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Oral Question 655-19(2): Biomass Heating and Energy Efficiency for Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

As a follow up to the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation's (NWT HC) commitment to support biomass in the Northwest Territories (NWT). As you may know, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) released its 2030 Energy Strategy Action Plan in 2019. This action plan lays out actions the GNWT and the NWT HC are taking towards increasing the share of renewable energy (biomass) used for community heat to 40 percent by 2030.

The NWT HC is contributing to this target of 40 percent through investment and actions such as the installation of a major biomass district heating system in Yellowknife in 2021 to replace 45 oil fired heating systems. The NWT HC has also recently connected nine of our public housing units to the Hamlet of Aklavik's owned biomass district heating system in January 2021.

In addition to already completed and planned biomass projects, the NWT HC is currently developing its own three-year Energy Action Plan, to be released this Spring. This Plan will include an assessment of opportunities for additional cost-effective residential biomass system investments in other NWT communities.

Please feel free to let anyone you know that may have a cost effective residential biomass project, to reach out to our Director of Infrastructure Services, Mr. Scott Reid at scott_reid@gov.nt.ca or by phone at (867) 767-9330 ext. 85081, to complete a preliminary technical assessment of these proposed projects and discuss next steps.

Thank you for your continued interest in improving the energy efficiency of the homes in the NWT.



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