

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**February 7, 2025**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:02 a.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-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

#### Ministers' Statements

89-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Personal Support Worker Bilateral Agreement.

#### Members' Statements

451-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement about renaming the Northwest Territories.

452-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Nominee Program.

453-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding home insurance rates.

454-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the closure of Aurora College Community Learning Centres.

- 455-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the closure of Aurora College Community Learning Centres.
- 456-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the closure of Aurora College Community Learning Centres.
- 457-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding substance abuse counselling services in small communities.
- 458-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the closure of Aurora College Community Learning Centres.
- 459-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding illicit drug activity impacts on Inuvik housing.
- 460-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding a proposed Deton'cho Renewable Energy Project.
- 461-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding cultural sensitivity and support for funeral costs.
- 462-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Marie Lou Pineda Leguerrier.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 278-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 279-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 280-20(1) Northwest Territories State of the Conservation Network 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 281-20(1) Report of the Northwest Territories Integrity Commissioner Dismissing the Complaint by Deneze Nakehk'o (Daniel Richards) about Disclosure of Identifying Information about Him by the Honourable Shane Thompson, MLA for Nahendeh. Tabled by the Deputy Speaker.

#### First Reading of Bills

- Bill 17: *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*  
Introduced by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 17 read for the first time and ready for second reading.

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

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 18 read for the first time and 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 Documents 278-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025, and 279-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025, and reported progress with one motion carried, that consideration of Tabled Documents 278-20(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 70-20(1)**

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 278-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2024-2025 be now concluded and that Tabled Document 278-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 71-20(1)**

The Member for Range Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the Directorate activity in the Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2024-2025 at this time.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved that the Chair rise and report progress. The motion was CARRIED.


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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 1:56 p.m.



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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly