

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### **May 26, 2025**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 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 Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.
- Absent: Member for Dehcho, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 130-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding Intergovernmental meetings.
- 131-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories delivered a capital delivery status update.
- 132-20(1) The Minister of Environment and Climate Change made a statement about strengthening community wildfire readiness.
- 133-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Kam Lake from the House.

## Members' Statements

- 653-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding a plebiscite for a preferential balloting system.
- 654-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding cost of electricity in the Northwest Territories.
- 655-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding midwifery services in Yellowknife.
- 656-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Arctic Development Expo in Inuvik.
- 657-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the shortage of healthcare professionals in remote communities.
- 658-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the public service grievance process.
- 659-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding mental health and wellness supports.
- 660-20(1) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding support for community coaching programs.

## Point of Order

The Honourable Member for Hay River North rose on point of order against the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding Oral Questions rules.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North rose on a separate point of order against the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding remarks made about the first point of order.

In the case of the first point of order, the Speaker asked the Member for Yellowknife Centre to limit preamble when posing Oral Questions.

In the matter of the second point of order, the Speaker asked the Member for Yellowknife Centre to withdraw the offending remarks, and the Member complied.

## Follow-up for Oral Questions

- 473-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 473-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Great Slave regarding the Northwest Territories Early Learning and Childcare Agreement.

- 529-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 529-20(1) from the Premier to the Member for Great Slave regarding support for charitable non-governmental organizations.
- 560-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 560-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake regarding the Climate Change Action Plan.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 345-20(1) Northwest Territories Law Foundation 42nd Annual Report for the Period Ending June 30, 2024. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 346-20(1) Legal Aid Commission of the Northwest Territories Annual Report 2023-2024. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 347-20(1) Statement of Consistency – Bill 26-20(1): *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

#### Notices of Motion

- 57-20(1) Supplemental Recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner on Costs in the Complaint Against the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh.  
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife North.
- 58-20(1) Appointment of Member to the Human Rights Adjudication Panel.  
Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

#### Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 28: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act, No. 2*  
Notice given by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- Bill 29: *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*  
Notice given by the Member for Range Lake.

#### Motions

- 58-20(1) Appointment of Member to the Human Rights Adjudication Panel

The Member for Yellowknife Centre received unanimous consent to deal with Motion 58-20(1) on this day, and moved the following motion:

NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, that Jessi Casebeer of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories be recommended to the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for appointment as a member of the Human Rights Adjudication Panel, effective June 1, 2025, for a term of four years.

The motion was CARRIED.

### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 26: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*

The Member for Yellowknife Centre, seconded by the Member for Monfwi, moved that Bill 26, an *Act to Amend the Public Service Act*, be read for a second time and requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: 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 Yellowknife North. (7)

Members against: Member for Great Slave. (1)

Members abstaining: Honourable Member for Thebacha, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Nunakput. (6)

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 341-20(1): Supplementary Estimates, Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization, No. 1, 2025-2026, and reported progress.

The Member for Sahtu, seconded by the Member for Yellowknife South, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

### Third Reading of Bills

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

The Honourable Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Member for Sahtu, moved that Bill 17, *Municipal and Community Affairs Statutes Amendment Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: 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 Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (15)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, moved that Bill 18, *Business Names and Partnerships Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

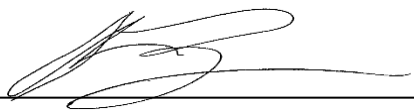
Members for: Member for Frame Lake, Member for Great Slave, Honourable Member for Hay River North, Honourable Member for Hay River South, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (15)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:46 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Glen Rutland  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly