



Government of  
Northwest Territories

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MLA, MONFWI

**Oral Question 343-20(1): Impacts of Climate Change on Winter and Ice Roads**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question raised on October 22, 2024, regarding the impacts of climate change on winter and ice roads.

Regarding my commitment to provide the Member with the cost, per kilometre, for the Gamètì winter road, the total net cost to construct and maintain the winter road (151 kilometres) in 2023/24 was \$1,084,481, with a unit rate of \$7,201 per km. The cost for the 2024/25 season is not yet known as the contract has not been awarded to date.

Winter roads are critical to the Northwest Territories' transportation network, particularly for communities like Gamètì, which do not have all-season road access and rely on these seasonal routes for the resupply of fuel and goods. While the GNWT recognizes the impact of climate change on winter roads, we remain committed to working closely with the contractor to maximize efficiencies and keep the road open for as long as possible.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caroline Wawzonek'.

Caroline Wawzonek  
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