



LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. Frost, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

1. On December 17, 2020, Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) _____ of Hansard
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – ^{Motion}~~MPP~~ No. 390

RE: Motion no. 390 - Explanation of delay on the St. Elias Senior Society's Ga

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2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with _____ on _____ related to:

Bill No. _____ Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: _____
 Motion No. _____ RE: _____
 at page(s) _____ of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

The Common Room on the lower floor of the Yukon Housing Corporation's (YHC's) seniors 9-plex in Haines Junction was designed for use by building residents. It was brought to the corporation's attention that the space was also being used by community groups (public use). YHC staff assessed the Common Room space and sought advice from the Government of Yukon Public Safety Branch who advised YHC to complete a code review to ensure proper egress, building design and fire safety requirements were in place for the proposed use by community groups.

The code review confirmed that floor loading and fire safety requirements were adequate, but identified other items that were needed for compliance with the existing use.

YHC engaged a contractor to complete the work, including adding an additional door, installing signage, making improvements to ramps and landings. The work was initially to be completed by November 2020. Unfortunately, the door was a special order item and was delayed from the supplier, due to supply issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This led to a small delay in completing the project in November 2020 to now completing the project in December 2020. We apologize for any concern this may have caused to seniors anticipating use of the space, and remind all Yukoners that it's not currently advisable to gather in large groups because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased to confirm that the door has arrived and the contractor will install the door as soon as possible. After that, the space will be physically ready for public use, but again I need to advise that if the space is opened, any gatherings will have to comply with COVID 19 restrictions.

Dec 21, 2020
Date

Signature