

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 16, 2026

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 Mackenzie Delta, 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,

Ministers' Statements

180-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement providing a status update on Yellowknife Primary Care.

Members' Statements

885-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding internationally educated nurses.

886-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding early literacy screening and interventions.

The Member for Yellowknife North sought and was granted unanimous consent to conclude her statement.

- 887-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the closure of Imperial Oil operations in Norman Wells.
- 888-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding integrated service delivery.
- 889-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Arctic sovereignty and security.
- 890-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding Diabetes prevention, detection and care.
- 891-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh made a statement regarding Jordan's Principle Funding Reductions.
- 892-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding Yellowknife electricity distribution contract renewal.
- 893-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement offering condolences for Tumbler Ridge.
- 894-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding interim superintendents of the Dehcho Divisional Educational Council.

Follow-up for Oral Questions

- 934-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 934-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre about addressing medical travel challenges.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 35 -20(1) The Member for Frame Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had reviewed Bill 35, *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act*, and that Bill 35 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Tabling of Documents

- 470-20(1) Letter dated February 13, 2026, from the Chairs of Boards of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 and Yellowknife Catholic Schools regarding Urgent Funding for JK-12 Indigenous Students. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

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, and reported progress.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:50 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Harjot Sidhu
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly