

COMMITTEE RECORD OF PROCEEDING
MEETING 102-20-26 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT 10:30 AM
DET'ANCHOGH KÚÉ - EAGLE ROOM

Chair Weyallon Armstrong called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Committee Members in attendance: Weyallon Armstrong, McNeely, Morgan, Testart.

Regrets: Nerysoo, Yakeleya.

1. Committee agreed to forego prayer.
2. MLA McNeely moved the adoption of the agenda as presented. Carried.
3. There were no declarations of conflicts of interest

MLA Morgan moved that Committee move in-camera for the following items. Carried.
Committee moved in camera at 10:37 a.m.

4. In Camera Matters
 - a. Discussion on Bill 34: Trespass to Property Act
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. 2026-01-23 Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services

MLA Morgan moved that Committee conclude in-camera matters. Carried. Committee concluded in-camera matters at 11:00 a.m.

5. Public Matters
 - a. Clause-by-Clause Review of Bill 34: Trespass to Property Act

MLA Morgan moved that subclause 1(1) of Bill 34 be amended by deleting the definition “occupier” and substituting the following:

“occupier” includes, even if there is more than one occupier of the same premises,

- (a) A person who is in lawful physical possession of premises, or
- (b) A person who has lawful responsibility for and lawful control over the condition of premises or the activities there carried on, or lawful control over persons allowed to enter the premises

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Testart moved that subclause 1(1) of Bill 34 be amended by

- (a) Deleting the definition “member”; and
- (b) Adding the following definition in alphabetical order:
“peace officer” means
 - (a) A member as defined in subsection 2(1) of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act (Canada), or
 - (b) A member of a class of persons prescribed as peace officers under subsection 1(4);

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA McNeely moved that Bill 34 be amended by adding the following after subclause 1(3):
(4) The Minister may prescribe classes of persons who, by virtue of their offices, are peace officers for the purposes of this Act.

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Testart moved that Bill 34 be amended by deleting subclause 3(2) and substituting the following:
(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to one or more of the following:
(a) a fine of not more than \$10,000;
(b) a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months;
(c) an order prohibiting them from attending the premises for a term not exceeding three years.

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Morgan moved that Bill 34 be amended by adding the following after subclause 3(2):
(2.1) A person who contravenes an order made under paragraph 3(2)(c) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to one or more of the following:
(a) a fine of not more than \$10,000;
(b) a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months.

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Testart moved that Bill 34 be amended by adding the following after clause 7:
Unlawful Notice
7.1 (1) A person shall not give notice that entry is prohibited to premises unless
(a) they are the occupier of the premises; or
(b) they are authorized by the occupier of the premises
(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$2,000.

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA McNeely moved that Bill 34 be amended in subclauses 10(1) and (2) by striking out “member” and substituting “peace officer”.

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA McNeely moved that Bill 34 be amended by striking out “member” and substituting “peace officer” in each of the following provisions:

- (a) Subclause 11(1);
- (b) That portion of subclause 11(2) preceding paragraph (a);
- (c) Paragraph 11(2)(b).

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Morgan moved that Bill 34 be amended by adding the following after paragraph 13(a):
(a.1) prescribing classes of persons who, by virtue of their offices, are peace officers for the purposes of this Act

The motion was carried. The Minister of Justice concurred.

MLA Testart moved that Bill 34: Trespass to Property Act be reported to the Legislative Assembly as ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended. The motion was carried.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

7. MLA McNeely moved to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.


Name, Chair


Name, Committee Clerk