

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

#### March 3, 2026

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 p.m. with the Honourable Shane Thompson, Speaker, presiding.

#### Members' Attendance

Present: Member for Dehcho, 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, Member for Mackenzie Delta, Member for Monfwi, Honourable Member for Nunakput, Member for Range Lake, Honourable Member for Thebacha, Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Member for Yellowknife Centre, Member for Yellowknife North, Honourable Member for Yellowknife South.

Absent: Honourable Member for Kam Lake, Member for Sahtu.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 190-20(1) The Minister of Finance made a statement providing an update on implementation of the Indigenous Recruitment and Retention Framework Action Plan.
- 191-20(1) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement providing a progress update on the Public Administrator Work Plan.
- 192-20(1) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Association of Communities Annual General Meeting.
- 193-20(1) The Premier made a statement regarding the absence of the Honourable Member for Kam Lake and the absences for a portion of the sitting day of the Honourable Members for Thebacha and Hay River South from the House.

## Members' Statements

- 950-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding training standards for Northwest Territories security guards.
- The Member for Yellowknife North sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 951-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding rent control measures and the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
- 952-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding community-based Arctic Winter Games trials.
- The Member for Mackenzie Delta sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 953-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding the Indigenous Employment Policy.
- 954-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding foot care services for residents with diabetes.
- 955-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding legislative timelines.
- 956-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Energy Projects in the Mackenzie Delta.
- 957-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement regarding Safety in Stanton Territorial Hospital.
- 958-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding the establishment of a distinct Tłı̨chǫ administrative region.
- 959-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the Final Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.
- 960-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the New Year's Eve celebration in Fort Simpson.

## Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills

- Bill 34 -20(1) The Member for Monfwi reported that the Standing Committee on Social Development had reviewed Bill 34, *Trespass to Property Act*,

and that Bill 34 was ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended and reprinted.

### Reports of Standing and Special Committees

37-20(1) Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 34:  
*Trespass to Property Act*

The Member for Monfwi, seconded by the Member for Mackenzie Delta, moved that Committee Report 37-20(1), Standing Committee on Social Development Report on Bill 34, *Trespass to Property Act*, be received and referred for consideration in Committee of the Whole.

The motion was CARRIED.

38-20(1) Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on Review of the  
2024-2025 Public Accounts

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Committee Report 38-20(1), Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on Review of the 2024-2025 Public Accounts, be deemed read and printed in Hansard in its entirety.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that Committee Report 38-20(1), Standing Committee on Public Accounts Report on Review of the 2024-2025 Public Accounts, be received and adopted.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Member for Range Lake, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput, moved that pursuant to Rule 9.4(5)(a), the Government of the Northwest Territories table a comprehensive response to this report, including all recommendations, within 120 days or at the earliest opportunity subsequent to the passage of 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

### Notices of Motion

70-20(1) Referral of Tabled Document 483-20(1): 2025-26 Electoral Boundaries Commission Final Report.

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

71-20(1) Referral of Tabled Document 445-20(1): 2025 Review of Members of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Compensation and Benefits Report

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

72-20(1) Protection of Transboundary Waters and the Rights of Northerners

Notice given by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh.

73-20(1) Strengthening the Government of the Northwest Territories' Medical Travel Policy

Notice given by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh.

74-20(1) Transfer of Housing Northwest Territories Market Rental Units to Tenants

Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.

75-20(1) Waiving of Rent for Elders in Public Housing

Notice given by the Member for Monfwi.

### Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 46: *Prevention of Proceedings that Hamper Expression on Matters of Public Interest Act*

Notice given by the Member for Mackenzie Delta.

### Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Dehcho, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 448-20(1): 2026-2027 Main Estimates, and reported progress.


The Member for Dehcho, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 7:12 p.m.



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Hen. Shane Thompson  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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Harjot Sidhu  
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly