

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

November 3, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm, with Mrs. Lesa Semmler, Deputy 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 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: Member for Frame Lake, Honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 291-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories community flood response.
- 292-19(2) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the Employee Engagement and Satisfaction Survey.
- 293-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing NWT made a statement regarding National Housing Day.

Members' Statements

- 1281-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding public housing.
- 1282-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the Hay River harbour.
- 1283-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding a Highway No. 3 transmission line.
- 1284-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Indigenous Disability Month.
- 1285-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding budget transparency.
- 1286-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement recognizing colleagues, staff and struggling persons.
- 1287-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh constituency budget allocations.
- 1288-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement recognizing colleagues, staff, constituents and veterans.
- 1289-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding impacts of proposed changes to the Specified Disease Program.
- 1290-19(2) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Open Sky Festival.
- 1291-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife South made a statement about supporting youth.
- 1292-19(2) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the families of Canadian soldiers.

Acknowledgements

- 7-19(2) The Member for Thebacha acknowledged Order of St. John Lifesaving Award recipient Sheila Sharpe.

Written Questions

- 54-19(2) The Member for Nunakput asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding carbon tax and the cost of living.

Tabling of Documents

- 794-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 65: *Builder's Lien Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 795-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 68: *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 796-19(2) Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2021 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 797-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 66: *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 798-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 67: *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 799-19(2) Northwest Territories 9-1-1 2021-2022 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 800-19(2) Housing NWT 2021-2022 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing NWT.
- 801-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1210-19(2): Treatment Programs, Oral Question 1232-19(2): Addictions Treatment, and Oral Question 1255-19(2): Addictions Treatment. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Service.
- 802-19(2) Letter from Fertility Matters Canada. Tabled by the Member for Kam Lake.
- 803-19(2) Redacted Report from the Department of Health and Social Services from the Internal Audit Bureau obtained under Access to Information. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 804-19(2) Email Exchange with Environmental Health Officer regarding Lanky Court. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.

805-19(2) Member's Absences for the Period May 26 to October 12, 2022.
Tabled by the Deputy Speaker.

Motions

68-19(2) Establishment of a Special Committee on Transition Matters

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that pursuant to Rule 9.2(8), the Legislative Assembly hereby establish a Special Committee on transition matters;

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be named to the Special Committee:

- Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, Member for Frame Lake;
- Honourable R. J. Simpson, Member for Hay River North;
- Mr. Rocky Simpson, Member for Hay River South;
- Mrs. Lesa Semmler, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes; and
- Ms. Jane Weyallon Armstrong, Member for Monfwi; and
- Honourable Shane Thompson, Member for Nahendeh;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Special Committee on Transition Matters be established by the terms of reference, identified as Tabled Document 765-19(2).

The motion was CARRIED.

69-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 7, 2023

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that when this House adjourns on Thursday, November 3, 2022, it shall be adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

AND FURTHERMORE, that at any time prior February 7, 2023, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, or at a time later than the scheduled resumption of the House, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

70-19(2) Amendments to the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, that the Legislative Assembly recommends that amendments to the *Electoral Boundaries Commission Act* be introduced during the life of this Legislative Assembly to:

- a) Allow for the establishment of an Electoral Boundaries Commission within 18 months after the day fixed for the return of the writs for the 2023 election and subsequently for each second succeeding general election; and
- b) Increase the composition of future Electoral Boundaries Commissions from a chairperson and two other members to a chairperson and four other members.

The motion was CARRIED.

71-19(2) Reappointment of Members to the Northwest Territories Honours Advisory Council

Moved by the Member for Sahtu:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that the following persons be recommended to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for reappointment to the NWT Honours Advisory Council:

Ms. Sabrina Broadhead of Hay River;
Mr. Danny Gaudet of Deline; and
Ms. Anne Peters of Yellowknife;

AND FURTHER, that the effective date of these appointments shall be communicated to the Commissioner by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 71: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*

The Minister of Finance presented Bill 71, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Deputy Speaker deemed Bill 71 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 65 *Builder's Lien Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 65, *Builder's Lien Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 65 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Bill 66: *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act*

The Honourable Member for Nahendeh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 66, *An Act to Amend the Property Assessment and Taxation Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 66 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 67: *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*

The Honourable Member for Nahendeh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 67 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 68: *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South moved that Bill 68, *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 68 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Bill 71: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved that Bill 71, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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 23: *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Minister's Statement 264-19(2): Response to the NWT Chief Coroner's Report on Suicide; 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*; and Tabled Document 694-19(2): Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2021-2022 Early Release of Suicide Data, and reported progress.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 71: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 71, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Deh Cho, Hay River South, Kam Lake, Nunakput, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (13)

Members against: Yellowknife North. (1)

Members abstaining: Tu Nédhé-Willideh. (1)

The motion was CARRIED.

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

- Bill 48: *Arbitration Act*
Bill 52: *Elevators and Lifts Act*
Bill 53: *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*
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*
Bill 69: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2022-2023*
Bill 70: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2022-2023*
Bill 71: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2023-2024*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:21 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly