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**Oral Question 385-18(3): Community Landfills and Waste Disposal**

Thank you for your November 1, 2018 letter regarding community landfills and waste disposal in the Sahtu Region.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) contacted the Hamlets of Tulita and Fort Good Hope on October 29, 2018 to discuss the current work that Husky Oil is completing in the Sahtu Region and explore the possibility of collaborating on the removal of waste from their respective landfills. This includes the hazardous waste that has already been prepared as part of the Clean Up Clean Start Program.

ENR also contacted a representative of Husky Oil to discuss the potential for sharing backhaul transportation from the Sahtu Region for both hazardous and non-hazardous waste from the communities. Husky Oil expressed concerns about the potential liability of transporting hazardous waste, however, the company is open to continued discussions regarding potential future collaboration.

In regards to opportunities for the removal of non-hazardous waste from these communities, the presence of snow covered conditions at both locations simply make it impractical to prepare and consolidate any additional waste shipments this winter.

Moving forward, ENR will continue to work with communities, along with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, to discuss the potential for further waste removal from landfills in the Sahtu Region.

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