

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 26, 2022

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

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Deh Cho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Nunakput, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Range Lake.

Ministers' Statements

243-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories community flood response.

244-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Premier from the House.

Members' Statements

1079-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the community's response to flooding at the Kátł'odeeche First Nation.

1080-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the need for rehabilitation on the Dempster Highway.

- 1081-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding increases to the Northwest Territories Power Corporation rates.
- 1082-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the community response to flooding in Hay River.
- 1083-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Government's lack of action on climate change.
- 1084-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the youth who participated in the 2022 Youth Parliament.
- 1085-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the development of Northwest Territories mining regulations.
- 1086-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the current crisis in mental health services.
- 1087-19(2) The Member for Monfwi delivered a eulogy for Daniel Marion.
- 1088-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the retirement of Mike Canney.

Returns to Oral Questions

- 1067-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided a return to Oral Question 1067-19(2) asked by the Member for Great Slave regarding the Inuvik Mike Zubko Airport Expansion Project.
- 1075-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided a return to Oral Question 1075-19(2) asked by the Member for Great Slave regarding knowledge of joint venture and Indigenous Government.

Written Questions

- 42-19(2) The Member for Great Slave asked a question of the Premier regarding negotiated contracts.

Returns to Written Questions

- 40-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 40-19(2) from the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories to the Member for Tu-Nedhé-Wiilideh about housing expenditures in Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh communities.

- 41-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 41-19(2) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes regarding the Inuvik Airport expansion project.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 29-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the Languages Commissioner for the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2020-2021.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 40-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Medical Professional Act*, and that Bill 40 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 46-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and the Environment had reviewed Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*, and that Bill 46 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 47-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act*, and that Bill 47 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Tabling of Documents

- 637-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 905-19(2): COVID-19 Community Mental Health Resources. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 638-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 898-19(2): Internet Access to Students. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 639-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 904-19(2): Emerging Stronger and Economic Recovery. Tabled by the Deputy Premier.
- 640-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 962-19(2): Emerging Stronger – GNWT Economic Recovery Plan. Tabled by the Deputy Premier.
- 641-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1005-19(2): Fuel Costs. Tabled by the Deputy Premier.

- 642-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1024-19(2): Regulation Making in the NWT. Tabled by the Deputy Premier.
- 643-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1027-19(2): Ukraine Support. Tabled by the Deputy Premier.
- 644-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 932-19(2): Housing. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 645-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 933-19(2): Housing Partnerships. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 646-19(2) Housing Expenditures in the Tu Nedhé-Willideh Communities. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 647-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 22-19(2): Report on Telecommunications. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 648-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 23-19(2): Report on the Review of the 2018-19 and 2019-20 Public Accounts. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 649-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 21-19(2): Report on the Government of the Northwest Territories Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 650-19(2) Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation 2022-23 Corporate Plan. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 651-19(2) Annual Report 2021-2022 NWT Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 652-19(2) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Pension Administration Report - *Retiring Allowances Act* and *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 53-19(2) Appointments to the Standing Committees on Social Development and Government Operations
- Notice given by the Member for Frame Lake.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 52: *Elevator and Lifts Act*

Notice given by Minister of Infrastructure.

Bill 53: *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*

Notice given by Minister of Finance.

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* and Committee Report 27-19(2): Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs Interim Report: What We Heard About the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Negotiating Agreements, and reported progress.

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 4:29 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly