



Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 10, 2025

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, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Dehcho, Member for Sahtu.

Ministers' Statements

90-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the establishment of the Hamlet of Tsiigehtchic.

Members' Statements

463-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Power Corporation response to a power outage in Fort Resolution.

464-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the state of the territorial health care system.

465-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the success of the Inuvik Curling Team.

- 466-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement about promoting Indigenous economic activity in the Northwest Territories.
- 467-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about funding for childcare providers.
- 468-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding Aurora College Community Learning Centre closures.
- 469-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding adult education opportunities in the Northwest Territories.
- 470-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding best practices in Denmark's Health Care System.
- 471-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Wallace (Wally) Watson.

Written Questions

- 13-20(1) The Member for Range Lake asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding physician staffing.

Tabling of Documents

- 282-20(1) Canada Energy Regulator's 2023-2024 Annual Report of activities under the Northwest Territories' *Oil and Gas Operations Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 283-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 17: *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 284-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 17: *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.
- 285-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 18: *An Act to Amend the Partnership and Business Names Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 286-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 18: *An Act to Amend the Partnership and Business Names Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

287-20(1) Dechinta Return On Investment Report. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 17: *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

The Honourable Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 17, *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 17 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 18: *An Act to Amend the Partnership and Business Names Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 17, *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 18 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Member for Range Lake sought unanimous consent to waive Rule 6.2(14) to withdraw Committee Motion 71-20(1), moved by the Member for Range Lake and debated on February 7, 2025. The Committee granted unanimous consent, and Motion 71-20(1) was withdrawn.

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 279-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025, and reported progress with one motion carried, that consideration of Tabled Document 279-20(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 72-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 279-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 279-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:34 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly