

## FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

### **February 27, 2024**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 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, Honourable Member for Hay River South, 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: None.

### Ministers' Statements

- 24-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding health human resources recruitment and retention.
- 25-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about revitalizing the Great Slave Lake fishery.
- 26-20(1) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories Health, Safety and Wellness Policy.

The Member for Range Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the Minister of Health and Social Services' Minister's Statement, Health Human Resources Recruitment and Retention, be referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The motion was CARRIED.

## Members' Statements

- 117-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding pharmacists' scope of practice in the Northwest Territories.
- 118-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding daylight savings time.
- 119-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding collaboration with Indigenous governments on the future of Housing Northwest Territories.
- 120-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Government of the Northwest Territories vacancies in Beaufort-Delta.
- 121-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding economic impacts of the upcoming closure of Northwest Territories diamond mines.
- 122-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Giant Mine remediation project workforce.
- 123-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding developing remediations skills in Sahtu.
- 124-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding alcohol and drugs in Northwest Territories communities.
- 125-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding supports for persons with disabilities.
- 126-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding holistic health services for Indigenous communities.
- 127-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding extended health benefits.
- 128-20(1) The Honourable Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding Hay River events.
- 129-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

## Written Questions

- 2-20(1) The Member for Range Lake asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding Government of the Northwest Territories public sector positions.

## Petitions

- 1-20(1) The Member for Great Slave presented a petition regarding a ceasefire and end to Canadian support for the plausible genocide in Gaza.

## Tabling of Documents

- 47-20(1) 2022-2023 Annual Report on Official Languages. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 48-20(1) Aurora College Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 49-20(1) Northwest Territories and Nunavut Lotteries Operations Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

## Notices of Motion

- 22-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to May 23, 2024  
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 23-20(1) Call to Uphold Human Rights in Gaza  
Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.

## First Reading of Bills

- Bill 3: *Carbon Tax Repeal Act*  
Introduced by the Member for Range Lake.  
In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 3, *Carbon Tax Repeal Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.
- Bill 5: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*  
Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 5, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 5: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 5, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

### 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 29-20(1): *Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2023-2024*, and reported progress with one motion adopted, that consideration of Tabled Document 29-20(1) was concluded, that the House concurred with those estimates and that an appropriation bill to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

#### **Committee Motion 3-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE THAT consideration of Tabled Document 29-20(1), *Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2023-2024*, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 29-20(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 Tu Nedhé-Willideh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 5: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 5, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: (0)

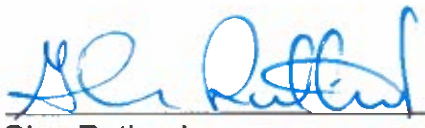
Members abstaining: (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:55 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