

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

September 27, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm, with 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, 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:

Ministers' Statements

377-19(2) The Premier delivered a sessional statement.

Members' Statements

1581-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding wildfire evacuees.

1582-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement thanking first responders and recognizing residents of Fort Smith.

1583-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement thanking wildfire crews and community members who protected Hay River.

- 1584-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding evacuations and government support.
- 1585-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement recognizing the passing of Nunakput constituents.
- 1586-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement recognizing essential service workers.
- 1587-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding climate change and emergency response planning.
- 1588-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Northwest Territories wildfire policy.
- 1589-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding post-evacuation business supports.
- 1590-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding wildfire evacuations.
- 1591-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Adam Yeadon.

Returns to Written Questions

- 65-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 65-19(2) from the Minister of Finance to the Member for Frame Lake regarding public-private partnership projects capital and operating costs and revenues.
- 66-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 66-19(2) from the Premier to the Member for Great Slave regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories intervention challenging Federal Law C-92.
- 67-19(2) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 67-19(2) from the Premier to the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh regarding the unresolved matter of the Federal Indian Day Schools.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 55-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 85: *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act*

The Member for Yellowknife North presented a portion of the report. The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that the remainder of Committee Report 55-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 85: *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act* be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 55-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 85: *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act* be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

57-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 65: *Builders' Lien Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 57-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 65: *Builders' Lien Act* be deemed read 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 57-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 65: *Builders' Lien Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

58-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 82: *Legal Profession Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 58-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 82: *Legal Profession Act* be deemed read 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 58-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 82: *Legal Profession Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

59-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 59-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act* be deemed read 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 59-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

60-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act*

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Member for Monfwi, moved that Committee Report 60-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act* be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Member for Monfwi, moved that Committee Report 60-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

61-19(2) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 61-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2* be deemed read 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 61-19(2): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2* be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

62-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 74: *Forest Act*

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 62-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 74: *Forest Act* be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 62-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Bill 74: *Forest Act* be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

63-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 78: *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act*

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 63-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 78: *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act* be

deemed read and printed in its entirety in Hansard.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 63-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 78: *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

64-19(2) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 84: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act*

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 64-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 84: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act* be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Deh Cho, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 64-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment on Report on Bill 84: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Bill 65-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 65, *Builders' Lien Act*, and that Bill 65 was not ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Bill 74-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 74, *Forest Act*, and that Bill 74 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

- Bill 75-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 75, *Council of Women and Gender Diversity Act*, and that Bill 75 was not ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 78-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 78, *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act*, and that Bill 78 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 80-19(2) The Member for Great Slave reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 80, *Dental Hygienists Profession Statues Amendment Act* and that Bill 80 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 81-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 81, *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2*, and that Bill 81 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 84-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 84, *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act*, and that Bill 84 was not ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.
- Bill 85-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 85, *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act*, and that Bill 85 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 93-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment had reviewed Bill 93, *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*, and that Bill 93 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 94-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 94, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act*, and that Bill 94 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Tabling of Documents

- 973-19(2) 2024-2025 Capital Estimates. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 974-19(2) Supplementary Estimates Operations Expenditures, No. 3, 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 975-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1333-19(2): Interoperability of Government of the Northwest Territories Systems. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 976-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1340-19(2): Indigenous Employment Policy. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 977-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1451-19(2): Northern Resident Travel Deduction. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 978-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1474-19(2): Audit Report and Unspent Funds on Internet Connectivity. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 979-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1488-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Indigenous Language System. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 980-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1557-19(2): Land Leases. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 981-19(2) Final Report on the Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories 2019-2023. Tabled by the Premier.
- 982-19(2) Letter to Prime Minister regarding MLA Concerns Respecting Cosmos 954 Effects on Health and Safety. Tabled by the Premier.
- 983-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1321-19(2): Housing Crisis in the NWT. Tabled by the Premier.
- 984-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1464-19(2): Federal Day School. Tabled by the Premier.
- 985-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1541-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Committed to United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation. Tabled by the Premier.

- 986-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1510-19(2): Searching for Frank Gruben. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 987-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1515-19(2): Transparency of Corporate Registries. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 988-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 1519-19(2): Resurfacing Fort Smith Airport Runway. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 989-19(2) Letter dated July 14, 2023, to Intergovernmental Council Secretariat regarding Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 990-19(2) Letter dated July 14, 2023, to Non-Intergovernmental Council Indigenous Governments regarding Bill 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 991-19(2) Information and Privacy Commissioner Review Report and Order, May 26, 2023. Tabled by Member for Frame Lake.
- 992-19(2) ITI Decision Letter dated June 26, 2023. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 993-19(2) Observations on ITI ATIPP Meeting Summaries (revised August 2023). Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 994-19(2) Revised GNWT-Chamber of Mines Meeting Summaries with Additional Information. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 995-19(2) Integrity Commissioner report into a complaint made by the Hon. Shane Thompson, MLA alleging that Ms. Katrina Nokleby, MLA has breached the Members' *Code of Conduct*. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 996-19(2) Elections NWT 2022-23 Annual Report. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 997-19(2) Northwest Territories Ombud Investigation Updates, Special Report to the Legislative Assembly 1-2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 998-19(2) Speaking Up for Fairness – 2022/2023 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 84-19(2) Taxation of Vaping Products under Coordinated Vaping Taxation Products Agreement

Notice given by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

85-19(2) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 3, 2023

Notice given by the Member for Thebacha.

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 29: *Resource Royalty Information Disclosure Statute Amendment Act*; Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act*; and Bill 82: *Legal Profession Act* and reported progress with one motion carried, that Bill 29 is concluded, that Bill 82 is ready for third reading and that Bill 77 is ready for third reading as amended.

Committee Motion 468-19(2)


The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that the French version of Bill 77 be amended by striking out "par écrit" in subclause 56(1) and substituting "en conformité avec les règlements administratifs".

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:44 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly