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Oral Question 183-18(2): Hamlet of Fort McPherson Financial Status

During the June 7, 2016 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I committed to exploring the opportunity to provide an information course about council and council member responsibilities that may be offered by Municipal and Community Affairs' (MACA) School of Community Government to community residents interested in running for council prior to upcoming municipal elections.

In cooperation with MACA's Community Governance Division, the School is developing a Pre-Election Council Roles and Responsibilities Workshop for community residents. The 2-3 hour workshop will provide residents with a better understanding of what the roles and responsibilities of community councils and council members are once an elected council is in place. The intent will be to educate and encourage citizens to consider putting their name forward in an election to serve their communities on council.

The School delivers Governance, Human Resources and Strategic Planning workshops as they are requested by community governments and is fully prepared to deliver this new workshop topic this fall upon request across the Northwest Territories (NWT). The option to deliver this workshop by distance will be explored. Currently, the School offers seven Governance Workshops to existing councilors in communities across the NWT and is delivered as and when they are requested.

The NWT Association of Communities has also expressed an interest in this type of workshop and will be asked for feedback.

Thank you for your interest in community governance and raising this important issue.

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A copy of the workshop curriculum will be forwarded to Members when it is completed.

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