

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 28, 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 Great Slave, Member for Frame Lake, , 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, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 316-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided a progress update on the Prohibition Creek Access Road Project.
- 317-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission 2022 identification of injury trends and actions taken.

#### Members' Statements

- 1386-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding public participation in resource development.
- 1387-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding flood mitigation.

- 1388-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement about decommissioning of Breynat Hall at Aurora College.
- 1389-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding child care supports for teen parents.
- 1390-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding support for elders raising grandchildren.
- 1391-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding highway infrastructure training.
- 1392-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding food security.
- 1393-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding Northview Leasing.
- 1394-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Ariel Duntra.
- 1395-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding federal legislation for child and family resources.

#### Returns to Written Questions

- 56-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 56-19(2) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding the municipal infrastructure gap.

#### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 43-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 63: *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Committee Report 43-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 63: *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*, be received and moved into Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 44-19(2) Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs Final Report: A Northwest Territories Approach to the United Nations

## Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Negotiating Agreements

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Member for, moved that Committee Report 44-19(2): Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs Final Report: A Northwest Territories Approach to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Negotiating Agreements, be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

### Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Bill 63-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 63, *An Act to Amend the Official Languages Act*, and that Bill 63 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 67-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 67, *An Act to Amend the Fire Prevention Act*, and that Bill 67 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

### Tabling of Documents

860-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 64-19(2): Suicide Prevention. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

861-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 36-19(2): Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 Public Accounts. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

### 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 56: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation Act*, and Tabled Document 813-19(2): 2023-2024 Main Estimates, and reported progress with one motion carried and that Bill 56 is ready for third reading.

### **Committee Motion 367-19(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 Municipal and Community Affairs at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, 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 9:04 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly