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Oral Question 855-18(2) Status of Repairs to Highway No. 6

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on September 22, 2017, about the Fort Resolution Highway 6 regarding the completion of chipseal, the percentage of local and northern employment involved with rehabilitation work, and the status of rehabilitation of the Little Buffalo River Bridge.

Completion of Chipsealing

The Department of Infrastructure is committed to the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the Northwest Territories' highway system. Rowe's Construction was awarded a multi-year contract to reconstruct kilometres 28 to 42 and to chipseal kilometres 28 to 62 of the Fort Resolution Highway. During the summer of 2017, the chipsealing of kilometres 42 to 62 was completed and the focus is now on the reconstruction work from kilometre 28 to 42. This will enable construction crews to complete the chipsealing of this section during the summer of 2018, at which point the entire highway will be fully chipsealed.

Local and Northern Workforce

According to the August 2017 employment report, ten employees on this project, or 25% of the total workforce, were from Fort Resolution. In addition to this, the project utilizes local trucking services, hotels and accommodations, and other local suppliers to support operations. Northern technical services, such as survey and engineering companies, are also involved in the project.

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Little Buffalo River Bridge

The deck of Little Buffalo River Bridge was repaired during the summer of 2016 and no other major works are planned at this time. The 2017 annual bridge management inspection of the Bridge, completed as part of the Transportation Bridge Management System, noted only minor maintenance requirements. These requirements will be addressed as part of regular maintenance.

I trust this information will be helpful to you and your constituents.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wally Schumann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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