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### **Oral Question 264-20(1) Elders' Home Inspections**

This is in response to your June 07, 2024, Oral Questions regarding Elder's Home Inspections.

Thank you for your questions on having Housing Northwest Territories (Housing NWT) staff visit the community of Tsiigehtchic and the list of programs available to elders. Housing NWT is pleased to offer its entire suite of programs to seniors and elders living in the Northwest Territories (NWT). Here is some information on the available programs:

#### **Emergency Repairs**

Short-term forgivable loans up to \$15,000 are available to cover emergency repairs. More than one repair application could be approved in the same year as long as the repairs were unrelated, and the annual total did not exceed \$15,000.

#### **Mobility Modifications**

Funding is available for homeowners to improve the accessibility of homes for people with a disability to support modifications that will promote continued independent living. Only modifications related to the occupant's disability will be considered. A forgivable loan up to \$50,000 is provided.

#### **Preventative Maintenance**

Funding is available to NWT homeowners for preventative maintenance checks and minor servicing repairs. A forgivable loan of up to \$5,000 per year is provided. Eligible costs include the cost of materials, freight, labour, building permits, inspections, certificates, drawings, specifications, legal fees and any applicable taxes.

#### **Seniors Aging in Place**

The Seniors Aging-in-Place funding is available to residents 60 and older to lower energy costs or to do home repairs to enable independent living in the Northwest Territories. A forgivable loan up to \$15,000 over one year is available. More than one repair application could be approved in the same year as long as the repairs were unrelated, and the annual total did not exceed \$15,000.

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Seniors Home Repair

Funding is available for senior homeowners to make necessary health and safety related repairs to their existing homes to ensure a safe and healthy residence to increase the useful economic life of their home. A forgivable loan up to \$50,000 is provided.

Further information on these programs can be found on the Housing NWT website.

With each of these programs, an inspection is completed by Housing NWT technical staff in order to determine the scope of the repairs required on the unit. Alternately, if seniors are not specifically interested in applying for Housing NWT repair programs, but would like to have their unit inspected, Housing NWT would be interested in a conversation about a small project under the Community Housing Support Initiative to hire a qualified individual to complete the inspections required.

I will direct Housing NWT to find a time that the appropriate staff can schedule a visit to the community of Tsiigehtchic.

Thank you,



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