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MR. RYLUND JOHNSON
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Oral Question 272-19(2): Transfer of lands within Municipal Boundaries

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on June 01, 2020 regarding the transfer of land within municipal boundaries to municipal governments. You asked to be updated on conversations with the North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) on this initiative.

The Department of Lands (Department), along with the Departments of Municipal and Community Affairs, and Executive and Indigenous Affairs, and the City of Yellowknife are developing a process for transferring vacant public land within the City's municipal boundaries to the City of Yellowknife

The Department understands that consultation is an important part of this process. Currently, there have not been any meetings involving the NSMA; however, they will be engaged once the process for transferring land has been determined and is further along in discussions. Further, before any transfers take place, the Department will undertake its section 35 consultation responsibilities.

Thank you for raising this important issue.

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