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Oral Question 481-19(2): Elders Housing

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on November 05, 2020 regarding Elder's Housing.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) has introduced programming that is specifically focused on the needs of seniors. This includes the Seniors Aging-In-Place Retrofit Program, Fuel Tank Replacement, and our Preventative Maintenance Program.

Further, at the start of this year, the NWTHC has introduced amendments to housing repair program policies aimed specifically at seniors. These amendments remove the requirement for home insurance and formal land tenure in communities outside of the larger centres. Additionally, the assessment of household income will only consider the incomes of seniors who own their homes, and not the incomes of other family members.

Regarding the number of programs accessed by residents of the Monfwi riding, a total of 116 applications were approved in 2020-2021. This includes 65 in Behchokò, 21 in Gamètì, 05 in Wekweètì and 25 in Whatì. Further to that we approved 21 applications under the Seniors Aging-In-Place Retrofit Program, and 32 Emergency Repair applications.

The NWTHC will be reaching out to the Tłıchǵ Government this spring to discuss opportunities around pursuing opportunities through the Community Housing Support to have a community-based repair program for seniors that is offered locally and in the Tłıchǵ language.

The NWTHC is exploring options and associated costs with providing program materials in the Tłıchǵ language.

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