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MLA, RYLUND JOHNSON
YELLOWKNIFE NORTH**Oral Question: 910-19(2): – Fort Good Hope Seniors Home**

I am following up on my commitment to provide you with additional information regarding the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWT HC)'s Fort Good Hope Seniors 9-Plex project. NWT HC staff are continuing to work with their professional engineering firm to have this project completed as soon as possible.

Further, I advise that for projects of this scale and complexity it is standard practice for the government to rely on professionals of record to complete the design and to ensure compliance with codes and adherence to authorities having jurisdiction during the construction up to recommended occupancy. This was the process the NWT HC utilized leading up to the anticipated opening in February 2021.

I also want to inform you that the circumstances leading to the current outcome represent an extraordinary and complex situation in which NWT HC is seeking legal advice from the Department of Justice as the situation evolves, but any such advice is privileged and confidential.

The NWT HC is now working with a new team of engineers and architects that are nearing the finalization of the remaining required structural assessments of this building. These remaining assessments and the associated work plan are expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks to have the remaining health and safety deficiencies finalized as efficiently and as cost-effectively as possible.

Should you have any additional questions, I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this matter further.

Thank you.

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