

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

September 29, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:02 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 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.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

- 382-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding Indigenous government partnerships and capacity building.
- 383-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories Seniors' Strategic Framework.
- 384-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2023 territorial wildfire emergency response.

Members' Statements

- 1605-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding reconciliation.
- 1606-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding reconciliation.
- 1607-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding truth and reconciliation.
- 1608-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the amalgamation of the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority and the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority.
- 1609-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories compliance with the *Archives Act*.
- 1610-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding truth and reconciliation.
- 1611-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation caribou enforcement.
- 1612-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement about housing.
- 1613-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Business Incentive Policy.
- 1614-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding truth and reconciliation.
- 1615-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding climate action.
- 1616-19(2) The Honourable Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding residential school survivors.
- 1617-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Alice Jane Pellissey.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 74-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 75: *Council for Women and Gender Diversity Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 74-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 75: *Council for Women and Gender Diversity 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 74-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 75: *Council for Women and Gender Diversity Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 1006-19(2) Northwest Territories 9-1-1 2022-2023 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 1007-19(2) Municipal and Community Affairs Wildfire 2023 – High Level Chronology. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 1008-19(2) *Mineral Resources Act* – Regulation Development Status Report. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 1009-19(2) 2022-2023 Annual Report NWT Business Development and Investment Corporation. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 1010-19(2) Public Accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories for the Year ended March 31, 2023 – Section II - Interim Non-Consolidated Financial Statements. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 1011-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Seniors' Strategic Framework. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 1012-19(2) 2023-24 Health and Social Services Authority Budgets. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 1013-19(2) Request for Proposals from Environment and Climate Change - NWT 2023 Wildfire Response Review. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Motions

84-19(2) Taxation of Vaping Products under Coordinated Vaping Taxation Products Agreement.

Moved by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that the Government of the Northwest Territories should agree to receive revenues from an excise duty in respect of the Northwest Territories as imposed as part of the federally legislated vaping products excise tax.

The motion was CARRIED.

85-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 3, 2023

Moved by the Member for Thebacha:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that when this House adjourns on Friday, September 29, 2023, it shall be adjourned until Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

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 Tabled Document 973-19(2): 2024-2025 Capital Estimates; Tabled Document 974-19(2): Supplementary Estimates Operations Expenditures, No. 3, 2023-2024; Committee Report 61-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2*; Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2*; Bill 93: *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*, and Bill 94: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*, and reported progress with eight motions carried.

Committee Motion 469-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of Tabled Document 973-19(2), 2024-2025 Capital Estimates, at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 470-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of Tabled Document 974-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2023-2024, at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 471-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment create a stakeholder plan that prioritizes meaningful engagement and face-to-face meetings with Indigenous governments, youth, students, community members, and elders.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 472-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment draft aspirational legislation for its next iteration of the Education Act that takes a holistic, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive approach to education that is accountable to all Northwest Territories communities, its residents, and most of all its youth.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 473-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment work with education bodies and schools to promote school attendance by building on community strengths and parental involvement.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 474-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment build a northern-specific model of coordinated wrap-around services for Northwest Territories schools.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 475-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment:

- a. increase funding and expand professional development opportunities for staff to best support students with disabilities;
- b. expand the suite of programs and services available to students with disabilities in their home communities; and
- c. improve data collection as it relates to students with disabilities.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 476-19(2)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment review the territorial-based support team function to ensure teachers and students receive the support they need in a way that meets the community's needs and establish outcome-focused measures to determine if the team is achieving its goals.

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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 77, *Nursing Profession Act*, be read for the third time.

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

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, 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: None. (0)


Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:03 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly