

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 17, 2026

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 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

181-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories made a statement regarding the Homelessness Strategy.

Members' Statements

895-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding higher education in the Northwest Territories.

The Member for Frame Lake sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.

896-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding the Public Administrator for the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority.

- 897-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Yellowknife Citizens for Ceasefire National Day of Action Rally.
- 898-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Mackenzie Valley Highway regulations collaboration.
- 899-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh made a statement regarding education supports funded under Jordan's Principle.
- 900-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding Treaty obligations for healthcare.
- 901-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement offering a Sessional progress update.
- 902-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding economic uncertainty for Tłı̄chǫ citizens.
- 903-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Senior Envoy to the Government of Canada.
- 904-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the Western Arctic Marine Training Centre Bridge Watch Rating Graduation.
- 905-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement providing notice of intent to proceed with Bill 3: *Carbon Tax Repeal Act*.

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

- 35-20(1) Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on Review of the Auditor General's 2025 Report on Protected and Conserved Areas in the Northwest Territories

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that the report be received by the Assembly and referred to Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Tabling of Documents

- 471-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 25-20(1): Report on the Review to Date of Bill 26: *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

472-20(1) Securing Canada's Link to the Arctic – the National Defence and Security Benefits of the Mackenzie Valley Highway Project. Tabled by the Member for Sahtu.

Motions

66-20(1) Extended Adjournment of the House to February 24, 2026

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North.

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House adjourns on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, it shall be adjourned until Tuesday, February 24, 2026;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to February 24, 2026, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier or later time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice;

AND THEREUPON, the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 42-20(1): *Tłegóhłj Got'jine Final Self-Government Agreement Act*

Introduced by the Premier.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 42: *Tłegóhłj Got'jine Final Self-Government Agreement Act*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 43-20(1): *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 43: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Bill 44: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*

Introduced by the Minister of Finance.

In accordance with Rule 8.2(3), the Speaker deemed Bill 44: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*, read for the first time and ready for second reading.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 43: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 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 43, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 44: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 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 44, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*, be read for the second time.

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 448-20(1): 2026-2027 Main Estimates, and reported progress.

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

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 43: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kam Lake, moved that Bill 43, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*, 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, Member for Inuvik Boot Lake, Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Sahtu, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South. (12)

Members against: Member for Monfwi, Member for Range Lake, Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, (4)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 44: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, moved that Bill 44, *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*, 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, 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. (16)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:45 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Harjot Sidhu
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly