

Annual Report 2017-2018

Legislative Assembly of the
Northwest Territories



Message from the Speaker

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories prides itself on being the *Place of the People*. Throughout the year we hosted numerous events, from our Youth Parliament Program, which invites grades 9 and 10 students into the Assembly to learn about the role of an MLA, to our *Ledge Talks: The Knowledge Series* forum, where we invite speakers to give presentations in the Great Hall, to our annual Christmas Lights Across Canada celebration. Our Great Hall is often used by outside groups and individuals to host concerts, educational talks, and even wedding ceremonies. To remain relevant as the *Place of the People*, we must continue our efforts to bring Northerners through our doors to showcase our beautiful building as well as our unique consensus style of parliamentary democracy.



Although we make great efforts to ensure that our Legislative Assembly is open, inviting, and accessible, we recognize that it is not always possible for Northerners to come to us, so we must go to them. In January 2018, we began live-streaming our public Committee and House proceedings via multiple social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. This live-streaming is in addition to our televised broadcasting, which our Assembly has been doing since 2008. We hope it will make our proceedings even more accessible to all Northerners by giving the public a variety of ways to watch their Legislative Assembly at work.

In October 2017, Members gathered in the Chamber to hold a public mid-term review for the first time in a number of years. As part of the 18th Legislative Assembly's *Mandate*, which was adopted by Members in March 2016, a commitment was made to hold such a review in an effort to demonstrate a commitment to greater transparency and accountability. The proceedings were broadcast live throughout the Northwest Territories on Facebook Live and on the Legislative Assembly television network.

In November 2017, the Legislative Assembly hosted a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Government of the Northwest Territories and its move from Ottawa to the NWT in 1967. The celebration included a re-enactment of the first sitting of the 6th Northwest Territories Council held in Yellowknife in 1967. There was a model Chamber in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly building, along with the original Speakers' Chair, where the public was invited to witness actors reading expressively from the first Hansard produced from the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. We've come a long way in the past 50 years!

As Speaker of the 18th Legislative Assembly, I am pleased to present the 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. This report provides a consolidation of several accountability reports as well as information about the Legislative Assembly's operations and activities.

I sincerely hope that as you read this report, you will learn more about your Legislative Assembly.

Honourable Jackson Lafferty, Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

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Executive Summary

The Honourable Jackson Lafferty, Speaker of the 18th Assembly, is pleased to present the 2017-18 Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

This report describes the Assembly's activities for the year, highlighting important milestones, outlining the work of Standing Committees, and providing financial information. It serves a key role in the Assembly's accountability to the people of the Northwest Territories, and some insight into its role in the territorial community.

Speaker Lafferty presides over the Legislative Assembly and its administration. His message describes how personal access and new technology are merging to make information about the Assembly and Members' work more available than ever before. Live-streaming of Committee and House proceedings on social media started in January 2018. At the same time, the number of visitors to the Assembly itself has grown dramatically.

In addition to the Speaker's comments, this report features a section on innovation and improved public access to information from the Legislative Assembly.

This year's report includes a primer on our system of consensus government, and how the Speaker, Premier, and Ministers are elected.

Statutory Officers perform crucial work in our system, providing arm's-length services in many important areas. The roles of the Auditor General, NWT Human Rights Commission, Languages Commissioner, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Equal Pay Commissioner, Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and Chief Electoral Officer are summarized in this report.

Another section describes the job of the Board of Management, chaired by the Speaker and rounded out by two Ministers and two Regular Members. The Board is established in law and given responsibility for the general administration of the Legislative Assembly, including its budgets and reviews of expenditures.

Standing Committees play a very important role in our form of consensus government. Unlike party systems, Committees of Regular Members provide input on the annual business plans, budgets, and services of the government. Standing Committees also review government activities to ensure accountability. A précis is provided on the work of each Standing Committee for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Each Regular Member may serve on two or more Committees, including their jobs as alternates. In 2017-18, there were 186 meetings of Standing Committees, an indicator of a demanding schedule.

It was also a busy year in the Assembly's Chamber, where there were 44 days of formal session in 2017-18. Eighteen pieces of legislation were reviewed, debated and received royal assent.

Proceedings filled 1,537 pages of Hansard transcripts, available on the Assembly's website.

Formal statements by the Premier and six Cabinet Ministers totaled 118, while the 11 Regular Members made 401 statements, followed by 473 oral questions.

Some of the Assembly's special features and activities are highlighted in this report, including the Page Program, Youth Parliament, and Kindergarten Christmas Trees.


Five distinguished residents were inducted into the Order of the Northwest Territories, established in 2013. This past year, Paul Andrew, Russell King, Linda Koe, Jeff Philipp, and Tom Zubko were recognized for their achievements and service.

The Legislative Assembly was honoured to host visits by a number of foreign and Canadian dignitaries. Equally important are visits by thousands of residents and tourists every year during the 362 days the building is open to the public. Statistics are provided. Assembly tours are an important attraction for commercial operators; tourism is a growing sector of the NWT economy.

A section of this report details Members' constituency expenses, Ministers' benefits, home travel expenses, and other allowances. There is also a financial summary of the Legislative Assembly's cost-of-operation.

The 2017-18 Annual Report concludes with staff information and a message from the Clerk, who is responsible for the complex day-to-day operations and services of the Legislative Assembly.

More information is available and regularly updated on the Legislative Assembly's website: www.assembly.gov.nt.ca.



L'honorable
Jackson
Lafferty,
président de la 18e
Assemblée législative,
est heureux de présenter
le Rapport annuel 2017-2018
de l'Assemblée législative des
Territoires du Nord-Ouest.

Les comités permanents jouent un rôle très important dans notre forme de gouvernement de consensus. Contrairement aux systèmes de partis, les comités de membres en titre formulent des commentaires sur les plans d'activités, sur les budgets et sur les services annuels du gouvernement.

Les comités permanents examinent également les activités gouvernementales pour assurer la reddition de comptes. On fournit un résumé des travaux accomplis par chaque comité permanent pour l'année 2017-2018. Chaque membre en titre peut siéger à deux comités ou plus, y compris à titre de remplaçant. En 2017-2018, les comités permanents se sont réunis à 186 reprises, ce qui est le signe d'un horaire exigeant.

L'année a également été très occupée à la Chambre de l'Assemblée, où il y a eu 44 jours de séance officielle en 2017-2018. Dix-huit lois ont été examinées, débattues et sanctionnées. Les délibérations ont rempli 1 537 pages de transcriptions du Journal des débats, disponibles sur le site Web de l'Assemblée législative. Au total, le premier ministre et les 6 ministres ont fait 118 déclarations officielles, tandis que les 11 simples députés ont fait 401 déclarations, suivies de 473 questions orales.

Certaines des caractéristiques et activités spéciales de l'Assemblée sont soulignées dans le présent rapport, notamment le programme des pages, le Parlement jeunesse et les arbres de Noël de la maternelle.

Cinq résidents distingués ont été intronisés dans l'Ordre des Territoires du Nord-Ouest, établi en 2013. Au cours de la dernière année, Paul Andrew, Russell King, Linda Koe, Jeff Philipp et Tom Zubko ont été reconnus pour leurs réalisations et leurs services.

L'Assemblée législative a eu l'honneur d'accueillir des dignitaires étrangers et canadiens. Tout aussi importantes sont les visites effectuées chaque année par des milliers de résidents et de touristes pendant les 362 jours où l'immeuble est ouvert au public. Des statistiques sont fournies. Les visites guidées de l'Assemblée constituent une attraction importante pour les exploitants commerciaux; le tourisme est un secteur en croissance de l'économie des TNO.

Une section de ce rapport décrit les dépenses de circonscription des députés, les allocations aux ministres, les frais de déplacement à domicile et d'autres indemnités. On retrouve également un résumé financier des coûts de fonctionnement de l'Assemblée législative.

Le Rapport annuel 2017-2018 se termine par des informations concernant le personnel et un message du greffier, lequel est responsable des activités et des services quotidiens complexes de l'Assemblée législative.

Vous trouverez de plus amples renseignements, mis à jour régulièrement, sur le site Web de l'Assemblée législative : www.assembly.gov.nt.ca./fr

Le présent rapport décrit les activités de l'Assemblée pour l'année écoulée, souligne les moments importants, décrit le travail des comités permanents et fournit de l'information financière. Il joue un rôle essentiel dans la reddition de comptes de l'Assemblée envers la population des Territoires du Nord-Ouest et donne un aperçu du rôle de l'Assemblée au sein de la communauté territoriale.

Le président Lafferty préside l'Assemblée législative et son administration. Son message décrit la façon dont l'accès en personne et les nouvelles technologies conjuguent leurs apports pour rendre plus accessibles que jamais les informations concernant l'Assemblée et le travail des députés. La diffusion en direct des délibérations du Comité et de la Chambre dans les médias sociaux a commencé en janvier 2018. En parallèle, le nombre de visiteurs à l'Assemblée a augmenté de façon spectaculaire.

Outre les commentaires du président, le présent rapport comprend une section sur l'innovation et sur l'amélioration de l'accès du public à l'information provenant de l'Assemblée législative.

Le rapport de cette année présente un aperçu de notre système de gouvernement de consensus et de la façon dont sont élus le président, le premier ministre et les ministres.

Les agents législatifs exécutent un travail crucial dans notre système et fournissent des services indépendants dans de nombreux domaines importants. Sont résumés dans le présent rapport les rôles du vérificateur général, de la Commission des droits de la personne des TNO, du commissaire aux langues officielles, du commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée, du commissaire à l'équité salariale, du commissaire aux conflits d'intérêts et du directeur général des élections.

Une autre section décrit le travail accompli par le Conseil de gestion, présidé par le président et complété par deux ministres et deux membres en titre. Le Conseil est établi par la loi et est responsable de l'administration générale de l'Assemblée législative, y compris de ses budgets et de l'examen de ses dépenses.

What is Consensus Government?

The Northwest Territories is one of only two jurisdictions in Canada with a consensus system of government instead of one based on party politics. In this system, all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents. Shortly after the election, all Members meet as a Caucus to set priorities for that Assembly. The Caucus remains active throughout the term as the forum where all Members meet as equals.

Members who are not in Cabinet are referred to as Regular Members. They become the “unofficial opposition.” They are responsible, through questioning in the House and the work of Standing Committees, for holding the government accountable and responsive to the people of the Northwest Territories.

Compared to the party system, there is much more communication between Regular Members and Cabinet.

All legislation, major policies, and proposed budgets pass through the Regular Members’ Standing Committees before coming to the House. This gives Members the opportunity to seek input from their constituents on proposed legislation through public meetings. Through

these meetings the voices of the people could be shared through suggested changes to the proposed Bill.



The 11 Regular Members also hold the balance of power, as only seven Cabinet Ministers are elected. A Cabinet that ignores the will of the House will face difficulty implementing its agenda. Even so, consensus government does not

mean that unanimous agreement is necessary for decisions to be made, motions passed, and legislation enacted. A simple majority carries the vote.

Election of the Speaker, Premier, and Ministers

Once elected, Members hold a Territorial Leadership Committee at the Legislative Assembly in Yellowknife. The first order of business is the election of the Speaker by secret ballot. This reflects the importance of the Speaker, who presides over the Assembly as a whole and enforces the rules.

The next task is electing the Premier. Members have many discussions behind the scenes as candidates measure their support leading up to the election, which has been held in public since the 12th Assembly. Candidates are nominated and given 20 minutes to present their platforms. The floor is then opened for a limited number of questions from each Member, and a secret ballot vote is held. Sometimes it takes several ballots before any candidate receives more than 50% of the votes.

The election of six more Cabinet Ministers comes next. The selection of Cabinet seats follows the “2-2-2” rule, meaning Northern, Southern, and Yellowknife constituencies will each have two Cabinet seats, with the boundaries defined as:

Northern: Inuvik Boot Lake, Inuvik Twin Lakes, Mackenzie Delta, Monfwi, Nunakput and Sahtu

Southern: Deh Cho, Hay River North, Hay River South, Nahendeh, Thebacha and Tu Nedhé - Wiilideh

Yellowknife: Frame Lake, Great Slave, Kam Lake, Range Lake, Yellowknife Centre, Yellowknife North and Yellowknife South

Again, candidates are nominated and outline their platforms in public before a secret ballot vote takes place. After meeting with their team of Ministers, the Premier assigns each to one or more departments. Some Members choose not to accept nominations to Cabinet because they prefer to be free to ask tough questions of Ministers in the House and before Standing Committees. They feel they can better represent their constituents as Regular Members.

It rarely happens, but the Premier and/or Cabinet Ministers can be removed by passing a motion of non-confidence in the House. Motions of censure are a less extreme measure that can put a Premier or Minister under considerable public pressure.



Roles in the Chamber

Speaker

The Speaker is an MLA elected in a secret ballot by all Members of the Legislative Assembly to preside over debates and ensure that the Assembly's established rules of behavior and procedure are followed.

Premier

The role of Premier includes chairing Cabinet meetings, assigning portfolios to Ministers and providing political leadership to the people of the Northwest Territories. The Premier also develops consensus with other Ministers and serves as their spokesperson on matters that do not fall within individual portfolios.

Executive Council/Cabinet

The Cabinet is the executive branch of government, but because it is made up of the elected members of the Assembly, the executive and legislative branches overlap. The Executive Council is the senior decision-making body of the Government of the Northwest Territories and is made up of the Premier and six Ministers, all of whom are elected by all Members of the Legislative Assembly.





Clerks

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has the power, duties, and functions of a Deputy Minister, managing and administering the Legislative Assembly as described in the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*. The Clerk coordinates the provision of procedural, legal, research and financial services by other officers of the Assembly.

Regular Members

Members of the Legislative Assembly, or MLAs, are elected to represent one of 19 districts of the Northwest Territories called ridings or constituencies. MLAs represent their constituents at the territorial level. MLAs help create and amend laws, act as spokespeople for their constituents, and help solve problems. It is the duty of an MLA to represent everyone in his or her riding, regardless of how they voted.

Meet the Members



Michael M. Nadli
Deh Cho



Kevin O'Reilly
Frame Lake



Glen Abernethy
Great Slave



R.J. Simpson
Hay River North



Wally Schumann
Hay River South



Alfred Moses
Inuvik Boot Lake



Robert C. McLeod
Inuvik Twin Lakes



Kieron Testart
Kam Lake



Frederick Blake Jr.
Mackenzie Delta



Jackson Lafferty
Monfwi



Shane Thompson
Nahendeh



Herbert Nakimayak
Nunakput



Caroline Cochrane
Range Lake



Daniel M. McNeeley
Sahtu



Louis Sebert
Thebacha



Tom Beaulieu
Tu Nedhé -
Wiilideh



Julie Green
Yellowknife Centre



Cory Vanthuyne
Yellowknife North



Robert R. McLeod
Yellowknife South



Meet the Executive Council



Honourable Robert R. McLeod
Premier
Minister of Executive and
Indigenous Affairs



Honourable Alfred Moses
Minister of Education, Culture and
Employment
Minister Responsible for Youth



Honourable Caroline Cochrane
Minister of Municipal and Community
Affairs
Minister Responsible for the Northwest
Territories Housing Corporation
Minister Responsible for the Workers'
Safety and Compensation Commission
Minister Responsible for Addressing
Homelessness
Minister Responsible for the Status of
Women



Honourable Robert C. McLeod
Deputy Premier
Minister of Finance
Minister of Environment and
Natural Resources



Honourable Wally Schumann
Minister of Industry, Tourism and
Investment
Minister of Infrastructure
Board of Management (Member)



Honourable Louis Sebert
Minister of Justice
Minister of Lands
Minister Responsible for Public
Engagement and Transparency
Standing Committee on Rules and
Procedures (Member)
Minister Responsible for the Northwest
Territories Power Corporation



Honourable Glen Abernethy
Government House Leader
Minister of Health and Social Services
Minister Responsible for Seniors
Minister Responsible for Persons With
Disabilities
Minister Responsible for the Public
Utilities Board



Statutory Officers

The Legislative Assembly has a number of statutory officers who deal with various aspects of the business affecting the House and the Members.

Auditor General of Canada

The Auditor General audits federal government departments and agencies, most Crown corporations, and many other federal organizations, and reports to Parliament. The Auditor General of Canada is also the auditor for the governments of Nunavut, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories, and reports directly to their Legislative Assemblies.

NWT Human Rights Offices

The NWT Human Rights Commission operates independently in implementing its mandate to promote human rights and prevent discrimination. The Commission is made up of five members. They are appointed by and report to the Legislative Assembly. The Commission is responsible for the administration of the *Human Rights Act* and seeks to prevent discrimination through education, promotion, research, and advocacy. The Commission Members serving in 2017-2018 are: Charles Dent, Chair; Yacub Adam, Vice-Chair; Marion Berls, Member; Gerri Sharpe, Member; and Gail Cyr, Member.

The Director of Human Rights is responsible for the administration of the complaint process and the operations of the Commission's office. The Director also acts as secretary to the Commission and supports the Commission's education and promotion activities. The Director is a full-time appointee of the Legislative Assembly.

Languages Commissioner

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, appoints a Language Commissioner to exercise the powers and perform the duties set out in the *NWT Official Languages Act*, and holds office for terms of up to four years. Shannon Gullberg was appointed as Languages Commissioner in October 2015 for a four-year term.

The Languages Commissioner can investigate any allegation that the *Official Languages Act* has been violated. *The Official Languages Act* applies to all institutions of the Legislative Assembly and GNWT departments, corporations, boards, agencies, and courts established by the authority of the Legislative Assembly. The Act does not apply to municipal governments or private businesses. The Languages Commissioner is required to submit an annual report on the activities of his/her office to the Legislative Assembly.





Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Information and Privacy Commissioner reviews decisions of the government on public access to government records and offers comments on the implications for privacy protection of proposed legislative schemes or government programs. The role of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is set out in two Acts: the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Health Information Act*. Elaine Keenan Bengts was appointed as the first Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) of the Northwest Territories in 1997. Her current appointment expires on October 31st, 2020. The Commissioner is required to submit an annual report on the activities of his/her office to the Legislative Assembly.

Equal Pay Commissioner

The Equal Pay Commissioner, appointed for a four-year term by the Legislative Assembly, is responsible for ensuring that the right to equal pay for work of equal value in the *Public Service Act* is protected. That right applies to employees in the NWT public service, in the NWT Power Corporation and to teachers. It requires their employers to pay all of their employees who perform work of equal value the same rate of pay, regardless of sex. Elizabeth Joy Noonan was appointed as the Equal Pay Commissioner of the NWT on Thursday, October 19, 2017. The Commissioner receives and investigates complaints about the right to equal pay for work of equal value.

Conflict of Interest Commissioner

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner is mandated to investigate conflict of interest complaints made against Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) or former Members. David Phillip Jones is the Conflict of Interest Commissioner. For example, a complaint could be filed if a member of the public believes an MLA stands to gain financially from a decision he/she is involved in making. If a complaint has been made, the Commissioner investigates the charge and reports the findings to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who subsequently tables the report in the Assembly. The Commissioner also provides advice to Members and manages disclosure statements. The Commissioner is required to prepare an annual report on the activities of the office with the Assembly.

Chief Electoral Officer

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) is appointed by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories for a four-year term, following a recommendation to appoint by the Legislative Assembly. The CEO reports to the Legislative Assembly through the Speaker. Nicole Latour was appointed as the CEO in November 2014, and continues to hold this position.

The CEO is responsible for administering territorial elections, by-elections, and plebiscites, in accordance with the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*. The CEO is the head of Elections NWT, a public agency which includes public servants, contract staff, and elections officers.

Standing Committees

Committees have become an essential part of modern legislatures. They make the NWT Legislative Assembly more effective by allowing Members to look at issues in a detailed way. Committees carry out travel to various parts of the Northwest Territories to take the Legislature to the people. Committees can meet during Sessions or between Sessions.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has three types of Committees - Standing Committees, Special Committees, and Committee of the Whole.



The Standing Committee on Government Operation holding a public meeting in Yellowknife February 2018.
Photo: The Legislative Assembly



Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning

Chair: Tom Beaulieu

Deputy Chair: Kieron Testart

Members: Frederick Blake Jr., Julie Green, Daniel McNeely, Michael M. Nadli, Herbert Nakimayak, Kevin O'Reilly, R.J. Simpson, Shane Thompson, Cory Vanthuyne

Clerks: Doug Schauerte, Sarah Kay

Committee Advisor: Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning is comprised of all 11 Regular Members. During Session the Committee meets daily to review correspondence and discuss current issues and upcoming business in the Assembly Chamber.

The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning is responsible for consideration of issues with government-wide implications. This includes oversight of the government's fiscal framework and budget as well as review of capital spending plans. The Committee remains focused on the performance of government departments and Members of Executive Council as well as the overall effectiveness of our consensus-style of parliamentary democracy.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year the Committee met 68 times. The Committee reviewed business and capital spending plans, supplementary operations and capital spending plans, and a variety of other topics. Of particular interest and importance to Committee were the Mid-Term Review and progress on achieving commitments in the *Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2016-2019*.

On June 1, 2017, the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning delivered its Report on the Progress Review of the *Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2016-2019*. The report represented the Regular Members' contribution towards evaluating the progress made in achieving the *Mandate*, which was developed and agreed upon by all Members early in the 18th Legislative Assembly.



Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment

Chair: Cory Vanthuyne

Deputy Chair: Daniel McNeely

Members: Herbert Nakimayak, Kevin O'Reilly, Kieron Testart, R.J. Simpson

Clerk: Michael Ball

Committee Advisor: Alicia Tumchewics, Gustavo Oliveira

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment has a broad mandate with oversight and responsibility for the performance of the following government departments and agencies:

- Environment and Natural Resources;
- Infrastructure;
- Industry, Tourism and Investment;
- Lands;
- Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation;
- Northwest Territories Power Corporation;
- Northwest Territories Public Utility Board; and
- Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year the Committee held 29 meetings on a wide variety of topics, including, but not limited to, departmental budget and business plans, caribou management, Marine Transportation Services, mineral resource development, energy development, and net metering.

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment considered one piece of legislation during the 2017-2018 fiscal year; Bill 27: *An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act*. This legislation, referred to Committee on May 31, 2017, amended the *Environmental Protection Act* to enable the Government of the Northwest Territories to regulate air quality.





Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures

Chair: Kevin O'Reilly

Deputy Chair: Julie Green

Members: Tom Beaulieu, Hon. Louis Sebert, Shane Thompson

Clerks: Doug Schauerte, Sarah Kay

Committee Advisor: Lee Selleck



The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures examines matters referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, or the Board of Management. This Committee also reviews the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer and the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and reviews and makes recommendations on the impacts that self-government agreements may have on the operations of the Legislative Assembly. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures met eight times and delivered two reports to the Legislative Assembly. On May 30, 2017, the Committee delivered its Report on the Review of Standing Committee Public Engagement and Transparency, which recommended a process for Standing Committee public engagement and transparency.

On October 17, 2017, the Committee delivered its Report on the Review of the Chief Electoral Officer's Report on the Administration of the 2015 Territorial General Election, Supplementary Recommendations, and the White Paper on the Independence and Accountability of Election Administration in the Northwest Territories. Development of this report included stakeholder engagement and a public hearing with the Chief Electoral Officer, which took place in Yellowknife on June 7, 2017.



Standing Committee on Government Operations

Chair: Kieron Testart

Deputy Chair: R.J. Simpson

Members: Michael M. Nadli,

Daniel McNeely, Herbert Nakimayak

Clerks: Michael Ball, Jennifer Franki-Smith

Committee Advisor: April Taylor

The Standing Committee on Government Operations considers the following matters with respect to the Departments of the Executive and Indigenous Affairs; Finance; and Municipal and Community Affairs:

- Review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies;
- Review departmental performance and official language issues, including that of boards and agencies;
- Review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other reports of the Statutory Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Languages Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Equal Pay Commissioner, and the Human Rights Commission;
- Examine the reports of the annual financial statements and public accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the report of the Auditor General.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations met 39 times during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The Committee conducted public hearings on the Following:

- Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Public Accounts 2015-2016
- Report of the Office of the Languages Commissioner Annual Report 2015-2016
- Report on the Review of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly – 2017: Independent Auditor’s Report – Climate Change in the Northwest Territories
- Report of the Office of the Languages Commissioner Annual Report 2016-2017
- Report of the Office of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Annual Reports
- Report of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner 2016-2017 Annual Report

During the 2017-2018 reporting period, the Committee reviewed four bills, which all received assent. Bill 15: *An Act to Amend the Tobacco Tax Act*; Bill 16: *An Act to Amend the Education Act*; Bill 17: *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*; and Bill 1: *Western Canada Lottery Act*.

The Committee produced three substantive reports: The Report on the Review of the 2015-2016 Public Accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories; the Report on the Review of Bill 1: *Western Canada Lottery Act*; and the Report on the Review of the 2017 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Climate Change in the Northwest Territories.



Standing Committee on Social Development

Chair: Shane Thompson

Deputy Chair: Julie Green

Members: Michael M. Nadli,

Tom Beaulieu, Frederick Blake Jr.

Clerks: Doug Schauerte, Jennifer Franki-Smith,

Michael Ball

Committee Advisor: Megan Welsh

The Standing Committee on Social Development monitors and reports on the activities of the GNWT social envelope departments and agencies including:

- Health and Social Services;
- Education, Culture and Employment;
- Justice; and
- the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.

The Committee also examines issues that pertain to the Status of Women Council, seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities. The Standing Committee on Social Development met 42 times during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

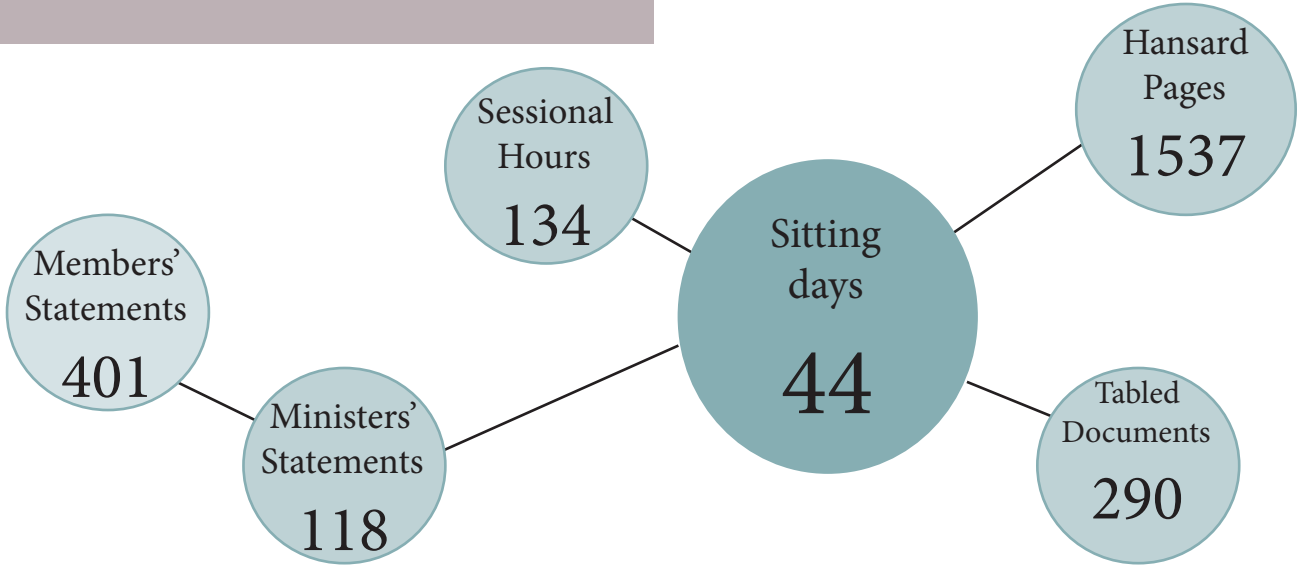
During the 2017-18 reporting period, the Committee reviewed six government bills, and one private member's bill, all of which received assent. Bill 16: *An Act to Amend the Education Act*; Bill 18: *An Act to Amend the Health and Social Services Professions Act*; Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Coroner's Act*; Bill 25: *An Act to Amend the Residential Tenancies Act*; Bill 28: *Interpretation Act*; Bill 29: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2017*; and Bill 30: *Health Statutes Law Amendment Act (Cremation Services)*.

Committee also embarked on a fact-finding tour where they visited the four adult residential treatment facilities that are contracted by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The Edgewood Treatment Centre in Nanaimo, British Columbia; Fresh Start Recovery and the Aventa Centre of Excellence for Woman With Addictions in Calgary, Alberta; and Poundmaker's Lodge in St. Albert, Alberta. The goal was to study the residential services offered at each facility to understand the options available to Northerners and to develop recommendations to enhance territorial addictions treatment.

The final report recommended that the department of Health and Social Services enhance its public communications on addictions treatment; enhance community-based aftercare services by encouraging the development of a peer support network; and partner with fellow social envelope departments, community governments, and community organizations to develop a pilot program centered on ensuring Northerners are not discharged from treatment into homelessness.

The Committee also produced two additional substantive reports: Report on the Review of Bill 16: *An Act to Amend the Education Act*, and Report on Motion 32-18(2) Referral of Petition 6-18(2): Elimination of Time Change in the Northwest Territories to the Standing Committee on Social Development.

House Statistics



Oral Questions -	473
Petitions -	1
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Bills Introduced
21

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18

Government Bills
20

Private Bills
1

Appropriation Bills
10

Board of Management

Chair: Hon. Jackson Lafferty

Members: Frederick Blake Jr., Cory Vanthuyne,
Hon. Robert C. McLeod, Hon. Wally Schumann

Alternates: Hon. Glen Abernethy, Hon. Louis Sebert,
Shane Thompson, Herbert Nakimayak

Secretary: Tim Mercer

Assistant Secretary: Haylee Carlson



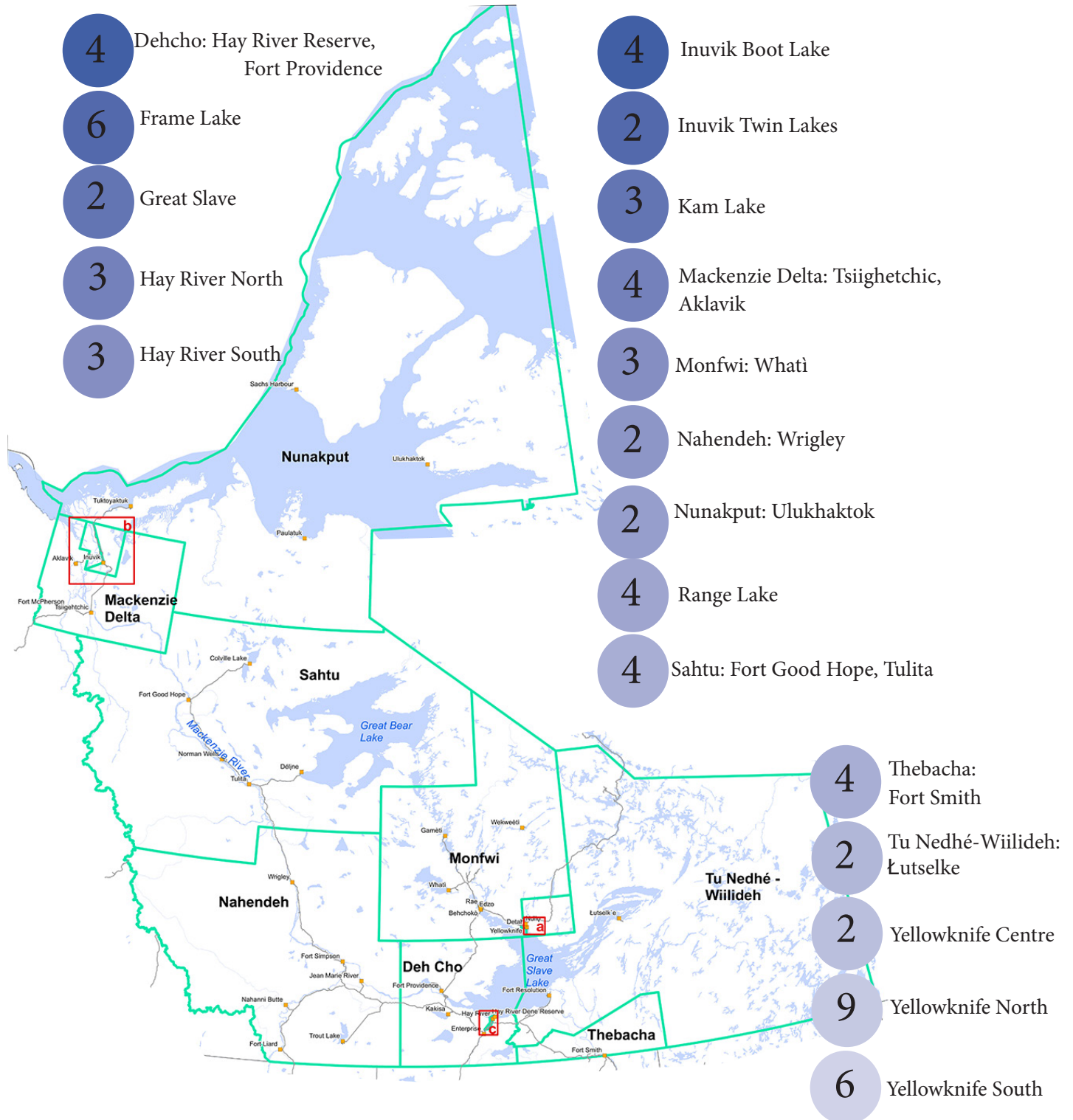
The Board of Management is a corporate body established under the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*. The existence of the Board reflects the right and privilege of the House to govern its internal affairs and confirms the independence of the Assembly from the executive branch of government. The Board of Management is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Legislative Assembly, including the provision of services to Members and the establishment of policies regarding their conduct.

The responsibilities of the Board include: preparing budget estimates for the Assembly; providing services to Members; administering the indemnities, allowances, reimbursements, and benefits to which Members are entitled; establishing regulations and policies for all services provided to Members; management and administration of the Members' pension plans in accordance with the *Legislative Assembly Retiring Allowances Act* and the *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*; ensuring that the cultures and traditions of the Northwest Territories are reflected in the Legislative Assembly; and providing for any other financial or administrative matter that the Board considers necessary to run the Legislative Assembly. The composition of the Board includes the Speaker, two Members of the Executive Council, and two Regular Members.



Page Program

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories runs one of the most unique page programs in Canada, using cooperation by students, parents, schools, chaperones, and Assembly staff to ensure all 19 constituencies are well represented when the Assembly is in Session. Grades 8 and 9 students are eligible to serve as pages. Staff of the Assembly coordinate all aspects of the program. Pages from constituencies from outside of Yellowknife travel for one week periods while session occurs.



Kindergarten Christmas Trees

From November 15th to December 5th, 2017, over 300 kindergarten students from N'Dilo, Dettah and Yellowknife came to the Legislative Assembly to decorate Christmas Trees. This annual tradition has been going on since the building opened in 1993.

The Great Hall was a beautiful sight for the annual Christmas Lights Across Canada event on December 7th, 2017 which sees all capital cities across Canada lighting up their legislatures at the same time.



Students from K'alemi Dene School (above) and École J.H Sissons School (left) decorate their Christmas trees.

Youth Parliament

From May 14th to 18th, 2018, nineteen youth from across the Northwest Territories (NWT) attended the annual educational outreach program, Youth Parliament. This week-long event brings northern youth together to learn about the NWT's unique form of Consensus Government and about with their Members of the Legislative Assembly do on a day-to-day basis.

On Thursday, May 17th, the students held a model session in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly where they read their Members' and Ministers' statements and debated three Motions. The Motions that were debated were discussed amongst the youth during their week at the legislature, they were: Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Youth, Improving NWT High School Graduation Rates, and Investing in Mining. The debates were lively and created some great discussion.

The next Youth Parliament is scheduled for May 6th to 10th, 2019.



GNWT 50

When the Northwest Territories became part of Canada in 1870, it included what are now the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, northern Ontario and northern Québec. Its Legislative Assembly was fully elected and from 1897, the Assembly had a formally constituted Executive Council, which was accountable to the Assembly for the conduct of government.

In 1921, a four-member Council was appointed under *The Northwest Territories Act* to assist the federally appointed Commissioner. At this time all Members were federal civil servants living in Ottawa.



No northerners were named to the Council until 1947 when J.G. McNiven of Yellowknife was appointed. In 1951, the number of elected Members grew and the Council began to alternate sittings between Ottawa and northern communities.

By 1966, political awareness in the North had increased and there was strong dissatisfaction with the system. The Territorial Council asked for an inquiry into the North's political future and, the Carrothers Commission, with former Commissioner John H. Parker as a member, submitted its report after traveling across the Territories to consult residents.



Most of the Commission's recommendations were accepted by the federal government early in 1967, and the seat of government was moved from Ottawa to Yellowknife. This brought the government closer to the people that it represented.

To celebrate this historical move, the Legislative Assembly hosted an event in the Great Hall on Saturday, November 18th where actors re-created the first sitting day in the NWT. A mock Chamber was set up and the replica Mace was on display for the week of November 14th, 2017. This event was well attended, even though temperatures outside dipped below -30°C!



Order of the Northwest Territories

The Order of the Northwest Territories, established in 2013 by the *Territorial Emblems and Honours Act* recognizes individuals who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavor benefiting the people of the NWT or elsewhere. It is the highest honour awarded to NWT residents.

The investiture ceremony for the Order of the Northwest Territories was held on May 30, 2017.



Fred Carmichael, 2017 inductee with Commissioner of the NWT, Margaret Thom. Mr. Fred Carmichael was honoured with the Order in May 2017 for his work in business, but was unable to attend the initial investiture ceremony and was later inducted on October 17, 2017.



The 2017 inductees pictured with Deputy Commissioner Kisoun (left) are: Mr. Russell King, nominated for his work in business; Mr. Paul Andrew, nominated for his work in culture, residential school education and healing; Ms. Lynda Koe, nominated for her work in professions and other occupations; Mr. Tom Zubko, nominated for his work in business; and Mr. Jeff Philipp, nominated for his work in science and technology.

Visiting Dignitaries

October 18, 2017
Official Visit by Consul
General of the Philippines, Mr.
Neil Frank R. Ferrer, Philippine
Consulate General, Vancouver
BC

May 31, 2017
Mr. Kunihiko Tanabe,
Consul General of Japan
accompanied by Ms. Noriko
Ikeyama, Consul for Economic
Affairs and Ms. Rebecca Ro,
Economic Analyst



October 23, 2017
Visit by Mr. Anil Bora
Inan Consul General of
Turkey

September 6, 2017
Their Excellencies, the
Right Honourable David
Johnston, Governor General
of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon
Johnston

March 8 , 2018
Courtesy meeting with
Speaker and Mme Xu
Lu, Consul General of
China

Enhancing Accessibility of Information in the Legislative Assembly

The proceedings that take place inside the Chamber and through public meetings occur because the people of the Northwest Territories elected Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent them. It is the responsibility of the Legislative Assembly to ensure that these discussions are heard by all northerners. As we continue to enter a more digital era, the Legislative Assembly has begun using new technology to expand our broadcasting abilities. This expansion means that residents of the NWT will be able to connect with the happenings in the Legislature faster than ever before.

People of the Northwest Territories have the right to remain informed about the proceedings in the Chamber regardless of their location in the territory, as the discussions and decisions made by the Members will ultimately affect all residents of the NWT.

On January 17th, 2018, the Legislative Assembly broadcast its first Standing Committee meeting with updated web streaming capabilities. This meeting included simultaneous broadcast on the Legislative Assembly website, Legislative Assembly Facebook page, and the Legislative Assembly Youtube channel.

On February 7, 2018, the 5th day of the 3rd session of the 18th Assembly, the Legislative Assembly streamed its first session with the new configuration, where a simultaneous broadcast to Twitter was added. This broadcast brought the Legislative Assembly to the forefront of modern governmental communications, as no other Legislature in Canada at the time was streaming their live content to the three major social media platforms in addition to a corporate site.

The newly updated web streaming configuration allows legislative broadcasting to stream full sessional days in their entirety. Previously streamed content from the Assembly is available for viewing, up to a year after initial broadcast, on the Assembly website at: <https://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/documents-proceedings/broadcasting>.

Legislative content is also always available for viewing on the Assembly Youtube channel at: www.youtube.com/LegAssemblyNWT.

When the House is in session, legislative broadcasting continues to operate a live broadcast for 2 hours each session day, on Bell Satellite channel 413, as well as Shaw channels 289 and 489. NorthwestTel Community Television carries channel 709 for Yellowknife and Fort Smith viewers.

We also continue to broadcast 2 hours of interpreted session content in three alternating Indigenous languages each week that the Assembly is in session.

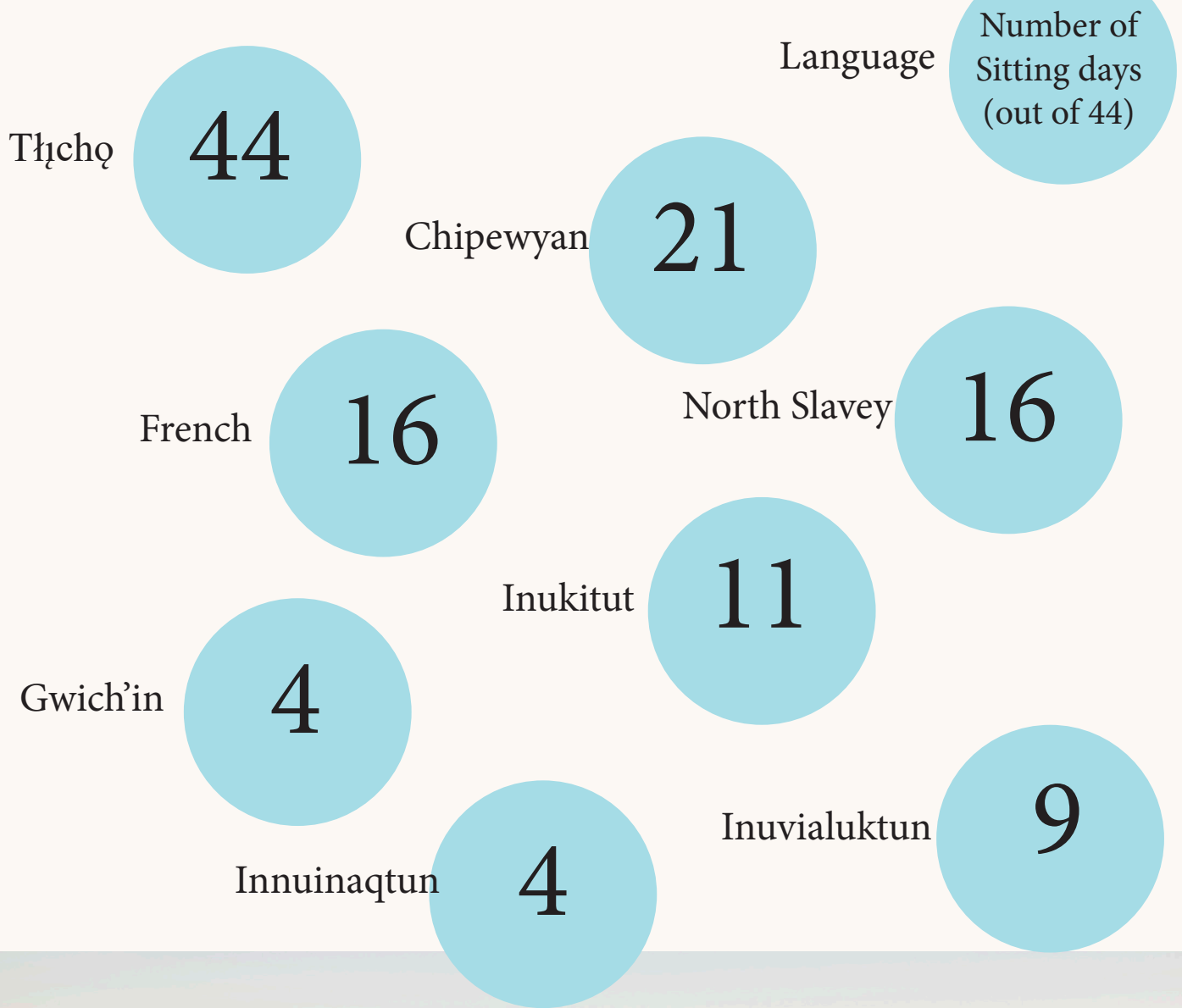
Live broadcasts are recorded and provided as replay content on day of airing as well as between active sessions of the Assembly. We also rebroadcast Committee meetings and special events when time and personnel allow.

The Office of the Clerk is committed to maintaining this high level of broadcasting, with the goals to continue to expand increasing public participation in the Legislative process.



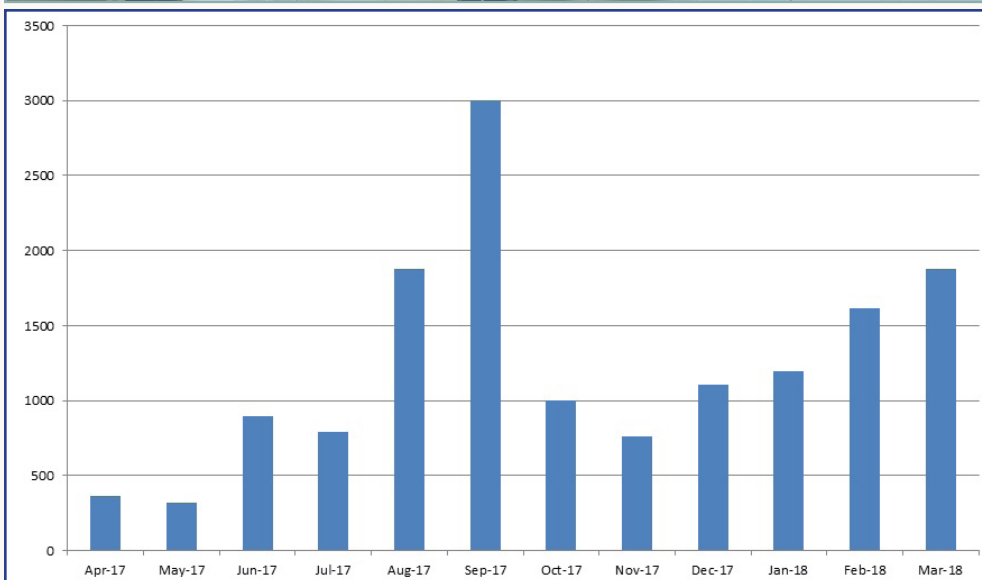
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Sessional Interpreters



Visitor Statistics

Month	10:30 am Tour	1:30 pm Tour	3:30 pm Tour	Special Tours	Walk-ins	Audio Tours	Third Party Tours	Total
April 2017	47	N/A	N/A	59	133	19	107	365
May 2017	51	N/A	N/A	143	112	8	7	321
June 2017	138	111	113	184	319	8	20	893
July 2017	90	224	105	45	318	1	9	792
August 2017	174	217	160	54	651	28	591	1875
September 2017	240	N/A	N/A	111	958	36	1653	2998
October 2017	71	N/A	N/A	40	309	33	548	1001
November 2017	56	N/A	N/A	225	168	31	282	762
December 2017	33	N/A	N/A	41	226	57	747	1104
January 2018	56	N/A	N/A	0	230	46	861	1193
February 2018	74	N/A	N/A	89	238	35	1176	1612
March 2018	242	N/A	N/A	176	527	33	898	1876



Accountability

Transparency and openness are central to the Legislative Assembly's accountability to all residents of the Northwest Territories. Reports on compensation, travel expenses, and constituency office expenses are published for every Member. The following section includes the following reports:

Indemnity and Allowance Expense Report

Summary Expenses

CWEA Detail Expense Report

CWEA and Capital Accommodation Expense Report

Board of Management Policies Report

Constituency Travel Expense Report

Constituency Materials and Supplies Detail Report

Constituency Purchased Services Detail Report

Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses Report

Legislative Assembly Operations Financial Summary

CPA Conferences Attended by Members Report



Indemnity and Allowance Expense Report



Indemnities under section 17(1) & 18(1), allowances under sections 19 & 20 reimbursed to or incurred by members of the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
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Member	Constituency	MLA Indemnity (1)	Ministerial Indemnity (2)	Speaker Indemnity (3)	Extra Duties (4)	Allowance for Expenses (5)	Northern Allowance (6)
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	103,851				14,968	7,432
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	103,851			3,240	7,484	3,450
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	103,851	55,583			7,484	3,450
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	103,851			7,313	14,968	5,624
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	103,851	55,583			14,968	5,624
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	103,851	55,583			14,968	13,837
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	103,851	55,583			14,968	13,837
TESTART, Kieron	KAM LAKE	103,851			6,480	7,484	3,450
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	103,851			4,389	14,968	20,027
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	103,851		45,203		11,351	4,292
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	103,851			6,480	14,968	10,111
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	103,851				7,484	3,450
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	103,851	55,583			7,484	3,450
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	103,851			4,389	14,968	19,218
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	103,851	55,583			14,968	6,167
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	103,851			9,549	7,484	3,450
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	103,851			3,240	7,484	3,450
VANTHUYNE, Cory	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	103,851			6,480	7,484	3,450
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	103,851	78,986			7,484	3,450

(1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$103,851 for all Members.

(2) MINISTERIAL AND PREMIER INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$55,583 for Ministers and \$78,986 for Premier.

(3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$45,203 for Speaker.

(4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: \$7,313; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,389; Chair of Standing Committee (Social Programs, EDI, Government Operations = \$6,480, Priorities & Planning = \$9,549, Rules & Procedures = \$3,240); Chair of Special Committee: \$3,240; Chair of Caucus: \$3,240.

(5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$7,484 for all Members. Additional Allowance: annual figure of \$7,484 for all Members who do not live within commuting distance of the capital.

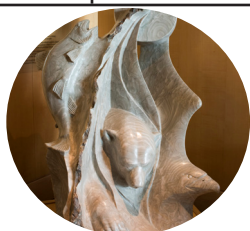
(6) NORTHERN ALLOWANCE: Annual amount paid in respect of the community in which Members live.

Same as provided under the Collective Agreement.

Summary Expenses

Indemnities, allowances and expenses reimbursed to or incurred by members of the
Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
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Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Expense Actuals (section 24)	Lapsed Funds
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	89,692	88,269	28,501	1,423
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	82,035	81,035	-	1,000
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	82,035	80,589	-	1,446
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	86,410	85,424	31,000	986
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	86,410	80,722	29,862	5,688
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	89,692	72,230	22,620	17,462
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	89,692	81,146	27,799	8,546
TESTART, Kieron	KAM LAKE	82,035	82,035	-	-
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	94,068	84,291	28,267	9,777
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	89,692	77,376	-	12,316
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	92,972	86,879	31,000	6,093
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	97,347	85,436	10,250	11,911
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	82,035	74,303	-	7,732
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	96,254	95,420	31,000	834
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	87,505	39,050	31,000	48,455
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE- WIILIDEH	89,692	87,167	-	2,525
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	82,035	81,070	-	965
VANTHUYNE, Cory	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	82,035	75,625	-	6,410
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	82,035	70,805	-	11,230



CWEA Detail Expense Report

Expenses related to constituency work, under section 29 reimbursed to or incurred by
members of the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
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Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Hardware/ Software	Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	5,407	8,276	13,798	-	-	2,039	58,749	88,269	89,692
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	1,224	10,805	22,242	-	-	-	46,764	81,035	82,035
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	9,686	17,570	-	-	1,102	52,231	80,589	82,035
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	4,122	3,536	6,578	-	525	-	70,663	85,424	86,410
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	333	9,404	5,852	-	-	3,084	62,049	80,722	86,410
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	1,550	12,241	11,646	-	-	3,079	43,714	72,230	89,692
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	7,189	5,841	-	-	4,887	63,229	81,146	89,692
TESTART, Kieron	KAM LAKE	-	3,130	6,761	-	-	2,509	69,635	82,035	82,035
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	8,607	3,426	15,637	-	-	3,644	52,977	84,291	94,068
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	8,258	81	7,351	-	-	1,319	60,367	77,376	89,692
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	5,844	11,275	8,195	-	-	-	61,565	86,879	92,972
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	15,469	11,030	13,198	-	-	2,668	43,071	85,436	97,347
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	-	5,842	10,924	-	450	-	57,087	74,303	82,035
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	12,774	5,487	6,901	-	-	2,728	67,530	95,420	96,254
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	-	1,066	3,234	-	-	-	34,750	39,050	87,505
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	4,095	824	8,326	-	-	235	73,687	87,167	89,692
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	9,863	21,228	-	-	3,140	46,839	81,070	82,035
VANTHUYNE, Cory	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	-	13,090	18,596	-	-	2,509	41,430	75,625	82,035
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	1,810	17,527	-	15	1,053	50,400	70,805	82,035

EXPENSES: represent funds reimbursed to Members or paid on their behalf for constituency expenses incurred upon submission of original invoices.

CWEA and Capital Accommodation Expense Report

Capital accommodation expenses under section 24 reimbursed to or incurred by members of
the Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
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Member	Constituency	Rent	Cable/ Internet	Telephone	Utilities	Furniture	Insurance	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	28,501						28,501
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	27,600				3,400		31,000
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	24,000				5,862		29,862
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	22,620						22,620
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	24,625	2,246	928				27,799
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	26,700	1,567					28,267
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	24,000	1,561		611	4,828		31,000
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	7,500			1,473	1,277		10,250
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	26,400				4,600		31,000
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	29,400				1,600		31,000

Board of Management Policy Report

Respecting Members' Indemnities, Allowances and Expenses

Record of Decision – BOM 152-18-2017

Amendment to the Members Handbook, Section 90: Advertising
On September 27, 2017, the Board of Management approved the implementation of a “restrictions” approach to the Members Handbook, Section 90: Advertising, and agreed that the following restrictions be made effective immediately:

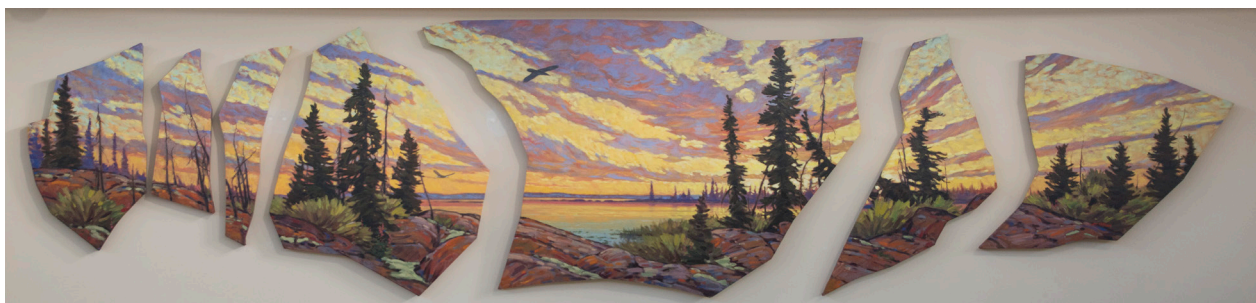
- Reference to a political party including political party name, logo, activities, fundraising;
- Soliciting contributions or donations in any form, and for any group or individual;
- Identify the Member's sponsorship of events, individuals or groups;
- Information related to a commercial organization;
- Recognition of individuals who are not constituents;
- Reference to a Member's re-election campaign;
- Reference to the election of any candidate or party, in any public Election;
- Reference to private business interests of any Member of the Legislative Assembly;
- Content that disparages any political position or Member; and
- Information regarding public events that are taking place outside of the NWT.



Constituency Materials and Supplies Detail Report

Materials & supplies detail under section 29 reimbursed to or incurred by members of the
Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
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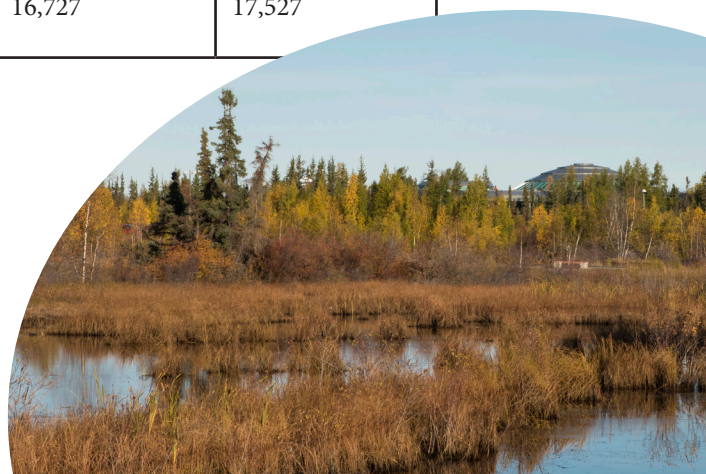
Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	4,650	640	-	2,986	8,276
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	-	300	-	10,505	10,805
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	2,941	-	-	6,745	9,686
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	782	470	-	2,284	3,536
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	470	-	8,934	9,404
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	9,146	687	-	2,408	12,241
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	3,315	-	-	3,874	7,189
TESTART, Kieron	KAM LAKE	-	-	-	3,130	3,130
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	896	-	-	2,530	3,426
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	81	-	-	-	81
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	4,307	1,648	-	5,320	11,275
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	8,429	339	-	2,262	11,030
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	2,141	-	-	3,701	5,842
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	-	2,541	-	2,946	5,487
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	-	-	-	1,066	1,066
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	-	-	-	824	824
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	2,014	-	-	7,849	9,863
VANTHUYNE, Cory	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	4,215	-	-	8,875	13,090
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	-	-	1,810	1,810



Constituency Purchased Services Detail Report

Purchased services detail under section 29 reimbursed to or incurred by members of the
Legislative Assembly for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018
18th Assembly

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	2,315	11,483	13,798
O'REILLY, Kevin	FRAME LAKE	1,300	20,942	22,242
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	550	17,020	17,570
SIMPSON, RJ	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	6,578	6,578
SCHUMANN, Wally	HAY RIVER SOUTH	1,285	4,567	5,852
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	5,611	6,035	11,646
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	1,000	4,841	5,841
TESTART, Kieron	KAM LAKE	1,000	5,761	6,761
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	7,623	8,014	15,637
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	1,983	5,368	7,351
THOMPSON, Shane	NAHENDEH	500	7,695	8,195
NAKIMAYAK, Herbert	NUNAKPUT	3,767	9,431	13,198
COCHRANE, Caroline	RANGE LAKE	1,100	9,824	10,924
MCNEELY, Daniel	SAHTU	-	6,901	6,901
SEBERT, Louis	THEBACHA	500	2,734	3,234
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE-WIILIDEH	6,030	2,296	8,326
GREEN, Julie	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	4,800	16,428	21,228
VANTHUYNE, Cory	YELLOWKNIFE NORTH	1,300	17,296	18,596
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	800	16,727	17,527



Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses Report

Speaker & Executive Council Benefits and Expenses For the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2018 18th Assembly

Blind Trust - Section 12.4 of the Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations provides that:

“...where the Conflict of Interest Commissioner advises the Speaker or a Minister to establish a trust during his or her term in office, as referred to in section 82 of the Act, the Speaker or Minister, as the case may be, shall be reimbursed for the expenses set out in subsection (2).”

There were no payments made under this Regulation to the Speaker or Executive Council of the 18th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

Dental, Health, Medical travel and Life Insurance Benefits - Section 12.5 of the Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations provides that the Speaker and Ministers:

“...are each entitled to receive the same dental, health, medical travel and life insurance benefits provided to senior managers in the public service.”

(a) Medical Travel - during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, the following medical travel benefits were provided to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 18th Assembly:

Member	Total Medical Travel Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$959.59

(b) Employer's share of Public Service Health Care Plan, Long-Term Disability and Public Service Management Insurance Plan – during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018, the following benefits were provided to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 18th Assembly:

Member	Total of Premiums Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$4,377.24
Hon. Caroline Cochrane	\$4,377.24
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$4,377.24
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$2,489.01
Hon. Alfred Moses	\$4,377.24
Hon. Wally Schumann	\$4,377.24
Hon. Louis Sebert	\$1,701.27
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$3,662.04

Entertainment Allowance – Section 12.6 of the Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations provides that the Speaker and Ministers:

“...may each receive, to a yearly maximum of \$1,500, an entertainment allowance for duty related entertainment expenses.”

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Speaker and Executive Council of the 18th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$1,500.00
Hon. Caroline Cochrane	\$1,500.00
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$1,500.00
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$1,500.00
Hon. Alfred Moses	\$1,500.00
Hon. Wally Schumann	\$1,500.00
Hon. Louis Sebert	\$1,500.00
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$1,500.00

Tabled pursuant to Section 35(d) of the
Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act

Legislative Assembly Operations Financial Summary

2017-2018 Financial Summary of Operations

	(thousands of dollars)		
By Activity	2017-2018 Actuals	2017-2018 Revised Estimates	2017-2018 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	4,622	4,186	4,186
Amortization	837	837	837
Other Expenses	2,698	2,733	2,733
	8,157	7,756	7,756
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	148	148	148
Other Expenses	366	352	352
	514	500	500
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	5,903	6,720	6,720
Other Expenses	1,394	1,659	1,659
	7,297	8,379	8,379
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	429	423	423
Other Expenses	93	218	218
	522	641	641
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Compensation and Benefits	981	985	985
Grants and Contributions	250	250	250
Other Expenses	655	825	825
	1,886	2,060	2,060
TOTAL	18,376	19,336	19,336



Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences Attended by Members Report

CPA Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting (EXCO)	April 24-28	Darwin, Australia	Speaker Lafferty (Credit - \$9623.29)	\$9,952.83
CPA Fundamentals Program on Parliamentary Practice and Procedures	April 24-29	Montreal, QC	MLA Testart (Credit - \$878.48)	\$1,489.37
55th CPA Canadian Regional Conference	July 16-22	Winnipeg, MB	MLA Simpson, MLA Green	\$5,649.67
CPA Parliamentarians with Disabilities Conference	Aug 30-Sept 2	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Speaker Lafferty attend on behalf of CPA Sec-Gen, Mr. Akbar Khan	\$4,582.85
39th CPA Canadian Regional Seminar	Oct 10-13	Charlottetown, PEI	Speaker Lafferty, MLA Nakimayak	\$8,356.22
Small Branches Steering Committee Meeting	Oct 19-20	Valetta, Malta	Speaker Lafferty	TRIP CANCELLED AND REFUNDED
63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference	Nov 2-8	Dhaka, Bangladesh	Speaker Lafferty	\$8,329.06
CPA Public Accounts	Dec 2-9	London, UK	MLA Testart and McNeely	\$6,902.12
2018				
35th Canadian Presiding Officers' Conference	Jan 25-28	Quebec City, QC	Speaker Lafferty	\$8,613.42
CPA Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting	Mar 20-23	Port Louis, Mauritius	Speaker Lafferty (fully reimbursed)	\$2,097.38
56th CPA Canadian Regional Conference	July 22-27	Ottawa, ON	Speaker Lafferty, MLA Nadli, Thompson, Green, Simpson	
CPA Executive Committee Meeting	Nov 4-9	London, UK	Speaker Lafferty	
			Subtotal	\$55,972.92
			Credits:	\$(10,501.77)
			Total	\$45,471.15



Office of the Clerk

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly has the power, duties and functions of a Deputy Minister managing and administering the Legislative Assembly as described in the *Public Service Act* and the *Financial Administration Act*.

As the chief advisor to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Committee Chairpersons, and all Members regarding the privileges, rules, practices, and procedures of the Assembly, the Clerk coordinates the provision of procedural services by other officers of the Assembly.

The Office of the Clerk is responsible for the following:

- Providing advice, research, and support to the Speaker and Members on procedural matters such as rules, privileges, proceedings, and usages of the Legislative Assembly
- Preparing documents of the Assembly and ensuring proper preservation of the Assembly's documents and records
- Providing all administrative and support services to the Assembly during its sittings and ensuring that essential services, such as translation, are provided to the Assembly Chamber
- Announcing the Assembly's Orders of the Day and conducting its recorded votes during session

The Office of the Clerk includes 5 branches:

- Corporate Services
- Deputy Clerk
- Research Services
- Public Affairs and Communications
- Senior Advisory



Our Team

The Office of the Clerk provides a wide range of support services to the House, and all those affiliated with the Legislative Assembly. These include administrative, communications and public relations, facility management, financial, library, policy and planning, procedural advice, procurement, security and research services. The Office of the Clerk also coordinates all official Parliamentary ceremonies and other formal events.

In addition to the services provided directly by the Office of the Clerk staff, audio-visual system operation, catering, Hansard, and Law Clerk Services are provided by contractors who work closely with our team on a daily basis during Session and Committee Meetings.



Staff of the Office of the Clerk
Photo: The Legislative Assembly

Our Roles

Corporate Services

Corporate Services ensures that all administrative, financial, procedural, and other support services are available for the effective operation of Standing and Special Committees of the Legislative Assembly. Corporate Services provides financial management and administrative services. Financial services include budget preparation, processing of claims, expenses and allowances, as well as transaction compliance review and accounting. The Sergeant-at-Arms is a branch of Corporate Services and is responsible to the Speaker for the following:

- Security of the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the legislative building and grounds
- Administration of the Page Program including the selection, scheduling, and supervision of Pages
- Security and safekeeping of the Mace and the furniture and fittings of the Chamber at all times
- Leading the Speaker's Procession into and out of the Chamber at the opening and closing of each sitting day
- Providing the care and custody of the Mace

Deputy Clerk

The Deputy Clerk is responsible for maintaining the official records of the Legislative Assembly and for providing procedural advice and support to the Speaker, Clerk, Committees and individual Members based on legislation, the rules of the Legislative Assembly, and parliamentary custom and practice throughout the Commonwealth. The Deputy Clerk is expected to show leadership within the entire organization and perform the duties of the Clerk when required. As a division leader and member of the Department's senior management team, the Deputy Clerk is responsible for the supervision of staff within his/her division and for recommending, managing, and reporting on the division's budget, policies, and programs to assist the Department in fulfilling its goals and objectives. The Deputy Clerk acts as clerk to two of the Assembly's Standing Committees and provides general oversight to the Clerks of all Committees to ensure that Committees have the administrative and procedural support to fulfill their respective mandates.

Research Services

Research Services provides nonpartisan, confidential, timely, and authoritative information services to Members and their staff and the staff of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Within Research Services, the Legislative Library of the Northwest Territories provides information and reference services to Members of the Legislative Assembly, their staff, and Government of the NWT employees. The Library's resources and facilities are also available for use by the public provided there is no conflict with service to core users.

Public Affairs and Communications

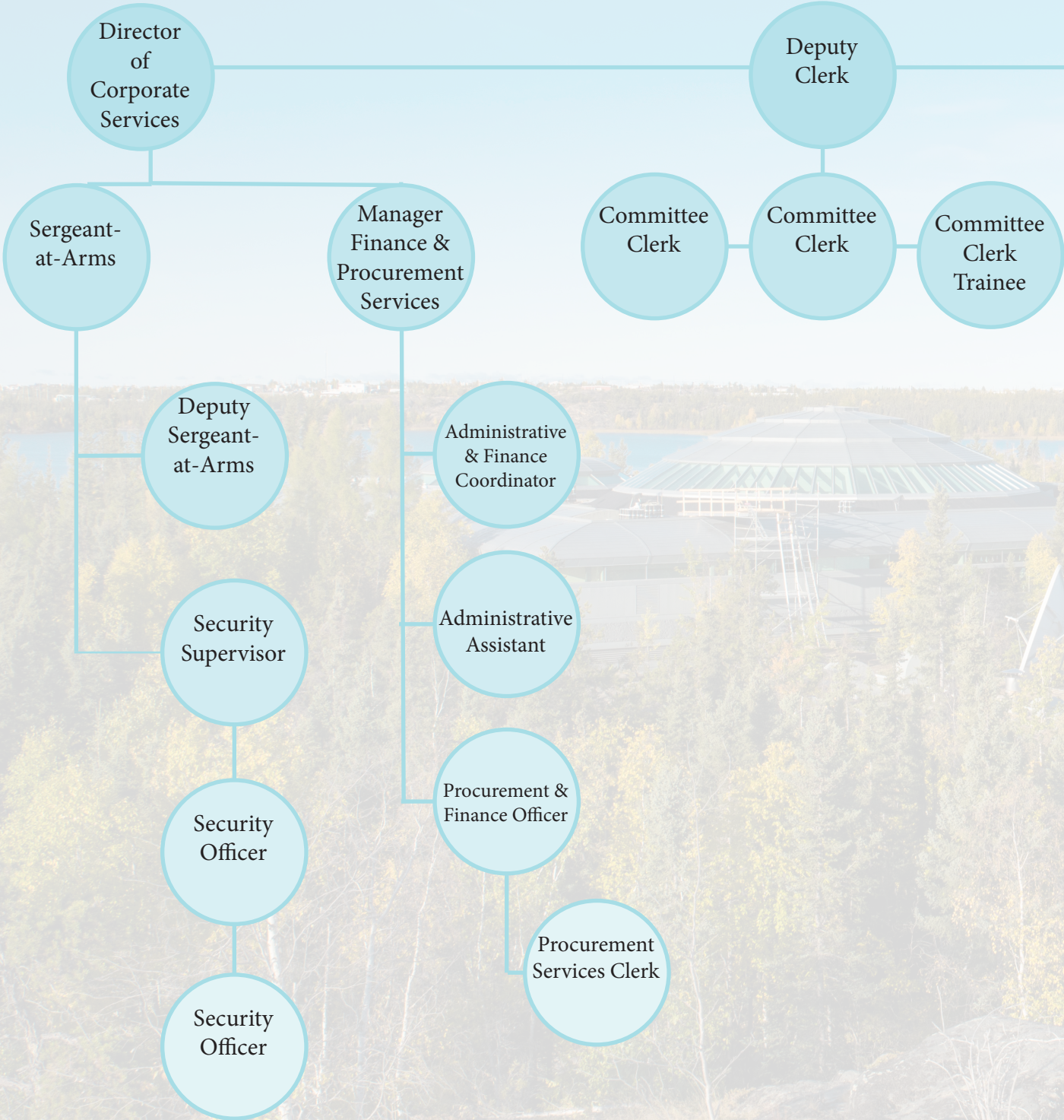
Public Affairs and Communications is responsible for the management, development, implementation, and maintenance of all internal and external communications and public affairs policies, programs, initiatives, and activities for the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. This includes:

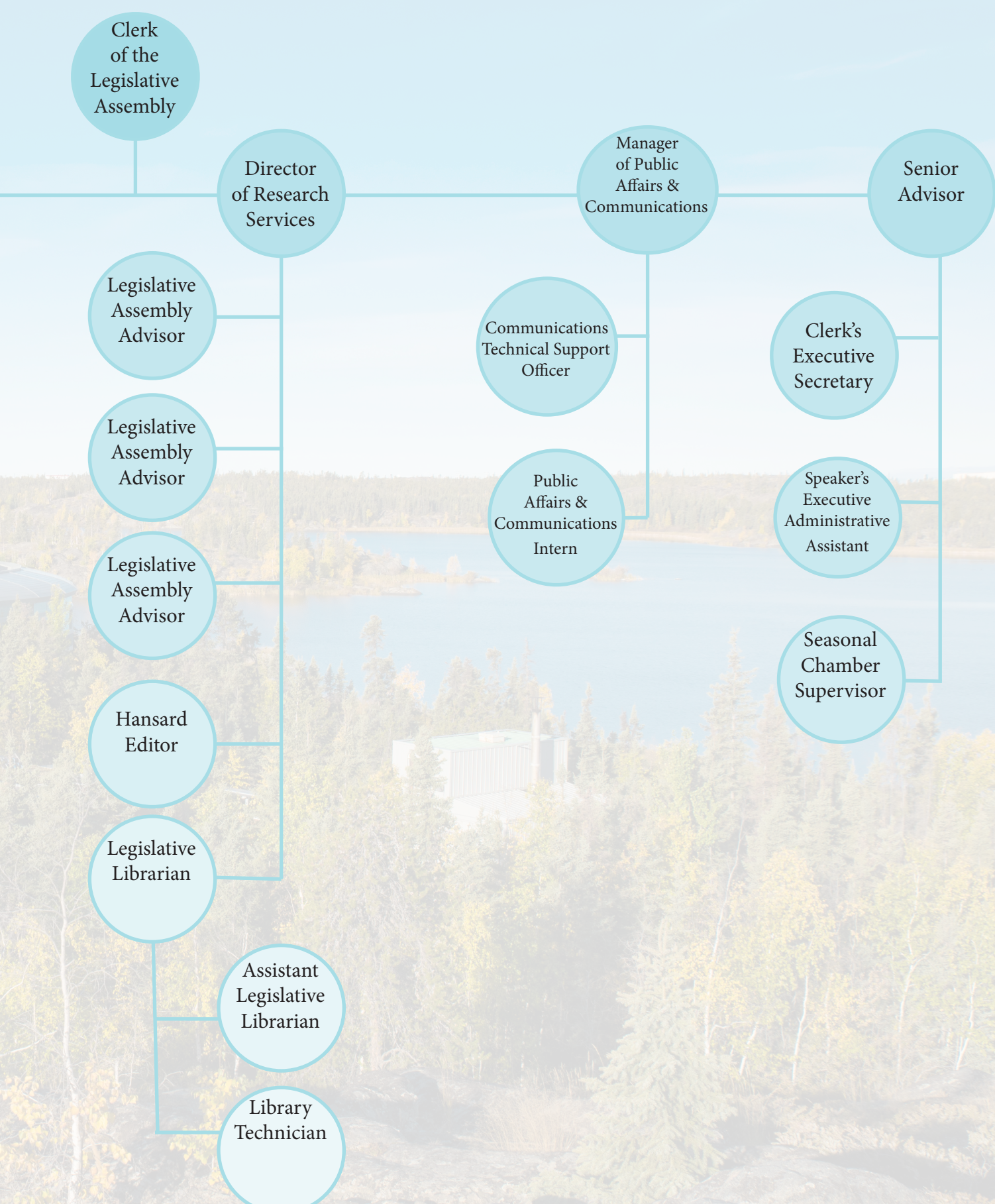
- Providing communications support to Members and Senior Managers
- Coordinating and leading public affairs and outreach programs including the Legislative Assembly Building Public Tour program, the Speaker's Mace Tour, Youth Parliament, and special events
- Coordinating social media and media relations and maintaining websites for the Legislative Assembly
- Managing the communication of information affecting the broadcast
- Maintaining broadcast equipment
- Coordinating translations services

Senior Advisor to the Clerk

Providing a wide range of administrative services, the Senior Advisement team provides logistical, coordination, and writing services in support of the Board of Management, the Caucus, and the Clerk, and the reception and secretarial support to Regular Members of the Assembly. The Advisement team processes items to be placed on notice on the Order Paper, including Bills, Motions, Written Questions, and Motions for Returns, and Motions Other than Government Motions, and oversees the booking of public spaces in the Legislative Assembly Building.

Office of the Clerk Organizational Chart





Message from the Clerk

Function often follows form, and this is no exception for the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Within our unique building we practice a unique style of government that ties together Westminster-style democracy and Indigenous values and strives to represent the distinct political landscape of the North.

Being known as the *Place of the People* extends beyond the physical Legislative Assembly building. It is a sense of openness that extends into all activities of the Legislative Assembly, whether they take place in the building itself, in a community hall, or on the Internet. The 18th Legislative Assembly has committed to maintaining transparency and increasing accessibility to the people of the Northwest Territories. Much of this work lies in the hands of the Standing Committees who held 38 public meetings in the 2017-18 fiscal year. In October 2016, Caucus amended the “Guiding Principles and Processes of Consensus Government” to reflect this commitment: “Public Meetings should be the rule, not the exception.” The updated web broadcasting system that allowed the first online broadcast of a Legislative Assembly’s Standing Committee on January 17th, 2018, furthered that commitment. Increasing our online presence by streaming all proceedings in the Chamber and public meetings allows viewers to view the live proceedings, regardless of their geographic location. The recordings are then saved to our YouTube page, which allows for viewers to watch any of the sitting days at their convenience.

The Legislative Assembly welcomed many visitors this year from all walks of life and all corners of the globe. Over 14,500 visitors stepped into our building to gain a better understanding of the political landscape of the North, and local Grade 9 and 10 students had their turn in the Chamber during our Youth Parliament.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Government of the Northwest Territories moving north, the Office of the Clerk transformed the Great Hall into a scene from the past, utilizing the original Speaker’s Chair and local actors and actresses to reenact a scene from 1967 when the seat of the Government of the Northwest Territories moved from Ottawa to Yellowknife. This event was not only fun, but had many guests and staff reflecting on the evolution of the Legislative Assembly.

I would like to thank all Legislative Assembly Members and staff, past and present, for the role that they have played in the evolution of our Legislative Assembly, and I look forward to the next 50 years.



Tim Mercer, Clerk
Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories



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English

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French

Kīspin ki nitawih̄tīn ē nīhīyawihk ōma ācimōwin, tipwāsīnān.

Cree

Tłıchq yatı k'èè. Dı wegodı newq dè, gots'ō gonede.

Tłıchq

ʔerih̄t'ıs Dēne Sų́nė yatı t'a huts'elkēr xa beyáyatı theʔa ʔat'e, nuwe ts'ēn yółtı.

Chipewyan

Edı gondı dehgáh got'ıe zhatıé k'éé edat'éh enahddhę nıde naxets'ę edahıı.

South Slavey

K'áhshó got'ıne xədə k'é hederı ʔedjhtl'é yerıniwę nıde dúle.

North Slavey

Jii gwandak izhii ginjik vat'atr'ijáhch'uu zhit yinothtan jı', diıts'at ginohkhıı.

Gwich'in

Uvanittuaq ilitchurisukupku Inuvialuktun, ququaqłuta.

Inuvialuktun

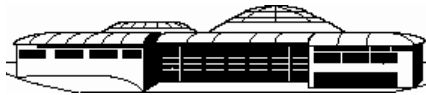
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Inuktitut

Hapkua titiqqat pijumagupkit Inuinnaqtun, uvaptinnut hivajarłutit.

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