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Oral Question 526-18(3) Dempster Highway Windbreak at KM 4

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on February 7, 2019 regarding the Dempster Highway windbreak at kilometre (km) 4. I committed to providing you with details on this issue as well as future plans for the site.

In response to complaints from community members that the windbreak at km 4 was causing snow accumulation and related travel delays, the Department of Infrastructure (INF) contracted Dinjii Cho Services Ltd. to remove the windbreak and to complete clean-up work. Work was completed on September 1, 2017.

Since the removal of the windbreak, INF has been monitoring conditions in the area, noting only a minimal amount of snow accumulation. While there have been Dempster Highway closures since the removal of the windbreak at km 4, these closures have largely been the result of high winds and snow accumulation between km 18-24.

There have been no reported concerns regarding km 4 from our contractor, community members, the travelling public, or transportation companies that utilize the Dempster Highway and at this time there are no plans in place to construct a new windbreak.

INF will continue to monitor conditions on this section of the Dempster Highway, and is committed to working with the community to address future issues as they arise.

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