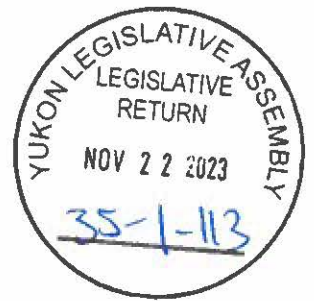


LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Nils Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works

1. On [date], [MLA]
- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject]

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Wade Istchenko, Member for Kluane on October 30, 2023 related to:
- Bill No. # 211 Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: Vote 52 Environment
- Motion No. # RE: Roads that access campgrounds
at page(s) 4210 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Question:

1. The roads that access our campgrounds — such as the Kusawa Lake Road, Watson Lake campground, and many of the other roads. When it comes to the maintenance of these roads, I'm curious to see what the budget is.
2. Highways and Public Works is trying to get as much done as they can with the limited budget that they see. I'm curious to see if the department is looking at increasing the budget for this, getting on a more regular schedule?
3. Just looking at other maintenance options such as the private sector?

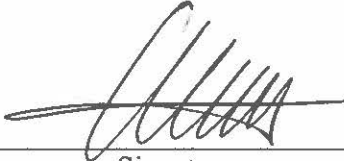
Response:

1. The 2022-23 budget for all Yukon road maintenance through the Transportation Maintenance Branch was \$52M. Highways and Public Works maintain roads designated under Schedule 1 of the *Highways Act* to a safe standard.
2. The current approach to maintenance for campground roads is to ensure the road surface is graded twice a year and receives one calcium application, which is completed after the first grading. The first grading can only be completed once the road surface has dried and the ground is fully thawed, typically in June.

Highways and Public Works uses a road classification system that considers traffic volumes, road conditions, and function when deciding maintenance schedules. This enables a consistent, territory-wide approach to managing Yukon's highways. Highways and Public Works continuously monitors the condition and usage of roads in the territory to determine when maintenance may be required.

3. For roads designated under the *Highways Act*, the Yukon government does not contract out any road maintenance work. However, the Yukon government does contract with the private sector to maintain Yukon roads within the campground during the camping season.

20/11/23
Date


Signature