

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

May 29, 2025

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 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 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 Dehcho, Member for Mackenzie Delta.

Ministers' Statements

- 142-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement about the smoking prohibition in Housing Northwest Territories units.
- 143-20(1) The Minister of Education, Culture and Employment made a statement providing an education year-end wrap-up.

Members' Statements

- 685-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding education and research capacity in the Northwest Territories.
- 686-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the development of a Northwest Territories building standards code.

- 687-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Glamour Alley burlesque show in Yellowknife.
- 688-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement about promoting trades careers for high school graduates.
- 689-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement about restoring public trust in government.
- 690-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the status of Monfwi clean energy projects.
- 691-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the future of adult learning and community-based literacy outreach.
- 692-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement about outstanding issues in the spring Session of the Legislative Assembly.
- 693-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement of congratulations to Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh and Indigenous Yellowknife high school graduates.
- 694-20(1) The Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement congratulating Inuvik graduates.
- 695-20(1) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding congratulating Nunakput graduates.
- 696-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding congratulating Nahendeh graduates.
- 697-20(1) The Member for Thebacha made a statement celebrating the life of Ron Holtorf.

Follow-Up for Oral Questions

- 671-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 671-20(1) from the Minister of Justice to the Member for Range Lake regarding unauthorized disclosures of personal information.

Acknowledgements

- 26-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake acknowledged the 35th anniversary for staff and students of École Allain St-Cyr.

Written Questions

- 17-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding staff turnover and vacancy rates.
- 18-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding surgical wait times and backlogs.

Tabling of Documents

- 356-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 28: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 357-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 28: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 358-20(1) Canada Energy Regulator's 2024-25 Annual Report of Activities under the Northwest Territories *Oil and Gas Operations Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 359-20(1) 2025-2026 Health and Social Services Authority Budgets Summary. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 360-20(1) Workers' Advisors Office Northwest Territories and Nunavut 2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission.
- 361-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 29: *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*. Tabled by the Member for Range Lake.
- 362-20(1) Preparing to Change: Reconciliation Action Plan of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 357-20(1) Summary of Members' Absences for the Period February 5, 2025, to May 20, 2025. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 358-20(1) Press Release – AVENS Addresses Deficiencies in GNWT Wildfire Evacuation Review. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 359-20(1) Draft Motion – Remuneration of Essential Staff During Evacuation. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion

61-20(1) Remuneration of Essential Staff During an Evacuation

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Motions

60-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to October 16, 2025

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House adjourns on Thursday, May 29, 2025, it shall be adjourned until Thursday, October 16, 2025;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to October 16, 2025, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier or later time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice;

AND THEREUPON, the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 31: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 27, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 28: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*

Introduced by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

The Honourable Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 28 was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

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

Introduced by the Member for Range Lake.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife Centre, moved that Bill 29, *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*, be read for the second time and requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Sahtu, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Range Lake, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Monfwi, Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Member for Yellowknife North. (9)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: 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. (7)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 29 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Bill 31: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 31, *Supplementary*

Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 31: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 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 Sahtu, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Member for Monfwi, 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 Yellowknife Centre, Member for Range Lake. (3)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

Bill 17: *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*

Bill 18: *An Act to Amend the Partnership and Business Names Act*

Bill 31: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2025-2026*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:47 p.m.


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