

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 13, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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 Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North.

**Absent:** Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 262-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement updating progress on the Aurora College transformation.
- 263-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding 2022 flooding and the Department of Infrastructure response and recovery.
- 264-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement in response to the Northwest Territories Chief Coroner's Report on Suicide.
- 265-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Premier and the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South from the House.

### Members' Statements

- 1152-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding dredging the Hay River harbour.
- 1153-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding suicide in the Northwest Territories.
- 1154-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding discharge from the tar sands into waters in the Northwest Territories.
- 1155-19(2) The Member for Great Slave delivered a eulogy for Elaine Keenan Bengts.
- 1156-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding Grade 12 education levels in the Northwest Territories.
- 1157-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Housing NWT arrears and wage garnishing.
- 1158-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the status of housing repairs and maintenance.
- 1159-19(2) The Member for Nunakput offered condolences to families of constituents who have passed away since the last sitting.
- 1160-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for George Jooris.

### Returns to Written Questions

- 42-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 42-19(2) from the Minister responsible for Executive and Indigenous Affairs to the Member for Great Slave regarding negotiated contracts.
- 43-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 43-19(2) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Monfwi about delivering equitable education services to small communities in the Northwest Territories.
- 44-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 44-19(2) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Frame Lake regarding contracts for work related to the Slave Geological Province Corridor.

- 45-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 45-19(2) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Frame Lake regarding contracts for work related to the Taltson Hydro Expansion.
- 46-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 46-19(2) from the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment to the Member for Frame Lake regarding post-Devolution mining revenues to the Northwest Territories.
- 47-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 47-19(2) from the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories to the Member for Monfwi regarding the status of housing renovations in the Tłıchq region.

#### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 32-19(2) Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Chief Electoral Officer's Auxiliary Report: Issues Arising from the 2019 Territorial Election

#### Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 48-19(2) The Member for Great Slave reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 48, *Arbitration Act*, and that Bill 48 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 52-19(2) The Member for Nunakput reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 52, *Elevators and Lifts Act*, and that Bill 52 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 53-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, and that Bill 53 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 681-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 26-19(2): Report on the *Child and Family Services Act* – Lifting Children, Youth and Families: An All of Territory Approach to Keeping Families Together. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

- 682-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 31-19(2): Report on Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 683-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 54-19(2): Improving Health Care in Small Communities. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 684-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1127-19(2): Increasing Cost of Fuel. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 685-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1129-19(2): Increasing Cost of Fuel. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 686-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1144-19(2): Cost of Whati Transmission Line. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 687-19(2) Slave Geological Province Corridor Contract List, April 1, 2022 – June 3, 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 688-19(2) Talston Hydro Expansion Project Contract List, April 1, 2020 – June 3, 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 689-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 24-19(2): Report on the Statutory Review of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and *Wildlife Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 690-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 57-19(2): Housing Northwest Territories Transfers to Long-term Tenants. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 691-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 29-19(2): Report on the Review of the Languages Commissioner for the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2020-2021. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 692-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 30-19(2): Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 693-19(2) 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report 2021-2022 Victims Assistance Committee of the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

- 694-19(2) Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2021-2022 Early Release of Suicide Data. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 695-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1094-19(2): Royal Canadian Mounted Police De-escalation Training. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 696-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1113-19(2): Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Fort Smith. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 697-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1120-19(2): Funding for Small Communities. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 698-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1136-19(2): RCMP Complaints and Misconduct. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 699-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1138-19(2): RCMP Violence Against Indigenous Women. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 700-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 58-19(2): A Strategy to Match Canada's Population Growth. Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 701-19(2) Negotiated Contracts. Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 702-19(2) Format for Executive Council Submissions Recommending Authorization to Negotiate Contracts Under the Negotiated Contracts Policy (11.26). Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 703-19(2) Information for Return to Written Question 46-19(2) Post-Devolution Mining Revenues to the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Government House Leader.
- 704-19(2) Chamber of Mines Open Letter dated July 27, 2022 to Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment regarding Alternatives North Public Solicitation and the Northwest Territories Royalty Regime. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 705-19(2) Alternatives North Mineral Royalties Fact Sheet, July 29, 2022. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 706-19(2) Canadian Arctic Resources Committee Ebook "Lines in the Snow", NWT Mining Revenues Chapter. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

- 707-19(2) Board of Management, Record of Decision 253-19-2022 – Schedule C Amendment Regulations, 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 708-19(2) Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowance Fund Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 709-19(2) Elections NWT 2021-22 Annual Report. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 710-19(2) Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 711-19(2) Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2021-22. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 712-19(2) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 713-19(2) Speaking up for Fairness, 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud. Tabled by the Speaker.

#### Notices of Motion

- 60-19(2) Referral of Tabled Document 528-19(2) to Committee of the Whole.  
Notice given by the Member for Hay River South.
- 61-19(2) Referral of Table Document 654-19(2) to Committee of the Whole.  
Notice given by the Member for Hay River South.

#### 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*, and Bill 29, *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*, and reported progress.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:27 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly