LEGISLATIVE RETURN

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

1.	On [date], [MLA]	
	asked the following question d numbers] of <i>Hansard</i>	uring the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page
	 □ 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 Stacey Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin on October 19, 2023 related to:	
	Bill No. # 211	☐ Second Reading ☐ Third Reading
		☑ Committee of the Whole: Vote 55 Highways and
	Public Works	
	Motion No. #	RE: Rest stop near Drury Creek
	at page(s) 4068 of Hansard.	

The response is as follows:

Question:

Once Highways and Public Works agreed to move forward with adding this new rest stop, the citizens who have been promoting this, or pushing this, had an area chosen overlooking Little Salmon Lake. I know that, when Highways and Public Works went back to the community of Faro with their proposal on this new rest stop, it was actually down in a gravel pit by Drury Creek. The government was also proposing to put in an EV-charging station there. I know there was a lot of pushback from the community and, I believe, from the municipality government of the Town of Faro. I am wondering if there is any update from the minister on this particular rest stop. Is the government going to move forward with the government's plans, or will they listen to the community members and put the roadside pullout where they have requested?

Response:

The location for a rest stop between Faro and Carmacks is still under review. To be safe, rest areas need to meet certain engineering standards including the ability to have clear lines of sight, multiple accesses, sufficient turning radius and space for amenities and large commercial vehicles.

Additionally, it would be preferred if the location allows for the rest area and an electric vehicle charger at the same site to reduce infrastructure and maintenance costs. To add a charger to the rest area, access to power at the site would be required. Highways and Public Works will keep the community informed as this project moves forward.

22/10/23 Date