

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 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

- 160-20(1) The Premier delivered an update on a Residential Schools Monument.
- 161-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the release of the Auditor General's Performance Audit.

Members' Statements

- 777-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding accountability mechanisms under the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
- 778-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding mine closure and remediation in the Northwest Territories.

- 779-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding support for providers of affordable childcare.
- 780-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Government's approach to rights-based cabins.
- 781-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the economic outlook for the Northwest Territories.
- 782-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding literacy screening and support.
- 783-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the transfer of market rental units to long-term tenants.
- The Member for Monfwi sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 784-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding access to student assessments.
- 785-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Mike Rowe.
- 786-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the 2025 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly on Housing in the Northwest Territories.

Follow-up to Oral Questions

- 797-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 797-20(1) from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to the Member for Monfwi regarding wildfires in Tłıchq lands.

Written Questions

- 22-20(1) The Member for Great Slave asked a question of the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs regarding actions to improve animal welfare in the Northwest Territories.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 30-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 30-20(1), the Standing

Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, 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.

31-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Office of the Ombud and the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 31-20(1), the Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud and the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 31-20(1), the Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud and the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, 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.

32-20(1) Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 32-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved that Committee Report 32-20(1), Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission, be received and adopted by the Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Frame Lake, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, 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.

33-20(1) Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, No. 2

The Member for Great Slave, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Committee Report 33-20(1), Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges Report on the Review of the Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, No. 2, be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

417-20(1)	Public Service Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Premier for the Minister of Finance.
418-20(1)	Budget Dialogues 2025 - What We Heard. Tabled by the Premier for the Minister of Finance.
419-20(1)	Letter dated July 8, 2025, from Mayor of Yellowknife to Minister of Finance regarding the City's Budget Submission Supporting the

Transfer of Commissioner's Land to the City of Yellowknife. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

Notices of Motion

65-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 4, 2026.

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 33: *Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Infrastructure.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 33: *Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Documents 385-20(1): 2026-2027 Capital Estimates; 386-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025; 387-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026; and 388-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026, and reported progress, with four motions carried, that consideration of Tabled Documents, 385-20(1), 386-20(1), 387-20(1) and 388-20(1) is concluded, that the House concur in those estimates, and that appropriation bills to be based thereon be introduced.

Committee Motion 84-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 386-20(1): 2026-2027 Capital Estimates, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 385-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 85-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 386-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 386-20(1) be reported and

recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 86-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 387-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 387-20(1) be reported and recommended as ready for further consideration in formal Session through the form of an appropriation bill.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 87-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 387-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 387-20(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 Range Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:50 p.m.

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Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

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Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly