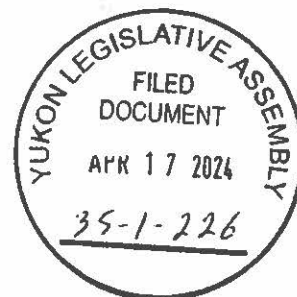




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MLA Tredger,

As a long time Yukoner deeply concerned with the welfare of the people who call this territory home, I appreciate the concern that you brought forward with respect to homelessness in the Yukon. I am disappointed however, that we have yet to connect in a meaningful way that would connect the individuals you claim who are living in tents due to a lack of other options with secure, supportive housing.

I want to reiterate the commitment I made to you on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on Monday: I am willing to meet and connect with the dozens of individuals you know of who are living in tents in Whitehorse as a result of the temporary closure of the Safe at Home housing initiative, formerly known as the High Country Inn.

In conversation between your Chief of Staff and my Director of CASA on Monday afternoon, I understand that you were unwilling to visit these individuals directly without their consent, which I fully appreciate. I want to reiterate that should any individuals facing homelessness due to the temporary closure of the Safe at Home housing initiative wish to connect with me to find appropriate housing supports, they may do so by emailing me directly at [ranj.pillai@yukon.ca](mailto:ranj.pillai@yukon.ca) or by calling my office at 867-393-7467.

Yesterday in Question Period, you once again raised this issue, changing the characterization from clients experiencing homelessness due to the temporary closure of the Safe at Home housing initiative to homeless in Whitehorse more generally. Unfortunately, despite publicly referring to individuals and their experience on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, I have not heard back from you regarding my offer to connect those individuals with housing supports.

Yesterday through the Safe at Home Society, I had the opportunity – at a location and time of their choosing – to meet with clients who are, or have been precariously housed. We had productive discussions regarding their lived experience.

I want to reiterate that the Government of Yukon has worked – and continues to work – alongside our partners at Safe at Home, the Yukon Housing Corporation, and other partners to ensure Yukoners have accessible, appropriate housing supports. We will continue to do so in a manner that meets people where they are at. I hope that you would be willing to work with us in a manner that allows us to connect supports with those who need them.

Again, I look forward to having the opportunity to connect with the individuals you are representing through your continued public comments on the floor of the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Pillai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ranj Pillai