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Resolution introduced by MLA Smook debated in legislature

Congratulates government for taking action to replace outdated FleetNet system

A private member's resolution introduced by La Verendrye MLA Dennis Smook was debated this morning in the Manitoba legislature. The resolution calls on the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to congratulate the Manitoba government on improving the provincial public safety communications system.

This system, known as FleetNet, had been neglected for years by the former NDP government resulting in frequent failures that put public safety at risk.

"The former NDP government was warned as far back as 2008 that FleetNet was obsolete and would soon need to be replaced," said Smook. "But instead of heeding those warnings, they took no action and made Manitoba the last jurisdiction in North America to upgrade its public safety communications."

In response to the clear need for a replacement for FleetNet, the Progressive Conservative government announced last summer that FleetNet would be replaced with a more modern and reliable public safety communications system. The new system will include radios with GPS, which can track the location of first responders to improve their safety. It will also incorporate advanced encryption to ensure operations are secure and that the system is compatible with those used in jurisdictions outside of Manitoba.

Although supported by Progressive Conservatives, Opposition MLAs chose to use their allotted speaking time to run out the clock and prevent the resolution from coming to a vote.

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