

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 11, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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 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: None.

Ministers' Statements

54-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement about funding opportunities for mental wellness and addictions recovery programs.

Members' Statements

281-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Inuvik Petroleum Show.

282-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the *Change of Name Act*.

283-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding graduation season in the Sahtu region.

284-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding support for students in small communities and improvements to Student Financial Assistance for Indigenous students.

- 285-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding emergency shelters.
- 286-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Folk on the Rocks.
- 287-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and solutions for education for Indigenous students.
- 288-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding mental health.
- 289-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding supports for autism.
- 290-20(1) The Honourable Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Frank Gruben Pride Festival.
- 291-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the retirement of Laura Gareau.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 7-20(1) Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Public Accounts

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Committee Report 7-20(1), Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Public Accounts, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Committee Report 7-20(1), Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Public Accounts, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that pursuant to Rule 9.1(5)(a), the Government of the Northwest Territories table a comprehensive response to this report, including all recommendations, within 120

days, or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 8-20(1) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Committee's Initiation of a Project to Conduct a Review of the Land and Water Use Permitting Regulatory Framework

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 8-20(1), Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Committee's Initiation of a Project to Conduct a Review of the Land and Water Use Permitting Regulatory Framework, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Acknowledgements

- 6-20(1) The Member for Sahtu acknowledged graduates from Chief Albert Wright School in Tulita.

Tabling of Documents

- 119-20(1) Letter dated December 6, 2023, from Alternatives North to the Minister of Crown and Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding Public Participation in a Regional Study under part 5.2 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 120-20(1) Letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to Alternatives North regarding Public Participation in a Regional Study under part 5.2 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 121-20(1) Letter dated January 30, 2024, from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to Alternatives North regarding Public Participation in a Regional Study under part 5.2 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Notices of Motion

- 36-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Tabled Document 118-20(1)
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 37-20(1) Mackenzie Valley Highway Business Case Renewal
Notice given by the Member for Sahtu.
- 38-20(1) Consideration for the Hamlet of Enterprise to Receive Top-Up Funding
Notice given by the Member for Dehcho.
- 39-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 17, 2024
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

First Reading of Bills

- Bill 7: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*
Introduced by the Minister of Justice.
In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 7, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.
The motion was CARRIED.
- Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*
Introduced by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.
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 Tabled Document 93-20(1): 2024-2025 Main Estimates and reported progress with two motions carried.

Committee Motion 31-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Main Estimates for the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 32-20(1)

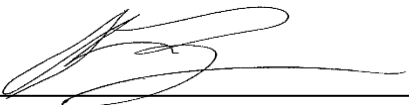
The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Main Estimates for Housing Northwest Territories at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:15 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly