

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 31, 2022

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm, with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Deh Cho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh (remote), Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Nunakput.

The Speaker delivered a ruling on a point of order raised by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh on May 30, 2022. The Speaker found that the remarks by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh were out of order and asked the Member to apologize and withdraw his remarks.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh refused to apologize and withdraw his remarks twice. Pursuant to Rule 3.4, the Speaker named Mr. Edjericon who was suspended for the remainder of the sitting day.

Ministers' Statements

249-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding a youth safety leadership program.

- 250-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources made a statement regarding the 2022 wildfire season.
- 251-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement about maximizing the Northwest Territories' environmental, social and governance and environmental, social and governance – Indigenous advantage.

Members' Statements

- 1111-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding support for businesses affected by flooding in Hay River.
- 1112-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding Sexual Violence Awareness Month and a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision.
- 1113-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement about improving RCMP accountability in the Northwest Territories.
- 1114-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement of support for the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.
- 1115-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding follow-up from the Auditor General's Report on Education from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- 1116-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding barriers to accessing government services.
- 1117-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- 1118-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding implementation of the Canada-Northwest Territories Early Childhood Education Agreement.
- 1119-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Adrian Lizotte.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 31-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act.*

Tabling of Documents

- 660-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 52: *Elevators and Lifts Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 661-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 53: *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 662-19(2) Northwest Territories Surface Rights Board 2022/23 Budget and 2022-2024 Strategic Plan and Business Plan. Tabled by the Minister of Lands.
- 663-19(2) Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly: Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services in the Northwest Territories, Independent Auditor's Report, 2022. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 56-19(2) Reappointment of Human Rights Commission Member
Notice given by the Member for Kam Lake.
- 57-19(2) Housing NWT Transfers to Long-term Tenants
Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 52: *Elevators and Lifts Act*

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 52, *Elevators and Lifts Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 52 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

Bill 53: *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, moved that Bill 53, *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 53 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

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 Committee Report 29-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the Languages Commissioner for the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2020-2021 and reported progress with four motions adopted and that Committee Report 29-19(2) is concluded.

Committee Motion 239-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment clarify the role of the Languages Commissioner, specifically regarding how the Languages Commissioner may bring forward concerns and recommendations to the Minister responsible for official languages.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 240-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment strengthen the Languages Commissioner's ability to get requested information from public bodies, including time-bound requirements to respond to requests.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 241-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Committee recommends that the Department of Education, Culture and Employment impose time-bound requirements on public bodies to respond to recommendations from the Languages Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 242-19(2)

The Member for Yellowknife North moved the following motion:

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

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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 46: *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 46, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Hay River North. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Bill 47: *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, moved that Bill 47, *An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Act, No. 2*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Monfwi, Great Slave,

Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot
Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (15)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0#)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:01 pm.


Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly


Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly