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THE SPEAKER'S SUMMARY



As Speaker of the 19th Legislative Assembly, I am proud to present the 2021-2022 Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Annual Report. This report is an important accountability

mechanism between the Legislature and the general public, as it includes a summary of the Legislature's operations, activities, and financial records of the fiscal year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

Despite waves of COVID-19 rolling through the Northwest Territories, I am pleased to say that the reporting period in question yielded high results from Members of the Legislative Assembly. Activities of note include the Standing Committee on Social Development's reports on Housing and Child and Family Services and the Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs' Interim Report about its work thus far.

The Legislative Assembly also welcomed two new Statutory Officers to its team of professionals who provide valuable expertise into many of the issues at arm's length of the Assembly.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge that the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, the Members' Code of Conduct and the

Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act were tried and tested in this reporting period: an investigation was conducted regarding internal affairs; a public inquiry was held for the first time in many years; a workplace review was performed; a Member resigned; a Member's seat was declared vacant; and two by-elections took place. All of this transpired in the midst of lockdowns and stay-at-home orders. As Speaker, I was impressed by the professionalism and perseverance of the staff of the Legislative Assembly for helping elected leaders keep important legislative business advancing while confronting many one-of-a-kind and stressful situations.

Finally, public outreach went virtual with the release of two educational videos made in the NWT for the NWT, about how a bill becomes a law and the three branches of government.

As the Legislative Assembly enters a new fiscal period and emerges from the restrictions associated with COVID-19, it moves forward with new, unique experiences under its belt and with a refreshed urgency to do right by the people of the Territory. I look forward to continuing the important work of this Assembly by accomplishing our public commitments to you, the people of the Northwest Territories, and welcome you to keep updated on our progress.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frederick Blake Jr.".

Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker
Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

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Northwest Territories gwizhit 19th Legislative Assembly gwizhit Ginjih Gidaaghoo Gwicht ihtii ts'at 2021-2022 guuzhik gwizhit dagweedi'in' geenjit nikhwah gwahalndak geenjit shòh ihtih. April 1, 2021 ts'at March 31, 2022 gwits'at jii Legislature gwizhit dagweedi'in' geenjit uu'òk kat guuvah tr'igwahaandak gwijiinchii goonlih, gwizhit gwitr'it gwiltsaii ts'at nits'òo tseedhoh t'atr'ijahch'ù' jii gwizhit goo'aih.

Northwest Territories gwizhit COVID-19 diitat nahdaatth'at guuzhik tth'aih hee jii Legislative Assembly gwizhit giinlii kat tthak gwiniint'aih gwitr'it gugwiltsaii geenjit shòh ihtih. Zeh tr'igwiheedya'aa ts'at Tr'iinin ts'at Zeh K'oo Guuts'at Triinjii aii ts'at Dinjii Zhuh Guuveenjit Gwiniinzi Natr'igwahtsaii gugwitr'it jii gwizhit diinch'uh.

Statutory Officers k'eejit neekaii jii Legislative Assembly gwizhit gwitr'it gugwahtsaa geenjit tr'oonjik, jii kat gwiyeendoo nihlinehch'i' gwizhit guugwizhi' goonlii ts'at jii Assembly gwizhit gwiinlit gwitr'it goonlii gwizhit gwitr'it gugwahtsaii.

Jii Legislative Assembly gwizhit dagwideedakhan gwiinlit nih'ejuk goonlii gwinjik gwitr'it tr'igwahahtsaa diyeenjit gugwiintri', gwizhit gwitr'it tr'igwahtsaii dagweedi'in' gwizhit tr'igwinah'in'; nagwidadhat leii t'ee nits'oo gwitr'it gwiltsaii uu'òk gahgwiheedandaii geenjit gwizhit tr'igwinah'in'; gwitr'it deek'it dagoonch'uu gwizhit tr'igwinah'in'; gwizhit nilii ihtee digwitr'it ekhè' uunuu; gwizhit nilii ihtee videek'it zhùu goo'aii; ts'at neekat uuzrii natr'oonjik. Uu'òk nihtat natr'ahdidal kwaa ts'at diizheh gwizhit gwizraih t'igwiheech'aa tr'igwiltsaii guuzhik jùu digwee-

di'in'. Legislative Assembly gwizhit Ginjih Gidaaghoo Gwicht ihtii ts'at nih'ejuk gwiizuu gwiinli' gaa' gwizhit gwitr'it t'agwah'in kat guugwitr'it gwiyeendoo gwiinzi gugwiltsaii, gwini'in' geenjit shòh ihtih.

Khaiikoo, NWT gwizhit nits'òo diyeenjit dagwidii'è' tr'igwahtsaii ts'at diyeenjit k'adagwidadhat tik goo'aii geenjit liitsii ganadhandaii kak uu'òk aachin gahaa'aa neekaii tr'igwiltsaii.

Legislative Assembly gwizhit at'at nagwidadhat k'eejit nigwiniindhat ts'at tseedhoh k'eejit t'atr'ahdahch'aa geenjit goo'aii aii ts'at COVID-19 k'iighè' ejuk gwitr'it gwiltsaii gwiinzi gwitoh gwichuudhat k'iighè' gwiyeendoo nihlinehch'i' gahgwidandaii at'at juk NWT gwizhit t'angiinch'uu guuveenjit gwiyeendoo gwiinzi gwitr'it gwaahaatsaa nikhweenjit goo'aih. Jii Legeslative Assembly Northwest Territories gwizhit t'angiinch'uu guuveenjit gwiinzi gwitr'it gwahaatsaa ts'at nits'òo gwitr'it aatsii gwahnoh'aa geenjit diinjishizhit.

Fredick Blake Jr. Ginjih Gidaaghoo Gwicht
Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

MESSAGE DU PRÉSIDENT

En tant que président de la 19^e Assemblée législative, je suis ravi de vous présenter le rapport annuel 2021-2022 de l'Assemblée législative des Territoires du Nord-Ouest. Ce rapport constitue un important outil de responsabilisation entre l'Assemblée législative et le grand public, car il comprend un résumé des opérations, des activités et des dossiers financiers de l'Assemblée législative de l'exercice financier du 1er avril 2021 au 31 mars 2022.

Malgré les vagues de COVID-19 qui ont déferlé sur les Territoires du Nord-Ouest, je suis heureux de dire que la période de rapport en question a donné lieu à des résultats remarquables de la part des députés de l'Assemblée législative. Parmi les activités à noter, mentionnons les rapports du Comité permanent des affaires sociales sur le logement et les services à l'enfance et à la famille, et le rapport provisoire du Comité spécial de réconciliation et des affaires autochtones sur les travaux qu'il a effectués jusqu'à présent.

L'Assemblée législative a également accueilli deux nouveaux titulaires d'une charge publique au sein de son équipe de professionnels qui apportent une expertise précieuse sur de nombreuses questions posées à l'Assemblée.

Je m'en voudrais de ne pas mentionner que le Règlement de l'Assemblée législative, le Code de déontologie des députés et la *Loi sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif* ont été mis à l'épreuve au cours de la période visée par le rapport : une enquête a été menée sur les affaires internes, une enquête publique

a été menée pour la première fois depuis de nombreuses années, un examen du milieu de travail a été effectué, un député a démissionné, le siège d'un député a été déclaré vacant et deux élections partielles ont eu lieu. Tout cela s'est produit au milieu de confinements et d'arrêtés d'isolement. En tant que président, j'ai été impressionné par le professionnalisme et la persévérance du personnel de l'Assemblée législative qui a aidé les dirigeants élus à faire avancer les affaires législatives importantes tout en faisant face à de nombreuses situations inhabituelles et stressantes.

Enfin, les communications avec le public sont passées en mode virtuel avec la diffusion de deux vidéos éducatives réalisées aux TNO pour les TNO, sur la façon dont un projet de loi devient une loi et sur les trois branches du gouvernement.

Alors que l'Assemblée législative entre dans une nouvelle période financière et se relève des restrictions associées à COVID-19, elle va de l'avant avec de nouvelles expériences uniques à son actif et avec une urgence renouvelée de bien faire pour la population du territoire. J'ai hâte de poursuivre l'important travail de cette Assemblée en honorant nos engagements publics envers vous, la population des Territoires du Nord-Ouest. Je vous invite à vous tenir au courant de nos progrès.

Frederick Blake Jr., président
Assemblée législative des Territoires du Nord-Ouest

MEET THE MEMBERS AS OF MARCH 31, 2022



RONALD BONNETROUGE
Deh Cho



KEVIN O'REILLY
Frame Lake



KATRINA NOKLEBY
Great Slave



R.J. SIMPSON
Hay River North



ROCKY SIMPSON
Hay River South



DIANE ARCHIE
Inuvik Boot Lake



LESA SEMMLER
Inuvik Twin Lakes



CAITLIN CLEVELAND
Kam Lake



FREDERICK BLAKE JR.
Mackenzie Delta



JANE WEYALLON ARMSTRONG
Monfwi



SHANE THOMPSON
Nahendeh



JACKIE JACOBSON
Nunakput



CAROLINE COCHRANE
Range Lake



PAULIE CHINNA
Sahtu



FRIEDA MARTELOS
Thebacha



RICHARD EDJERICON
Tu Nédhé-Wilideh



JULIE GREEN
Yellowknife Centre



RYLUND JOHNSON
Yellowknife North



CAROLINE WAWZONEK
Yellowknife South

MEET THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

AS OF MARCH 31, 2022



HONOURABLE CAROLINE COCHRANE

Premier
Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs
Minister Responsible for the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat



HONOURABLE DIANE ARCHIE

Deputy Premier
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for the
Northwest Territories Power
Corporation



HONOURABLE SHANE THOMPSON

Minister of Municipal and Community
Affairs
Minister of Environment and Natural
Resources
Minister of Lands
Minister Responsible for Youth



HONOURABLE PAULIE CHINNA

Minister Responsible for the NWT
Housing Corporation
Minister Responsible for
Homelessness
Minister Responsible for the Public
Utilities Board
Minister Responsible for the
Workers' Safety and Compensation
Commission



HONOURABLE CAROLINE WAWZONEK

Minister of Finance
Minister of Industry, Tourism and
Investment, including responsibility
for the Business Development and
Investment Corporation
Minister Responsible for the
Status of Women



HONOURABLE R.J. SIMPSON

Government House Leader
Minister of Education
Culture and Employment
Minister of Justice



HONOURABLE JULIE GREEN

Minister of Health and Social Services
Minister Responsible for
Persons with Disabilities
Minister Responsible for Seniors

STATUTORY OFFICERS

EQUAL PAY COMMISSIONER

The right to equal pay for work of equal value is created by section 40 of the *Public Service Act* and applies to public service employees. It requires that there be no differences in the rate of pay between male and female employees who perform work of equal value in the same establishment. The *Act* designates the Government, the NWT Power Corporation, and teachers who are covered by the *Act* as separate establishments.

The *Act* charges the Equal Pay Commissioner with responsibility for receiving complaints from employees who believe that their right to equal pay for work of equal value has been violated. The Commissioner must investigate complaints and may assist the parties to resolve them informally. If the complaint is not resolved, the Equal Pay Commissioner must prepare an investigation report with recommendations to the parties about how to resolve the complaint. If the parties cannot agree on a resolution, an arbitrator will hear the dispute. The Equal Pay Commissioner also promotes awareness

and understanding of the right to equal pay for work of equal value

On December 7, 2021, Bronwyn Watters was appointed as the Equal Pay Commissioner of the Northwest Territories by the 19th Legislative Assembly for a term of four years.

Contact the Equal Pay Commissioner by e-mail at BronwynW@northwestel.net.

NWT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The NWT Human Rights Commission is an independent agency that works to promote human rights and protect individuals and groups from discrimination under the *NWT Human Rights Act*. The *Act* creates a human rights system that is independent from the Territorial Government.

The Commission is made up of three to five members and appointed by the Commissioner on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly. The Adjudication Panel hears complaints referred to them by the Commissioner's Executive Director and any appeals of the



In 2021-2022, the Legislative Assembly appointed a new Chief Electoral Officer and a new Equal Pay Commissioner.

Executive Director's decision to dismiss complaints. Adjudication Panel Members are also appointed by the Commissioner on recommendation of the Legislative Assembly.

Ms. Nicole MacNeil was appointed as the Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of the Northwest Territories on November 16, 2020, for a term of four years.

Contact the NWT Human Rights Commission by phone toll-free at 1-888-669-5575, by e-mail at info@nwthumanrights.ca or in person at Main Floor, Laing Building, 5003-49th Street in Yellowknife.

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

The Integrity Commissioner (formerly called the Conflict of Interest Commissioner) is an independent officer of the Legislative Assembly who administers Part 3 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*. The Commissioner provides advice to Members and Ministers about avoiding conflicts between their public duties and their private interests, as well as meeting their obligations under the Code of Conduct that establishes standards for the conduct of Members.

Members and Ministers must meet with the Commissioner at least once annually and provide private disclosure statements of assets and liabilities for themselves, their spouses and their dependent children. From these, the Commissioner prepares public disclosure statements, which were previously available for public inspection in the Legislative Library and since 2020 can be found online.

The Commissioner may receive and investigate complaints about a current or former Member or Minister being in conflict of interest or breaching the Code of Conduct. The Commissioner has some discretion to approve certain arrangements in the public interest which otherwise would be prohibited. The current Commissioner is Mr. David Phillip Jones, Q.C.

The Integrity Commissioner can be reached by phone at 780-433-9000 or e-mail at dphillips@sagecounsel.com.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES COMMISSIONER

The Official Languages Commissioner, appointed for a four-year term by the Commissioner, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, is responsible

for ensuring that the rights, status and privileges of each of the 11 Official Languages in the Northwest Territories are protected within government institutions. The position's duties detailed in the *Official Languages Act* include ensuring recognition of the rights, status and privileges of each of the Official Languages and to investigate allegations of non-compliance of these rights and privileges. The Languages Commissioner acts in an ombud-like fashion, and maintains distance from the Legislative Assembly and the GNWT. This adds to the inherent independence of the Office of the Official Languages Commissioner.

Ms. Brenda Gauthier was appointed as the Languages Commissioner of the Northwest Territories on December 11, 2020, for a term of four years.

Contact the Office of the Official Languages Commissioner by phone toll-free at 1-800-661-0889, by e-mail at admin@olc-nt.ca, or in person at 202 McDougall Road in Fort Smith.

INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPP Act)* applies to the departments, branches, and offices of the Government of the Northwest Territories, plus 22 agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and other public bodies designated in the regulations to the *Act*.

The *ATIPP Act* enshrines four key rights and obligations: the right of the public to have access to records in the custody or control of a public body, subject to limited and specific exceptions; the right of individuals

to have access to their own personal information held by public bodies and to request corrections to their own personal information; the obligation of public bodies to protect the privacy of individuals by preventing the unauthorized collection, use or disclosure of personal information; and the right to request independent review of public bodies' decisions regarding access to government records or regarding the collection, use, disclosure or correction of personal information.

The *ATIPP Act* outlines the process for members of the public to obtain access to records and it establishes when and how public bodies can collect, use, or disclose personal information about individuals. Independent review of public bodies' decisions and actions is provided by the Commissioner.

The *Health Information Act* governs the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information, recognizing both the right of individuals to access and protect their personal health information and the need of health information custodians to collect, use and disclose personal health information to support, manage and provide health care.

Mr. Andrew Fox was appointed as the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories on November 23, 2020, for a term of five years.

Contact the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner by phone toll-free at 1-888-521-7088, by e-mail at admin@oipc-nt.ca, or in person at Main Floor, Laing Building, 5003-29th Street in Yellowknife.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Elections NWT is an independent, non-partisan public agency responsible to the Legislative Assembly for the administration of territorial general elections, by-elections, and plebiscites in accordance with the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*.

The next Territorial General Election will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

The Northwest Territories follows a system of fixed date elections, whereby the Legislative Assembly is scheduled to be dissolved every four years so that a general election may be held.

On November 25, 2021, Mr. Stephen Dunbar was appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer of the Northwest Territories by the 19th Legislative Assembly for a term of four years.

Contact the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer by phone toll-free at 1-844-767-9100, by e-mail at info@electionsnwt.ca or in person at YK Centre East (3rd Floor), #7, 4915-48th Street in Yellowknife.

OMBUD

The Office of the Ombud listens to and investigates complaints from people who feel they have been treated unfairly by territorial authorities. They also can investigate matters on their own initiative without receiving a specific complaint. They work to find fair solutions and to help improve government services. Their mandate includes public education on the role of the Ombud and the principles of administrative fairness.

The Ombud has jurisdiction over “matters

of administration”. Administrative matters include most of the day to day dealings people have with employees of territorial government departments and agencies. Administrative matters do not include, for example, political matters like Cabinet and MLA decisions, decisions by the courts, actions by lawyers who are representing the government, or clinical decisions by health professionals.

Ms. Colette Langlois was appointed as the Northwest Territories’ first Ombud on April 8th, 2019.

Contact the Office of the Ombud by phone toll-free at 1-844-874-6250, by e-mail at info@nwtombud.ca or in person at 5-6 Courtoreille Street in Hay River.



STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

March 2022 Committee membership:
MLA Kevin O'Reilly, Chair
MLA Lesa Semmler, Deputy Chair
MLA Ron Bonnetrouge
MLA Caitlin Cleveland
MLA Katrina Nokleby
MLA Jackie Jacobson
MLA Rylund Johnson
MLA Frieda Martselos
MLA Rocky Simpson
MLA Jane Weyallon Armstrong
MLA Richard Edjericon

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight reviews issues which have government-wide implications. This Committee also coordinates sessional business planning and Committee strategic planning efforts. On May 14, 2021, Members removed MLA Steve Norn as Chair of the Committee, with Deputy Chair Kevin

O'Reilly assuming the role of the Chair on an interim basis. On June 1, 2021, Committee selected MLA Kevin O'Reilly as Chair and MLA Lesa Semmler as Deputy Chair.

Over the last year, the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight met 71 times, including receiving public briefings on Government of the Northwest Territories Response to flooding in the Dehcho Region, Emerging Stronger and Emerging Wisely.

During the year the Assembly debated the 2022-23 Capital and Operating budgets and Regular Members were successful in negotiating additional funding for their priorities including increased funding for housing and shelters, increased taxation on tobacco, and targeted expenditure reductions to contract services.

Throughout the year Members of the



A total of 67 public Committee meetings were held
in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Committee regularly used theme days to highlight priorities and key issues including COVID-19, Access to Health Services and Supports, Small Communities, Housing and Child and Family Services.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

March 2022 Committee membership:
MLA Jackie Jacobson, Chair
MLA Ron Bonnetrouge, Deputy Chair
MLA Rylund Johnson
MLA Katrina Nokleby
MLA Kevin O'Reilly
Alternates: MLA Caitlin Cleveland, MLA Lesa Semmler, MLA Steve Norn

In its 40 meetings in the fiscal year, this Committee made progress both on priorities and legislation. In June 2021 the Committee travelled to Norman Wells to consult with the community about its Statutory Reviews of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and the *Wildlife Act*, with this being the first review of both Acts. The Committee released its report on these Acts on March 8, 2022. The report included 14 recommendations to the GNWT, ranging from the removal of regulatory barriers that prevent wild meat from being shared to creating a funding program that supports Indigenous guardian programs in communities.

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment released its Report on Telecommunications in November 2021, advancing one of its set priorities of maximizing telecommunications business opportunities. It has continued to do research and consultations towards its other priorities

of increasing the responsiveness of government policies and services to stimulate northern and indigenous businesses and effective management of environmental liabilities and contaminated sites. It intends to release reports on these topics within the life of the 19th Assembly.

In addition to this work, the Committee released three more reports in 2021-2022: Report on Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statement Act*; Report on Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Revolving Funds Act*; and Report on the Government of the Northwest Territories Approach to the Mining Regime Fiscal Review.

The Committee concluded with two pieces of legislation in this fiscal period: Bill 24 and Bill 29. Finally, Bill 46: *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act* was referred to the Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

March 2022 Committee membership:
MLA Caitlin Cleveland, Chair
MLA Lesa Semmler, Deputy Chair
MLA Ron Bonnetrouge
MLA Katrina Nokleby
MLA Rocky Simpson
Alternates: MLA Jackie Jacobson, MLA Rylund Johnson, MLA Frieda Martselos

The Standing Committee on Social Development released the Report on Housing Phase One: Needs for the NWT Homeowners and Private Landlords on June 2, 2021. The report contained 12 recommendations for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (now Housing NWT) and other government

department to address assistance for homeowners and landlords, collaboration with Indigenous Governments, non governmental organizations, and the private sector, increasing housing stock and the removal of policy barriers. Throughout the rest of the reporting period the Committee has continued public engagement on the topic of housing and homelessness prevention.

The Standing Committee on Social Development released its report “Lifting NWT Children, Youth and Families: An All of Territory Approach to Keeping Families Together” on March 29, 2022. This report is the final product of its review of the *Child and Family Services Act*. It resulted in 19 recommendations to the Government. The main finding is that a whole of government approach must be used to mobilize system supports to keep families

together starting from pregnancy. More information, including a visual summary of the report, can be found at ntassembly.ca/keepingfamiliesstogether.

There were two additional Committee reports in 2021-2022: Report on the Review of Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*; and Report on the Review of Bill 29: *An Act to Amend the Post-Secondary Education Act*. The Committee also dealt with multiple pieces of legislation:

- Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*
- Bill 31: *An Act to Amend the Pharmacy Act*
- Bill 36: *An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act*



The Standing Committee on Social Development’s graphic produced for its Visual Summary of its Committee Report “Lifting NWT Children, Youth and Families: An All of Territory Approach to Keeping Families Together” released on March 29, 2022.

- Bill 38: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021*
- Bill 39: *An Act to Amend the Post Secondary Act*
- Bill 41: *Justice Administration Statutes Amendment Act*

The Committee continues to work on Bill 47: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*.

This Committee met 58 times during the fiscal period.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 2022 Committee membership:

MLA Rylund Johnson, Chair
 MLA Frieda Martselos, Deputy Chair
 MLA Caitlin Cleveland
 MLA Lesa Semmler
 Alternates: MLA Jackie Jacobson, MLA Kevin O'Reilly

The Standing Committee on Government Operations released six reports in the reporting period:

- Report on the Review of the 2019-20 Northwest Territories Ombud Annual Report;
- Report on the Review of the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner;
- Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education in the Northwest Territories;
- Report on the Review of Bill 23;
- Report on the Review of the 2018-19 and

2019-20 Public Accounts; and

- Report on Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

The Committee continues to engage the public on its review of the *Official Languages Act* as well as its priority of increasing the representation of Indigenous people in the public service. The Committee intends to release reports on these two topics in the coming months. Its public engagement included meetings in Inuvik (June 2021) and virtually (January 2022) to ask residents what they think needs to change in the *Official Languages Act*.

The Committee concluded with three pieces of legislation:

- Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Northern Employees Benefits Services Pension Plan Act*
- Bill 33: *National Indigenous Peoples Day Act*
- Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

The Committee held a total of 32 meetings in the 2021-2022 fiscal period.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES

March 2022 Committee membership:

MLA Jackie Jacobson, Chair
 MLA Rocky Simpson, Deputy Chair
 MLA Kevin O'Reilly
 Hon. Shane Thompson
 Alternates: MLA Rylund Johnson, Hon. R.J. Simpson

On January 27, 2022, the Committee



Standing committees travel to communities to meet face to face with northerners, and learn their needs and views directly from them.

received a referral from the Speaker regarding multiple questions about the Rules of the Legislative Assembly. The Committee looks forward to starting its research and review of the questions at hand.

The Committee met twice during the reporting period.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RECONCILIATION AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

March 2022 Committee membership:
MLA Lesa Semmler, Chair
MLA Rylund Johnson, Deputy Chair
MLA Frieda Martselos
Hon. Caroline Wawzonek
Hon. R.J. Simpson
Ex-Officio: Hon. Caroline Cochrane

The Special Committee's purpose is to encourage discussions and make recommendations in relation to Aboriginal Rights negotiations and reconciliation with a focus on settling claims and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, in the Northwest Territories. It was established on October 29, 2020.

On March 30, 2022, the Committee released its Interim Report: What We Heard About the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Negotiating Agreements. In the interim report, the Special Committee highlights areas for potential future recommendations, including operationalizing consent (like Indigenous-led environmental assessment processes), transparency of the GNWT's role in land agreements, language used in government documents, enabling delegation between GNWT and Indigenous Governments in areas of shared responsibility, standards and principles related to land agreements, and both legislative and constitutional approaches to the UN Declaration.

The Special Committee held 16 meetings during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

The Electoral Boundaries Commission is an independent commission appointed to conduct a periodic review of the number of electoral districts, or ridings, the geographic location of those electoral districts, and to make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for necessary changes, if any.

Honourable Ted Richard of Sidney, BC was appointed as Chairperson, and Mr. Glen Abernethy of Yellowknife, NT and Mr. Jack Rowe of Hay River, NT were appointed as Members. The 2021-2022 Commission was appointed in June 2021, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, a reality which restricted the Commission's ability to hold in-person hearings in the communities.

In order to obtain public input on this important topic, in December 2021 the Commission published an Interim Report which was widely circulated to community leaders, current Members of the Legislative Assembly, indigenous organizations, the media, and the general public. In the Interim Report, the Commission provided current and historical information regarding the composition of the Legislative Assembly, the principles that govern that composition, and put forth for discussion a

few possible options for future composition of the Assembly.

The Commission is of the view that, for the most part, in all of the relevant circumstances, the current number and distribution of seats in the Legislative Assembly does provide for fair and effective representation for all citizens. The Commission recommended that there be no change to the number of electoral districts in the NWT, and hence, no change in the number of seats. The Commission recommended that the boundaries between adjacent ridings in each of the communities of Inuvik and Yellowknife be adjusted, to provide for a more balanced distribution of the community's population between and among the electoral districts.

The Commission tabled its final report on May 24, 2022, and the recommendations were considered during the Caucus Annual Planning Meeting in August/September 2022.



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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chair: Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Members: Hon. Diane Archie
Hon. Paulie Chinna
MLA Caitlin Cleveland
MLA Jackie Jacobson

Alternates: Hon. R.J. Simpson
Hon. Caroline Cochrane
MLA Rocky Simpson
MLA Ron Bonnetrouge

Secretary: Tim Mercer

Assistant Secretary: Danielle Mager

The Board of Management (the Board) is a corporate body established under the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*. The existence of the Board reflects the right and privilege of the House to govern its internal affairs and confirms the independence of the Assembly from the executive branch of government. The Board is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Legislative Assembly, including the provision of services to Members and the establishment of policies regarding their conduct.

The responsibilities of the Board include: preparing budget estimates for the Assembly; providing services to Members; administering the indemnities, allowances, reimbursements, and benefits to which

Members are entitled; establishing regulations and policies for all services provided to members; management and administration of the Members' pension plans in accordance with the *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act* and the *Supplementary Retiring Allowance Act*; ensuring that the cultures and traditions of the Northwest Territories are reflected in the Legislative Assembly; and providing for any other financial or administrative matter that the Board considers necessary to run the Legislative Assembly.

The composition of the Board includes the Speaker, two Members of the Executive Council, and two Regular Members.



HOUSE STATISTICS April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022



Sitting Days



Motions Adopted



Legislation Assented



**Motions Moved in
Committee of the
Whole**



**Motions Adopted in
Committee of the
Whole**

The Assembly's first hybrid sitting occurred on March 28, 2022.



KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS

The Kindergarten Christmas Program has been a long-standing tradition since the opening of the Legislative Assembly building in 1993. Each year, the Assembly invites kindergarten classes from Dettah, Ndilo, and Yellowknife to participate and decorate a Christmas tree in the Great Hall. However, the 2021 Kindergarten Christmas program had to be altered for the second time in a row due to COVID-19 restrictions. Kindergarten classes from Yellowknife and the surrounding area were asked to craft and submit Christmas decorations which were then used to adorn the Great Hall. This resulted with an impressive 270 kindergarteners participating in the program, and most classes sent in not just one ornament per student, but multiple.

The plan for 2021 was to follow what staff did in 2020 and decorate a 20-foot tree that is usually erected in the Great Hall. However, due to an epic journey, the annual Christmas tree was not delivered in time for staff to decorate and enjoy. Therefore, the tree was donated to the Yellowknife warming shelter and the kindergarten decorations were displayed in a unique way by hanging them on the windows of the Great Hall so that staff and the public could still enjoy the festive feeling of the decorations both inside and outside the Assembly building.



OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The use of official languages at the Legislative Assembly continues to evolve and be at the forefront of operations. In November 2021, the Manager of Public Affairs and Communications presented the Report and Action Plan on Official Language use in the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly to the Board of Management. The Board approved the action plan which continues to be implemented by the Office of the Clerk. Changes include standardization of the active offer; increased use of interpretation services by Committees; and correspondence to Indigenous governments and organizations requesting feedback on official languages and recommendations of interpreters/translators from their communities. Sessional interpretation has continued in several Indigenous languages and French, including a pilot project to livestream Session in French in late 2021.

The Assembly continues to rely heavily on the Department of Education, Culture

and Employment's French translation services for communications that are for public consumption. All social media posts and ads are translated into French and occasionally one or more Indigenous languages. The Legislative Assembly has also increased its radio advertising in Indigenous languages, with several radio advertising campaigns going out in multiple languages.

The Assembly encourages staff that are bilingual to offer services in their official language of choice. Our very own committee clerk, Jennifer Franki-Smith, has delivered the Orders of the Day in Tłıchǰ multiple times in the Chamber during Session. French tours have been offered to the public twice a week by bilingual staff.

To enhance the delivery of official languages, two educational videos were released both in French and English during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.



Our legislative interpreters

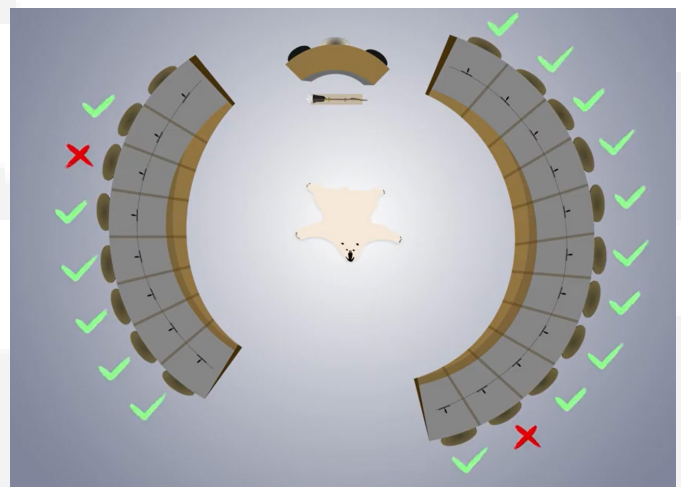
EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS



The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly was pleased to launch two educational videos in November 2021 that teach residents about how a bill becomes a law and the three branches of government.

The videos, offered in English and French and with or without subtitles, were produced locally and created for the enjoyment of all NWT residents. The videos are welcome to be used as educational resources for students learning about the Territory's consensus-style government.

The videos illustrate some of the complex processes that govern how government and the creation of laws in the Northwest Territories works using northern imagery and language to ensure the content is digestible for any viewer in the Territory. The videos can be found at ntassembly.ca/education.



ACCOUNTABILITY

**ANNUAL REPORT RESPECTING
MEMBERS' INDEMNITIES AND ALLOWANCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(a)(b) (c) of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act

**INDEMNITIES UNDER SECTION 17(1) & 18(1), ALLOWANCES UNDER SECTIONS 19 & 20
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	MLA Indemnity (1)	Ministerial Indemnity (2)	Speaker Indemnity (3)	Extra Duties (4)	Allowance for Expenses (5)	Northern Allowance (6)
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	110,761			4,682	15,964	9,021
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	110,761			9,682	7,982	3,700
NOKLEBY, Katrina	GREAT SLAVE	110,761				7,982	3,700
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	110,761	59,281			15,964	5,282
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	110,761			4,682	15,964	5,282
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	110,761	59,281			15,964	14,234
SEMMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	110,761			7,800	15,964	14,234
CLEVELAND, Caitlin	KAM LAKE	110,761			6,911	7,982	3,700
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	110,761		48,210		15,964	21,172
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	20,022				2,862	997
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	75,829				10,893	3,777
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	110,761	59,281			15,964	12,785
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	110,761			6,911	15,964	19,686
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	110,761	84,241			7,982	3,700
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	110,761	59,281			15,964	19,823
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	110,761			5,768	15,964	7,374
EDJERICON, Richard	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	16,188				1,167	541
NORN, Steve	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	71,995			1,449	5,188	2,405
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	110,761	59,281			7,982	3,700
JOHNSON, Rylund	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	110,761			4,638	7,982	3,700
WAWZONEK, Caroline	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	110,761	59,281			7,982	3,700

(1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$110,761 for all Members.

(2) MINISTERIAL AND PREMIER INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$59,281 for Ministers and \$84,241 for Premier.

(3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$48,210 for Speaker.

(4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: \$7,800; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,682;

Chair of Standing Committee (Social Development, Economic Development & Environment, Government Operations, Rules & Procedures = \$6,911, Accountability & Oversight = \$10,184); Chair of Special Committee: \$3,456; Chair of Caucus: \$3,456.

(5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$7,982 for all Members. Additional Allowance: annual figure of \$7,982 for all Members who do not live within commuting distance of the capital.

(6) NORTHERN ALLOWANCE: Annual amount paid in respect of the community in which Members live. Same as provided under the Collective Agreement.

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(a) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

**INDEMNITIES, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Expense Actuals (Section 24)	Lapsed Funds
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	99,183	46,804	31,000	52,379
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	91,018	81,603	-	9,415
NOKLEBY, Katrina	GREAT SLAVE	91,018	89,791	-	1,227
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	95,683	81,390	30,000	14,293
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	95,683	91,752	31,000	3,931
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	99,183	77,666	31,000	21,517
SEMMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	99,183	73,653	31,000	25,530
CLEVELAND, Caitlin	KAM LAKE	91,018	87,417	-	3,601
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	103,851	96,154	29,203	7,697
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	12,772	11,070	7,500	1,702
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	67,390	33,090	6,480	34,300
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	102,682	83,425	31,000	19,257
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	107,348	102,784	31,000	4,564
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	91,018	72,099	-	18,919
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	106,182	104,579	31,000	1,603
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	96,851	96,851	29,644	-
EDJERICON, Richard	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	14,130	13,414	-	716
NORN, Steve	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	64,401	56,832	-	7,569
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	91,018	71,402	-	19,616
JOHNSON, Rylund	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	91,018	65,999	-	25,019
WAWZONEK, Caroline	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	91,018	64,944	-	26,074

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(b) and (c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*

**EXPENSES RELATED TO CONSTITUENCY WORK, UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Computer Hardware/Software	Constituency Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget	
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	342	16,176	5,394	-	-	2,039	22,853	46,804	99,183	52,379
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	-	12,488	21,419	-	179	525	46,992	81,603	91,018	9,415
NOKLEBY, Katrina	GREAT SLAVE	-	10,580	12,056	-	-	-	67,154	89,791	91,018	1,227
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	870	4,476	3,543	-	-	-	72,501	81,390	95,683	14,293
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	11,887	3,162	-	-	2,039	74,663	91,752	95,683	3,931
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	7,567	6,896	-	-	3,002	60,201	77,666	99,183	21,517
SEMMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	869	7,527	-	-	1,799	63,458	73,653	99,183	25,530
CLEVELAND, Caitlin	KAM LAKE	-	9,760	8,926	-	-	525	68,207	87,417	91,018	3,601
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	6,888	13,399	9,314	-	-	1,319	65,233	96,154	103,851	7,697
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	395	-	1,241	-	-	330	9,104	11,070	12,772	1,702
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	930	877	2,545	8,750	-	880	19,108	33,090	67,390	34,300
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	-	6,981	5,728	-	-	-	70,716	83,425	102,682	19,257
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	-	1,665	26,709	-	-	-	74,410	102,784	107,348	4,564
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	-	8,425	3,917	-	1,510	-	58,248	72,099	91,018	18,919
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	11,828	10,688	7,461	1,250	-	628	72,724	104,579	106,182	1,603
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	11,556	8,694	6,607	-	165	2,749	67,079	96,851	96,851	0
EDJERICON, Richard	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	-	2,027	1,435	-	-	-	9,952	13,414	14,130	716
NORN, Steve	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	-	300	5,999	-	-	-	50,533	56,832	64,401	7,569
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	6,250	17,333	-	-	826	46,992	71,402	91,018	19,616
JOHNSON, Rylund	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	-	3,236	5,840	-	18	-	56,905	65,999	91,018	25,019
WAWZONEK, Caroline	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	3,882	4,298	-	-	-	56,765	64,944	91,018	26,074

EXPENSES: represent funds reimbursed to Members or paid on their behalf for constituency expenses incurred upon submission of original invoices.

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

**CONSTITUENCY TRAVEL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation	Meals & Incidentals	Total	
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	Within NWT	1	-	-	248	-	94	342	342
		Outside NWT							0	-
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	Within NWT	3	409	-	38	269	154	870	870
		Outside NWT							0	-
BLAKE, Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT	3	-	-	2,277	2,470	2,141	6,888	6,888
		Outside NWT	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	Within NWT	1	395	-	-	-	-	395	395
		Outside NWT							0	-
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	Within NWT	2	138	-	-	-	792	930	930
		Outside NWT							0	-
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	Within NWT	5	5,040	-	-	3,978	2,810	11,828	11,828
		Outside NWT	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	Within NWT	8	8,606	-	1,504	336	1,110	11,556	11,556
		Outside NWT	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies	
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	14,711	795	-	670	16,176	16,176
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	3,798	-	-	8,690	12,488	12,488
NOKLEBY, Katrina	GREAT SLAVE	4,925	688	-	4,968	10,580	10,580
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	1,323	110	3,043	4,476	4,476
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	2,023	110	9,754	11,887	11,887
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	65	-	7,502	7,567	7,567
SEMMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	-	-	869	869	869
CLEVELAND, Caitlin	KAM LAKE	4,205	-	-	5,555	9,760	9,760
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	13,399	-	-	-	13,399	13,399
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	-	-	-	877	877	877
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	-	671	-	6,310	6,981	6,981
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	702	-	-	963	1,665	1,665
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	4,886	-	-	3,539	8,425	8,425
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	1,029	4,383	-	5,277	10,688	10,688
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	700	65	-	7,929	8,694	8,694
EDJERICON, Richard	TU NEDHE-WILIDEH	696	-	-	1,331	2,027	2,027
NORN, Steve	TU NEDHE-WILIDEH	-	300	-	-	300	300
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	3,358	-	-	2,892	6,250	6,250
JOHNSON, Rylund	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	-	-	-	3,236	3,236	3,236
WAWZONEK, Caroline	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	-	-	3,882	3,882	3,882

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

**PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services	
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	2,000	3,394	5,394	5,394
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	2,000	19,419	21,419	21,419
NOKLEBY, Katrina	GREAT SLAVE	1,500	10,556	12,056	12,056
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	500	3,043	3,543	3,543
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	500	2,662	3,162	3,162
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	1,206	5,690	6,896	6,896
SEMMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	995	6,531	7,527	7,527
CLEVELAND, Caitlin	KAM LAKE	1,000	7,926	8,926	8,926
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	5,437	3,877	9,314	9,314
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWM	-	1,241	1,241	1,241
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWM	750	1,795	2,545	2,545
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	-	5,728	5,728	5,728
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	7,497	19,213	26,709	26,709
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	1,000	2,917	3,917	3,917
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	1,451	6,009	7,461	7,461
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	-	6,607	6,607	6,607
EDJERICON, Richard	TU NEDHE-WILIDEH	494	941	1,435	1,435
NORN, Steve	TU NEDHE-WILIDEH	2,310	3,690	5,999	5,999
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	2,500	14,833	17,333	17,333
JOHNSON, Rylund	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	1,500	4,340	5,840	5,840
WAWZONEK, Caroline	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	2,000	2,298	4,298	4,298

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(c) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

**CAPITAL ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 24
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
19TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Rent	Cable/ Internet	Telephone	Utilities	Furniture	Insurance	Total	
BONNETROUGE, Ronald	DEH CHO	24,581	1,471		558	4,390		31,000	0
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	30,000						30,000	1,000
SIMPSON, Rocky	HAY RIVER SOUTH	30,000				1,000		31,000	0
ARCHIE, Diane	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	26,400	758			3,842		31,000	0
SEMLER, Lesa	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	24,622	2,445		1,051	2,882		31,000	0
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	27,150	2,053					29,203	1,797
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	7,500						7,500	250
WEYALLON ARMSTRONG, Jane	MONFWI	6,480						6,480	14,187
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	27,200			3,199	601		31,000	0
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	24,120				6,880		31,000	0
CHINNA, Paulie	SAHTU	31,000						31,000	0
MARTSELOS, Frieda	THEBACHA	28,800	844					29,644	1,356

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(b) of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

2021-2022 Financial Summary of Operations

(thousands of dollars)			
By Activity	2021-2022 Actuals	2021-2022 Revised Estimates	2021-2022 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	5,739	5,022	5,022
Grants and Contributions	0	0	50
Amortization	563	568	568
Other Expenses	<u>3,627</u>	<u>3,827</u>	<u>3,777</u>
	9,929	9,417	9,417
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	186	156	156
Other Expenses	<u>1207</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>352</u>
	1393	508	508
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	8,271	8,344	8,344
Other Expenses	<u>1,112</u>	<u>1,613</u>	<u>1,613</u>
	9,383	9,957	9,957
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	335	483	483
Other Expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>
	435	514	514
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Compensation and Benefits	2729	3,028	3,028
Grants and Contributions	180	180	180
Other Expenses	<u>587</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>839</u>
	3,496	4,047	4,047
TOTAL	24,636	24,443	24,443

Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022
19th Assembly

Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022
19th Assembly

Blind Trust - Section 12.4 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that:

“...where the Conflict of Interest Commissioner advises the Speaker or a Minister to establish a trust during his or her term in office, as referred to in section 82 of the Act, the Speaker or Minister, as the case may be, shall be reimbursed for the expenses set out in subsection (2).”

There were no payments made under this Regulation to the Speaker or Executive Council of the 19th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

Dental, Health, Medical travel and Life Insurance Benefits - Section 12.5 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that the Speaker and Ministers:

“...are each entitled to receive the same dental, health, medical travel and life insurance benefits provided to senior managers in the public service.”

- (a) Medical Travel - during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the following medical travel benefits were provided to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 19th Assembly:

There were no payments made under this Regulation to the Speaker or Executive Council of the 19th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

- (b) Employer’s share of Public Service Health Care Plan, Long-Term Disability and Public Service Management Insurance Plan – during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, the following benefits were provided to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 19th Assembly:

Member	Total of Premiums Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Diane Archie	\$4,926.03
Hon. Paulie Chinna	\$2,860.20
Hon. Caroline Cochrane	\$5,877.90
Hon. Julie Green	\$4,390.92
Hon. RJ Simpson	\$4,475.92
Hon. Shane Thompson	\$5,354.40
Hon. Caroline Wawzonek	\$4,926.00
Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.	\$4,703.76

**Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses
For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022
19th Assembly**

Entertainment Allowance – Section 12.6 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that the Speaker and Ministers:

“...may each receive, to a yearly maximum of \$1,500, an entertainment allowance for duty related entertainment expenses.”

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 19th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Diane Archie	\$1,500.00
Hon. Paulie Chinna	\$1,500.00
Hon. Caroline Cochrane	\$1,500.00
Hon. Julie Green	\$1500.00
Hon. RJ Simpson	\$1,500.00
Hon. Shane Thompson	\$1,500.00
Hon. Caroline Wawzonek	\$1,500.00
Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.	\$1,500.00

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has the power, duties and functions of a Deputy Minister managing and administering the Legislative Assembly as described in the *Public Service Act* and the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Office of the Clerk is responsible for the following:

- Providing advice, research and support to the Speaker and Members on procedural matters such as rules, privileges, proceedings and usages of the Legislative Assembly
- Preparing documents of the Assembly and ensuring proper preservation of the Assembly's documents and records
- Providing all administrative and support services to the Assembly during its sittings, including essential services such as interpretation, are provided to the Assembly Chamber
- Announcing the Assembly's Orders of the Day and conducting its recorded votes during session

The Office of the Clerk includes four branches: Members' and Precinct Services; Public Affairs and Communications; House Procedures and Committees; and Senior Advisory.

MEMBERS' AND PRECINCT SERVICES

This branch ensures that all administrative, financial, and facility services are available for the effective operations of the Legislative Assembly. This includes the operation of the Legislative Library, financial management (ranging from expenses and allowances to budget preparation) and security. The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible to the Speaker for security of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the precinct; administration of the Page program; safekeeping of the Mace and the Chamber; and leading the Speaker's Procession each sitting day.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Public Affairs and Communications is responsible for the management, development, implementation and maintenance of all internal and external communications as well as public affairs policies and initiatives. This includes providing communications support to Members and Senior Managers; coordinating outreach programs such as the Legislature Public Tour program, the Speaker's Mace Tour, Youth Parliament, and special events; managing Legislative Assembly broadcasting; coordinating translation and interpreting services in all 11 Official Languages; and managing media relations.

HOUSE PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES

The House Procedures and Committees branch of the Office of the Clerk maintains official records of the Assembly and provides procedural advice to the Speaker, Clerk, Committees and Members based on legislation and parliamentary practice. This branch also includes research services, which provides nonpartisan information services to Members, including information and reference services.



SENIOR ADVISORY

The Senior Advisory team provides a wide range of administrative services, including logistics, coordination and writing services to the Board of Management, Caucus, and the Clerk. They process all documents for the Chamber. They also oversee the bookings of public spaces in the Legislature.



MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK



The Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly is steeped in tradition but innovative and willing to evolve. It is an institution

that is resilient and dedicated to the pillars of the democratic system and service to its elected leaders. It is also an institution that has proven it can fulfill its mission through pandemics and periods of change. Allow me to detail for you the 2021-2022 year for this Legislature and its wins and challenges.

Our Exposure Control Plan was put to the test when a COVID-19 outbreak occurred on our premises during a spike in cases in the Territory. All risk control measures were implemented swiftly and staff were able to return to the building as soon as it was safe to do so. Following this, the Board of Management approved the Legislative Assembly Building COVID-19 Vaccination Policy on November 1, 2021 that outlines vaccination requirements for staff and contractors. On November 22, 2021, a motion was passed in the House to require Members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend sittings and Assembly proceedings/meetings.

Our Legislature had cause to celebrate in July 2021 when it made national headlines for being home to Canada's first ever female majority Legislature after MLA Jane

Weyallon Armstrong was elected in the 2021 Monfwi By-Election. The addition of Mrs. Weyallon Armstrong to the Assembly raised the number of women in the House from nine to 10 out of 19.

Meanwhile, committees of the Legislative Assembly developed new ways to consult with the public on their initiatives through virtual public meetings. In these meetings, anyone could sign on to talk to a committee. The intention was to mimic the type of meeting that occurs during community travel, where anyone can walk into the venue, pick up the mic, and speak to the Members, except keeping it online to keep residents safe during COVID-19 lockdowns. In January/February 2022, the Standing Committee on Government Operations held a virtual meeting concerning its review of the *Official Languages Act* and another about its priority of Indigenous recruitment and retention in the public service. The Standing Committee on Social Development proceeded to hold a confidential version of the same format regarding Housing in the NWT.

Our staff are always looking to find ways to ensure the public feels connected to its Legislature. That is why two educational videos were released in November 2021. The locally made videos aim to teach viewers about how a bill becomes a law and the three branches of government in the NWT in an easy to understand and interesting way. We look forward to continuing to produce accessible resources like these videos for the public.

Procedurally, the staff of the Assembly have had an unprecedented year, guiding the Assembly through the legislated processes to conduct not only complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct but

also the rare practice of a public inquiry. Concurrently, through the widely publicized concerns raised regarding the workplace culture at the Legislature, a Workplace Review was conducted by Quintet Consulting Corporation that examined the realities our staff face in their workplace. This review resulted in a public report outlining Quintet's observations. It was from that document that the Workplace Review Action Plan was born—a piece of work that now steers much of the efforts of the Assembly's senior management team. This document details how we plan to address the important issues raised in Quintet's report. I am happy to say that as we continue to implement the action plan, the Assembly is continuously and steadily becoming a better place to work for all staff.

While 2021-2022 was a year unlike any other, between achieving gender parity in the Legislature to implementing processes we have not been required to action in many years, this institution continues to take on meaningful change and continues to keep legislative operations alive and well in this Territory.



Tim Mercer, Clerk
Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly



MESSAGE DU GREFFIER

L'Assemblée législative des Territoires du Nord-Ouest est enracinée dans la tradition, mais elle est innovatrice et désireuse d'évoluer. C'est une institution vigoureuse et dévouée aux piliers du système démocratique et au service de ses dirigeants élus. C'est aussi une institution qui a prouvé qu'elle pouvait remplir sa mission malgré la pandémie et les périodes de changement. Permettez-moi de vous présenter en détail l'année 2021-2022 pour cette assemblée, ainsi que ses victoires et ses défis.

Notre plan de contrôle de l'exposition a été mis à l'épreuve lorsqu'une éclosion de COVID-19 s'est déclarée dans nos locaux pendant un pic de cas sur le territoire. Toutes les mesures de contrôle des risques ont été mises en œuvre rapidement et le personnel a pu retourner dans le bâtiment aussitôt qu'il a été sécuritaire de le faire. Puis, le 1^{er} novembre 2022, le bureau de régie a approuvé la politique de vaccination contre la COVID-19 de l'édifice de l'Assemblée législative qui décrit les exigences en matière de vaccination pour le personnel et les entrepreneurs. Le 22 novembre 2021, la Chambre a adopté une motion qui oblige les députés à être entièrement vaccinés contre la COVID-19 s'ils souhaitent participer aux séances et aux autres travaux et réunions de l'Assemblée législative.

Notre assemblée législative a eu une occasion à célébrer en juillet 2021 : en effet, elle a fait les manchettes nationales pour avoir accueilli la toute première assemblée législative majoritairement féminine du Canada après l'élection de la députée Jane Weyallon Armstrong à l'élection partielle de la circonscription de Monfwi en 2021. L'arrivée de Mme Weyallon Armstrong à l'Assemblée législative a fait passer le

nombre de femmes de neuf à dix sur dix-neuf.

Entre-temps, les comités de l'Assemblée législative ont développé de nouvelles façons de consulter le public sur leurs initiatives au moyen de réunions publiques virtuelles. Lors de ces réunions, n'importe qui pouvait s'inscrire pour parler devant un comité. L'intention était de reproduire le type de réunion qui a lieu lors des déplacements dans les collectivités, où n'importe qui peut entrer dans la salle, prendre le micro et s'adresser aux députés, sauf qu'il s'agissait de réunions virtuelles pour assurer la sécurité des résidents pendant les confinements en lien avec la COVID-19. En janvier et février 2022, le Comité permanent des opérations gouvernementales a tenu une réunion virtuelle concernant son examen de la Loi sur les langues officielles et une autre concernant sa priorité en lien avec le recrutement et la rétention des Autochtones dans la fonction publique. Le Comité permanent des affaires sociales a tenu une séance confidentielle du même format concernant le logement aux TNO.

Notre personnel cherche toujours à favoriser un sentiment de proximité du public avec son assemblée législative. C'est pourquoi deux vidéos éducatives ont été lancées en novembre 2021. Les vidéos réalisées localement ont pour but de montrer aux gens comment un projet de loi devient une loi, et les trois branches du gouvernement aux TNO dans un format simple et captivant. Nous nous réjouissons de continuer à produire des ressources accessibles comme ces vidéos pour le public.

Sur le plan de la procédure, le personnel de l'Assemblée a connu une année sans

précédent, alors qu'il a eu à accompagner les députés dans les processus prévus par la loi pour traiter des plaintes en vertu du Code de conduite des députés et pour mener une rare enquête publique. Parallèlement, en raison des préoccupations largement médiatisées concernant la culture du milieu de travail à l'Assemblée législative, un examen du milieu de travail a été mené par Quintet Consulting Corporation afin d'aborder les réalités auxquelles notre personnel est confronté au travail. Cet examen a donné lieu à un rapport public exposant les constatations de Quintet. C'est à partir de ce document que nous avons élaboré le Plan d'action sur l'examen du milieu de travail, un document qui oriente désormais une grande partie des efforts de l'équipe de la haute direction de l'Assemblée législative. Le plan d'action décrit la manière dont nous prévoyons de traiter les questions importantes soulevées dans le rapport de Quintet. Je suis heureux d'affirmer qu'en poursuivant la mise en œuvre du plan d'action, l'Assemblée devient continuellement et régulièrement un meilleur lieu de travail pour l'ensemble du personnel.

Si l'année 2021-2022 n'a pas été une année comme les autres, entre la réalisation de la parité hommes-femmes à l'Assemblée législative et la mise en œuvre de processus que nous n'avions pas eu à mettre en œuvre depuis de nombreuses années, cette institution continue de mettre en place des changements significatifs et de maintenir les opérations législatives dynamiques et prospères aux TNO.

Tim Mercer, greffier

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