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**Iqaluit, Nunavut**  
**Monday, October 28, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeegok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Hon. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. David Qamaniq, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

**Item 1: Opening Prayer**

**Speaker** (Hon. Simeon Mikkungwak) (interpretation): Before we proceed with our meeting, I ask Member Qirngnuq to say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

**Speaker** (interpretation): Members, ministers, Premier, people of Baker Lake, Nunavummiut, as the Legislative Assembly convenes, before we proceed with our meeting, those who are watching the proceedings, ministers, Premier, regular members, all members, I wish to advise you that the Member for Amittuq will be absent from the House today and for good reason. I clearly advise you of that.

Continuing on. Member for Hudson Bay, Member Rumbolt.

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to proceed directly to Item 19 on the order paper. Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker** (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to proceed directly to Item 19 in the *Orders of the Day*. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Going to Item 19 in the *Orders of the Day*. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters. Bills 8, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 with Mr. Rumbolt in the Chair.

In accordance with the authority provided to me by Motion 50 – 5(2), the committee will stay in session until it reports itself out.

Also, I ask all members to remain at their seats as we will proceed directly into Committee of the Whole.

Sergeant-at-Arms.

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

**Chairman** (Mr. Rumbolt): Good afternoon. I would like to call the committee meeting to order. Before we get started, I understand that a minister wants to make a brief statement. I will go to Minister Akeegok.

**Hon. David Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to advise my colleagues that our ministerial colleague Elisapee Sheutiapik will be absent again up until November 1. She is on medical travel. Mr. Chairman, I would also like to remind members that if there are any questions to Family Services, they can be directed to me or the Status of Women Council questions to Minister Ehaloak. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Akeeagok. In Committee of the Whole we have the following items to deal with: Bills 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. 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 the 2020-21 capital appropriations, commencing with Nunavut Arctic College, followed by the Qulliq Energy Corporation, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, and the Department of Education. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Are we in agreement that we will first deal with Bill 30?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Bill 30 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,  
2020-2021 – Nunavut Arctic  
College – Consideration in  
Committee**

**Chairman:** Thank you. I would now like to ask Minister Netser: do you have officials that you would like to appear before the committee? Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I would like my officials with me at the witness table. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Does the committee agree for the witnesses to go before the committee?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Sergeant-at-

Arms, please escort the witness in.

Thank you. For the record, Minister Netser, I would like you to please introduce your official and then continue on into your opening comments. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left, my official is Mr. Pauloosie Suvega, who is the President of Nunavut Arctic College.

Before I proceed with my opening comments, (interpretation) I had a new great grandson born this morning, so I'm very happy today. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

(interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to present Nunavut Arctic College's draft 2020-21 capital estimates. In this presentation, I will outline the college's proposed plan for this funding.

In total Nunavut Arctic College is requesting \$10,550,000 for the 2020-21 fiscal year. With these funds, Nunavut Arctic College proposes to move forward in the following projects.

The Kitikmeot Campus Facility development in Cambridge Bay will be allocated a significant portion of this funding, which will be combined with the funding from the current fiscal year to allow this project to continue moving forward, and I am happy to report that groundwork has begun in Cambridge Bay on this facility. The funds requested this year will support this work and once completed, this facility will centralize the six programs offered at the Kitikmeot Campus while allowing for

future growth in programming enrolments.

A total of \$1.5 million is requested for ongoing maintenance of the college's current facilities. These funds will ensure that community learning centres across Nunavut meet health and safety standards and provide welcoming and supportive environments for our learners and staff. The college has identified seven CLCs with fuel tanks that are either past or nearing the end of their expected lifespan. The college will be potentially replacing fuel tanks in the following communities: Arviat, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, *amma* Naujaat.

The college will also be undertaking several repairs, including but not limited to replacing flooring, chalkboards, patching and painting walls, and also replacing windows. This work will be conducted in the CLCs in Arviat, Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet, and Naujaat. Nunavut Arctic College continues to monitor and work with all CLCs in our territory to assess and understand their needs.

Mr. Chairman, the college continues to work diligently through the capital planning process to find solutions. I can assure all committee members that the college is continuing to work in collaboration with the Department of Community and Government Services to seek ways to invest in the growth and development of these very important sites for learning.

The college will also allocate a portion of this appropriation for small capital projects. This funding will allow small-scale purchases ranging from vehicles to classroom furniture for the college.

Funding under this designation would be informed by the college's ongoing lifecycle requirements just mentioned.

Mr. Chairman, the college also intends to invest in information technology infrastructure. This funding will be used to purchase the physical hardware required by the college. These purchases will be made in conjunction with the larger IT strategic plan the college is currently developing. The strategy and these purchases will ensure that the college's students and staff and facilities have the necessary technologies support required to engage our increasingly digital world.

Members, these capital expenditures for the college support the overall vision of supporting the learners in their communities.

(interpretation) I welcome any questions members may have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Does the chair of the standing committee have any opening comments? Ms. Nakashuk, please go ahead.

**Ms. Nakashuk** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing Committee on Social Wellness as the Committee of the Whole begins consideration of the proposed 2020-21 Capital Estimates for Nunavut Arctic College.

Mr. Chairman, Nunavut Arctic College's proposed capital budget for 2020-21 is \$10.55 million. This funding will be

allocated to one ongoing project, the Kitikmeot Campus Facility in Cambridge Bay, and to three non-community specific projects to address small capital, ongoing lifecycle repairs, and information technology needs across the territory.

Mr. Chairman, the standing committee recognizes the college's ongoing efforts to improve service delivery at our regional campuses. The Kitikmeot Campus Facility development project has been a long-term project that finally moved into the construction phase this current fiscal year. While members appreciated receiving additional information regarding the project's progress and its associated expenditures, it must be noted that the documentation itself was extremely difficult to read, making its use somewhat limited.

With the opening of the new Iqaluit Campus Facility in 2018, members look forward to updates on program delivery at the Nunatta Campus. The Kivalliq Trades Training Centre in Rankin Inlet has now been operating successfully for a number of years.

While the standing committee fully supports the enhancement of trades training opportunities for Nunavummiut and especially those delivered in collaboration with industry partners and others, members again encourage the college to consider expanding training opportunities in communities other than the regional centres.

Concerns continue to be raised with respect to student accommodation at the main campuses and the standing committee would appreciate receiving updated information on policies

regarding accommodation opportunities made available to college students who are originally from one of the regional centres.

Mr. Chairman, members appreciate the importance of having both campus-based and community-based facilities where Nunavummiut can take advantage of opportunities to achieve academic certification as well as skills and training. Investments in this area support the development of an educated and trained labour force and help to secure employment opportunities across the territory.

Nunavut's community learning centres play an important role in providing community-level programming for post-secondary education and adult learning opportunities. Members continue to note that in some communities, programs occasionally cannot be delivered due to the lack of adequate or appropriate space at community learning centres. In other cases the conditions of the buildings being used have raised concerns for the safety and comfort of staff and students.

During the minister's appearance before the standing committee to present Nunavut Arctic College's draft 2020-21 capital estimates, members were given to understand that the college has still not completed its Nunavut-wide assessment of the conditions and physical status of Nunavut Arctic College centres which has been ongoing for some time. The standing committee had anticipated receiving further information on which community learning centres have been prioritized according to their level of need for repair and upgrading.

While members appreciated receiving



information on community learning centres fuel tank replacements planned for 2020-21, members strongly encourage the minister to also provide a detailed list of which communities will be seeing major upgrades and renovations to their community learning centres within the next five-year capital plan.

That concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2020-21 Capital Estimates of Nunavut Arctic College. I am confident that my colleagues will wish to offer further comments of their own. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Nakashuk. Are there any general comments? Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good day, minister and your president. I want to first acknowledge Arctic College since regular members have noted that your administration keeps track of statements made by members regarding the college.

I am also aware of the many years that the capital appropriation process has been run. Nonetheless, the concerns we expressed in the House regarding the need for future capital planning is something I anticipate hearing about. Here I mean the (interpretation ends) community learning centres (interpretation) that require more work. This is something we have continually voiced and it will continue to be a concern until the centres are constructed. I had noted the absence of the capital funds for that as it is not included, which is unfortunate.

Nonetheless, another issue related to the community learning centres is child care and spaces for child care that are part of the new centres. Child care is one of the most pressing needs in our communities as it would provide much-needed support for learners. There are other issues that I also want to query the minister on.

However, the Kitikmeot Campus project is quite a large capital project, and I am thankful to Arctic College for their diligence in controlling expenditures. The goal was to use the least amount of funding needed. Based on my understanding, there was an anticipated cost increase, but with some deliberations on resolving that challenge, Nunavut Arctic College was able to identify ways to lower costs. You've had no cost overruns to date, which I like, and I appreciate their administration for ensuring they are spending their funding carefully as government needs to be careful with these public funds, obviously.

That's it for my comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

I would like to elaborate on what my colleague just stated. We're all aware that you will be spending \$1.5 million, even though there's additional work on top of that. Some of us are aware that there are many learning centres in the communities that you need to work on, as I'm aware, not just fuel tanks. It's not

just fuel tanks that need to be worked on. I think you just stated that. I fully expect that there are still a number of communities, I'm thinking about Hall Beach, and I know you will be identifying other communities.

With the \$1.5 million being allocated for the year, I don't know if it's going to be enough, but I just wanted to point out that I have expectations. There are still other projects in our communities and it has been raised continually in this House that community learning centres are getting quite old. I wanted to comment on that, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I fully appreciate the community learning centres and it's within the funds. The Kitikmeot has a \$19 million project.

However, I want to state that I want the Chesterfield Inlet Community Learning Centre inspected. I went to go and see the community learning centre. They make very good use of it in the small communities, but due to overcrowding, the porch and washrooms are being used. That's my concern. I appreciate that Chesterfield Inlet's community learning centre will be repaired, but I want them to put a strategy for those that are not caught up to community learning centres with forced growth of the smaller communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. I don't have any more names for general comments, so I'll ask members to go to their main estimates binder and go to page M-3 for Nunavut Arctic College

Headquarters. I remind members there's only one page for this, so whoever has questions on this to get your hands up as quickly as you can. Again, it's Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Total Capital Expenditures of \$10,550,000. Are there any questions? Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My questions are for the Kitikmeot Campus. Of course I always give praise where praise is due. I really appreciate the college for incorporating the alternative energy for the solar panels into the Iqaluit Campus expansion project, but when I was reading over the Kitikmeot Campus substantiation sheet, I didn't see any reference to incorporating renewable energy into the design and construction of this facility. My first question is: is it included in the project scope? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I thank the member for his comments. We will certainly look for that. We always achieve ways to conserve energy. That's one of the things we will explore. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm not sure if I got an answer there, so I just want to ask again if renewable energy is included in the project scope. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could you repeat that question? I was side-tracked. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Lightstone, if you could please restate your question. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not a problem. My question is: are there any renewable energy initiatives such as solar panels that were incorporated in the Iqaluit Campus expansion? Is that going to be included in the Kitikmeot project scope? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** I understand that it was not included in the project. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my first question would be why it wouldn't be included in the project scope. When I look at the annual reports of the college, the building utilities are up to over \$9 million, and I assume it's only going to go higher with the inclusion of this new building. With that being said, I think all of the cost-saving initiatives should be incorporated and an investment in renewable energy production would definitely more than offset the cost through cost savings. Once again I would just like to ask why it isn't included. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I understand the first tender was not accepted due to the high amount by the contractor. Mr. Chairman, when you look at these solar energy panels, I understand that they are very expensive and due to our limited funding we received from the House, I think that it was one of the reasons why we decided not to include the solar panels at this time, but we will certainly look at that. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm a little bit disappointed. I believe that renewable energy remains to be a viable investment, especially with our high cost of electricity, and the college's millions of dollars in building utilities more than sets a precedent in making that type of investment. When it comes to cost of incorporating solar into capital projects, I was just curious how much the solar panels in the Iqaluit Campus expansion cost and why that type of investment wasn't repeated in the Kitikmeot Campus project. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We don't have the details as to how much the solar panels cost here in Iqaluit when we did the new facility, but I can assure the members that the building up in the Kitikmeot will have LED lights to conserve energy. We may

not be spending it on the solar panels there, but we do our diligence into the cost-saving measures. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My questions are pertaining to the Iqaluit solar aspect of that campus expansion, but I want to tie it into the Kitikmeot Campus as well at the same time. I find it hard to believe that the college doesn't know how much it spent on the solar panels at the Iqaluit Campus. When the minister stated that cost-saving initiatives are incorporated, I think that all cost savings should be considered.

I would just like to ask with regard to the solar panels on the Iqaluit Campus. What exactly was the return on investment of the solar panels? I'm asking because I think now that it is viable and really should have been incorporated in the Kitikmeot Campus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. For the record, the minister didn't say he didn't know what the cost was; he said that he didn't have that information before him for the cost of installing the panels here in Iqaluit. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for correcting the member.

We just have the briefing notes as to our facilities and the saving or the cost of installing the solar panels are in the accounting, so we just don't have that level of detail on how much we're

saving and how much we spent, but we can get that information to the member at a later date. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I mentioned in my comment earlier that we are all aware that many community learning centres need work.

After the minister was in front of the committee in November 2018, almost a year ago, to review the college's proposed 2019-2020 capital budget, the minister indicated that these eight community learning centres across Nunavut... It has been one year that we were already aware of eight community learning centres across Nunavut have been identified as requiring major renovation or replacement. They already stated that one year ago in 2018.

In the 2020-21 capital estimates we are debating, why are no community learning centre projects included, except for replacing old fuel tanks? I see nothing in the capital plan specific to new facilities or to replace old facilities. I wonder if it is included in the next five-year plan. They have been omitted. My question is: why is it that way? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank our colleague for that question on this process. I just recently became the Minister responsible for Arctic College

and I informed the staff members that I wanted to put more focus on community learning centres. Today I can say that that is complicated since Nunavut is very large and airfares are expensive and sometimes there are issues with the flight schedule. We're working on it and we will complete the assessment of our learning centres in December of this year, but when the government is doing its capital planning, Arctic College is among many departments requesting funding. I can say that sometimes we can't get what we want, but we keep voicing those needs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are well aware that the community learning centres across Nunavut are very important because it's geared towards career development and educational upgrades, so they have to be in good condition. The airfares might be expensive with the staff travelling around, but the government does continue its work. There's no other way.

My next question is regarding the same meeting in November 2018 when you appeared before the committee. They were going to be visiting all communities to assess the current status of community learning centres. We have heard of some community visits, but have all communities been visited and, if so, when can we expect to see the report on the assessments that were done? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank the member for pressing this issue on community learning centres. In December of this year we will be getting a review of the report that covers the visitation of community learning centres. I do agree with you wholeheartedly that we have to focus on our community learning centres and I will continue to work on it during my term as minister. Grise Fiord and Whale Cove have new learning centres. When there is a new learning centre, it lifts up the entire community and it gives you that incentive to go back to school. We're working on it, but it's a complicated issue. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sure that those are complicated, but as the minister, you place a high importance on them. I know that, but I want you to work a little bit more diligently.

It's clearly indicated that our schools and learning centres must be safe. We do see some safety issues. Using Hall Beach as an example, I do recall that the door had so many holes that during blizzards in the winter, the snow tended to get inside the building. I don't know what kind of situation it is in now, but I'm just using Hall Beach as an example. I'm sure that there are other facilities in that situation as they are aging. We have heard that the oldest facility was built in 1970 or thereabout. I think it was in Kugaaruk.

My next question is regarding your opening comments. You stated that Arviat, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, and

Naujaat will be getting new fuel tanks. What about the other communities? Are they in good repair and that is why they're not identified in the 2020-21 estimates? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are requesting capital funds to replace the fuel tanks that really need to be replaced. I'm sure that we will get to the other communities at a later time, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The communities watch the proceedings live on TV and they have real expectations. When you say that maybe we will get to those other communities at a later date, you feel for the communities that have expectations.

However, as a last question, I'll just go back to Hall Beach. Hall Beach is not identified here, but does the minister know the status of the community learning centre? I know it's one of the older facilities and the door was in really bad shape. As I said, these centres are aging. That facility was built in 1988 and that building is made up of modular homes put together.

There's no mention here of the status of the community learning centre and what is going to be done with it. Within this \$1.5 million, if it required repairs, would it be included there or what's the situation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope that was understandable.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We usually work with the Department of Community and Government Services when we're looking at the facilities and what needs to be repaired or replaced, such as the doors that he mentioned. We usually place a higher priority on the older units, but again, with Hall Beach it indicates that they did a general assessment or an architectural assessment, a mechanical assessment, an electrical assessment, and it's in safe condition. We have done that for almost all the communities, but we have to do a more in-depth review.

I didn't get a report on the status of the door. The member for Hall Beach has been here and I still haven't gotten a report from him, but I will have my officials look into it to see if the door needs to be changed and, if it does, it will be changed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa, you're done? Okay. Thank you. Ms. Towtongie

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Looking at the document, it states that there are three regional campuses and 25 community learning centres in Nunavut. It also indicates that with their requested budget for 2020-21, they will be using \$1.5 million for lifecycle repairs and maintenance. I would like to know what will be placed as a priority and what will be deferred and what it is based on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My deputy minister would like to respond, if you would allow. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We place a priority on projects that are identified and reported on. As the minister elaborated, we collaborate with other departments, such as the Department of Community and Government Services. We don't unilaterally resolve these issues, as we receive timely support from the department, for which we are extremely grateful for, both when we were identifying the issues for future projects and we are drafting up the list of facilities needing repairs by working with the employees.

As different facilities are identified, we are trying to move them further along the chain and to see if we can encourage the earlier work to repair the facilities. We will identify and try to clearly note the needs. Actually we will prioritize it and if it has to go through the capital planning process, then we will put it forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Ms. Towntongie.

**Ms. Towntongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My final question, information technology is becoming more and more critical to the delivery of educational programs. In reading the substantiation

sheet, it's telling me that technology is changing at a pace that currently Nunavut Arctic College cannot keep up with. My question is: for the \$300,000 being requested for 2020, what specific equipment or infrastructure will be purchased? That's my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I thank the member for the question. Anything that can keep up with the current technology is what we want to buy for equipment, but I would like my DM to elaborate on that. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that question. As we started travelling to communities, our staff and other partners throughout government, even the board of governors, we started noticing a lot of items, especially equipment that required upgrades or reinvestments, particularly computers. In one of the board meetings they identified computers sitting in things like closets, generally equipment that hadn't been upgraded in a long time. We wanted to ensure that we identified those early on, particularly community learning centres, as we try to explore new tools to connect to the college community throughout the whole territory and ensure that those tools are not just adequate but they're ready for taking on new technology as well depending on when those might come to the territory. (interpretation) Thank you,

Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Akoak.

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon to the minister and staff.

My questions I had were already asked, but I will ask one question. When you talk about renovations and replacements of CLCs, I know that my community had some renovations done on their building, which was built back in the 1960s. I'm just wondering: when the renovation is done, will that hinder the community of Gjoa Haven for getting a newer building or how late would that be? How far on the list will we be even after the renovations? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Akoak. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Yes, the renovation is done and I believe it's functional now for the community's CLC, but when we do a thorough assessment on all our CLCs across the territory, then we will do a needs based and whoever has the highest need, then that's where we will... We would like to do all of them, obviously, but with the limited funds, we can only do so much. We will start on CLCs in communities that need the most with their needs and we will go from there. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. I have one more name on my list. Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister and your officials.

Mr. Chairman, I have a question here to the minister. The 2020-21 capital estimates include \$8.5 million for the construction of the Kitikmeot Campus Facility. What is the current status of this project now and what is the anticipated completion date? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the question. Mr. Chairman, the \$8.5 million is on budget and the project is on schedule for the Kitikmeot Campus. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once the project is completed, which communities would be considered for the next project? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The member from Gjoa Haven was asking questions about this. We would have to review the condition of all of our community learning centres in Nunavut. We would like to begin work on the CLCs in most need. We still have to figure out which community is going to come next. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qirngnuq.



**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once we get clarification, perhaps we will get feedback from Arctic College staff. That's my thinking, Mr. Chairman.

Moving on to another topic, on September 9, 2019 the government announced its intention to establish a Nunavut Mine Training Centre in Rankin Inlet. For that purpose, once that campus is set up, would Arctic College consider what courses will be made available once our government completes this project? Has Arctic College already taken that into consideration on what types of courses would be available? Can the minister provide some details on their plans? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We are still working on the final details as we are preliminarily discussing the courses with the mining companies along with the departments of Economic Development and Transportation and (interpretation ends) Family Services (interpretation) and the ministers responsible. We began discussions on these issues to be included around September 9, and we really need those types of discussions within Nunavut to meet our needs, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just want to clarify that once we have the completed reports, we will be able to provide that information to the House. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Since they're considering putting a campus in Rankin Inlet, after the project is completed, what consideration has Arctic College given for mine training programs in the smaller communities? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) We're in the process of hiring. We have hired two now, mine training coordinators in each region, and we intend to work with the communities to further the enhancement of the mine training. I'm sorry. We have one. We have hired one and two more to go, mine training coordinators. What we want to do when we hire these people is they would be the eyes and ears of each region. We intend to spread out the training throughout Nunavut in terms of mine training. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) ...through the CLCs.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving on to another topic, on page 3 of the opening comments it says that they're going to purchase some vehicles. Is it going to be in Iqaluit, in another community, or even in the smaller communities? Mr. Chairman, I'm asking for clarification. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're thinking of purchasing a vehicle that will be used in Clyde River. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, I am of the mind that the timing may be earlier for the purchase and perhaps after this purchase, will the department consider purchasing similar equipment for the other communities that would come directly from Arctic College? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Yes, it's obvious that we will have to purchase vehicles during part of the year as vehicles continue to age. We will definitely have to purchase more vehicles, but it's hard to tell which communities those would be for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to the community learning centres mentioned in the minister's opening comments, "NAC continues to monitor and work with all CLCs in our territory to assess and understand their needs." I understand it's ongoing. You still haven't finished all the work on looking at the existing facilities to see what their condition is. For the record, when did that work start,

this project to assess the community learning centres? We're now in October 2019. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The work is to be completed by December 19. When I became the NAC minister, one of the first directives I gave to the staff is to thoroughly assess all our CLCs and move on from there. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Just in terms of when that project started, the month and year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I told the members that when I became the minister, I ordered them to do a thorough assessment on all our CLCs. As to when it actually started, I cannot put the date; it's shortly after November of last year. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. I was under the impression that this work was already ongoing before there was a change of

ministers. I wonder if that could be confirmed, whether it started in November 2018 or before that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I cannot go back to as to when. It actually started before my term, but when I became the minister, I made sure that one of my top priorities is to start focusing on CLCs; let me rephrase the answer. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. It has taken at least a year to assess the CLCs.

The time was ticking, I'll just note, the time kept ticking after I asked my question there, so if you could add a bit more time on there.

Last year Minister Joanasie mentioned that right now, this is in 2018, they had eight CLCs that need either major renovation or replacement. Given that there's no major renovation or replacement in this current budget, the first possible window to see major renovation or replacement of a community learning centre will be summer of 2021. It's just based on the budgeting process. I wonder if that could be confirmed for me. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) If I can get my DM to answer that question for the member. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that question. Our goal is to try to introduce as many identified needs as possible through the capital planning process. Whether they will end up in the planning process before the House to vote on is a little hard for me to say right here today, but the goal is to try to ensure that all the identified needs are put forward as much as they can and ensure that it's done through the planning process. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to replacing or major renovations for community learning centres, there is nothing on the preplanning envelope right now that I have seen. My next question is: when those projects come in, will they be required to go through preplanning? That will further delay the actual construction or renovation. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That is the normal process, preplanning. (interpretation) Thank you,

Mr. Chairman

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser.  
Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I would like to just state that I think this is an urgent need for the work on these community learning centres. I mean that is how you get people off of social assistance. How you get people off of income assistance is through adult education.

Right now at the community level we are being held back from getting more people employed because the community learning centres are not in good condition and in some cases they are too small. It is a real serious limitation in terms of economic development and social issues in the community. I really look forward to when the college will be coming forward with some major projects in this area.

Does the college currently have a standard design for community learning centres? The one in Whale Cove, for example, is very nice. It has two classrooms and includes a daycare. Is there a standard design or are they done on a piece-by-piece basis?  
(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main.  
Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
(interpretation ends) No, we don't have a standard design, but I would say that all communities have different variations in sizes and population. I have been to

Arviat and I thank the member for hosting me while I was there back in July and we visited the CLC there. Let's say we were building a new facility in Arviat. Arviat is obviously much bigger than his other riding, Whale Cove, so we would build a new facility there based on the size of Arviat, just for clarification. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser.  
Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The space limitations at community learning centres like the one in Arviat, the minister saw for himself, it's my understanding they affect adult basic education as well as other programs. There is talk about the need for expanded teacher education programs across Nunavut. I think, even if we get into that realm, we're still going to have the issue of capital.

Does Arctic College have a position or is there...? The question that I have is about having a stand-alone community learning centre or having it attached to a school. My understanding is that there is at least one community where it's attached to the school in the community. (interpretation) I would like clarification on whether they have to be stand-alone buildings or attached to a school. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main.  
Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our position is that we believe the CLCs should be separated from the high schools as stand-alone

buildings. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My next question is about daycares. I did ask the minister about this recently in the House and he had said, this was last Thursday, that the college was looking into this. Can the college provide a summary of how many community learning centres currently have daycare space? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not presently know how many daycares that we have throughout Nunavut. I do know that we have one in Rankin Inlet. I know there's one in Whale Cove. I don't know whether it's functional yet, but my DM knows more about that file. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that question. Where some of the challenges the organizations in the communities might face around child care, we try to help out with things like training, funding, and use of space. I know that in the three main campuses there are some dedicated spaces and we work with community organizations to operate those facilities and also offer in-kind contributions, partnering with the organizations that operate daycares. We

would like to try to replicate those in the community learning centres as well and work with communities to generate new programming and hopefully new opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Does the college have a list or summary of how many community learning centres have daycare spaces, classrooms, or whatever you call them? I'm asking about the physical buildings. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will provide the detailed information by letter to our colleague. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, minister. (interpretation ends) I think it's pretty important and I applaud the college on including them in new community learning centres.

When it comes to the issue of mine training, this announcement from the college, the minister made a statement the other day about this mine training centre in Rankin Inlet. Could the minister maybe give us an explanation of where that new mine training centre is at in terms of the planning process?

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the question. (interpretation ends) Mr. Chairman, we reached out to the regional Inuit associations and the mining industry, and to date we've had some really positive feedback from the industry in terms of wanting to help with the process. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's going to be located in Rankin Inlet and in terms of further planning past that, does the college have any further details as to what this thing is? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My vision of the mine training facility in Rankin Inlet and the reason why we chose Rankin Inlet is because Rankin Inlet is in the centre of Nunavut, there's a mine adjacent to the community with road access to the facility, and it was last year, I believe, they had an underground mine training program. They trained eight people and I understand today that the eight that were trained have been hired by Agnico Eagle.

The reason why we chose that place is because it's central and it will be

accessible to all Nunavummiut. My vision of the mine training facility is to train everything that the mine offers in terms of accounting, HR resources, and things like that. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you, minister. I would like to encourage the minister and the college to really heavily engage and really rely on what you're hearing from the industry in terms of what they need. Currently they are able to take people out of a community if they have enough literacy and work skills and they can train them all the way onsite at Meadowbank. They can train them all the way from a janitor to a heavy equipment operator.

In terms of what is needed, I think a big part of getting people to work in the mines has to be adult basic education. I'm just curious as to what is governing the government's work in this area. In his minister's statement there was mention of a new mine training strategy. As it pertains to capital and what the capital needs and whether we're going to be putting mine training equipment in every community learning centre, if we could get an explanation of where that strategy is at as it pertains to capital. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) That announcement

in September of this year, we are working with the Department of Family Services and Economic Development and Transportation and the mining industry and with the RIAs in terms of developing a mine training strategy for young people and Nunavummiut. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Does the college have a plan or a timeline for when that strategy will be completed? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We haven't set a date yet, but we will be working with the regional Inuit organizations, the mining industry, the Department of Economic Development and Transportation, and the Department of Family Services. As to a deadline, it just started last month and so we're in the initial stages, but we will be tabling something. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main, please continue.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When it comes to this Kitikmeot project, the campus facility, we did get an update from the minister in terms of where it is at. In terms of the workforce building that campus facility, are there any local tradespeople on that project? Are there any components to that which are

training local people? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the project in the Kitikmeot has started and it's on budget and on schedule. As to the training aspects of workers, we would have to get back to the member to explain how it's actually set up. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I guess my last question is when it comes to capital and mine training or heavy equipment training, we know that the college can't do it all on their own, that they have to work with partners, including the mining industry.

In my home community of Arviat there has been a lot of success spearheaded by the hamlet in the area of heavy equipment training, diamond drilling, mine training, and base-level mine training. My last question for the minister is: as it comes to capital, is the college open to working with other organizations partnering to deliver hands-on or mine training in Nunavut? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) When I visited

Arviat back in July, I was really impressed in terms of what the hamlet has done to train its local workforce. It's a very successful program and I want to say that yes, we are open to that kind of partnership in terms of delivering training programs so that our people are independent and off the welfare line. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your opening comments are written in English, so I'll just read from them. (interpretation ends) It goes on to say on page 2 that "While the standing committee fully supports the enhancement of trades training opportunities for Nunavummiut and especially those delivered in collaboration with industry partners and others, members again encourage the college to consider expanding training programs in communities other than the regional centres."

(interpretation) Now, members should be aware that the mining company operating near Pond Inlet called Baffinland and the regional Inuit association arrived at an agreement to put \$10 million aside for a trade school for North Baffin specifically for heavy equipment operations.

My colleague from Arviat and Whale Cove asked a similar question which may pertain to this question. Has Arctic College made any plans for when this trade school is completed and ready to start training people? Would there be any willingness by the Government of Nunavut to provide assistance in the operations and funding of the school if it

were built? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I stated earlier to the member from Arviat, if a community were to set up a trade school, we would like to work with them. He's asking about the operations and maintenance of the facility that will be built by the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. I think that's his question. I can't give a response today, but we would like to work with the communities on how our community learning centres can provide mine training. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Now, within your business plans I don't see any funding set aside for daycares. Further, this is the first time I'm hearing that there are community learning centres that already have existing daycares. Will all future community learning centres include a daycare space to accommodate students with children? Will this be included as part of the planning for new facilities in our future?

For example, students from outside of main centres such as Iqaluit or Cambridge Bay or Rankin Inlet who are not able to travel to them would benefit from taking courses locally. This would be beneficial to students with children. In our local situation, the community learning centre is situated quite far, perhaps as far as a mile and a half for some people to walk to the facility, although some students live closer. Additionally, the terrain is quite steep.



If the community learning centres included daycare spaces, then they would be able to have lunch at the college without having to walk all the way home. When you're planning for the future for the community learning centres, can you consider it as an integral part right away? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qamaniq. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we want trained adults so that they can get employment. We can look at the daycares carefully when we are going to be building new facilities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We can consider it. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I get into my questions, I just wanted to once again applaud the minister and the college for incorporating the meal plan here at the Iqaluit Campus. I agree that there is a strong correlation between food security and student success, so I want to thank the minister for that.

My questions are for the Kitikmeot Campus again and I noticed that in regard to the culinary arts and camp cook programs, the scope includes a state-of-the-art kitchen classroom. I was wondering if the minister might be able to expand on that or elaborate a little bit further about how that kitchen is going to be utilized. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That's a detailed question, so I'm asking my DM if he could answer that. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for that question. I think the long-term goal was to really build up and develop programs that are robust and don't limit itself in scope and role to the territory. By and large we would love all our graduates in all the programs to be able to take a degree or certificate and be recognized nationally and maybe even internationally. I think the long-term goal is specific on the Culinary Arts Program to eventually one day come out with a Red Seal certificate to be able to have graduates who are employable and have transferrable skills and labour mobility. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad to see that there is a kitchen classroom included in the scope, but I didn't see any reference to a cafeteria or eating area. I would like to ask if that is going to be included in the scope and if every regional campus has a cafeteria. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

(interpretation ends) There will be an eating area, but there is no cafeteria in the plans of the new Kitikmeot facility. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Another part of his question was whether or not the other regional campuses had cafeterias or not. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I know that there is one here in Iqaluit. As for Rankin Inlet, I don't think we have one either. (interpretation) Thank you. (interpretation ends) I could be wrong, but he wants to answer that one, if you allow him. Thank you. I don't eat very much over there.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Suvega.

**Mr. Suvega:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If there is no cafeteria built into a design or if the facility currently exists, Cambridge Bay, for example, I know that in the learner services area they do have common kitchens that learners share. We are also challenged in the Kivalliq Campus with food services, so we're trying to find creative solutions that work in the short term, but longer term we do need to try to address how food services are provided to the learner community overall. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Suvega. Before I go on to the next person, we will take a 15-minute break. Thank you.

*>>Committee recessed at 15:02 and resumed at 15:23*

**Chairman:** Good afternoon, members. I would like to call the committee meeting back to order. When we left off, we finished off with Mr. Lightstone's questioning, so next I will go to Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We touched upon the issue of daycares in the community learning centres. With that, I would like to ask the minister and I'm sure he knows exactly what's happening with the policies and initiatives that the college would like to take leadership in.

Just for further information, I want to ask the minister: if they're building any new community learning centres, is it a policy to include a daycare centre in it or if there's going to be a renovation or upgrade in the community learning centres, is it a requirement to build a daycare centre? Is that one of the policies of Nunavut Arctic College? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the question. We don't have a policy on that, but we would like to give as much support as we can to the students and we try to find options for daycare. For our ten-year strategic plan, we will be going to the communities to get feedback from the community members. I urge you to talk to the people who are doing the tour, but there's no policy requirement to build daycare centres. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I can recall, I thought there was a policy to build daycare centres and I don't think you can make changes, even though there was a policy. I would like to urge Nunavut Arctic College to consider building daycares in their facilities because it's really hard to get babysitters. There are some communities with no daycare centres and there's... .

**Chairman:** Mr. Quassa, I'll stop you for a minute. The minister has called a point of order. I will now go to Minister Netser so he can speak to his point of order. Minister Netser.

### Point of Order

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I don't mean to be...what's the word I'm looking for? It's combative this week. We had a rough week last week, but for the member to say that I do not support daycares in our facilities is not the truth. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. I will just caution the member to be careful with his choice of words when he's speaking to the minister. Mr. Quassa, if you want to continue, please.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me just say that daycares are very useful in any community and some communities have none at all. If adults want to go back to school and they have children, if they are going to succeed and be able to attend school, then there has to be daycare available. I'm just urging the minister now to plan ahead and if they're going to be building a new facility or if they're

going to be extended, it should be a requirement to build a daycare. That's my direction to the minister and I'm sure he will be able to respond later.

Moving on to another subject, again, we have been touching upon this issue of aged community learning centres. Some are very old. Igloolik's community learning centre was built in 1988. One was built in the 1970s. With those types of facilities, are the oldest community learning centres going to be placed as a priority or how is that set up? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe I responded to the member for Arviat North and Whale Cove. All community learning centres in Nunavut will be assessed and those in most need will be placed as a priority. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We will very much look forward to that because the learning centres are integral to the communities and they are very beneficial. It's just a comment, not a question, but we will be looking forward to that and he said the anticipated completion date. We will look forward to community learning centres being renovated or new facilities being constructed. It doesn't look like we will be seeing anything this year. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. We will take

that as just a comment, I do believe. I just have one question. I know back in September when we were here, I asked for an update on the renovations to the community learning centre in Sanikiluaq. I was informed later on that it was still under renovation and that it would be ready for occupancy sometime in October. I wonder if the minister can give me an update today on the status of this construction. Thank you. Minister Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for your question. We are waiting for an inspection of the facility in Sanikiluaq and once that's completed, then it will be occupied. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. We are on Nunavut Arctic College. Headquarters. Total Capital Expenditures. \$10,550,000. Agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Go to page M-2. Nunavut Arctic College. Total Capital Expenditures. \$10,550,000. Agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Do members agree that we have concluded Nunavut Arctic College?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Minister Netser, any closing comments?

**Hon. Patterk Netser** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, colleagues, for your questions. We have noted all the comments you have made and we hear about collaboration. We

really have to focus on the community learning centres. We haven't dismissed the need for daycares. We want you to know that we will make a decision on building daycares into the centres because Nunavummiut have a very high birth rate. They really need daycares if we want them to succeed.

I thank you all and I hope to work with you for the benefit of all Nunavummiut. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Netser. On behalf of the committee, I thank you and Mr. Suvega for being here today to answer the questions that have been posed to you. At that I will ask Sergeant-at-Arms if you could please escort the witnesses out. I will ask members to remain in their seats as we will go directly to the next department.

Thank you. The next department that we're doing is the Qulliq Energy Corporation, so I will ask Ms. Ehaloak if she has witnesses that she would like to appear before the committee. Ms. Ehaloak.

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**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Does the committee agree for the witnesses to appear before the committee?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witness in.

Thank you. I will now ask the minister to please introduce her official and continue on into her opening comments. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, everyone. I have the pleasure of introducing the Qulliq Energy Corporation's President and CEO, Bruno Pereira.

Mr. Chairman, I appear today to request that you support the Qulliq Energy Corporation's request for \$2 million in capital funding over four years, starting with \$500,000 in 2020-21.

As you know, the Qulliq Energy Corporation funds its basic capital and operations on its own, separately from the government's appropriations. As such, mine is an unusual appearance for the Qulliq Energy Corporation. Working with officials at the Department of Finance, however, we have identified an opportunity for the Qulliq Energy Corporation to take on a special project using funds the government expects to receive from the federal government's carbon tax, which came into effect this year.

Mr. Chairman, our government is interested in taking steps to reduce our [reliance] on fossil fuels and lower our harmful emissions of greenhouse gases. This is challenging in Nunavut, but the Qulliq Energy Corporation is keen to do what it can do to help. To this end, we are seeking funds so that the Qulliq Energy Corporation can replace conventional street lights in 21 Nunavut

communities with higher efficiency LED bulbs. Four of our communities - Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay, and Kugluktuk - already use these bulbs. Because LED lights require significantly less energy to power than conventional bulbs, the Qulliq Energy Corporation will not need to burn as much diesel to keep these lit.

Additionally, while the upfront cost of each bulb is significant, we expect the costs to maintain these lights to be less over time. Further, because municipalities pay the Qulliq Energy Corporation for the electricity to operate their street lights, using higher efficiency bulbs will generate savings to our hamlets.

Mr. Chairman, because the Qulliq Energy Corporation is a territorial corporation that does not receive capital appropriations directly, we have been working with the Department of Finance, which will flow these funds to us.

The Qulliq Energy Corporation is committed to helping the Government of Nunavut uphold its commitment to the *Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change* by providing Nunavummiut with energy-efficient solutions that lessen the use of non-renewable resources and reduce our territory's environmental footprint.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my opening comments. I would be pleased to take questions at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Before I proceed, I will just let members know that it is a bit unusual, as

the minister stated in her opening comments, that we have the Qulliq Energy Corporation before us and because the majority of their budget is approved by the corporation, not by the Assembly, for their five-year capital plan. The questions will be limited only to the program that they have here, which is the street light replacement program. Does anybody have any general comments? Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome to you, minister and your president.

In the community of Pond Inlet, for example, we always have the street lights on even in the summer when it is daylight 24 hours a day, although there are not many lights on. In my constituency community it does not indicate whether there is going to be street light bulb replacements. The lights I'm referring to in my constituency community are on, even when there is 24-hour daylight in the summer. Are they going to be changed too in my community? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qamaniq. We are only doing general comments at this time. I will keep your question in mind. If anybody has any general comments, Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, minister.

I support this project. If I understand correctly, you are looking at two innovative ways to save energy. We would begin to see LED lights, which would lessen the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in Nunavut, which I like very much and fully support.

I do feel it is unfortunate, Mr. Chairman, that we can't ask questions about the energy corporation's other activities. In my opinion we should be given an opportunity to ask questions about the energy corporation's operations sometime in the future. If this can be considered and we can start making improvements, I would be pleased. That's all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. I understand where you're coming from, and currently the other option for asking questions to the QEC on their budget is through oral questions in the House at the current time. Minister Ehaloak, do you want to comment? Go ahead.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank Mr. Main for his comments. Much like me and my other cabinet colleagues, we have an open door policy. If you have concerns or questions regarding anything within the QEC, you are welcome to come up and see me or you are welcome to... we can make appointments to meet, to have a seat with President Pereira and we can answer any question or concerns that you have. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Ehaloak. Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In Rankin Inlet they have installed lights that cost less. Actually these lights are LEDs that were installed. The Hamlet of Rankin Inlet provides assistance using the funds that were budgeted for lights by putting up new poles that provide good lighting and conserves energy, and I support initiatives like that.

Also, it would be beneficial if all communities were to install LED street lights. Although I have no idea of the proper term in Inuktitut for LED lights, I do know that it has really benefited Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Towntongie. Opening comments? If there is nobody else, before I go to the first person on my list, I will ask the minister if she can remember the question that Mr. Qamaniq asked regarding the street lights in Pond Inlet and if you're prepared to answer this question at the moment. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thank Mr. Qamaniq for his question. For the 2020-21 fiscal year, Pond Inlet is listed for LED lighting. We have six communities that we will be starting this program. Like I said earlier in my statement, the project would be a four-year project. The first six communities are Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord, Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Taloyoak, and Kugaaruk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good afternoon. I have a couple of questions over this. My first question is: how much time do you think it will take before the savings are realized? You said the upfront cost of each bulb is significant. How long will it take to actually realize the cost savings? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The rates will go down as soon as all the lights are installed within the community. You will notice the rates from one month to another as soon as the lights are installed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. Just to clarify, according to your opening statement here, the cost of each bulb is significant. Is there going to be a savings right away? You put them in and right away the cost of the bulb and everything, that's how much of a difference it is? If you can just clarify that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, because there are significant energy savings, you will be able to notice the difference right away. I'm just going to give you a figure of how much Iqaluit actually cost. Before the LED lighting, Iqaluit was paying \$21,474.75 a month. After the LED lighting was installed, they're now paying \$16,460.49 a month. Like I stated, as soon as they're done within that first month, they will notice the savings. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. I guess that is significant savings for that amount right away. Can I also get an idea of the percentage of bulbs that you're replacing with this current financial request?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Within the four years we're going to do every community in Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess I should have been more specific. The minister mentioned a little earlier that there were already significant savings in Iqaluit from 21 to 16, and I don't know how many of those bulbs were changed to realize that savings. Iqaluit has been mentioned in here that part of this current financial request also includes Iqaluit. I'm wondering: how many of the bulbs now are going to be replaced in Iqaluit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The communities that are complete, including Iqaluit, are Iqaluit, Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, and Rankin Inlet. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay. I would like to ask a little bit about Apex. The road to Apex is very dark. I'm assuming those bulbs were changed too because there are not very many that go along that road. I am in the middle of writing you a letter to request that more lighting be added on

the way to Apex. I wonder if you could comment on that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The road to Apex, the LED lights are put in, but if Iqaluit or Apex would like to see more street lights put in, a request would have to be submitted to the Qulliq Energy Corporation.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. At the risk of you telling me that I can't ask this question, how do we go about doing that? Who submits that? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. I was actually going to submit that question, but I figured you would want to. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The city would have to put in the request. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good afternoon, minister and Mr. Pereira. It's great to see you here again.

I've got a few questions, but my first question would be: does the QEC charge the same rate for street lights as the general rate? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.



**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Lightstone, for your question. No, the rates are different between residential or commercial. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. I will caution the member: we are not here to talk about rates or anything like that today. It's talking about the capital project itself. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was going to tie that into another question, but I guess I'll save that for another time.

The estimate that's being provided is that the QEC anticipates it will be a thousand dollars per unit and that includes labour and installation. I see that the bulb itself is \$500. I was wondering if the minister would be able to break down the cost, the shipping, and the labour installation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Unfortunately I don't have that level of detailed information, but we can get it for the member. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That would be appreciated. Thank you, minister. I'll move on to my next question. The minister had indicated that there are seven communities that have already been

selected for the first round. I was just curious if the QEC had taken into consideration hamlets that may be facing financial issues, whether they might be prioritized. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No, we haven't looked at it that way. The reason the first communities were done is because we already have technical teams in Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Rankin Inlet, and Iqaluit. The second reason for the six communities, mainly the High Arctic communities, is because they get darker before everybody else does. The other communities, once these communities are done, we will come up with the next in the next three years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. I guess Sanikiluaq, being the farthest south, will be last.

>> *Laughter*

Mr. Lightstone, you're done? Okay. Thank you. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main (interpretation):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My first question goes to...there's a reference in here to Canada's carbon tax. Are the funds that are being proposed for this project carbon tax revenues to the government that are being put into this replacement project or is it just from a general fund or operating fund? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main.

Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we're requesting funds from the Government of Nunavut under the carbon tax fund. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It's interesting to hear that. I'm getting a better understanding of the carbon tax revenue to the government and what it's going to be used for. Will this project replacing the street lights be contracted out or will it be done in-house? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. This will be done in-house because we have the technical team that would be able to do it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have the procurement and leasing activity report for '17-18 and on page 17 here it says there was a street light replacement project here in Iqaluit and it was contracted out to Dean Utility Services. It doesn't look like a large contract, \$24,000. I'm just trying to understand the pros and cons of contracting something out or doing it in-

house. Was this costed out in terms of which would be more cost effective? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to ask my president, Mr. Pereira, to answer Mr. Main's question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Pereira.

**Mr. Pereira:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The way we're hoping to approach this is that as we send crews into the communities, we're going to do multiple activities, so maintenance activities and including changing out of the bulbs. We believe that will be an efficient way of doing it. In terms of estimating, if we just tendered it out to our contractor, we haven't done that. We thought it would be more efficient by doing it as part of other work within the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Pereira. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for that information and it's interesting that using private firms to do this wasn't considered or costed out.

In terms of the old lights, once they're replaced, does the QEC have a plan to deal with those? Are they considered electronic waste or will they just go into municipal metal dumps? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The old bulbs are taken outside of Nunavut. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have seen numerous street lights, just used street lights at the dump in Arviat. I'm just hoping to get clarification if treating them as e-waste and shipping them out is a new process that will be employed or is currently the process for all street light work in Nunavut. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There is some waste within the dumps, but with this new program we intend to take our waste out of the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) On page 2 of the substantiation sheet it mentions that there's a risk that actual costs will be higher than anticipated. It says, "In this case QEC may not be able to replace as many bulbs over the four years as they project here." This is the project and regarding the costing, it doesn't give us a cost estimate class. What is your range of certainty that you

will be able to actually replace this many street lights? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Main is correct that there is no certainty that we can do this within the allocated amount of financial request that we're doing. We will be looking at, through the process, exactly how much is being spent and try to do an analysis after the street lightings are done so that we can know exactly how much we're spending and how much we're going to need in the future. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) In terms of who pays for the power to run a street light in a community, I don't have a proper understanding of who ultimately pays for the electricity and so if the minister could just clarify that for me. Electricity is generated by the QEC and then where the billing chain goes, if that's a clear question. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. I'm assuming that's in regard to the street lights. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Main is correct. Qulliq Energy provides the services and the municipalities are the ones that pay for the power of those street lights. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) Thank you for clarifying that. The project is limited in scope to just the LED street lights. However, there are a number of communities that are working on either solar power or wind power projects. I'm just wondering if that was taken into consideration in terms of how they're going to roll this project out; six communities in the first year and roll it out across Nunavut. Was that factored in at all or was it, as the minister mentioned, just a case of who has the most darkness per year? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to ask Mr. Pereira to answer the question. He is the expert in the answer Mr. Main is looking for. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Pereira.

**Mr. Pereira:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just as a brief reminder, we are planning to do all of the outstanding communities that haven't been converted to as of yet.

In terms of specifically looking at projects that are being proposed for the communities, we didn't include that and part of the reason is that our rates are fixed until we go to the next rate application cycle. Whatever was happening in the community in terms of alternative energy would not impact the rates in that community until we go to

the next cycle, which will not be until about 2021-22. By that time we should be at the tail end of this process and then everybody will benefit from different rates. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My final question is just about the LED bulbs themselves. My understanding is that LED technology is continually evolving. Generally the price of these LED fixtures is coming down over time. Is the QEC comfortable with the equipment or the technology that they're going to be using in that it won't be obsolete in terms of the lifetime of these street lights? Is the QEC comfortable that this technology will prove to be beneficial in the long term in terms of a technological obsolescence type of lens? (interpretation) That is my final question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The QEC is always taking into consideration technology as it changes, and we are confident with the LED lighting at this time. Like I stated, we are always up on technology to ensure that our communities are benefiting the best way. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. I just have one question. I might have just missed it. I was just looking through some of these papers. When you talk about the life of

the bulb, what does that mean? How many years will these bulbs be in place for? Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak. If you can compare it to the life of the current bulbs too to give us an idea of the life of these bulbs. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The current light bulbs that are in communities that do not have LED lights, the life of those bulbs is four to six years, not 46, but four to six...

>> *Laughter*

...and the LED lights, the life of those bulbs is ten years. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak, do you have another question? Go ahead.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you. Just to get a better understanding about the cost, that the bulbs will be in place for ten years, when are we going to be looking at having to replace? You're replacing all of them basically at the same time, I think. Does that mean getting towards the tenth year we're going to be going through this exercise? Maybe there will be a different kind of bulb, I don't know, but I'm just wondering about that. Thank you. That's it.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Angnakak, but I don't think every light bulb is going to burn out the exact same day.

>> *Laughter*

Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Ms. Angnakak, for your question. The average life a light bulb is ten years. In 2017-18 the four communities that we did within eight or nine years, ten years we will make sure that all those light bulbs are in working order. The ones that are coming up for 2021, we will know that from the ones that are there now we will be able to look at the average and say, "Okay, 2021, we're putting these light bulbs in, so we've got to look at them again in eight, nine, or ten years." We're always monitoring those lights within those communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Ms. Angnakak, you were finished? Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) With such significant savings that's going to be the case, yet you say there's a risk that the actual cost will be higher than anticipated and therefore may not replace as many bulbs over the four years that you're anticipating. Again, with significant savings from these, one would assume that that concern would be kind of redundant with such significant savings. Could that be the case? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Qulliq Energy Corporation knew that installing these LED lights is going to be expensive, but like I stated earlier, the significant savings will be to the municipalities when they're actually paying for those

bills. The QEC is very confident that the significant savings will be a benefit to the communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. I don't have anybody else on my list. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) The projects that have already been completed in Nunavut in your 2017-18 report you have a picture here of Cambridge Bay, I believe, and you mentioned the bulbs have about a 10-year life. I'm assuming that with an expansion of this size, you have a lot of confidence in the technology and that it can stand up to cold weather or extreme weather events. I mean when we're talking about Grise Fiord or Resolute Bay, that's very extreme climate. What is the longest running LED street light installation in Nunavut just in terms of field testing? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. We would have to go back to our statistics to see exactly which community got the first street lighting and we would be able to tell you exactly what it is, but we don't have that information right now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I

think you can see where I'm going with this. If you are proposing to replace all the street lights in a community with this one technology, just in terms of how robust these lights are in blizzards, in freezing rain, in icing events, I would just like to hear the QEC's confidence in the technology as it relates to weather. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Main, for your question. We're very confident in these. They have been in these four communities since 2017-18 and the Qulliq Energy Corporation is not having any problems with these street lightings. They last in storms. They last in very cold temperatures. We're very confident they will do very well in the High Arctic communities. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) My last question is or maybe my last question, I asked about the project coming in over budget. I forgot to ask about if it came in under budget. On page 2 of 4 here it mentions that "There is a chance that the price of such bulbs has actually dropped slightly." In the case that this project comes in under budget, what would the QEC be using the excess money for? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're anticipating that the \$500,000 that we're requesting will cover the costs for the installation of these LED lights.

As to excess revenue, I'm going to ask Mr. Pereira to answer that question. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Pereira.

**Mr. Pereira:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're not planning to use these funds for any other projects. While we are in the process of the work, if we found, for example, in 2021 that the price were significantly lower than anticipated, we may start another community. In terms of diverting the funds to other initiatives, that's not our intent. We would go back to Finance and highlight the fact that we have surplus funds. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I have no further questions. I would just like to say that I look forward to seeing this roll out across Nunavut. (interpretation) That's all. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. I have two other names on my list and I'm going to cut it off after that because we have been talking over an hour on lights right now and I think we have talked about it to a good extent. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll try to keep this short. I also would like to mirror Mr. Main's comments. It's great to see energy-

efficiency initiatives and to see the carbon tax revenues being put to good use and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels.

I just have a request and my first question is more of a request. I would like to ask if the minister would be able to report back to the House after the completion of the RFP or whatever process that you deem appropriate to use in purchasing these units. I'm looking for an example of which model you chose to purchase, whether it is high-end or mid-range, and provide us some additional information when you are able to. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Qulliq Energy Corporation will be able to provide that information to the members of actually what the costs were, what the savings were, and the actual financial reporting as to what was actually spent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Lightstone.

**Mr. Lightstone:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In one of Ms. Angnakak's questions, the minister indicated that it was in the year 2017-18 that Iqaluit had our lights upgraded. Is that the same year for all four communities and also, did the QEC fund that purchase internally? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you Mr. Lightstone. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The four communities that had their LED street lights installed - Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit, and Kugluktuk - cost the Qulliq Energy Corporation approximately \$933,000. It was a shared cost with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada at 56 percent and the Qulliq Energy Corporation at 44 percent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity. So that we will all understand, the street lights will probably turn off when it gets bright and turn on when it gets dark. Are we talking about that? I want the information so that I can ask another question. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qamaniq. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, the street lights, the LED lights and the regular ones that we have now automatically shut off when it's bright out and automatically come on when it's dark out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Some street lights on the poles tend to turn off when brightened with headlights. There has been more than one street light in my community; there are some bulbs that are off even when it's dark. Will that not be the case with the newly installed

lights in the communities you identified?

I'll have one more question after I get a response. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The street lights now shouldn't turn off. If you're outside and it's dark and you shine a bright light on it, it shouldn't turn off, but those street lights that don't go on when it's dark out probably need to be replaced. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak. Mr. Qamaniq.

**Mr. Qamaniq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for the good responses to my questions. Sometimes the lights are damaged by young people. Do the municipalities have to put in a request if there are damaged lights that need to be replaced? Thank you. That's my last question.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qamaniq. Minister Ehaloak.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If the street lights are damaged by individuals, the repairs to the power poles or the street lights is the responsibility of the municipality, but if individuals are caught destroying these light bulbs, they're the ones who are charged and have to pay for them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Ehaloak.

Sorry. Thank you. There was just some



confusion about the dollars we're looking at here. Okay. We're with the Qulliq Energy Corporation with the street light replacement program for \$500,000. Do we agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Do members agree that we have concluded with the Qulliq Energy Corporation?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Minister Ehaloak, any closing comments? Please go ahead.

**Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Personally I'm very excited about this program. Being at the municipal level, I know what it's like for municipalities to try to cover costs that sometimes are so high because of the cost of living in our communities.

I just want to thank the members for your time and thank my colleague, Mr. Pereira, for his assistance here, and I just want to say "thank you." Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

*>>Applause*

**Chairman:** Thank you. For process, we have to go back to C-2 in our main estimates book just to make it formal. Total Capital. Budget was \$500,000. Do we agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. A total combined budget for the department along with Arctic College was \$10,550,000. Do we agree?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. With a total expenditure of \$11,050,000. Agreed?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Do we agree that we have concluded with the department of the Qulliq Energy Corporation and Nunavut Arctic College?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witnesses out. We will take a five-minute break before we go to the next department. Thank you.

*>>Committee recessed at 16:27 and resumed at 16:33*

**Bill 30 – Appropriation (Capital) Act,  
2020-2021 – Economic  
Development and Transportation  
– Consideration in Committee**

**Chairman:** Good afternoon. I would like to call the committee meeting back to order. We're moving on with the next department, which is Economic Development and Transportation. I will start by asking Minister Akeeagok if he has any witnesses that he would like to appear before the committee. Minister Akeeagok.

**Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation):** Thank you, my colleagues. Yes, I do. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Akeeagok. Does the committee agree to have the witnesses enter the Chamber?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witnesses in.

Thank you. Before we begin, I'll ask Minister Akeegok if he has opening comments... . Oh, sorry. I'll ask Minister Akeegok to introduce his witnesses and then continue on with your opening comments. Minister Akeegok.

**Hon. David Akeegok** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To my left is Bernie MacIsaac, Deputy Minister, and to my right is John Hawkins, Assistant Deputy Minister.

I say "good day" to you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to be here to review the Department of Economic Development and Transportation's capital estimates for 2020-21 with the Committee of the Whole and to answer any questions the members may have.

The largest portion of the department's capital expenditures is for our airports, which are critical in providing safe and efficient connections between our communities and to the rest of the world.

(interpretation ends) As the members are aware, the National Trade Corridors Fund is providing funding for new airport terminal buildings in Chesterfield Inlet, Naujaat, Whale Cove, Kugluktuk, and Kimmirut.

The Department of Community and Government Services has nearly completed the planning phase for two of these much-needed buildings in Chesterfield Inlet and Naujaat. We are

proposing funding for 2020-21 to initiate construction of both in 2020. We are also proposing funding for the air terminal buildings in Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, and Whale Cove to advance the planning and design of these projects.

Mr. Chairman, through our success in accessing the National Trade Corridors Fund, we are also in a position to start the planning and design for the expansion of the air terminal building in Rankin Inlet, a project which is expected to take five years to complete. For 2020-21 we are proposing funding which will allow us to initiate this important project.

Through the trade corridors fund we have also secured funds to undertake a comprehensive study of all-weather road connections for the southern Kivalliq communities. We are proposing capital funding for this project, which should be completed in the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Mr. Chairman, maintaining our airports also requires that we have reliable mobile equipment and efficient and safe airport facilities. We do this through two projects.

The first, the Transportation Equipment and Facilities project, is for heavy equipment and facility upgrades where each piece costs more than \$250,000. This fund is primarily used to purchase heavy equipment, and for 2020-21 we propose funding to purchase the following airport equipment:

- a grader for Gjoa Haven;
- a contribution to an Airport Capital Assistance Program-funded grader for Cambridge Bay;

- two front-end loaders for Clyde River and Coral Harbour;
- a plow truck for Chesterfield Inlet; and
- a skid steer for Resolute Bay.

In 2018-19 and 2019-2020 the Legislative Assembly also approved funds under the Transportation Equipment and Facilities project to undertake airfield regulatory remediation projects as required by Transport Canada. We propose similar works in 2020-21.

The second project, small capital, is for expenditures less than \$250,000. We are requesting funds to buy seven pieces of equipment, including:

- three runway inspection vehicles, the locations of which will be determined once all airport inspections have been completed;
- one snow blower attachment for Taloyoak;
- a skid steer attachment for Rankin Inlet; and
- a loader-mounted reversible plow and a rollover plow attachment for Resolute Bay.

The small capital project also includes funding for lifecycle renovations of our facilities and for studies to initiate and develop capital projects.

Mr. Chairman, this budget also includes funding for the Iqaluit International Airport Improvement Project. The government continues obligations throughout the 30-year agreement and the capital expenditure details in this year's plan include a runway sweeper, a small sweeper for roads and parking areas, and a pickup truck.

Mr. Chairman, my department also has a role in developing marine infrastructure in our communities. These capital estimates include funding to make minor improvements and lifecycle repairs to docks, boat launches, and breakwaters across Nunavut under the small craft harbour budget. This funding will be made available under contribution agreements, allowing communities to undertake work on priority projects they have identified.

I am also pleased to inform members that we have a signed letter of agreement with Transport Canada which we expect to lead the future investments in marine infrastructure.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that this plan is in line with the department's mandate as we continue to strengthen partnerships with the federal government, with industry, and with our communities to ensure that the investments we make in Nunavut have a lasting impact on safety and on the economic and social future of our territory.

I will be glad to answer any questions from my fellow members. *Qujannamiik*, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Minister Akeeagok. Does the co-chair of the standing committee have opening comments? Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will note that Allan Rumbolt is our chair for our committee, but I'll be saying the opening comments as the co-chair.

I am pleased to provide opening comments on behalf of the Standing

Committee on Community and Economic Development on its review of the proposed 2020-21 Capital Estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation.

The department's proposed capital budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year is \$10,035,000. This represents a decrease of approximately 36 percent from its 2019-2020 capital estimates. This decrease is mostly accounted for by the pending completion of the major marine infrastructure projects in Pond Inlet and Iqaluit.

In 2016 the Government of Canada announced a new trade and transportation initiative. On September 14, 2017 the Legislative Assembly was informed that the Government of Nunavut had submitted seven expressions of interest to the federal government for funding under this initiative. (interpretation ends) These expressions of interest concern the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, the Nunavut-Manitoba Winter Road Project, air terminal building replacements in Chesterfield Inlet, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, Naujaat, and Whale Cove, marine development projects for Qikiqtarjuaq and Rankin Inlet, and airport relocations in Kimmirut and Pangnirtung.

On May 16, 2018 the Government of Canada announced funding under the Trade and Transportation Corridors Initiative for the construction of new airport terminal buildings in the communities of Kugluktuk, Naujaat, Kimmirut, Whale Cove, and Chesterfield Inlet, as well as funding for the construction of an expanded cargo warehouse operated by First Air at the Iqaluit terminal.

(interpretation) On August 13, 2019 the federal Minister of Transport announced funding on the National Trade Corridors Fund for four projects: renovation and expansion of the Rankin Inlet Airport Terminal Building, preparatory work for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, study and design of an intercommunity all-season road in the Kivalliq, and installation of passenger boarding ramps at seven airports.

(interpretation ends) The standing committee encourages the minister to revisit, in partnership with the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, the scope of the proposed Qikiqtaaluk Marine Facility, with the goal of resubmitting it to the federal government for funding consideration.

In June 2019 the Legislative Assembly approved a \$512,000 capital carryover for the Pangnirtung Airport Relocation Project. Given the lack of federal funding for this initiative, the standing committee encourages the minister to clarify the government's plans with respect to this project.

(interpretation) The spring 2017 report of the Auditor General...how do I say this? (interpretation ends) The spring 2017 *Report of the Auditor General of Canada to Parliament* included a chapter titled *Civil Aviation Infrastructure in the North*.

(interpretation) One of the Auditor General's recommendations was that the federal Department of Transport "...should lead the development of a long-term strategy for northern airport infrastructure. The strategy should clearly outline the role that Transport Canada will play in addressing the infrastructure needs of remote northern

airports.” The federal government’s response to this recommendation was that Transport Canada “...will work with territorial governments and other federal government departments and stakeholders to identify shared priorities for northern transportation infrastructure, including, but not limited to, northern airports.” (interpretation ends) The standing committee continues to encourage the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly concerning its work with Transport Canada in this area.

On August 27, 2019 the federal Minister of Transport announced \$7.4 million in funding to “...improve access to northern aerodromes in poor weather conditions by introducing a new Global Navigation Satellite System instrument approach procedure.” The standing committee encourages the minister and his department to work with Transport Canada and NAV CANADA on this initiative.

The Legislative Assembly approved funding as part of the department’s 2019-2020 capital estimates for the purpose of undertaking “capital planning studies.” During the Committee of the Whole’s consideration of the capital estimates, the minister stated that his department would be updating its *Nunavut Airports 20-Year Infrastructure Needs Assessment*. The standing committee looks forward to the updated report being tabled in the Legislative Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

(interpretation) The 2018-2020 business plan of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation indicated that one of its ongoing priorities was to “Complete planning

work for remediation and removal of decommissioned airport terminal buildings in Qikiqtarjuaq, Coral Harbour, Nanisivik, Sanikiluaq, and Resolute Bay.” (interpretation ends) The department’s 2019-2020 capital estimates did not include any new funding for the decommissioning of old airport terminal buildings. Recognizing that there may be a lack of jurisdictional clarity with respect to responsibility for certain facilities, the standing committee encourages the minister to publicly clarify the department’s schedule for the decommissioning of the remaining buildings.

In August 2015 the department’s *Community Transportation Initiatives Program Policy* was [revised]. Schedule A of the policy concerns departmental support for “access roads and community marine infrastructure.” Funding for projects under Schedule A is provided from the department’s operations and maintenance budget. Schedule B details departmental support for “small craft harbour capital contributions,” which are funded under the department’s capital budget. The 2017-18 annual report on the administration of the program was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on June 14, 2018. However, the 2018-19 annual report has not yet been tabled. The standing committee looks forward to the ongoing and timely tabling of departmental annual reports on the administration of this important program.

In June 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board published a notice of screening for a “Four Harbour Feasibility Study Field Program” that had been submitted by Advisian.

Information submitted by the company indicated that it "...has been retained by Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Small Craft Harbours Program to conduct an engineering feasibility study for the construction of small craft harbours in four communities in Nunavut: Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, and Clyde River."

On August 14, [2019] the federal Minister of Transport announced \$76.5 million in funding under the Oceans Protection Plan "...over seven years to build two community harbours in Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay (...) This investment is part of the \$190 million in infrastructure funding by the Government of Canada for communities in the...area. (...) Transport Canada will work with the Government of Nunavut and the Qikiqtani Inuit Association to design the community harbours and provide funding to construct the harbours." Funding "...builds on previous investments made through the Safety Equipment and Basic Marine Infrastructure in Northern Communities Initiative. Funding has also gone towards installing mooring bollards for safer fuel delivery and refueling operations in Nunavut communities and a comprehensive community scoping study to implement essential marine infrastructure projects across Nunavut."

The standing committee encourages the minister to provide regular updates to the Legislative Assembly on the status of these projects.

The department's proposed 2020-21 capital estimates include funding for "small capital projects" and "transportation equipment and facilities." The majority of this funding

is for the acquisition of mobile equipment for Nunavut airports. The department's proposed 2020-21 budget for small capital projects also includes funding for "[airfield] regulatory remediations," "life cycle renovations," and "capital planning studies." (interpretation) The standing committee continues to encourage the minister to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the results of these "remediations," renovations, and studies.

That concludes my opening comments on the proposed 2020-21 Capital Estimates of the Department of Economic Development and Transportation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Ms. Towtongie. Before we continue, I would just like to welcome a few visitors to the gallery. I would like to welcome Mr. Main's wife and his two young sons to the gallery.

>> *Applause*

Moving on. Mr. Quassa.

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move a motion to report progress at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Quassa. We have a motion on the floor to report progress, which is not debatable. All those in favour. Opposed. Motion carried. I will now rise to report progress to the Speaker. Sergeant-at-Arms, if you could please escort the witnesses out. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Item 20. Report of the Committee of the Whole. Mr. Rumbolt.

**Item 20: Report of the Committee of the Whole**

**Mr. Rumbolt:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your committee has been considering Bill 30 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. There is a motion on the floor. Is there a seconder? Member Akeegok. The motion is in order. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Continuing on. Third Reading of Bills. Continuing on. *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

**Item 22: Orders of the Day**

**Clerk** (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A reminder that the Standing Committee on Legislation meets tomorrow at ten o'clock in the Nanuq Boardroom.

*Orders of the Day* for October 29:

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
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12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters
13. Tabling of Documents
14. Notices of Motions
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16. Motions
17. First Reading of Bills
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19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
  - Bill 8
  - Bill 30
  - Bill 31
  - Bill 32
  - Bill 33
  - Bill 34
20. Report of the Committee of the Whole
21. Third Reading of Bills
22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

**Speaker:** This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, October 29, at 1:30 p.m.

(interpretation) Sergeant-at-Arms.

>>House adjourned at 17:03

