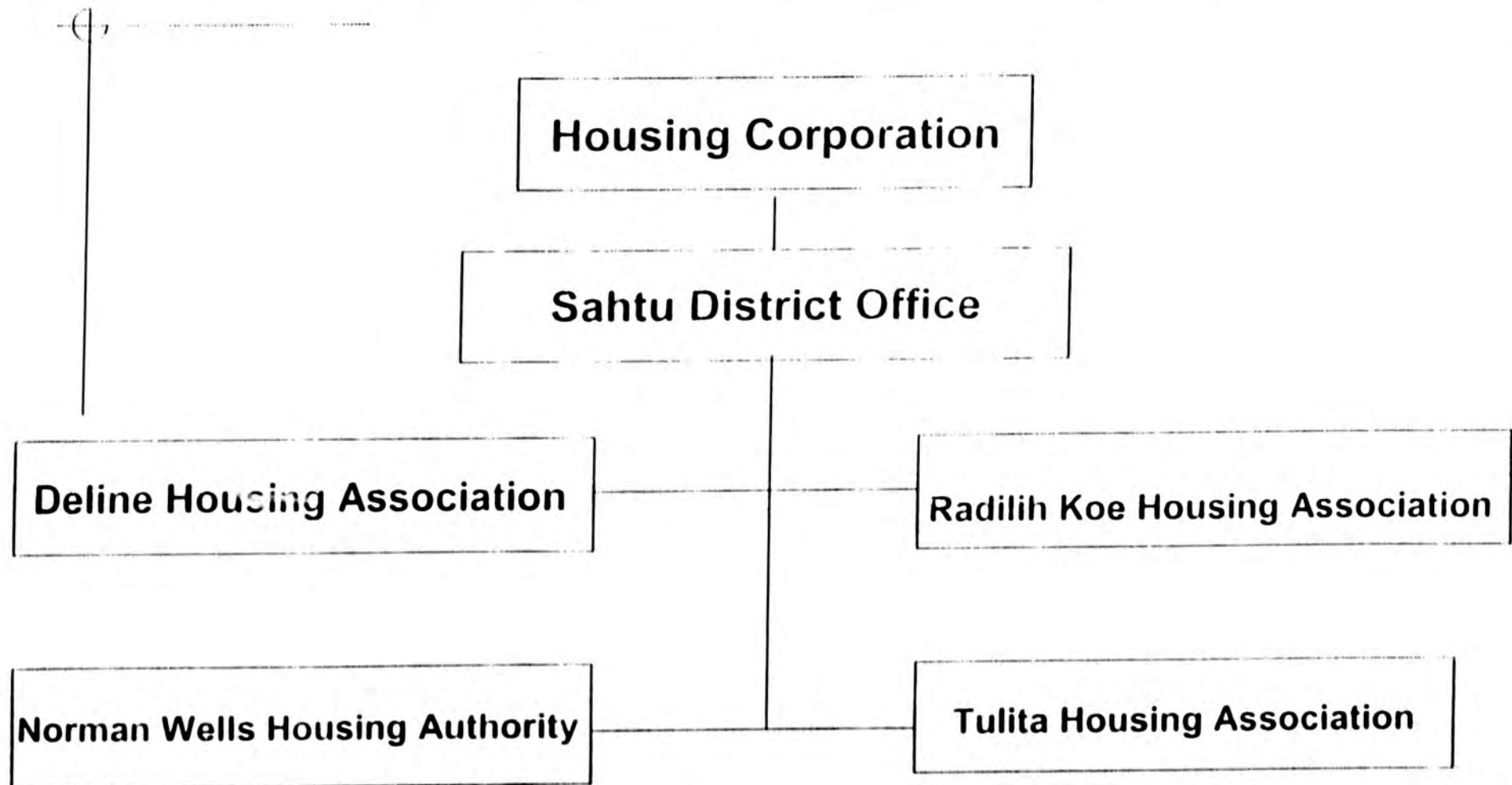
Vision

- ◆ Partnership with communities;
- ◆ Communities responsible for their own choices in housing; and
- ◆ Working together to provide homes that support a healthy, secure, independent and dignified lifestyle.

Corporate Structure

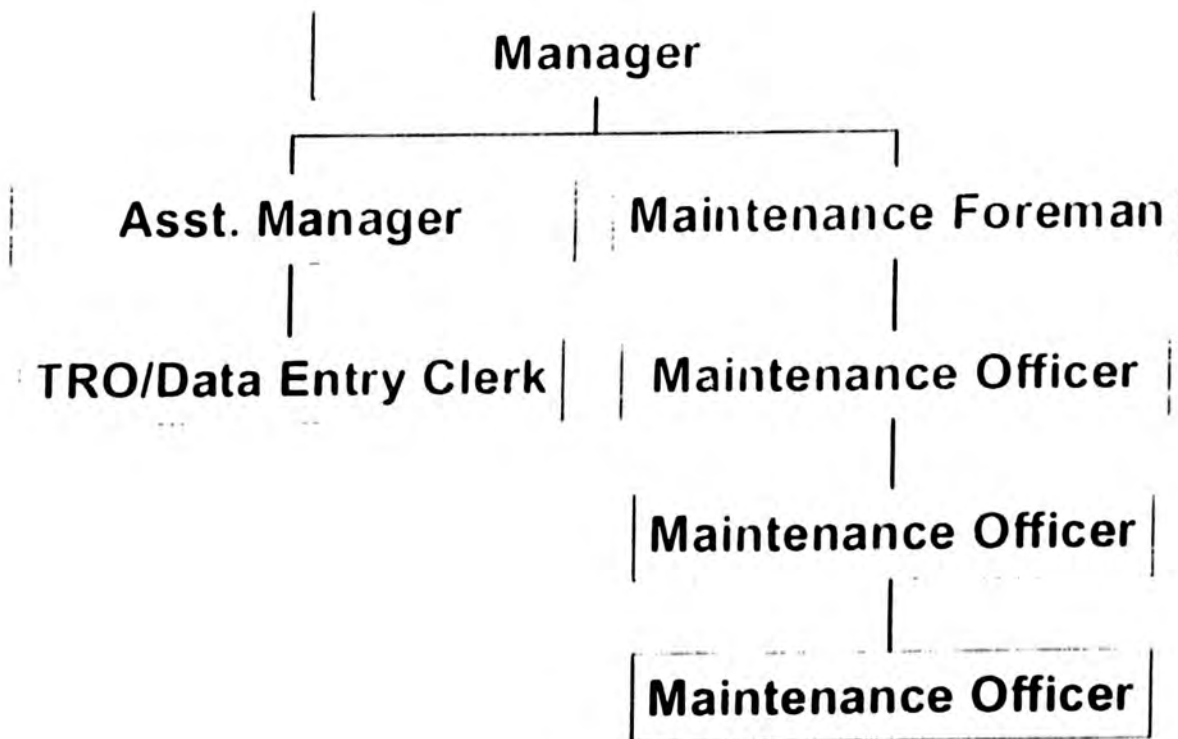


Delivery Chart Example



Local Housing Organization Structure (Deline Housing)

Deline Housing Association





Empowering Communities

Building Community Capacity

- ◆ District staff, Local Housing Organizations (LHOs), community governments work in partnership;
- ◆ Assist people with programs;
- ◆ Work with community partners to identify needs; and
- ◆ Build Capacity at the Community level.

Services to Communities

- ◆ Consult with community governments and groups to identify appropriate housing construction;
- ◆ Providing training to local people;
- ◆ Stimulate economic development.

Community Initiatives in Housing

The Fort Good Hope Projects

- ◆ Community-led initiative;
- ◆ Partnership between NWT Housing Corp. and Aboriginal group;
- ◆ \$500,000 grant contributions to build seniors' four units; and
- ◆ Community Development Corp. uses its own capital.

Community Initiatives Stebbins, Alaska

- ◆ Community-led initiative;
- ◆ Partnership between NWT Housing Corp. and Housing and Urban Development;
- ◆ Pilot project supported by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;
- ◆ NWT HC provided project management and training opportunities.

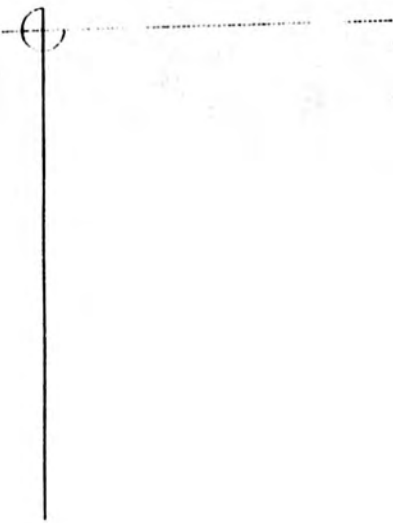
Stebbins, Alaska (continued)

Community Benefits

- ◆ Local residents were trained to build their own seniors' multiplex;
- ◆ Maximum financial benefits stay in community;
- ◆ Less reliance on outside contractors;
- ◆ Reduces unemployment and improves the social fabric of community.

Stebbins, Alaska (concluded)

- ◆ Project received *Simply the Best Award* from Housing and Urban Development and;
- ◆ HUD wants to expand delivery method to 5 Alaskan communities this year;



THE END