

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

June 13, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, 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 Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Ministers' Statements

- 56-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the 2024 Western Premier's Conference.
- 57-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding maintenance and repairs.
- 58-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement regarding the School Support Assistant Pilot Program.

Members' Statements

- 306-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding laboratory services in Yellowknife.
- 307-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding supports for tourism.

- 308-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement offering gratitude for staff and interpreters.
- 309-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- 310-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding wellness and addictions.
- 311-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement offering gratitude for staff, pages and interpreters and for fundraising for Gaza.
- 312-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement about improving Indigenous student outcomes.
- 313-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement offering gratitude for staff, interpreters and families.
- 314-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding support for temporary housing units in the Hamlet of Enterprise.
- 315-20(1) The Honourable Member for Hay River South made a statement offering congratulations to David Gauthier and Cheryl Maurice on their wedding.
- 316-20(1) The Honourable Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding Kam Lake coaches Shakita Jensen and Erin Wells.
- 317-20(1) The Honourable Member for Thebacha made a statement congratulating Fort Smith graduates.
- 318-20(1) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South made a statement regarding Chelsey Makaro, Special Olympics medalist.
- 319-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement providing some highlights for Nahendeh.

Acknowledgements

- 8-20(1) The Member for Dehcho acknowledged the retirement of Theresa Bonnetrouge.
- 9-20(1) The Member for Monfwi acknowledged Monfwi graduates.

Tabling of Documents

- 127-20(1) Mandate Letters for the Executive Council of the 20th Legislative Assembly. Tabled by the Premier.
- 128-20(1) GNWT Search and Rescue System Review Final Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 129-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report #62-19(2) Report on the Review of Bill 74: *Forest Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 130-20(1) NWT Surface Rights Board Operating Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 131-20(1) Prosper NWT 2024-2025 Corporate Plan. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 132-20(1) *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and *Smoking Control and Reduction Act* Three-Year Report 2020-2023. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 133-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 186-20(1): Addressing Erosion in Aklavik. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 134-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 1-20(1), Report on the 2024-2025 Main Estimates. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 135-20(1) Greenland Council Economic Report 1. Half Year 2024. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 136-20(1) Summary of Members' Absences for the period February 6, 2024, to May 22, 2024. Tabled by the Speaker.

Motions

- 37-20(1) Mackenzie Highway Business Case

Moved by the Member for Sahtu:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, that the Government of the Northwest Territories update the business case to complete the Mackenzie Valley Highway immediately;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories use the updated business case to formalize Indigenous partners in the project and to lobby the federal government in partnership to secure the funding required in the upcoming federal budget to build this critical infrastructure for the territories and Canada;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Sahtu requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, and Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

38-20(1) Consideration for the Hamlet of Enterprise to Receive Top-up
Federal Funding

Moved by the Member for Dehcho:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide the ten percent funding needed for the installation of temporary housing in Enterprise;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories align the territorial disaster financial assistance program to leverage the 90 percent contribution provided under Canada's Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories immediately communicate with the Hamlet of Enterprise its intention to fully participate in the installation of temporary housing in Enterprise;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Dehcho requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

39-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 17, 2024

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House Adjourns on Thursday, June 13, 2024, it shall be adjourned until Thursday, October 17, 2024;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to October 17, 2024, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice;

AND THEREUPON, the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 9: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 9 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 10: *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 10 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 9: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 10: *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 10, *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 9: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time.

The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, 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 Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 10: *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 9, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time.

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Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Assent

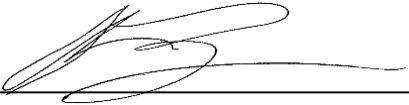
The Deputy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the Honourable Abbie Crook, assented to the following Bills:

Bill 2: *Missing Persons Act*

Bill 9: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures),
No. 1, 2024-2025*

Bill 10: *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2024-2025*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:46 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