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Oral Question 470-18(2): City of Yellowknife Legislative Priorities

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question raised on November 6, 2016 regarding the progress made to amendments to the *Cities, Towns and Villages Act (CTV Act)*.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) has completed preliminary research in response to the letter from Mayor Mark Heyck of the City of Yellowknife tabled on October 31, 2016. MACA is looking into the City's requests and has begun discussions with officials from the City. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will work with the City of Yellowknife to determine what the best course of action is to move these initiatives forward.

As part of our commitment to address the legislative requests from the City of Yellowknife, it will be important that MACA also engage with the other municipalities that are governed by the *CTV Act*, which is expected to occur in the spring of 2017. MACA is also planning to consult with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities (NWTAC) on this topic at the NWTAC Annual General Meeting in Inuvik May 11-14, 2017.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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