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N.W.T. PLEBISCITE

April 14, 1982

The Plebiscite on dividing the Northwest Territories will be held April 14, 1982.

This is the first plebiscite to be conducted under the new N.W.T. Plebiscite Ordinance, passed by the Legislative Assembly in December, 1981.

The plebiscite is being held in response to a proposal to create a new territory in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories.

The Legislative Assembly has agreed that, if a majority of the voters agree the Northwest Territories should be divided, it will request the government of Canada to divide the N.W.T., creating a new territory in the eastern part of the Northwest Territories.

Then, if the government of Canada agrees to divide the N.W.T., the Legislative Assembly will also request appointment of a federal boundaries commission to consult the residents of the Territories and recommend exact boundaries of the new territory.

On these terms, the plebiscite question will be asked:

DO YOU THINK THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES SHOULD BE DIVIDED?

_____ YES

_____ NO

The answers to this plebiscite question are for information purposes only. They do not demand action from the Legislative Assembly, but simply provide information which members of the Assembly will need to make decisions about the future of the Northwest Territories.

