

Votes and Proceedings

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 9, 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, 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, Member for Sahtu.

Ministers' Statements

173-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding improvements to laboratory and diagnostic services.

Members' Statements

841-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding compassionate medical evacuation policy.

842-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding access to primary healthcare.

843-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding improvements to Northwest Territories medical travel.

- 844-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Still Dark Music Festival.
- 845-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding supporting family violence shelters.
- 846-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement about funding for the Aurora College ARI Innovate Centre.
- 847-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding medical provisions in Treaty 8.
- 848-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the Dinàgà Wek'èhodì protected area in Monfwi.
- 849-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement celebrating the life of Cathy Kotchea Gonet.

Replies to the Budget Address

- 25-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta delivered a reply to the Budget Address.

Follow-up for Oral Questions

- 838-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 838-20(1) from the Minister of Justice to the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh regarding RCMP staffing in small communities.
- 856-20(1) The Clerk provided a follow-up for Oral Question 856-20(1) from the Minister of Justice to the Member for Range Lake regarding support for jurors in the Northwest Territories.

Written Questions

- 30-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North asked a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services regarding the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority action plans.

Tabling of Documents

- 453-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 454-20(1) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

- 455-20(1) 2025-2026 Public Accounts, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 456-20(1) Letter dated January 29, 2026, from YWCA NWT to Cabinet Members regarding Request for Funds to Operate Safe Homes in Fort Simpson and Fort Good Hope. Tabled by the Member for Great Slave.
- 457-20(1) Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Pension Administration Report – *Retiring Allowances Act* and *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*, at March 31, 2025. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 458-20(1) NWT Legislative Assembly Pension Plans Annual Report at March 31, 2025. Tabled by the Speaker.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Chair, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh 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-Willideh, seconded by the Member for Range Lake, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:59 p.m.



Hon. Shane Thompson
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Harjot Sidhu
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly