

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 1, 2021

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

Ministers' Statements

- 163-19(2) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the Building Capacity with Indigenous Governments program.
- 164-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding National AccessAbility Week and Persons with Disabilities Accessibility and Inclusion Awards.
- 165-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding Municipal and Community Affairs youth initiatives.
- 166-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding the summer highway construction season.

Members' Statements

- 737-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding funding for the Hay River Ski Club.
- 738-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding concerns with the Office of the Fire Marshall.
- 739-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the physical state of schools in Fort Smith, and their history as residential schools.
- 740-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding Russia's leadership of the Arctic Council.

- 741-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding evaluation of energy investments and emissions reductions.
- 742-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding doula services and the Northern Birthwork Collective.
- 743-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories response to flooding in the Deh Cho.
- 744-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding concerns about services at the Fort Providence Health Centre.
- 745-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the impacts of COVID-19 and Emerging Wisely.
- 746-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Fort Simpson flood response.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 14-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved that Committee Report 14-19(2), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, be received and adopted by this Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 15-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Review of the Auditor General's 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education in the Northwest Territories.

The Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved that Committee Report 15-19(2), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education in the Northwest Territories, be received by the Assembly and moved into Committee of the Whole for further construction.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 415-19(2) Rolling, Action! The Next 5 Years: NWT Film & Media Sector Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2026. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 416-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Questions 544-19(2): Mental Health During the Pandemic. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 417-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 696-19(2): Illicit Drug Trade. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 418-19(2) NWT Schools Capital Needs Assessment Summary, Department of Education, Culture and Employment, April 22, 2003. Tabled by the Member for Thebacha.

Notices of Motion

- 35-19(2) Establishment of the Electoral Boundaries Commission
Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.
- 36-19(2) Guidelines for NWT Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2021
Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 33: *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*
Notice given by Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs.

First Reading of Bills

- Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*
Introduced by Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 31: *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*

Introduced by Minister of Health and Social Services.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan Act*

Introduced by Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan Act*, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 29, *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 29 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

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 Committee Report 13-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2019-20 Northwest Territories Ombud Annual Report; Minister's Statement 161-19(2): Emerging Stronger: COVID-19 Social and Economic Recovery Plan; Tabled Document 411-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022; and Tabled Document 412-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022, and reported progress with eight motions carried and that Committee Report 13-19(2): Standing

Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2019-20 Northwest Territories Ombud Annual Report is concluded.

Committee Motion 122-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the definition of "authorities" and the schedule be amended to use language similar to that found in the *Ombudsman Act (Yukon)*, and that a further subclause expressly include housing associations, as established under the *Societies Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 123-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that section 17(3) be amended to April 1, 1999;

AND FURTHER, that a new subclause be included that notwithstanding the temporal restriction, if a complaint has records prior to this date, the Ombud has the discretion to investigate the complaint in full.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 124-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that section 23 be amended to remove the reference to the Director of Human Rights;

AND FURTHER, that the reference to the Conflict of Interest Commissioner be amended to Integrity Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 125-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that section 22(2) be amended to only require notice to an authority of a refusal to investigate in the event that notice had already been provided to that authority that an investigation will take place under section 24.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 126-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE THAT this committee recommends that section 25 be amended to specifically impose an obligation on anyone receiving confidential information from the Office of the Ombud to maintain the privacy of that information, notwithstanding any other legislation.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 127-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that clause 24(1) be amended to explicitly provide for notice to be provided to the Tłı̨ch̓ Government, or any equivalent agency established by an Indigenous government;

AND FURTHER, that section 33(1) be amended to include a reference to, where applicable, the Indigenous government referenced in section 24(1).

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 128-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that clause 15(1) be amended to read:

15.(1) the mandate of the Ombud is to investigate any decision, recommendation made, or any act done or omitted, by an authority or by any officer, employee or member of an authority in the exercise of any power or duty conferred on that person or body by any enactment, that

- (a) relates to a matter or administration or the implementation of a policy; and
- (b) aggrieves or may aggrieve any person or body of persons in the person's or its personal capacity.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 129-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to the recommendations contained in this report within 120 days.

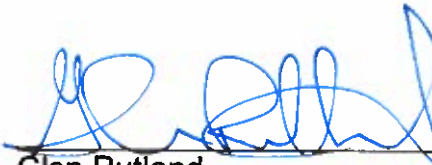
The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:49 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly