

## FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**February 6, 2024**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

### Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Dehcho.

### Ministers' Statements

- 1-20(1) The Premier delivered a Sessional Statement.
- 2-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Nunakput from the House.

### Members' Statements

- 19-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement offering condolences to the people of Fort Smith.
- 20-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement offering condolences to the people of Fort Smith.
- 21-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding challenges for the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly to address.

- 22-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding the impacts of addictions, treatment programs and after-care in the Northwest Territories.
- 23-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement offering condolences to the people of Fort Smith.
- 24-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement about funding for non-governmental organizations.
- 25-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding staffing of the Regional Director position for the Beaufort-Delta region.
- 26-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the impact of collecting arrears on elders by Housing Northwest Territories.
- 27-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the impact of the evacuation on the unhoused population.
- 28-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding physician services throughout the Northwest Territories.
- 29-20(1) The Honourable Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding the Fort Smith tragedy.
- 30-20(1) The Honourable Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the Hay River Community Spirit Awards.
- 31-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Kole Crook Fiddle Association Annual Fiddle Jamboree.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 5-20(1) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Standing Committee Terms of Reference. Tabled by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake.
- 6-20(1) Open Letter from Yellowknife Women's Society Board of Directors following the Yellowknife Evacuation Experience. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 7-20(1) Report of the Integrity Commissioner of the Investigation into a Complaint made by Nancy Vail that then-MLA Katrina Nokleby Breached the Members' Code of Conduct. Tabled by the Speaker.

- 8-20(1) Report of the Integrity Commissioner of the Investigation into a Complaint made by Arnold Manuel Alleging that then-MLA and Minister Paulie Chinna Breached the Members' Code of Conduct. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 9-20(1) Elections NWT Territorial General Election 2023 Official Results Report. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 10-20(1) Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner Annual Report 2022-2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 11-20(1) Northwest Territories Ombud Special Report on Recommendations for Amendments to the *Ombud Act*. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 12-20(1) 2022-2023 Public Accounts, Sections I, II, III and IV. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

#### Notices of Motion

- 7-20(1) Amend Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly – Standing Committees. Notice given by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake.
- 8-20(1) Appointment of the Deputy Speaker. Notice given by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake.
- 9-20(1) Establishing a Public Inquiry into the 2023 Wildfires. Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

#### Motions

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake sought and received unanimous consent to proceed with Motion 7-20(1).

- 7-20(1) Amend the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

Moved by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that the text of Rule 9.2(3) be deleted, and the following text added in its place:

The Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight shall report and recommend, with all convenient speed, Members to comprise the following Standing Committees of the Assembly:

- (a) on Economic Development and Environment;
- (b) on Government Operations;
- (c) on Procedure and Privileges;
- (d) on Public Accounts;
- (e) on Social Development; and
- (f) on any other Standing and Special Committees as directed by the Assembly.

AND FURTHER, that the text of Appendix C of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, Committee Terms of Reference, be replaced by the text in Tabled Document 5-20(1).

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake sought and received unanimous consent to deal with Motion 8-20(1).

8-20(1) Appointment of Deputy Speaker

Moved by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Richard Edjericon, be appointed as Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:28 p.m.



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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly