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**Oral Question 424-19(2): Home Ownership**

This letter is in follow up to the oral questions you raised on October 28, 2020 regarding home ownership.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation has a number of home ownership assistance programs, including the Providing Assistance for Territorial Homeownership program, the Homeownership Entry Level Program, as well as homeownership education courses. More information can be found on the Housing Corporation's website or by contacting one of the Housing Corporation's District Offices.

I am pleased to advise recent changes to our homeownership and repair programs. For rural and remote communities, homeowners will no longer be required to have insurance or land tenure to access Housing Corporation programming. Removing these requirements recognizes that it can be challenging for residents to obtain these. While the Housing Corporation will continue to reinforce that land tenure and insurance provided much needed protection for your home, not having them should not stand in the way of receiving important repairs especially of a health and safety nature. Addressing these challenges are also aimed at supporting seniors homeowners to age in place in their home communities.

The Housing Corporation will also be working along with its Local Housing Organization partners to provide building supplies and repair services to communities where those opportunities are currently not available. Having readily available supplies and repair services strengthens homeowners' ability to maintain successful homeownership.

Thank you for your continued interest on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paulie Chinna'.

Paulie Chinna  
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