

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 6, 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, 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 Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

Ministers' Statements

- 46-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the 80th Anniversary of D-Day.
- 47-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about strengthening Government of the Northwest Territories supports for Northwest Territories artists.
- 48-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement provided an update on key strategic infrastructure projects.

Members' Statements

- 250-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding blood cancer services.
- 251-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement offering congratulations to graduates.

- 252-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding food costs in the Mackenzie Delta region.
- 253-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding school attendance.
- 254-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding a life promotion and harm reduction youth conference in Tulita.
- 255-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding renewable diesel.
- 256-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding innovation in housing.
- 257-20(1) The Honourable Member for Kam Lake made a statement offering birthday greetings to Jackson Bowden.
- 258-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the retirement of Corinne Sassie.
- 259-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the Nutrition North program.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 3-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 3-20(1): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 3-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved, pursuant to Rule 9.4(5)(a), that 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.

4-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 4-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that Committee Report 4-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that pursuant to Rule 9.4(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.

5-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 5-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 5-20(1), Standing Committee Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that pursuant to Rule 9.4(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.

6-20(1)

Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud and Special Report on Recommendations for Amendments to the *Ombud Act*

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 6-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud and Special Report on Recommendations for Amendments to the *Ombud Act*, be deemed read and printed in the Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 6-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022-2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud and Special Report on Recommendations for Amendments to the *Ombud Act*, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that pursuant to Rule 9.4(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.

Tabling of Documents

112-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 163-20(1): Supports Available for Residents of Enterprise. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Notices of Motion

33-20(1) Municipal Funding Gap
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motions

31-20(1) Cross-Border Crime Reduction Forum

Moved by the Member for Range Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the Government of the Northwest Territories initiate a cross-border crime reduction forum that would involve the Governments of the Northwest Territories, Canada, Yukon, Alberta and British Columbia;

AND FURTHER, the focus of a cross-border forum will increase the response to violence and drug trafficking in rural and remote communities;

AND FURTHERMORE, the focus of the cross-border forum improve efforts to disrupt the illicit drug network, and drug-related crime and violence in Northwest Territories communities;

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

The Member for Range Lake 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 Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (10)

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.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Dehcho, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 93-20(1): 2024-2025 Main Estimates; Committee Report 2-20(1): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*; and Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*, and reported progress with 12 motions carried, that consideration of Committee Report 2-20(1) is concluded, and that Bill 2 is ready for third reading.

Committee Motion 15-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories work with Indigenous governments and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to establish a committee of local and community Indigenous leaders when a missing persons investigation is underway to aid with search and rescue operations, including the involvement of traditional knowledge, and facilitate communication with the affected family and loved ones.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 16-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Justices to evaluate any cultural safety programming or training being offered to Royal Canadian Mounted Police members and Justices to ensure it is trauma-informed, and otherwise responsibly addresses those working with missing person cases in the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 17-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories establish training specific to the *Missing Persons Act* and its responsible, culturally appropriate usage for Justices, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, non-profit staff, and shelter workers.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 18-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that, in the formulation of regulations for the *Missing Persons Act*, the Government of the Northwest Territories require the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to include a schedule in the annual report referenced in the Missing Persons Act that outlines statistical missing persons information in the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHER, that the regulations state where the annual report will be published.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 19-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the House refers the matter of titling bills to the Standing Committee on Procedures and Privileges to review and consider the current conventions in the titling of bills, and if those conventions should be expanded.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 20-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the federal government in establishing legislation specific to the Sixties Scoop and creating programming to assist those impacted by the Sixties Scoop in the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 21-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories include specifics on record retention and destruction in the development of the regulations for the *Missing Persons Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 22-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories incorporate the consideration of information that suggests that a missing person may not want to be located in the development of the regulations for the *Missing Persons Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 23-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to Committee Report 2-20(1): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*, within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 24-20(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 Infrastructure at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 25-20(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 Finance at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 26-20(1)

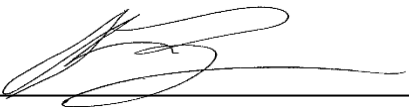
The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Borrowing Plan for the Government Reporting Entity and established borrowing limits for the Government of the Northwest Territories at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Dehcho, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:16 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly