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Oral Question 294-18(2): Financial Issues in Fort McPherson

During the June 29, 2016 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) committed to providing information that confirms the water rates in Fort McPherson were being adjusted.

I can confirm that a new Municipal Service Rates Bylaw came into effect on April 1, 2016. The deficit in the Water and Sewer Fund was completely eliminated by March 31, 2016 and the Municipal Administrator was able to recommend a new bylaw that reduced residential water rates by 30% and the senior's rate was reduced by 22%.

I plan to visit the community in the fall to hold a public meeting to update residents. The Administration Order will be removed this winter and MACA will hold some pre-election governance training in preparation for a Council election in December. A Municipal Supervisor will be appointed for another year to assist the new Council.

I want to commend the hard work and dedication of the Hamlet staff and residents of Fort McPherson to accomplish this deficit recovery. Thank you for your interest in Fort McPherson and raising this important issue.

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Minister of Municipal and
Community Affairs

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr. David Hastings
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