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Oral Question 27-18(3) Hay River Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 19, 2017, regarding an upgrade to the unofficial pedestrian crossing at Poplar Road in Hay River and whether the installation of crossing lights or warning signs had been considered at this location. I committed to having staff from the Department of Infrastructure follow up with the Town of Hay River and to report back to you on the discussion.

The Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Infrastructure is responsible for the installation of signage on highways in the Northwest Territories, and municipalities are responsible for pedestrian sidewalks and trails within their community boundaries.

Staff from the South Slave Regional Office of the Department of Infrastructure contacted the Mayor of Hay River, Mr. Brad Mapes, to discuss the issues you had raised. Mr. Mapes has advised that the Town is not currently considering an expansion of the sidewalk infrastructure to include a pedestrian crossing at Highway 2, kilometre 38.2, for access at Poplar Road to the industrial area. Should the Town wish to have signage installed to warn motorists of the unofficial crossing, it can put in a request to the Department.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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