

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

December 8, 2021

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

Ministers' Statements

- 196-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding the release of the GNWT Draft Action Plan in response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- 197-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the absences for a portion of the day's proceedings of the Honourable Julie Green and the Honourable Caroline Wawzonek.

Members' Statements

- 878-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding long-term care and home care for elders.
- 879-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding student outcomes.
- 880-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement about housing.
- 881-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
- 882-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the priorities of the 19th Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.
- 883-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding regional and community decision-making.

- 884-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the municipal funding gap.
- 885-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the priorities of the 19th Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.
- 886-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the priorities of the 19th Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.
- 887-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding mental health impacts of COVID-19.
- 888-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Archie Kaglik.

Tabling of Documents

- 529-19(2) Changing the Relationship: Draft Action Plan in Response to the Calls for Justice on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.
- 530-19(2) Grants and Contributions Results Report 2020-2021. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 531-19(2) Northern Mineral Sector Investment Study Final Report, August 2021. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 532-19(2) Public Accounts 2020-2021 - Sections I, II, III and IV. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 533-19(2) Northwest Territories On the Land Collaborative 2021 Report. Tabled by the Government House Leader for the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 534-19(2) What We Heard 2021 Anti-Poverty Roundtable. Tabled by the Government House Leader for the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 535-19(2) Motion 4-83(2): Testing of Cruise Missile in Canada – Excerpts from Hansard dated September 2, 1983. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 536-19(2) Motion 15-86(1): Cruise Missile Testing Opposition – Excerpts from Hansard dated March 5, 1986. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

537-19(2) Motion 11-89(2): Low Level Flights in Northwest Territories – Excerpts from Hansard dated November 1, 1989. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

538-19(2) Motion 20-12(5): Condemnation of Continuation of Cruise Missile Testing – Excerpts from Hansard dated March 2, 1994. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 45-19(2) *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023*

Introduced by Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 45, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023* be read for the first time. The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 45-19(2) *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, moved that Bill 45, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023* 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 23: *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Committee Report 21-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Government of the Northwest Territories Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review; and Committee Report 23-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Public Accounts, and reported progress with 14 motions adopted, and that Committee Report 21-19(2) and Committee Report 23-19(2) are concluded.

Committee Motion 177-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories analyze the performance of the Northwest Territories mining fiscal regime since devolution and publish these results.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 178-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories implement government-led revenue transparency.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 179-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories conduct a fiscal regime review focused on maximizing government revenue.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 180-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories analyze the net revenue benefits for the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 181-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories generate greater mining revenues to benefit future generations.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 182-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories expands Indigenous governments' economic benefit sharing.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 183-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories make public, as soon as possible, information on the steps, timeline, and opportunities for public engagement for the review of the mining fiscal regime.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 184-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government provide a response to the recommendations contained in this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 185-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Finance classify the project to refurbish old Stanton as a public-private partnership (P3) and report on it accordingly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 186-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Comptroller General enhance reporting in the Public Accounts of contingent liabilities arising from claims and litigation;

AND FURTHER, specifically

- a) include a breakdown of claim amounts by category; and
- b) identify individual claims above a certain threshold.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 187-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Finance undertake a review of the fiscal responsibility policy to ensure that the policy meets its objective for long-term fiscal sustainability;

AND FURTHER, that the Department provide the Committee with the opportunity to comment on any proposed revisions to this policy.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 188-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Comptroller General add to the financial statement discussion and analysis section of the Public Accounts several reporting items that are present in the Public Accounts of other jurisdictions, specifically:

- a) population data;
- b) unemployment rates;
- c) key non-financial results of major sectors;
- d) variances between budget and actuals and between current and prior year actuals by revenue source;
- e) variances between budget and actuals and between current and prior year actuals by expense program and object;
- f) discussion details on each liability line item; and
- g) classification of the indicators of financial health to one of three elements – sustainability, flexibility, or vulnerability;

AND FURTHER, that that the Comptroller General extends all historical charts in the financial statement discussion and analysis section of the Public Accounts to include ten years of data.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 189-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Comptroller General, in consultation with the office of the Auditor General of Canada and the Standing Committee on Government Operations, study potential changes to the Public Accounts to make them more user-friendly and accessible while ensuring a high degree of transparency and accountability from the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 190-19(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.

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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*

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 third time.

The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Great Slave, Hay River South, Monfwi, Yellowknife North, Deh Cho, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North,

Thebacha, Frame Lake, Kam Lake, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 45: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, moved that Bill 45, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2022-2023* 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, Hay River South, Monfwi, Deh Cho, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nahendeh, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Yellowknife South, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre. (14)

Members against: Yellowknife North, Frame Lake. (2)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:53 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly