

Government of Gouvernment des Northwest Territories Territoires du Nord-Ouest

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Oral Question 254-19(2) Transportation Safety

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question raised on May 29, 2020, regarding the maintenance of the Sachs Harbour Airport Runway. My predecessor as Minister of Infrastructure committed to providing clarification about whether the work identified in the 2018/19 capital plan was part of the same work identified in the 2020/21 capital plan, or if it included additional work to be done. I am pleased to share that it is all part of the same project.

In the 2018/19 capital plan, the Department of Infrastructure (INF) took the first step to complete an assessment of the condition of the Sachs Harbour Airport runway and develop a scope of work, which was completed in 2019/20. INF is preparing to undertake a surface water management project that will promote drainage and help mitigate soft runway conditions in the future. This work will continue until fall 2021. A backhoe has been delivered to Sachs Harbour this past summer to complete the project, which will be removed from the community at the end of the project.

INF has continued to work with the community of Sachs Harbour for the maintenance of the Airport, and we are committed to ensuring the continued safety of the community.

Diane Archie Minister, Infrastructure

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