

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 11, 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, 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.

Absent: Member for Dehcho.

Ministers' Statements

- 114-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement about building resilience together and advancing climate adaptation in the Northwest Territories.
- 115-20(1) The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding collaboration with Indigenous governments.
- 116-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services provided an updated on the transitional housing for addiction recovery program.

Members' Statements

- 584-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding environmental assessment in the Northwest Territories.

- 585-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about addressing the effects of trauma.
- 586-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding primary healthcare access.
- 587-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the economic outlook of the Northwest Territories.
- 588-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding illicit drug activity in public housing.
- 589-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Arctic Security Council.
- 590-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Frostbite 55.
- 591-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding junction lights on Highway 5.
- 592-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Aurora College Community Learning Centres.
- 593-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding federal defence spending in the Northwest Territories.
- 594-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement recognizing Gavin Wilkes.

Tabling of Documents

- 304-20(1) Towards A Basic Income Guarantee in the Northwest Territories, January 2025, PlanIt North. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 305-20(1) Towards A Basic Income Guarantee in the Northwest Territories: A Proposal to Invest in People for the Common Good – Summary for Policy Makers. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 306-20(1) Draft/Proposal for Joint Working Group to Advocate for Northern Defence Investment in the Northwest Territories Economy - Terms of Reference. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion

- 51-20(1) Affirmative Action Policy. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

- 52-20(1) Strengthening Support for Nurses and Healthcare Workers. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 53-20(1) Reappointment of Members to the Human Rights Adjudication Panel. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 54-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to May 22, 2025. Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Motions

- 53-20(1) Reappointment of Members to the Human Rights Adjudication Panel

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought and received unanimous consent to move Motion 53-20(1).

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Kam Lake, that Sheldon Toner of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and Jay Sengupta of Hamilton, Ontario be recommended to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for reappointment as members of the Human Rights Adjudication Panel, effective April 1, 2025, for a term of four years.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 22: *Legislation Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 22, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy 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.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:26 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly