

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 6, 2023

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:00am, 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-Willideh, Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

- 396-19(2) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement about increasing student outcomes.
- 397-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Active Living Framework 2023-2033.
- 398-19(2) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories provided a housing delivery status update.

Members' Statements

- 1654-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement reflecting on the 19th Legislative Assembly and offering birthday wishes to Kya Wickens.

- 1655-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement of appreciation for family and residents of Inuvik Twin Lakes.
- 1656-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement of appreciation and reflections on the 19th Legislative Assembly.
- 1657-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement of reflections on the 19th Legislative Assembly.
- 1658-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiliideh made a statement regarding the Kosmos 954 incident.
- 1659-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding the impacts of carbon taxation on the cost-of-living in Northwest Territories.
- 1660-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding critical infrastructure funding.
- 1661-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement of appreciation and reflections on the 19th Legislative Assembly.
- 1662-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding priority setting for the 20th Legislative Assembly.
- 1663-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding impacts of the 2023 North Slave wildfire evacuation on Tłıchq communities and the need for a Tłıchq administrative region.
- 1664-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Jobs in Demand: 20-Year Forecast Report.
- 1665-19(2) The Honourable Member for Range Lake made a statement acknowledging former Yellowknives Dene First Nation Chief Eddie Sangris.
- 1666-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding offering Thanks to Staff and Interpreters.
- 1667-19(2) The Honourable Member for Hay River North made a statement of Remembrance for RCMP Constable Christopher Worden.

Returns to Oral Questions

- 1578-19(2) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change provided a return to Oral Question 1578-19(2) asked by the Member for Monfwi regarding fire management policy effect on Indigenous culture.

Replies to the Commissioner's Address

- 7-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 8-19(2) The Member for Monfwi delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 9-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 10-19(2) The Member for Nunakput delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 11-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiliideh delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 12-19(2) The Member for Great Slave delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 13-19(2) The Honourable Member for Sahtu delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 14-19(2) The Honourable Member for Range Lake delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 15-19(2) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 16-19(2) The Honourable Member for Hay River North delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.
- 17-19(2) The Member for Hay River South delivered a reply to the Commissioner's Address.

Tabling of Documents

- 1036-19(2) Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority 2022-2023 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 1037-19(2) Tłıchq Community Services Agency Health & Social Services Annual Report 2022-23. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

- 1038-19(2) Strengthening the Non-Profit and Charitable Sector External Advisory Committee Final Report. Tabled by the Premier.
- 1039-19(2) Summary of Members' Absences for the Period October 1, 2019, to October 5, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 1040-19(2) Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowance Fund Financial Statements for year ended March 31, 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.

Motions

- 86-19(2) Report of Integrity Commissioner into Complaint of Code of Conduct

Moved by the Member for Frame Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that the recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner be accepted and that this Assembly reprimand the Member for Great Slave and impose a fine of \$7,500 to be reduced by \$3,500 for charitable contributions made, for a net amount of \$4000.

The Member for Frame Lake 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, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

- 87-19(2) Dissolution of the 19th Legislative Assembly

Moved by the Member for Kam Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that this Legislative Assembly request the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to dissolve the 19th Assembly of the Northwest Territories on October 15, 2023, to permit polling day for a general election to be held on November 14, 2023;

AND FURTHER, that the Speaker transmit this resolution to the Commissioner.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 100: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South presented Bill 100, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 100 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 101: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South presented Bill 101, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 101, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 100: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 100, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 101: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 101, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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 23: *An Act to Amend the Public Utilities Act*; Bill 75: *Council of Women and Gender Diversity Act*; Committee Report 53-19(2): Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on Supporting Northern Businesses; Committee Report 76-19(2): Moving Forward: Recommendations for the Incoming 20th Assembly - Report of the Special Committee on Transition Matters; Minister's Statement 264-19(2): Response to the NWT Chief Coroner's Report on Suicide, and Tabled Document 681-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 26-19(2): Report on the *Child and Family Services Act* – Lifting Children, Youth and Families: An All of Territory Approach to Keeping Families Together, and reported progress.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act*

The Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 80, *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the third time.

The Member for Kam Lake 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, Nunakput, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Monfwi, Great Slave. (10)

Members against: Nahendeh, Yellowknife South, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Hay River North. (7)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 100: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 100,

Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025, be read for the third time.

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

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

Members against: Frame Lake, Yellowknife North, Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh. (3)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 101: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nahendeh, moved that Bill 101, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*, be read for the third time.

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

Members for: Inuvik Twin Lake, Deh Cho, 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. (16)

Members against: Hay River South. (1)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

- Bill 65: *Builders' Lien Act*
- Bill 74: *Forest Act*
- Bill 77: *Nursing Profession Act*
- Bill 78: *Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Act*
- Bill 80: *Dental Hygienists Profession Statutes Amendment Act*
- Bill 81: *An Act to Amend the Education Act, No. 2*
- Bill 82: *Legal Profession Act*
- Bill 83: *Liquor Act*
- Bill 84: *An Act to Amend the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act*
- Bill 85: *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act*
- Bill 92: *An Act to Amend the Petroleum Products and Carbon Tax Act, No. 3*
- Bill 93: *Practice of Engineering, Geoscience and Applied Science Technology Act*
- Bill 94: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*
- Bill 100: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2024-2025*
- Bill 101: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2023-2024*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:01 pm.



Hon. Frederick Blake Jr.
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly