

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 5, 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.

Budget Address

The Minister of Finance delivered the 2026-2027 Budget Address.

Members' Statements

- 819-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding a child and youth advocate.
- 820-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding economic diversification in the Northwest Territories.
- 821-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- 822-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding income thresholds for seniors' support programs.

- 823-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding reforms to income support programs.
- 824-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement about empowering the public service.
- 825-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding healthcare service availability for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh residents.
- The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 826-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding a sustainable economy for the Northwest Territories.
- The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received consent to conclude her statement.
- 827-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding police conduct towards Indigenous persons.
- 828-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding seniors' home heating subsidy income thresholds.
- 829-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Donald Havioyak.

Replies to the Budget Address

- 20-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 21-20(1) The Member for Range Lake delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 22-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre delivered a reply to the Budget Address.

Follow-up for Oral Questions

- 774-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 774-20(1) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding electronic emergency signage on highways.
- 839-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 839-20(1) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for

Mackenzie Delta regarding emergency back-up generators in schools.

- 869-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 869-20(1) from the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation to the Member for Inuvik Boot Lake regarding selection criteria for Northwest Territories Power Corporation board members.

Tabling of Documents

- 448-20(1) 2026-2027 Main Estimates. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 449-20(1) 2026-2027 Government of the Northwest Territories Annual Business Plan Update. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 450-20(1) Letter from the Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation dated September 2, 2025, to Board of Directors regarding 2025 Direction Letter to Board of Directors. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.
- 451-20(1) Additional Information for Follow-up to Oral Question 839-20(1): Emergency Back-up Generators in Schools. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 452-20(1) Response to Motion 64-20(1): Naming of the 50th Street Affordable Housing Complex. Tabled by the Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories.

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) and reported progress with one motion carried.

Committee Motion 136-20(1)

The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee defer further consideration of the 2026-2027 Main Estimates for the Department of Finance at this time.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, seconded by the Member for Sahtu, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The Member for Yellowknife Centre requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Sahtu, Range Lake, Inuvik Boot Lake, Monfwi, Frame Lake, Great Slave, Mackenzie Delta, Yellowknife North, Thebacha, Yellowknife South, Kam Lake, Hay River North, Hay River South, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Nunakput. (16)

Members against: Yellowknife Centre. (1)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:24 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Harjot Sidhu
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly