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**Federal Hostels at Payne Bay
IAP School Narrative**

NAME IN THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (Schedule E/F)

Federal Hostels at Payne Bay

OTHER NAMES KNOWN AS (AKAs)

1964 Payne Bay Hostel(s) [PBH-000114]

LOCATION

The Federal Hostels at Payne Bay were located in Payne Bay, Quebec, in the region known as Arctic Quebec [GWR-000233-0002, pg. 1, 3].

PROVINCE/TERRITORY

Québec

OPERATING DATES AS AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

These dates represent the time during which the Government of Canada was responsible for the operation of the Indian Residential School, excluding any periods of closure.

October 3, 1960 to June 30, 1962

OPERATING DATES CONTEXT

The Federal Hostels at Payne Bay were operated solely by the federal government [PBH-000108; PBH-000107; PBH-000121]. The two hostels opened on October 3, 1960, and they were used primarily by children whose parents were away on the trap lines [PBH-000099; PBH-000086-0001, pg. 1, 7]. Most of the residents were discharged by February 21, 1962 as the hostels had closed. Four pupils remained and boarded with the Payne Bay Federal Day School teacher/Acting Principal, who resided in a hostel building during this time. The hostels did not re-open after the 1961/62 school year [PBH-000121; PBH-000120; PBH-000118].

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

The Federal Hostels at Payne Bay were non-denominational.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Date	Event	Document Reference
October 3, 1960	Two federal hostels in Payne Bay opened on October 3, 1960, with nine children living in Hostel No. 1 and eight children living in Hostel No. 2.	PBH-000099 PBH-000086-0001, pg. 1
1961	The hostel facilities were for use by children whose parents were away on the trap line.	PBH-000086-0001, pg. 7
March 20, 1961	The federal government indicated that the teacher at the Payne Bay Federal Day School was responsible for overseeing the hostel supervisor,	PBH-000090

	<p>issuing rations, inspecting the huts daily, and monitoring the work of the janitor and power plant operator.</p> <p>It was reported that the Day School teacher could not find adequate hostel help locally.</p> <p>A total of 15 students were accommodated in the two hostels.</p>	
April 7, 1961	A male janitor was employed at the hostels. He lived at the Hudson Bay post and sometimes had to be called in at night to repair the heaters, the cooker and the electricity.	PBH-000086-0001, pg. 10
April 13, 1961	The Anglican Bishop of the Arctic and a second unidentified Bishop were contacted regarding the recruitment of a hostel matron. It was agreed that, commencing September 1961, a second teacher would be hired for the Day School and that the current teacher would live in the hostel with the children.	PBH-000085
October 1961	The 1961/62 school year began in mid-October. A Quarterly Return for December 1961 indicates that the hostels had been open for 71 days during the quarter with six pupils in residence.	PBH-000122
1962	<p>Most of the residents were discharged by February 21, 1962, as the hostels had closed. Four pupils remained and boarded with the Payne Bay Federal Day School teacher/Acting Principal, who resided in a hostel building during this time. No information was found to indicate when the remaining pupils left the hostels.</p> <p>The Federal Hostels at Payne Bay did not re-open after the 1961/62 school year. Quarterly Returns for September and December 1962 indicate that the hostels were not in operation and no children were in residence.</p>	<p>PBH-000121</p> <p>PBH-000123</p> <p>PBH-000120</p> <p>PBH-000118</p>

EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Grades Taught at the Indian Residential School

The Federal Hostels at Payne Bay did not provide classroom instruction. Residents attended classes at the Payne Bay Federal Day School.

Other Schools Attended by Residents

School Years	Name of School	Location	Administration	Grades	Document
1960/61	Payne Bay Federal Day School	Payne Bay	Government of Canada	No information found	PBH-000099 PBH-000095 PBH-000111, pg.1
1961/62	Payne Bay Federal Day School	Payne Bay	Government of Canada	Beginners to 1	PBH-000043 PBH-000042 PBH-000039 PBH-000038

During the 1961/62 school year, the Payne Bay Federal Day School used a hostel hut as a classroom [PBH-000123].

GENERAL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS OVER TIME

School Years	Number of Residents	If applicable, day scholars	Document Reference
1960/61	17	Not applicable	PBH-000086-0001, pg. 2
1961/62	10	Not applicable	PBH-000041

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

No information found.

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Date	Event	Document Reference
1960	Approval was given for surplus Quonset huts to be used as hostels at Payne Bay. One of the Quonset huts measured 20 x 48 feet.	PBH-000107 RCN-004413
1961	Hostel No. 1 housed three males and six females, and was divided into two parts. The dining area was located in the front of the hostel, while the sleeping area was located in the back of the hostel. Hostel No. 2 was also divided into two parts: the rear part was neither floored nor insulated and was used for storage; and, the front part was floored and insulated and used as the sleeping quarters for eight older boys.	PBH-000086-0001, pg. 1-2
1961	The teacher/Acting Principal of the Payne Bay Federal Day School agreed to live in one end of one of the hostels where she could better supervise the children. The three bedroom house was left for a married couple, one of whom was a teacher at the Payne Bay Federal Day School.	PBH-000112
April 1962	One of the huts was being used as a classroom for the Payne Bay Federal Day School and as living quarters for the teacher/Acting Principal.	PBH-000123, pg. 2

PHOTOS, PLANS AND LAYOUT

Date	Description	Document Reference
August 25, 1966	Sketch of the layout of buildings at Payne Bay including huts and staff residences. The former hostel sites are not specifically identified.	PBH-000069

DOCUMENTS REFERRING TO SCHOOL INCIDENTS

To date, we are unaware of any convictions for abuse at the Federal Hostel at Payne Bay or of any convicted abusers present at the school.

Incidents (Sexual)

No information found.

Incidents (Physical)

No information found.

Incidents (Student on Student)

No information found.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 1960 In December, pupils left the hostels for approximately two weeks to return with their parents to their camps for Christmas vacation [PBH-000086-0001, pg. 7].
- 1960/61 The teacher at the Payne Bay Federal Day School, who supervised the hostel staff, wrote that a hostel supervisor was unkind to the children and unqualified for the job. After three months the teacher fired the hostel supervisor and hired the woman's sister for the position. Conflict between the new hostel supervisor and the supervisor of the second hostel ensued. The teacher had all of her meals, except breakfast, with the children, to help "strengthen the relationship between us and build up good habits." The teacher noted that despite problems with hostel help, the hostels were successful and the children were happy [PBH-000086-0001, pg. 4-10].

PRINCIPALS/ADMINISTRATORS

There were no Principals or Administrators at the Federal Hostels at Payne Bay. The Hostels were instead administered by teachers and hostel supervisors.

Name	Position	Tenure Dates
Ann Meldrum	Teacher/Acting Principal of the Federal Day School; Hostel Supervisor	1960 to 1962
Jessie Gray	Hostel Supervisor	1961
Sarah Kokkinerk	Hostel Supervisor	1961
Pasha Annahatak	Cook and Hostel Supervisor	1961

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