

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 11, 2025

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 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: Honourable Member for Hay River North.

Ministers' Statements

91-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Housing Symposium 2025.

92-20(1) The Deputy Premier made a statement advising of the absence of the Premier from the House.

Members' Statements

472-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding crosswalk and intersection infrastructure.

473-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Indigenous Employment Policy.

474-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Black History Month.

- 475-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the closure of Community Learning Centres by Aurora College.
- 476-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding military operation Nanook in Inuvik.
- 477-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding medical travel accommodations for Mackenzie Delta residents.
- 478-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding abandoned environmental legacies.
- 479-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding mental health supports in Dehcho communities
- 480-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Dechinta Centre for Research and Learning.
- 481-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Aurora Polytechnic transition.
- 483-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Income Assistance Program.
- 484-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the retirement of Mike Drake.

Reports of Committee on the Review of Bills

Bill 12 *Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act*

The Member for Frame Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 12, *Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act*, and that Bill 12 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 21-20(1) Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the Administration of the 2023 Territorial General Election – Lowering the Voting Age to 16.

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Committee Report 21-20(1), Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the

Review of the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the Administration of the 2023 Territorial General Election – Lowering the Voting Age to 16, be adopted and received by the House.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

288-20(1) 2023-2024 Public Accounts, Volume 1, 2, 3 and 4. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

Notices of Motion

46-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 25, 2025

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 19: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 19 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 20: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 20 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 19: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 19, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditure), No. 3, 2024-2025*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 20: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 20, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 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 275-20(1): 2025-2026 Main Estimates, and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 73-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the 2025-2026 Main Estimates for the Department of Finance at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 19: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 19, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Dehcho, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 20: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2024-2025*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 20 *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 2, 2024-2025*, be read for the third time.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Dehcho, Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (14)


Members against: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake. (3)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:20 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

