

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 2, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:35 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 Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Nunakput

#### Ministers' Statements

- 255-19(2) The Minister of Lands made a statement about enhancing transparency and client experience.
- 256-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding Senior Citizens Month and Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- 257-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the Housing Northwest Territories Memorandum of Understanding with the Tłı̨chǫ Government.

## Members' Statements

- 1129-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding logical decision making.
- 1130-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding RCMP violence and brutality towards Indigenous Women.
- 1131-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement of congratulations to 2022 graduates and regarding Northwest Territories graduation rates.
- 1132-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the Specified Disease Conditions List.
- 1133-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding Child and Family Services in small communities.
- 1134-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the *Building Standards Act*.
- 1135-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding mental health supports in hospitals and health centres.
- 1136-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding place naming and renaming the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.
- 1137-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding mental health and addictions.
- 1138-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding mental health supports.
- 1139-19(2) The Member for Sahtu made a statement recognizing Sierra McDonald.

## Tabling of Documents

- 668-19(2) Emerging Stronger: Planning the NWT's Social and Economic Recovery Together, June 2022 Update. Tabled by the Premier.
- 669-19(2) *Environmental Rights Act* Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.

- 670-19(2) Policy 53.05 Environment and Natural Resources Statement of Environmental Values. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 671-19(2) What We Heard: Statement of Environmental Values, March 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 672-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1041-19(2): Student Access to Support Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

### Motions

- 56-19(2) Reappointment of Human Rights Commission Member

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the Legislative Assembly recommend the reappointment of the following individual to the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission:

Ms. Gail Cyr of the City of Yellowknife, for a term of four years;

AND FURTHER, that the Speaker be authorized to communicate the effective date of this appointment to the Commissioner.

In accordance with rule 10.3(1) a recorded vote is required. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Kam Lake, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Monfwi, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Thebacha. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

- 57-19(2) Housing NWT Transfers to Long-term Tenants.

Moved by the Member for Monfwi:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon Housing NWT to increase

efforts to transfer ownership of Housing NWT units to long-term tenants who have lived in their existing units for 20 years or more and are willing to assume ownership of their family home for a nominal fee;

AND FURTHER, that Housing NWT will work with municipal and Indigenous governments to ensure land leases or fee simple title for their units remains affordable when transferred from Housing NWT to the current tenants.

In accordance with rule 10.3(1) a recorded vote is required. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Monfwi, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Great Slave, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North. (10)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (7)

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 Document 657-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023; Tabled Document 658-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023, and Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act* and reported progress with two motions carried, that Bill 40 is ready for Third Reading, that consideration of Tabled Documents 657- and 658-19(2) is concluded, that the House concur in those estimates and that appropriation bills thereon be introduced with delay.

#### **Committee Motion 243-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 658-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 658-19(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 244-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 657-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 657-19(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 Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:44 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly