

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 11, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:00 am, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

#### Ministers' Statements

231-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding the Airport Capital Assistance Program.

#### Members' Statements

1034-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding recreational land leases.

1035-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding capital budget transparency.

1036-19(2) The Member for Thebacha delivered a message of support for the town of Fort Smith.

1037-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding medical travel.

1038-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding waste management.

1039-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding firefighter aid for Ukraine.

1040-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding appreciation for interpreters and safety in communities.

1041-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding inflation and gas tax relief.

## Tabling of Documents

- 594-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 20-19(2): Report on Bill 30: *An Act to Amend the Aurora College Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 595-19(2) What We Heard: NWT Liquor Legislation Review, March, 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 596-19(2) Follow-up for Oral Question 918-19(2): Mental Health. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 597-19(2) Government of Canada, Travel: Proof of Vaccination for Indigenous Peoples and Northerners in Remote Communities at February 28, 2022. Tabled by the Member for Hay River South.

## Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 48: *Arbitration Act*  
Notice given by Minister of Justice.

## First Reading of Bills

- Bill 47: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*  
Introduced by the Minister of Justice.  
The Honourable Member for Hay River North presented Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*, to be read for the first time.  
Pursuant to Rule 8.2(3), Bill 47 was deemed read a first time and was deemed ready for second reading.

## Motions

- 50-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to March 28, 2022

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that when this House adjourns on Friday, March 11, 2022, it shall be adjourned until Monday, March 28, 2022;

AND FURTHERMORE, that at any time prior to March 28, 2022, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, or at a time later than the scheduled resumption of the House, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 23: *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Bill 37: *An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; Bill 38: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2021*; Committee Report 24-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Statutory Reviews of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and *Wildlife Act*; Minister's Statement 202-19(2): Annual Status Report on the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2019-2023; Tabled Document 561-19(2): Main Estimates 2022-2023; Tabled Document 567-19(2): Annual Status Report – 2019-2023 Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, February 2021-January 2022; Tabled Document 578-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2021-2022; and Tabled Document 579-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2021-2022, and reported progress with sixteen motions adopted, that Committee Report 24-19(2) is concluded, that Bills 37 and 38 are ready for third reading, and that consideration of Tabled Documents 578-19(2) and 579-19(2) is concluded, that the House concur in those estimates and that appropriation bills to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

#### **Committee Motion 203-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories advance discussions under section 12 of the *Wildlife Act* with Indigenous governments who are not represented by existing renewable resource boards or without a final lands, resources and self-government agreement.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 204-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that Department of Environment and Natural Resources strengthen the application and use of sections 14 and 21 under the *Species at Risk (NWT) act* to ensure that Indigenous governments without a final agreement have a say in management of species at risk.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 205-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories establish an expedited legal process for Indigenous hunters to regain access to hunting equipment when there is a risk of losing the hunting season without it.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 206-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories increase funding support for the Community Harvester Assistance Program (and related programs that develop hunting, trapping and harvesting skills).

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 207-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories make hunter education a requirement of the kindergarten to grade 12 NWT education curriculum.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 208-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories expand section 98 of the *Wildlife Act*, to require consideration of community conservation plans when determining allocation of harvests for wildlife and that written reasons be required for all decisions on harvest allocations.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 209-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with Indigenous governments and renewable resource boards to identify appropriate, culturally grounded processes for enforcement using alternative measures which include restorative justice models.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 210-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories establish a role for Indigenous guardians in legislation.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 211-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories create a funding program to establish and maintain Indigenous guardian programs in communities, and that multi-year funding be available to employ people in small communities.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 212-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories remove any regulatory barriers that prevent communities from sharing wild meat to improve food security.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 213-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories expand Part 6, Conservation and Management Measures, of the *Wildlife Act* to include provisions for nomination of conservation areas by Indigenous governments and others, consistent to the *Protected Areas Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 214-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories make the results of discussions at meetings under section 15 of the *Wildlife Act* publicly available.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 215-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources extend the statutory review period under section 171 of the *Wildlife Act* to match the review period established under section 147 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, and that both of these statutory review periods be required every other Assembly.

**Committee Motion 216-19(2)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the provide a response to this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 217-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 578-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2021-2022, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 578-19(2) 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 218-19(2)**

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 579-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2021-2022, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 578-19(2) 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 Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 2:22 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly