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May 26, 2017

Elizabeth Hanson
MLA, Whitehorse Centre
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C1

Dear Ms. Hanson:

Re: Old F.H. Collins Secondary school building demolition costs

On April 27, 2017, the following motion was moved by you in the Legislative Assembly:

THAT this house urges the government to release the costs to date and projected completed costs for the demolition of the old F.H. Collins High School.

I would like to thank you for your motion and to personally provide the information you requested.

This government continues to work with the contractors on this project to ensure the abatement and demolition work of the old F.H. Collins Secondary school building is completed safely and in a reasonable timeframe.

When the project was originally tendered, an initial assessment of the asbestos-containing materials in the building was completed. The original contract amount of \$4.4 million that was awarded to Canyon City Construction was based on that assessment. However, as the demolition work progressed, previously unknown quantities of hazardous waste material were identified. The increased quantities of asbestos found during abatement resulted in significant cost increases to the project and also required an extension to the time frame to ensure the additional work could be completed safely. Work is expected to be completed by the end of June 2017.

As a result, the total projected costs for the project increased incrementally over time beginning in October 2016. The current estimate is \$6.9 million, which includes all consulting services, testing and disposal activities for the project, along with a 1% contingency amount. It is expected that this estimate is accurate and will not change. The total cost to date is approximately \$5 million.



The Department of Highways and Public Works meets regularly with the contractors to monitor progress on the project and to ensure that all building materials are removed and disposed of in a safe manner. When the abatement and demolition work is complete, we will release the final costs for this project.

If you have any further questions regarding the costs for the abatement and demolition of the old F.H. Collins Secondary school building, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy-Anne McPhee', written in a cursive style.

Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Education