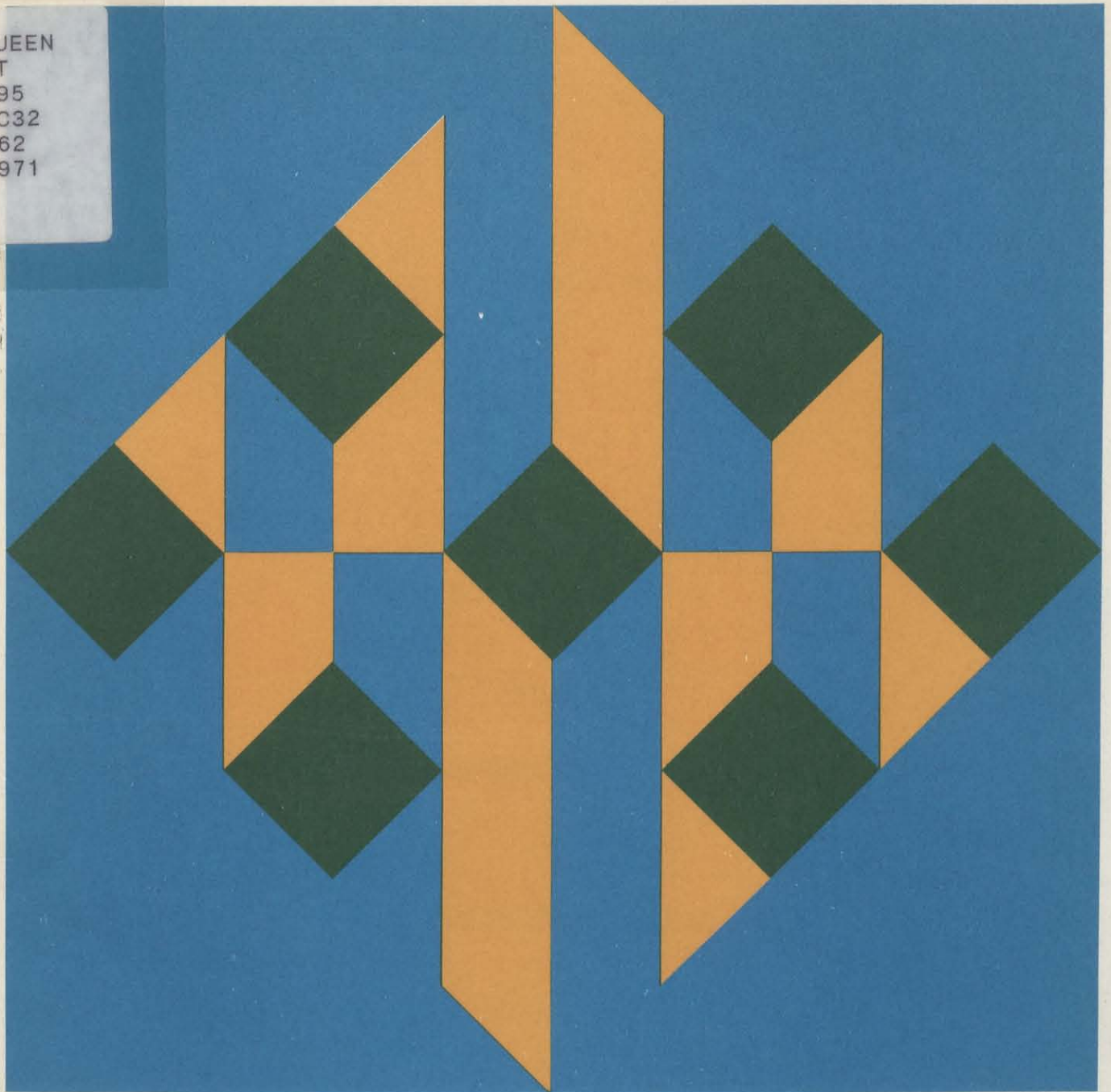
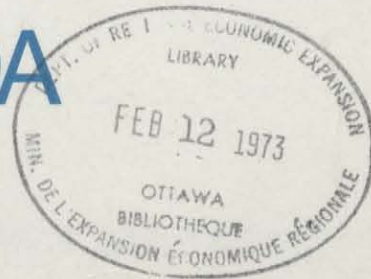


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CANADA,
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

A G R E E M E N T

Between:

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Dated: September 17, 1971

SPECIAL ARDA AGREEMENT

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OTTAWA, September 17, 1971 - The Honourable Jean Marchand recently announced the signing of an agreement with the Government of Alberta regarding a new federal-provincial program particularly designed to enable Indian and Métis people to create and take advantage of employment opportunities in their own communities.

A similar agreement was signed recently with Manitoba. Both of these special four-year agreements were made under the authority of the Agricultural and Rural Development Act (ARDA). In making the announcement, the Minister said that representatives of the Indian Association of Alberta and the Métis Association of Alberta participated in the discussions relating to the formulation of the agreement details.

The program will emphasize economic development and social adjustment measures, primarily for Indian and Métis people, especially those living in the northern portions of the province. Typical projects which may be supported include the establishment of community recreation facilities, the construction of access roads to work sites and the provision of communication facilities in connection with the operation of a local enterprise.

Also eligible for assistance are projects involving farming, fishing and trapping. In addition, the program is designed to create employment opportunities based on the establishment of commercial undertakings in resource utilization, manufacturing or service industries, including tourist services.

Counselling, training and social adjustment measures for Indian and Métis people are included in the agreement to ensure that they will be able to take advantage of employment opportunities. The program may also finance costs of determining the feasibility and planning of proposed projects. Furthermore, only projects located in rural areas and communities where Indian and Métis people constitute a large proportion of the population will qualify for government assistance.

A committee will review and recommend all projects to be assisted under the agreement. The provincial and federal governments will be represented on the committee as well as representatives of the native people of Alberta.

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this 17th day of September 1971

BETWEEN: THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, represented by the
Minister of Regional Economic Expansion
(hereinafter referred to as "Canada"),

OF THE FIRST PART,

AND: THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA,
represented by the Minister of Health and
Social Development (hereinafter referred
to as "the Province"),

OF THE SECOND PART.

WHEREAS Canada and the Province recognize that the problems of economic development and social adjustment are particularly acute for people who have previously had little or no access to regular earnings and employment opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Canada and the Province recognize that in certain rural areas of the Province, where these disadvantaged people include many people of Indian ancestry, special action is required to ensure that they are able to benefit from rural development programmes and projects;

AND WHEREAS Canada and the Province wish to provide for this special action by supplementing the provisions of the General ARDA Agreement dated the 11th day of August 1971, made under the Agricultural and Rural Development Act (ARDA), and other relevant programs offered by Canada and the Province;

AND WHEREAS the Governor in Council by Order in Council P.C. 1971-22/1164 of the 15th day of June 1971 has authorized the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Canada, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by Order in Council No. 1738/69 of the 23rd day of September 1969 has authorized the Minister of Health and Social Development, as Chairman of the Human Resources Development Authority, to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Province;

NOW THEREFORE it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Rural development projects of benefit to disadvantaged people, particularly of Indian ancestry, will be selected from any or all of the following categories:
 - a) The provision of services and facilities which lessen the isolation of remote rural communities so that disadvantaged people have better access to earning and employment opportunities.
 - b) The establishment or improvement of community recreation facilities which will, by implementing a plan or program for the rural area concerned, improve earning and employment opportunities and standards of living for disadvantaged people in remote rural communities. Projects under this paragraph may include the provision of basic infrastructure and, where necessary, the acquisition of land.
 - c) The provision of counselling, training and related services and facilities which are not provided by other Federal-Provincial and Federal manpower programs and which will, by implementing a plan or program for the rural area concerned, prepare disadvantaged people for identifiable earning and employment opportunities. Projects that help disadvantaged people to benefit from improved earning and employment opportunities may take any or all of the following forms:
 - i) counselling and other assistance to persons or families to identify their problems, opportunities and training needs;

- ii) costs of instruction and living allowances while training for persons or families, including transportation costs, where such expenses cannot be authorized under other programs;
 - iii) special assistance for persons moving their families and effects where this will enhance their prospects for employment and where such moves cannot be authorized under other programs;
 - iv) facilities required for the provision of counselling and training services of the kind referred to in this paragraph.
- d) The development of viable supplementary or alternative primary producing activities for the purpose of improving marginal or submarginal incomes of disadvantaged people engaged in such activities.
- e) The establishment, expansion or modernization of any commercial undertaking engaged in the utilization of primary resources, in processing, in manufacturing or in the provision of services, including tourist facilities, provided that
- i) the undertaking is expressly organized so that at least two-thirds of those employed are disadvantaged people who have previously had little or no access to regular earning and employment opportunities; and
 - ii) there is adequate provision for such counselling, training and other adjustment measures as are necessary to the employment of disadvantaged people in the undertaking.

2. Projects approved under this Agreement must be located in an area or areas approved by the Governor in Council by reason of the fact that the requirements of rural development include, to a significant extent, improved earning and employment opportunities for disadvantaged people of Indian ancestry.

3. 1) The Ministers signing this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministers"), shall jointly establish a Special Committee consisting of at least two representatives each of Canada and of the Province, and at least two representatives of people of Indian ancestry in the Province to be appointed by the Ministers.

2) The Special Committee shall recommend for approval by the Ministers projects submitted under this Agreement, and shall perform such other appropriate functions, in respect of these projects, as the Ministers may agree.

3) Projects under this Agreement which are on Indian lands and involve no financial or other assistance by the Province may be approved by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion on the recommendation of those members of the Committee who are representatives of Canada and of Indians in the Province.

4. Subject to section 7, the costs of projects under paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of section 1 will be shared equally by Canada and the Province.

5. 1) For projects approved under paragraph (e) of section 1, there must be equity provided by the owner of the undertaking in an amount equal to at least 20% of the expected capital costs, as approved by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, of the buildings, machinery and equipment of the undertaking.

2) In computing the amount of equity provided by the owner, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion may include the value, as approved by him, of any work done by disadvantaged people in the preparation for and construction of the undertaking and of any land, equipment, materials or other supplies provided by or on behalf of the owners of the undertaking.

3) The costs of projects referred to under paragraph (e) of section 1 may be the total of

- a) the costs of studying the opportunity for, investigating the feasibility of, planning and preparing the project,

- b) the capital costs of establishing, expanding or modernizing the undertaking,
- c) the initial working capital necessary for the operation of the undertaking,
- d) the costs of any counselling and training of disadvantaged people as employees, supervisors and managers necessary before the undertaking begins operation, and
- e) any abnormal operating costs that, for a period of not more than three years from the beginning of operation of the undertaking, arise from the counselling and on-the-job training of disadvantaged people,

less the equity provided in accordance with this section, and less also any financing that is available for the undertaking through other federal and provincial programs and through borrowings from commercial sources.

6. Canada's contribution to the eligible costs listed in sub-section (3) of section 5 may be any or all of the following:

- a) all of the costs referred to in paragraph (a) of sub-section (3) of section 5, provided that the organization incurring those costs is an organization of people of Indian ancestry, and these costs may be paid directly to the said organization when the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion is satisfied that there is a reasonable possibility that the study, investigation, planning and preparing will lead to an approved project;
- b) a maximum of 50% of the costs referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) of sub-section (3) of section 5, and such contributions may be determined and paid directly to the owners of the undertaking in accordance with terms and conditions similar to those of the Regional Development Incentives Act and Regulations;
- c) 50% of the costs referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e) of sub-section (3) of section 5 in so far as the persons counselled and trained are not Indians and up to 100% of the

said costs in so far as the persons ^{*counselled*} ~~counselling~~ and trained are Indians.

7. 1) In the case of projects on Indian lands, or whose benefits relate primarily to Indian lands, and which are implemented by the Province at the request of Indians, Canada may pay up to 100% of the costs incurred by the Province, including the costs of administration.

2) At the request of the Province, Canada may pay 50% of any additional administrative costs specifically incurred by the Province in implementing projects under this Agreement if:

- a) the Province makes a substantial contribution towards the cost of these projects, and
- b) Canada is not requested by the Province, under sub-section (1) above, to pay 100% of the costs of administrative and other related services which may be provided by the Province in connection with projects on Indian lands or whose benefits relate primarily to Indian lands.

8. For purposes of administration, all the terms and conditions of the General ARDA Agreement, except as inconsistent with this Agreement or unless the context otherwise requires, shall be applicable to projects undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

9. Part or all of Canada's contribution for projects carried out under this Agreement may, where appropriate, take the form of technical and other services provided by P.F.R.A.

10. Expenditures incurred on and after April 1, 1971, may be considered part of the shareable cost of projects approved under this Agreement, but no expenditures incurred before that date shall be shareable under this Agreement. No project under this Agreement shall be approved after March 31, 1975.

11. This Agreement may be amended by joint agreement of the Ministers, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council and of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement has been executed on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and on behalf of the Province by the Minister of Health and Social Development.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

In the Presence of

Carmel Carrière

Witness

Jean Marchand

Minister of
Regional Economic Expansion

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

In the Presence of

Ethel Wilson

Witness

Raymond A. Speaker

Minister of
Health and Social Development

