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**Oral Question 703-18(2) Fort Providence Tourist Camp Project**

Thank you for your questions on March 7, 2017, regarding the Fort Providence Tourist Camp Project. During our discussion, I committed to sit down with you and have a conversation regarding what the community of Fort Providence envisions and to see what programs are being offered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) to help realize tourism in the community.

Furthermore, I also committed to send an ITI Regional Superintendent to the community of Fort Providence to discuss leveraging funds and programs to reach its goal.

With respect to your request to sit down and have a conversation regarding what the community of Fort Providence envisions and to see what programs are being offered by ITI, please have your office contact my Ministerial Special Advisor, Mr. Ryan Strain to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

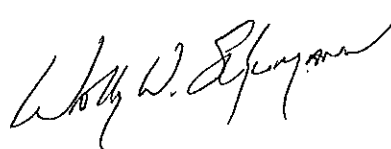
In regards to an ITI Regional Superintendent coming to Fort Providence to further discuss leveraging funds and programs, I wish to inform you that an ITI South Slave Regional staff member has already been in contact with various community representatives and have attended several meetings in regards to scoping out plans and discussing some options. That said, ITI was invited to attend a follow-up meeting next week to further discuss several topics, such as commercial fishing and the proposed tannery.

It is envisioned that as the community of Fort Providence moves forward with these projects, further meetings are expected to happen over the course of the summer.

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Specifically, pertaining to the Tourist Camp Project, I am pleased to inform you that a \$100,000 contribution under the Tourism Product Diversification and Marketing Program has been approved for the Fort Providence Dene Band Council. ITI staff is working with the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency to access additional funds to complete the planned construction and to also train employees to participate in the tourism industry.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. I very much look forward to our meeting and discussing the community's plans and proposals. I trust this response addresses your questions.



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