

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 2, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:03 am, 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, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.
- Absent: Member for Deh Cho, Member for Yellowknife North.

Ministers' Statements

- 373-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding Government of Canada support for the Northwest Territories wildfire response.
- 374-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding the fourth anniversary of the release of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- 375-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding changes to the Extended Health Benefit Policy to address gaps and improve access for Northwest Territories residents.

376-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories provided and update on Housing Northwest Territories renewal.

Members' Statements

- 1569-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement offering thanks to Fort Smith residents.
- 1570-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement offering congratulations to graduates.
- 1571-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the transition to British Columbia curriculum.
- 1572-19(2) The Member for Nunakput delivered a spring statement.
- 1573-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding a Housing Stability Worker position.
- 1574-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding withdrawal from the Hamlet of Fort Resolution co-management agreement.
- 1575-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the history of Indigenous peoples.
- 1576-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding Yellowknife streets.
- 1577-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement offering congratulations to graduates.
- 1578-19(2) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South made a statement regarding Youth Parliament.
- 1579-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Sambaa K'e fire.
- 1580-19(2) The Honourable Member for Sahtu made a statement offering congratulations to Sahtu graduates.

Written Questions

- 67-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh asked a question of the Premier regarding the unresolved matter of the Federal Indian Day Schools.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 53-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment
Report on Supporting Northern Businesses

The Member for Nunakput, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 53-19(2), Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Supporting Northern Businesses be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole for today.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 955-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 39-19(2): Report on the Prevention and Management of Contaminated Sites. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 956-19(2) Department of Finance Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Submissions. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 957-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories 2023-2024 Consolidated Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 958-19(2) Emerging Stronger: Planning the NWT's Social and Economic Recovery Together – June 2023 Update. Tabled by the Premier.
- 959-19(2) Housing Northwest Territories Energy Management Strategy 2030. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 960-19(2) Housing Northwest Territories Energy Management Blueprint 2023-2026. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 961-19(2) Housing Northwest Territories Renewal Policy and Program Review Action Update. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 962-19(2) What We Heard: Housing NWT Energy Management Strategy. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.

- 963-19(2) Plain Language Summary of Bill 93: *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 964-19(2) Letter to Chair of Standing Committee on Social Development regarding Government of the Northwest Territories Intervening in Supreme Court of Canada Case on the Report of Child and Family Services. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 965-19(2) Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh 2023 Graduates. Tabled by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.
- 966-19(2) Summary of Members' Absences for the period February 7 to March 30, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.

Motions

- 82-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to August 16, 2023

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that when this House adjourns on Friday, June 2, 2023, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, August 16, 2023;

AND FURTHER, that at any time prior August 16, 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 95: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South presented Bill 95, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 95 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 96: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South presented Bill 96, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 96 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 93: *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 93, *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 93 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

Bill 94: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 94, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 94 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Bill 95: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 95, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 96: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 96, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*, be read for the second time.

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*; Committee Report 52-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly; 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 Nahendeh, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Recovery Costs Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 72, *Opioid Damages and Health Care Recovery Costs Act*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Willide, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 95: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 95, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (15)

Members against: Frame Lake. (1)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 96: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 96, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

- Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*
- Bill 79: *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*
- Bill 90: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 5*
- Bill 95: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*
- Bill 96: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2023-2024*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 12:47 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly