

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. John Streicker



On November 22, 2018, Brad Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) _____ of Hansard
submitted the following written question - WQ No. _____
gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers - MPP No. _____

RE: _____

OR

This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to: Budget debate on vote 51, department of Community Services.

Mr. Cathers: 'I am going to ask the minister a couple of questions, first of all, on two slightly different areas. One is pertaining to planned lot development in rural Yukon. Could the minister indicate what steps the government is looking at taking for rural lot development in communities outside of Whitehorse and unincorporated areas in the next year?
I know that the budget itself is in the development stage, but at this point I would appreciate if the minister could indicate what priorities for development are on the government's radar screen that are either planned to proceed or being seriously considered by Community Services. I know that my colleague the Member for Watson Lake and her constituents in the Town of Watson Lake are very interested in what steps, if any, are being taken in responding to their needs. I would also appreciate a listing of others.'
Mr. Streicker: 'I will have to just check with my officials to find out where that dialogue is happening. I have had the dialogue with Watson Lake. I have had the dialogue with the City of Dawson. I will just confirm with my officials regarding other developments and where they are happening. I was correct when I said that when we go to talk with municipalities, we have conversations with them at all time about whether they have a desire to have lot development and to work on that with them.'

On November 22, 2018, at page(s) 3748 of Hansard
The response is as follows:

Community Services is investing nearly \$20 million in developing lots in both Whitehorse and other Yukon communities in each of the next five years. This year, 20 lots will be released across various Yukon communities. Currently, available lots in Yukon communities are as follows: Carmacks - 5 lots, Faro - 2 lots, Grizzly Valley - 18 lots, Haines Junction - 43 lots, Mayo - 16 lots, Teslin - 8 lots and Watson Lake - 5 lots.
Specifically, Land Development Branch is working with the City of Dawson to advance detailed design and construction in Dawson's North End in 2019. The branch is confirming priorities to advance projects in Dawson City, Carmacks, Teslin, Watson Lake, Mayo, Haines Junction, Faro and Carcross.
Land Development Branch is completing feasibility work, such as environmental assessment and heritage studies, on a range of proposed development areas previously identified in Yukon's rural communities. Branch staff are also developing planning and mapping tools to support municipalities' official community plan processes, candidate area selection, and addressing vacant lands within existing developments. The branch's next step is to confirm priorities.
The goal is to prepare shovel-ready projects in communities in the short term to address lot shortages, and work with communities on short, medium and long term land development priorities to keep lot supply ahead of demand.

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Signature

19 March, 2019

Date