

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

November 30, 2021

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

#### Ministers' Statements

- 187-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding Family Violence Prevention Month.
- 188-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided an update on key departmental initiatives.
- 189-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Julie Green from the House.

#### Members' Statements

- 838-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding COVID-19 safety in the workplace.
- 839-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding education leave for public servants.
- 840-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding marine transportation services to Nunakput communities.
- 841-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding regulation of resource development in the Northwest Territories.
- 842-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding a Canada-Northwest Territories childcare agreement.
- 843-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding changes to the runway at the Fort Smith airport.

- 844-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement about the housing situation in the Tłıchq Region.
- 845-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Office of the Fire Marshall.
- 846-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Bertha (Cazon) Allen.

### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 20-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 20-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*, be received by the Assembly and moved into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration. The motion was CARRIED.

- 21-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Government of the Northwest Territories Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Honourable Member from Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 21-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report of the Government of the Northwest Territories Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review, be received by the Assembly and moved into Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 22-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Telecommunications

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Member from Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 22-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Telecommunications, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

## Tabling of Documents

- 506-19(2) Conference of Management Authorities Species at Risk Annual Report 2020-2021. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 507-19(2) Northwest Territories Species at Risk Committee Annual Report 2020-2021. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 508-19(2) Northwest Territories Cumulative Impact Monitoring Program 2020-2021 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 509-19(2) An Economic Analysis of the GNWT's Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review. Tabled by the Member for Nunakput.
- 510-19(2) Territorial By-Election 2021 Monfwi Official Results Report. Tabled by the Speaker.

## Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 41: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*

Notice given by Minister of Justice.

## 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 23-19(2): *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Bill 24-19(2): *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*; Bill 29-19(2): *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Bill 30-19(2): *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*; Bill 31-19(2): *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*; Bill 32-19(2): *An Act to Amend the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan Act*; Bill 33: *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*; Committee Report 17-19(2): *Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of Bill 23: An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Committee Report 18-19(2): *Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 24: An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*; Committee Report 19-19(2): *Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 29: Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Tabled Document 437-19(2): *Capital Estimates 2022-2023*; Tabled Document 438-19(2): *Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022*; Tabled Document 439-19(2): *Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022*; and Tabled Document 466-19(2): *Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 4, 2020-2021*, and reported progress with nine motions adopted,

that Committee Report 17-19(2) is concluded, that Bills 31-19(2), 32-19(2), and 33-19(2) are ready for third reading, that consideration of Tabled Documents 438-19(2), 439-19(2), and 466-19(2) are concluded, that the House concur on those estimates and that appropriation bills to be based thereon to be introduced without delay.

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

#### **Committee Motion 155-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 438-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 438-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 156-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 439-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2021-2022, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 439-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 157-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 466-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 4, 2020-2021, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 466-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 158-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment work with the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to address potential barriers that can cause higher electricity bills for people on income assistance in housing units;

AND FURTHER, that this should include reviewing the 2018 policy change that transferred more responsibility for electricity consumption from the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation to tenants, and whether this change resulted in increased income assistance from Education, Culture and Employment, or an increased number of customers in arrears on their power bills and value of those arrears.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 159-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation ensure that all its housing units are fit for habitation, such that tenants are not forced to resort to improvised methods to regulate the temperature of the home.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 160-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation conduct a review of all household appliances, heating equipment, water heaters, and lighting products in housing units to ensure they meet current federal energy efficiency standards.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 161-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Public Utilities Board work with the Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Northland Utilities to

consider and study the implementation of a customer crisis fund, modeled after BC Hydro's customer crisis fund, to provide grant payments to residential customers experiencing a temporary financial crisis and who have fallen into arrears.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 162-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Northland Utilities, with oversight and, if necessary, enforcement from the Public Utilities Board, improve communications with customers so that they are clearer, more comprehensive, more proactive, and more client-centered, especially with respect to:

- a) eligibility for the income assistance program, and how policy changes or new benefit programs, like the Canada Recovery Benefit, may impact customer eligibility; and
- b) the terms and conditions of service document regarding details on:
  - the types and minimum time frames of notices that NTPC may send customers;
  - the type and operation of power limiters; and
  - customer payment options.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 163-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Third Reading of Bills**

Bill 36:                    *An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 36, *An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act*, be read for the third time.

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

Members for: Great Slave, Hay River South, Monfwi, Yellowknife North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Thebacha, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Kam Lake, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:51 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