

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 9, 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, 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-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Hay River North.

Ministers' Statements

- 335-19(2) The Premier made a statement about advancing reconciliation through collaborative development of legislation.
- 336-19(2) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories open data portal.
- 337-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure provided a update on the 2030 Energy Strategy.
- 338-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding voluntary supports for children and families.

Members' Statements

- 1457-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the new process convention on the review of land and resource management legislation.
- 1458-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the new process convention on the review of land and resource management legislation.
- 1459-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the polar pond hockey tournament in Hay River.
- 1460-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories-Alberta Transboundary Water Agreement and recent tailings ponds leaks in Northern Alberta.
- 1461-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding rights-based access to public lands, such as the establishment of cabins.
- 1462-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding efforts of Tłıchǫ youth in planning and hosting a new youth wellness gathering.
- 1463-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the effects of a proposed carbon tax on residents in Nunakput.
- 1464-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the transfer of federal residential and day schools to the Government of the Northwest Territories in 1969.
- 1465-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding issues of maintenance and ownership at Sir John Franklin School.
- 1466-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding role of pharmacists and amendments to the Pharmacy Act.
- 1467-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding ending seasonal time changes.
- 1468-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Dehcho Regional Helicopters.

Returns to Written Questions

- 59-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 59-19(2) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Deh Cho regarding health care in small communities.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 48-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 68: *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 48-19(2), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 68: *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act* be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 48-19(2), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Review of Bill 68: *An Act to Amend the Child Day Care Act* be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 886-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 74: *Forest Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 887-19(2) Letter to Alberta Minister of Environment and Protected Areas Information dated March 7, 2023, regarding Information Sharing and Notification: Spills at Kearl Mine Site. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 888-19(2) Letter to Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change dated March 7, 2023, regarding Information Sharing and Notification: Spills at Kearl Mine Site. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 889-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 75: *Council for Women and General Diversity Act*. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Status of Women.

- 890-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 45-19(2): Report on the Review of Bill 60: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 891-19(2) Pharmacists' Scope of Practice in Canada. Tabled by the Member for Kam Lake.

Notices of Motion

- 76-19(2) Review of Territorial Land Lease Policy and Procedures.
- Notice given by the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act*
- Notice given by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- Bill 78: *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act*
- Notice given by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Bill 79: *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*
- Notice given by the Premier for the Minister of Justice.

Motions

- 75-19(2) Maximum Allowable Rent Increase for Private Rental Units

Moved by the Member for Great Slave.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, that this Legislative Assembly recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories update the Northwest Territories *Residential Tenancies Act* to include maximum allowable rent adjustments which are no more than the five-year average of the Canada Consumer Price Index;

AND FURTHER, the Government include in the Northwest Territories *Residential Tenancies Act* that increases to rent above the five-year average of the Canada Consumer Price Index can be applied for by private landlords to the NWT Rental Officer;

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

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

Members for: Member for Deh Cho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Nunakput, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (6)

The motion was CARRIED.

76-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to March 27, 2023

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake.

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, that when this House adjourns on Thursday, March 9, 2023, it shall be adjourned until Monday, March 27, 2023.

AND FURTHERMORE, that at any time prior March 27, 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.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 76: *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*

The Member for Frame Lake presented Bill 76, *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 76 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 74: *Forest Act*

The Honourable Member for Nahendeh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 74, *Forest Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 74 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

The Member for Nunakput sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.3(1) and increase the Standing Committee's Review Period from 120 to 180 days. As there were no objections, the review period was extended to 180 days.

Bill 75: *Council of Women and Gender Diversity Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 75, *Council of Women and Gender Diversity Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 75 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

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 379-19(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 Finance at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:49 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly