

# LEGISLATIVE RETURN



**SUBMITTED BY:** Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

1. On 13-Oct, 2022, Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South
  - 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: Petition #14 regarding Golden Horn zoning

**OR**

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:

Bill No. #

Second Reading  Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: [Vote]

Motion No. #

RE: [subject]

at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

This return is in response to petition number 14, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on October 13th, presented by the Member for Copperbelt South on behalf of the Golden Horn Zoning Committee.

Thank you to the Committee for bringing their request forward which calls for a two hectare minimum lot size for Rural Residential 1 and Rural Residential 2 land in the Local Area Plan and Area Development Regulation. The Golden Horn Local Area Plan was adopted in 2004 as a guiding document. The Plan sets a vision for development and conservation. It supports residential, commercial, agricultural, light industrial and quarrying development. The Area Development Regulation for Golden Horn, which determines zoning for this area, implements the Plan's vision and was enacted in 2011. It has a minimum lot size of three hectares for the Rural Residential zones. The Golden Horn area is on the traditional territories of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and was an area of traditional land use by First Nation people.

Golden Horn has much to offer including walking trails, beautiful views of the Yukon River, wild vegetation, wildlife, and activities at Golden Pond. It is no wonder why so many would like to become part of this tight-knit community. Golden Horn, like many of our rural communities, is also a desirable location because it is convenient for those travelling to Whitehorse for work, goods and services or other activities. We appreciate that there may be residents who are interested in subdivision. The Local Area Plan in place considers land capability, demand for a rural lifestyle and future growth, however, we are experiencing a higher rate of growth in the Yukon than ever before.

It is important that these kinds of decisions be considered in today's context, taking into account the current level of demand, and also the values of Golden Horn residents and the Local Area Plan. Offering both larger lots and smaller lots allows those who seek a quiet, more remote lifestyle a place to do so while addressing the demand for more housing in the territory. We want to make sure we are balancing a variety of lifestyles in our land planning and development decisions.

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Our government committed to making more lots available to Yukoners and opportunities like this one certainly warrant consideration. We support having a conversation in greater detail with the residents, First Nations and within our government. The feedback we receive will inform a decision about whether or not to pursue amendments to the Local Area Plan and Area Development Regulation. Public engagement and First Nations consultation is a critical part of the amendment processes. We recognize that reducing minimum lot sizes in Golden Horn to two hectares may benefit many lot owners by allowing them to subdivide.

The next step is public engagement and First Nations consultation on the Committee's proposal. I again thank the signatories to the petition for bringing forward their suggestion and commit to these next steps. The addition of new housing lots is a great opportunity, and should be considered after talking to the community and First Nations to arrive at the best Local Area Plan and Area Development Regulations for Golden Horn. Again, thank you to the Golden Horn Zoning Committee for bringing this suggestion to our attention.

27 Oct, 2022

Date



Signature