

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 20, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

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

Absent: Honourable Member for Hay River South.

Ministers' Statements

- 9-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure provided an update regarding the 2030 Energy Strategy.
- 10-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding climate change action in the Northwest Territories.
- 11-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the Shared Health Priorities Agreement with the Federal Government.
- 12-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Hay River South from the House.

Members' Statements

- 64-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding maintenance of market rental units.

- 65-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the impact of reductions to nursing aid positions.
- 66-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Territorial and Regional Wellness Councils.
- 67-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding Indigenous Languages Month.
- 68-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding restoring financial balance for the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- 69-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding cabin leases in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.
- 70-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the principles of consensus government and Executive Council engagement with Regular Members.
- 71-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the release of Restoring Balance: A Fiscal Sustainability Strategy for the 20th Legislative Assembly and expectations.
- 72-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding access to health and justice services in Tsiigehtchic.
- 73-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding recruitment and retention of health care providers.
- 74-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding NWT Parks and Recreation Association On-the-Land Award winners.

Tabling of Documents

- 27-20(1) Petition: Demand a Public Inquiry into the Hay River-Enterprise-Kakisa Wildfire. Tabled by the Member for Dehcho.
- 28-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 29-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 30-20(1) Restoring Balance: A Fiscal Sustainability Strategy for the 20th Legislative Assembly. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 31-20(1) Evacuation Support Program Data as of February 14, 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 32-20(1) Priorities of the 20th Legislative Assembly. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Notices of Motion

- 16-20(1) Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of Committee of the Whole
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 17-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Tabled Document 27-20(1)
Notice given by the Member for Dehcho.
- 18-20(1) Appointment of Members to the Northwest Territories Honours Advisory Council
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 19-20(1) Appointment of Equal Pay Commissioner
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 1: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 13-20(1): Interim Estimates, Operations Expenditures, April 1 to June 30, 2024, and reported progress with one motion adopted, that consideration of Tabled Document 13-20(1) is concluded, that the House concurred in those estimates and that an appropriation bill to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

Committee Motion 1-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 13-20(1), Interim Estimates, Operations Expenditures, April 1 to June 30, 2024, be now concluded, and that Tabled Document 13-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:29 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly