

Government of
Northwest Territories

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MLA, M̄QWHÌ**Oral Question 17-20(1)**
Elder's Housing and Oral Question 21-20(1) Arrears Collection for Elders

This is in response to your February 07, 2024, Oral Questions regarding Elder's Housing and Arrears Collection for Elders.

Thank you for your questions on the 10% co-pay for the Seniors Home Repair Program, and the transfer of the North Slave District Office to a community in the M̄qwhì riding.

For the Seniors Home Repair Program, Housing NWT requires a 10% co-pay for applicants whose household income is over \$59,999. The applicant's portion must be paid prior to the start of the repairs. The co-pay requirement is not a requirement from the Emergency Repair Program noting that the nature of the emergency program is that it is related to health and safety repairs that are urgent.

Applicants for Seniors Aging in Place, Fuel Tank Replacement Initiative, Mobility Modifications Program, and the Senior Home Repair Program who have mortgage arrears with Housing NWT are eligible for the home repair programs.

For the Emergency Repair Program and the Preventative Maintenance Program arrears are not a barrier to receive assistance.

At this time, Housing NWT does not have any plans to move the North Slave District Office out of Yellowknife. Housing NWT will be considering whether there are specific positions or functions which could be relocated to the region. As Housing NWT has shared with you previously, there is a Community Relations Advisor position that Housing NWT is in conversations with the Tlicho Housing Working Group about the staffing of that position. Housing NWT is committed to working with the Tlicho Government to seek the best way to deliver housing programs and services for T̄h̄ch̄q communities.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Lucy Kuptana.

Lucy Kuptana
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