

present briefs and submissions to the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry and to the Alaska Highway Pipeline Inquiry. In addition, native people participate on advisory boards which are established to give them a forum through which they can continue their involvement on projects of local or regional concern.

In the Eastern Arctic, Inuit communities are represented on the Eastern Arctic Marine Environmental Studies (EAMES) advisory board which reviews overall implementation and progress of environmental studies in the area related to offshore exploratory drilling. The community representatives keep their communities informed and bring feedback from the communities through the advisory board to the management.

In the Beaufort Sea, where offshore drilling is taking place, the Beaufort Sea Community Advisory Committee is consulted regularly on company activities. The committee, which represents all seven Beaufort Sea communities, participates in the public meetings held annually in those communities to review the contents of environmental, technical and social-economic reports before they are finalized and submitted to the department.

Each year the department enters an agreement with the drilling company (Dome/Canmar) operating in the Beaufort Sea. The agreements deal with training and employment opportunities for native people, procedures for ensuring that local business participates in the project wherever feasible, and consultation with communities in the region through the Beaufort Sea Community Advisory Committee. Particular attention is paid to opportunities for native women in areas of training, employment and business.

However, many Inuit still live by their traditional skills of hunting, trapping and fishing. One of the most successful enterprises is the production and sale of Inuit artwork — stone, bone and ivory sculpture and graphics. Most of these are marketed through Inuit Co-operatives which in 1979 marked their 20th anniversary. In addition to the production and marketing of arts and crafts, the co-operatives operate retail stores, hotels and fisheries and provide various municipal services. The co-operatives' annual volume of business in 1979 exceeded \$23 million and nearly \$7 million were paid to co-operative members in wages and for goods produced. After only two decades, the co-operatives were generating more money in annual wages and other related payments than the total amount of loans and grants put into them by all levels of government during the past 20 years.

Departments, boards, commissions and corporations

3.5.6

In Canada the work of government is conducted by federal departments, special boards, commissions and corporations owned or controlled by the Government of Canada, as well as several corporations in which the government holds a minority interest. Of the corporations owned by the Government of Canada, the Crown corporation mode of organization is the most common. The government has resorted to Crown corporations with increasing frequency to administer and manage public services, many of which require the combination of business enterprise and public accountability. The historical evolution of Crown corporations is described in the government's proposals on the control, direction and accountability of Crown corporations published in August 1977. Chapter I of that paper describes the historical and constitutional background of the Crown corporation form. Part VIII of the Financial Administration Act (RSC 1970, c.F-10) provides a uniform system of financial and budgetary control and of accounting, auditing and reporting for the majority of Crown corporations. In addition, that legislation defines a Crown corporation as a "corporation that is ultimately accountable, through a minister, to Parliament for the conduct of its affairs" and establishes three classes of Crown corporation: departmental, agency and proprietary.

Departmental corporations. A departmental corporation is defined as a corporation that is a servant or agent of Her Majesty in right of Canada and is responsible for administrative, supervisory or regulatory services of a governmental nature.

Agency corporations. An agency corporation is defined as a corporation that is an agent of Her Majesty in right of Canada and is responsible for the management of trading or