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## Cambridge Bay [NU] Small Hostel Narrative

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**This Hostel Narrative summarizes documents that provide an over-view of the history and administration of the hostel.**

### **NAME OF HOSTEL AND VARIANTS**

Below are general names used to describe the hostel situation in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. Please note that at various times there were one or more hostels in operation in Cambridge Bay. These hostels were also known individually as the 'Old Hostel'; 'Hostel No. 1'; 'Hostel No. 2'; and 'Hostel No.3'. Additionally, in the 1990s the two hostels operating in Cambridge Bay were known individually as the Elementary Student Residence (Hostel) in Cambridge Bay and the High School Residence in Cambridge Bay (also referred to as the Aimavik Hostel).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Date</b>
Pupil Residence at Cambridge Bay	CBS-000642	12/22/1963
Cambridge Bay Federal Hostel	CBS-000001-0001 <sup>1</sup>	03/31/1964
Cottage Hostel at Cambridge Bay	CBS-000650	05/20/1964
Cambridge Bay Cottage Hostel	GHU-000020-0000 <sup>2</sup>	07/10/1964
Cambridge Bay School Hostel	CBS-000005-0001	09/30/1968
Cambridge Bay Pupil Residence	CBS-000009	09/30/1969
Cambridge Bay Student Residence	CBS-000019	09/30/1979
Student Hostel at Cambridge Bay	CBS-000422-0000	09/08/1988
High School Student Residence in Cambridge Bay	CPU-001617-0001 <sup>3</sup>	03/21/1995
Elementary Student Residence in Cambridge Bay	CPU-001631	06/12/1995
Aimavik Hostel	CPU-001655-0001	09/30/1995
Elementary Hostel (Cambridge Bay)	CPU-001638	09/30/1995

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1 The prefix CBS indicates that this document is from the Cambridge Bay [NU] IRS [Small/Federal Hostel] document collection found in the National database.

2 The prefix GHU indicates that this document is from the Grollier Hall [NWT] Student Residence document collection found in the National database.

3 The prefix CPU indicates that this document is from the Coppermine [NU] document collection found in the National database.

## NAME OF RELATED SCHOOLS AND VARIANTS

Name	Item #	Date
St. George's [Anglican] Mission Day School	CBS-000619	06/30/1955
Cambridge Bay F.D.S. [Federal Day School]	CBS-000631-0000	09/25/1959
Cambridge Bay Territorial School	CBS-000675-0004	09/30/1969
Ilihakvik School	CBS-000679-0000	09/00/1971
Kullik Ilihakvik	CBS-000437	12/01/1994
Kiilunik Sr. High School	CBS-001140	12/15/1994

## CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

Provided below are dates in which the hostel is mentioned in documentation to provide a general time line of the institution's dates of operation:

**1959** A Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources Memorandum from January 20, 1959 discusses the need in Cambridge Bay "for a school hostel to accommodate children whose parents are not resident in the settlement". As opposed to previous initiatives that favoured the construction of large hostels this memorandum suggested a:

Smaller cottage form of accommodation which avoids the type of internal regimentation which is inseparable from large establishments and which permits children to attend the local schools and in other ways to participate in the life of the local community. Experience elsewhere on this continent has shown that there is much merit in a system which allows children to split up in small 'family' groups in varying ages and both sexes, each in [the] charge of a house mother and preferably also a house father. This arrangement not only encourages some of the emotional atmosphere of a family to develop . . . but also permits brothers and sisters to remain together and give each other comfort and support. Such 'family' groups must be kept small. One authority recommends 8 as the ideal and 12 as the maximum. [CBS-000693]

**1960** March 15, 1960 Memorandum discusses proposed Cottage Hostel for Cambridge Bay which would serve children of school age not attending school and within a hundred mile radius of Cambridge Bay [CBS-000047].

**1961** Memorandum dated April 13, 1961 states that the Eskimos of Cambridge Bay "do not like sending their children to Inuvik [and] want them closer to home where they can see them at intervals during the course of the year". It was indicated that "one small hostel [was] to be constructed at Cambridge Bay [that] year" [RCN-000785-0004].<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> The prefix RCN indicates that this document is from the Nunavut/Northwest Territories General document collection found in the National Database.

- 1963** May 2, 1963 Memorandum notes that a “small eight-student cottage hostel at Cambridge Bay is to be completed this summer and ready for occupation in September” [CBS-000698].

Memorandums dated October 11, 1963 and November 12, 1963 state several teachers were occupying the whole hostel as a “teachorage” until December 1, 1963 and there were “no pupils in Cottage Hostel as none [were] recruited” [RCN-000916; CBS-000703].

Telegram received December 30, 1963 notes cottage hostel was ready to begin operating as “five children with signed applications [were] ready to move in” [CBS-000704].

- 1964** March 31, 1964 Quarterly Return notes 4 students were admitted to Cambridge Bay Federal Hostel as of January 1, 1964 [CBS-000002-0001].

February 6, 1964 Memorandum discusses a proposed “two-hundred bed hostel residence at Cambridge Bay” [RCN-002183-0000]. November 12, 1964 Memorandum states that “construction of a 200 pupil residence is scheduled to commence in 1965-66 and be completed in the following year 1966-67” [RCN-002180-0001].

- 1966** November 22, 1966 Memorandum notes that “it is extremely unlikely” suitable house parents could be found in Cambridge Bay for proposed additional small hostels. Memorandum further recommends “against [the] construction of small, eight and twelve bed hostels” [CPU-001560].

- 1967** January 17, 1967 Memorandum states that “construction of a single pupil residence will be completed by late 1968 or early 1969” [CBS-000717]. A further Memorandum from February 17, 1967 notes that “a larger type of hostel would be much preferable for the Cambridge Bay area” rather than “a number of cottage type hostels” [CBS-000718-0001]. A later memorandum dated April 10, 1967 proposes an alternate plan “for the erection of five 12-bed pupil residences at Cambridge Bay” for 1968 due to the wishes of the NWT Council and operating cost differences [CBS-000719]. By December 22, 1967 the call for five 12-bed pupil residences was reduced in number to two 12-bed hostels [CBS-000720-0000].

- 1968** January 25, 1968 Letter states that the house parents “have given 4 years of very fine service – and have continued to be paid at the startlingly low rate of \$150.00 per month plus room and boards for the 24 hour [a] day, 7 day [a] week, and 10 month [a] year that they are in charge of the hostel.” The letter further comments that the Hostel Mother “could hardly be improved upon as a Hostel Mother [as] she is doing a fine job” [CBS-000994-0001].

September 20, 1968 “Report on Pupil Residence Enrolment” references the immediate need for additional hostel space in Cambridge Bay. Further notes that in addition to the hostel being full to capacity (8 students in residence) there were “an additional 15 children in Foster Parent Homes at present.” Report also states that “several of these [foster] homes are not entirely satisfactory” and four children were also “staying at the homes of teachers” [RCN-011377-0001].

December 19, 1968 Telegram comments on the progress of additional hostel facilities for Cambridge Bay. Specifically notes that in addition to the eight bed hostel in operation two further hostels were planned. Moreover, due to lack of additional hostels children were being housed with “foster parents” – this included 20 children in September, 13 in October, and 11 in November. A number of these “foster homes” were “far from satisfactory” and several parents removed their children from these homes [CBS-000727].

**1969** Telegram dated November 18, 1969 states that two new hostels were constructed [CBS-000192]. October 28, 1969 Letter notes there were now “three hostels in Cambridge Bay” [CBS-000189].

**1970** January 17, 1970 Memorandum notes that both new hostels were in operation as of January 17<sup>th</sup> and the “old [hostel] [was] vacant”. It was expected that “all three hostels plus foster homes [would] be needed during May and June”. One hostel had ten pupils plus the hostel mother; and other hostel had “nine pupils plus the two adults”. Eleven children at hostels qualified for clothing and spending allowance due to parents being on welfare. Some problems with the new hostel included frozen pipes in bathroom and a door being blown off during storm “taking one boy with it” [CBS-000200].

June 11, 1970 Memorandum states the “Old Hostel” was not in use due to the “extensive repairs” necessary to “make it habitable” [CBS-000207].

**1973** October 22, 1973 Memorandum notes attendance at the “three pupil residences [where] one contained 9 pupils, one 14 and the other 6” [CBS-000269].

November 19, 1973 Letter notes a lack of fire extinguishers especially in the three hostels and “where fire extinguishers existed . . . they had not been checked or apparently recharged in almost 3 years” [CBS-000274-0002].

**1974** September 9, 1974 Memorandum notes the hostels were “temporarily full so a few students [were] being sent to Inuvik [with] a few to come from Bathurst Inlet”. Also states that “the two large hostels [in Cambridge Bay] require complete renovation in 1975 and the small hostel #3 needs to be replaced by a larger unit for next August”. Further notes that “considerations in supplying and staffing the hostels . . . require more study and attention” [CBS-000882].

October 15, 1974 Report references details surrounding the October 4, 1974 fire at Hostel #2. The building was completely destroyed and there were no injuries or deaths. Report concluded that fire was likely started by carelessly discarded cigarette [CBS-000211-0001].

**1976** October 15, 1976 Letter discusses September 1976 inspection of Hostel #1. Several sub standard conditions were noted related to need for mattress and pillow covers, maintenance repairs, and items in need of cleaning [CBS-000290].

October 15, 1976 Letter discusses September 1976 inspection of Hostel #2. States that the hostel staff “are to be congratulated for their interest in keeping the hostel so clean and tidy [as] no unsanitary condition was observed” [CBS-000232].

December 31, 1976 Letter discusses report by Supervisor of Student Services and Special Projects, Department of Education on conditions at the two hostels. Hostel No. 1 (also referred to as the old hostel) hostel parent (12 bed capacity) noted as “doing a satisfactory job as house parent [and] all the students appeared happy and content, and have a close relationship with [the hostel mother].” Hostel No. 2 (also referred to as the new hostel) hostel parent (16 bed capacity) noted as “doing an excellent job as house parent [and] all the children appear to be getting tender, loving care” [CBS-000233].

- 1977** July 28, 1977 Telegram states that there were two student residences in Cambridge Bay. The maximum capacity for “old hostel” was 16 while the desired capacity was 12. The maximum capacity for “new hostel” was 24 while the desired capacity was 16. At this time there were 12 students in new hostel and 10 in old hostel [CBS-000234].
- 1979** March 19, 1979 Letters discuss the “possibility of utilizing the Blue Hostel building” for adult education in Cambridge Bay. This was not possible as the “Blue Hostel [had] been loaned for one year to the Department of Social Development” [CBS-000407; CBS-000408-0001].
- 1989** April 1989 Hostel Contract Questionnaire completed by Ilihakvik School Principal Dawn Wilson contains questions related to the quality of work and childcare by the contractors – noting that “the contractors have provided a warm, family-like environment for their students” [CBS-000116].
- 1990** April 1990 Hostel Contract Questionnaire completed by Ilihakvik School Principal Dawn Wilson contains questions related to the quality of work and childcare by the contractors. Notes “our hostel parents currently provide a high standard of care” and “students are happy with . . . the hostel parents and have done well both in school and in community” [CBS-000118].

A Home Boarding program came into place in Cambridge Bay likely sometime during the 1989/90 school year as a List from June 26, 1990 shows that “Residence Contracts” for Home Boarding were not issued for 1988/89 but from 1989/90 to at least 1990/91 [CBS-000432]. The latest reference in documentation to the home boarding program is February 1996 [CPU-001674-0001]. A Memorandum referencing home boarding in Cambridge Bay for the 1989/90 school year addresses student boarder responsibilities, home boarding parent responsibilities, home boarding requirements, home boarding coordinator responsibilities, and the general administration of the program. Further, an undated document titled “Guidelines Homeboarding Students” references issues surrounding rules, chores, discipline, curfews, alcohol consumption, and health [CBS-000923-0001].

- 1994** December 13, 1994 Telecommunication references a “new High School Hostel” in Cambridge Bay [CBS-001139].
- 1995** December 21, 1995 Financial Document noting “utilities costs” for Cambridge Bay Hostels for the year ended June 30, 1995 shows two hostels – “Hostel” and “New Hostel” [CBS-001187].

**1996** May 12, 1996 Letter states that the Kitikmeot Board of Education planned “to close the elementary residence at the end” of the 1995/96 school year. Further notes that the hostel contract would end June 24, 1996. Letter references “the fine service” provided by hostel contractors as well as “the solid relationship that has been built over the years” [CBS-001201-0001].

“Student Accommodation Information” dated September 30, 1996 notes 13 students in “small residence” in Cambridge Bay. Note at bottom of list states “student listed above are eligible for student accommodation under the ‘Senior Secondary Schooling Policy’ and are presently being supplied student accommodation by the Board” [CPU-001700-0002].

**PLEASE NOTE:** Documentation is not available to provide a definitive closing date for the Hostel[s] in Cambridge Bay. The above documentation confirms only that it was open until at least the 1996/97 school year.

### **MANAGEMENT OF HOSTEL**

The 1950s gave rise to the construction of numerous Large Hostel student residences in the western Arctic. These were built in part to provide centralized residential schooling for the growing and rapidly urbanizing population of the Mackenzie. In the eastern Arctic, with its small and dispersed population, similar Large Hostels were a not viable or effective way to provide residential accommodation. Consequently, in 1960 the Arctic Division of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources launched its “Small Hostels” program.

The Federal Government operated the Small Hostels program exclusively from 1960 until the transfer of educational authority to the Government of the Northwest Territories in 1969. Throughout the 1960s, the Small Hostels program operated in conjunction with a program of “local boarding” of pupils in private residences in many communities. Small Hostels were a priority for communities where private boarding was inadequate for educational needs.

The Small Hostel setting was intended to approximate the traditional home life of Inuit children instead of the highly formal, institutional context of Church-run Large Hostels. Local community members, typically Inuit women, were employed as “Hostel Mothers” or “Hostel Parents”, who managed the residences under the supervision of the Federal Day School Principal. Their salaries were paid by the Federal Government, and in addition to supervising the children they carried out most of the domestic tasks performed in a typical household – washing clothes, cleaning, meal preparation, etc. Generally, two pairs of hostel parents were granted services contracts for each academic year children were residing at the hostel. The hostel parents would normally be under the supervision of a ‘Hostel Supervisor’ and all known occurrences of this hostel management type are documented below:

**1963** May 2, 1963 Memorandum notes plan “to have the hostel supervised by the Principal of the school [and] with a native couple actually in charge of the institution itself” [CBS-000698].

**1964** Memorandum from February 12, 1964 states that funds were secured to “pay a Service Contract . . . to supervise the hostel in Cambridge Bay” [CBS-000708-0000].

July 22, 1964 Memorandum notes that “over-all supervision in this hostel is provided by the Principal of the school [and] a local Eskimo couple is hired to live in the hostel, and act as House Mother and Father” [RCN-004480].

**1966** Letter dated January 31, 1966 notes a female resident of Cambridge Bay was on contract as Hostel Supervisor [CBS-000715-0000]. March 1, 1966 Memorandum stated that her husband assisted at hostel with various chores [CBS-000716].

**1969** April 3, 1969 Memorandum states that “hostels are now the responsibility of the Territorial Government” [CBS-000724].

October 28, 1969 Letter discussing employment at the “three hostels in Cambridge Bay” states a hostel parent was given responsibility for “general supervision of the hostels under the direction of the principal” [CBS-000189].

**1970** January 17, 1970 Memorandum notes that the two new hostels were each to be operated by a hostel parent [CBS-000200].

**1972** August 4, 1972 Job Description of Hostel Mother positions included general conditions of employment such as fluency in Eskimo and English; working for 10 month period; and 24 hours a day, seven day a week availability. Duties included: “To care for, maintain and be responsible for eight to twelve children for approximately ten months [facilitating] meals, clothing, and personal cleanliness [as well as] discipline, general health, recreation, supervision of homework, time to bed”. Duties also included keeping “the hostel in clean and tidy condition at all times” [CBS-000210].

**1978** In January 30, 1978 Letter a hostel parent resigns effective April 1978 [CBS-000236]. Resignation was accepted by the Superintendent of Education on January 31, 1978 [CBS-000237]

**1987** August 1987 Principal’s Monthly Report notes new student hostel parents [CBS-000254].

**1988** June 7, 1988 “Request for Tenders for the Operation of the Student Hostel” invites interested families “to submit a proposal for the operation of the 16 bed Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay.” Further states that “hostel residents . . . attend Ilihakvik School and range in age from 6-17 years [with] most of the students com[ing] from the communities of Bay Chimo and Bathurst Inlet.” The new contract period was to begin August 1, 1988 and “if the successful bidder provides very good service for the contract period (1 year), the Kitikmeot Board of Education reserves the right to extend the contract” [CBS-0000410].

A September 8, 1988 draft of agreement between The Kitikmeot Divisional Board of Education, Department of Education and contractors [CBS-000422-0000].



**1989** March 1989 Memorandum titled “Information Re: Cambridge Bay Residence” references the following issues related to the management of the Cambridge Bay Hostel[s]:

- “Hostel parents are ideally both northern/native residents preferably from the Bay Chimo/Bathurst area. They may have no more than 3 children as they live in the residence. They must be stable, loving people, able to provide a family-like environment for up to sixteen students age 6 to 17. The hostel is occupied 10 months of the year by the students”.
- “No alcohol is allowed on the hostel premise under any circumstances. Purchasing of food and supplies is handled by the K.B.E. [Kitikmeot Board of Education] representative, the school principal. All Bills are paid by the K.B.E. office. The hostel parents, in consultation with the principal determine the necessary supplies. Country foods are readily available and used frequently”.
- “The hostel parents are often related to many of the students who reside at the hostel [which] naturally makes communications much easier”.
- “Students must do chores/duties as assigned by the hostel parents” to a maximum of 30 minutes. “Students must spend a minimum of one hour each night on school work. Students must be in the hostel at 9:00 – weeknights (10 and under) 9:30 – weeknights (14 years of age) 10:00 weeknights (15 and over) 12:00 midnight weekend (10 and under) 1:00 A.M. weekend (14 and over).”
- “When students experience difficulties disciplinary action such as grounding, extra chores or removal of allowance or privileges may be undertaken. The severity of the actions is determined by the hostel parents and /or the school principal (K.B.E. representative)”.
- Hostel staff are “hired on a Service Contract basis” and “expectations are clearly laid out in the contract”. “There are no training programs [and] hostel parents are the only staff working at the residence”.
- “Hostel mother instructs girls in traditional sewing. Hostel father takes students on hunting/fishing when appropriate. Hostel parents take students on the land for day trips whenever possible (spring and fall)”.
- “Family and friends may sign out hostel students for the weekends and holidays. The hostel parents monitor this”.
- “Older students take a natural leadership role in this family like environment. No formal committee is set up” [CBS-000905].

June 1, 1989 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 19, 1989 and terminated June 9, 1990 [CBS-000117].

**1990** June 10, 1990 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 7, 1990 and terminated May 31, 1991 [CBS-000433].

**1991** June 7, 1991 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 6, 1991 and terminated June 5, 1992 [CBS-000434].

**1992** March 31, 1992 “Cambridge Bay Hostel Report” notes that “for the fiscal years ending March 31, 1991 and March 31, 1992, the Kitikmeot Board was given a contribution from the GNWT [of] \$87,000 to run the Hostel in Cambridge Bay” [CBS-000325].

**1994** An unsigned Operational Agreement between Anaomik Enterprises and the Kitikmeot Board of Education to operate the High School Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay from January 4, 1994 to June 10, 1994 [CBS-000927].

September 26, 1994 Letters notes that the resignation of hostel contractors effective October 21, 1994 is accepted by the Kitikmeot Board of Education [CBS-000931].

December 15, 1994 Letter notes that Umingmak Ventures Ltd was established “in order to operate the contract as Hostel Parents for the Aimavik Hostel, in Cambridge Bay” [CBS-001140].

**1995** January 9, 1995 Memorandum notes that “the need for large student residences is declining rapidly. Most students now have senior high programs available to them in their own community, or in another community within the board’s jurisdiction. In the latter situation, student accommodation is provided either through homeboarding or in small student residences or a combination of both” [CPU-001614-0001].

May 18, 1995 Memorandum states, in reference to “Residence Barge Orders”, that “the Board has had to decrease, greatly, its spending in almost every area of its operations this year” and “restraints have hit us right across the system”. Further notes that “very sizable savings could be realized on the purchases of goods and supplies by barge for the residences under supervision” [CPU-001628].

**1996** May 12, 1996 Letter states that the Kitikmeot Board of Education planned “to close the elementary residence at the end” of the 1995/96 school year [CBS-001201-0001].

## **HOSTEL BUILDINGS**

The Cambridge Bay Small Hostel program began with a single 8 bed hostel in January 1964. In January 1970 two new 12 bed hostels opened which combined with the original hostel provided three hostels for Cambridge Bay. One of the new hostels would burn down in October 1974 leaving two hostels (the 8 bed original hostel and the 12 bed hostel) available from 1974 to 1976. In 1976 a new 16 bed hostel would be added to the existing hostel infrastructure of Cambridge Bay. In the mid-1990s two hostels were in operation in Cambridge Bay – the Elementary Student Residence (Hostel) in Cambridge Bay and the High School Residence in Cambridge Bay (also referred to as the Aimavik Hostel).

**1963/64** May 2, 1963 Memorandum notes that a “small eight-student cottage hostel at Cambridge Bay is to be completed this summer and ready for occupation in September” [CBS-000698]. Hostel did not officially open until January 1964.

**1970** January 1970 inventory List for “Old Hostel” notes 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 Kitchen, and a Utility Room [CBS-000198].

January 17, 1970 Letter notes two new hostels began operating January 17, 1970 [CBS-000200].

By February 26, 1970 several problems with the two new hostels were noted such as frozen pipes in bathrooms; a door being blown off during storm “taking one boy with it”; and inaccessibility for sewer, water, and oil trucks after storms (which often left hostel #2 without water) [CBS-000200; CBS-000203].

June 11, 1970 Memorandum states the “Old Hostel” was not in use due to the “extensive repairs” necessary to “make it habitable” [CBS-000207].

July 1, 1970 Memorandum notes the “hostel door” needs to be fixed [CBS-000865].

**1974** Hostel #2 burned down October 4, 1974 [CBS-000211-0001].

**1976** December 31, 1976 notes a 16 bed hostel which contained: 1 large kitchen, 1 large dining room, 2 pantry rooms, 4 boy bedrooms (2 beds to a room), 4 girls bedrooms (2 beds to a room), 1 very large recreations room with colour television, and 2 washrooms (each with 4 sinks, 2 toilets, 2 showers and 1 bath tub) [CBS-000233].

**1994** December 13, 1994 Telecommunication references a “new High School Hostel” in Cambridge Bay [CBS-001139].

**1995** December 21, 1995 Financial Document noting “utilities costs” for Cambridge Bay Hostels for the year ended June 30, 1995 shows two hostels – “Hostel” and “New Hostel” [CBS-001187].

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the 1960s a medium to large sized pupil residence was planned for Cambridge Bay – although it was never completed. In 1964 a “two-hundred bed hostel residence at Cambridge Bay” was proposed and construction was scheduled to commence in 1965-66 and be completed in the following year 1966-67 [RCN-002183-0000; RCN-002180-0001]. The start date was subsequently shifted to opening in the Fall of 1968 with the goal to have the Anglican Church operate this new large hostel [RCN-006936]. A Report dated February 25, 1969 showed that the “200 bed pupil residence [was] cancelled on account of exceptionally high costs” [RCN-004186-0001]. Instead it was deemed more appropriate to build two new 12-bed small hostels for Cambridge Bay [CBS-000720-0000].

### **ASSOCIATED DAY SCHOOLS – CAMBRIDGE BAY**

**1956** October 9, 1956 Memorandum states that a “new 2-room school is being built at Cambridge Bay” and was expected to “be ready for occupancy next fall” [RCN-002044].

**1964** February 7, 1964 Memorandum notes present school enrolment of 68 students [CBS-000708-0002].

February 14, 1964 Report shows the Federal Day School (FDS) contained 3 rooms [CBS-000936].

September 30, 1964 Enrolment List shows the Cambridge Bay Federal Day School has a capacity of 75 pupils and an actual enrolment of 59 pupils [RCN-004322].

- 1967** February 9, 1967 Report notes “the existing Cambridge Bay School comprises two regular classrooms and a small temporary classroom” which “provide accommodation for about 63 pupils”. Report further states that the Cambridge Bay School’s “September 1966 enrolment was 60” [CBS-000977-0001].

December 5, 1967 Memorandum discusses expansion of school facilities at Cambridge Bay noting that “the new building” can be used on January 2, 1968 [CBS-000720-0004].

- 1968** March 31, 1968 Chart notes the Cambridge Bay FDS had a capacity of 125 pupils and total enrolment of 98 pupils [RCN-0009667-0002].

September 30, 1968 Chart notes the Cambridge Bay FDS had a capacity of 200 pupils and total enrolment of 154 pupils [RCN-011374].

- 1969** September 30, 1969 Chart notes the Cambridge Bay Territorial Day School had a capacity of 180 pupils and total enrolment of 155 pupils [RCN-009752].

- 1970** April 20, 1970 Memorandum notes comments from the Eskimo community regarding concerns over “conduct” at “the school at Cambridge Bay”. Complaints include: too many movies being shown to students; “pupils do not like the teachers”; teachers lack of interest in the larger community; children “bored with school and do not like to attend”; discipline in school “too lax”; and the Eskimo people “feel that there is dissent among the staff at the school” [CBS-000861]. A further April 20, 1970 Memorandum titled “Review of Principal-Teacher Relationships Cambridge Bay, N.W.T. 1969/70” notes problems in the relationship between the Principal and Teachers at Cambridge Bay Territorial Day School [CBS-000862].

July 1, 1970 Memorandum notes a break in and vandalism at the Cambridge Bay Territorial Day School by two female students [CBS-000865].

- 1971** June 12, 1972 Form notes a present enrolment of 216 at the Ilihakvik School [RCN-012388-0009].

- 1972** September 30, 1972 Report on “Enrolment and Classification of Pupils” shows 228 students at Ilihakvik School [CBS-000689].

- 1973** March 22, 1973 Telegram notes “fire broke out in East Wing of new school with fifty percent [of] new classroom areas destroyed completely”. No injuries or fatalities were reported [CBS-000260].

September 30, 1973 Report on “Enrolment and Classification of Pupils” shows 242 students at Ilihakvik School [CBS-000690].

- 1974** September 9, 1974 Memorandum notes present enrolment at Ilihakvik school was approximately 245 [CBS-000882].
- 1975** September 1975 Chart notes enrolment at Cambridge Bay School of 239 students [CBS-000387-0000].
- 1976** September 1976 Chart notes enrolment at Cambridge Bay School of 256 students [CBS-000396-0000].
- 1978** March 28, 1978 Telegram states that “Cambridge Bay School was broken into and vandalized during Easter weekend” [CBS-000301-0002].

September 1978 Report notes that “the quality of the education program and of the school discipline in the Cambridge Bay School [was] good in spite of continued problems with student truancy”. Report also notes that there were “some complaints that a few children received rough physical treatment from some male teachers” [CBS-000307-0002].

- 1988** August 1987 Principal’s Monthly Report notes enrolment at Ilihakvik School of 246 students [CBS-000254].
- 1989** February 1989 Principal’s Monthly Report notes enrolment at Ilihakvik School of 281 students. Also states that three boys broke into the school January 30 and damaged school property [CBS-000906].
- 1990** January 18, 1990 Letter notes an “increasing amount of influenza type illnesses” and “that over one third of the [day] school enrollment was absent, plus teachers were off sick with no replacements available” [CBS-000916].
- 1995** September 30, 1995 Enrolment List for “Kitikmeot Region School Enrolment” notes that an enrolment of 208 students at Kullik School and an enrolment of 176 students at Kiilnik High School [CPU-001639].

**LAND**

- 1956** A December 12, 1956 Memorandum notes that Cambridge Bay was “the logical point in Arctic for a permanent educational centre” as it was within a three hundred mile radius of Spence Bay, King William Island (to the east); Perry River and Back River (to the south); Bathurst Inlet (to the southwest); Read Island (to the west); and Holman Island (to the northwest). Cambridge Bay was also seen as desirable due to its role as a “focal point for air transportation” and the “advantage of direct water transportation from Tuktoyaktuk in the summer” [RCN-005270]

**PHOTOS, PLANS AND OTHER MEDIA**

Item #	Date	Description
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**GENERAL ENROLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Students (Ranging from lowest to highest)</b>
1963/1964	6-7 students
1964/1965	N/A
1965/1966	4 students
1966/1967	N/A
1967/1968	N/A
1968/1969	8-12 students
1969/1970	6-21 students
1970/1971	30-31 students
1971/1972	N/A
1972/1973	N/A
1973/1974	N/A
1974/1975	N/A
1975/1976	N/A
1976/1977	19 students
1977/1978	22 students
1978/1979	11 students
1979/1980	13-24 students
1980/1981	9-23 students
1981/1982	10-20 students
1982/1983	5-22 students
1983/1984	10-16 students
1984/1985	12-16 students
1985/1986	9-18 students
1986/1987	11 students
1987/1988	N/A
1988/1989	10 students
1989/1990	N/A
1990/1991	N/A
1991/1992	N/A
1992/1993	N/A
1993/1994	N/A
1994/1995	N/A
1995/1996	12 students (Aimavik Hostel); 8 students (Other Residence)
1996/1997	13 students

**STUDENTS FROM OTHER RESERVES/LOCATIONS**

Documents indicate that students might have been transported and/or recruited for attendance at the residence and associated schools from the following locations, communities and regions:

- Bathurst Inlet
- Bay Chimo
- Cam Sites
- Daniel Moore Bay
- DEW Line sites
- Gjoa Haven
- Holman
- Inuvik
- Perry Island
- Pin 4
- Taloyoak
- Wellington Bay.

### **RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

No religious groups were involved in the operation of the Cambridge Bay Small Hostel.

### **WRITTEN AGREEMENTS**

- 1988** A September 8, 1988 draft of agreement between The Kitikmeot Divisional Board of Education, Department of Education and Contractors [CBS-000422-0000].
- 1989** June 1, 1989 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 19, 1989 and terminated June 9, 1990 [CBS-000117].
- 1990** June 10, 1990 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 7, 1990 and terminated May 31, 1991 [CBS-000433].
- 1991** June 7, 1991 “Renewal of the Contract for the Management of the Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay” with contractors that commenced August 6, 1991 and terminated June 5, 1992 [CBS-000434].
- 1994** An unsigned Operational Agreement between Anaomik Enterprises and the Kitikmeot Board of Education to operate the High School Student Hostel in Cambridge Bay from January 4, 1994 to June 10, 1994 [CBS-000927].

### **DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO HOSTEL INCIDENTS**

To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at Cambridge Bay Small Hostel or of any convicted abusers present at the hostel.

## PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

Principals/Administrators – Cambridge Bay Day School/Cambridge Bay Small Hostel  
Day School Principal acted as Administrator/Superintendent role for the Hostel.

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Andrew A. Craig	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	At least 01/1964 to 06/1964
Ramon C. Burron	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	09/1964 to 06/1966
Michael O'Brien	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	At least 09/1966 to 06/1969
Fred S. Ellis	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	09/1969 to 06/1970
Larry V. Harris	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	09/1970 to 06/1971
Dave Garrity	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	09/1971 to 05/1973
Bill [Wm.] Buell	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	09/1973 to 06/1975
D. Lou Moodie	Principal/Pupil Residence Superintendent	At least 07/1975 to at least 06/1978
Dawn Wilson	Principal/Student Residence Administrator	At least 09/1979 to at least 05/1996

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