



FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 21, 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-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North.

Absent: Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Ministers' Statements

13-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement about celebrating Northwest Territories official languages.

14-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding our commitment to caribou stewardship.

15-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding tenant handbook and program updates.

16-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South from the House.

Members' Statements

75-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about navigation of medical travel supports.

- 76-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding recruitment and retention of health care professionals.
- 77-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the assessment of holdover wildfires.
- 78-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Indigenous Languages Month.
- 79-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding social passing in the education system.
- 80-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the recruitment of Indigenous people into the public service.
- 81-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the impact of low water levels on residents.
- 82-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Elders with Housing Northwest Territories mortgage debt.
- 83-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding funding for the non-governmental organization sector.
- 84-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding availability of family physicians.
- 85-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Paul Stipdonk Memorial Soccer Tournament.
- 86-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake delivered a eulogy for Vince Sharpe.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*

Notice given by the Minister of Justice.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 28-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2023-2024; Tabled Document 29-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2023-2024; Minister's Statement 4-20(1): 2023 Wildfire Season Review and Planning for the 2024 Season;

and Minister's Statement 5-20(1): Emergency Management Preparation and reported progress.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:32 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly