

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 25, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 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, Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Nunakput, 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: Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Honourable Member for Range Lake.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 351-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding additional financial support during extended evacuation.
- 352-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding memorial scholarships.
- 353-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding the absences of the Honourable Member for Nahendeh and the Premier from the House today and the next day.

#### Members' Statements

- 1510-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the search for Frank Gruben.

- 1511-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding internet connectivity in the Northwest Territories.
- 1512-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Northwest Territories emergencies and preparedness.
- 1513-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding climate emergency.
- 1514-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the K'at'l'odeeche First Nation Reserve fire.
- 1515-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding support for Northwest Territories tourism operators.
- 1516-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Department of Justice Corporate Registries' transparency.
- 1517-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories Procurement Policy review.
- 1518-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement expressing condolences on the passing of Nunakput residents.
- 1519-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding youth homelessness.
- 1520-19(2) The Honourable Member for Hay River North made a statement regarding the Hay River and K'at'l'odeeche First Nation Reserve evacuation.

#### Returns to Oral Questions

- 1353-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment provided a return to Oral Question 1353-19(2) asked by the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes regarding impacts of COVID-19 on education.

#### Written Questions

- 65-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding public-private partnership projects capital and operating costs and revenues.

## Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 79-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 79, *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, and that Bill 79 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

## Tabling of Documents

- 927-19(2) Revised 2022-2023 Commission scolaire francophone Territoires du Nord-Ouest Operations Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 928-19(2) Submission of the 2022-2023 Tłı̨çhǫ Community Services Agency Capital Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 929-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1353-19(2): Impacts of COVID-19 on Education. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 930-19(2) Annual Report 2022-2023 Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 931-19(2) Reports of the Auditor General of Canada to the Parliament of Canada: Connectivity in Rural and Remote Areas, Independent Auditor's Report, 2023. Tabled by the Member for Thebacha.

## Notices of Motion

- 81-19(2) Appointment of Law Clerk and Deputy Law Clerk  
Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.

## Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 90: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 5*  
Notice given by Member for Kam Lake
- Bill 91: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 2*  
Notice given by Member for Frame Lake.

Motions

81-19(2) Appointment of Law Clerk and Deputy Law Clerk

The Member for Kam Lake sought unanimous consent to deal with Motion 81-19(2). Consent was granted.

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Sahtu, that the Legislative Assembly recommends the appointment of Mr. Toby Kruger as Law Clerk and Ms. Sandra Mackenzie as Deputy Law Clerk as recommended by the Board of Management;

AND FURTHER, that the Speaker be authorized to communicate the effective date of appointment to the Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

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 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 and 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 reported progress.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:49 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 26, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:03 am, 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 Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.
- Absent: Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Nahendeh.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 354-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the Housing Northwest Territories Housing Forum.
- 355-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding the 2023 winter road season community fuel re-supply.
- 356-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission's Skills Canada Northwest Territories support.
- 357-19(2) The Deputy Premier made a statement acknowledging communities hosting evacuees.

## Members' Statements

- 1521-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding procurement of goods and services.
- 1522-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding services to youth.
- 1523-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement offering thanks and congratulations.
- 1524-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement about creating a Tłıchǫ region.
- 1525-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding paid emergency leave.
- 1526-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding highway intersection lighting.
- 1527-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Taltson hydro project expansion.

## Point of Order

Under Order of the Day "Oral Questions", the Member for Frame Lake rose on a Point of Order against the Member for Great Slave under Rule 3.2(3). The Speaker ruled that there was a point of order and asked the Member for Great Slave to withdraw her remarks. The Member for Great Slave apologized to the House and withdrew her remarks.

## Tabling of Documents

- 932-19(2) Letter dated May 23, 2023, from Union of Northern Workers to Premier and Minister of Finance regarding Hay River Disaster Emergency Funds. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

## 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 and 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 reported progress.

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 11:17 am.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland  
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