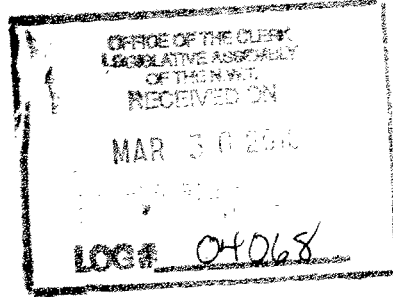




Northwest Territories Minister of Health and Social Services



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**Response of Petition 2-16(4)**

Attached is the Response to Petition 2-16(4), tabled by Mr. David Krutko on January 28, 2010.

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Attachment

- c. Mr. Kevin O'Keefe  
Legislative Coordinator

① Noted April 10  
② For tabling in May.  
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Response by the Honourable Sandy Lee  
Minister of Health and Social Services

### **A Long Term Care (LTC) Facility for Fort McPherson**

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) recognizes the need to replace and increase LTC beds throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT). DHSS is currently undertaking a territorial review of LTC needs which will guide the development of the new Twenty Year Infrastructure Plan for the Northwest Territories.

The services and needs of residents in all regions and its communities, including Fort McPherson, will be considered in this review. Please note that part of the review includes the consideration of what community supports, staff and infrastructure is needed in a community to support a LTC facility.

The goal of DHSS is to enhance home care services and, in cooperation with families and communities, supporting elders and persons with disabilities to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible. Increasing access to home care services is one of the priorities under "A Foundation for Change". As a first step, DHSS will be completing a community based review of supports available to elders through the home and community care in each community.