



Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 22, 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 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, Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

124-20(1)	The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement providing an update on community learning centres.
125-20(1)	The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding homelessness.
126-20(1)	The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding medical travel modernization.
127-20(1)	The Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the absence of the Premier from the House.

Members' Statements

630-20(1)	The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding residential school impacts on Fort Resolution residents.
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- 631-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the status of the Northwest Territories healthcare system.
- 632-20(1) The Member for Great Slave delivered a statement by Youth Parliamentarian Jack Penny regarding Tin Can Hill.
- 633-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding 2024 wildfires and evacuation and preparedness for 2025 wildfire season in the Sahtu region.
- 634-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding community safety in Fort Providence.
- 635-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding conditions at Nova Apartments in Inuvik.
- 636-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Dehcho Education Authority Supports.
- 637-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Legal Aid Commission Outreach Program.
- 638-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding trespassing legislation.
- 639-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding workforce development and coordination.
- 640-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh delivered a statement of Payton Bennet, Youth Parliamentarian for Nahendeh.

Point of Order

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South rose on a point of order against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh regarding remarks made about the Honourable Member for Kam Lake. The Speaker asked the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh to withdraw the remarks, and the Member complied.

Follow-Ups to Oral Questions

- 630-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 630-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding the status of caribou herd populations.

Acknowledgements

- 14-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North acknowledged the scholastic accomplishments of Audrey Debogorski and Stella Fairman.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 23-20(1) Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment
Report on the Review of Land Use Permitting and Water Licensing
Regulatory Framework in the Northwest Territories

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Review of Land Use Permitting and Water Licensing Regulatory Framework in the Northwest Territories be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that Committee Report 23-20(1), Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment Report on the Review of Land Use Permitting and Water Licensing Regulatory Framework in the Northwest Territories, be received and adopted by this Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Frame Lake, moved that, pursuant to Rule 9.4(5)(a), that the Government of the Northwest Territories table a comprehensive response to this report, including all its recommendations, within 120 days or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 332-20(1) 2025-2026 Consolidated Budget. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 333-20(1) 2024-25 Northwest Territories Power Corporation Amended Capital Budget. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 334-20(1) NWT Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

- 335-20(1) Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission 2025 Corporate Plan. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.
- 336-20(1) *Protection of Property Act* (Province of Nova Scotia). Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 337-20(1) *Trespass Act* (Province of British Columbia). Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 338-20(1) *Petty Trespass Act* (Province of Alberta). Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 339-20(1) *The Trespass Act* (Province of Manitoba). Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion


- 55-20(1) Staffing Solutions to Rebuild and Reform Healthcare Now.

Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:14 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly