

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 10, 2021

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

Ministers' Statements

- 135-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the annual status report on the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2019-2023.
- 136-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided an update on the Tłı̄ch̄o Highway Construction Project / Tlı̄chum apqutiqanga.
- 137-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding community elections.

Members' Statements

- 647-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding medevac services and medical escorts.
- 648-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the Yellowknives Dene First Nation housing strategy.
- 649-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding biomass heating and energy efficiency of Northwest Territories Housing Corporation housing.
- 650-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding inaction at the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 651-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding policy changes required for housing seniors.

- 652-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding housing wait lists in Inuvik.
- 653-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about housing issues in Great Slave.
- 654-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the importance of housing partnerships in northern communities.
- 655-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding land tenure and homeownership.
- 656-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake delivered a eulogy for David Schindler.

Written Questions

- 25-19(2) The Member for Nunakput asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding medevacs in Nunakput.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 12-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 20: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Committee Report 12-19(2) be received and moved into Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 348-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2021. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 349-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2020-2012. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 350-19(2) 2019-2023 Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories Annual Status Report. Tabled by the Premier.
- 351-19(2) Waste Reduction and Recovery Program 2019-2020 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

352-19(2) Husky Oil Operations Limited Exploration License (Consolidated)
No. EL494. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Motions

30-19(2) Actions for Improved Housing Outcomes

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to prioritize the review of the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation as part of the Government Renewal Initiative;

AND FURTHER, that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation update its Mission Statement and policies to reflect its role in social wellness;

AND FURTHERMORE, that Northwest Territories Housing Corporation must include referrals to appropriate government programs prior to beginning the eviction process;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this motion within 120 days.

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

Members for: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Deh Cho, Yellowknife North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Hay River South, Thebacha, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh. (10)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 23: *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*

Introduced by Member for Nunakput.

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 23, An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*; Bill 12: *An Act to Amend the Apprenticeship, Trades and Occupational Certification Act*; Bill 13: *An Act to Amend the Interpretation Act*; Bill 14: *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*; Bill 16: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*; Bill 20: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*; Committee Report 8-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on Motion 5-19(2), Referral of Point of Privilege Raised by Member for Monfwi on March 10, 2020; Committee Report 9-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the Administration of the 2019 Territorial General Election; Committee Report 10-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*; Minister's Statement 77-19(2): National Housing Co-Investment Fund; Tabled Document 165-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 1-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; Tabled Document 166-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 2-19(2), Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; Tabled Document 167-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 3-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery, Recommendations to the GNWT; and Tabled Document 286-19(2): Main Estimates 2021-2022, and reported progress, with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 86-19(2):

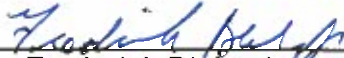
Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the estimates for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:40 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly