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Oral Question 370-18(3) Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 12, 2018 regarding an environmental assessment for the Mackenzie Valley Highway (MVH) project. I committed to providing you with dates of events and consultation meetings in the communities so that you can stay engaged in the process.

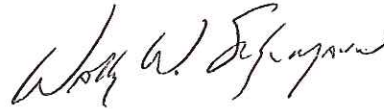
Officials from the Department of Infrastructure (INF) met with Pehdzeh Ki First Nation Chief and Council on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, and met with the Chair and Board of the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated on Monday, October 22, 2018. The purpose of these meetings was to provide an update regarding the funding for the MVH, including funding for the Great Bear River Bridge, a proposed Mount Gaudet access road, and environmental planning and review for the MVH from Wrigley to Norman Wells.

Proposed approaches to the environmental assessment for the MVH and opportunities to work together in pursuit of these projects were also discussed. These meetings were not open to the public, but were intended to be initial meetings with elected leaders. Further public engagement on the MVH will commence once a path forward has been confirmed with respect to the environmental assessment process.

As you are aware, there was also a public engagement session regarding the Oscar Creek Bridge and the Great Bear River Bridge on October 22, 2018, in Fort Good Hope. A meeting was also held on October 23, 2018, with the Norman Wells Land Corporation members to discuss the projects. I understand that the Department of Infrastructure informed you of these meetings in advance.

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The Department will keep you apprised of the schedule of public events so you have the opportunity to participate in the engagement sessions with Sahtu constituents.



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