

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 10, 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, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Hay River North.

Ministers' Statements

51-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about preparing for implementation of *Mineral Resources Act* regulations.

52-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding Habitat for Humanity.

53-20(1) The Deputy Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Premier from the House.

Members' Statements

271-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Mining Week 2024.

272-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Chief Jimmy Bruneau School.

- 273-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Habitat for Humanity Northwest Territories.
- 274-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding a gravel source near Tsiigehtchic.
- 275-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding infrastructure funding for N'dilo.
- 276-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the impacts on businesses of the cancelled Marine Transportation Services season.
- 277-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding a redundancy line for the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Line.
- 278-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding disaster assistance programs for traditional cabin owners.
- 279-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding equitable access to health care.
- 280-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Sport North Awards.

Acknowledgements

- 5-20(1) The Member for Sahtu acknowledged Chief T'Selehye High School graduates.

Tabling of Documents

- 115-20(1) *Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 55-19(2): Report on Bill 85, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act.* Tabled by the Deputy Premier.
- 116-20(1) *Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 64-19(2): Report on Bill 84: An Act to Amend the Business Development and Investment Corporation Act.* Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 117-20(1) Union of Northern Workers Petition to Stop the Closure of the Men's Unit at Fort Smith Correctional Centre. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.

118-20(1) Petition regarding Proposed Government Wellness and Recovery Centre Building in Yellowknife. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion

34-20(1) Supporting RCMP Response to Mental Health
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

35-20(1) Emergency Plan Support for Municipalities and Community Governments
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motions

33-20(1) Municipal Funding Gap

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the Government of the Northwest Territories reallocate internal funding resources without delay to implement the revised Municipal Funding Gap policies;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories balance the current discrepancy between communities regarding the percentage of the formula funding they receive;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories make the calculation of the municipal funding gap, by community, publicly available;

AND FURTHERMORE, the Government of the Northwest Territories acknowledge the increased costs facing communities through public emergencies and natural disasters and allocate a new stream of funding for public safety and emergency preparedness into the municipal funding gap calculations;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (11)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (6)

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 Minister's Statement 4-20(1): 2023 Wildfire Season Review and Planning for the 2024 Season; Minister's Statement 5-20(1): Emergency Management Preparation; Minister's Statement 17-20(1): Reaching Average \$10 a Day Child Care in the NWT; Minister's Statement 24-20(1): Health Human Resources Recruitment and Retention; Tabled Document 93-20(1): 2024-2025 Main Estimates; and Tabled Document 111-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025, and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 30-20(1)

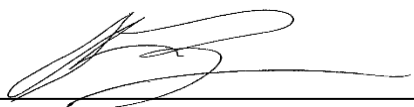
The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of Tabled Document 111-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025, at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:51 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly