

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

#### Members' Attendance

Present: 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 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.

Absent: Member for Deh Cho, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 326-19(2) The Minister of responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding its five-year priorities and direction.
- 327-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement regarding the Aurora College Board of Governors.
- 328-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South and the Premier's partial absence from the House.

#### Members' Statements

- 1425-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the physician shortage in Hay River.

- 1426-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding traditional knowledge compensation.
- 1427-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding power generation in Sachs Harbour.
- 1428-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the disaster assistance policy.
- 1429-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the use of electric bikes in the Northwest Territories.
- 1430-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding prevention services for oral health.
- 1431-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the advantages of a four-day work week.
- 1432-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding protecting residents from illicit drugs.
- 1433-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the coldest night of the year event hosted by Home Base Yellowknife.
- 1434-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy.
- 1435-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Irene (Bertrand) McLeod.

#### Written Questions

- 61-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding Government of the Northwest Territories sole source contracting under Procurement Criteria 1.8.2 (a).
- 62-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding sole source contracting for the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority under Procurement Criteria 1.8.2 (a).
- 63-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding the use of Indigenous fonts on official documents.

## Tabling of Documents

- 874-19(2) Model Bill for the Rebate of Northwest Territories Carbon Taxes. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 875-19(2) Letter dated February 3, 2023, from Minister of Northern Affairs to Tłıchq Grand Chief Jackson Lafferty regarding a Regional Study for the Slave Geological Province. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

## Notices of Motion

- 74-19(2) Reconciliatory Review of Housing NWT's Collection Approach.  
Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.

## Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 74: *Forest Act*  
Notice given by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Bill 75: *Council of Women and Gender Diversity Act*  
Notice given by the Government House Leader for the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.

## First Reading of Bills

- Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Cost Recovery Act*  
The Minister of Justice presented Bill 72, *Opioid Damages and Health Care Cost Recovery Act*.  
In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 72 read for the first time and ready for second reading.
- Bill 73: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 4*  
The Member for Thebacha presented Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 4*.  
In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 73 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

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 Tabled Document 813-19(2): 2023-2024 Main Estimates and reported progress with one motion carried.

**Committee Motion 370-19(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 Health and Social Services at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Member for Kam Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:33 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