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**YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES****Thursday, August 27, 2020****Members Present**

Hon. Frederick Blake Jr, Mr. Bonnetrouge, Hon. Paulie Chinna, Ms. Cleveland, Hon. Caroline Cochrane, Ms. Green, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lafferty, Ms. Martselos, Hon. Katrina Nokleby, Mr. Norn, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Semmler, Hon. R.J. Simpson, Mr. Rocky Simpson, Hon. Diane Thom, Hon. Shane Thompson, Hon. Caroline Wawzonek

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

**Prayer**

---Prayer

**SPEAKER (Hon. Frederick Blake Jr):** Item 2, Ministers' statements. Item 3, Members' statements. Item 4, returns to oral questions. Item 5, recognition of visitors in the gallery. Item 6, acknowledgements. Item 7, oral questions. Item 8, written questions. Item 9, returns to written questions. Item 10, replies to the Commissioner's address. Item 11, petitions. Item 12, reports of committees on the review of bills. Item 13, reports of standing and special committees. Item 14, tabling of documents. Item 15, notices of motion. Member for Yellowknife North.

**Notices of Motion**

MOTION 15-19(2):  
APPOINTMENTS TO THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
OVERSIGHT

**MR. JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, I will move the following motion: now therefore I move, seconded by the Member for Hay River North, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight: Ms. Katrina Nokleby, the Member for Great Slave.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Member for Yellowknife North. Notices of motion. Member for Yellowknife North.

MOTION 14-19(2):  
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

**MR. JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, I will move the following motion: now therefore I move, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River

North, that this Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that the following Members be appointed to the Executive Council: Ms. Julie Green, the Member for Yellowknife Centre;

And further, that this Assembly revoke the Member for Yellowknife Centre's appointments as: Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole, as a Member of the Standing Committees on Accountability and Oversight, Social Development, and Government Operations, and as an alternate Member of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, I will be seeking unanimous consent to deal with this motion today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Member for Yellowknife North. Notices of motion. Item 16, motions. Member for Yellowknife North.

**Motions**

MOTION 15-19(2):  
APPOINTMENTS TO THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
OVERSIGHT,  
CARRIED

**MR. JOHNSON:** Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to deal with the motions that I gave earlier, or the first motion that I gave notice of earlier today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with the motion given notice earlier today. Are there any nays? There are no nays.

---Unanimous consent granted

The Member may proceed with the motion.

**MR. JOHNSON:** WHEREAS Rule 89(2) requires that Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight:

- Ms. Katrina Nokleby, the Member for Great Slave.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The motion is in order. To the motion.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Any abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Member for Yellowknife North.

MOTION 14-19(2):  
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF  
MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,  
CARRIED

**MR. JOHNSON:** Mr. Speaker, do I also have to seek unanimous consent for this one?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Yes.

**MR. JOHNSON:** I am seeking unanimous consent to give motion to the second motion I gave notice of earlier today.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The Member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with the motion given notice earlier today. Are there any nays? There are no nays.

---Unanimous consent granted

You may proceed with the motion.

**MR. JOHNSON:** WHEREAS Section 61.(1) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act requires that there shall be an Executive Council of the Northwest Territories;

AND WHEREAS Members of the Executive Council are appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that this Assembly recommends to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that the following Members be appointed to the Executive Council:

- Ms. Julie Green, the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

AND FURTHER that this Assembly revoke the Member for Yellowknife Centre's appointments as Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole, as a Member of the Standing Committees on Accountability and Oversight, Social Development, and Government Operations, and as an alternate Member of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Any abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

Motions. Member for Yellowknife North.

MOTION 13-19(2):  
EXTENDED ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE TO  
OCTOBER 15, 2020,  
CARRIED

**MR. JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that, notwithstanding Rule 4, when this House adjourns on Thursday, August 27, 2020, it shall be adjourned until Thursday, October 15, 2020;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to October 15, 2020, 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 later time 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. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Member for Yellowknife North. The motion is in order. To the motion.

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** Question.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question has been called. All those in favour? All those opposed? Any abstentions? The motion is carried.

---Carried

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Member for Yellowknife North. Motions. Item 17, notices of motion for the first reading of bills. Item 18, first reading of bills. Item 19, second reading of bills. Item 20, consideration in Committee of the Whole of bills and other matters. Item 21, report of Committee of the Whole. Item 22, third reading of bills. Mr. Clerk, orders of the day.

### Orders of the Day

**CLERK OF THE HOUSE (Mr. Mercer):** Orders of the day for Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Acknowledgements
7. Oral Questions
8. Written Questions
9. Returns to Written Questions
10. Replies to Commissioner's Address
11. Petitions
12. Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills
13. Reports of Standing and Special Committees
14. Tabling of Documents
15. Notices of Motion
16. Motions
17. Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills
18. First Reading of Bills
19. Second Reading of Bills
20. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters
21. Report of Committee of the Whole
22. Third Reading of Bills
23. Orders of the Day

**MR. SPEAKER:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

---ADJOURNMENT

The House adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

