

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 27, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:33 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

#### Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Deh Cho, 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, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Frame Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

#### Ministers' Statements

280-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about collaborating on benefit retention opportunities and approaches.

281-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources provided an October 2022 update on Government of the Northwest Territories climate change initiatives.

#### Members' Statements

1230-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding offshore oil and gas drilling.

- 1231-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding rising crime.
- 1232-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement about housing issues.
- 1233-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the Business Incentive Policy.
- 1234-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding local housing organizations preventative maintenance program.
- 1235-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding fertility treatment financial assistance.
- 1236-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Highway Cell Phone Service.
- 1237-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding paid sick leave.
- 1238-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding energy infrastructure.
- 1239-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Jacqueline Hardisty.

Acknowledgements

- 6-19(2) The Member for Hay River South acknowledged a milestone birthday for Julia Trennert.

Tabling of Documents

- 743-19(2) Responding to Climate Change in the NWT Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 744-19(2) NWT Carbon Tax Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 745-19(2) Statistics Canada Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2019. Tabled by the Member for Hay River South.

746-19(2) Letter dated October 22, 2022, from the NWT Seniors Society to Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Member for Thebacha.

### Notices of Motion

64-19(2) Suicide Prevention

Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.

65-19(2) Referral of Tabled Document 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, to Committee of the Whole

Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.

66-19(2) Referral of Tabled Document 694-19(2): Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2021-2022 Early Release of Suicide Data and Minister's Statement 264-19(2): Response to the NWT Chief Coroner's Report on Suicide, to Committee of the Whole

Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.

### Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 60: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act*

Notice given by Minister of Finance.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 58: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*

The Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 58, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Hay River South sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 58 referred to Committee of the Whole for later that day. Consent was granted.

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

The Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 59, *An Act to Amend the Elections and Plebiscites Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Hay River South sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 59 referred to Committee of the Whole for later that day. Consent was granted.

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 58: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2*; Bill 59: *An Act to Amend the Elections and Plebiscites Act*; Committee Report 34-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 Annual Report of the Ombud; Tabled Document 723-19(2): 2023-2024 Capital Estimates; and reported progress with four motions carried.

**Committee Motion 318-19(2)**

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee defer further consideration of the estimates for the Department of Finance at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 319-19(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 Standing Committee on Government Operations and within the first two years of the 20th Assembly, review each of the Ombud's recommendations in her 2019-20 Annual Report in the context of a holistic review of the *Ombud Act* and amend the *Act* accordingly.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 320-19(2)**

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Speaker of the Northwest Territories, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures and before the end of the 19th Assembly, review and amend the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly to allow annual reports of statutory officers to be released publicly once they are received, and before they are tabled.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 321-19(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 Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 53:                    *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, be read for the third time.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:34 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