

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ranj Pillai

1. On November 8, 2018, Geraldine Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North
- asked the following oral question at page(s) 3429 of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____
- RE: Stewart River watershed management

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

on _____ at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

The ATAC Road Agreement between the Yukon government and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun outlines how our two governments will work collaboratively to complete the land use plan and work with ATAC Resources Ltd. to develop a road access management plan.

As stipulated under the agreement, each party will appoint two representatives to the planning committee.

The planning committee was established in June and is made up of two representatives for the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (Stephen Buyck and Lesley Cabott) and two representatives from the Yukon government (Karen Clyde and George Stetkiewicz).

The planning committee members are delegates of their respective governments and in the case of Yukon government, are staff planners working for Energy Mines and Resources, and Environment who are familiar with land use planning.

The planning committee started its work in summer 2018 and expected to complete the planning process by March 31, 2020. Development of the work plan is ongoing, and once complete, will be approved by the planning committee.

The ATAC Road Agreement between the Yukon government and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun serves as the terms of reference for the planning committee in addition to a work plan that is being developed for the process.

The objectives of the planning committee as per the agreement are:

- i. Promote collaboration with respect to the use and management of land, water and resources, including fish and wild life and their habitat within the planning area;
- ii. Recommend measures to minimize actual and potential land use conflicts throughout the planning area;
- iii. Use traditional knowledge and experience of NND citizens, scientific information and local knowledge of other residents in Na-Cho Nyäk Dun's Traditional Territory;
- iv. Promote the well being of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun citizens and other residents of the First Nation's Traditional Territory, including residents of Mayo, Stewart Crossing and Keno;
- v. Take into account traditional land use by Na-Cho Nyäk Dun citizens and their traditional land management practices;
- vi. Promote integrated management of land, water and resources, including fish and wildlife and their habitats: and

- vii. Promote development that does not undermine the ecological and social systems upon which Na-Cho Nyäk Dun citizens and their culture are dependent.

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