

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 3, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:02 am, 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-Willideh (remote), Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Nunakput.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 258-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories delivered an announcement on distinctions-based funding.
- 259-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services provided an update on health system human resources.
- 260-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women provided an update on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- 261-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement acknowledging Education Hall of Fame inductees and 2022 Grade 12 graduates.

## Members' Statements

- 1140-19(2) The Member for Hay River South statement offering congratulations to graduates.
- 1141-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding Hunters and Trappers Disaster Assistance.
- 1142-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding financial transparency for infrastructure spending.
- 1143-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement offering warm wishes for summer 2022.
- 1144-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the 2022 Skills Canada National Competition.
- 1145-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding 2023-2024 Government of the Northwest Territories budget preparation.
- 1146-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding National Indigenous History Month.
- 1147-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the Housing Northwest Territories Community Residency Policy.
- 1148-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement offering congratulations and well-wishes to constituents.
- 1149-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement offering reflections on consensus government.
- 1150-19(2) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement about cyber-bullying.
- 1151-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife South made a statement recognizing 2022 Youth Parliament participant Aubrey Sluggett.

## Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

The Honourable Member for Range Lake sought unanimous consent to return to Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery on the Orders. Consent was granted.

## Written Questions

- 44-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake asked a question of the Minister of Infrastructure regarding contracts for work related to the Slave Geological Corridor.
- 45-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake asked a question of the Minister Infrastructure regarding contracts for work related to the Taltson Hydro Expansion.
- 46-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake asked a question of the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment regarding post-devolution mining revenues to the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- 47-19(2) The Member for Monfwi asked a question of the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories regarding the status of housing renovations in the Tłı̄chq̄ region.

## Tabling of Documents

- 673-19(2) NWT State of Environment Report 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 674-19(2) 2022-23 Consolidated Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 675-19(2) Inter-Activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 676-19(2) Socio-Economic Analysis of Parsons' Procurement at the Giant Mine Site – Summary, May 11, 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 677-19(2) The Cost of Addressing Core Housing Need in the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Minister of responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 678-19(2) Child and Family Services Quality Improvement Plan and the Strategic Approach to System Reform 2019-2021, April 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 679-19(2) Northwest Territories Health and Social Services System Human Resources Plan 2021-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 680-19(2) Summary of Members' Absences for the Period February 21 to May 25, 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.

## Motions

58-19(2) A Strategy to Match Canada's Population Growth

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable member for Yellowknife North, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to create a comprehensive Strategy to Match Canada's Population Growth;

AND FURTHER, that this Strategy aim to sustain the population of each community and grow the territory's overall population by 25% by 2043;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this Strategy is linked with a goal to add at least 3,700 new homes (25%) by 2043 and an update to each community's housing plan to make this a priority;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this Strategy bring together existing policies, programs, and campaigns aimed at keeping residents in the North and attracting new residents;

AND FURTHERMORE, that this Strategy include:

- an analysis of what brings people to the North;
- an analysis of what keeps residents in the North;
- a plan to address the increasing cost of living, to keep residents in the North;
- an immigration strategy;
- a communication strategy to attract people to the North; and
- a review of business programs to help residents establish and grow their business in the North;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this motion within the 120 days.

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

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

59-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 13, 2022

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that when this House adjourns on Friday, June 3, 2022, it shall be adjourned until Thursday, October 13, 2022;

AND FURTHERMORE, that at any time prior October 13, 2022, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, or at a time later than the scheduled resumption of the House, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

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

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

### First Reading of Bills

Bill 54                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Minister of Finance presented Bill 54, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 54 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 55:                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Minister of Finance presented Bill 55, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 55 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 54: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 54, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*, be read for the second time. In accordance with rule 10.3(1), the vote was recorded.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Yellowknife South. (16)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 55: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 55, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*, be read for the second time. In accordance with rule 10.3(1), the vote was recorded.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu,

Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: Frame Lake. (1)

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 Committee Report 30-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and Committee Report 31-19(2): Report on Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Professional Act*, and reported progress with nine motions carried, and that Committee Reports 30-19(2) and 31-19(2) are concluded.

#### **Committee Motion 245-19(2)**

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Minister of Health and Social Services engage the services of an independent body, such as other Colleges of Physicians, to develop standards of practice for physicians practicing in the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 246-19(2)**

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services consult with the local physician leadership from the Territorial Physician Executive to understand certification requirements, differential treatment of family physicians compared to other specialists and the administration of conditional licenses.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 247-19(2)**

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the Northwest Territories Medical Association to ensure they have the ability to meaningfully participate when they are consulted on any proposed standards for physicians in the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 248-19(2)**

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

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

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 249-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories, in consultation with the Information and Privacy Commissioner and by April 1, 2023, establish a Government-wide policy that ensures all employees receive appropriate training on the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information.

AND FURTHER, the policy should ensure that new employees receive training early on and all employees receive regular refreshers;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government emphasize Indigenous recruitment and retention to fill access and privacy positions.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 250-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Finance, in consultation with the Information and Privacy Commissioner and by April 1, 2023, update policies governing the use of mobile handheld devices by the public service, including:



- 1) the mobile handheld devices policy, to expand the policy provisions for “proper use” to address all the ways a user can collect, use, or disclose personal information with a device;
- 2) the employee code of conduct, to introduce provisions to protect personal privacy regarding the “use of government equipment and property”; and
- 3) new policy guidance, to address the use of personal devices and email to conduct government business;

AND FURTHER, that the Department of Finance should supplement these policies with easily accessible guidance documents on how devices should and should not be used.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 251-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide an update on its plan to reduce the use of faxing across the Health and Social Services system, including:

- 1) metrics on reductions in the use of faxing achieved so far;
- 2) the targets and associated timelines for future reductions; and if faxing cannot or will not be eliminated,
- 3) an explanation on why the use of fax cannot or will not be eliminated, and what measures the Department is taking to mitigate the risk of data breaches arising from mis-addressed documents.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 252-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide an update on complying with section 72(1) of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, which requires the head of a public body to establish and publish categories of records to be made available to the public without a request for access;

AND FURTHER, the update should include a summary of the progress achieved so far and the timelines for full compliance at each public body.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 253-19(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 Member for Great Slave, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*

The Honourable Member for Health and Social Services seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 40, *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*, be read for the third time.

Pursuant to Rule 10.3, the vote was recorded. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 54: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, moved that Bill 54,

*Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023* be read for the third time.

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Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

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Members against: Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote). (3)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

### Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*

Bill 46: *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*  
Bill 47: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*  
Bill 54: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*  
Bill 55: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2022-2023*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 2:45 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