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**Oral Question 353-18(3) Tsiigehtchic Ferry Landing**

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on June 1, 2018 regarding community involvement in maintaining the ferry landing in Tsiigehtchic.

The Government of the Northwest Territories is required to uphold the terms and conditions of the water licence issued by the Gwich'in Land and Water Board for the maintenance of the Mackenzie River Ferry Landings, including the landing located near Tsiigehtchic. In addition, the GNWT is required to adhere to all other applicable environmental legislation and regulations, which include specifications for the type and size of material used to maintain the landings.

In the past, community members had conducted some maintenance work in the landings without a contract in place and without direction from the Department of Infrastructure. In order to adhere to the terms and conditions of the water licence and to ensure safety of the public and the environment, it is necessary that only the contracted party maintain the Tsiigehtchic Ferry Landing under the Department's direction.

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