

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### February 10, 2026

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 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, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Sahtú.

#### Ministers' Statements

174-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding winter road and ice crossing implementation.

175-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Kam Lake from the House.

#### Members' Statements

850-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding economic diversification in the Tłı̄chq̄ region.

The Member for Monfwi sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.

- 851-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Mackenzie Valley Highway public engagement sessions.
- 852-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding challenges with medical travel policies.
- 853-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement about health care workforce stabilization.
- 854-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding Black History Month events in Yellowknife.
- 855-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the value and importance of social support programs.
- 856-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding abandoned vehicles amendments to the *Motor Vehicles Act*.
- 857-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Executive Council progress on the mandate and priorities of the Legislative Assembly.
- 858-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the economic future of the Northwest Territories.
- 859-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Dolphus "Duffy" Cazon.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 459-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 26-20(1): Report on the Statutory Review of the *Legal Aid Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 460-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 30-20(1): Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Information and Privacy Commissioner. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.
- 461-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 32-20(1): Report on the Review of the 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission. Tabled by the Minister of Justice.

## First Reading of Bills

Bill 40-20(1): *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act.*

Introduced by the Minister of Health and Social Services.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 41: *An Act to Amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.*

Introduced by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 41: *An Act to Amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing 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 Document 448-20(1): 2026-2027 Main Estimates; Tabled Document 453-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026; and Tabled Document 454-20(1): Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026, and reported progress with two motions carried, that consideration of Tabled Documents 453-20(1) and 454-20(1) is concluded, that the House concurs in those estimates and that appropriation bills to be based thereon be introduced without delay.

### **Committee Motion 137-20(1)**

The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 453-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 453-20(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 138-20(1)**


The Member for Deh Cho moved the following motion:

I MOVE that consideration of Tabled Document 454-20(1), Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026, be now concluded and that Tabled Document 454-20(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 Dehcho, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:46 p.m.



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Hon. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Harjot Sidhu  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly