

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 28, 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 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-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

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| 138-20(1) | The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement regarding the Government of Northwest Territories' new approach to energy and climate change. |
| 139-20(1) | The Minister responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains made a statement regarding the Government of Northwest Territories' new approach to energy and climate change. |
| 140-20(1) | The Premier made a statement regarding the United Way annual workplace donation campaign. |
| 141-20(1) | The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement providing an update on 2025 Marine Transportation Services operations. |

Members' Statements

- 672-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding extended healthcare benefits income thresholds.
- 673-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding home insurance premium increases in the Northwest Territories.
- 674-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding affordable home insurance through Saskatchewan Government Insurance.
- 675-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- 676-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Power Corporation and affordable clean energy.
- 677-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding recreational leases and traditional use cabins.
- 678-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding transitional housing supports in small communities.
- 679-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh made a statement regarding impacts of Jordan's Principle funding reduction.
- 680-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding accountability of unsheltered individuals.
- 681-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Senior Envoy to Canada.
- 682-20(1) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Track and Field Championship 2025.
- 683-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife South made a statement regarding Youth Parliamentarian Lauren Tordiff.
- 684-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding Colin Macpherson, Northwest Territories Parks and Recreation Association Life Member Award recipient.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 23-20(1) Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2024 Audit of the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Committee Report 24-20(1), Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on the Review of the Auditor General's 2024 Audit of the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The motion was CARRIED

Tabling of Documents

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| 350-20(1) | Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Motion 47-20(1): State of Emergency for Humanitarian Reasons for Norman Wells. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. |
| 351-20(1) | <i>Environmental Rights Act</i> Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. |
| 352-20(1) | Plain Language Summary for Bill 27: <i>An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act</i> . Tabled by the Minister of Justice. |
| 353-20(1) | Statement of Consistency for Bill 27: <i>An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act</i> . Tabled by the Minister of Justice. |
| 354-20(1) | Inter-Activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025). Tabled by the Minister of Finance. |
| 355-20(1) | Backgrounder Document for <i>First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act</i> . Tabled by the Member for Range Lake. |

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| 57-20(1) | Supplemental Recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner on Costs in the Complaint Against the Member for Tu Nedhe-Wiilideh |
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Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, that the supplemental recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner in Tabled Document 330-20(1) be accepted and that the Legislative Assembly partially reimburse Ms. Patterson for the legal costs she incurred.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 28: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 29: *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*

Introduced by the Member for Range Lake.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 29, *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 30: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 30, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

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

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act* was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

Bill 30: *Supplementary Appropriations Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 30, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Sahtu, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 340-20(1) and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 78-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 340-20(1), *Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026*, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 340-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 30: *Supplementary Appropriations Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 30, *Supplementary Appropriations Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 1, 2025-2026*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Dehcho, Member for Sahtu, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Nunakput. (13)

Members against: Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Range Lake, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake. (3)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:40 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly