

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 24, 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

- 71-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2024 Northwest Territories Recreation and Parks Association Conference.
- 72-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding collaborative work on land administration and management.
- 73-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure provided an update on the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- 74-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the signing of the Inuvialuit Coordination Agreement.

Members' Statements

- 374-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding healthcare issues.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North rose on a point of order against the Member for Yellowknife Centre. The Speaker asked the Member for Yellowknife Centre to withdraw a comment about the Minister of Health and Social Services. The Member for Yellowknife Centre complied. The Speaker also cautioned all Members to refrain from speaking about individuals not on the floor of the House.

- 375-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding medical travel.
- 376-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the public service.
- 377-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Literacy Council's Reading Together Program.
- 378-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement about reducing barriers and burdens for small businesses.
- 379-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding dental services for small communities.
- 380-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories' response to the illicit drug crisis.
- 381-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Tulita Health Centre Project.
- 382-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the healthcare sustainability initiative.
- 383-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding substance abuse and intergenerational trauma.
- 384-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding culturally safe healthcare services.
- 385-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh made statement celebrating the life of Julie Capot-Blanc.

Notices of Motion

42-20(1) Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motions

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought and received unanimous consent to deal with Motion 42-20(1) today.

42-20(1) Appointment of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that Mr. Chris Comeau of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, be recommended for appointment as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories as recommended by the Board of Management of the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER, that the Speaker be authorized to communicate the effective date of the appointment to the Commissioner;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Legislative Assembly expresses its gratitude to Mr. Floyd Andrew Powder for his years of service to the Legislature and to the broader community.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 13: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 13 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 14: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 14 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 13: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 13, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 14: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations 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 14, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*, 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 Tabled Document 193-20(1): 2025-2026 Capital Estimates and reported progress with four motions carried.

Committee Motion 43-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the capital estimates for the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 44-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

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

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 45-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the capital estimates for the Department of Infrastructure at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 46-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the capital estimates for the Department of Environment and Climate Change at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 13: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Bill 13, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 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: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Dehcho, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta,

Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

Bill 14: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Bill 14, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time.

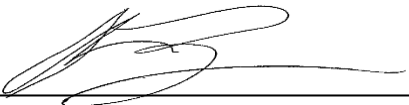
The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Dehcho, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:24 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly