

Motion No. / No 56-20(1)

## **Code of Conduct Referral to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges**

WHEREAS a Member's privilege of freedom of speech is crucial to a Member fulfilling their role in the Assembly;

AND WHEREAS a Member's freedom of speech applies to all proceedings of the Assembly, including Committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS a Member's freedom of speech during proceedings is only limited by the Rules of the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS these rules only apply to proceedings of the House and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS the Member's Code of Conduct was established to ensure that Members conduct themselves in a way that instills trust and confidence on the part of the public in their elected officials;

AND WHEREAS the conduct of individual Members of this Legislative Assembly can and does reflect on all other Members, as well as the institution itself;

AND WHEREAS residents of the Northwest Territories expect, and will hold Members of this Legislative Assembly to a higher standard when it comes to how we conduct our business in and outside of this Assembly;

AND WHEREAS public statements made online by Members of this Legislative Assembly outside of proceedings, that are not governed by our rules, and may not meet the threshold for legal action, may be interpreted by members of the public in a manner that erodes the trust and confidence in the Legislative Assembly and its Members;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife South, that this Legislative Assembly direct the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges to consider if the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Member's Code of Conduct requires any amendments or updates regarding statements made online by Members of the Legislative Assembly outside of our proceedings;

AND FURTHER, that the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges deliver a report to this House on the matter by February 2026.

Date of Notice: May 23, 2025 Moved by: Ms. Reid Date de l'avis : 23 mai 2025 Proposée par : M<sup>me.</sup> Reid

Date of Introduction: May 27, 2025 Seconded by: Ms. Wawzonek
Date de présentation: 27 mai 2025 Appuyée par: M<sup>me.</sup> Wawzonek

Disposition: CARRIED RV

Disposition : ADOPTÉE VN Ruled Out of Order:
Carried: May 27, 2025 Déclarée irrecevable :

Adoptée : 27 mai 2025