

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 4, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 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 North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, 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 North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Ministers' Statements

- 107-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement about being ready for wildfires in 2025.
- 108-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding Yellowknife Primary Care Centre Ottawa Model for smoking cessation implementation.

Members' Statements

- 551-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding accessibility of primary healthcare in the Northwest Territories.
- 552-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding same-day primary care services in the Northwest Territories.

- 553-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding safety of Stanton Territorial Hospital staff.
- 554-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding rental rate increases for market housing units.
- 555-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding rights-based cabins in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.
- 556-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the Getting Ahead Pilot Program in Dehcho First Nations communities.
- 557-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding school attendance Rates.
- 558-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding decentralized approaches to territorial initiatives.
- 559-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the condition of Kaw Tay Whee School.
- 560-20(1) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South made a statement regarding Indigenous Language Scholarship winners.
- 561-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Paul Stipdonk Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Notices of Motion

- 48-20(1) Reappointment of the Chief Electoral Officer. Notice given by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh.
- 49-20(1) Compassionate Medical Evacuation Policy. Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.
- 50-20(1) Appointment of Person to Investigate the Critical Incident of Avery Burke, Wesley Marcellais, and Hilary Norwegian. Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.

Motions

- 48-20(1) Reappointment of the Chief Electoral Officer

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh sought and received unanimous consent to move Motion 48-20(1), as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that this Legislative Assembly, by virtue of Section 5 of the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*, recommends to the Commissioner the reappointment of Mr. Stephen Dunbar of Yellowknife as Chief Electoral Officer for the Northwest Territories for a fixed term commencing on a date to be communicated by the Speaker.

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Dehcho, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 275-20(1): 2025-2026 Main Estimates and reported progress.

The Member for Dehcho, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:57 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

