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Petition Tabled by Mr. Shane Thompson on June 29, 2016

Response by the Honourable Wally Schumann  
Minister of Transportation

**Extended Operating Hours for MV Lafferty Ferry**

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is committed to engaging in a dialogue with residents and the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce to respond to the request to extend the operating hours of the MV Lafferty ferry while remaining within the current fiscal reality of the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Department's aim is to identify practical solutions for meeting resident needs while maintaining fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability of its operations, including discussing cost-sharing business arrangement upon the Chamber substantiating the value to be gained by adding hours of operation to the ferry schedule. The Department engages in similar cost-sharing Agreements with industry stakeholders when additional maintenance is required on the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road to support their needs.