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MR. RYLUND JOHNSON,
MLA, YELLOWKNIFE NORTH

Oral Question 932-19(2): Housing

Thank you for your March 4, 2022 query regarding the plan for Nordic Arms (in regards to existing tenants and how the units will be utilized).

I have checked with the Housing Northwest Territories (NWT) and can confirm that all 24 units at the Nordic Arms will gradually be converted to Public Housing Units and at present the plan is to align that with removing reliance on other lease arrangements in Yellowknife. Currently, 18 units at Nordic Arms are rented as Market Rental Units. Work is required on a number of the units prior to allowing tenants to occupy them.

An inspection was completed in late March on the common areas and units that are currently vacant to determine the full scope of work required for the common area/systems and to get a sense of what work may be required in the individual units. Those units which are currently occupied will be inspected after the Housing NWT takes full ownership and provides the proper notice to the current tenants.

As a side note, Housing NWT currently holds leases with Northview for 124 Public Housing Rental Units. In terms of a new build, we currently estimated that it would cost Housing NWT approximately \$100 to \$110 million to construct 164 of its own units.

Housing NWT is very happy with this new acquisition and it looks forward to being able to complete a full plan for the building and adding it to our Yellowknife property portfolio.

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