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Oral Question 612-18(3): Yellowknife Adult Day Programming

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on February 25, 2019 regarding Yellowknife Adult Day Programming.

As I mentioned in the House, on February 21, 2019 the Department of Health and Social Services (Department) and the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) met with key stakeholders and partners to continue engagement on identifying options and innovative solutions to address gaps and barriers in adult day programming in Yellowknife.

A Day Program Steering Committee was formed to establish a program development plan and provide opportunities for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to provide input on determining the size of the market, target group and unmet needs that exist in Yellowknife. The following NGOs committed to participating in the Day Program Steering Committee: Yellowknife Association for Community Living, AVENS, Yellowknife Seniors Society, and NWT Seniors Society.

Next steps include the Department putting together options for discussion with Steering Committee members at a meeting scheduled to take place before the end of the fiscal year. The main objectives of the first meeting will be to map out a way forward towards the creation of a program for social inclusion for seniors. This will include an approach to identify individuals and their needs, as well as inventory the existing programs and services, including potential gaps, within the city. The goal will be to identify the size and nature of the need towards establishing a program that meets the needs of individuals rather than individuals having to fit into a defined program.

We are working with the Day Program Steering Committee to confirm a date for the meeting.

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I will continue to keep Members up to date on this important issue as planning moves forward.

Thank you.



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