

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

November 22, 2021

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

The Speaker advised the House that on June 8, 2021, the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories gave written consent to the following bills:

- Bill 25: *An Act to Amend the Education Act*;
- Bill 34: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022*; and
- Bill 35: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2021-2022*.

#### Point of Privilege

The Member for Thebacha rose on a point of privilege under rule 20(1) of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Rules, against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh. The Speaker allowed debate on the point of privilege and took the matter under consideration.

#### Point of Order

The Member for Frame Lake rose on a point of order under rule 24 of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Rules, against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh. The Speaker asked the member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh to retract referenced remarks in the point of order and apologize to the House. The Member complied.

#### Point of Order

The Honourable Member for Hay River North rose on a point of order against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh for referring to a document not yet tabled in the

Legislative Assembly. The Speaker asked the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh to retract his statement and apologize to the House. The Member complied.

### Point of Privilege

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh rose on a point of privilege against the Member for Frame Lake. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of privilege but may be a point of order.

### Point of Order

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh rose on a point of order against the Member for Frame Lake. The Speaker permitted the Member for Frame Lake to explain and allowed debate. The Speaker took the matter under consideration.

### Ministers' Statements

178-19(2) The Premier delivered a Sessional Statement – November 2021.

### Members' Statements

776-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding COVID-19 vaccination.

777-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding progress during the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

778-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding COP 26 and the climate crisis in the Northwest Territories.

779-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories property leases.

780-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding housing needs in Monfwi.

781-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding COP 26 and climate change.

782-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding Great Slave Lake commercial fisheries.

783-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding progress on housing during the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

- 784-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement offering condolences on the passing of constituents.
- 785-19(2) The Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Mary (Bernice) Bonnetrouge.
- 786-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding issues relating to First Nation access along waterways.

#### Returns to Written Questions

- 30-19(2) The Clerk tabled a Return to Written Question 30-19(2) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Kam Lake regarding Self-Isolation Exemptions.

#### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 17-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of Bill 23: *Public Utilities Act*.

#### Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 23-19(2) The Member for Thebacha reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*, and that Bill 23 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 24-19(2) The Member for Nunakput reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*, and that Bill 24 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 29-19(2) The Member for Nunakput reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 29, *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*, and that Bill 29 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 30-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 30, *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*, and that Bill 30 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

- Bill 31-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 31, *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*, and that Bill 31 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 32-19(2) The Member for Thebacha reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan Act*, and that Bill 32 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 33-19(2) The Member for Thebacha reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 33, *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*, and that Bill 33 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 437-19(2) Capital Estimates 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 438-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 439-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 440-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 37-19(2): Creation of a Northwest Territories Food Security Strategy. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 441-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 500-19(2): Government Renewal Initiative. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 442-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 29-19(2): Systemic Racism. Tabled by the Premier.
- 443-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 717-19(2): Disaster Navigator Recommended for Flooded Communities. Tabled by the Premier.
- 444-19(2) Minister of Health and Social Services Response to Letters Received from Health Care Providers. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 445-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 723-19(2): Mental Health and Fatigue. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 446-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 725-19(2): Medical Travel Advocate. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

- 447-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 744-19(2): Aging in Place with Dignity. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 448-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 763-19(2): Nursing Human Resources. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 449-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 764-19(2): Cancer Pre-Screening. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 450-19(2) Self-isolation Exemptions Data. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 451-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 13-19(2): Report on the Review of the 2019-2020 Northwest Territories Ombud Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 452-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories to Committee Report 15-19(2): Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education in the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 453-19(2) Additional Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 497-19(2): Corrections Workplace Assessment. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 454-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 720-19(2): Airport Taxi Fees. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 455-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 16-19(2): Report on Housing Phase One Needs for Northwest Territories Homeowners and Private Landlords. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 456-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 30-19(2): Actions for Improved Housing Outcomes. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 457-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 707-19(2): Closure of the Inuvik Homeless Shelter. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 458-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 710-19(2): Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Local Housing Consultations. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

- 459-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 730-19(2): Flood Recovery. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 460-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 747-19(2): State of Housing in Nunakput. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 461-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 749-19(2): Suitability of Public Housing Units. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 462-19(2) Letter received November 8, 2021 from Multiple Constituents regarding Compensation and Incentives for Essential Workers. Tabled by the Member for Kam Lake.
- 463-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 754-19(2): Lottery Revenues for Hay River Sporting Organizations. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 464-19(2) Investigation dated June 14, 2021 of the Northwest Territories Integrity Commissioner, Mr. David Phillip Jones, Q.C., into a Complaint made by Mr. Rylund Johnson, MLA for Yellowknife North. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 465-19(2) Disposition Report of the Sole Adjudicator, the Honourable R. L. Barclay, Q.C. dated November 17, 2021. Tabled by the Speaker.

#### Notices of Motion

- 39-19(2) Appointment to Standing Committees on Accountability and Oversight, Economic Development and Environment and Social Development  
 Notice given by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 40-19(2) Members of the Legislative Assembly Vaccination Policy  
 Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 41-19(2) Appointment of Chief Electoral Officer  
 Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

## Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 36:        *An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act*  
                    Notice given by Minister of Justice.
- Bill 37:        *An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*  
                    Notice given by Minister of Justice.
- Bill 38:        *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021*  
                    Notice given by Minister of Justice.
- Bill 39:        *An Act to Amend the Post-secondary Education Act*  
                    Notice given by Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

## Motions

- 40-19(2)       Requirement of Proof of Full Vaccination by Members of the Legislative Assembly

The Member for Yellowknife North sought unanimous consent to deal with Motion 40-19(2) which received notice earlier in the day's proceedings. Consent was granted.

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Hay River North, that each Member of this Legislative Assembly must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to attending and participating in a sitting of this House, its committees or any other proceeding of the Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that a Member is fully vaccinated where two weeks have passed since the person's final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine approved by Health Canada has been administered;

AND FURTHERMORE, that Members must provide to the Speaker proof of full vaccination status prior to attending and participating in a sitting of this House, its committees or any other proceeding of the Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE, that a Member who has provided a valid medical exemption from vaccination to the Speaker, may, at the discretion of the relevant presiding officer, participate in a sitting, committee meeting or other proceeding of the Assembly remotely;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this motion takes effect at the start of the first sitting day after this motion has been passed, and continues until the current session is prorogued or is formally rescinded by the House.

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

Members for: Great Slave, Hay River South, Monfwi, Yellowknife North, Deh Cho, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Thebacha, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Kam Lake, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Mackenzie Delta. (18)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

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 Tabled Documents 437-19(2): Capital Estimates 2022-2023; 438-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022; and 439-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022, and reported progress.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:03 pm.

  
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Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

  
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Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly