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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. Joe Enook, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerck, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Mr. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (interpretation): Mr. Netser, can you say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Netser. Good afternoon, Premier, members, and the people of Nunavut who are watching the proceedings on TV and the people listening on the radio. Welcome.

(interpretation ends) Today is October 31, and I am sure we will experience both tricks and treats during today's sitting. For me, the greatest treat is the opportunity to publicly wish my dear wife, Mary, a very happy birthday.

>>*Applause*

I would have to rule myself out of order if I informed the House how many candles will be on birthday cake today.

>>*Laughter*

But I can say with absolutely certainty that I cherish every precious year that we have been together.

(interpretation) Mary, I know that you are watching, so please know that you are always in my thoughts and in my heart. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

>>*Applause*

(interpretation) Member for Hudson Bay, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Happy Halloween and a safe Halloween to all of our constituents out there. The first trick I would like to try to pull today...

>>*Laughter*

...is I would like to seek unanimous consent directly to Item 19 on the order paper. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Nice try.

>>*Laughter*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The member is seeking unanimous consent to go straight to Item 19 in our orders of the day. Are there any nays? There are no nays. At this time we will go to Item 19.

Please mute your cell phones. Item 19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 2, 9, 10, and 11 with Mr. Akoak, in the Chair.

According to the authority provided to me by Motion 14 (2), the committee will meet until it reports itself out. Now I ask if you can remain all seated we shall proceed to Committee of the Whole.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

Item 19: Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

Chairman (Mr. Akoak): Good afternoon. Before I start looking around the room, I see lots of colourful masks on today.

>>*Laughter*

I would like to call the committee meeting to order. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 2, 9, 10, and 11. What is the wish of the committee? Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, (interpretation ends) We wish to continue with the review of Bill 9 and the capital and main estimates for the Department of Community and Government Services, followed by the Department of Education, then the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, and if time permits and I highly doubt it will, Nunavut Arctic College. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Are we in agreement in proceeding with Bill 9?

Some Members: Agreed.

Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – Community and Government Services – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to ask Minister Kusugak do you have officials you would like to have appear before the committee? Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would appreciate that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the officials in.

Thank you. For the record, Minister Kusugak, please introduce your officials.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my right is Mr. Eiryn Devereaux, ADM of Infrastructure, and to my left is Mr. Kyle Seeley, ADM of Municipal Government. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Yesterday we were on J-3. Community and Government Services. Local Government Services. The next name on the list is Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you I didn't realize that we are on J-3, I was going to ask a question on page J-4, is that okay Mr. Chairman? Thank you.

Good afternoon minister. I am very pleased that we're back. The question I'd like to pose is the local government services and the number of vehicles that are owned by the municipality are increasing, such as water system and water trucks, solid waste vehicles and they are lacking space such as the garage, the hamlet council that I represent have been requesting for a garage, so what's the status of this Mr. Minister?

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also would like to thank the member for his question. The issue of garages and to house vehicles in a warm garage, we lack that we have that shortage in Nunavut territory as a whole and increasing number of vehicles, or heavy equipment, it's true they are lacking space. We were told in the communities within the territory of Nunavut and to go do a fact finding and the priorities of the communities, the issue kept coming up on the garage space or lack thereof.

They are now reviewing. I'm putting it on a priority list, that's exactly what we're doing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When can we expect to hear, when can you expect to inform the communities in regards to the issue we are talking about? When can you inform them as to when they will be getting their garages? Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, this issue of having garage space and parking garages, we realize that it's a real problem. We're looking at how we could provide new funding to this program, once we complete that we'll be able to let you know once we are prepared. I will inform the members on the status of it. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the minister. Our Member for Aggu had made statements in the House in regards to dust suppressants on the roads. We realize that the CGS department has dust suppressants. They arrive by sealift and some communities due to lack of being trained, I'm sure they would use this product all summer. They deplete the dust suppressant because, perhaps they don't know the instructions on how to use it. Can your department train these workers how to use dust suppressants properly? Some of have weak lungs, perhaps if you provide proper training on how to use these chemicals so they could last all summer rather than being depleted right away. Does your department have any plans to train its workers at the local level? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I'm very pleased that you're asking this question Mr. Netser. Yes, I have seen different suppressants being put down on the road and some use saline and the water truck will follow behind. There are different methods that they use to suppress dust on the road and I know that in the beginning there was a training program done for the municipalities on how to apply the dust suppressant.

If you don't apply it properly, it evaporates right away. Yes, we can provide training. The Municipal Training Organization provides training to municipal staff for driving, or financial matters. We will discuss this matter with the MTO to make sure that they provide training on how to apply the dust suppressant properly and we will deal with this for this coming summer to ensure they know how to apply the dust suppressant properly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response.

When we're talking about the fire truck identified here, which community is it going to and how many communities will be receiving fire trucks next year? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. They have identified which communities will be getting fire trucks. We order two fire trucks every summer, and in 2018 Arviat and Pangnirtung will be getting trucks, and in 2019 they will go to Baker Lake and Kugluktuk. In 2020 they will be going to Cambridge Bay and Nauyasat, and going down the list, Coral Harbour will get a truck in 2022.

There will be two communities receiving fire trucks each year all the way down the list. I can go through the entire list if you want. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Are you done? (interpretation ends) The next name on the list, Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon. My first question is going to be regarding the letter that was provided to us yesterday by the minister's staff. I know there have been over the past several months a number of RFPs in the paper for solid waste management in our communities.

In this letter you talk about three types of priorities for these solid waste management. You talk about short-term priorities; Arviat, Clyde River, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay. Medium-term priorities; Rankin Inlet, Kimmirut, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, Pangnirtung. Long-term priorities; Igloolik, Hall Beach, Whale Cove, Sanikiluaq, and Cape Dorset. For starters, I wonder if they can give me a definition of what a short-term or medium or long-term priority means in the number of years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will try to elaborate. Thank you for the question, sir.

In terms of short-term, it deals with the start of the feasibility study on through to the end of the feasibility study and also the anticipated tabling of the feasibility studies on those projects.

So it is more driven by the start and stop dates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There are no specific date or time limits for each particular priority is the way I'm seeing between start and completion.

When you decided which communities were going to be the short-term, medium or long-term, how did you come up with your reasoning for placing each community where they are? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. There are different things we take into consideration, some of which are the existing lifespan of the current facility, how long it can be maintained before we need to replace it, is one of the key priorities.

Mr. Chairman, if I could have Mr. Seeley give more detail on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Seeley.

Mr. Seeley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. I thank the member for the question. The solid waste facilities are managed by the municipalities. The actual evaluation of where they sit and fit within the development of the new waste bundles, that was established in consultation with the communities through the ICSP process in addition to review of the existing facilities and their potential lifespan as well as the current management practices within the communities.

Of course, the prioritization within the municipalities responsible for managing those facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am aware that municipalities are responsible for their waste facilities. I guess one final question in this particular area is; your short-term priorities is Arviat, Clyde River, I named them all, I won't name them again. Does that mean that you will finish these communities in short-term priorities before you move on to mid-term priorities and the long-term priorities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not necessarily. I think there are some projects that will overlap. We'll be finishing up on one project and doing planning and design on one or two or three more. It will be a continuing, revolving issue, Mr. Chairman. There will not be a "We have to finish Arviat before we start Sanikiluaq." There will be none of that. We will do what we can and keep it rolling so there is no stalling and hiccups waiting for project A before project B goes forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I thank the minister for that clarification. On to a different subject, on page 8 of my opening comments I talked about funds being in your proposed budget for the South Baffin Energy Management Project, which is also a component of the Nunavut Energy Management Program. I do believe there are six communities involved in that program.

Can the minister confirm which six communities are part of this project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could have 30 seconds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, I have to get back to my colleague on that on which communities they are, it's here somewhere, Mr. Chairman. I'll get back to him as soon as we find it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Another question I had along those lines. There are six communities, that I know of, that's in this project and it would be interesting to know what is your department's time table for expanding this energy management project to the remaining communities in Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the question and thanks for your patience.

If I could, through you Mr. Chairman, maybe have Mr. Devereaux respond to the details particular to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. Our Energy Strategy first focused on the City of Iqaluit in which we undertook a pilot and seen great success for return on investment relative to energy upgrades. As the committee is likely aware, we then moved on to the Kivalliq and we're currently in the implementation phase, so construction is ongoing as we speak.

While we were in the implementation phase for the Kivalliq, we had undertaken the feasibility study for south Baffin for the six communities, which I believe is Sanikiluaq, Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, Pangnirtung, Qikiqtarjuaq, and one more which we'll verify once we find the documents.

We're hoping to move forward if we get approval into the implementation of phase for the south Baffin six communities in terms of that strategy. We're about to embark on the feasibility study for the north Baffin communities and if successful, we would see that feasibility study completed about this time next year, with anticipation that we would be coming back in front of the Assembly looking for potential funding north Baffin's Energy Management program.

Then it would be our intent to move to the final Kitikmeot region to undertake a feasibility study the year after, and again seek some form of an appropriation to implement the Kitikmeot strategy if approved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Devereaux just mentioned that the Kivalliq Energy Management Program and I believe in June we carried over over \$24 million for that particular project. I'm just wondering why did your department need to carryover so much funding and what is the current status of the Kivalliq Energy Management program? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could ask you to allow Mr. Devereaux to respond to that line of questioning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question.

As indicated, the current status on the Kivalliq Energy Management Project as we are currently in the implementation and construction phase. So we assume that for the remainder 2018 and all of 2019 will undergo all of those implementation measures across the various facilities.

Once completed, we'll move into the first year or two of monitoring in terms of the anticipated energy savings on that. The described carryover that we brought forward earlier in the year was a non-cash appropriation. This particular project is a third-party funded project where the energy management firm that we went through an open procurement process to engage, they put up the capital investment and then through the guaranteed savings over a 10-year period, they recoup that capital investment.

In terms of accounting there was a requirement to bring forward a non-cash appropriation to recognize that capital investment made by the third-party. The reasoning we had to undertake it in a prior year and then have the carryover was probably just around the timing of the signing of the contract with this particular energy management firm because we needed the appropriation in order to sign the contract, although we knew that the

implementation and the recognition of that capital expense wouldn't be until the subsequent fiscal year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll change the subject again. On page 11 of my opening comments I talked about section 8 of the Integrated Bilateral Agreement between the federal and territorial governments respecting the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan.

I also stated that it requires the Government of Nunavut to provide information by November 30, 2018, which is not far away. I am aware that the City of Iqaluit did access federal funding from this program. I wonder what other specific projects have been approved for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From my understanding, none at this time, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there is none and are you able to inform us what proposals have been submitted by the Government of Nunavut in order to access this funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're currently working on that list and before November 30 that list should be complete. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One final question and when this list is complete will it be made available to us regular members to review and so that we can have an idea of what projects you're trying to move forward? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As soon as that list is ready I will be more than happy to share it with all my colleagues, Mr. Chairman. We will ensure that it is in time for the federal government. That November 30 may fluxuate but as soon as we have that available I'd be more than happy to share it with Members of this House. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Next name on the list, Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My question is regarding the hamlets requested improvement distribution under the ICIP. I wonder when they plan, does the Department of Community and Government Services look at or to what extent do they review proposals for the 2019-2020 fiscal year delivery. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This summer for example we went to every hamlet to hear what they foresee and need in terms of infrastructure and community requirements we went to all the communities. The ICIP planned and reviewed what they want to see and the plans are moved forward by this group which has membership from NAM, our department staff, and the mayors are included. This group then reviews the entire requests to see which community projects will be prioritised. Based on a collective agreement which feels for the real needs of each other and for safety issues and code, health and safety requirements.

It is a consultive process of which we are a part. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you to the minister for a proper response. Looking at the document I do not see where Chesterfield Inlet is mentioned here, and looking at Gas Tax Revenue for communities has been targeted as to its use and which communities. Looking at the other document Chesterfield Inlet is mentioned under total block funding but in other documents it is rare to see the community of Chesterfield Inlet mentioned or listed and to see there a lump sum that they get for Chesterfield Inlet.

However, the other documents I rarely see Chesterfield Inlet. Then I see Rankin Inlet in 2016 that they would be getting a fire truck, but after ten years in 2026 Chesterfield Inlet would be getting one. So the question I have is, I know all the hamlets, you have to treat all the hamlets the same, equally. So does Chesterfield Inlet have the newest equipment? We rarely see anything new going into Chesterfield Inlet in this plan that's my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know some communities feel left behind and it's impossible to implant things into all the communities at the same time. We haven't forgotten about Chesterfield Inlet, we are even planning now about the water for the community of Chesterfield Inlet and we will be an announcement soon on what is going to be done. However, we work together with all the hamlets to put together the priority of needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day minister. I want to ask some good questions, but I probably won't. Let me start with your capital estimate proposals. I would like you to look at our hamlet, my community hamlet in terms of capital funding. They could never catch up. I said briefly, the other the hamlet's finance worker is living in the hamlet office. And that caused a problem because of mould. As usual they tried to ask for help, money to upgrade their building because they are quite old. The hamlet, because of money say they could never keep up, with this money they are asking for capital projects, the municipal buildings that their staff work in, can't you add that to the capital plan? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now all the hamlets get operating funds that the hamlet will use to operate. They get that funding and there was a raise in the money they receive this summer, all the hamlets get different amounts and they got different raises. NAM is completing its review of the hamlet requests for money, once that is completed we'll get a better idea as to how much money there will be available to the hamlets. The hamlets, when it comes to infrastructure and vehicles, when they request extra money for that, it's usually done through the ICSP, and through that we look for extra money for them.

With regard to what Ms. Towtongie was asking about, we deal with it through ICSP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernerck.

Mr. Kaernerck (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for explaining that. The Hamlet of Hall Beach has financial difficulties. They have debts. Though that is the situation they serve the community well. I have to look at that too in the work that they're trying to do.

When hamlets have requests like that and they've received money from the government, can you give the hamlets more authority in terms of if their building cannot be upgraded and they want to purchase their own building, I believe some of the rules prohibit the hamlets from doing that.

Whenever they want capital items, not just in Hall Beach but all the hamlets in Nunavut, can they be given more authority along those lines? That is my question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The hamlets own their buildings like their offices and their garages, and we have seen some hamlets buying buildings according to the authority they have, and if they feel they can afford to buy a new building based on their finances, they can. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you once again, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for explaining that. Let me move onto something else.

The Canada-Nunavut Agreement for infrastructure, such as buildings and large projects, under the agreement there is something that says upgrading of roads and marine infrastructure.

Looking at the agreement, can the hamlets get funding for dock purposes under this agreement? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the hamlets want to do that, they cannot do that under this agreement, but we can look further into this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's unfortunate. Let me go back to the document. The capital plan for the standing committee, let me use this as an example. The city got approval for funds and in the same document, I believe we can do the same thing for the hamlets under the ICIP funding. Why did the city get approval for their dump proposal? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I understood, you were asking if the government can request money from the federal government for that purpose, and that's how I responded to your question.

However, if they work through government, they can apply for that too. I don't want you to misunderstand. If I made you understand, I regret that. Perhaps Mr. Devereaux can respond to this more clearly in terms of the question within a question about the agreement. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank the member for the question. Hamlets are able to pursue federal infrastructure capital funding through the various programs, whether it's the new Building Canada Fund, or the recent ICIP program. The federal government in that bilateral agreement wanted to have one single source client to deal with and that is the Government of Nunavut, but it certainly doesn't prohibit hamlets from pursuing capital project funding through those programs.

So the example with the City of Iqaluit, they would have had to present that capital request via that bilateral agreement that the Government of Nunavut has with the federal government and as the minister had mentioned, we're currently looking at the infrastructure plan over the course of the next few months which will outline potential future projects under ICIP. Through that examination I don't doubt that there will be a number of municipal infrastructure projects being considered.

Hamlets would bring those municipal capital requests forward the same way they do for projects that would be funded 100 percent through the GN. So that mechanism is still there for hamlets.

Some of the federal funding programs that were mentioned, whether it's the Clean Water and Waste Water Fund, or the new Building Canada Fund, or the recent Investing in Canada program, the federal government does have certain program eligibility categories.

We have seen that marine infrastructure as you had mentioned was recently approved for Pond Inlet and Iqaluit, so it is an eligible category. Each department brings forward their capital requests that may be eligible for federal funding, and they get prioritized and that's really what would be reflective in that plan that we have to deliver to the federal government in the next few months. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you for your response.

If we were to make a request or if the hamlets were to make a request, do you have timelines set? For example, if they wanted to make a submission is there a deadline should they make a request for infrastructure if I were to say in November?

If they made a submission in November, and if they're making a request to have a particular project funded 100 percent, when would be the deadline of making that submission? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those requests have to be properly planned and should part of the money be needed from the Government of Nunavut. When we have forms to request funding from the government that we want to

receive such applications before Christmas so we could plan for the new year, the new fiscal year. The sooner we see those requests the sooner we could make the plan for the upcoming new year. That's how we would like to see it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Kaernek.

Mr. Kaernek (interpretation): Thank you very much once again, and that's useful information for all the hamlet councils.

I'll move onto a totally different subject regarding fibre optics. You indicated that it would be on a multi-year program, we first of all you indicated that only two communities will get fibre infrastructure and now we hear there will be four communities. You started out with two and ended up with four communities, how did you arrive with those four communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you for that question and thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak. Regarding fibre infrastructure, when it originally, when it became a concept or right at the beginning of the plan what usually do is to get all the information required and at that time we wanted to start with Iqaluit, Kimmirut or Cape Dorset and from the information that we gathered if you could see Hudson Bay we would install them going to the west. Then go to Nunavik then to the Atlantic Ocean.

If you could visualize the map, since we saw the roots of the planned implementation, we were looking at including Sanikiluaq. Because it would connect us from Greenland and southern Canada, if something should happen to the connection then there would be another area where we could reconnect to. So we're looking at four communities today following the construction. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, the next person on my list is Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Will the minister and your officials, you briefly or you said that you'll be purchasing a fire truck for Kugluktuk in 2019. Will that also be coming off of the sealift of 2019? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, that is the plan Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Kamingoak.

Ms. Kamingoak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for your response. Moving on, on page 3 of your opening remarks, you say that there are going to be arena upgrades across Nunavut. Can you elaborate on that one a little more? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just let me get to that tab.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your patience. There are 11 communities eligible for upgrades, including Arctic Bay, Baker Lake, Cape Dorset, Chesterfield Inlet, Clyde River, Gjoa Haven, Hall Beach, Kimmirut, Kugaaruk, Naujaat, and Qikiqtarjuaq, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list is Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to the minister and his officials.

In your response to the Member for Sanikiluaq, under repairs, the hamlet office in Kugaaruk is \$120,000. I'm sure it is being used for the building of the school. Once that is done, what kind of plans do you have afterwards? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I didn't quite get your question. What were you asking for clarification on? I believe you were talking about a building of some sort. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Under Community and Government Services Municipal Buildings, Repairs and Equipment, Kugaaruk purchase of old hamlet office, \$120,000. (interpretation) I was asking for clarification. It is the hamlet's old building that has been turned into a school. In 2019-2020, what is going to happen to that building once the new school is completed?

Are you looking at turning that old office into something else or are you going to demolish it? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, and you very much for rephrasing your question. I do apologize. Sometimes I don't understand.

That building that you're referring to will be used by the government. It will remain a GN asset. We will consult with the various organizations and decide what it is going to be used for. It may possibly be a community learning centre or a school, or something else. We haven't made a decision yet at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank the minister for that response. I'm sure once you've made a decision we will get that information.

Moving on to another subject, on page 10 it states that they have identified the communities that will be receiving fire trucks. Are you going to be upgrading all of the fire trucks in all of Nunavut? For example, in 2017 when our school burnt down in extremely cold weather, it was -65 at that time. The fire truck couldn't be used.

Are you going to be upgrading the fire truck so that they will be -65C friendly? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, with regard to the fire trucks, they will be modified to perform in cold climates up here. I don't know if they will still function in minus 65 C temperatures, but they would have to be modified to make them cold climate friendly because of course when there is a fire in the north, you would want your fire truck to be operable in minus 65 C weather.

They will be modifying the fire trucks and we do work closely with them. We want to make sure that they are modified to function in our northern climate. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also like to thank the minister. I'm not sure whether we will be able to modify that this vehicle can cold climate worthy.

I know that these vehicles are shipped up from southern parts of Canada but we would like to be sure that these vehicles are adapted to cold climate, so we need to be well prepared.

That is just a comment, not a question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. Though it was just a comment I would like to provide a reply.

In Kugaaruk they will be getting a new fire hall in 2020 large enough to house the fire truck. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on my list, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome. Good afternoon.

On July 10, 2018, federal government announced the federal contribution of \$26.2 million under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan for solid waste management improvements.

I'm wondering if the minister can tell us how much funding the GN put towards this initiative in support. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could have Mr. Devereaux respond to that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. If I understood the question correctly, it was in relation to the City of Iqaluit's approval for a solid waste facility. In that particular funding application the federal government committed to 75 percent of the capital funding and the City of Iqaluit brought forward the remaining 25 percent. The GN had no direct investment that would have been in an appropriation through the House.

The City of Iqaluit's 25 percent portion I can't speak to where within their city finances that they targeted that 25 percent. Certainly as the committee is aware CGS does provide capital contribution funding every year to the city and they build up that reserve and decide what their priorities are to how to allocate that. We didn't provide a direct contribution to that specific project that the 25 percent portion would've come from the City of Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just wondering did the city come to you at any time and ask for help for that 25 percent? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not that I am aware of. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Mr. Devereaux alluded to the GN provides block funding for the City of Iqaluit. Is Iqaluit the only community in Nunavut that receives block funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question Ms. Angnakak. Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Has this block funding amount, have they ever gone up or down over the years? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes they went up last year Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: From what I understand I think it's \$4 million. So what kind of an increase did they receive from the last time? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: \$600,000 Mr. Chairman, as I understand it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Has the city ever come forward to say that this is not enough? The city is really growing and looking at the cost of running our city, there's nothing that is getting cheaper, so I understand that. I think the current agreement is going to expire in March of 2019 and I wonder has the department gone to the city now to talk about new amounts? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The City of Iqaluit, like every other municipality in Nunavut, are constantly asking for more funds Mr. Chairman. Every year the cities increase was \$600,000. They've just signed a new five-year deal in mid-August of this year, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, thank you for that information. What kind conditions are placed on the city in order to receive this funding? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That infrastructure always has to be used for infrastructure and follow the guidelines Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not all familiar with I guess what constitutes a community to be on a tax-based system. Perhaps you can enlighten me? But I do wonder if the minister can tell me if there's any other communities that might be close to becoming on a tax-based system or are we the only one for the next foreseeable future? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In terms of the communities that want to become a tax-based community, there is none at this time, or none that I see in the foreseeable future. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The reason I ask is it is to do with block funding. What are the advantages do you think when it comes to receiving funding to be on a tax-based system versus a different kind of system? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Mr. Chairman, having been a mayor in the fine community of Rankin Inlet, there is no benefit for the smaller municipalities with the population sizes that we have to become a tax-based community. Mr. Chairman, I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps there are not enough good reasons to say because sometimes I think that the City of Iqaluit is not included because they are tax-based, and sometimes I feel that it's an excuse that is used by government.

Even in RFPs when I see that they list, for example if you're going to do a solid waste management system analysis and you do an RFP, a lot of times the City of Iqaluit is not included and I'm wondering if you have any comments on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Mr. Chairman, I think the City of Iqaluit has done very well compared to the other municipalities around the room and around Nunavut.

They have received \$4 million in infrastructure dollars. The rest of the Nunavut communities have to go through this budgeting system to try to fight for their infrastructure. The City of Iqaluit has received, I believe around \$700 million over the last five to eight years on infrastructure. I think the city has done very well, Mr. Chairman.

They should, and they continue to fight for more. So does the rest of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we have the biggest population so we should be, in my own opinion.

The \$4 million still has to go through the House regardless, so it's not like we're doing it on the outside or that there are any real special favours. I just wanted to bring that to your attention. Like you said, everybody could use more money, but do you ever look at, as a department, how big each community is growing and at what rate to keep up with the amounts that the communities access? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We go through a review in terms of what kind of funding we can provide with the funds that we have based on community sizes.

When you talk about Iqaluit being the largest community and therefore should get the largest share, that stands to be debated amongst our colleagues in this room. Through the municipal associations and other people out there, I've heard arguments when you say "Well they still have to account for the \$4 million through this legislature."

Well, other municipalities would love to have that problem, Ms. Angnakak. It depends on what side of the fence you're sitting on. It's very hard to sit sometimes where I'm sitting to try to figure out how best to lay it so that it supports as many people as it can. Thank you for the opportunity, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Ms. Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you. Maybe you can enlighten my last question. For the municipalities, why don't we do block funding to each municipality? If you could just enlighten me with that. That is my last question. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I'm assuming your talking about capital it's just adds capacity to plan and design projects in each municipality. The municipalities don't have the staff to do planning and design of capital.

Our department does that. That's one of the few other reasons why it's done the way it is. Thank You Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, next name on my list, second line of questioning, Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, yesterday when we started I forgot something but it's a new day. My fellow member mentioned earlier the issue of dust, can you clarify what the definition and describe what is of this dust suppressant that is my first question and has been used in a number of communities as you have noted.

(interpretation ends) What exactly is it? (interpretation) Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The name is Dust Stop. It is a dust suppressant. It is made of calcium as I can say which is a salt-based product, to say it shortly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa: (interpretation): Thank you. Salt, yes when we are surrounded by salt we have to buy salt in the form of calcium. Almost all communities are surrounded by salt. I understand better now what it is, and how much money has been in testing this as a pilot project with the department of CGS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We the department provide operational funds to run the hamlet and they in turn buy this Dust Stop so the money is from the hamlets' funding on this. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So do I understand that the hamlets' funding is used as part of their funding. So for the municipalities there is no limit as to how much they can use? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. The municipalities are responsible to acquire as much Dust Stop as they require. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman and thank you for that. Does CGS consider even when Dust Stop is used it still gets dusty? It still gets very dusty. Has CGS ever considered looking at any other new products? (interpretation ends) Ultimately (interpretation) we all are heading in the right direction when we pave roads and we always hear the desire for this and not being able to deliver on that.

I wonder if new products are out there that are better suited as it will be a while before we get paved roads. We know that even if we wanted to pave our roads in our communities, Community and Government Services says it's impossible because it costs too much, and that is what I expect all the time. For that reason, do you look at alternatives outside of Nunavut? Have they looked at other options that are used outside of Nunavut?

The reason I'm asking that question is because I have heard that in the Yukon they have a much lower cost than the usual paving method, and they found that out. There are such things as that and that's why I'm asking that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Community and Government Services is always looking for alternative dust suppressants. Dust is real problem in some communities and I have a breathing problem sometimes and I need to use a puffer. When there is too much dust outside you cannot go outdoors even if you want to, especially for the older people. They are always walking outside if they are capable, and the dust keeps them from going outdoors.

I think all of us live in communities where there is a dust problem. We're always look at ways to reduce the amount of dust. There is training available on how to apply the dust suppressants. Providing they apply it properly, it is very affective in suppressing dust for a period of time.

In Nunavut, our communities are getting more vehicles and four-wheelers, and that is why we cannot keep up with that. It would be better if we keep our speed down while we're driving.

Yes, Mr. Chairman, we are looking at alternate, more effective dust suppressants that are also more affordable for the communities. We are continually working on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those of us living in the communities, we are all aware that it is not just vehicles. Where they have runways near the community, they also produce a lot of dust. As we know, it's not just roads, it is also airports. I just wanted to point that out.

On another note, (interpretation ends) solid waste management (interpretation) as it's called in English, when we're talking about that issue, it's explained here in your letter of response on solid waste management they have reached their maximum capacity and they are getting older. Community and Government Services is doing upgrades on them for 12 in particular that they're working on.

Three communities are able to get funding now from the federal government and the Government of Nunavut. The split is 75 percent by the federal government and 25 by the Government of Nunavut, and that is how it set.

There has been \$136 million identified for the smaller communities for that purpose. As I just stated, the reason being the community has solid waste sites that are completely open that blow around in the wind and every year that they get blown out by the wind and some communities get dirty because of them flowing into the community, not just to the community and also into the ocean. The plastic bags, shopping bags that we get from the stores, our communities ask this question, especially Igloolik, they probably request fencing for the solid waste dump.

Can they initiate something to install fencing? I want that clarified, there are many communities along with Igloolik that they talk about getting fencing. I just want that clarified. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Yes, we do see a lot of garbage even out on the mainland nowadays. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you for asking that question Mr. Quassa. Solid waste management is extremely important and it's becoming more and more important. Solid waste sites are running out of room and that's one of our main priorities that solid waste sites should be managed properly. I told you of the plans, everyone is looking at how solid waste sites will be designed and that they need liners so that contaminants cannot go into the ground and the fact that they need fencing so that the garbage won't flow in the wind and we don't want animals getting into the dump sites. These are things that are all being looked at. Once the planning is done for Igloolik in 2020-2021, and those will be included. All of the solid waste sites that are being planned now will all need fencing. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. I can understand that now and I will look forward to and all the communities will look forward to that because it will be a huge benefit to us.

Also along in that area, in that issue concerning solid waste sites, they also talk about in real Inuktitut, incinerators, but I can compare them to fireplaces. Communities also talk about incinerators, when will we be able to look at them? It doesn't necessarily have to be a huge incinerator, and the incinerators are smaller sizes now, I don't know the exact term in Inuktitut I know the translators already know the term. I don't know exactly how much they cost, they don't necessarily have to be huge incinerators, they can be a small size and adequate. Has Community and Government Services considered such things? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you my colleague for asking those questions, they are good to hear. Yes, we're also under consideration we're talking about solid waste sites, and possible landfill sites. We are also considering incinerators for each community to burn garbage, they wouldn't be big, but they would try to accommodate the size for each community's needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's good to hear, and I will be asking for more information on which communities will be able to get that type of infrastructure and we expect such things. We know today in our communities when our solid wastes are burnt they produce a lot of smoke and the smoke smells and they go long distances. Because incinerators produce less smoke and they will be producing smaller amounts of smoke. And that's just a comment, Mr. Chairman.

Moving on. In our community I don't know if this has anything to do with your department, but in our community of Igloolik, near the airport there are many containers, contaminated soil that are bad. There are many of them if you ever go to the airport and on your way to the community there are bales and bales of contaminated soil for many years now. Are you aware of that Mr. Chairman? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. The bales are not owned by CGS so I cannot answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: That was your last question Mr. Quassa. We'll take a ten-minute break. Thank you.

>>Committee recessed at 15:03 and resumed at 15:20

Chairman: Welcome back, committee. The minister is waving his hand, so he's got something to say. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just trying to say “hi.” I’m kidding.

>>*Laughter*

Mr. Chairman, I had told our colleague from Sanikiluaq I would give him an update as to which six communities are considered south Baffin. If I may provide that to you now, Mr. Chairman, they are, in no particular order: Cape Dorset, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Kimmirut, Pangnirtung, and Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the opportunity to clarify. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, minister. The next name on my list, Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman for recognizing me again. I don’t have many more questions to ask. In Naujaat, let me ask the minister first of all about old buildings that are government owned.

For buildings no longer being used, are they still under the Department of Community and Government Services? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you. Yes, if they have not been released by the departments that were using them, they remain under their departments. If they release them to us then we start to deal with what is going to be done with a particular building according to our rules. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I thank the minister for that response.

Has the old nursing station in Naujaat been released to you? Are there plans to demolish it? If your department is holding it now, when it is set for demolition? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is my first question.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I can’t say right now if we have taken over the old health centre in Naujaat or if it is still under the Department of Health.

We haven’t made any plans to demolish it yet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The other question I have to the minister is there are two portable schools in Naujaat. I believe they were health by Arctic College. These buildings are in excellent condition and with the chronic housing shortages and staff housing shortages that the hamlets have, and I understand that the hamlet in Naujaat is requesting to get those buildings.

(interpretation) Has the minister heard anything about this matter? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Those buildings are still under Arctic College. That's where they are at right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation) Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) My last question is regarding the sewage lagoon in Naujaat. (interpretation) There was a plan to do some work on it last year or the year before. Can you give me an update on that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can give an update on this matter. I would like Mr. Seeley to respond to that, through you Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Seeley.

Mr. Seeley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. I thank the member for the question. The projects in Naujaat over the summer did proceed. We can certainly provide the member with a more detailed summary of exactly what was completed over the summer and the full term of that project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you. You can send me a letter or something pertaining to that file. Thank you. I thought that was my last question but I just have one more final one Mr. Chairman, regarding the fire trucks that will be delivered to these communities.

(interpretation) Mr. Chairman. For the old fire trucks that are being replaced with new ones, with the old fire halls be adequate to house them? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. We want the new replacement vehicles to be able to fit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: The next name on my list, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day minister. My first question will be about fire halls. In my communities of Whale Cove and Arviat, both expect a fire hall.

Is there anything on paper as to which communities will be getting new fire halls? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Right now there are no communities pointed that are getting new fire halls, but the communities that you mentioned, I can tell the member that we will start to review them in April 2019, and Whale Cove and Arviat will be looked at to locate a lot for the new fire hall to make sure they have proper sized lots for their fire halls. This will be looked at in April 2019. They will go and inspect the lot. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is very good to hear. One of my colleagues asked about the ICIP Investing in Canada plan earlier. I just want more information. The minister stated earlier that it would be good if the communities could make their proposals before Christmas. What kinds of proposals are they supposed to give you? How long would the proposal have to be and how much of a study beforehand would they to do, and where would they send it to? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The proposals that we get for their needs are always different. They're always asking for different things, but they justify what need and tell us what they would use it for and how much it costs. All of that information would have to be in the proposal.

The communities that want to apply know how to fill out those forms and what information is needed. If they are not sure, the Department of Community and Government Services has an office that can help proponents out on those matters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister. Before Christmas the hamlets are submitting proposals, and along the same lines, I want to ask about private businesses.

This is not about Internet technology, but if the hamlets will be giving out their proposals, and along the same lines I want to ask about private businesses. Not about internet technology but the electricity, it's called the Arctic Energy Fund and there's \$17.5 million available annually. Now local businesses, will they be given the opportunity to make energy? If they wanted to request for funding to do that, so that we won't be so dependent on diesel fuel to make electricity in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Yes thank you, companies who are interested in producing energy I think it would be good if they approached the QEC and talk to them. The door is not closed to small businesses who want to make money out of producing electricity through that. I think you understand me when I answer you like that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'll switch gears again, I'm trying to get through my questions as quickly as possible. On your letter dated yesterday, just curious about this parking garage construction program, I understand this program is under development. What is the concept behind this parking garage construction program? There's a huge need in my home community of Arviat right now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): All the communities all the hamlets are building garages, really requesting for garages and when the communities do their, community integrated plan we can see through that they have a general lack of parking space, garage parking space. I think we have to look at all the garages, the way they are built to see how we can catch up. Were we are lacking in the hamlets in terms of garage space and we're trying to figure that out to see how we are going to do that. That is our goal to have all the communities to have enough money for that, because different communities have different needs, some communities have more money than others. Were communities would be saving money for a particular purpose so we have to see what's the best route to take for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, thank you to the minister. Let me turn to something else, lack of space in Whale Cove has been experiencing for the past four years and their boil water advisories.

(interpretation ends) I know the department did put a temporary water treatment plant and I know that the tender is out for a permanent or the scoping or the design on a permanent water treatment plant.

I'm just concerned about the period from now until when we can get the permanent plant up and running. The filter box, that's the temporary water treatment plant, it's a sea can type system. I'm going to quote from that Whale Cove integrated community sustainability plan, "This year temporary filter box water treatment plant was put in place, however there were adverse water sample results, water output issues and system deficiencies, basically the system as designed couldn't meet the demands of the community."

(interpretation) Has there been any more consideration done on that matter? What are they going to do for Whale Cove, especially for the coming year for water? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's regretful that Whale Cove had to go through that and it's regretful when communities have to go through that.

With the water situation in Whale Cove, we it has been set up so that the filter system can run during the winter and we're thinking that it should run until summer, and there are usually fewer boil water advisories in the wintertime anyway, so we're thinking maybe in the spring time in April so that work begins earlier.

We don't want to see any boil water advisories in the coming year after that has been fixed to run properly. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is very inconvenient. It's good that the minister has recognized that, and I thank him for that. It's very inconvenient for the people of Whale Cove.

Looking at all of Nunavut, how many communities experience boil water advisories or have poor water supplies, or have problems with their water supplies today? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank the member for asking that question.

Not very many communities over the last few years have had boil water advisories. Some take a lot longer for the boil water advisory to be lifted but over this year I think Whale Cove had a boil water advisory almost all summer. There is also Sanikiluaq and Rankin Inlet, which are on a utilidoor system but they had a boil water advisory this spring and this summer.

Those are the communities that had boil water advisories. Sometimes they don't last for very long but at times it takes longer. It also happened in Iqaluit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will then move on to another subject which was brought up yesterday regarding fibre optics.

Looking at the fibre substantiation sheets, (interpretation ends) on the first page, "Business case required. Yes. No. No." (interpretation) I'm not entirely sure, and because I'm a new member, I'm not very well versed in some areas but if there is over \$2 million there has to be a business case.

(interpretation ends) I just want to know why it says "no" on the substantiation sheet. My apologies for jumping between languages. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer this to Mr. Devereaux as he is better versed in this area. Mr. Chairman, if you would allow him please. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. If I understand the question correctly, it was in relation to the government's capital planning process around major capital projects and the undertaking of business cases in addition to the standard substantiation sheets that get shared and how that unfolded with this particular project.

Where we're at today is coming forward to seek the money to proceed in the construction knowing that the government has already appropriated a sum of money to complete a design phase. Prior to the appropriation that occurred in the last year for the \$6 million, which a portion came from federal funding and a portion came from the GN, I think at that point in time I wasn't here to speak to that capital request, but the substantiation around the request for the \$6 million to undertake the design phase for fibre infrastructure was being driven by, again as we spoke about yesterday, was the opportunity in the market place to undertake the marine engineering survey this summer in conjunction with a similar type of undertaking that was going on with the KRG team in Nunavik.

When CGS came forward to put in that capital request for the \$6 million design money there would have been a substantiation that spoke about the project and where we were hoping to go with the project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So was a business case prepared, yes or no? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could Mr. Devereaux respond to that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. In terms of a business case, we've just completed the business case about two months ago. It was one of the requirements as well to advance the application to the federal government for the 75 percent funding or the \$90 million funding.

That business case has now been completed and has been shared with the federal government and it's going through the process in Ottawa for consideration for approval of that funding from the Treasury Board which we're hoping might be in place by February/March 2019. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for the answer. I'm relieved to hear that the business case was prepared. Would members be able to be provided with a copy of that business case whenever convenient? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sure, I think Mr. Chairman, that that request could be fulfilled. We'll provide it as soon as we can make it available in the very near future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I'm almost done with my questions on this project. Also on the first stage it says the estimates "class A."

Here looking at the government's own documentation it says "Class A estimates are estimates are generally based on construction documents which are 100 percent complete." And then later on it says "The accuracy of this estimate is generally within approximate range of 5 to 10 percent depending on the complexity of the project and whether the project is new construction or renovation."

So I would like to understand; is this what we can expect with the total capital costs here being \$126 million, that it will stay within that 5 to 10 percent range, because it does say it's a class A estimate? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank my colleague for the question. Yes, we are comfortable with that figure Mr. Chairman, and staying within the parameters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I guess a class A estimate from my understanding is supposed to be based on a realistic construction schedule and accurate material and labour costs.

I don't want to get too far down into the bottom of the ocean or into the weeds, but in terms of the construction schedule, what is the construction schedule and what are the set milestones from where we are now until I guess the anticipated completion? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you Mr. Chairman without getting into the bottom of the ocean we anticipate, thank you for the question, we anticipate summer 2020 to start and have it completed by that late fall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My final question is on this is that there is always an O&M component to capital projects. I know this is a capital budget and we're not approving O&M components but given that the department has clarified that four communities will be serviced by this project. What is the anticipated O&M that will be associated with servicing those four communities? Will it require additional staff? Will there be maintenance costs associated with this project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are anticipating that the O&M will be offset by the use of the services from the private sector. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Final question number 2, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) What is the anticipated revenue from the private sector, I'm just looking for a ballpark? On an annual basis. What is the anticipated revenue? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's kind of premature at this time to get into details of that until sometime next year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpreter): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That was my final question, I just have two comments I wanted to end on. First of all I would like to suggest that the department change maybe for next year look at changing the way the financial information is presented.

I mean the way that it is presented right now federal funds are treated like they don't belong to us but they do belong to us that's the way I feel so using this fibre project as an example we're asked to appropriate a total \$30 million over the next two years for this project but the truth cost is over \$120 million, so we're the ones who control where those federal dollars go, so that is just a suggestion. I feel it would be more accurate true representation of what is being spent and what we're actually asked to approve might be helpful. For all projects if the department feels that would be beneficial.

My final comment about dust control, I'm a resident of Arviat and I'm very happy to say we do not have a problem with dust because the hamlet is incredibly good at dealing with it and so I know that the Hamlet of Arviat has had some communication with other hamlets in terms of training and ways to help them out but if other communities are looking for a place to learn or to or to think as long as the hamlet is well compensated for their costs or time sacrifice they can help to spread the gospel of proper dust control. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: They are just comments do you want to comment? Okay. I just have three more names and that's all we will getting at this point we have spent a while on this page. You'll have time to ask questions in the House or you can go see the minister. I ask these people that going to ask questions you may ask same questions that have been asked in a different way I ask you not to. The next name on the list is Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I keep it brief I understand the minister and his staff have been answering our questions for a considerable length of time so I only have two lines of questions.

The first question will be regarding the South Baffin Energy Management project. Earlier the minister stated that the contract is going to be with private firm MCW, that MCW would be recouping the cost savings to fund this project. I was wondering of the minister may provide a little bit more detail about how that works and specifically the substantiation sheet indicates that the anticipated annual utility cost savings is \$1.8 million per year. How is that figure worked into the contract if the actual savings are above or below that mark? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Maybe I'll have Mr. Devereaux respond to that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Devereaux.

Mr. Devereaux: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the member for the question. To provide some clarity around the Energy Management projects that we have undertaken and continue to undertake, in the Kivalliq region we've gone ahead and we are in the construction implementation phase for an Energy Management program in which the capital investment has been undertaken by the third-party contractor and the guaranteed savings would go back to that contractor to repay that capital investment.

For the south Baffin Energy Management project, we've brought forward a strategy in which we would seek approximately 25 percent of that capital investment from the GN and seek approximately 75 percent from one of the funding envelopes; the energy envelope from the recently announced federal... I just want to clarify that we're not undertaking a contract for the south Baffin Energy Management project in the same manner.

We're approaching this project with the intention that we, along with the federal government contribution, would pay the capital investment at the very front end. 100 percent of all energy saving going forward would be realized by the Government of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that clarification. Before I began my questioning I forgot to give a brief comment on the Energy Management Projects. I just wanted to personally thank the minister for taking up these initiatives. I understand the department's efforts in putting forward these projects and I think it is extremely important for our territory to have these projects completed.

The amount of anticipated reduction in CO2 emissions is considerable, so thank you very much for that.

My next question on the Energy Management Project, under the scope there is a long list of energy efficiency measures, and the last item is renewable energy, and it's listing solar domestic hot water, solar air heating, and solar PV. I'm assuming that is photo voltaic, that energy generating solar panels.

My question is: which buildings in the south Baffin Energy Management Project will be incorporating these renewable energy generating solar systems? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the question and I agree with you. I think our department is working very hard to make all of the government buildings that we are responsible for more energy efficient. The more efficient they are, the more money we have to spend on other things than literally watching our money go out the cracks in the windows and doors, and it goes a long way. I appreciate your concern over that.

In terms of exactly the list of which buildings and what, we do have that information available. I can probably provide, I can provide that to you in the near future, we just don't have that detail in front of us but I'd be more than happy to share it with you and our colleagues so you'll have a good understanding of what window and which door is getting fixed where. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Lightstone

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The last question for the Energy Management Project is going to be regarding the schools in the south Baffin. It's my understanding many of the communities that the school are listed as the emergency gathering places for the communities. I'd believe that to be extremely important to incorporate these sort of rural energy systems, alternative power generating systems on these schools to ensure that in the event that a community loses power that there would be an alternative source to ensure the safety of the community members that are gathering in those locations, so I'd just like to make a comment on that, I hope that schools will be included in that are receiving those solar systems.

I'll proceed to my next line of questioning it's regarding roads in communities, so my question is who is responsible for paving roads in our communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, the communities are responsible for community roads. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The next name on the list, second line of questioning, Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman for your recognition. I have only one question, in the capital estimates in one of my other communities I don't see any line items in regards to marine infrastructure in community of Taloyoak, they do have a marine infrastructure. I'm not sure if it's the same or if its unique design because I don't see any design on that.

Can the minister elaborate what kind of plans you have? So that is why I am asking this question, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I believe you are talking about sewage lagoon, we are reviewing the sewage lagoons in the communities. In regards to his community's sewage lagoon, I don't have that information in front of me. Once I get that information I'll provide that to you during the session, just not today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. The last name on my list, Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you Mr. Chairman for recognizing me again. I only have two questions Mr. Chairman to the minister. Earlier this year the Legislative Assembly approved \$6 million in funding for his department's small capital budget in its 2018-19 capital estimates.

Will the minister commit to detailing, tabling a detailed breakdown in the Legislative Assembly after the end of 2018-19 fiscal year of how these funds were spent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank my colleague for her question. Yes I will be able to provide this information to the members. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank the minister for his response. My second question is the minor capital block funding policy expired on March 31, 2018, and I would like to know what specific changes to the policy are being considered by your department and when will a revised policy be approved? It ended on March 31 of this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and that's my final question.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It expired on March 31. At this time we are reviewing what needs to be amended and what we need to do, and I know that they need more authority to deal with this for 2019-2020. That is our plan to conclude this evaluation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. We're on Community and Government Services. Local Government Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$29,875,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page J-5. Petroleum Products Division. Any questions? Petroleum Products Division. Total Capital Expenditures. \$10,050,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Go to page J-2. Community and Government Services. Total Capital Expenditures. \$39,925,000. Agreed?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Do members agree we have concluded the Department of Community and Government Services?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Minister Kusugak, do you have any closing comments? Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you very much, colleagues for reviewing this and I will provide all the information I promised. Once we are able we will be providing that information. Thank you very much for the questions that you posed. That is the only way we can operate properly.

(interpretation ends) I would like to thank the gentlemen beside me. They have worked tirelessly. We have spent six months without a deputy minister and these two gentlemen beside me have been a tremendous help, and so too are the departmental staff throughout Nunavut who have stepped up their game to make sure that our department could run as smoothly as possible without the deputy minister whom I introduced you to yesterday.

She is not here. I hope she didn't run away.

>>Laughter

I'm just kidding. She is upstairs. Thank you very much. Welcome Constance to our team, and I look forward to the rest of this session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

>>*Applause*

Chairman: Thank you. I would like to thank you also for answering the committee's questions when asked.

Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the witnesses out.

We'll now take a five-minute break to set up for the next department.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:03 and resumed at 16:10*

Bill 09 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2019-2020 – Education – Consideration in Committee

Chairman: Thank you. Welcome back to the committee. I would like to ask Minister Joanasie: do you have officials you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Yes, good day, Mr. Chairman and colleagues. Yes, I would like my officials here. Thank you.

Chairman: Does the committee agree to let the minister's officials go to the witness table?

Some Members: Agreed.

Chairman: Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort the officials in.

Thank you. For the record, Minister Joanasie, please introduce your officials and then proceed with your opening comments. Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon Nunavummiut and members. On my left is Barry Cornthwaite, Manager of Capital, and on my right is my Deputy Minister of Education, Pujjuut Kusugak.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be here today to present the Department of Education's proposed 2019-2020 capital estimates which total \$20,080,000.

The 44 schools across Nunavut represent a significant capital investment and commitment to education. Our schools host 9,085 students from kindergarten to grade 12, with 1,760 in the Kitikmeot region, 2825 in the Kivalliq region, and 4,492 in the Qikiqtani region.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, to develop, plan, and manage the capital priorities I will be outlining, my department diligently gathers information from schools, communities, district education authorities, and the Department of Community and Government Services.

Mr. Chairman, the following are the capital projects that will be continuing during the 2019-2020 fiscal year across Nunavut. These include: the new Peter Pitseolak High School in Cape Dorset, which opened to students on August 27, 2018. It is in its warranty phase. The warranty phase is used to ensure all building components are performing as intended.

The Sakku School Major Renovation project in Coral Harbour is currently in the design stage. The design stage includes hiring a consultant to produce the construction tender documents.

Igloolik's new high school is nearly completed. This school's scheduled completion date of June 2018 has been delayed due to deficiencies that are currently being addressed.

Iqaluit's Ecole des Trois Soleil addition will be in the design phase. The school addition will eliminate the need for shared spaces at Aqasarniit Middle School and the Inukshuk High School.

Kugaaruk's new school is in its third year of construction. This school is scheduled to be completed in August 2019.

My department will be upgrading various information technology infrastructure projects. There is a need to replace or repair intrusion alarms, closed circuit televisions, paging systems, and telephone systems.

There is also an additional need to replace internet capable devices such as computers, modems, routers, Smartboards, and printers to ensure that they are capable of working with current software.

My department will be continuing with its ongoing lifecycle repairs. Lifecycle items include major components of a building such as foundations, boilers, generators, roofs, siding, flooring, wall finishes, windows, and air handling units. These components require periodic repairs or replacement if they have met or exceeded their intended lifespan.

(interpretation) Mr. Chairman, this budget allows us to prioritize our capital projects and those in collaboration with the Department of Community and Government Services. Additionally, this budget also prepares us for any needed repairs or replacements, enabling us to minimize any potential impacts or delivery of school programs.

Mr. Chairman, my department has very small capital projects which will continue in 2019-2020. This budget not only covers projects that are often health and safety related, but also small projects such as wheelchair ramps, chair lifts, and mould remediation.

(interpretation ends) Each year we review requests for school buses and departmental vehicles. In 2019-2020, we plan to continue our school bus project as we have in the past.

(interpretation) I look forward to your questions, comments, and analysis as we review the Department of Education's Capital Estimates for 2019-2020. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Does the chair of the standing committee have opening comments? Please proceed, Ms. Nakashuk.

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness as the Committee of the Whole begins its consideration of the proposed 2019-2020 Capital Estimates of the Department of Education.

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Education's proposed capital estimates for 2019-2020 include five community-specific projects, three of which are ongoing from previous fiscal years and two new projects. In addition, four projects will provide funding to meet various Nunavut-wide capital needs during the 2019-2020 fiscal year in such areas as on-going maintenance, school busses, and information technology.

(interpretation) Members are pleased to note that the projects for new schools in Cape Dorset and Igloolik will be in their final warranty year while the new school project in Kugaaruk will go into its second year of construction.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, one of the new projects included in the Department of Education's 2019-2020 draft Capital Estimates is for a major renovation to the Sakku School in Coral Harbour. Standing committee members had a number of questions regarding the government's decision to proceed with renovation instead of replacement of the schools. For a number of years, concerns have been raised regarding the Sakku School's poor physical condition.

It has been further suggested that the location upon which the school is built has led to a number of problems, in particular mould and ventilation issues. It was not clear to the standing committee to what extent the Coral Harbour District Education Authority has been involved in the decision to renovate the Sakku School instead of replacing it. Members also had a number of questions with respect to what other practical and financial options are taken into consideration when comparing options for proceeding with major renovations or new facilities.

Mr. Chair, the Department of Education's new project for an addition to Iqaluit's French school has been in the pre-planning stage for some time. Members recognize that

Iqaluit's growing school population size puts additional pressure on its educational facilities. Aqsaarniit Middle School and Inuksuk High School have been providing additional space for programming for Iqaluit's French-language students. The federal government contributed significantly to the original construction of Nunavut's only French-language school. Members look forward to updates on the department's progress in accessing additional federal funding to help pay for some of the costs of the proposed additions to the French-language school as well as updates on how the scope of the project will be impacted if federal funds are not made available.

Mr. Chairman, the department's current practice of prioritizing school projects takes into account such factors as student enrolment, attendance rates and existing school capacity to determine what is called a 'utilization' rate. Members have expressed a number of concerns with the department's method of determining school attendance rates, in particular with the 'snapshot' recording of attending students on September 30 of each year. In many cases, it was felt that the department's recorded numbers are not an accurate reflection of the number of attending students in some communities. This calculation not only has an impact on the 'utilization' rates used to determine a community's need for additional educational space but also affects funding allocations for district education authorities and the number of teaching positions in each community.

For capital planning purposes, members urge the department to put greater emphasis on long-term community population trends and anticipated future needs as well as taking into consideration any long-term environmental issues that certain schools may be facing.

Mr. Chairman, members appreciate the need for funding to be allocated towards the ongoing maintenance of buildings and other infrastructure, as well as for the upgrading of equipment which is old or out-of-date. The Department of Education has identified four estimated budget areas for the upcoming fiscal year; Small Capital, Ongoing Lifecycle, Buses and IT infrastructure.

Mr. Chairman, given the recent, severe and costly damage to Nunavut's education infrastructure, members encourage the department to develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure that all school facilities and school playgrounds are protected from acts such as vandalism and arson. Members recognize that it may take some time to implement security measures for all Nunavut's 44 schools but will support the minister in his efforts to implement such measures as installing barriers, extra skirting, additional security cameras and employing security personnel as necessary.

Members continue to raise questions regarding the allocation of school buses for communities. It is not clear what criteria is used to establish the need for additional busing services, especially in those communities where new schools are at some distance from the community core or where wildlife threats are becoming more common occurrences. In addition, some communities are growing quickly and current busing arrangements seem inadequate to meet the needs.

Members would appreciate receiving an updated listing of the types of school busing services that are currently provided across all of Nunavut's communities. Providing appropriate storage for buses is a growing concern with the increasing need to protect them from vandalism and harsh weather. Members would appreciate receiving any updates on what consideration has been given to allocating capital funding to the establishment of garages or storage space for community school buses.

Mr. Chairman, computer technology is now a standard tool in the delivery of education programs across Canada. Members are in full support of the minister's plans to update equipment across Nunavut's schools as technology evolves. Members further encourage the minister to work with his counterpart at Community and Government Services to address the disposal of old computer equipment in as efficient, economic and environmentally responsible manner as possible.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2019-2020 Capital Estimates of the Department of Education. I am confident that individual members will also have comments and questions as we proceed. Thank you.

Chairman: Thank you. Ms. Nakashuk, well read. Do members have general comments before we proceed to detailed questions? General comments? Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The one that was mentioned about Igloolik, the new high school for Igloolik, I know this affects the SER, student-educator ratio. It really affects that and I feel it, and I will have questions about this matter later on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon minister and your officials.

For the Coral Harbour school, it sounds like they're going to be doing major renovations. I'll have some questions about this to the minister, just to give him the heads up. This is always being brought up since last week from my constituents on the state of the school as it is now. I'm just telling the minister that I'm going to have some questions about that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you. General comments. Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Firstly, welcome minister and your officials. I would like to thank the minister. This past summer you were able to go to Arviat. Arviat is growing really fast and there are many children now. We have three schools and I think we need four schools now. If that planned school had gone ahead we would have four now.

I'll have some questions about that and because the minister saw with his own eyes how fast Arviat is growing and there are a great number of children, I want to thank him for doing that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: General comments. Ms. Towtongie.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister and the officials. The minister is aware that he got a letter from the Chesterfield Education Authority about the bus. They have a bus, however they don't have storage space for it in the winter time and it no longer works when the weather gets cold. I will have questions about that later on. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Questions, general comments. Mr. Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. I thought you saw me. I'll have some short questions about the Kugaaruk school and the other community I represent. The Minister of Education was able to come this summer for the opening and the Finance minister as well. It was great that they could see the Taloyoak old school. I'll have short questions about that. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: General comments. There being none, we'll now proceed to the page by page review of the departmental estimates. Starting on page G-3. Education. Corporate Services. Questions. Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. These substantiation sheets page, on page 2 of 5 says (interpretation ends): Critical building components are beyond their useful life. Architectural, mechanical and electrical components are in poor condition.

(interpretation) My community has been requesting a new school ever since Nunavut was created. And it was renovated in 1995 I think and the question I have Mr. Chairman, (interpretation ends) the critical building components (interpretation) if I read this correctly, states that the school has deteriorated. So I have questions for the minister. Thank you.

Chairman: Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman, and thank you for the question. There has been a condition review on the Sakku School.

(interpretation ends): The school has been deemed to be in extremely poor condition and that is why we are coming forward with a project to do a major renovation of the existing building that would be a full retrofit and an expansion of the existing school. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman. So our Sakku School, it sits on what used to be a small pond when I was a boy. We would go swimming in that pond. It was our swimming hole and the school was built on it.

That was not mentioned in the (interpretation ends) substantiation sheets (interpretation) though it states that (interpretation ends) water running through the school has created an ideal habitat for mould. (interpretation) Now, I brought some letters and some pictures that I took. I showed them during (interpretation ends) tabling of documents. (interpretation) The summers are getting longer all the time and the permafrost is melting. There have never been any reports about the pond that is under the school. We heard recently that it is safe, but which information is true? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for the question.

First I should say that if anybody in Coral Harbour that he represents has health concerns, or safety concerns, if they could get the health centre to go and investigate and see what is causing the problem, but we got the Department of Community and Government Services to help us make the business case, and last year and the year before there were some studies done on the Sakku School to check to see if there is any mould or other hazardous substances in it.

(interpretation ends) For those studies to date, we've received the previous results and we've conducted multiple assessments that have deemed the school to be occupiable and that's the direction we got from Community and Government Services and after these assessments were done, stating people can be in this building, so that's where we stand. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This substantiation sheets says the last time there was a document given to us by the Department of Education, it says in 2012 a condition report was produced VFA Stantec which identified the need for major renovations.

(interpretation) Were there any other studies done after that? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Joanasia.

Hon. David Joanasia: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like I said, there have been numerous tests done at the Sakku School with onsite investigations as far back as 2006, and then more recently, in November 2015 there was a mould and fungal assessment done. Last year, in 2017 alone there were at least three. In June 2017, a hazardous building material survey, and then October 2017, a mould air sampling report, and then December 2017

BluMetric baseline air monitoring, and then the member talked about the most recent one that was conducted this month. We haven't gotten those results yet.

Like I said, all results have concluded that these... . Sorry. Hold on. They have concluded that the school is safe to occupy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The minister responded earlier to one of my questions that parents who have sick children could go to the health centre. Very recently I was at the school for about 45 minutes and I got a headache. The place gives you headaches and the teachers I spoke to said that whenever they're there they don't feel as well. Especially people who are sensitive those things get itchy, and they start to get rashes on their skin, but when they leave the building they are back to normal, and because they left the building to go to the nursing station, the nurse will say they are fine because they are fine once they leave the building.

We believe our constituents. We are elected to be their voice and so does the minister not believe the letters I brought here? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question.

I'm not a doctor so I can't really say; believing in what people say or not believing in what people say. Even though that is the situation, we think that the concerns should be addressed through the major renovation. There shouldn't be any more concerns afterwards if we do what we're trying to do.

We don't want students to be in an unhealthy or dangerous place, or even our staff. Since there is a need to correct it, that is what we're trying to do as quickly as we can if we are approved here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was someone from Coral Harbour that I flew here with. I was late getting here, as you are aware. It was on Tuesday of last week, and he was in Coral Harbour at the end of the week. He took many samples. From those samples that he took, does the government know how the school is now? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Minister Joanasie.

Hon. David Joanasie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to refer this question to Mr. Cornthwaite with regard to the testing that was done. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Cornthwaite.

Mr. Cornthwaite: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. The tests that were completed BluMetric have been sent to the lab and the preliminary results have been shared with us and they indicated there is no evidence of mould in the occupied teaching areas of the school but the detailed report will be released to us in approximately two weeks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure how to say this but when you're from Coral Harbour and when you're trying to work with community members, and this school was built in 1995, but what we're not sure what the future holds because there is water under the school.

We believe that it spread, but the government is not going to say anything and they'll deny that there is water under the school. They won't say things are bad when they actually are.

Last evening I was talking to Willie Nakoolak, the mayor, and he is concerned about the school and the condition that it is in. Even if it is renovated the water under the school will just get worse and deteriorate the condition of the school once again.

Falling *Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit* it is now obvious that the school is deteriorating because of the water under the building. Mr. Chairman, until we fully understand the full extent of our school's remediation, I want to remove this item from here, to better understand what the extent of the damage is and what needs to be done in the future.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the funds allocated for this be removed until we fully inform Coral Harbour residents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: I ask my committee if Mr. Netser would read the motion. Yes? Mr. Netser.

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Mr. Netser: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I note the minister's staff has said there is nothing to see from the preliminary results from the recent study but based on that Mr. Chairman we are not sure and we do not trust anymore what the government is saying.

Based on that and prior to getting a proper assessment from the recent study, I move that the \$1.9 million be deleted from the proposed funding for the Sakku School major renovation project in the 2019-20 Capital Estimates of the Department of Education. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Mr. Netser. Please provide a copy of your motion to the table. Thank you as the motion is not translated we'll take a short break. Thank you.

>>*Committee recessed at 16:47 and resumed at 17:03*

Chairman: Thank you. Welcome back to the committee. I call the committee meeting back to order. The motion is being distributed to the members.

The motion is in order. To the motion, Mr. Netser.

Mr. Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to thank you for coming back. Mr. Chairman. I do believe that the government works as best they can and when we were talking about the schools, I do believe that they are going to restore it, but in the substantiation sheet Mr. Chairman, the water builds up all the time under the school and it doesn't anything about the school. Even if you renovate, do major renovations that water under the building is going to keep coming out. They can try to drain it all day, but it would only be good for three hours. It's the water under the building, the building above it, if you don't work on that water and with our limited funds we'll just use a lot of money, the school will look perfectly fine but the problem is under the building under the school that will deteriorate the building.

You say that there's no mould in the school and it might not be mould, but it's the water under the school, the smell of it. And the smell goes all over the school, that's a health risk to the students, to the staff and to the teachers, with that Mr. Chairman, and to add further, when I was going to be coming here I had a meeting with the hamlet council and the DEA, the hamlet said that they don't mind taking that money away and I told them that even if its deleted the government is the one who holds the money and I don't know if they're going to bring back. He said it's ok, we have been asking for a school for many years and it's never shown up in the five-year capital plan and he said he can wait further. Again I had a conversation with the mayor last night, he's a good mayor, he takes responsibility and he's concerned about.

(interpretation ends) Our mayor has taken the leadership in preparing plans to look at other options so that our students will have a place for learning. The community feels, Mr. Chairman, that the longer they stay in our school in its condition even now, they fear for the health of the students and the staff. So based on that Mr. Chairman that is why I brought the motion forward. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you Mr. Chairman, while we are on the subject I think there should be further dialogue between the department of education and my colleague. I think it would be better if there's a dialog between the Department of Education and Mr. Netser.

With that in mind (interpretation ends) I'd like to make a motion to report progress at this time Mr. Chairman?

Chairman: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to report progress and the motion is not debatable. All those in favour of the motion, all opposed. Motion is carried

>> *Laughter*

Sergeant-at-arms, please escort the witnesses out. I will now rise to report progress.

Speaker (interpretation): Going back to the order of the day. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Akoak.

Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 9 with one committee motion to be discussed and would like to report progress. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole be agreed to. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. To the motion. Is there a seconder? Thank you, Mr. Hickes.

>> *Laughter*

The motion is in order. All those in favour of the motion. Thank you. Opposed. The motion is carried. Third Reading of Bills. *Orders of the Day*, Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder that there is a meeting of the Management Services Board at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning in the Tuku Boardroom.

Orders of the Day for November 1:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions

8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions
12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills
16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
18. Second Reading of Bills
19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
 - Bill 2
 - Bill 9
 - Committee Motion 4 – 5(2)
 - Bill 10
 - Bill 11
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>*House adjourned at 17:15*