

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 3, 2021

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:33 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 170-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- 171-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding Marine Transportation Services.
- 172-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation made a statement regarding training and apprenticeships.

#### Members' Statements

- 758-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding pandemic anxiety.
- 750-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding inequities of human resource policies for nurses.
- 760-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Government of Northwest Territories-NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines Working Group.
- 761-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Con Mine dock.
- 762-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement recognizing the Nunakput graduating class of 2021.

- 763-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project.
- 764-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the federal government's national infrastructure assessment.
- 765-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the hours of operation at the Yellowknife Motor Vehicles office.
- 766-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement recognizing flood response support from businesses and individuals.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 427-19(2) Annual Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, June 2021. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.
- 428-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 520-19(2): Client-Focused Integrated Service Delivery. Tabled by the Premier.

#### Motions

- 35-19(2) Establishment of Electoral Boundaries Commission

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2021, is hereby established;

AND FURTHER, that the Legislative Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, that the Honourable Ted Richard of Sydney, British Columbia be appointed chairperson, and Mr. Glen Abernethy of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, and Mr. Jack Rowe, of Hay River, Northwest Territories be appointed members, of the Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2021.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 36-19(2) Guidelines for Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2021

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the following guidelines are set down for the Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission, 2021:

- 1) The Commission shall review the existing electoral districts using the most recent and accurate census and other population data available.
- 2) In keeping with Canadian constitutional conventions, relative parity between electoral districts shall be sought, to the extent possible, except where special circumstances warrant exceptional deviation.
- 3) For greater certainty, relative parity means that the percentage variation between the number of persons in a riding and the average mean should be within plus or minus 25 per cent.
- 4) In addition to whatever recommendations the Commission may propose, the Commission shall recommend how the electoral boundaries should be drawn if the Legislative Assembly were to be comprised of a minimum of 19 members.
- 5) The Commission shall prepare an interim report with proposed electoral district boundaries for review by the public and discussion at public hearings.
- 6) The Commission shall establish a website or other publicly accessible mechanism(s), in addition to public hearings, to receive submissions on the existing and/or proposed boundaries.
- 7) All submissions to the Commission shall be considered public documents.
- 8) Simultaneous translation of official languages shall be available at public hearings where the use of an official language in a particular community or region is sizable enough to warrant the employ of translation services.
- 9) If the Commission is not in a position to accomplish its mandate within the existing budget allocated, it may return to the Legislative Assembly for additional funds.
- 10) The final report of the Commission, complete with recommendations, shall be submitted in English and French to the Speaker and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly no later than twelve months after the Commission is struck.

The motion was CARRIED.

### First Reading of Bills

Bill 33: *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*

Introduced by Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs.

The Honourable Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 33, *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 34: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No.1, 2021-2022*

Introduced by Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 34, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022*, be read for the first time.

The motion was CARRIED.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 34: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No.1, 2021-2022*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 34, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No.1, 2021-2022.*, be read for the second 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 25: *An Act to Amend the Education Act*; 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; Committee Report 16-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development

Report on Housing Phase One: Needs for NWT Homeowners and Private Landlords; Ministers' Statement 161-19(2): Emerging Stronger: COVID-19 Social and Economic Recovery Plan; Tabled Document 412-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022; and Tabled Document 413-19(2): Emerging Stronger: Planning the NWT's Social and Economic Recovery Together, and reported progress with three motions carried, that Bill 25: *An Act to Amend the Education Act* is ready for Third Reading, that consideration of Tabled Document 412-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022 is concluded, that the House concur on those estimates as amended, and that an appropriation bill based thereon be introduced without delay.

Committee Motion 131-19(2)

Moved by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South:

I MOVE that Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022, be amended by changing under Industry, Tourism and investment, Economic Diversification and Business Support, amount not previously authorized to 452 thousand dollars.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 132-19(2)

Moved by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South:

I MOVE that Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022, be amended by changing under Industry, Tourism and Investment, Minerals and Petroleum Resources activity, not previously authorized, to negative 118 thousand dollars.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 133-19(2)

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 412-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 412-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 34:                    *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 34, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Great Slave, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:52 pm.

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Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Glen Rutland  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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