

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 23, 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 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: Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 128-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding emergency response and preparation for the 2025 fire and flood season.
- 129-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment delivered an update regarding internal trade and labour mobility.

Members' Statements

- 641-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding renewable energy development.
- 642-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories 2023 Wildfire Season After Action Review.

- 643-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Standing Committee on Economic Development Report on the Review of Land Use Permitting and Water Licensing Regulatory Framework in the Northwest Territories.
- 644-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding food security and affordability in the Sahtu region.
- 645-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Northwest Territories extended healthcare benefits.
- 646-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding access to healthcare and addressing the effects of trauma.
- 647-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the state of healthcare services at Stanton Territorial Hospital.
- 648-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the role of Elders in the Northwest Territories.
- 649-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding access to non-insured health benefits.
- 650-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the state of healthcare services in the Northwest Territories.

Point of Order

The Honourable Member for Hay River North rose on a point of order against the Member for Yellowknife Centre. The Speaker ruled that there was no point of order but cautioned Members to be respectful of members of the public service.

- 651-20(1) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding Hay River Lobsterfest.
- 652-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Holly Fantasque, Manager of Recreation and Youth Programs for Hamlet of Fort Liard.

Tabling of Documents

- 340-20(1) Supplementary Estimates, Infrastructure Expenditures, No. 1, 2025-2026. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 341-20(1) Supplementary Estimates, Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization, No. 1, 2025-2026. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 342-20(1) Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly – Protected and Conserved Areas in the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 343-20(1) *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act Schedule C Amendment Regulations, 2025.* Tabled by the Speaker.
- 344-20(1) Amendment to the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* Indemnities, Allowance and Expense Regulations. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 53-20(1) Code of Conduct Referral to the Sanding Committee on Procedure and Privileges.

Notice given by the Member for Great Slave.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 27: *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act*

Notice given by the Minister of Justice

First Reading of Bills

- Bill 26: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*

Introduced by the Member for Yellowknife North.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 26, 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-Willideh reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Bill 17-20(1), *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*, and Bill 18-20(1), *An Act to Amend the Partnership and Business Names Act*, and reported progress and that Bills 17-20(1) and 18-20(1) are ready for third reading.

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

The Speaker adjourned the House at 12:58 p.m.


Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly