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Oral Question 385-18(2): Changes to CTV Act

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question raised on October 25, 2016 regarding changes 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 the Senior Administrative Officer regarding energy retrofit revolving funds.

In response to the proposed Hotel Levy request, MACA is seeking feedback from the Department of Finance on their position of such a levy as a future revenue stream for the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the potential implications of this fee to the cost of living in the Northwest Territories.

In response to the request to amend the *Summary Convictions Procedures Act*, MACA has deferred the City's request to the Department of Justice for further follow-up.

The 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 summer of 2017.

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Thank you for raising this important topic.

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