

Votes and Proceedings

THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

August 12, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm.

Ministers' Statements

212-18(3) The Premier delivered a Sessional Statement.

Members' Statements

- 733-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the state of downtown Yellowknife.
- 734-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding child care funding.
- 735-18(3) The Member for Hay River North made a statement regarding the health care system in Hay River.
- 736-18(3) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding nursing services in Tsiigehtchic.
- 737-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement about strengthening democratic institutions in the Northwest Territories.
- 738-18(3) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding programs and services in the Sahtu region.
- 739-18(3) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the Affirmative Action Policy.

- 740-18(3) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the Tuktoyaktuk shoreline erosion mitigation project.
- 741-18(3) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding housing issues in the Northwest Territories.
- 742-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Phillip Gargan.
- 743-18(3) The Member for Frame Lake delivered a eulogy for Rene Fumoleau.

Returns to Written Questions

- 17-18(3) The Clerk tabled a response from the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment to the Member for Frame Lake regarding Strategic Oil and Gas Ltd. holdings in the Northwest Territories.
- 18-18(3) The Clerk tabled a response from the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources to the Member for Frame Lake regarding the Giant Mine Long-Term Funding Study.
- 19-18(3) The Clerk tabled a response from the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission to the Member for Kam Lake regarding Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission fees and compensation.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 20-18(3) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2017-2018 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report
- 21-18(3) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Annual Reports of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
- 22-18(3) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Annual Reports of the Office of the Languages Commissioner for the Northwest Territories
- 23-18(3) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act* and Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*

24-18(3) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 48: *Post-Secondary Education Act*

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Bill 25-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 25: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, and that Bill 25 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 34-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development was reviewing Bill 34: *Mineral Resources Act*, and sought an extension on the review period of the Bill.

MOVED by the Member for Yellowknife North and seconded by the Member for Sahtu that the review period for Bill 34: *Mineral Resources Act* be extended to August 16, 2019.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 36-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Resources Act*, and that Bill 36 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 37-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Operations Act*, and that Bill 37 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 39-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 39: *Environmental Rights Act*, and that Bill 39 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 40-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act*, and that Bill 40 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 41-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*, and that Bill 41 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 42-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 42: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products Tax Act*, and that Bill 42 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Bill 43-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 43: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, and that Bill 43 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Bill 45-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development was reviewing Bill 45: *Corrections Act*, and sought an extension on the review period of the Bill.

MOVED by the Member for Nahendeh and seconded by the Member for Deh Cho that the review period for Bill 45: *Corrections Act* be extended to August 16, 2019.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 46-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment was reviewing Bill 46: *Public Land Act*, and sought an extension on the review period of the Bill.

MOVED by the Member for Yellowknife North and seconded by the Member for Sahtu that the review period for Bill 46: *Public Land Act* be extended to August 16, 2019.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 48-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 48: *Post-Secondary Education Act*, and that Bill 48 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 54-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 54: *Standard Interest Rates Statutes Amendment Act*, and that Bill 54 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

- Bill 57-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 57: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, and that Bill 57 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 58-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 58: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*, and that Bill 58 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Tabling of Documents

- 468-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 720-18(3): Environmental Assessment following Hay River High-rise Fire. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 469-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 721-18(3): Recruitment of Physicians in Hay River. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 470-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 722-18(3): Fort Providence Seniors' Facility. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 471-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 737-18(3): Mental Health Services for Youth. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 472-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 744-18(3): Foster Family Recognition. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 473-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 775-18(3): Mental Health and Addictions Plan. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 474-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 718-18(3): Nutrition North and Cost of Living in Nunakput. Tabled by the Minister of Finance
- 475-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 730-18(3): Northwest Territories-Nunavut Bilateral Meeting on Transboundary Caribou. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 476-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 738-18(3): Affirmative Action Policy. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 477-18(3) Petroleum Interests Held in the NWT by Strategic Oil and Gas Ltd. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 478-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 705-18(3): Fort Simpson Ferry Service. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 479-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 710-18(3): Mackenzie Valley Highway Environmental Assessment Working Group. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 480-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 732-18(3): Dredging the Hay River. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 481-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 773-18(3): Third Party Sexual Assault Reporting. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 482-18(3) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 13-18(3): Report on the Review of Bill 31: *Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 483-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 632-18(3): Community Government Funding Gaps. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 484-18(3) Unsigned Letter to Prime Minister from Conservative Premiers of Canada. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 20-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2017-2018 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report; Committee Report 21-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Annual Reports of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories; Committee Report 22-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Annual Reports of the Office of the Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories; Committee Report 23-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act* and Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*; Bill 40: *Smoking Control and Reduction Act*; Bill 41: *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act*; Bill 54: *Standard Interest Rate Statutes Amendment Act*; Bill 57: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*; and Bill 58: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*, and would like to report progress, with five motions adopted, that Committee Report 20-18(3) is concluded; that Committee Report 21-18(3) is concluded; that Committee

Report 22-18(3) is concluded; that Committee Report 23-18(3) is concluded; that Bill 40 is ready for third reading; that Bill 41 is ready for third reading; that Bill 54 is ready for third reading; that Bill 57 is ready for third reading; and that Bill 58 is ready for third reading.

Committee Motion 157-18(3)

The Member for Nahendeh moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services explore whether the “no smoking” areas around buildings to be prescribed in new regulations should be expanded.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 158-18(3)

The Member for Nahendeh moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of Finance explore the merits of raising the minimum age for the purchase, sale and supply of liquor, tobacco, cannabis, vaping products and accessories from 19 to 21.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 159-18(3)

The Member for Nahendeh moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services ensure the territory’s drug plan reflects the importance of smoking cessation aids, including that the plan provides smokers with access to these tools on a timely, as-needed basis.

Committee Motion 160-18(3)

The Member for Nahendeh moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services renew its efforts towards public education and awareness to discourage smoking, vaping and other tobacco use among residents, especially youth and in communities where usage is highest, and to ensure they have the information they need to make informed decisions.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 161-18(3)

The Member for Nahendeh moved the following motion:

I MOVE, to the extent it is possible before the dissolution of the 18th Assembly and for the public record, that the Government provide a response to these recommendations, even of a preliminary nature, that the Committee may publicly disclose.

The motion was CARRIED.

Recorded Vote - Clause 7, Bill 58: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*

The Member for Kam Lake requested a recorded vote on Clause 7 of Bill 58: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (12)

Members against: Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu. (3)

Members abstaining: (0)

The clause was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:24 pm.



Hon. Jackson Lafferty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly