

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 6, 2026

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:01 a.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

- 170-20(1) The Minister responsible for Housing Northwest Territories provided a capital delivery status update.
- 171-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services delivered a statement on Following the North Star: Primary Health Care Reimagined Together.
- 172-20(1) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment delivered a statement on growing Northwest Territories businesses.

Members' Statements

- 830-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding power rates.

- 831-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding Northern United Place.
- 832-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding the benefits of the Mackenzie Valley Highway.
- The Member for Sahtu sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 833-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding police services in Tsiigehtchic.
- 834-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding support for fertility treatments.
- 835-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding power outages.
- 836-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding power outages.
- 837-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding liquified natural gas.
- 838-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding housing shortages in the Tłıchq region.
- 839-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement about upholding the Treaty right to healthcare services.
- 840-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating grandchildren.

Replies to the Budget Address

- 23-20(1) The Member for Sahtu delivered a reply to the Budget Address.
- 24-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North delivered a reply to the Budget Address.

Point of Order

A point of order was raised by the Member for Range Lake against the Member for Yellowknife North regarding citation of the Member's previous day's reply to the Budget Address. The Speaker ruled there was no point of order and cautioned Members to keep their replies to the Budget Address focused on the budget.

Follow-up for Oral Questions

- 766-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 766-20(1) from the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs to the Member for Yellowknife Centre regarding the 2023 Wildfire Emergency Response After-Action Review.

Written Questions

- 26-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North asked a question of the Minister of Environment and Climate Change regarding the application of *Waters Act* provisions to the sale or transfer of mining assets.
- 27-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding physician recruitment and retention.
- 28-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding medical travel.
- 29-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding paramedic contracts.

Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 26-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake reported that the Standing Committee on Government Operations had not completed its review of Bill 26, *An Act to Amend the Public Service Act*, and moved, seconded by the Member for Great Slave, that the review period be extended to November 12, 2026. The motion was CARRIED.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

- Bill 40-20(1) *An Act to Amend the Vital Statistics Act*
Notice given by the Minister of Health and Social Services.
- Bill 41-20(1) *An Act to Amend the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act*
Notice given by the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs

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 Yellowknife Centre, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 1:57 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Harjot Sidhu
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly