

## Votes and Proceedings

### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**March 6, 2026**

The Assembly commenced sitting at 10:03 a.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, 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: None.

#### Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker delivered his ruling on the point of order raised by the Honourable Member for Thebacha on February 27, 2026. The Speaker found the Honourable Member's point of order valid and that Bill 29, *First Responders Workers' Compensation Amendment Act*, was not in order. The Speaker instructed that Bill 29 be removed from the Orders of the Day.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 199-20(1) The Minister responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding International Women's Day 2026.
- 200-20(1) The Minister of Infrastructure made a statement regarding road safety and the Drive Safe campaign.

## Members' Statements

- 983-20(1) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding International Women's Day.
- The Member for Great Slave sought and received unanimous consent to conclude her statement.
- 984-20(1) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement of gratitude and spring good wishes.
- 985-20(1) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding Daylight Savings Time.
- The Member for Mackenzie Delta sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 986-20(1) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding International Women's Day.
- 987-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding March 2026 celebrations.
- 988-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Boot Lake made a statement regarding Beaufort Delta spring jamborees.
- 989-20(1) The Member for Dehcho made a statement regarding the 2026 spring carnival season.
- 990-20(1) The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding economic readiness and opportunities for the Northwest Territories.
- The Member for Sahtu sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.
- 991-20(1) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding International Women's Day.
- 992-20(1) The Member for Range Lake made a statement about working together in consensus government.
- 993-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding preferential balloting.
- 994-20(1) The Honourable Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding appreciation and Thebacha spring events.

The Honourable Member for Thebacha sought and received unanimous consent to conclude his statement.

995-20(1) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding International Women's Day.

996-20(1) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the 2026 Arctic Winter Games.

### Written Questions

37-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Minister responsible for Strategic Infrastructure, Energy and Supply Chains regarding the Mackenzie Valley Fiber Optic Line.

35-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Premier regarding the cost of living.

36-20(1) The Member for Yellowknife Centre asked a question of the Premier regarding the Senior Envoy.

### Tabling of Documents

494-20(1) United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Action Plan Report March 2026. Tabled by the Premier.

495-20(1) Government of the Northwest Territories Summary of Commitments to Enhance the 2026-2027 Main Estimates. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

496-20(1) Plain Language Summary for Bill No. 46-20(1): *Prevention of Proceedings that Hamper Expression on Matters of Public Interest Act*. Tabled by the Member for Mackenzie Delta.

497-20(1) Statement of Consistency for Bill 46-20(1): *Prevention of Proceedings that Hamper Expression on Matters of Public Interest Act*. Tabled by the Member for Mackenzie Delta

498-20(1) Updated Guiding Principles and Process Conventions of Consensus Government. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife North.

499-20(1) Summary of Members' Absences for the period October 15, 2025, to February 3, 2026. Tabled by the Speaker.

## Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

The Member for Sahtu sought and received unanimous consent to return to Item 5 on the Orders of the Day, Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

## Motions

78-20(1)            Extended Adjournment of the House to May 27, 2026

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North:

I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Thebacha, that notwithstanding Rule 2.1, when the House adjourns on Friday, March 6, 2026, it shall be adjourned until Wednesday, May 27, 2026;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to May 27, 2026, if the Speaker is satisfied after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier or later time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice;

AND THEREUPON, the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

The motion was CARRIED.

## Second Reading of Bills

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

Introduced by the Member for Mackenzie Delta.

The Member for Mackenzie Delta, seconded by the Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh, moved that Bill 46, *Prevention of Proceedings that Hamper Expression on Matters of Public Interest Act*, be read for the second time.

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 46 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

## 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 Committee Report 39-20(1): Standing Committee on Procedure and

Privileges Report on the Review of Motion 56-20(1): Code of Conduct Referral to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges, and reported progress with one motion carried.

### **Committee Motion 165-20(1)**

The Member for Great Slave moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this committee recommends that Rule 3.5(1) of the Consolidated Rules of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly be amended to replace "subject to the following conditions" with "if the Speaker is satisfied that the following conditions have been met."

The motion was CARRIED.

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

### Third Reading of Bills

Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*

The Honourable Member for Thebacha, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South, moved that Bill 34, *Trespass to Property Act*, be read for the third time and requested a recorded vote.

The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Tu Nedhé-Willideh, Dehcho, Sahtu, Yellowknife Centre, 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. (18)

Members against: None. (0)

Members abstaining: None. (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

### Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories gave assent to the following Bills:

Bill 33: *Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act*

Bill 34: *Trespass to Property Act*

Bill 35: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2026*

- Bill 42: *Tlegóhłj Got'jnę Final Self-Government Agreement Act*
- Bill 43: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 3, 2025-2026*
- Bill 44: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures and Borrowing Authorization), No. 3, 2025-2026*
- Bill 47: *Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures) 2026-2027*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 1:25 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