

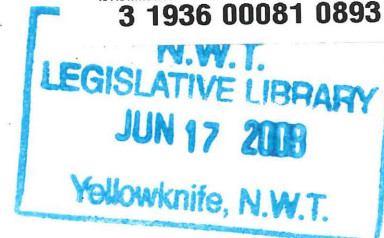


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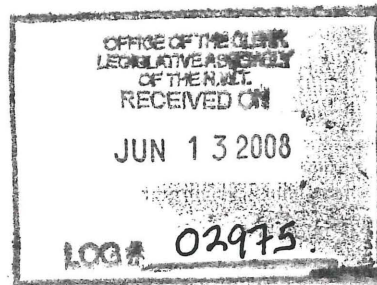
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Response to Petition 6-16(2)

Please find attached a Response to Petition 6-16(2) tabled by Mr. Kevin Menicoche on May 27, 2008.

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Attachment

- c. Ms. Heather Riviere
Legislative Officer
Legislation and House Planning

Petition tabled by Mr. Kevin Menicoche on May 27, 2008

Response by the Honourable Norman Yakeleya
Minister of Transportation

Johnny Berens Ferry Service Across the Mackenzie River

The Department received the petition requesting that the Johnny Berens ferry service across the Mackenzie River be in place by the end of May so that students from the Chief Julian Yendo School could attend the track and field competition in Hay River from June 4-6, 2008.

The vessel did undergo maintenance and repairs in preparation for the 2008 season. Circumstances beyond the Department's control have caused delays in completing some of the work. As usual, ferry repair crews worked diligently to prepare the vessel for the earliest possible date. In river testing of the vessel was conducted on June 2nd and the service started on June 3rd. Department officials updated the community and Chief Julian Yendo School authority on a daily basis on the progress of the work.

The last five years average for the first trip of the ferry is May 27th with the latest date being June 3rd. This year starting date is within the historical range.