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MS. WEYALLON-ARMSTRONG
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Oral Question 798-19(2): Land Ownership Issues in Small Communities

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you asked on November 24, 2021 regarding land ownership issues in small communities, and my subsequent commitment to work with the Tłı̨chǫ Government and community governments in the region to move forward on reviewing community bylaws regarding transfer of bequeathed property.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) is aware that the bequeathment of properties can be a complex matter in a difficult time and the Department is committed to working with community governments to provide guidance on best practices for land transfer, and options to address any gaps that may exist.

The Department has engaged each Tłı̨chǫ community government and compiled a current list of approaches for land transfers, including existing bylaws. The Department is conducting an internal review of best practices and working with community governments to discuss next steps. It is also planning on bringing this matter before the Tłı̨chǫ Community Government Working Group to discuss approaches to address the issue of outstanding transfer of bequeathed properties.

The Department is committed to assisting community governments to address issues of concern and will continue to work with the Tłı̨chǫ Government and community governments in the region to ensure that community governments have the tools to assist residents in land ownership transfers.

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