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Oral Question 47-20(1): Yellowknife Wellness and Recovery Centre

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 9, 2024, regarding the status of the Yellowknife Wellness and Recovery Centre.

The design and construction tender documentation for the Wellness and Recovery Centre is currently being finalized. The issuance of public tenders is imminent. The planned construction contract award date is May 2024, with onsite work expected to commence this summer. The projected completion date for the facility is late 2026 with operationalization to occur shortly thereafter.

Regarding the inquiry about land access, the Department of Health and Social Services has secured the entire lot for the new Wellness and Recovery Centre. The Department has not ruled out investigating acquiring additional lands for associated outdoor programming not currently accommodated within the current building plans, such as an outdoor seating area.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Semmler'.

Les Semmler
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