

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 17, 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 Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Kam Lake, Member for Thebacha.

#### Ministers' Statements

267-19(2) The Premier delivered a sessional statement.

#### Members' Statements

1171-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement about dredging in Hay River.

1172-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding marine resupply for Nunakput communities.

1173-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Prohibition Creek Access Road contracting.

- 1174-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the expected failure of the Anik F2 satellite.
- 1175-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding education in small communities.
- 1176-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding governance of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 1177-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding a four-day work week.
- 1178-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement about housing in Łutsel K'e.
- 1179-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding public housing evictions.
- 1180-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Raymond Grossetete.
- 1181-19(2) The Honourable Member for Range Lake delivered a eulogy for Alfred Moses.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 721-19(2) Letter from MLA Kevin O'Reilly to The Honourable Daniel Vandal regarding Tłı̨ch̨ Government Request for a Regional Study under Part 5.2 of MVRMA. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 722-19(2) Email Regarding Prairie Creek Access Road Sent on Behalf of Minister Diane Archie. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.

#### Motions

- 60-19(2) Referral of Tabled Document 528-19(2) to Committee of the Whole  
Moved by the Member for Hay River South.

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that Tabled Document 528-19(2): 2021 Review of Members' Compensation and Benefits - Northwest Territories, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

61-19(2) Referral of Tabled Document 654-19(2) to Committee of the Whole

Moved by the Member for Hay River South.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that Tabled Document 654-19(2): 2021-2022 Northwest Territories Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 56 *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act.*

Notice given by Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.

Bill 57 *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2022*

Notice given by Minister of Justice.

#### 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 32-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Chief Electoral Officer's Auxiliary Report: Issues Arising from the 2019 Territorial Election, and reported progress with eight motions carried.

#### **Committee Motion 254-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that Elections NWT trial a vote anywhere model during advance voting in the offices of the returning officers;

AND FURTHER, that any necessary legislative amendments that are required to allow such a model be made.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 255-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to remove the requirement to publish a candidate's or official agent's residential address under sections 96 and 97, and to substitute community of residence.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 256-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to allow Elections NWT to create a register of future electors, allowing youth aged 16 and 17 years old to register with the same information as permitted under s. 54(2) of the *Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 257-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that in implementing an election rebate program authorized under the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*, the Chief Electoral Officer ensure candidates are not able to claim a rebate for any money they donated to their own campaign that is also eligible for a tax credit from the Canada Revenue Agency.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 258-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that references to "polling station account" be removed from the *Act* and that a provision be added to section 119(4) that requires any deputy returning officer who appoints a peace officer to state their reasons for doing so in writing to the returning officer as soon as possible.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 259-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that section 205(e) of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to require that a returning officer include in their report of proceedings any appointments of peace officers made under s. 119(4) of the *Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 260-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to allow an Electoral Boundaries Commission to receive information from the register of electors under section 77.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 261-19(2)**

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* be amended to allow for a candidate's financial report to be submitted within 45 business days rather than 60 calendar days.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:10 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