

**Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
Capital Budget—Dept. of Industry, Tourism and Investment
Yellowknife Tourism Information Centre**

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MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. I was really pleased to hear the Minister say there is going to be a new visitors' centre on the Liard Highway for my colleague, the honourable Member for Nahendeh. Where in the budget can I find capital allocation for a new visitors' centre in Yellowknife? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We do not have any capital allocated to a project like that because we do not even know what the plan is yet, moving forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. When the plan is developed, is the Minister prepared to bring forward a supplementary appropriation to put the appropriate amount of capital in there to support the tourism sector in the capital and as a launching pad for folks to go to other communities, as well? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I am not going to commit to anything like that. We are working with the city very diligently and closely on this, moving forward. When we sit down with them after the October 1st date and continue to work on this going forward, we do not even know where this will be located, what type of facility would be needed, or if one is even going to be needed. Those discussions are ongoing. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Not much of a commitment there other than to talk. How do we get such a facility into capital planning, then? What is the process for doing that? Thanks, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Mr. O'Reilly. Minister.

HON. WALLY SCHUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As I have said, the discussion are ongoing with the City of Yellowknife, but, even if something was brought forward, we would have to figure out if this was a small capital or a large capital item, and then the decision would have to be made on how we would bring it forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON (Mr. Simpson): Thank you, Minister. Mr. O'Reilly.

MR. O'REILLY: Thanks, Mr. Chair. Yes, I think this is actually in big caps that Yellowknife needs a new visitors' centre, so I look forward to the Minister bringing forward the supplementary appropriation or to start some sort of a planning process on

this ASAP. The talk on this has been going on for far too long. That is a comment, and I do not expect a response from the Minister because I have not really gotten one so far. Thanks. Bye.