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MLA George Hickes Chair, Committee of the Whole Legislative Assembly 926 Sivumugiaq St. Iqaluit, NU X0A 3H0

## RE: Bill 70– Consideration in Committee – Outstanding Follow-ups

Dear Chair Hickes,

I am writing to you as a follow up to my appearance before the Committee during the 2025 Winter Sitting, to fulfill commitments made on March 6, 2025, to provide additional information on two topics of interest to the members.

## Transport Canada Oceans Protection Plan

MLA Quqqiaq requested a list of the 13 communities receiving funding via the Transport Canada Ocean Protection Plan.

The communities are:

Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Kugaaruk, Qikiqtarjuaq, Kinngait, \*Taloyoak, \*Igloolik, \*Kimmirut, \*Arctic Bay and \*Sanikiluaq. The first eight are being managed by hamlets under flow-through agreements; the final five (indicated with an asterisk) will be managed by the GN.

## Kivalliq Intercommunity Road Study

MLA Simailak asked about the conclusions of the study and the anticipated timeline for tabling of the report.

As mentioned during my appearance, an initial review of the content generally indicates positive feedback from the public, however the study is robust and requires further internal review and deliberation before I am able to speak to conclusions and recommendations.

Concerning the timeline for release, once my department has concluded internal deliberations, a summary report will be published. I am eager to the get the report out to

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the public and the department is aiming to make the summary report available before the end of the sixth assembly.

I look forward to continuing our exchanges over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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