

## FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### **December 8, 2023**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:00 a.m. with Mr. Glen Rutland, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, presiding.

#### Motion 1-20(1) Election of Speaker

Moved by the Member for Hay River North:

I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife Centre, that Shane Thompson, the Member for Nahendeh, do take the Chair as Speaker.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Honourable Shane Thompson took the Speaker's Chair.

#### Commissioner's Address

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the Honourable Margaret M. Thom, delivered an address to Members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

#### Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Hay River North, Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Members' Statements

- 1-20(1) The Member for Hay River South made a statement of appreciation for emergency services workers.
- 2-20(1) The Member for Thebacha made a statement of gratitude.

- 3-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement offering thanks to Sahtu constituents.
- 4-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the need for a Tłı̄chʔ administrative region.
- 5-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement offering gratitude and extending holiday wishes.
- 6-20(1) The Member for Nunakput made a statement of gratitude and holiday wishes.
- 7-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement of gratitude and offered holiday wishes.
- 8-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement of gratitude.
- 9-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement offering thanks and congratulations.
- 10-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement offering thanks and extending well wishes.
- 11-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife South made a statement of gratitude.
- 12-20(1) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement of gratitude to Kam Lake constituents.
- 13-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement offering gratitude and extending holiday wishes.
- 14-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement of gratitude.
- 15-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement of gratitude for support.
- 16-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement of gratitude and offering holiday wishes.
- 17-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding addictions and aftercare.
- 18-20(1) The Member for Hay River North made a statement of gratitude.

## Tabling of Documents

- 1-20(1) Yellowknife Citizens for Ceasefire Letter and Resolution. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 2-20(1) Office of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner 2022-2023 Annual Report. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 3-20(1) Codes of Conduct Signed by Members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 4-20(1) Yellowknife Citizens for Ceasefire City Council Presentation. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.

## Notices of Motion

- 2-20(1) Appointment of Premier  
Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.
- 3-20(1) Recommendation for Appointment of Members of the Executive Council  
Notice given by the Member for Dehcho.
- 4-20(1) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight  
Notice given by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 5-20(1) Appointments to the Board of Management  
Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.
- 6-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 6, 2024  
Notice given by the Member for Hay River South.

## Motions

- 2-20(1) Appointment of Premier

The Member for Range Lake sought and received unanimous consent to deal with the motion which was given notice earlier in the day.

Moved by the Member for Range Lake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife South, that the Member for Hay River North, R.J. Simpson, is hereby chosen to be Premier of the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

3-20(1) Recommendation for Appointment of Members of the Executive Council

The Member for Dehcho sought and received unanimous consent to deal with the motion which was given notice earlier in the day.

Moved by the Member for Dehcho.

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

Mr. R.J. Simpson, the Member for Hay River North;  
Mr. Vince McKay, the Member for Hay River South;  
Ms. Lesa Semmler, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes;  
Ms. Caitlin Cleveland, the Member for Kam Lake;  
Ms. Lucy Kuptana, the Member for Nunakput;  
Mr. Jay MacDonald, the Member for Thebacha; and  
Ms. Caroline Wawzonek, the Member for Yellowknife South.

The motion was CARRIED.

4-20(1) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight

The Member for Frame Lake sought and received unanimous consent to deal with the motion which was given notice earlier in the day.

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight:

Ms. Sheryl Yakeleya, the Member for Dehcho;  
Mr. Julian Morse, the Member for Frame Lake;  
Ms. Kate Reid, the Member for Great Slave;  
Mr. Denny Rodgers, the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake;  
Mr. George Nerysoo, the Member for Mackenzie Delta;

Ms. Jane Weyallon Armstrong, the Member for Monfwi;  
Mr. Kieron Testart, the Member for Range Lake;  
Mr. Danny McNeely, the Member for Sahtu;  
Mr. Richard Edjericon, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh;  
Mr. Robert Hawkins, the Member for Yellowknife Centre; and  
Ms. Shauna Morgan, the Member for Yellowknife North.

The motion was CARRIED.

5-20(1) Appointments to the Board of Management

The Member for Great Slave sought and received unanimous consent to deal with the motion which was given notice earlier in the day.

Moved by the Member for Great Slave.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, that the following Members be appointed to the Board of Management of this Assembly:

the Honourable Shane Thompson, Member for Nahendeh;  
Mr. Richard Edjericon, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh;  
Mr. Robert Hawkins, Member for Yellowknife Centre; and  
the Honourable Caitlin Cleveland, Member for Kam Lake.

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the Board of Management as alternate Members:

Ms. Kate Reid, Member for Great Slave;  
Ms. Yakeleya, Member for Deh Cho;  
the Honourable Jay MacDonald, Member for Thebacha; and  
the Honourable Vince Mckay, Member for Hay River South.

The motion was CARRIED.

6-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 6, 2024

The Honourable Member for Hay River South sought and received unanimous consent to deal with the motion which was given notice earlier in the day.

Moved by the Honourable Member for Hay River South.

I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that, notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when this House adjourns on December 8, 2023, it shall be adjourned until Tuesday, February 6, 2024;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to February 6, 2024, 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, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.


The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 11:18 a.m.



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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly