

## Votes and Proceedings

### SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

September 28, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 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, 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.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 378-19(2) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding implementation of the 2030 Energy Strategy.
- 379-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement about building capacity in small communities.
- 380-19(2) The Minister of Finance provided a Northwest Territories fiscal update.
- 381-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding the historic 2023 wildfire season.

## Members' Statements

- 1592-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories – Union of Northern Workers collective agreement negotiations.
- 1593-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding Federal disaster assistance funding.
- 1594-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding gender equity and equality in politics.
- 1595-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding impacts of the 2023 wildfire season on Tłıchǫ people and communities.
- 1596-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding regulatory capture.
- 1597-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding the Inuvik High Point Wind Project.
- 1598-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding community fire breaks.
- 1599-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding equitable support for Yellowknife wildfire evacuees and airfare costs.
- 1600-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiliideh made a statement regarding the impact of Taltson expansion on Rocher River.
- 1601-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Taltson Hydro Project business case and the Northwest Territories' energy future.
- 1602-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Melvin Sake.
- 1603-19(2) The Member for Nunakput delivered a eulogy for Dr. Noah Carpenter.
- 1604-19(2) The Honourable Member for Range Lake made a statement offering reflections on the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

## Returns to Oral Questions

- 1548-19(2) The Premier provided a return to Oral Question 1548-19(2) asked by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiliideh regarding Indian Day Schools.

## Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 65-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 83: *Liquor Act*

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 65-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 83: *Liquor Act* be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 65-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 83: *Liquor Act* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

- 66-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3*

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 66-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3* be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 66-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3* be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

67-19(2) Standing Committee Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Public Accounts

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 67-19(2): Standing Committee Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Public Accounts be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 67-19(2): Standing Committee Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Public Accounts be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

68-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022 Audit of Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services, No. 2

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 68-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022 Audit of Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services, No. 2 be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 68-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2022 Audit of Addictions Prevention and Recovery Services, No. 2 be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

69-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education, No. 2

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 69-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the

2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education, No. 2 be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 69-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020 Audit of Early Childhood to Grade 12 Education, No. 2 be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

70-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 70-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 70-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

71-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Ombud

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 71-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Ombud be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 71-19(2): Standing

Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Ombud be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

72-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 72-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 72-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

73-19(2) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Annual Reports of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 73-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Annual Reports of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission be deemed read and printed in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife North, seconded by the Member for Thebacha, moved that Committee Report 73-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Annual Reports of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

## Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 83-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 83, *Liquor Act*, and that Bill 83 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.
- Bill 92-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 92, *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3*, and that Bill 92 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

## Tabling of Documents

- 999-19(2) What We Heard – Affirmative Action Policy Review. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 1000-19(2) Public Service Annual Report 2022/2023. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 1001-19(2) 69th Annual Report 2022-2023 NWT Liquor Licensing Board. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 1002-19(2) 69th Annual Report 2022-2023 NWT Liquor and Cannabis Commission. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 1003-19(2) Department of Justice Corrections Service Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 1004-19(2) Conference of Management Authorities Species at Risk Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1005-19(2) Northwest Territories Species at Risk Committee Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

## 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 973-19(2), *Capital Estimates, 2024-2025* and reported progress.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 82

*Legal Profession Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 82, *Legal Profession Act*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North requested a recorded vote. 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. (17)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:49 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly