

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

August 28, 2023

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

By the order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the sitting was held outside the capital, in Inuvik. Pursuant to Rule 10.1, the sitting was a hybrid sitting.

Pursuant to Rule 10.1(2), the Speaker allowed the remote participation of the Member for Deh Cho, the Member for Frame Lake, the Member for Great Slave, the Honourable Member for Hay River North, the Member for Hay River South, the Member for Kam Lake, the Member for Monfwi, the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, the Member for Nunakput, the Honourable Member for Range Lake, the Honourable Member for Sahtu, the Member for Thebacha, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, the Member for Yellowknife North, and the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

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, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nahendeh, Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Sahtu, Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

The Speaker advised the House that, pursuant to Rule 10.5(2), special Orders of the Day were issued to ensure the efficient operation of the Chamber, reflecting the Members' desire for a business-focused sitting.

The Speaker advised the House that he had received the following letter from the Commissioner, the Honourable Margaret Thom:

Dear Mr. Speaker: I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories the passage of *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2024-2025*; and *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*, during the second session of the 19th Assembly.

Further, the Speaker advised that, pursuant to Rule 3.5(1), the Member for Monfwi wished to move a motion for emergency debate, calling upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to ensure that Indigenous Governments are involved in the Government of the Northwest Territories' response to end the wildfire emergency. Typically, a Member would move the motion for an emergency debate at the conclusion of oral questions; however, the special Orders of the Day did not include Oral Questions. Pursuant to Rule 10.5(2), and in an effort to balance the privileges of the Member and the Assembly, the Speaker directed that the motion for emergency debate be considered after Third Reading of Bills.

Tabling of Documents

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| 967-19(2) | Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance. |
| 968-19(2) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 74-19(2): Reconciliatory Review of Housing NWT's Collection Approach. Tabled by the Government House Leader. |
| 969-19(2) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 77-19(2): Review of Territorial Land Lease Policy and Procedures. Tabled by the Government House Leader. |
| 970-19(2) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 40-19(2): Report on the Review of Bill 61: <i>An Act to Amend the Ombud Act</i> . Tabled by the Government House Leader. |
| 971-19(2) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 50-19(2): Strengthening Community Supports, Lifting Youth Voices: Recommendations on Suicide Prevention. Tabled by the Government House Leader. |
| 972-19(2) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 51-19(2): Report on Indigenous Representation in the Northwest Territories Public Service. Tabled by the Government House Leader. |

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 967-19(2): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024, and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 467-19(2)

The Member for Frame Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 967-19(2), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 967-19(2) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The Chair, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, called for a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (17)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

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.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 97 *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*

Notice given by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake.

Bill 98 *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*

Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 97 *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake received unanimous consent to present Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 97 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 98 *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*

The Member for Monfwi received unanimous consent to present Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 98 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 99 *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South presented Bill 99, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 99 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 97 *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*

Pursuant to Rule 8.2(2), the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake received consent to advance Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*, to second reading.

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*, be read for the second time. In accordance with rule 10.3(1), the vote was recorded.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (18)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake received unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*, referred directly to third reading.

Bill 98

An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act

Pursuant to Rule 8.2(2), the Member for Monfwi received consent to advance Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*, to second reading.

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*, be read for the second time. In accordance with rule 10.3(1), the vote was recorded.

The results of the recorded vote were:

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

Members against: Thebacha, Nunakput, Nahendeh, Yellowknife Centre. (4)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Monfwi sought but did not receive unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*, referred directly to third reading.

Bill 98 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 99

Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 99, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024* be read for the second time. In accordance with rule 10.3(1), the vote was recorded.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (18)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 97

An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election

Pursuant to Rule 8.2(2), the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake received consent to advance Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*, to third reading.

The Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, seconded by the Member for Kam Lake moved that Bill 97, *An Act to Postpone Polling Day for the 2023 General Election*, be read for the third time.

Pursuant to Rule 10.3, the vote was recorded. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (18)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 99

Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 99, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2023-2024*, be read for the third time.

Pursuant to Rule 10.3, the vote was recorded. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lakes, Deh Cho, Hay River South, Thebacha, Kam Lake, Frame Lake, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (18)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Motions

83-19(2) Emergency Debate on Government of the Northwest Territories' Response to End the Current Wildfire Emergency

Moved by the Member for Monfwi.

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, to set aside the ordinary business of the House to discuss calling upon the Government of the Northwest Territories to ensure that Indigenous Governments are involved in the Government of the Northwest Territories' response to end the current wildfire emergency.

After hearing debate, the Speaker ruled the motion out of order, as the subject matter was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations in the form of Bill 98, *An Act to Amend the Emergency Management Act*.

The motion was RULED OUT OF ORDER.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:48 pm.

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Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen Rutland" written in a cursive style.

Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly