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Oral Question 679-19(2) Road Construction Economic Benefits

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question raised on March 29, 2021, regarding economic benefits to Tłıchǫ citizens and businesses through the Rae Access Road reconstruction project. I committed to providing more details on the contract with RTL Construction, relating to training and apprenticeship requirements.

According to the Infrastructure Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Tłıchǫ Government, Tłıchǫ businesses will supply 25 percent of labour to complete the Rae Access Road reconstruction project. At peak construction last year, 28 people were employed, of which 16 were Tłıchǫ citizens, for a total local involvement rate of 57 percent. There is no specific requirement for a formal training program as per the Infrastructure Cooperation Agreement; however, Tłıchǫ citizens had opportunities for job-site training during construction in the first year.

Reconstruction of Rae Access Road successfully progressed through 2020. The contractor will continue to hire Tłıchǫ citizens this spring when construction resumes.

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