

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 21, 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 Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

Personal Explanation

In accordance with section 1.8 of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, the Member for Yellowknife North delivered a personal explanation with respect to the dissenting opinion of the Member for Yellowknife Centre on the Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review to Date of Bill 26: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*.

Ministers' Statements

- 151-20(1) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women Annual Meeting hosted in Yellowknife.
- 152-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the 2025 Canada Summer Games.

Members' Statements

- 732-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding power costs for Northwest Territories ratepayers.
- 733-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Government response to Committee Report 23-20(1), Report on the Review of Land Use Permitting and Water Licensing Regulatory Framework in the Northwest Territories.
- 734-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding same-day health services in Yellowknife.
- 735-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the economic outlook of the Northwest Territories.
- The Member for Sahtu sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 736-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding supports following substance abuse treatment.
- 737-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding infrastructure for Arctic security and sovereignty.
- 738-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding a backup generator for the independent living seniors' home in Fort Providence.
- 739-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding systemic racism and dysfunction in the Northwest Territories health care system.
- The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 740-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding housing supports for elders.
- The Member for Monfwi sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 741-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding unhoused encampments.

742-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding a cyclonic surge in Tuktoyaktuk.

743-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Asger "Red" Pedersen.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

Bill 23-20(1) The Member for Monfwi reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act*, and that Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Children's Law Act*, was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 24-20(1) The Member for Monfwi reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act*, and that Bill 24, *An Act to Amend the Family Law Act*, was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Bill 27-20(1) The Member for Monfwi reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act*, and that Bill 27, *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act* was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

Tabling of Documents

396-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

397-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

398-20(1) 2024-2025 NWT Carbon Tax Report. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

399-20(1) Northwest Territories Heritage Fund Annual Report 2025. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

400-20(1) Annual Report on the Activities of the Rental Officer 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

401-20(1) Department of Justice Corrections Services Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

- 402-20(1) Territorial Police Service Agreement Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 403-20(1) Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowance Fund Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2025. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 404-20(1) Pension Administration Report – Northwest Territories *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act* and *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*, at March 31, 2024. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 405-20(1) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Pension Plans Annual Report at March 31, 2024. Tabled by the Speaker.

Notices of Motion

- 62-20(1) Reappointment of Information and Privacy Commissioner
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.
- 63-20(1) Creation of an Emergency Management Agency
Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

Motions

- 62-20(1) Reappointment of Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought and received unanimous consent to proceed with Motion 62-20(1).

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, that, pursuant to Section 61 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, Mr. Andrew Fox be reappointed for a term of five years as Information and Privacy Commissioner;

AND FURTHER, that the appointment be effective November 23, 2025.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

- Bill 32: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2*
Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 32, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act, No. 2* was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

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 388-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026, and Tabled Document 385-20(1): 2026-2027 Capital Estimates, and reported progress with two motions carried.

Committee Motion 81-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of Tabled Document 388-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026, at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 82-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following:

I MOVE that this committee concludes its consideration of the 2026-2027 Capital Estimates for the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 21: *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*

The Honourable Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Dehcho, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 22: *Legislation Act*

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 22, *Legislation Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Dehcho, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Honourable Member for Kam Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, moved that Bill 28, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Dehcho, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 6:44 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly