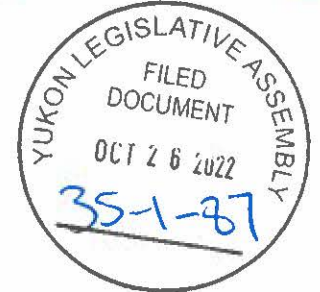




August 25, 2022

Hon. Scott Kent  
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Re: McConnell Lake Flood Support

Dear MLA Kent,

Thank you for your letter dated July 21, 2022 about the flooding that is affecting some residents at McConnell Lake.

Yukon's Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) has been supporting the affected residents since May 27<sup>th</sup>. Throughout this year's busy flood and wildfire season, EMO worked with Wildland Fire Management Branch to ensure that the most impacted residents had both pumps and gas.

In order to understand the potential causes of the elevated water table and flooding that residents have been experiencing, EMO has contracted an engineering firm to conduct a study of the area. Their report will improve our understanding of the causes and suggest mitigation options.

Once the report is complete, the Government of Yukon will review the recommended options and identify any permitting or licensing that may be required for potential mitigation activities. This is expected to be completed by February 2023.

Regular communication has been ongoing with residents since May 2022. In early August, a staff member from EMO visited each of the affected home owners to hear about the impacts of the flooding and discuss the steps underway around the engineering study.

The Emergency Measures Organization will ensure that residents are kept apprised of the progress of the study and a community update is anticipated in late September as the project kicks off. Residents are encouraged to contact the Emergency Measures Organization at [EMO.Yukon@yukon.ca](mailto:EMO.Yukon@yukon.ca) or (867) 667-5220 if they have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Mostyn  
Minister of Community Services

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