

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 31, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm, with the 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, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

Ministers' Statements

283-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services provided an updated on cultural safety and anti-racism.

284-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided an update on Inuvik airport projects.

Members' Statements

1249-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding adult support workers.

1250-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding suicide prevention.

- 1251-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding cell services on Tłı̄ch̄o Highway and Highway 3.
- 1252-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding forms of financial security.
- 1253-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Northwest Territory Métis Nation claim in the Thebacha region.
- 1254-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding Halloween and road safety.
- 1255-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding suicide prevention and giving youth agency.
- 1256-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding youth programs and suicide prevention.
- 1257-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge.
- 1258-19(2) The Honourable Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the significance of Remembrance Day.
- 1259-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding Halloween.

Written Questions

- 50-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services about treating infertility.
- 51-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho asked a question of the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories regarding Housing Northwest Territories off-loading housing units to First Nations.

Tabling of Documents

- 762-19(2) Northwest Territories Oil and Gas Annual Report 2021. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 763-19(2) Department of Justice Corrections Service Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 764-19(2) Northwest Territories Surface Rights Board 2021-2022 Annual Report and 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements. Tabled by the Minister of Lands.

765-19(2) 19th Legislative Assembly Special Committee on Transition Matters
Terms of Reference. Tabled by the Member for Thebacha.

Notices of Motion

67-19(2) Appointment of Sergeant-At-Arms
Notice given by the Member for Thebacha.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 65: *Builders Lien Act*
Notice given by Minister of Justice.
- Bill 66: *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation*
Notice given by Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- Bill 67: *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*
Notice given by Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- Bill 68: *An Act to Amend Child Day Care Act*
Notice given by Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

Motions

64-19(2) Suicide Prevention

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, that this Legislative Assembly calls upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to establish a suicide prevention fund of \$250,000 in each region and is expedited directly to communities in crisis without application;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories create a coordinated, collaborative, multi-departmental suicide prevention team to meet with communities in crises to assist community leadership identify suicide prevention strategies and activities as well as Government of the Northwest Territories funding that communities can access;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories subsidize all recreation fees in small communities and create new recreational activities for youth and young adults;

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

The Member for Nunakput requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Monfwi, Great Slave. (9)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that Tabled Document 681-199(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, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

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, be referred to Committee of the Whole

Moved by the Member for Great Slave:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that 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, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

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

The Minister of Finance presented Bill 60, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Deputy Speaker deemed Bill 60 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

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 58: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2* and Bill 59: *An Act to Amend the Elections and Plebiscites Act*, and reported progress, and that Bill 58: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 2* and Bill 59: *An Act to Amend the Elections and Plebiscites Act* are ready for third reading.

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

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House at 4:54 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly