

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 20, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30pm, with the Honourable Mrs. Lesa Semmler, Deputy 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 Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

**Absent:** Honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 272-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided an update on early learning and child care.
- 273-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a statement offering a look back at Wildfire Season 2022.
- 274-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about increasing economic diversification across the Northwest Territories.

#### Members' Statements

- 1203-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding a block land transfer to the City of Yellowknife.

- 1204-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding treatment programs.
- 1205-19(2) The Member for Hay Rivers South made a statement regarding the Cole Crook Fiddle Association.
- 1206-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding airship use in the North.
- 1207-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding electrical outages.
- 1208-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding public housing assessments.
- 1209-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding mandates.
- 1210-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding youth programs.
- 1211-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the use of Aurora College as a nursing recruitment tool.
- 1212-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Grace Berreault.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 736-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 56: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act*. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 737-19(2) Status of Women Council of the Northwest Territories 2021-2022 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.
- 738-19(2) Moody's New Release – Downgrades the Northwest Territories to Aa2, Outlook stable. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake

#### Motions

- 62-19(2) Reappointment and Appointment of Human Rights Commission Members

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that the Legislative Assembly recommend the reappointment of the following individual to the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, effective immediately for a term of four years:

Mr. Yacub Adam of the City of Yellowknife;

AND FURTHER, that the Legislative Assembly recommend the appointment of the following individual to the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, effective immediately for a term of four years:

Mr. Norman Yak'e ula of the City of Yellowknife;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Speaker be authorized to communicate the effective date of these appointments to the Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

63-19(2) Reappointment of Human Rights Adjudication Panel Members

The Member for Hay River South moved the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that that the following two individuals be recommended to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for reappointment as members of the Human Rights Adjudication Panel, effective immediately for a term of four years;

Mr. Colin Baile of the City of Yellowknife; and  
Mr. Paul Parker of the City of Yellowknife;

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

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Bill 58: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2*

Notice given by Member for Hay River South.

Bill 59: *An Act to Amend the Elections and Plebiscites Act*

Notice given by Member for Hay River South.

### Second Reading of Bills

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

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, moved that Bill 56, *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 56 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

**Bill 57:**            *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2022*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 57, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2022*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 57 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

### Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Deh Cho, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 52-19(2): *Elevators and Lifts Act*; Committee Report 33-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 52, *Elevators and Lifts Act*; and Tabled Document 723-19(2): 2023-2024 Capital Estimates, and reported progress with three motions carried.

#### **Committee Motion 300-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee defer further consideration of the estimates for the Department of Health and Social Services at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 301-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee defer further consideration of the estimates for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 302-19(2)**

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories make the report as described in section 68 of the *Act* publicly available.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 303-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories proactively disclose the information contained in the Registry of the *Act*, described in section 13 of the *Act*, making it publicly available.

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Honourable Member for Sahtu, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:47 pm.



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Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Tim Merzer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly