

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 29, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:33 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

- 75-20(1) The Premier delivered a statement regarding the Healthcare System Sustainability Unit.
- 76-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment delivered a statement about investing in Healthy Food for Learning.
- 77-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change delivered a statement regarding Our Land for the Future: Advancing the NWT Project Finance for Permanence.

Members' Statements

- 386-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding medical records transfer technology.

- 387-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding sustainable community government.
- 388-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding independent review and oversight of the RCMP.
- 389-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding a medical travel coordinator position for the Sahtu region.
- 390-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding critical housing needs in the Northwest Territories.
- 391-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding non-medical escorts for elders during medical travel.
- 392-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Mackenzie Valley fibre line.
- 393-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding healthcare sustainability.
- 394-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding employee satisfaction related to bureaucratic processes.
- 395-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding implementation of recommendations in the Bourque Report.
- 396-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding potential solutions for the Yellowknife homeless encampment.
- 397-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a statement recognizing the one-year anniversary of the passing of Adam Yeadon.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 16-20(1) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Statutory Review of the *Mental Health Act*

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, moved that Committee Report 16-20(1), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on the Statutory Review of the *Mental Health Act*, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, moved that Committee Report 16-20(1) be received and adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, moved that, pursuant to Rule 9.4(5)(a), the Government of the Northwest Territories table a comprehensive response to Committee Report 16-20(1), including all recommendations, within 120 days or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days.

17-20(1) Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Committee Report 17-20(1), Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Committee Report 17-20(1), Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that 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, be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

19-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Statutory Review of the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 19-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Statutory Review of the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 19-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Statutory Review of the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that pursuant to Rule 9.4(5)(a), the Government of the Northwest Territories table a comprehensive response to Committee Report 19-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Statutory Review of the *Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Implementation Act*, including all recommendations, within 120 days or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

20-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Committee's Initiation of the Ten-Year Review of the Northwest Territories' *Heritage Fund Act*

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 20-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Committee's Initiation of the 10-year Review of the Northwest Territories' *Heritage Fund Act*, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 20-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on Committee's Initiation of the

10-year Review of the Northwest Territories *Heritage Fund Act*, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

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| 205-20(1) | Operating Plans for Northwest Territories Education Bodies for the 2024-2025 School Year Ending June 30, 2025. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. |
| 206-20(1) | Northwest Territories Liquor and Cannabis Commission 70th Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance. |
| 207-20(1) | Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board Enforcement 70th Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Finance. |
| 208-20(1) | Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Service 2023-2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. |
| 209-20(1) | Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly – Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project. Tabled by the Speaker. |

Notices of Motion

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| 43-20(1) | Appointment of Executive Director Human Rights

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre. |
| 44-20(1) | Performance Audit of the Management and Governance of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority

Notice given by the Member for Range Lake. |

Motions

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| 43-20(1) | Appointment of Executive Director Human Rights |
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The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought and received unanimous consent to move Motion 43-20(1) today.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that the Legislative Assembly recommends the reappointment of

Ms. Nicole MacNeil of Yellowknife as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission during good behaviour for a term of four years as recommended by the Board of Management;

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

The motion was CARRIED.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

15-20(1) *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*

Notice given by the Honourable Member for Thebacha.

First Reading of Bills

11-20(1) *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North presented Bill 11, *An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*, to be read for the first time.

The Speaker, pursuant to Rule 8.2(3), deemed that Bill 11 has had first reading and is ready for second reading.

12-20(1) *Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River North presented Bill 12, *Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act*, to be read for the first time.

The Speaker, pursuant to Rule 8.2(3), deemed that Bill 12 has had first reading and is ready for second reading.

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 two motions carried.

Committee Motion 47-20(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 Health and Social Services at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 48-20(1)

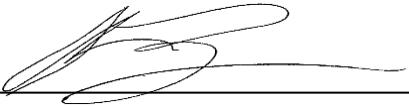
The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the capital estimates for Housing Northwest Territories at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:41 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly