

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 23, 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 Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: None.

Ministers' Statements

32-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the Mandate of the 20th Legislative Assembly.

33-20(1) The Minister of Finance gave notice of a Budget Address.

Members' Statements

155-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Income Assistance Program.

156-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding liquor tax.

157-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Mackenzie River water levels and barging.

158-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding residents affected by the Enterprise wildfire.

- 159-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding inadequate housing in the Mackenzie Delta.
- 160-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding health care workers.
- 161-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the status of the Aurora College transformation.
- 162-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the Hamlet of Fort Resolution fire plan.
- 163-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding carbon tax.
- 164-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding effectiveness of the education system.
- 165-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding supports for seniors.
- 166-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Roy Joseph Mouse.

Returns to Oral Questions

- 62-20(1) The Premier provided a Return to Oral Question 62-20(1) asked by the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding consultation with Members of the Legislative Assembly on policies and strategies.

Returns to Written Questions

- 2-20(1) The Clerk tabled a Return to Written Question 2-20(1) from the Minister of Finance to the Member for Range Lake regarding Government of the Northwest Territories public sector positions.
- 3-20(1) The Clerk tabled a Return to Written Question 3-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Range Lake regarding the Extended Health Benefits Policy.
- 4-20(1) The Clerk tabled a Return to Written Question 4-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Range Lake regarding private agency nurses.

- 5-20(1) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 5-20(1) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for Range Lake regarding a municipal funding gap.

Tabling of Documents

- 67-20(1) Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories 2023 to 2027. Tabled by the Premier.
- 68-20(1) Draft Inquiry Establishment Order (2023 Wildfire Season Preparedness and Response). Tabled by the Premier.
- 69-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Petition 1-20(1): A Ceasefire and End to Canadian Support for the Plausible Genocide in Gaza. Tabled by the Premier.
- 70-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 23-20(1): Call to Uphold Human Rights in Gaza. Tabled by the Premier.
- 71-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 152-20(1): Public Safety. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 72-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Public Sector Positions 2019-2020. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 73-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 9-20(1): Home Heating Rebates. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 74-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 19-20(1): Carbon Tax Revenues Spent on Climate Change Adaptation. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 75-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 41-20(1): Lutselk'e Road Access. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 76-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 46-20(1): Carbon Taxation. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 77-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 133-20(1): Policy on Indigenous Hiring. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 78-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 47-20(1): Yellowknife Wellness and Recovery Centre. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 79-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 78-20(1): Access to Family Doctors. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

- 80-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 103-20(1): Alcohol Strategy Implementation. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 81-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 109-20(1): Extended Health Benefits Policy. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 82-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 111-20(1): Provision of Health Services to Nunavut Clients. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 83-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 148-20(1): Healthcare in Small NWT Communities. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 84-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 150-20(1): Long-term Health Support Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 85-20(1) Additional information for Return to Written Question 4-20(1). Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 86-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 12-20(1): Children's First Society Funding. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 87-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 80-20(1): Supports for Electric Vehicles. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Board.
- 88-20(1) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 105-20(1) and Oral Question 112-20(1): Municipal Funding Gap. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 89-20(1) Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Administration of the 2023 Territorial General Election. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 90-20(1) Northwest Territories Integrity Commissioner Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly for 2023. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 91-20(2) Speaking Up for Fairness – 2023/24 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 24-20(1) Appointment of Ombud. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 25-20(1) Referral of Tabled Document 67-20(1): Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories 2023 to 2027, to Committee of the Whole. Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

Motions

- 24-20(1) Appointment of Ombud

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought and received unanimous consent to proceed with Motion 24-20(1).

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that Krista Carnogursky be appointed as Ombud for a term of five years in accordance with the *Ombud Act* by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories as recommended by the Legislative Assembly .

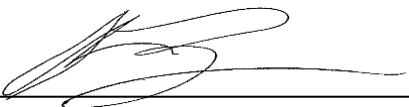
The motion was CARRIED.

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 Minister's Statements 4-20(1): 2023 Wildfire Season Review and Planning for the 2024 Season; 5-20(1): Emergency Management Preparation; 17-20(1): Reaching Average \$10 a day Child Care in the NWT; and 24-20(1): Health Human Resources Recruitment and Retention, and reported progress.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Monfwi, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:45 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly