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MR. RYLUND JOHNSON
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Oral Question 491-19(2): Fire Services for Ingraham Trail Residents

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised in the House on February 03, 2021, regarding fire services for Ingraham Trail residents.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) continues to develop and assess reasonable options for the delivery of fire services on the Ingraham Trail. Full engagement with residents has not yet taken place but is planned during winter 2021. Accordingly, the department is actively defining the communications and engagement plan.

When engaging with residents on potential solutions for providing fire services on the Ingraham Trail, topics will include:

- Clarity on what level of service might be appropriate.
- What options are reasonable and sustainable, and
- What the costs may be to taxpayers or area residents.

An important outcome for MACA is to strive to identify an approach for fire protection services that may be replicated elsewhere in the Northwest Territories where there may be a concentration of rural properties.

An update for all Members of the Legislative Assembly will be provided following the engagement process and outcomes in March 2021. MACA remains committed to finding a feasible solution to address concerns related to the provision of fire services on the Ingraham Trail.

Thank you for your continued interest and advocacy on this work.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs