

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 12, 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, 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

55-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding 2024 safe driving initiatives.

Members' Statements

292-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding healthcare access for out-of-territory students.

293-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding rent control.

294-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding an economic vision for the Northwest Territories.

295-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding support for the public service.

296-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement offering congratulations for Mackenzie Delta graduates.

- 297-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding ground search and rescue services.
- 298-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Indigenous Peoples Day and Sahtu Land Claim Day.
- 299-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding community housing solutions and the Fort Good Hope Construction Centre.
- 300-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding transboundary water pollution and testing.
- 301-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding policy and training supports for shelter staff.
- 302-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nunakput made a statement offering congratulations to Nunakput graduates.
- 303-20(1) The Honourable Member for Hay River South made a statement offering congratulations to Hay River graduates.
- 304-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement about celebrating Graduation 2024.
- 305-20(1) The Member for Dehcho delivered a eulogy for Peter Wilfred Canadien.

Acknowledgements

- 7-20(1) The Member for Sahtu acknowledged graduates of Colville Lake School.

Petitions

- 2-20(1) The Member for Great Slave presented a petition regarding improved fertility and family planning supports in the Northwest Territories.

Tabling of Documents

- 122-20(1) Inter-Activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1 to March 31, 2024). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 123-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 170-20(1): Regulation of E-Scooters. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.

- 124-20(1) Letter from Fertility Matters Canada regarding the Case for Support of Fertility and Family-Building Care in the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 125-20(1) NWT Residents Opinions on Midwifery 2024 - A Survey by the Midwives Association of the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 126-20(1) Statement of Consistency - Bill No. 8-20(1), *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motions

- 34-20(1) Supporting RCMP Response to Mental Health

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that the Government of the Northwest Territories work in collaboration with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to implement a crisis intervention team, through a partnership that supports the response to mental health emergencies, at an appropriately staffed level in order to maintain 24/7 support;

AND FURTHER, the purpose of the crisis intervention workers is to enhance the response and reduce police contact in mental health-related emergencies and allow the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to focus their efforts on disrupting the drug trade in the Northwest Territories;

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 Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (11)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: 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.
(7)

The motion was CARRIED.

35-20(1) Emergency Plan Support for Municipalities and Community Governments

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs direct the Emergency Management Organization to draft all emergency plans for every Northwest Territories community over the next two years, to ensure all plans are reasonably and consistently done;

AND FURTHER, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs provide financial support to all applicable governments, to allow them to fine-tune and complete their specific community emergency plan reflective of their specific community needs, inventorying of assets and assessment of their partners and supports;

AND FURTHERMORE, once a community plan is prepared, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs posts each community emergency plan on the Municipal and Community Affairs website, to ensure they are publicly accessible for transparency;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs acquire the resources for each community, to ensure all plans are reviewed and practiced from time to time, based on reasonable industry standards, which will demonstrate leadership and confidence in these safety plans for all Northwest Territories residents;

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

35-20(1) Motion to Amend Motion 35-20(1): Emergency Plan Support for Municipalities and Community Governments

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake:

I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that Motion 35-20(1): Emergency Plan Support for Municipalities and Community Governments, be amended by replacing the word “direct” with the word “offer”, adding “s” to the word “Organization”, followed by adding the word “assistance”, and adding “in

need of assistance” after the words “Northwest Territories community” in the ninth paragraph of the motion.

The motion was CARRIED.

35-20(1) Emergency Plan Support for Municipalities and Community Governments (As Amended)

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs offer the Emergency Management Organizations assistance to draft all emergency plans for every Northwest Territories community in need of assistance over the next two years, to ensure all plans are reasonably and consistently done;

AND FURTHER, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs provide financial support to all applicable governments, to allow them to fine-tune and complete their specific community emergency plan reflective of their specific community needs, inventorying of assets and assessment of their partners and supports;

AND FURTHERMORE, once a community plan is prepared, the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs posts each community emergency plan on the Municipal and Community Affairs website, to ensure they are publicly accessible for transparency;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs acquire the resources for each community, to ensure all plans are reviewed and practiced from time to time, based on reasonable industry standards, which will demonstrate leadership and confidence in these safety plans for all Northwest Territories residents;

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 Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (11)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: 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. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 7: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 7, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 7 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*

Introduced by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Sahtu, moved that Bill 8, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, be read for the second time.

The Member for Range Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre. (6)

Members against: Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Yellowknife North. (5)

Members abstaining: 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 and Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 8 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

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 Tabled Document 111-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025, and reported progress with two motions carried.

Committee Motion 33-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 111-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 111-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 34-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 93-20(1), 2024-2025 Main Estimates, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 93-20(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-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Dehcho, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:54 p.m.