

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### February 4, 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

168-20(1) The Premier delivered a Sessional Statement.

169-20(1) The Minister of Finance provided notice of a Budget Address.

#### Members' Statements

806-20(1) The Member for Nunakput made a statement congratulating Erwin Elias, the new Inuvialuit Regional Corporation Chair.

807-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding the global political and economic situation.

808-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the closure of the Norman Wells Oilfield and the importance of the Mackenzie Valley Highway.

- 809-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding literacy rates in the Northwest Territories.
- The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 810-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the 2026 Association for Mineral Exploration (AME) Roundup.
- 811-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding radon testing, exposure and mitigation.
- 812-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the importance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- 813-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding economic opportunities for the Northwest Territories.
- 814-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding Amanda Andre-Niditchie, the first Indigenous female Canadian Coast Guard deckhand.
- 815-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding Treaty obligations related to healthcare.
- 816-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding private security legislation.
- 817-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Twyla Isaiah.
- 818-20(1) The Honourable Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

#### Follow-up to Oral Questions

- 771-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 771-20(1) from the Premier to the Member for Range Lake about funding of the NWT Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- 784-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 784-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Monfwi regarding support for transitional students.
- 789-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 789-20(1) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for

Yellowknife North regarding 2023 Wildfire Emergency Response After-Action Review recommendations.

- 792-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 792-20(1) from the Premier to the Member for Range Lake regarding a North of 60 mining tax credit.
- 796-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 796-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Great Slave regarding the Northwest Territories Healthcare Excellence Canada's Cultural Safety Design Collaborative Team Report: "Honouring the Voices of Indigenous Peoples – Actions for Change in the Northwest Territories Health Care System".
- 801-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 801-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding Yellowknife Primary Care Clinic laboratory wait times and service capacity.
- 804-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 804-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding Supports for community health nurses.
- 811-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 811-20(1) from the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories to the Member for Dehcho regarding backup power generators in seniors' housing.
- 813-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 813-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Great Slave regarding same-day healthcare appointments.
- 814-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 814-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding healthcare patient experience questionnaires.
- 815-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 815-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Mackenzie Delta regarding aftercare support for patients returning from addictions treatment programs.
- 822-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 822-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding no-show appointment rates and waitlist management in healthcare.

- 823-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 823-20(1) from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to the Member for Frame Lake regarding 2025 Northwest Territories Environmental Audit Report recommendations.
- 835-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 835-20(1) from the Minister of Finance to the Member for Great Slave about streamlining liquor licensing.
- 840-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 840-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding mental health and wellness support in schools.
- 844-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 844-20(1) from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to the Member for Frame Lake regarding the transfer of Commissioner's Land within municipal boundaries.
- 848-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 848-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding medical travel expenses.
- 849-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 849-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Range Lake regarding online booking for Yellowknife Primary Care appointments.
- 853-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 853-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding an update on *Pharmacy Act* regulations.
- 860-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 860-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding the merging of healthcare cards and driver's licenses.
- 861-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 861-20(1) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for Monfwi regarding community landfills.
- 866-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 866-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding vacancy rates at Stanton Legacy Hospital.

- 879-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 879-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding out-of-country medical coverage policy.
- 880-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 880-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Range Lake regarding late payments for Student Financial Assistance.
- 881-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 881-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife North regarding electronic medical records.
- 883-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 883-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding late payments for Student Financial Assistance.
- 887-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 887-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh regarding late payments for Student Financial Assistance.
- 893-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 893-20(1) from the Premier to the Member for Sahtu regarding devolution initiatives.
- 899-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 899-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Monfwi regarding Northwest Territories cancer statistics.
- 901-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 901-20(1) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding establishment of a Yellowknife Airport Authority.
- 902-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 902-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Range Lake regarding health information privacy breaches.
- 903-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up to Oral Question 903-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Great Slave regarding orientation and training for locums directing medical travel.

#### Returns to Written Questions

- 22-20(1) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 22-20(1) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for Great

- Slave regarding actions to improve animal welfare in the Northwest Territories.
- 23-20(1) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 23-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding healthcare professionals returning as locums.
- 24-20(1) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 24-20(1) from the Minister of Health and Social Services to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding Northwest Territories medical students rejected for residencies.
- 25-20(1) The Clerk tabled a return to Written Question 25-20(1) from the Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding the Senior Envoy.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 440-20(1) Additional Information for Follow-up to Oral Question 822-20(1): No-Show Appointment Rates in Healthcare Clinics. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 441-20(1) Additional Information for Follow-up to Oral Question 899-20(1): Northwest Territories Cancer Statistics. Tabled by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- 442-20(1) Additional Information for Follow-up to Written Question 25-20(1): Senior Envoy. Tabled by the Premier.
- 443-20(1) Jurisdictional Scan of Public Radon Testing and Mitigation Supports in Canada. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 444-20(1) Jurisdictional Scan of Publicly Funded Fertility Programs in Canada. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 445-20(1) 2025 Review of Members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Compensation and Benefits Report. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 446-20(1) Summary of Recommendations of the Independent Commission to Review Members' Compensation and Benefits. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 447-20(1) *Locksmiths, Security Guards and Other Securities Occupations Act, (NWT, 1991)*. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:43 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