

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 30, 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

- 162-20(1) The Minister responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains made a statement about advancing northern critical infrastructure projects.
- 163-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding Master Service Agreements with Alberta Health Services.
- 164-20(1) The Premier made a statement advising of the absence of the Honourable Member for Thebacha from the House for a portion of the day's proceedings.

Members' Statements

- 787-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding concerns with the Rayrock mine site remediation plan.

- 788-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding devolution and economic development.
- 789-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding the Arctic Security Working Group meeting in Yellowknife.
- 790-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding measures in departmental Business Plans to address trauma.
- 791-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding recruitment and retention of teachers in small communities.
- 792-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding effective strategic planning.
- 793-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding government services delivery models.
- The Member for Yellowknife sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 794-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding expansion of trades certification and apprenticeship programs.
- 795-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh delivered a celebration of life for Bertha Ruby Norwegian.
- 796-20(1) The Member for Range Lake delivered a eulogy for Larry Galt.

Motions

- 64-20(1) Naming of the 50th Street Affordable Housing Complex

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre:

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, that the Executive Council of the Government of the Northwest Territories name the new 50-unit affordable housing complex on 50th Street in Yellowknife, the Anthony (Tony) W. J. Whitford Building;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this motion in 120 days.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

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

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (6)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre sought unanimous consent to return to Item 9 on the Orders of the Day, Written Questions. Consent was not granted.

Tabling of Documents

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| 420-20(1) | Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Fund Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs. |
| 421-20(1) | Plain Language Summary for Bill 33, <i>Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act</i> . Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure. |
| 422-20(1) | Statement of Consistency for Bill 33, <i>Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act</i> . Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure. |
| 423-20(1) | Inter-Activity Transfers Over \$250,000 (April 1 to June 30, 2025). Tabled by the Minister of Finance. |
| 424-20(1) | NWT Department of Health and Social Services Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services. |
| 425-20(1) | 2024-2025 Annual Report - Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services. |
| 426-20(1) | Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency Health and Social Services Annual Report 2024-25. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services. |
| 427-20(1) | Hay River Health and Social Services Authority Annual Report 2024-2025. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services. |
| 428-20(1) | 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Director of Child and Family Services. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services. |
| 429-20(1) | Operating Plans for Northwest Territories Education Bodies for the 2025-2026 School Year Ending June 30, 2026, Volumes 1 and 2. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment. |
| 430-20(1) | Northwest Territories Coroner Service 2024 Annual Report. Tabled by the Minister of Justice. |

First Reading of Bills

Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 34, *Trespass to Property Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 35: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Justice.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 35, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act 2024*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 36: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2026-2027*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 36, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 37: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 38: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 39: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 33: *Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act*

Introduced by the Minister of Infrastructure.

The Honourable Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 33, *Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 33 was referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment.

Bill 36: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2026-2027*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 36, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2026-2027*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 37: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Bill 37, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization)*, No. 3, 2024-2025, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 38: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures)*, No. 2, 2025-2026

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures)*, No. 2, 2025-2026, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 39: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures)*, No. 2, 2025-2026

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures)*, No. 2, 2025-2026, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

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 Committee Report 29-20(1): Standing Committee on Social Development Committee Project: Housing as a Human Right, and reported progress with 44 motions carried and that consideration of Committee Report 29-20(1) is concluded.

Committee Motion 88-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories formally and officially recognize housing as a human right;

AND FURTHER, specifically, the Standing Committee on Social Development recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories urgently create new legislation that recognizes the right to adequate housing as it is articulated in

international human rights law in the United Nations Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

AND FURTHERMORE, this new legislation should incorporate accountability mechanisms found in Canada's *National Housing Strategy Act*, including developing and maintaining a robust housing strategy to progressively realize housing as a human right in the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 89-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories publicly recognize the colonial legacies that have contributed to Indigenous homelessness in the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHER, to address these legacies, the Government of the Northwest Territories should use the principles outlined in the Northwest Territories' *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Implementation Act* to guide policy changes in the housing sector and increase local government decision-making to facilitate the co-development of new housing policies by council leaders and Indigenous governments.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 90-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories create the Office of the Territorial Housing Advocate and appoint a Territorial Housing Advocate;

AND FURTHER, the Territorial Housing Advocate and its office should operate as an independent, nonpartisan entity, modeled after the Federal Housing Advocate;

AND FURTHERMORE, its objective should be to advance meaningful action to address inadequate housing and homelessness in the Northwest Territories;

AND FURTHERMORE, the office should be created within the 20th Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE, an implementation plan to create this office should be developed and tabled in the House within one year;

AND FURTHERMORE, this office should facilitate the co-development of new housing policies by council leaders and Indigenous governments.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 91-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the government of the Northwest Territories assign the Territorial Housing Advocate and its office to investigate how human rights and advocacy organizations can pursue legal remedies for violations of the right to housing through legal or policy frameworks;

AND FURTHER, this research study should identify existing legal barriers to housing-related claims, consider amendments to the Northwest Territories' *Human Rights Act* or other relevant statutes, and establish clear mechanisms for litigations and legal recourse;

AND FURTHERMORE, the research study should be done in consultation with affected communities and legal experts and presented to the Legislative Assembly for consideration within the first year of the Office's creation.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 92-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and amend the Northwest Territories' *Residential Tenancies Act* to include a proportionality framework that considers reasonable alternatives and ensures that evictions are used as a last resort only in serious situations, such as those where criminal activities are present.

Committee Motion 93-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review the Evictions from Public Housing Policy to incorporate consideration of multi-generational living arrangements prior to eviction decisions.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 94-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories increase the number of supportive living and transitional housing options for individuals who are evicted from public housing. Steps and timelines to achieve this should be included in the Government's costed action plan as referenced in recommendation 22.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 95-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories amend the *Legal Aid Act* and its regulations to include matters arising under the *Residential Tenancies Act*, as well as other housing-related legal matters, such as evictions, that may fall outside of the *Residential Tenancies Act*, as subjects to which legal aid services may be provided;

AND FURTHER, the Government of the Northwest Territories should utilize the upcoming new federal blueprint for a renters' bill of rights to inform the development of effective legal aid services for tenants that reduce the power imbalance;

AND FURTHERMORE, to provide effective legal services, the Government of the Northwest Territories should allocate funding to the legal aid program to support services provided for housing-related matters.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 96-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and ensure that Housing Northwest Territories' policies are culturally appropriate, including that any related applications be available in Indigenous languages;

AND FURTHER, the Government should also implement policies to train Government Service Officers on culturally appropriate advocacy related to housing issues.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 97-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories present a legislative proposal by mid-2026 to significantly modernize the Northwest Territories' *Residential Tenancies Act*;

AND FURTHER, the amendments should be centered on the right to adequate housing and provide clear guidance to tenants and landlords on their rights and responsibilities.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 98-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories conduct an operational review of the Northwest Territories Rental Office, including whether it is accessible for tenants and landlords, whether it is adequately staffed, and whether access to justice through the Northwest Territories Legal Aid Commission is integrated within the roles and responsibilities of the Rental Office.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 99-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with Housing Northwest Territories and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to develop and endorse a draft definition of the housing continuum that reflects the northern context;

AND FURTHER, this preliminary northern housing definition should incorporate Indigenous understandings of housing and home and support a reframing of housing policy and funding models to align with the lived realities of northern communities;

AND FURTHERMORE, this committee encourages the use of the alternative framework developed through the "At Home in the North" project led by Dr. Julia Christensen;

AND FURTHERMORE, it is recommended that Housing Northwest Territories publicly release this draft definition by the end of 2026 to support on-going dialogue and policy development.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 100-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories reassess its role in providing homeownership programs in communities that are initiating their own locally led housing programs;

AND FURTHER, where there are locally led initiatives, the Government should redirect its investments to empower Indigenous government-led or other locally led homeownership programs that offer cultural and community specific supports.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 101-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories reinstate the 1980's Homeownership Assistance Program, with modern adjustments to reflect current needs;

AND FURTHER, the Government implement the northern transitional homeownership model which was presented to Committee.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 102-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review municipal funding policies administered by the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs to ensure they do not create barriers to community-directed housing initiatives, including staff housing;

AND FURTHER, to commit to a timeline for when this review will be complete.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 103-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review the current housing policy environment to identify and implement new or expanded incentives that support the development of affordable market housing.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 104-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories expedite the development of a territorial building code to encourage the development of safe and appropriate housing and to dismantle barriers to building in the north;

AND FURTHER, to publicly commit to the timelines necessary for this work to be brought forward.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 105-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop and implement a territorial trades strategy for housing-related trades that offers training and certification programs for local residents and builds long-term capacity;

AND FURTHER, this program should establish an agency of tradespeople to ensure access to services across the territory and should subsidize contractors travelling to remote communities.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 106-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories sign memorandums of understanding with Indigenous governments who have settled land claims with land use policies to encourage housing development.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 107-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop policies that improve coordination between Housing

Northwest Territories and other Government of the Northwest Territories departments to remove barriers to housing development;

AND FURTHER, that this includes urgently increasing the supply of land suitable for residential construction, simplifying land use planning and approval processes, and embedding climate adaptation into land development strategies.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 108-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories, through Housing Northwest Territories, collaborate with local housing organizations to revise their repair and maintenance policies in a manner that empowers public housing tenants to undertake minor repairs and maintenance themselves where appropriate.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 109-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide adequate funding and investment in the development of transitional housing and in strengthening the shelter and safe home system in small communities of the Northwest Territories to relieve the burden on the Yellowknife shelter system;

AND FURTHER, as the first step to achieve this, the Government of the Northwest Territories should develop a costed action plan, outlining specific action steps each with an assigned budget and timeline, and table this in the house within the 20th Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 110-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories create a 24-hour shelter in the city of Yellowknife, either through an existing or new program, to ensure wrap-around supports are accessible for those utilizing homelessness shelter spaces to move along the housing continuum.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 111-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories create 24-hour shelters in communities across the territory, prioritized according to the urgency of shelter needs in the communities, to ensure wrap-around supports are accessible for those utilizing homelessness shelter spaces to move along the housing continuum.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 112-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and implement strategies to assist non-profit and charitable organizations with contracts to provide social housing or housing first, with the rise of insurance costs, specifically for their rental housing programs.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 113-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories actively collaborate with municipalities and communities across the territory to develop and implement a standardized encampment protocol;

AND FURTHER, this protocol should prioritize the safety and dignity of individuals living in tent encampments, while also ensuring respectful coexistence with neighbouring residents, properties, and public spaces;

AND FURTHERMORE, establishing clear guidelines and responsibilities will help prevent conflict, support vulnerable populations, and promote community well-being.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 114-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories work with the Federal Government to ensure that funding mechanisms, such as those established under the Urban, Rural, And Northern

Indigenous Housing Strategy, provide direct and equitable funding to Indigenous governments and organizations, including those with both settled and unsettled land claims;

AND FURTHER, adopting this approach is necessary to address and reduce funding disparities between regions and to support equitable access to housing resources for all Indigenous peoples across the Northwest Territories.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 115-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories collaborate with the Yukon Government and the Government of Nunavut to develop a unified pan territorial advocacy plan;

AND FURTHER, this plan should be used to advocate to the Government of Canada to ensure that federal policies and funding are better aligned with northern realities and Indigenous perspectives in light of federal strategies (i.e. Urban, Rural And Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy) and funding that continues to fall short in reaching the housing needs of northerners.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 116-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories incorporate the recommendations contained in this report into its proposed three-year housing plan;

AND FURTHER, this committee expects the housing plan to clearly demonstrate how each recommendation is being addressed, including the actions to be taken, anticipated outcomes, and timelines for implementation.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 117-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories, through Housing Northwest Territories, enhance transparency and reporting of distinction-based funding allocations to ensure that the needs of each community and the overall advancement of housing in the territory are being met.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 118-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories establish a mechanism to more equitably assess eligibility for homeownership programs;

AND FURTHER, these programs should take into account individual circumstances, particularly in cases involving outstanding mortgage and rental arrears, to ensure that the programs are responsive to the complex realities faced by residents.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 119-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide more transparency surrounding the specific age and condition of housing units allowable under the Homeownership Initiative Policy;

AND FURTHER, publicly publish the age of public housing units that have been deemed eligible for the Homeownership Initiative Program.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 120-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories reform the housing appeal process to support the progressive realization of the right to housing and ensure more inclusive, transparent, and efficient oversight;

AND FURTHER, that this necessarily includes that all appeals under public housing and homeownership programs bypass the District Director and proceed directly to the Housing Appeal Committee to streamline the process and reduce administrative burden and barriers;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the composition of the Housing Appeal Committee be revised to require membership of individuals with lived experience of homelessness or housing need, and where possible, individuals with expertise

in human rights, to ensure a more representative and rights-based approach to decision-making.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 121-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories transition all current housing rating systems to a rights-based approach, focusing on ensuring fair and equitable access to housing for all, particularly those in greatest need;

AND FURTHER, this should involve prioritizing vulnerable groups, promoting non-discrimination, and empowering tenants in the housing process.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 122-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review the Public Housing Tenant Eligibility Policy to ensure that it provides those ineligible for public housing a clear and time-bound response to how they could have their eligibility reinstated.

Committee Motion 123-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories revise the Community Housing Plan Policy to include capacity-building supports tailored to community needs;

AND FURTHER, this should include additional human, financial, and technical resources to support implementation of housing plans.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 124-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories conduct an audit of the Small Community Homelessness Fund to determine and report on its overall policy performance.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 125-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories revise and adjust the eligible income thresholds for co-payment for the Senior Home Repair Program, the Seniors Aging in Place Program, and the Home Repair Program based on inflation and cost of living increases;

AND FURTHER, a review should occur every three years thereafter.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 126-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and revise the eligible properties for the Senior Home Repair Program, the Seniors Aging in Place Program, the Home Repair Program, and the Preventative Maintenance Program, specifically expanding the eligibility coverage of each policy to include primary residences outside municipal boundaries.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 127-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review the Disposal of Residential Property Policy to ensure that Housing Northwest Territories' assets located on Treaty territory, and subject to disposal under the policy, provide Indigenous governments with the first right of refusal.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 128-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review the Community Housing Support Initiative Program to ensure it is reaching its goals and full effectiveness,

AND FURTHER, specifically, this committee recommends interviewing current and past recipients on the feasibility of supporting housing affordability and adequacy beyond the duration of their contribution agreement in order to evaluate the initiative's long-term impact on housing;

AND FURTHERMORE, it is recommended that the Government of the Northwest Territories publish the results of the program review and share it with the Standing Committee on Social Development.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 129-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review all Housing Northwest Territories' financial policies, including policies respecting loans and grants, to ensure Treaty obligations are upheld;

AND FURTHER, specifically, to ensure that policies safeguard against unfairly including Treaty-related income such as dividend payments, or gifts, into an applicant's income and thus disproportionately impacting their eligibility or level of assistance;

AND FURTHERMORE, this committee recommends the Government of the Northwest Territories make any necessary policy changes to achieve this.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 130-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories review and revise the Collection Policy to ensure that the policy prioritizes the well-being and dignity of individuals and their right to adequate housing;

AND FURTHER, collection action should not jeopardize an individual's ability to secure and maintain adequate housing;

AND FURTHERMORE, the collection policy should establish clear accountability mechanisms to ensure that collections comply with human rights standards;

AND FURTHERMORE, in its review, the Government of the Northwest Territories should engage individuals and communities experiencing housing challenges.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 131-20(1)

The Member for Monfwi moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories respond to this report within 120 days.

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.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 36: *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2026-2027*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 36, *Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures) 2026-2027*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Sahtu, Inuvik Boot Lake, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (12)

Members against: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake, Monfwi. (4)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 37: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2024-2025*

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The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Sahtu, 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. (13)

Members against: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Yellowknife Centre, Range Lake. (3)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

Bill 38: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 38, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, 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 39: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 39, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2025-2026*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, 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 8:02 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly