

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 21, 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 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

64-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding his October 2024 Ottawa trip.

Members' Statements

342-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the capital budget development process.

343-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding conditions on the Dempster Highway and Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway.

344-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding high fuel costs in Norman Wells.

- 345-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding solutions to the northern housing crisis.
- 346-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about misgendering in the health system.
- 347-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding the illicit drug trade.
- 348-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding elder care in communities.
- 349-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement about public housing.
- 350-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding speech language pathology services.
- 351-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding project management in the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- 352-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' debt wall.
- 353-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Harold Cook.

Acknowledgements

- 10-20(1) The Member for Range Lake acknowledged Joe Handley, recipient of the Symons Medal.

Tabling of Documents

- 197-20(1) 2023-2024 Annual Report Director of Child and Family Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 198-20(1) Northwest Territories and Nunavut Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal 2023 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.
- 199-20(1) Report and Recommendations of the Northwest Territories Integrity Commissioner of the Investigation into a Complaint that Mr. Richard Edjericon, MLA for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Breached the Members' Code of Conduct. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 41-20(1) Recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner respecting the conduct of the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Motions

The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received unanimous consent to deal with Motion 41-20(1) today.

- 41-20(1) Recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner respecting the Conduct of the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, that the recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner be accepted and that this Assembly reprimand the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh and impose a fine of \$2,500.00.

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 Bill 7: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2024*; Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*; Committee Report 9-20(1): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*; and Tabled Document 193-20(1): 2025-2026 Capital Estimates, and reported progress with four motions carried, that Committee Report 9-20(1) is concluded and that Bill 7 and Bill 8 are ready for third reading.

Committee Motion 35-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories increase education funding to Indigenous communities and Indigenous students in the Northwest Territories to improve the education outcome of Indigenous students.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 36-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories make a public commitment to guarantee continued reconciliation efforts in regard to education outcomes for Indigenous students, such as the removal of semester limits and increased access to funding under the basic grant.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 37-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories study the disparity of educational outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and put forward a plan with solutions to ensure that our Indigenous students are not left behind.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 38-20(1)

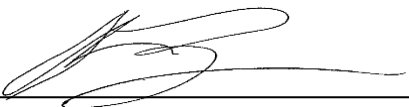
The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to Committee Report 9-20(1): Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, 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 4:38 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly