

Asked by:

Member for Deh Cho

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**Settlement Maintainers Training Program**

Settlement Maintainers are important service providers for all Small Communities because of the increased scope of their work and the lack of access to certified tradespeople in these communities:

Will the Minister on Infrastructure confirm the current number of indeterminate settlement maintainer positions, provide the number of Settlement Maintainers working in Small Communities, identify each community, and identify communities with vacancies?

1. Can the Minister of Infrastructure also commit in writing to working with the Housing NWT to adapt their Housing Maintainers training program for Settlement Maintainers to enhance training opportunities for Settlement Maintainers seeking to work in remote communities;
2. Will the Minister of Infrastructure ensure that Small Community Settlement and Facilities Maintainers have the option of receiving oil and heating technician training during their employment in order to perform basic heating equipment maintenance and repairs in situations where a steam ticket or other specialized certifications are not required;
3. Will the Minister of Infrastructure provide a detailed list of the current training opportunities offered to Settlement Maintainers during their employment as of November 2022?;
4. Can the Minister commit in writing to ensuring new training is provided through an established institution such as at the Aurora College Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith, with theory classes as well as practical hands-on experience (for example, by adding on-the-job training, job shadowing, and/or apprenticeship opportunities)?

