



Northwest Territories Minister Responsible for Northwest Territories Housing Corporation

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~~MR. FREDERICK BLAKE, JR.~~

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Oral Question 901-17(5): Mackenzie Delta Elders Facility

I am writing October 1, 2015 sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I committed to providing an update regarding the Mackenzie Delta Elders' Facility.

The Northwest Territories Housing Corporation and Health and Social Services have worked collaboratively on the design of five new Senior's Independent Living Facilities to support seniors in rural and remote communities. The design provides supportive independent living for seniors while enabling access to important support services. In reference to the Fort McPherson facility, several community meetings were held to receive feedback on the proposed site. The current site was favored by the elders in attendance at the meetings because of its central location and close proximity to the health centre, band office, and the local co-operative among other town amenities.

In January 2015, the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation awarded a design-build contract for the Fort McPherson Seniors' Independent Living Facility. The design was completed by the general contractor this past summer and approved based on how it fit and functioned on this particular site. Foundation materials are on site and work commenced in July 2015. During the pile installation, unexpected ground water was encountered requiring modifications to the foundation system and pile installation was suspended. This delay resulted in a timing conflict with the piling subcontractor and they temporarily left the site. The project designer has updated the design to address the ground water matter and work will restart in October. The general contractor advises that March 31, 2016 completion date of contract remains achievable.

Thank you for raising this important topic.

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c. See Attached



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