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Votes and Proceedings

THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

August 16, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 am.

Ministers' Statements

226-18(3)	The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of Minister Abernethy from the House.
227-18(3)	The Premier made a statement on behalf of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding Food Establishment Safety Regulations.
228-18(3)	The Minister of Justice made a statement regarding RCMP in the Northwest Territories.
229-18(3)	The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about investing in world-class parks.

Members' Statements

774-18(3)	The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Yellowknife Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary.
775-18(3)	The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement about housing needs in Mackenzie Delta.
776-18(3)	The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding uncontested land within municipal boundaries.

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- 777-18(3) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Sahtu health care facilities and priorities.
- 778-18(3) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding small communities and designated authorities.
- 779-18(3) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding review of the Extended Health Benefits Program.
- 780-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding elder Mary Deneron.
- 781-18(3) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh delivered a eulogy for Sandra Lockhart.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 34-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 35: *Mineral Resources Act* and that Bill 35 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 45-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 45: Corrections Act and that Bill 45 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Tabling of Documents

- 496-18(3) CBC News Article posted July 2, 2019, Here's what you need to know as carbon tax takes effect in Yukon. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 497-18(3) Yukon Government Carbon Price Rebate Implementation Act. 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 27-18(3): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 39: Environmental Rights Act; Committee Report 28-18(3): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Review of Bill 25: An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act; Committee Report 30-18(3): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of Bill 56: Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2 and Draft Code of Conduct; Bill 25: An

Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act; Bill 39: Environmental Rights Act; Bill 56: An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2; and would like to report progress, with ten motions adopted, that consideration of Committee Reports 27-18(3), 28-18(3) and 30-18(3) is concluded and that Bills 25, 56 and 39 are ready for third reading.

Committee Motion 180-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories create a separate section on its web site for the Integrity Commissioner, and that all documents that must be posted on the register be located on this page.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 181-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the 19th Assembly have a public ceremony where each Member agrees to and signs the Code of Conduct.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 182-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that upon adoption of the new Code of Conduct and the coming into force of Bill 56, that a news release be distributed and plain language materials be posted to the Legislative Assembly web site explaining the changes.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 183-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that all Members of the 19th Assembly receive privacy training to assist them in protecting the confidentiality of any personal information, personal health information, or other confidential information that comes into their possession.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 184-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the 19th Assembly review the Code of Conduct to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the Assembly and residents.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 185-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources undertake a public awareness campaign of the *Environmental Rights Act*, including plain language materials on how the public can avail themselves of the various sections and provisions of the *Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 186-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that a registry be created to capture all the reporting requirements found in the various environment and resource management bills, allowing the public a one-window access point to information.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 187-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North 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.

Committee Motion 188-18(3)

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The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories begin work on anti-SLAPP legislation for introduction during the life of the 19th Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 189-18(3)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources coordinate to the highest possible degree the required report under the *Environmental Rights Act* with reporting requirements found in other environmental legislation for which it is responsible.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 190-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Bill 39 be amended by:

- (a) renumbering clause 18 as subclause 18(1), and striking out "Minister of a department or" and substituting "Minister of a department referred to in paragraph 17(1)(a) or the" in that renumbered subclause; and
- (b) adding the following after renumbered subclause 18(1):
 - 2) For the purposes of subsection (1), in considering whether a decision might significantly affect the environment, the Minister or deputy head shall consider the factors set out in paragraphs 9(2.1)(a) to (h).

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Nadli. (3)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (8)

Members abstaining: Mr. Vanthuyne. (1)

The motion was DEFEATED.

Committee Motion 191-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

- I MOVE that clause 19 of Bill 39 be amended by
- (a) striking out "and" at the end of English version of paragraph (d), and substituting semi-colon;
- (b) striking out the period at the end of paragraph (e) and substituting "and"; and
- (c) adding the following after paragraph (e);
 - (f) the steps which were taken to prepare or amend a statement of environmental values under section 17; and
 - (g) the steps that were taken to ensure that a statement of environmental values prepared or amended under section 17 was considered in decisions where required by this Act.

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Nadli. (5)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (8)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was DEFEATED.

Committee Motion 192-18(3)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Bill 39 be amended by adding the following immediately preceding the heading preceding section 23:

Review of Act

22.2 (1) This Act must be reviewed by the Minister within 18 months after the commencement of the 20th Legislative Assembly.

(2) the Minister shall table in the Legislative Assembly a report on the results of a review conducted under subsection (1) at the earliest opportunity.

The Member for Frame Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Nadli. (6)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (8)

The motion was DEFEATED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 2:13 pm.

Hon. Jackson Lafferty

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Tim Mercer

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly