

**COMMITTEE RECORD OF PROCEEDING**  
**MEETING 79-20-26 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON**  
**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AT RISE OF HOUSE**  
**DET'ANCHOGH KÚJÉ - EAGLE ROOM**

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Chair Morse called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance: MLA Edjericon, MLA Hawkins, MLA Morse, MLA Reid, MLA Rodgers.

Regrets: MLA Weyallon Armstrong.

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

MLA Reid moved that Committee move in camera for the following items. Carried.  
Committee moved in camera at 4:32 p.m.

4. In Camera Matters:

- a. Bill 29: *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*:  
consideration of a draft report

MLA Hawkins moved that Committee conclude in camera matters. Carried. Committee concluded in camera matters at 4:52 p.m.

5. Public Matters

- a. Clause-by-clause review of Bill 29: *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*

MLA Hawkins moved that subclause 2(1) of Bill 29 be amended by deleting proposed paragraph 14.1(1)(a) and substituting the following:

- (a) Any prescribed type of cancer;

Carried.

MLA Hawkins moved that subclause 2(1) of Bill 29 be amended in proposed subsection 14.1(2) by striking out “a listed disease is presumed” and “substituting “a listed disease other than heart disease or heart injury is presumed”.

Carried.

MLA Hawkins moved that Bill 29 be amended by adding the following after subclause 2(2):

(3) The following is added after subsection 14.1(3):

(4) Notwithstanding section 14, a listed disease that is heart disease or heart injury is presumed to have arisen out of a worker’s employment and to have occurred during the course of that employment if the worker

(a) is disabled or impaired by the listed disease; and

(b) is employed as a firefighter on the date of diagnosis.

Carried.

MLA Hawkins moved that Bill 29 be amended by deleting clause 4 and substituting the following:

4. This Act comes into force on a day 12 months from the date of assent.

Carried.

MLA Reid moved that Bill 29: First Responders Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act as amended and reprinted be reported to the Assembly as ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

MLA Hawkins moved that Committee move in camera for the following items. Carried. Committee moved in camera at 5:08 p.m.

6. In Camera Matters:

- a. Bill 29: *First Responders Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act*: consideration of a draft report
- b. Correspondence: 2026-02-17 – Premier and Minister of Finance – Defining an NWT Indigenous Business for the GNWT’s Indigenous Procurement Policy
- c. Correspondence: 2026-02-12 – Yellowknife Education District No. 1 – *Bill 32: An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2*

MLA Rodgers moved that Committee conclude in camera matters. Carried. Committee concluded in camera matters at 5:24 p.m.

7. New Business:

- a. No new business was added.

8. Deferred Matters:

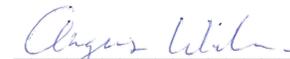
a. No deferred matters.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 12 p.m.

10. MLA Edjericon moved to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.



Julian Morse, Chair



Angus Wilson, Committee Clerk