

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 7, 2023

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

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North.

Absent: Member for Deh Cho, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Ministers' Statements

- 329-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement celebrating engineers and geoscientists in the Northwest Territories.
- 330-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding homelessness programs offered by Housing Northwest Territories.
- 331-19(2) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement celebrating National Social Work Month.
- 332-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Hay River North from the House.

Members' Statements

- 1436-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Child and Youth Care Counselling Program.
- 1437-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the future of local housing organizations.
- 1438-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the planning and implementation of power infrastructure in Fort Simpson.
- 1439-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding progress on a new school in Tuktoyaktuk and the lack of alternative suitable spaces for students.
- 1440-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the use of crack cocaine in Tłıchq communities and the risk to youth and children.
- 1441-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the use of surety bonds as financial security for environmental liabilities.
- 1442-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding homelessness in the Northwest Territories.
- 1443-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding his constituency services.
- 1444-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the lack of financial savings from amalgamation of the health and social services authorities.
- 1445-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Jessie May Snider.

Returns to Written Questions

- 58-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 58-19(2) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Monfwi regarding the Frank Channel Bridge replacement.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 47-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Homelessness Prevention: Supporting Pathways to Housing NWT

Residents

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 47-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Homelessness Prevention: Supporting Pathways to Housing NWT Residents, be deemed reading and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 47-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Homelessness Prevention: Supporting Pathways to Housing NWT Residents, be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 876-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Bridge Inspection Form – Frank Channel Bridge, July 2021. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 877-19(2) Stantec Consulting Ltd. 2021 Frank Channel Inspection Report dated February 12, 2022. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 878-19(2) Plain Language Summary for Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act*. Tabled by the Premier for the Minister of Justice.
- 879-19(2) What We Heard: A Forest Act for the Northwest Territories, February 2023. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 880-19(2) Letter dated December 26, 2022, from Alternatives North regarding comments on Forest Act Summary of Policy Intentions. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Notices of Motion

- 75-19(2) Maximum Allowable Rent Increase for Private Rental Units
Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.

76-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to March 27, 2023

Notice given by the Member for Frame Lake.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 76: *An Act to Amend the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act*

Notice given by Member for Thebacha.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 72: *Opioid Damages and Health Care Cost Recovery Act*

The Honourable Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Sahtu, moved that Bill 72, *Opioid Damages and Health Care Cost Recovery Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 72 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Bill 73: *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 4*

The Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 4*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Thebacha sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 73 referred to Committee of the Whole for consideration later today. Hearing no objection, the Speaker referred Bill 73, *An Act to Amend the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, No. 4*, to Committee of the Whole for consideration later today.

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 Tabled Document 813-19(2): 2023-2024 Main Estimates and reported progress with two motions carried.

Committee Motion 371-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 372-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Estimates for the Department of Environment and Climate Change at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:25 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly