

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 7, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 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 Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, 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 Range Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes.

Ministers' Statements

- 294-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the Housing Northwest Territories Renewal Strategy.
- 295-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding drug poisoning deaths in Hay River.
- 296-19(2) The Minister of Finance delivered a notice of Budget Address.
- 297-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding the Premier's absence from the House.

Members' Statements

- 1293-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the appointment of Ernie Daniels to the Bank of Canada Board of Directors.
- 1294-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding detoxification facilities.
- 1295-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Lanky Court housing conditions.
- 1296-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding Deh Cho participants at the 2023 Arctic Winter Games.
- 1297-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about the increasing cost of living in the Northwest Territories.
- 1298-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding rental arrears and income verification.
- 1299-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement offering condolences on the passing of Nunakput residents.
- 1300-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories Mandate and the needs of Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh residents.
- 1301-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding speech language pathology services.
- 1302-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement about expanding Northwest Territories pharmacists' scope of practice.
- 1303-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Paul Stipdonk Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Returns to Oral Questions

- 1163-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories provided a return to Oral Question 1163-19(2) asked by the Member for Great Slave regarding homelessness.
- 1246-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services provided a return to Oral Question 1246-19(2) asked by the Member for Kam Lake regarding infertility treatment.

Written Questions

- 55-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake asked a question of the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources regarding public access to forestry decisions and decision-making.

Returns to Written Questions

- 48-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 48-19(2) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Great Slave about delivering the Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program.
- 49-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 49-19(2) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Great Slave about delivering the Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program.
- 50-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 50-19(2) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Kam Lake about treating infertility.
- 51-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 51-19(2) from the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories to the Member for Deh Cho about Housing Northwest Territories off-loading housing units to First Nations.
- 52-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 52-19(2) from the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories to the Member for Deh Cho regarding the Settlement Maintainers Training Program.
- 53-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 53-19(2) from the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Member for Kam Lake regarding the Northwest Territories Power Corporation facilitating alternative energy.
- 54-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 54-19(2) from the Minister of Finance to the Member for Nunakput regarding carbon tax and cost of living.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 38-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 62: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, No. 2*

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 38-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of Bill 62: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, be received and adopted by this Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

39-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Prevention and Management of Contaminated Sites

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved that Committee Report 39-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Prevention and Management of Contaminated Sites be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Member for Deh Cho, moved that Committee Report 39-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Prevention and Management of Contaminated Sites be received and moved into Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Bill 62-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 62, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act, No. 2*, and that Bill 62 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Tabling of Documents

806-19(2) Information for Return to Written Question 49-19(2): Three-Year Turnover Rates of Child and Youth Counsellors by Region. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

807-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1159-19(2): Mental Health and Suicide. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

808-19(2) Additional Information for Return to Written Question 54-19(2): Carbon Tax and the Cost of Living. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 809-19(2) Information for Return to Written Question 52-19(2): Settlement Maintainer Training Program. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 810-19(2) Information for Return to Written Question 53-19(2): Northwest Territories Power Corporation to Facilitate Alternative Energy. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 811-19(2) 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Equal Pay Commissioner for the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 812-19(2) Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2021-2022. Tabled by the Speaker.

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 Member for Nunakput, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:01 pm.



Monsieur Frederick Blake Jr.
Président de l'Assemblée législative



Monsieur Tim Mercer
Greffier de l'Assemblée législative