

## **Votes and Proceedings**

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### **November 1, 2024**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 a.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, 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: Member for Dehcho.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 84-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding illegal activity and evictions in public housing.
- 85-20(1) The Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission made a statement regarding Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission assessment rates for 2025.

#### Members' Statements

- 421-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding fire insurance in the Northwest Territories.
- 422-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.

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| 423-20(1) | The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Sahtu heating fuel emergency.   |
| 424-20(1) | The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Remembrance Day.   |
| 425-20(1) | The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement offering his Christmas wish list.  |
| 426-20(1) | The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding conservation initiatives and Indigenous self-determination over Indigenous lands. |
| 427-20(1) | The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding mineral and resources regulation and economic sustainability.                    |
| 428-20(1) | The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding cell service in N'dilo.   |
| 429-20(1) | The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Corbin Wilson and the Basketball Nationals Tournament.                          |

#### Written Questions

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| 10-20(1) | The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding complaints in the health care system. |
| 11-20(1) | The Member for Range Lake asked a question of the Minister of Justice regarding ground search and rescue.                                       |
| 12-20(1) | The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Premier regarding the cost of living.   |

#### Tabling of Documents

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| 226-20(1) | Budget Dialogues 2024: What We Heard Report, August-September 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.                       |
| 227-20(1) | Fall 2024 Economic and Fiscal Update, October 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.                                       |
| 228-20(1) | Housing Northwest Territories Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories. |

- 229-20(1) Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority 2023-2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 230-20(1) 2024-25 Health and Social Services Authority Budgets by Activity. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 231-20(1) Hay River Health and Social Services Authority 2023-24 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 232-20(1) NWT Department of Health and Social Services 2023-2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 233-20(1) Tłıchq Community Services Agency Health & Social Services Annual Report 2023-24. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 234-20(1) Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission Northwest Territories and Nunavut Annual Report 2023. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.
- 235-20(1) Draft Northwest Territories Our Land for the Future Agreement. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 236-20(1) Administration of the NWT Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 237-20(1) Dashboard Example for ECE. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

### Motions

- 45-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 5, 2025

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Hay River North, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House Adjourns on Friday, November 1, 2024, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, February 5, 2025;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to February 5, 2025, 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 16:                *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 16, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

#### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 16:                *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 16, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*, be read for the second time.

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 Committee Report 17-20(1): Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly; and Committee Report 18-20(1): Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Interim Report on the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Administration of the 2023 Territorial General Election, and reported progress with two motions carried and that Committee Report 18-20(1) was concluded.

#### **Committee Motion 52-20(1)**

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly direct the Chief Electoral Officer to undertake a repeal and replace of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act* before the end of the 20th Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

### **Committee Motion 53-20(1)**

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Legislative Assembly direct the Chief Electoral Officer to engage with the Northwest Territories Association of Communities to determine how to better support local authority election activities.

### **Motion to Amend Committee Motion 53-20(1)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that Committee Motion 53-20(1) be amended by adding the words “and Indigenous governments” immediately following the word “communities”.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 53-20(1) was CARRIED AS AMENDED.

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

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 16: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 16, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

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

Members for: Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Great Slave, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (11)

Members against: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Frame Lake, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North. (6)

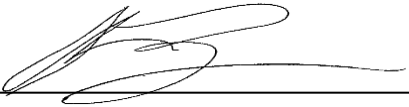
Members abstaining: None. (0)

### Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

- Bill 7: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*
- Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*
- Bill 13: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025*
- Bill 14: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*
- Bill 15: *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*
- Bill 16: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2025-2026*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 1:51 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