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## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### October 31, 2024

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 p.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

- 81-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding A Way Home: Government of the Northwest Territories Homelessness Strategy.
- 82-20(1) The Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation made a statement regarding the General Rate Application.
- 83-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2024 Canada 55+ Games.

#### Members' Statements

- 410-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Equal Voice NWT Chapter meet-and-greet event.

- 411-20(1)      The Member for Sahtu made a statement about planning for Sahtu winter road deliveries.
- 412-20(1)      The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding community firefighting resources and training.
- 413-20(1)      The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding capital projects cost overruns.
- 414-20(1)      The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding funding allocations for small communities.
- 415-20(1)      The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement about communication issues regarding localized inflation of liquor costs.
- 416-20(1)      The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Mezi Community School in Whati.
- 417-20(1)      The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the continuing need for public housing.
- 418-20(1)      The Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh made a statement about housing policies and service levels for Indigenous people.
- 419-20(1)      The Member for Yellowknife Centre delivered an ode to Cabinet at Hallowe'en.
- 420-20(1)      The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Carole Berman's donation of a piano to Liidli Kue Elementary School.

#### Written Questions

- 9-20(1)      The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services about staffing of doctor and specialist positions within the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority.

The Member for Sahtu sought and received unanimous consent to return to Item 5, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery, on the daily Orders.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 218-20(1)      Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2023 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

- 219-20(1) NWT RCMP Policing Priorities 2024-2027. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 220-20(1) Territorial Police Service Agreement – RCMP Annual Report (2023-2024). Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 221-20(1) Implementation Update and Close Out on the Report on the Review of GNWT Procurement Policies and Practices October 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 222-20(1) Northwest Territories Power Corporation and Northwest Territories Hydro Corporation Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 223-20(1) Plain Language Summary of Bill 15: *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 224-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 15: *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 225-20(1) Terms of Reference – Electoral Boundaries Commission 2025. Tabled by the Speaker.

### Motions

- 44-20(1) Performance Audit of the Management and Governance of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority

Moved by the Member for Range Lake:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, that the House call on the Auditor General of Canada to conduct a performance audit of all aspects of the management of the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority in its delivery of healthcare services, including medical travel and the recruitment and retention of nurses, doctors and allied health professionals, and to prioritize this investigation;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Speaker formally transmit this motion and the content of our proceedings in relation to this motion to the Office of the Auditor General of Canada for their consideration.

The Member for Range Lake requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North. (10)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River, South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput, Nahendeh. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

### First Reading of Bills

Bill 15: *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 15 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

### Second Reading of Bills

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change sought and received consent to proceed with second reading of Bill 15, *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*.

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The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 15, *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Minister of Environment and Climate Change sought and received unanimous consent to waive Rule 8.2(7) and have Bill 15 referred directly to Committee of the Whole for consideration later today.

Bill 15 was referred directly to Committee of the Whole.

## 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 Bill 15: *Northwest Territories Indigenous-Led Conservation Fund Establishment Act* and reported progress with one motion carried, that Bill 15 is ready for third reading, that consideration of Tabled Document 193-20(1) is concluded, that the House concur in those estimates and that an appropriation bill to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

### **Committee Motion 51-20(1)**

The Honourable Member for Hay River North moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 193-20(1), 2025-2026 Capital Estimates, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 193-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

A recorded vote was requested. The results of the recorded vote were:

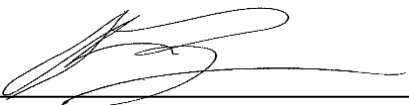
Members for: Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Great Slave, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (11)

Members against: Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Frame Lake, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North. (5)

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:46 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly