

## Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**June 5, 2024**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 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 Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha.

### Ministers' Statements

44-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding regional solid waste site improvements.

45-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the 40th Anniversary of the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and Inuvialuit Day.

### Members' Statements

236-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding support for the arts.

237-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding crime reduction in the Northwest Territories.

238-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding chronic housing needs.

- 239-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement about addressing public housing waitlists.
- 240-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding Indigenous people experiencing a housing crisis.
- 241-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding improving housing in partnership with Indigenous governments.
- 242-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement about housing as a human right.
- 243-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding forgiveness of housing debt for elders and seniors.
- 244-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding management of Government of the Northwest Territories lands to address housing needs.
- 245-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Aurora College transformation.
- 246-20(1) The Honourable Member for Hay River North made a statement regarding Hay River Track and Field.
- 246-20(1) The Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding Inuvialuit Day.
- 247-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding Inuvialuit Day.
- 248-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Pat Rowe.

### Acknowledgements

- 2-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake acknowledged Morgan Stabel, National Youth Bowling Champion.
- 3-20(1) The Member for Range Lake acknowledged the retirement of Jeff Seabrook.

### Written Questions

- 7-20(1) The Member for Monfwi asked a question of the Minister Responsible for Housing Northwest Territories about housing debt among elders and seniors.

### Replies to the Budget Address

- 6-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 7-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 8-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 9-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North delivered a reply to the Budget Address.

### Tabling of Documents

- 110-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 67-19(2): Report on the Review of the 2021-2022 Public Accounts. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 111-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

### Notices of Motion

- 32-20(1) Increasing RCMP Response in Hay River  
Notice given by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

### Motions

- 28-20(1) Consideration for Elders and Seniors in Debt Elimination

Moved by the Member for Monfwi:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, that the Government of the Northwest Territories revise the Financial Administration Manual and related policies on the elimination of debt to provide specific provisions for forgiveness of debt owed to the Government of the

Northwest Territories or a public agency for Elders and seniors who are 60 years of age and older;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and revise the Financial Administration Manual and policies to define how it will measure and assess unreasonable or unjust financial hardship on Elders and seniors;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and revise the Financial Administration Manual and policies to ensure that Elders and seniors who are on fixed incomes are not forced into undue financial hardship to pay debt to the Government of the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government respond to this motion within 120 days.

The Member for Monfwi 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 Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (10)

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 Yellowknife South. (6)

The motion was CARRIED.

29-20(1)            Municipal Block Land Transfer

Moved by the Member for Range Lake:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, that the Government of the Northwest Territories complete the block transfer of land to communities within municipal and community boundaries without delay;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories remove requirements from communities that are impeding this transfer, such as the requirement for surveying, community zoning and by-law development for land that is under Government of the Northwest Territories authority;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories remove internal impediments that are delaying the efficient transfer of lands within municipal and community boundaries;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide public updates on the status of block land transfer to communities;

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

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

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Member for Great Slave, 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 Yellowknife South (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

30-20(1)                      Maintaining Northwest Territories' Housing Stock

Moved by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife North, that the Government of the Northwest Territories immediately provide funding grants to Indigenous governments that wish to complete home inspections in their region;

AND FURTHER, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide financial support to Indigenous governments to assist in data collection to support opportunities to leverage federal government funding;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide this funding to Indigenous governments in alignment with the Mandate of the 20th Legislative Assembly to secure sustainable financial resources for housing programs and projects;

AND FURTHERMORE, to facilitate this financial support, the Government of the Northwest Territories enter into memoranda of understanding with all interested Indigenous governments and bring forward necessary appropriations by the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year;

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

The Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh 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 Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North. (10)

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 Yellowknife South. (6)

The motion was CARRIED.

#### Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 93-20(1): 2024-2025 Main Estimates, and reported progress with four motions carried.

#### **Committee Motion 11-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the activity Early Learning in the Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 12-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the activity Education in the Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 13-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the activity Labour Development and Standards in the Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 14-20(1)**


The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Main Estimates for the Department of Education, Culture and Employment at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 9:24 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