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MLA, MACKENZIE DELTA

Oral Question 79-18(2): On-the-Land Healing Programs

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 29, 2016 regarding on-the-land healing programs.

The Department of Health and Social Services currently provides On the Land Healing Funds to the Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC) through a two-year Contribution Agreement (2015-2017) that provides \$125,000 per year.

The GTC recently completed a grief and loss program in Inuvik in February 2016 with over thirty people in attendance.

The GTC has advised that they plan to offer an on the land program in Tsiigehtchic in March 2016. The dates will be confirmed shortly. The Resolution Health Support Worker with the GTC is arranging the program.

In 2016-2017, the GTC is planning four community sessions in Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Tsiigehtchic. The Resolution Health Support Worker will be traveling to the communities over the next two weeks to plan these sessions in collaboration with the communities. The programs are anticipated to take place between July 2016 and March 2017. Dates for the upcoming programs can be provided once finalized.

The programs are open to everyone and the GTC advertises through email, the GTC website, local radio, posters and word of mouth.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Abernethy'.

Glen Abernethy,
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