

## FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### **February 23, 2024**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:02 a.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, Honourable Member for Hay River South, 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: Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 18-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.
- 19-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement regarding new curriculum and assessment tools.
- 20-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding Weaving Our Wisdom.

#### Members' Statements

- 93-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding arts funding.
- 94-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Northwest Territories forest fire evacuee reimbursement.

- 95-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Fort Good Hope arena completion.
- 96-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding recognition of sports volunteers.
- 97-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding day care.
- 98-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding housing allocations.
- 99-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding licensed gaming.
- 100-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the non-profit sector.
- 101-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding diabetes in Indigenous communities.
- 102-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories bursary program.
- 103-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the 2024 Fort Liard snowboard program.
- 104-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nunakput made a statement offering community condolences.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 37-20(1) Inuvialuit Water Board 2022-2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 38-20(1) The Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund Financial Statements for the Year ended March 31, 2023. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 39-20(1) Education Accountability Framework - South Slave Divisional Education Council Operating Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

40-20(1) Annual Reports for the Education Bodies of the Northwest Territories for the 2022-2023 School Year ending June 30, 2023 - Volumes 1 and 2. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

#### Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 3: *Carbon Tax Repeal Act*

Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

#### First Reading of Bills

Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 2 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 1: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*

Introduced by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and to have Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, moved to the Committee of the Whole for consideration later that day.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### 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 Bill 1, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, and reported progress and that Bill 1 is ready for third reading.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 12:54 p.m.

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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly