

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 5, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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, 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

- 392-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding federal partnerships.
- 393-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding addictions recovery supports.
- 394-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure delivered a transportation update.
- 395-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement regarding progress on the mandate commitment to maximize government procurement benefits.

Members' Statements

- 1642-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement about expanding the scope of health care practitioners.

- 1643-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the affirmative action hiring policy.
- 1644-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding emergency management.
- 1645-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho delivered reflections on Housing Northwest Territories.
- 1646-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding arsenic remediation guidelines.
- 1647-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding federal compensation for Indian Residential School survivors.
- 1648-19(2) The Member for Hay River South delivered reflections on the role as a Member of the 19th Legislative Assembly.
- 1649-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the future location of Yellowknife-North Slave campus of Aurora College.
- 1650-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the benefits of a single service office model.
- 1651-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the exemption of federal income sources from Income Assistance benefits.
- 1652-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding regional decision-making authorities.
- 1653-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered eulogies for Barb Tetso, Sarah Lennie and Dawn Fabien.

Replies to the Commissioner's Address

- 5-19(2) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 6-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.

Tabling of Documents

- 1028-19(2) 2022-2023 Annual Report - Director of Child and Family Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

- 1029-19(2) Report on NWT Medical Travel Services: 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 1030-19(2) Priorities for Critical Minerals in the NWT – An Overview. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 1031-19(2) Operating Plans for the Northwest Territories Education Bodies for the 2023- 2024 School Year Ending June 30, 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 1032-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Questions 1593-19(2): Housing and 1600-19(2): Housing. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.
- 1033-19(2) Northwest Territories Equal Pay Commissioner Report 2022/23. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 1034-19(2) *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* Schedule C Amendment Regulations, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 1035-19(2) Northwest Territories Integrity Commissioner Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly for 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.

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 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act*; Tabled Document 973-19(2): 2024-2025 Capital Estimates; Tabled Document 974-19(2): Supplementary Estimates Operations Expenditures, No. 3, 2023-2024; Committee Report 52-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly; and Committee Report 75-19(2): Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, No. 2, and reported progress with 35 motions carried, that Committee Reports 52-19(2) and 75-19(2) are concluded, that Bill 80 is ready for third reading, that consideration of Tabled Documents 973-19(2) and 974-19(2) is concluded, that the House concur on those estimates and that appropriation bills based thereon be introduced without delay.

Committee Motion 512-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Bill 80 be amended

- (a) In subclause 1(2), by striking out “December 1, 2025” in proposed subsection 5(2) and substituting “August 1, 2027; and

(b) In subclause 1(3), by striking out "November 30, 2025" in proposed subsection 67.1(1) and substituting "July 31, 2027".

The motion was DEFEATED.

Committee Motion 513-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 973-19(2), Capital Estimates, 2024-2025, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 973-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 514-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 974-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2023-2024, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 974-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 515-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 4.5:

4.6 A statutory officers' annual report received by the Speaker shall be communicated to Members and made publicly available within seven calendar days when the House is not sitting. The Speaker will table the report in the House at the earliest opportunity.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 516-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 9.2(5):

9.2(5.1) Each regular Member shall sit on a minimum of two committees, in addition to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight. This includes Standing Committees and the Board of Management.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 517-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 9.3(9):

(9.1) If a member of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight acts in a manner that warrants discipline, which includes but is not limited to:

- (a) violating any provision of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* and its regulations that deal with conduct and responsibilities of committee members;
- (b) disclosing confidential committee information without committee approval;
- (c) attending a meeting under the influence of alcohol, cannabis, or other mind-altering substance; and
- (d) being repeatedly absent from meetings without a valid excuse.

The committee may, by majority vote, suspend the Member from the committee for a period of up to three meetings in duration.

(9.2) If a Member has been suspended from the committee for a period of time, the chair of the committee will report the suspension to the House under Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

(9.3) The committee may, at any time, recommend to the House that a Member be removed from or reappointed to the committee.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 518-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 9.4(1):

(1.1) One or more member(s) of the committee may indicate that they dissent from a particular recommendation or comment.

(1.2) a member or members who wish to express the reasons for their dissent may do so in an appendix to the report.

(1.3) The chair of a committee will establish a reasonable deadline for any dissenting opinion to be shared with committee members before the report is presented to the House.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 519-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 8.3(8):

(9) A bill reported by a standing or special committee as 'should not proceed', shall require a motion be adopted by the House to consider the bill in Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 520-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.4 (4) be amended by adding the word "not" after the words "committee of the whole shall..."

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 521-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 4.4 (8) be amended by:

Deleting the words “the Legislative Assembly e-petitions site” and replacing them with the words “an electronic petition site approved by the Speaker.”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 522-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 2.3(4) be amended by adding “all remaining business shall stand over until the next sitting day” to the end of the existing rule.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 523-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 5.6 (2) be amended by adding the following after Rule 5.6(2)(c) “(d) shall not refer to any matter on the Orders for that day.”

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 524-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 1.9 (4) be amended by adding the words “a stranger does not include an infant being cared for by a Member” at the end of the rule.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 525-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the process convention on the introduction, consideration and enactment of bills drafted pursuant to the Intergovernmental Council legislative development protocol be renewed in the 20th assembly to maintain and further develop relationships with Indigenous governments.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 526-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that when the process convention on the introduction, consideration and enactment of bills drafted pursuant to the Intergovernmental Council legislative development protocol is renewed, consideration be given to further integration of the process convention into the Rules of the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 527-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 1.6(3) be amended by deleting "Order Paper for the day" and replacing it with "Orders of the Day" and that the title of Rule 1.6(6) be amended to read "Distribution of the Orders of the Day".

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 528-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 1.6(8)(c) be deleted.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 529-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 1.7(3) be amended by deleting "immediately after the words are uttered or the events occur that give rise to the question" and replacing it with "at the earliest opportunity".

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 530-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the following be added after Rule 6.1(2)(m): “(n) to have a committee report deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.”

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 531-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the wording of Rule 8.2(3) be deleted and replaced with “when the sponsor of a bill presents it for first reading the bill will be deemed read for a first time.”

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 532-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.2(5) be deleted.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 533-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.3(5) be amended by adding “with the exception of the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight, three members are required for quorum unless the committee’s terms of reference states otherwise.”

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 534-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.3(2) be amended by adding “and make the list available publicly” after the words “Board of Management”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 535-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.3(6) be deleted and replaced with “the Clerk shall notify all regular Members of upcoming meetings and ensure agendas are available publicly”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 536-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.3(12) be deleted and replaced with “all Members may attend public meetings of standing committees and may speak according to any limits imposed by the chair.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 537-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.4 (5) be amended to read:

The government will be required to table a comprehensive response to a committee report, including all recommendations, within 120 days, or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days when:

- A) a report requesting a response is adopted by the Assembly; or
- B) a motion is adopted by Committee of the Whole requesting a response.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 538-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 9.6(1) be amended by deleting “at the discretion of the chair” and replacing it with “with concurrence of the committee”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 539-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Rule 9.6(5) be amended by deleting “through the adoption of a motion of approval by the Assembly” and replacing it with “with concurrence of Committee of the Whole”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 540-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Rule 1.7(3) be amended by deleting “question of privilege” and replacing it with “point of privilege”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 541-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 1.7(3) be amended by deleting “Question of Privilege” and replacing it with “Point of Privilege”.

The motion was carried.

Committee Motion 542-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 1.7(5) be amended by deleting “question of privilege” and replacing it with “point of privilege”.

The motion was carried.

Committee Motion 543-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 1.7(7) be amended by deleting “question of privilege” and replacing it with “point of privilege”.

The motion was carried.

Committee Motion 544-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 3.1(5) be amended by deleting "question of privilege" and replacing it with "point of privilege".

The motion was carried.

Committee Motion 545-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 3.2(3)(b)(iii) be amended by deleting "question of privilege" and replacing it with "point of privilege".

The motion was carried.

Committee Motion 546-19(2)

The Member for Nunakput moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the sub-title for Rule 6.1(2)(f) be amended by deleting "question of privilege" and replacing it with "point of privilege".

The motion was carried.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 65: *Builders' Lien Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 65, *Builders' Lien 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, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Nunakput, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh,

Monfwi, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (15)

Members against: Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Great Slave. (3)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 84

An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act* 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, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (17)

Members against: Frame Lake. (1)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 85

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act

The Honourable Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 85, *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Range Lake 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, Yellowknife

North, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Deh Cho, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh. (2)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 8:30 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly