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Oral Question 33-19 (1) Temporary Emergency Warming Shelter in Hay River

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on December 11, 2019 regarding support for a temporary emergency warming shelter in Hay River.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC) has reached out and engaged with the Soaring Eagle Friendship Centre in Hay River regarding the implementation of homelessness programming in Hay River. The Friendship Centre was interested in developing a permanent emergency shelter support in Hay River.

The NWT HC identified information that would be important in developing a project, such as: the identification of a community agency to operate a program, a description of the programming proposed, including health and safety considerations and a draft budget, proposed infrastructure to utilize, and a plan for long-term financial sustainability. The NWT HC can work with the proponent to develop these items.

While there is no operational funding identified for new emergency overnight shelters, the NWT HC is currently reviewing existing territorial and federal resources that could support the development of an emergency program. Before any further planning can take place, the NWT HC communicated to the proponent that they will need to have an application with the program details and financial costs.

Sincerely,

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