



2014-2015 Annual Report

Legislative Assembly of The Northwest Territories



As the end of the 17th Legislative Assembly nears, there is much we as Members, collectively and individually, can take pride in. This Assembly was historic insofar as it witnessed the devolution of more province-like powers to the NWT. There is still much to be done to create a made-in-the-north regulatory regime, but the ball is now in the court of Northerners where it properly belongs. Another accomplishment of note is the creation of the Order of the Northwest Territories. As the highest honour granted by the Northwest Territories, the Government of the Northwest Territories recognizes individuals who have served with great distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefitting the people of the NWT or elsewhere. We have now completed the medal, appointed an Honours Advisory Council, and issued the first call for nominations. The first group of northerners will be inducted to the Order of the NWT before dissolution of the 17th Legislative Assembly.



Jackie Jacobson, Speaker of the
17th Assembly of the NWT

Following the tragic events on Parliament Hill in Ottawa last October, the speakers of all legislative assemblies in Canada conducted reviews of their security and protocols for emergency preparedness. Our legislative building was designed to be a place of the people, a place all northerners can call their own and watch their elected representatives at work. There is no question that we must be vigilant in protecting the Members and staff who work in this building day in and day out, But a northern response is required. In the months ahead we will take steps to improve emergency and crisis preparedness at the Assembly without compromising the values and principles that shaped this building and the way our legislature operates.

Speaking of the building, we have continued to make important improvements. Smoking is no longer permitted in the front of the building. We have completed a beautiful water's-edge park where fire-feeding ceremonies can be held and where Members and residents can quietly contemplate our northern landscape. In addition to the building sign that now proudly adorns the front entranceway, highway and direction signage has been designed with our partners on the capital site to improve public access. Most importantly, we have improved accessibility to the building by replacing many of the doors to public areas with wider, more visible, remote-controlled versions. This work will be completed in the life of 17th Legislative Assembly.

Finally, we are assisting Members of the 18th Legislative Assembly to hit the ground running when they are elected in November 2015. A Special Committee on Transition Matters has prepared a detailed report on the activities of the 17th Assembly with recommendations for consideration by Members of the 18th. This report will be tabled during the final sitting of this Assembly. In addition, a revised version of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly has been approved and translated, and is ready for implementation.

I want to thank all Members of the Legislative Assembly for their hard work and dedication during the last year, particularly those who served with me on the Board of Management. As I said in last year's report, the scope of our activities in the NWT may be small compared to other jurisdictions, but the scale is largely the same. My thanks as well to the staff and contractors who ensure that the elected leaders of the Northwest Territories are able to fulfill their responsibilities.



Hon. Jackie Jacobson, Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the NWT

September, 2015

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– Jackie Jacobson, Speaker of the 17th Assembly

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Caribou carving by Iyerak Alain

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The Legislative Assembly is pleased to present its annual report for 2014-15. Consistent with our strong commitment to transparency and public accountability, the report contains highlights of the year's activities, a description of operations, reports on the work of Members' committees, and financial information.

Also included is a primer on the workings of consensus government and the functions of the Speaker, Ministers, and Statutory Officers.

This year was marked by the devolution of responsibility for land and resource management, and resource revenue, from Canada to the Government of the Northwest Territories. A great deal of the Legislative Assembly's work since April 1, 2014 has been dedicated to the operational follow-up to devolution, creation of a new department of Lands, and the welcome arrival of many former federal employees to Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) service. While now advanced, devolution remains a work-in-progress.

Standing Committees have been extremely busy during the reporting period. Members regularly scrutinized the Inuvik-to-Tuktoyaktuk Highway project as it moved into construction, as well as the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Optic Link, which will mark the dawn of a new era in communications in the Northwest Territories.

Committees have stepped up their financial oversight of the Government and made constructive recommendations for improved reporting and accountability; reviewed, amended and passed substantial and significant legislation; and improved strategies for health, education, environmental protection, and economic development.

In addition, election rules were clarified and improved, following a thorough review of the recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer.

The Rules of the Legislative Assembly itself were reviewed and modernized to reflect current practices, streamline procedures, and conduct business more efficiently and transparently.

The Legislative Assembly building remains a gathering place in the capital city for residents, visitors and tourists – almost 10,000 in the past year! Their positive feedback to TripAdvisor resulted in a Certificate of Excellence. The Great Hall is open to the public 362 days a year, and hosted almost 70 events in 2014-15. These included the kick-off of the Legislative Library's *Ledge Talks: The Knowledge Series*, featuring lively speakers on a variety of subjects, from permafrost to fundraising to traditional storytelling.

The *Accountability* 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.

Finally, the Legislative Assembly's new caterer and operator, Epic Grill, is featured in *Our Team*.

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

L'Assemblée législative est heureuse de présenter son rapport annuel pour 2014-2015. Conformément à notre ferme engagement envers la transparence et la responsabilité à l'égard du public, ce rapport contient les faits saillants des activités de l'exercice, une description des travaux et des rapports d'activités des comités dont font partie les députés et, enfin, de l'information de nature financière.

Vous y trouverez aussi une introduction sur les rouages d'un gouvernement de consensus et sur les fonctions du président, des ministres et des titulaires d'une charge créée par une loi.

Cette année a été marquée par le transfert des responsabilités (du gouvernement fédéral au gouvernement des Territoires du Nord-Ouest) pour ce qui est de la gestion des terres et des ressources et, aussi, des revenus tirés de l'exploitation des ressources. Une grande partie des travaux de l'Assemblée législative, depuis le 1^{er} avril 2014, a été consacrée au suivi opérationnel en lien avec ce transfert des responsabilités, à la création du nouveau ministère de l'Administration des terres, ainsi qu'à l'accueil, dans les rangs de la fonction publique ténoise, de bon nombre de collègues auparavant fonctionnaires fédéraux. Même si les choses vont bon train, le transfert des responsabilités demeure un travail à terminer.

Les comités permanents ont été extrêmement occupés au cours de la période visée par le présent rapport. Les membres de ces comités ont régulièrement analysé l'avancement des travaux de construction de la route entre Inuvik et Tuktoyaktuk ainsi que l'avancement du projet d'installation d'une liaison par fibre optique dans la vallée du Mackenzie, laquelle va assurément marquer le début d'une nouvelle ère en matière de communications aux Territoires du Nord-Ouest.

Les comités ont par ailleurs intensifié leurs efforts de surveillance des budgets du gouvernement et ont formulé des recommandations constructives pour l'amélioration des rapports et des mesures associées à l'obligation de rendre des comptes. Ces comités ont aussi examiné les propositions de loi, ont suggéré des modifications et ont contribué à l'adoption de lois importantes. Enfin, ils ont amélioré les stratégies en ce qui concerne la santé, l'éducation, la protection de l'environnement et le développement économique.

Dans un autre ordre d'idées, mentionnons que les règles à propos des élections ont été clarifiées et améliorées par suite d'un examen exhaustif des recommandations du directeur général des élections.

Les règles de l'Assemblée législative ont elles aussi été revues et modernisées afin de refléter les pratiques actuelles, de simplifier les procédures et de conduire nos travaux de façon plus efficace et transparente. L'édifice de l'Assemblée législative demeure un point central important dans la capitale de notre territoire, tant pour les Ténois que pour les visiteurs et les touristes – près de 10 000 personnes y ont été de passage au cours de la dernière année! Les commentaires positifs consignés dans TripAdvisor nous ont même permis d'obtenir une attestation d'excellence. Le foyer de l'Assemblée législative, ouvert au public 362 jours par année, a été le théâtre de près de 70 événements de toutes sortes en 2014-2015. Citons entre autres le lancement de la série de conférences *L'Assemblée du savoir* tenues dans la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative. Cette initiative donne l'occasion à des conférenciers dynamiques d'entretenir la population sur une diversité de thèmes, par exemple sur le pergélisol ou la façon d'organiser une campagne de financement, ou encore sur l'art du conte traditionnel.

La rubrique Responsabilité (*Accountability*) du présent rapport présente en détail les dépenses de circonscription des députés, les avantages reçus par les ministres, les frais de déplacement des députés (entre la capitale et leur collectivité, et vice versa) ainsi que les autres indemnités versées. Cette rubrique contient aussi un résumé de l'information concernant les frais de fonctionnement de l'Assemblée législative.

Enfin, un portrait du nouveau traiteur et exploitant des services alimentaires dans l'édifice de l'Assemblée législative (Epic Grill) vous est présenté à la rubrique Notre équipe (*Our Team*).

Pour obtenir de l'information régulièrement mise à jour au sujet de l'Assemblée législative, veuillez consulter notre site Web au www.assembly.gov.nt.ca.



Caucus Room of the Legislative Assembly

Consensus Government

The Northwest Territories and Nunavut are the only two jurisdictions in Canada with a consensus system of government rather than party politics. In our system, all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents in their constituencies.

Once elected, Members gather at the Legislative Assembly for briefings and to select their leadership. The first order of business is to elect the Speaker by secret ballot. This is done in public, in the Chamber. This shows the importance of the Speaker in the function of consensus government.

The next task is to elect the Premier. This vote has taken place in public since the 12th Legislative Assembly. By convention, candidates are nominated, present their platforms, and take questions from Members. This is followed by secret-ballot vote. Additional ballots are held if no candidate wins more than half the votes.

The election of six more Cabinet Ministers is next on the agenda. Following their nomination, candidates speak publicly to their platforms before a secret ballot vote is held.



Chamber of the Legislative Assembly



Honourable Daniel L. Norris
NWT Commissioner 1989-1994

Members of the Legislative Assembly other than the Speaker, Premier, and Ministers are referred to as Regular Members. They are often considered to be the “unofficial opposition,” but they also make significant contributions to the government’s agenda and its implementation. Through their work in the House and in Standing Committees, the eleven Regular Members hold the government to account. This role is bolstered by the fact that Cabinet, with seven Ministers, can be out-voted in the House if there is strong unity among Regular Members.

It is often said that the consensus system of governing is closer to the way Aboriginal peoples have traditionally made decisions than to the party system. But consensus does not mean unanimous agreement; decisions are made, motions are passed, and legislation is enacted by simple majority vote, as they are elsewhere in Canada.

Our Vision

Strong individuals, families and communities sharing the benefits and responsibilities of a unified, environmentally sustainable and prosperous Northwest Territories

— 17th Assembly Caucus Vision Statement

Members of the Legislative Assembly



Official portrait of the 17th Assembly of the Northwest Territories

Back row (left to right): Daryl Dolynny, MLA Range Lake; Bob McLeod, MLA Yellowknife South; Tom Beaulieu, MLA Tu Nedhe; Glen Abernethy, MLA Great Slave; Norman Yakeleya, MLA Sahtu; Bob Bromley, MLA Weledeh; Robert Bouchard, MLA Hay River North; Robert C. McLeod, MLA Inuvik Twin Lakes; Jackie Jacobson, MLA Nunakput; Wendy Bisaro, MLA Frame Lake; David Ramsay, MLA Kam Lake

Front row (left to right): Michael Nadli, MLA Deh Cho; Alfred Moses, MLA Inuvik Boot Lake; Jackson Lafferty, MLA Monfwi; J. Michael Miltenberger, MLA Thebacha; Jane Groenewegen, MLA Hay River South; Kevin Menicoche, MLA Nahendeh; Frederick Blake Jr., MLA Mackenzie Delta; Robert Hawkins, MLA Yellowknife Centre

There are currently 19 constituencies, or ridings, in the Northwest Territories. Each elects a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Once in office, Members have a wide range of responsibilities and making laws is one of the most important. The Assembly and its committees devote much time and effort to reviewing draft laws, or Bills. The laws passed in the Legislative Assembly affect every aspect of our lives as residents of the Northwest Territories. The MLAs, as a group, also review and approve the budgets of the GNWT. Throughout the fiscal year, the MLAs approve approximately \$1.8-billion in spending. The MLAs must then monitor the spending of these public funds to make sure it is done properly and according to law and policy.

MLAs bring the concerns of their constituents to the Government for action, help them access government programs and services, and seek redress on their behalf if a constituent has not been treated fairly. Members also help explain and promote government programs and services to the people in their communities.

MLAs are community leaders. They attend many events in their ridings, and frequently speak at them. Much of an MLA's work takes place outside the House itself. MLAs are available to help the people they represent every day of the year.



Members of the 17th Assembly on Pink Shirt Day

Speaker

The Speaker is elected by all Members to preside over the Legislative Assembly and represent the legislature as a whole. The duties of the office fall into three categories.

Firstly, the Speaker is the Assembly's spokesperson to authorities outside the Legislature. Often, the Speaker officially welcomes visitors to the Legislative Assembly.

Secondly, the Speaker presides over the sittings of the Assembly and enforces the rules, order, and conduct of business. The Speaker is impartial in controlling debate in the Chamber and ensuring that Members follow set rules and practices as they ask or answer questions, debate, or vote. All questions and statements during a formal sitting are directed through the Speaker. When the Speaker cannot be in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, the Deputy Speaker replaces them. The Speaker does not take part in debates, ask or answer questions, or vote, except to present the Legislative Assembly's budget or to break a tie.

Finally, the Speaker is responsible for the daily administration of the Legislative Assembly. The many Legislative Assembly employees who provide services to the Members report to the Speaker. The Clerk's Office assists the Speaker in carrying out these duties.

The Clerk is the chief procedural advisor to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly. They are responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the proceedings and official records of the Assembly and its committees.

In the House, the Clerk sits directly in front of the Speaker at the Clerk's Table. The Deputy Clerk, the Principal Clerks, and the Law Clerk provide assistance to the Clerk. They keep the official records of the Assembly and advise the Speaker and Members on

parliamentary and legal procedure.

Of course, the Speaker also has duties as an MLA, and must respond to the concerns of his or her constituents, and may speak with Ministers on their behalf. Although it is not in the public eye, the Speaker has the tools to be an active MLA in addition to his or her duties to the Assembly.



Speaker Jackie Jacobson with George Tuccaro, Commissioner of the NWT

Ministers

The Northwest Territories' parliamentary system has legislative, executive, and judicial branches, like other forms of government. The executive branch proposes laws, the legislative branch amends and approves laws, and the judicial branch interprets them in the courts. The Executive Council, commonly referred to as Cabinet, and the public service constitute the executive branch. Because Cabinet's members are also elected Members of the Assembly, there is some overlap between the executive and legislative branches in our system. Cabinet is the senior decision-making body of the GNWT. It consists of the Premier and six Ministers, all of whom are elected by all Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Cabinet is responsible for the administration of government. In doing so, Ministers work with the full Legislative Assembly, individual Members, Standing Committees, other Ministers, and departmental deputy ministers. Throughout the year, they discuss policy, consider new laws, and work on business plans and budget estimates. Ministers are also department heads, responsible for making sure that laws, policies, and programs are administered fairly and efficiently by their respective departments.

Ministers also introduce legislation relating to their departments' responsibilities. They respond to questions in the legislature about their departments' activities and budgets. Ministers are accountable to all Members of the Assembly, who have the power to introduce motions of non-confidence or censure. This rarely occurs, but these measures are critically important to ensuring accountability in our consensus system.



Executive Council of the 17th Assembly

Statutory Officers

Statutory officers are vital to the legislature and serve important roles that benefit the people of the Northwest Territories. They also play an important role in holding the government accountable to the Legislative Assembly and public.

Auditor-General of Canada

The Auditor-General is the official auditor of the GNWT and its major agencies, as prescribed in Canada's *Northwest Territories Act* and the NWT's *Financial Administration Act*. With assistance from their staff, the Auditor-General audits the annual Consolidated Financial Statements and conducts performance audits of departments and programs.

The resulting recommendations to departments, Ministers, and Standing Committees are vital in ensuring the quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and progressive improvement of government operations and programs. Findings of the Auditor-General are public and subject to public hearings by the Standing Committee on Government Operations. In turn, the Committee reports publicly to the Assembly on its review of the Auditor-General's findings and the subject department or agency's response, typically with additional recommendations.

NWT Human Rights Offices

The Northwest Territories *Human Rights Act* establishes three independent entities:

- The NWT Human Rights Commission works to prevent discrimination;
- The Office of the Director of Human Rights processes complaints that allege discrimination; and
- The NWT Human Rights Adjudication Panel holds hearings into complaints that allege discrimination.

Current Human Rights Commission Members:

- Charles Dent, Chair;
- Yacub Adam, Deputy Chair;
- Gerri Sharpe;
- Marion Berls; and
- Bronwyn Watters.

Ms. Deborah McLeod is the current Director of Human Rights.

The current members of the Adjudication Panel are:

- Adrian Wright (Chair);
- Sheldon Toner;
- Louis Sebert;
- Colin Baile; and
- Kerry Penney.

NWT Languages Commissioner

The Languages Commissioner serves a four-year term after their appointment by the Legislative Assembly. The Language Commissioner ensures that the rights, status, and privileges of each of the eleven official languages in the Northwest Territories are protected within government institutions. It is the Languages Commissioner's duty to investigate complaints that the government is not meeting its obligations to provide services in official languages. They can recommend improvements to language services.

Under the *Official Languages Act*, the Northwest Territories recognizes 11 official languages: Chipewyan, Cree, English, French, Gwich'in, Inuinnaqtun, Inuktitut, Inuvialuktun, North Slavey, South Slavey, and Tłı̄chq̃.

Ms. Shannon Gullberg is the current Languages Commissioner.

Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Information and Privacy Commissioner reviews government decisions on access to information and records. They also comment on how proposed laws and government programs might affect people's privacy.

Ms. Elaine Keenan-Bengts has served as the Information and Privacy Commissioner since 1997.

NWT Equal Pay Commissioner

The Equal Pay Commissioner is appointed under section 40.2 of the *Public Service Act* and is responsible for responding to complaints under the *Act*.

The Equal Pay Commissioner receives and investigates pay equity complaints and helps people resolve disputes. The Commissioner also promotes awareness and understanding of the right to equal pay for work of equal value.

Ms. Nitya Iyer is the current Equal Pay Commissioner.

Conflict of Interest Commissioner

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner advises Members on the rules designed to ensure that they act in the public interest, not their own or that of their families. The *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* sets out the rules for both Members and Ministers.

The Conflict of Interest Commissioner investigates allegations of conflict of interest against any Member of the Legislative Assembly. For example, a complaint could be filed if a member of the public believes an MLA stands to gain financially from a decision the MLA is involved in making. If a complaint is made, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner investigates and reports the findings to the Speaker. This report is then tabled in the Assembly.

is Mr. David Jones is the current Conflict of Interest Commissioner .

Elections NWT

The Chief Electoral Officer is responsible for administering territorial elections, by-elections, and plebiscites, in accordance with the *Elections and Plebiscites Act*.

Ms. Nicole Latour is the current Chief Electoral Officer.

Page Program



Pages after session with the Speaker and Sergeant at Arms

The Legislative Assembly of the NWT administers one of the most unique page programs in the country. What makes this program so special is the commitment and effort students, parents, schools, chaperones, and the Assembly put into ensuring that constituencies are represented when the Assembly is in session.

Grade 8 and 9 students are eligible to serve as pages for the Assembly and are selected based on a combination of academic performance and expressed

interest in the Legislative Assembly.

With approximately fifty sitting days a year spanning a twelve week period, students from the capital and other constituencies are selected on a rotational basis.

A dedicated team of Assembly staff coordinates the travel, accommodations and meals, chaperone services, and training required for students from each of the twelve non-capital constituencies to work as pages for one week periods while the Legislative Assembly is in session.

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, 74 students from 14 communities and the capital provided page services to the Assembly. Following is a list of the communities outside of the capital who had participants in the page program over the past year.

Pages	Community	Constituency	Member
4	Inuvik	Inuvik Twin Lakes	Robert C. Mcleod
4	Hay River	Hay River North	Robert Bouchard
2	Hay River	Hay River South	Jane Groenewegen
4	Sachs Harbour/Paulatuk	Nunakput	Jackie Jacobson
4	Wekweeti/Whati	Monfwi	Jackson Lafferty
4	Tulita/Deline	Sahtu	Norman Yakeleya
2	Fort Resolution	Tu Nedhe	Tom Beaulieu
4	Fort Smith	Thebacha	Michael Miltenberger
2	Inuvik	Inuvik Boot Lake	Alfred Moses
2	Fort Providence	Deh Cho	Michael Nadli
2	Fort Mcpherson	Mackenzie Delta	Fredrick Blake Jr.
2	Wrigley	Nahendeh	Kevin Menicoche

Elder's Parliament

Elder's Parliament is an integral component of the educational outreach programs offered through the Office of the Speaker. Nineteen respected elders from across the Northwest Territories took part in the 3rd biennial Elder's Parliament during the week of May 5 to 9, 2014. The elders gathered in the capital city to participate in three days of meetings and presentations before holding a model session on the floor of the chamber. During this session the elder's assumed the roles of their respective MLA's and held debates on a number of different territorial issues.

During their time at the Legislature, the elders received a number of presentations, including how the Legislative Assembly is created, a presentation on Elders in Motion, and a presentation from the NWT Seniors' Society. The elders also made individual member's and minister's statements and held conversations on issues such as hydraulic fracturing, the creation of community-based Traditional Knowledge Centers, and the high cost of living in the north.



Members of the 3rd Elders Parliament

Kindergarten Christmas Trees

From November 24 to December 3, 2014, the Legislative Assembly invited kindergarten students and teachers from Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo to the Legislative Assembly to decorate Christmas trees in the Great Hall. This popular program has been provided to kindergarten classes since the Legislative Assembly building opened in 1993. These decorations lead up to the Christmas Lights across Canada event that is held annually on the first Thursday in December. This national event sees all capital cities across Canada light up their legislatures on the same day.



Kindergarten class with their newly decorated Christmas Tree

Standing Committees

Standing (or permanent) committees are an essential part of modern legislatures, allowing smaller groups of members to consider issues in detail. Standing committees carry out much of the work of the Assembly, meeting between and during sessions to conduct business such as public hearings on bills, departmental briefings, and *in camera* discussions on internal matters. In our consensus government system, the standing committees. In most cases comprised entirely of Regular Members, play an integral role in the machinery of governance. The standing committees of the 17th Legislative Assemblies include the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning, the Standing Committee on Government Operations, the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure, the Standing Committee on Social Programs, and the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

Priorities and Planning

Chair: Wendy Bisaro

Deputy Chair: Daryl Dolynny

Members: Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Bob Bromley, Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Kevin Menicoche, Alfred Moses, Michael M. Nadli, Norman Yakeleya

Clerk: Doug Schauerte

Research Analyst: Lee Selleck

Open and respectful communication between all Members is an essential feature of Consensus Government. Unlike a party-based parliamentary system, the eleven Regular Members (in an Assembly of nineteen) are not a “Cabinet-in-Waiting”. Their ultimate goal is to support Cabinet in implementing the broad strategic direction set by the full Caucus. The prime vehicle for providing this oversight and support is the Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning. The Committee considers issues with government-wide implications and plays a coordinating role in all other committee business.

The Committee meets daily when the House is sitting to examine matters under consideration by the Assembly, its committees, and individual Members. The Committee held 65 meetings during the 2014-15 reporting period.

The Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement, which came into effect on April 1, 2014, was of particular interest to the Committee. The agreement formally devolved regulatory authority over northern lands and resources from the federal to the territorial government. The Committee invested much time and energy in examining the newly-acquired ministerial decision-making responsibilities in the post-devolution environment. The work of the Intergovernmental Council on Land and Resource Management and the regulations established under the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* were also related matters of particular interest.

Large-scale infrastructure projects such as the Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway, the Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link Project, and the Stanton Territorial Hospital Renewal Project were under continuous scrutiny by the Committee. Other matters of broad territorial importance such as the high cost of living, green energy investments, junior kindergarten implementation, Heritage Fund governance and oversight, and the GNWT Communications Functional Review were topics of significant import, discussion and action.

Throughout the year, the Committee remained ever vigilant and mindful of their responsibility to review and monitor the leadership and direction of Cabinet and to hold it to account. Regular meetings with the Premier and his colleagues helped ensure that the Cabinet had the ability to implement strategic direction effectively and efficiently while reflecting the concerns of Regular Members and maintaining overall support.

Government Operations

Chair: Michael Nadli

Deputy Chair: Wendy Bisaro

Members: Daryl Dolynny, Alfred Moses, Norman Yakeleya

Alternates: Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Robert Hawkins

Clerk: Gail Bennett

Research Analyst: April Taylor

The Standing Committee on Government Operations oversees those departments deemed to provide central services to the GNWT. The Committee monitors the Departments of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations, Finance, Human Resources, and the Executive. The Committee is also responsible for reviewing the reports of the statutory officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the reports of the Auditor General of Canada.

During the 14-15 fiscal year, the Committee held 48 meetings. The Committee reviewed and held public meetings with the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and presented the following reports to the House: *Report on the Review of the 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner* and *Report on the Review of the 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner*.



Standing Committee on Government Operations

Auditor General Report on the Delivery of Child and Family Services

In early March of 2014, the Auditor General of Canada tabled his report on the delivery of child and family services in the Northwest Territories by the Department of Health and Social Services. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations for review and recommendations.

The Committee conducted its public review over two days in April, 2014. Witnesses included the Assistant Auditor General, Mr. Ronnie Campbell, and the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, Ms. Debbie DeLancey, and her staff.

Following the public review, the Committee presented its report to the Assembly. The *Report on the Review of the Report of the Auditor General of Canada on the 2014 Northwest Territories Child and Family Services* set out 30 recommendations the Committee felt would build on the work of the Auditor General and improve the delivery of child and family services in the Northwest Territories. All motions were carried during debate in the Assembly.

Ombudsman

The 17th Assembly Standing Committee on Government Operations has long indicated its support for the establishment of an Office of the Ombudsman in the Northwest Territories. In response to an earlier motion of the Legislative Assembly referring the matter to the Committee for research, review, and analysis, the Committee tabled its report in June 2014. In its report, the Committee recommended the establishment of such an office, to ensure that the government commitment to accountability and transparency is supported. To further encourage debate on this issue, the Committee held a town-hall style meeting in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly on November 3, 2014, featuring Mr. Andre Marin, the Ombudsman of Ontario since 2005, as guest speaker. Approximately 40 people attended and were able to ask questions.

A motion calling for the establishment of an Ombudsman Office was passed in the legislature on November 6, 2014.

Official Languages Act

In March of 2015, the Standing Committee on Government Operations presented its *Report on the 2014 Review of the Official Languages Act*. This is a statutory review, to occur at five-year intervals. *The Official Languages Act* requires the Committee to examine program management and delivery, the strength of the legislative and policy framework, and how effectively the roles defined in legislation contribute to achieving the vision articulated in the Act.



Former Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin with members of the Standing Committee on Government Operations

Recognizing that a comprehensive review was undertaken by the 16th Legislative Assembly in 2009, involving extensive travel, consultation, and expense, the Committee chose to build on the work of the previous standing committee and its 2009 report. They reviewed the status of the report's many recommendations and the department's response over the years.

Following the presentation of the 2014 report, and during debate in the Assembly, three substantive motions were carried: that the Department table an Official Languages Strategy; that amendments to the *Official Languages Act* be brought forward in this Assembly; and that the Department provide an accountability framework for the transfer of funds to Aboriginal language communities.

Bill 12: Northern Employee Benefits Services Pension Plan Act

Bill 12, introduced by the Minister of Finance, set out the legislative framework for the continuation of the Northern Employee Benefits Services (NEBS) Pension Plan as a multi-employer, multi-jurisdictional pension plan operating in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The Bill received second reading on February 27, 2014, and was referred to the Committee for consideration.

The multi-jurisdictional nature of the legislation presented unique challenges. The Northwest Territories and Nunavut, two distinct sovereign legislatures, were considering separate, but virtually identical pieces of legislation governing a single body that conducts business in both jurisdictions. While the Committee reviewed *Bill 12*, the Standing Committee on Legislation of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut was considering *Bill 1*.

The Standing Committee on Government Operations held a public hearing on Bill 12 on September 25, 2014 with 43 people attending in person or by telephone. The committee also received numerous written submissions. There was a great deal of interest in the legislation. It was evident pension security was of vital interest to the public. The Committee determined that it would need more time to review the submissions and to work with colleagues in Nunavut to determine if amendments would be necessary. An extension of their review period was requested, and granted, by the Assembly.

The Committee, working collaboratively with the Minister of Finance and with the Government of Nunavut, introduced twelve motions at the clause-by-clause review held on February 19, 2015. All motions were adopted with the Minister's agreement. The amended bill was reported to the Assembly in early March and received third reading the same week. The Committee publicly thanked all parties involved for the high degree of collaboration involved and for assisting in the review of this unique piece of legislation.

Economic Development and Infrastructure

Chair: Robert Hawkins

Deputy Chair: Frederick Blake Jr.

Members: Robert Bouchard, Bob Bromley, Kevin Menicoche, Michael M. Nadli

Alternates: Wendy Bisaro, Jane Groenewegen, Norman Yakeleya

Clerk: Michael Ball

Research Analyst: Alicia Tumchewics, Megan Welsh

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure has a broad mandate, with oversight responsibilities for the departments of Environment and Natural Resources; Industry, Tourism and Investment; Municipal and Community Affairs; Public Works and Services; and Transportation. This standing committee also reviews the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, the Northwest Territories Power Corporation, the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation, and the Public Utilities Board.



Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, the Committee held 41 meetings on a wide variety of topics including departmental budgets, proposed *Northwest Territories Hydraulic Fracturing Filing Regulations*, the Inuvik-to-Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project, implementation of 911 telephone service, and abandoned and suspended oil and gas wells.

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, Members also attended the 2014 First Nations Shale Gas LNG Summit in Fort Nelson, BC, hosted a public engagement session on the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission attended the 2014 NWT Energy Charrette.

On March 16 and 17, 2015 the Committee joined a delegation led by the Minister of Transportation on a tour of the Inuvik-to-Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project. The tour included briefings, demonstration of the contractor's training facilities, and site orientation and inspection.

Strategic infrastructure, economic and resource development initiatives, and policy development have been a consistent theme in the Committee's work, and will continue to be as the committee continues to consider the ongoing development of the Inuvik-to-Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, the review of the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation, and other key government initiatives.

Social Programs

Chair: Alfred Moses

Deputy Chair: Daryl Dolynny

Members: Wendy Bisaro, Jane Groenewegen, Norman Yakeleya

Alternates: Bob Bromley, Kevin Menicoche, Michael M. Nadli

Clerk: Gail Bennett, Danielle Mager

Research Analyst: Patricia Langlois

The Standing Committee on Social Programs 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.



Standing Committee on Social Programs

The wide-ranging mandate of the Committee ensured that it remained active throughout the reporting period. The Committee held 36 meetings between April 1, 2014 and March 31, 2015.

The Committee is tasked with reviewing and reporting on legislative initiatives that are referred to it by the Legislative Assembly. The Committee considered nine bills during the fiscal year including Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, Bill 29: *Human Tissue Donation Act*, Bill 36: *Health and Social Services Professions Act*, Bill 38: *Jury Act*, and Bill 42: *Residential Tenancies Act*.

Two of these Bills were of particular interest to the Committee and members of the general public. Bill 36: *Health and Social Services Professions Act* enabled the government to regulate numerous professions under a single law. During the review process, the Committee passed two minor amendments to address drafting concerns identified by the Department and made at the request of the Minister. Comments were received from more than a dozen stakeholders, most in strong support of the Bill. Many were eager to become regulated under the *Act*. A substantial report on Bill 36, outlining concerns raised by the public was presented in the House in March 2015. The report contained nine recommendations in activities to be undertaken in unison with the revised statute coming into force.

Bill 42: An Act to Amend the Residential Tenancies Act was also subject to considerable scrutiny by the Committee. The Bill made substantial improvements to the *Residential Tenancies Act*. The Committee heard from ten stakeholders, including the NWT Rental Officer and his Deputy, as well as a handful of private citizens and community advocates. The Committee presented its comprehensive report on the review of the Bill in March 2015. The report contained nine recommendations on activities to be undertaken in unison with the revised statute coming into force.

The Committee also continued its active role in the development and delivery of key departmental initiatives, including the Child and Family Services Action Plan; the Education Renewal and Innovation Action Plan; the Health Care Governance and System Transformation Initiative; the Inclusive Schooling Directive Review; and the Junior Kindergarten Implementation and Evaluation process.

The Committee maintained focus on one of their top priorities by actively participating in the Anti-Poverty Roundtable meetings held in December 2014. They also made time in their hectic meeting schedules to meet with Justice Karen Ruddy to discuss Yukon Community Wellness Courts as well as a focused discussion with the NWT Chief Coroner, Cathy Menard, to discuss matters of mutual interest and high importance.

Rules And Procedures

Chair: Bob Bromley

Deputy Chair: Hon. Glen Abernathy

Members: Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Kevin Menicoche

Alternates: Alfred Moses, Daryl Dolynny, Hon. Robert C. Mcleod

Clerk: Gail Bennett/Doug Schauerte

Research Analyst: Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures examines matters referred by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, or the Board of Management. The 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. The Committee met four times during 2014-2015 fiscal year, considering two items of particular note.

The Committee continued its review of the *Auxiliary Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Northwest Territories on Issues Arising from the 2011 General Election*. Two public meetings were held to fully consider the report and the recommendations of the Chief Electoral Officer. With submissions from the CEO and a member of the public, the Committee tabled its report in June. The report included recommendations regarding voter identification requirements, polling day, election advertising, new special voting opportunities, campaign finance provisions, and additional enforcement powers of the Chief Electoral Officer. All recommendations were adopted by the Assembly.

With the Speakers support, the Office of the Clerk did a comprehensive review of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. The review had two objectives: To modernize the rules, acknowledging changes over the last several Assemblies related to technology, to reflect current practices as adopted by the Assembly, and to replace outdated or irrelevant rules, and to streamline procedures while balancing the interests of all Members, and to ultimately provide a transparent and more efficient way

to transact public business. The completed review, including proposed amendments, was referred by the Speaker to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedure. The Committee examined the recommendations and directed that the full review, including all recommendations for change, be presented to Caucus for further discussion and final approval.

A copy of the revised and approved Rules of the Legislative Assembly was then tabled in the House as Tabled Document 221-17(5). A motion was carried to repeal the Rules originally adopted in 1993 and to adopt the newest version, dated May 2015.

The Committee continues to consider several issues raised by Members and referred by the Speaker, including the adoption of a four-day sitting week and the tabling of unsigned electronic correspondence.

Board of Management

Chair: Hon. Jackie Jacobson

Members: Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Hon. Jackson Lafferty, Hon. David Ramsay

Alternates: Hon. Glen Abernethy, Hon. Tom Beaulieu, Wendy Bisaro, Daryl Dolynny

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, as well as the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

Visiting Dignitaries

- January 6, 2015 Legislative Assembly Tour with Mr. Ryosaku Tamura,
 Consul General of Japan
 Mr. Akinori Ando,
 Vice Consul for Economic Affairs
 Mr. Paul Pryce,
 Political Advisor
- November 4, 2014 Courtesy Meeting with Mr. Jean-Christopher Fleury
 Consul General of France
- July 16, 2014 Legislative Assembly Tour with Mrs. Vicki Heyman,
 Spouse to US Ambassador to Canada
- June 3, 2014 Courtesy Meeting with Her Excellency Marie-Anne Coninx
 Ambassador to the European Union
 Ms. Terri-Ann S. Priel
 Advisor, Political and Public Affairs
- May 28, 2014 Courtesy Meeting with Ms. Corin Robertson,
 United Kingdom Deputy High Commissioner to Canada
 Mr. Rupert Potter
 Consul General of the United Kingdom
- May 26, 2014 Legislative Tour with Mr. Neil Frank R. Ferrer,
 Consul General of the Phillipines
 Mr. Anthony Mandap
 Consul



Speaker Jackie Jacobson with Consul General of France,
 Mr. Jean-Christopher Fleury

House Statistics

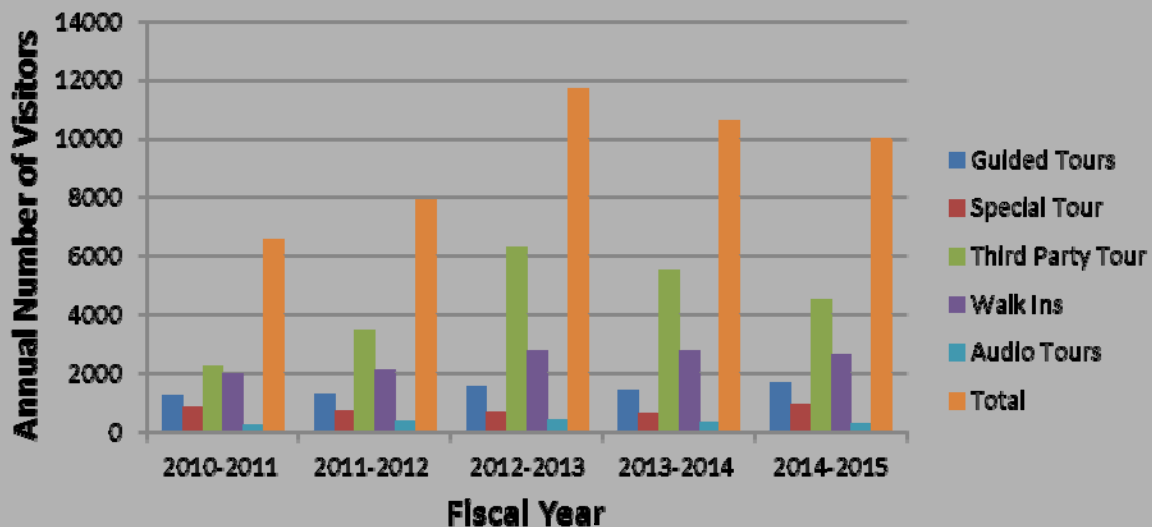
	17th Assembly	Fiscal	Previous
	5th Session May 28, 2014 to March 12, 2015	Year	Year's
		Totals	Totals
Sitting Days	47	47	47
Hansard Pages	1769	1769	1780
Session Hours	170	170	163
Minister's Statements	127	127	105
Member's Statements	489	489	461
Oral Questions	520	520	555
Written Questions	13	13	20
Petitions	1	1	3
Committee Reports	9	9	12
Tabled Documents	157	157	171
Recorded Votes	16	16	24
Bills Introduced	29	29	45
Received Royal Assent	25	25	43
Government Bills	25	25	45
Private Bills	4	4	1
Appropriation Bills	9	9	11

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories is proud to be one of the top tourist destinations in the Yellowknife area and was honoured to receive a TripAdvisor 2015 Certificate of Excellence, based on the positive reviews provided by our guests.

The Legislative Assembly's Public Affairs team offers daily guided tours, Monday to Friday, at 10:30 am. During the busy summer tourist season, additional guided tours are offered at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, and at 1:30 pm on Sunday. In addition to these scheduled guided tours, the Public Affairs team also offers special tours, available by appointment for large groups visiting dignitaries, and other special guests of the Assembly. Between April 2014 and March 2015 more than 2,600 visitors toured the Legislative Assembly building.

Guests are also able to visit the public areas of the building, including the Legislative Library, the Great Hall, and the Public Gallery. Walk-in visitors can use our audio tours, which are available in all official languages of the Northwest Territories, as well as Japanese. Between April 2014 and March 2015, more than 2,600 walk-in visitors explored the public areas of the building, with nearly 300 of these guests using our audio tour.

Visitor Statistics 2010/2011 - 2014-2015 Fiscal Years



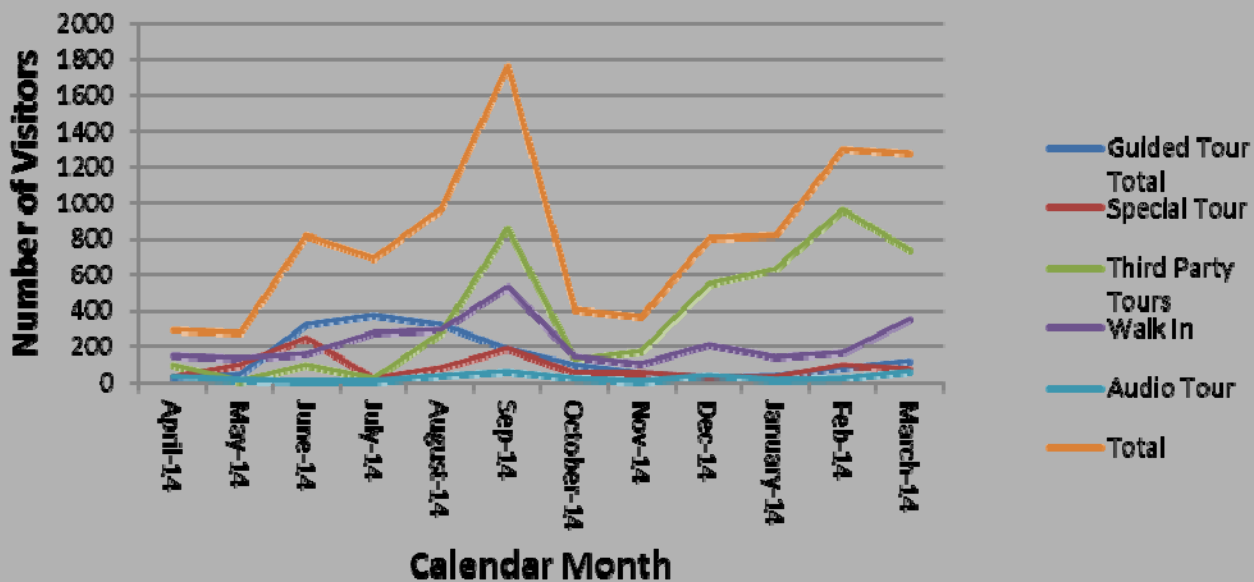
In addition to our guided tours and independent, walk-in visitors, a number of third-party tourism operators use our public spaces, bringing hundreds of visitors to the Assembly each month. Between April 2014 and March 2015, third-party tourism operators brought nearly 4,500 visitors to the building.

Between April 2014 and March 2015, the Legislative Assembly welcomed more than 9,700 visitors, a decrease of 5.5 percent from the previous fiscal year, but an increase of nearly 55 per cent from 2010-2011. The decline in the most recent year was driven by a decrease of more than 18 percent in third-party guests and a 4.5 percent decrease in walk-in visitors. However, during the most recent year there was an increase of more than 16 percent in the number of visitors participating in scheduled guided tours and an increase of nearly 54 percent in the number of visitors participating in special guided tours.



Summer student leading a guided tour of the building

Visitor Statistics April 2014 - March 2015



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, 2015 17th Assembly

Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Computer Hardware/Software	Constituency Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget
NADU, Michael	DER CHO	4,000	9,382	12,418		-	1,919	58,846	86,565	87,933
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	4,236	10,586		171	300	47,714	63,007	80,426
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	3,337	17,029			1,643	35,881	57,890	80,426
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	2,855	9,420	7,878		75	-	59,075	79,303	84,716
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	3,320	2,803	5,334		51	1,919	63,374	76,801	84,716
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	7,675	2,041	16,523		495	1,919	53,278	81,931	87,933
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	6,371	8,487		990	2,009	62,793	80,650	87,933
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	10,175	11,588		142	1,351	33,292	56,548	80,426
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	14,434	5,389	18,219			1,319	50,608	89,969	92,224
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFVI	10,347	214	15,952			1,319	57,124	84,956	87,933
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	4,599	9,172	10,680		75	2,998	58,419	85,943	91,149
JACOBSON, Jackie	MUNAKPUT	21,257	13,752	4,681		495	1,919	52,214	94,318	95,438
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	-	8,727	18,410		200	704	34,922	62,963	80,426
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	15,072	7,756	15,432		520	-	54,386	93,166	94,367
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	-	4,003	6,647			1,919	60,900	73,469	85,789
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	5,644	5,477	6,837			1,279	68,271	87,508	87,933
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	78	5,403	9,962			170	62,355	77,968	80,426
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	915	12,592	20,041		1,169	2,833	30,430	67,980	80,426
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	10,834	11,511			600	48,000	70,945	80,426

1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: Annual Figure of 101,815 for all Members. For income tax reporting, the first \$1,000 is tax free pursuant to the *Northwest Territories Act*, subsection 12(6).

2) MINISTERIAL AND PREMIER INDEMNITY annual figure of \$54,493 for Ministers and \$77,438 for Premier.

3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$44,316.

4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: 7,170; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,303; Chair of Standing Committee (Social Programs, EDI, Government Operations = \$6,353, Priorities and Planning = \$9,362, Rules and Procedures = \$3,177); Chair of Special Committee: \$3,177; Chair of Caucus: \$3,177.

5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$7,337 for all Members. Additional Allowance: Annual Figure of \$7,337 for all members who do not live within commuting distance to the capital; Ministers are considered to live in Yellowknife and only receive basic allowance.

6) NORTHERN ALLOWANCE: Annual amount paid in respect of the community in which Members live. Same as provided under the Collective Agreement.0

**Indemnities, Allowances and Expenses Reimbursed To or Incurred By Members Of
The Legislative Assembly For The Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2015 17th Assembly**

Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Maximum \$31,000 (Section 24)
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	87,933	86,565	27,652
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	80,426	63,007	-
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	80,426	57,890	-
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	84,716	79,303	31,000
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	84,716	76,801	31,000
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	87,933	81,931	22,420
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	87,933	80,650	-
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	80,426	56,548	-
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	92,224	89,969	29,736
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFVI	87,933	84,956	-
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	91,149	85,943	30,540
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	95,438	94,318	30,200
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	80,426	62,963	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	94,367	93,166	31,000
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	85,789	73,469	-
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	87,933	87,508	-
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	80,426	77,968	-
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	80,426	67,980	-
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	80,426	70,945	-

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, 2015 17th Assembly

Member	Constituency	Travel & Transportation	Materials & Supplies	Purchased Services	Contract Services	Fees & Payments	Computer Hardware/Software	Constituency Assistant	Total Expenditure	Total Budget
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	4,000	9,382	12,418		-	1,919	58,846	86,565	87,933
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	4,236	10,586		171	300	47,714	63,007	80,426
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	3,337	17,029			1,643	35,881	57,890	80,426
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	2,855	9,420	7,878		75	-	59,075	79,303	84,716
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	3,320	2,803	5,334		51	1,919	63,374	76,801	84,716
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	7,675	2,041	16,523		495	1,919	53,278	81,931	87,933
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	6,371	8,487		990	2,009	62,793	80,650	87,933
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	10,175	11,588		142	1,351	33,292	56,548	80,426
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	14,434	5,389	18,219			1,319	50,608	89,969	92,224
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFVI	10,347	214	15,952			1,319	57,124	84,956	87,933
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	4,599	9,172	10,680		75	2,998	58,419	85,943	91,149
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	21,257	13,752	4,681		495	1,919	52,214	94,318	95,438
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	-	8,727	18,410		200	704	34,922	62,963	80,426
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	15,072	7,756	15,432		520	-	54,386	93,166	94,367
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	-	4,003	6,647			1,919	60,900	73,469	85,789
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU MEDHE	5,644	5,477	6,837			1,279	68,271	87,508	87,933
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	78	5,403	9,962			170	62,355	77,968	80,426
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	915	12,592	20,041		1,169	2,833	30,430	67,980	80,426
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	10,834	11,511			600	48,000	70,945	80,426

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

**CONSTITUENCY TRAVEL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Carbon Offset	Change/ Cancellation Fee	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation	Meals & Incidentals	Total
MADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	Within NWT	7					2,944	464	592	4000
		Outside NWT									
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	Within NWT	9	2,079					776		2855
		Outside NWT									
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	Within NWT	8	3,320							3320
		Outside NWT									
MOSES, Alfred	INUWIK BOOT LAKE	Within NWT	3	2,028					3,337	2,310	7675
		Outside NWT									
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MA CKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT	13	6,192				3,304	768	2,305	12,569
		Outside NWT									
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONRWI	Within NWT	48					8,205		880	9,085
		Outside NWT									
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDÉH	Within NWT	6	3,502				735	284	78	4,599
		Outside NWT									
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUMAKPUT	Within NWT	4	4,445			5,615		847	444	11,351
		Outside NWT									
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	Within NWT	16	7,895				2,061	1,681	1,291	12,928
		Outside NWT									
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	Within NWT	10	640			1,100	863	2,034	1,007	5,644
		Outside NWT									
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	Within NWT			78						78
		Outside NWT									
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	Within NWT	3					546	130	239	915
		Outside NWT									

**MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
NADLI, Michael	DE H CHO	7,183	265	-	1,934	9,382
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	1,048	-	-	3,188	4,236
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	1,710	-	-	1,627	3,337
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	4,337	191	70	4,822	9,420
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	191	50	2,562	2,803
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	-	1,523	70	448	2,041
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	5,448	-	-	923	6,371
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	5,998	135	-	4,042	10,175
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	3,709	375	-	1,305	5,389
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	214	-	-	-	214
MENICOUCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	4,244	1,490	-	3,438	9,172
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	1,230	2,328	-	10,194	13,752
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	3,771	-	-	4,956	8,727
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	3,320	2,090	303	2,043	7,756
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,700	185	65	2,053	4,003
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	5,238	-	-	239	5,477
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	451	-	-	4,952	5,403
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	6,589	-	-	6,003	12,592
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	8,876	110	-	1,848	10,834

**PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	3,980	8,438	12,418
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	200	10,386	10,586
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	1,200	15,829	17,029
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	7,878	7,878
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	5,334	5,334
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	3,454	13,069	16,523
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	500	7,987	8,487
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	200	11,388	11,588
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	4,820	13,399	18,219
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	6,316	9,636	15,952
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	1,100	9,580	10,680
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	-	4,681	4,681
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	700	17,710	18,410
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	-	15,432	15,432
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	3,361	3,286	6,647
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	2,651	4,186	6,837
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	200	9,762	9,962
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	1,740	18,301	20,041
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	200	11,311	11,511

**CAPITAL ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 24
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Rent	Cable/ Internet	Telephone	Utilities	Furniture	Insurance	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	23,800	2,469	68	1,315	-	-	27,652
BOUCHA RD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	28,200	-	-	-	2,800	-	31,000
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	29,605	334	-	1,061	-	-	31,000
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	22,420	-	-	-	-	-	22,420
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	26,700	-	-	-	3,036	-	29,736
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	30,540	-	-	-	-	-	30,540
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPIUT	28,800	-	-	-	1,400	-	30,200
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	28,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	31,000

Ministers' Benefits

Capital Accommodation - Section 12.2 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council who:

"...owns or leases a primary residence in his or her home community outside of the capital may claim reimbursement for the following expenses:

- a. Relocation costs from his or her home community to the capital;*
- b. Real estate fees;*
- c. The cost of leasing temporary accommodation, including hotel accommodation, in the capital;*
- d. With respect to the leasing of temporary accommodation in the capital,*
 - i. Utilities, including monthly telephone connection charges,*
 - ii. Cable television,*
 - iii. Internet service,*
 - iv. Parking that is used in conjunction with the accommodation,*
 - v. The costs of furniture rented for use in the accommodation,*
 - vi. Tenant's all –risk insurance."*

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$27,153.78
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Milttenberger	\$25,800.00
Hon. David Ramsay	\$0*

*Not eligible under the Regulation

Home Travel - Section 12.3 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council who:

"...owns or leases a primary residence in his or her home community outside of the capital may claim reimbursement for the cost of return transportation for the member and his or her family members between that home community and the capital."

The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$31,135.64
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$26,078.25
Hon. David Ramsay	\$0*

*Not eligible under the Regulation

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

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

There were no payments made under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

Dental, Health, Medical travel and Life Insurance Benefits - Section 12.5 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council:

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

Medical Travel - during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, the following medical travel benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:

There were no payments made under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.

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, 2015, the following benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:

Member	Total of Premiums Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$4,049.30
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$4,049.30
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$4,049.30
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$4,049.30
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$4,453.25
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$4,049.30
Hon. David Ramsay	\$4,049.30

Entertainment Allowance – Section 12.6 of the *Indemnities, Allowances and Expense Regulations* provides that a Member of the Executive Council:

“...may 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 Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$1,500.00
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$1,500.00
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$1,500.00
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$1,500.00
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$1,500.00
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$1,500.00
Hon. David Ramsay	\$1,500.00

Honourable Robert C. McLeod
Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Inuvik	April 4, 2014	Air	824.80
2	Yellowknife	April 9 – 11, 2014	Air	1,645.70
3	Yellowknife	April 13 – 18, 2014	Air	1,645.70
4	Inuvik	April 17, 2014	Air	812.70
5	Yellowknife	April 23 - 25, 2014	Air	1,645.70
6	Yellowknife	May 25 – June 6, 2014	Air	1,645.70
7	Inuvik	June 6 – 8, 2014	Air	1,645.70
8	Inuvik	June 12 – 22, 2014	Air	1,645.70
9	Inuvik	June 27, 2014	Air	860.35
10	Yellowknife	July 27 - 31, 2014	Air	1,645.70
11	Yellowknife	Aug. 25 – 29, 2014	Air	1,645.70
12	Yellowknife	Sept. 7 - 12, 2014	Air	1,645.70
13	Yellowknife	Sept. 15, 2014	Air	860.35
14	Inuvik	Sept. 19 – 22, 2014	Air	1,751.40
15	Inuvik	Oct. 2 – 6, 2014	Air	732.90
16	Inuvik	Oct. 10 -13, 2014	Air	949.44
17	Inuvik	Oct. 24 – 26, 2014	Air	949.44
18	Inuvik	Nov. 7 - 17, 2014	Air	949.44
19	Inuvik	Nov. 21 – Dec. 1, 2014	Air	949.44
20	Yellowknife	Dec. 5 – 10, 2014	Air	949.44
21	Inuvik	Dec. 10, 2014	Air	474.72
22	Yellowknife	Dec. 16 – 19, 2014	Air	949.44
23	Yellowknife	Jan. 10, 2015	Air	474.72
24	Yellowknife	Jan. 21, 2015	Air	474.72
25	Yellowknife	Jan. 23 – 25, 2015	Air	949.44
26	Inuvik	Feb. 7 – 8, 2015	Air	987.44
27	Inuvik	Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2015	Air	949.44
28	Inuvik	Mar. 13, 2015	Air	474.72
TOTAL				31,135.64

Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger
Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Fort Smith	April 4 – 16, 2014	Air	642.73
2	Fort Smith	April 17 – 22, 2014	Air	642.73
3	Fort Smith	April 24 – May 19, 2014	Air	642.73
4	Fort Smith	May 23 - 26, 2014	Air	642.73
5	Fort Smith	May 29 – 30, 2014	Air	642.73
6	Fort Smith	May 30 – June 1, 2014	Air	642.73
7	Yellowknife	June 6 - 8, 2014	Air	642.73
8	Yellowknife	June 9 - 13, 2014	Air	642.73
9	Yellowknife	June 16 - 19, 2014	Air	642.73
10	Yellowknife	June 25 - July 2, 2014	Air	642.73
11	Yellowknife	July 7 - 10, 2014	Air	642.73
12	Yellowknife	July 14 – 16, 2014	Air	642.73
13	Yellowknife	July 23, 2014	Air	642.73
14	Yellowknife	July 28 - 30, 2014	Air	642.73
15	Yellowknife	August 24 - 29, 2014	Air	642.73
16	Yellowknife	Sept. 2 – 5, 2014	Air	642.73
17	Yellowknife	Sept. 8 - 16, 2014	Air	642.73
18	Yellowknife	Sept. 8 - 19, 2014	Air	642.73
19	Yellowknife	Sept. 22 – 26, 2014	Air	642.73
20	Yellowknife	Sept. 29 – Oct. 10, 2014	Air	642.73
21	Yellowknife	Oct. 15 - 17, 2014	Air	642.73

Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger
 Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015 continued

22	Yellowknife	Oct. 19 - 24, 2014	Air	642.73
23	Yellowknife	Oct. 26 - 31, 2014	Air	642.73
24	Yellowknife	Nov. 2 - 7, 2014	Air	642.73
25	Fort Smith	Nov. 14 - 17, 2014	Air	642.73
26	Fort Smith	Nov. 21 - 23, 2014	Air	642.73
27	Fort Smith	Nov. 28 – Dec. 1, 2014	Air	669.09
28	Fort Smith	Dec. 5 - 8, 2014	Air	669.09
29	Fort Smith	Dec. 18 – Jan. 11, 2015	Air	669.09
30	Fort Smith	Jan. 16 - 19, 2015	Air	669.09
31	Fort Smith	Jan. 23 – 26, 2015	Air	669.09
32	Fort Smith	Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2015	Air	669.09
33	Fort Smith	Feb. 6 – 8, 2015	Air	669.09
34	Yellowknife	Feb. 13 - 16, 2015	Air	669.09
35	Fort Smith	Feb. 20 - 22, 2015	Air	669.09
36	Fort Smith	Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2015	Air	669.09
37	Fort Smith	Mar. 6 - 8, 2015	Air	669.10
38	Fort Smith	Mar. 13 - 16, 2015	Air	669.09
39	Fort Smith	Mar. 19 - 25, 2015	Air	669.09
40	Fort Smith	Mar. 26 - 30, 2015	Air	669.09
TOTAL				26,078.25

2014-2015 Financial Summary of Operations

(thousands of dollars)			
By Activity	2014-2015 Actuals	2014-2015 Revised Estimates	2014-2015 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	3,880	3,817	3813
Amortization	864	905	905
Other Expenses	3,282	3,231	3,211
	8,026	7,953	0
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	130	144	144
Contributions	0	0	0
Other Expenses	189	208	208
	319	352	352
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	6,794	6,228	6228
Other Expenses	1,620	1,803	1,803
	8,414	8,031	8031
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	594	587	587
Other Expenses	183	181	181
	777	768	181
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Compensation and Benefits	776	807	807
Grants and Contributions	350	350	350
Other Expenses	713	752	752
	1,839	1,909	1,909
TOTAL	19,375	19,013	18,989

Since the earliest days of construction, the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories has been the place of the people of the territory. A plaque located on the McMahon Frame Lake Trail in June of 1991 proudly states, “this site is dedicated to the people of the Northwest Territories as their place of Assembly.”

The official opening of the building, on November 17, 1993, included a dedication of the building “to the people of the North, to the wisdom of their elders and to the vision of their children.” Later, on August 21, 1994, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II dedicated the Legislative Chamber, the heart of the building, “to all people of the Northwest Territories whose democratic goals and aspirations are represented by their elected leaders.”

The Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly is open to the public 362 days of the year, with the building being closed on Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day. Visitors to the Great Hall may explore the art and informational displays or enjoy a free, self-guided audio tour in any of the official languages of the Northwest Territories or Japanese.



Afghanistan Memorial Vigil in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly

The great hall is also available to host public events, free of charge, at the discretion of the Speaker.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Great Hall hosted 69 events, more than one per week. Various individuals, groups and organizations used the Great Hall for events such as constituency meetings, professional seminars, awards ceremonies, weddings, and the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil.

The Legislative Assembly Library initiated *Ledge Talks: The Knowledge Series* in the Great Hall featuring distinguished speakers on a variety of current topics

Throughout the 2014-2015 fiscal year a number of upgrades and improvements were completed to increase public accessibility of the Legislative Assembly building. These included the installation more accessible doors to Committee Room A, as well as the doors to both public and staff-accessible washrooms. Further accessibility upgrades are planned to ensure the public can access the building with improved ease and comfort.



Burial of the Time Capsule, closing 20th Anniversary Celebrations

Improved signage on and around the Legislative Assembly precinct, to direct and inform both local residents and visitors, is a priority.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Legislative Assembly unveiled a new building sign, which proudly proclaims the Legislative Assembly to be the *Place of the People* in all eleven official languages of the territory, at the front entranceway to the Legislative Assembly. Plans are in place to continue improvements to informational and directional signs on and around the Legislative Assembly precinct in the coming years.

In September of 2014, to conclude the Legislative Assembly's 20th anniversary celebration, a commemorative time capsule was buried near the walkway to the main entrance of the building. The time capsule, scheduled to be opened for the 50th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly building, contains submissions from Members of the 17th Assembly, students from various communities throughout the territory and Assembly staff. We look forward to unearthing these treasures during the 50th anniversary celebrations.

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Legislative Assembly enhanced the Water's Edge Park, located on the shore of Frame Lake, adjacent to the McMahon Frame Lake trail. Park enhancements include better pathways and landscaping, and a new fire pit, where fire-feeding ceremonies can be held. The park is a place where Members, staff and visitors to the Legislative Assembly can take a peaceful moment to reflect upon and enjoy the beauty of the North.



New sign outside the front entrance of the Legislative Assembly



The Staff of the Legislative Assembly

Top Row (Left to Right): Brian Thagard, Satish Garikaparathi, Haylee Carlson, Patricia Langlois, Michael Ball, Gail Bennett, Tim Mercer, Danielle Mager, Doug Schauerte, Lee Selleck, Derek Edjericon, Darrin Ouellette and Dylan Short

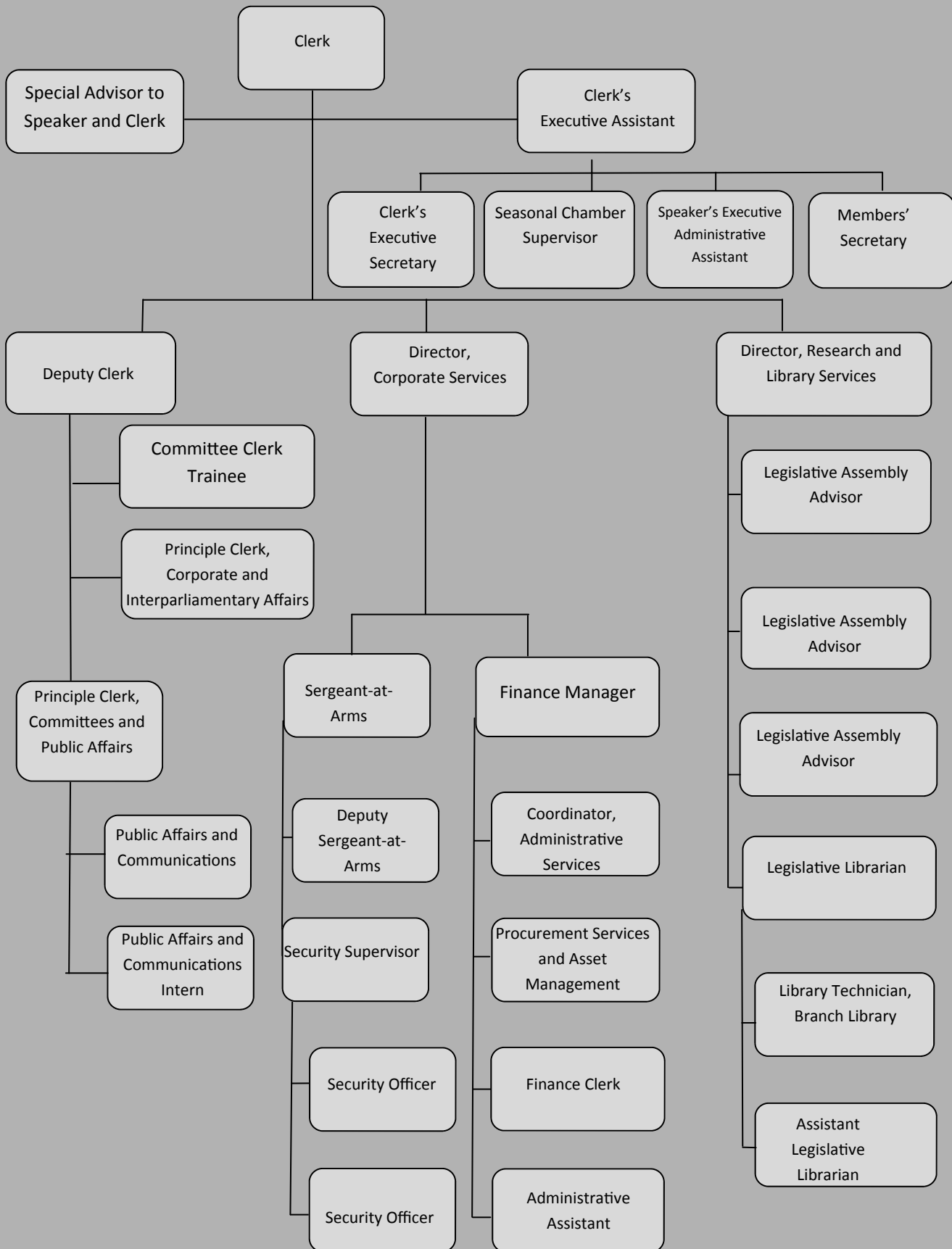
Bottom Row (Left to Right): Lisc Daley, Phoebe Esau, Megan Welsh, Brendalynn Trennert, Cynthia James, Cheryl Menard and Donna Friesen

The Clerk reports directly to the Speaker and is responsible for the efficient administration of the Assembly and its support service; annual budgeting for the Assembly; planning, policy and staff development; and ensuring adequate financial and human resources are available to all committees. The Office of the Clerk provides administrative services to the Board of Management and other committees of the Legislative Assembly.

The Office of the Clerk also co-ordinates all official parliamentary ceremonies and other formal events involving the Legislative Assembly, such as the official opening of the Legislative Assembly, election of the Speaker, swearing-in of Members, and visiting parliamentarians.

The Office of the Clerk is comprised of the following: Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Deputy Clerk, Clerk of Operations, Clerk of Committees, Executive Administrative Assistant, Law Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Public Affairs and Communications Advisor. Other divisions within the Office of the Clerk include Research, Library and Information Services and Corporate Services.

Office of the Clerk Organizational Chart



Third-Party Contractors

Legislative Assembly staff provide a number of services to our many visitors, elected Members, and to the institution itself. From front-line security to corporate services and research, library and information services, staff work to ensure that all aspects of Assembly business run efficiently and effectively, but we can't do it alone.

The Legislative Assembly relies on the expertise and services of numerous third-party contractors. Contracted services include specialized maintenance and repair, janitorial, waste management, audio-visual, translation and Hansard services, catering, and others. Without the dedication and professionalism of the third-party contractors on whom we rely, the Legislative Assembly could not succeed. We thank all contractors with whom we have worked in the past and look forward to the excellent service we will continue to receive in the future.

One of the third-party contractors currently providing services to the Legislative Assembly is Epic Grill, owned by Dorothy and Joselito De Leon. Epic Grill currently operates the Legislative Assembly's café and provides in-house catering services for all Assembly and special events. Reflecting the culture of the owners, Epic Grill features a number of traditional Filipino foods, while also offering traditional café choices, such as soups, sandwiches, and freshly made coffee.



Third-party operators of 'Epic Grill' cafe

Clerk's Message

The annual report of the Legislative Assembly serves a number of important purposes. First and foremost it gathers together and makes public the various financial information and accountability reporting that the Assembly is required to provide each year.

Previously these reports were tabled separately in the Assembly and stored in separate places on the website. Secondly, the annual report gives us the opportunity to reflect on the challenges and achievements of the previous year and highlight the internal operations of the Assembly. The Legislative Assembly has a full time staff complement of just over thirty people. In addition, we rely upon the dedicated and professional services of a number of contractors who, in many respects, are as much a part of our team as our in house staff. In this report we have highlighted our catering contractors, the Epic Grill, who have been on the job for just over six months. In addition to meeting the catering needs of the Assembly, they also run a successful business out of the cafeteria which generates some revenue for the Assembly and, as importantly, brings people into the building. Our caterers are often the first people in the building in the morning and the last to leave. They normally only hear from us when we have something to complain about but, I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their hard work and commitment to excellence. The service they provide is integral to the success of what we do.

I also want to say thank-you to our audio-video technicians at Pido Productions, the custodial staff at Thin Hyuin, Hansard, our Law Clerks and legal counsel at Lawson Lundell, and Secure Check, our relief security contractors. We seldom get the chance to see you at work and too often take for granted the final product, which is consistently excellent. Thanks for being part of our team!



Tim Mercer, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the NWT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Mercer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Mercer, Clerk
Legislative Assembly of the NWT





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English

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French

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Cree

TL̄ICHQ̄ YATI K'ĒĒ. DI WEGODI NEWQ̄ DÈ, GOTS'O GONEDE.

Tłıchq̄

ʔERIHTL'ÍS DÈNE SÚLINÉ YATI T'A HUTS'ELKĒR
XA BEYÁYATI THEʔA ʔAT'E, NUWE TS'ĒN YÓLTI.

Chipewyan

EDI GONDI DEHGÁH GOT'İE ZHATİE K'ĒĒ EDATL'ÉH
ENAHDDHĒ NIDE NAXETS'Ē EDAHĪ

South Slavey

K'ÁHSHÓ GOT'İNE XƏDÓ K'É HEDERI
ʔEDIHTL'É YERINIWE NÍDÉ DÚLE.

North Slavey

Jii gwandak izhii ginjik vat'atr'ijahch'uu zhit
yinothan jì', diits'àt ginohkhii.

Gwich'in

UVANITTUAQ ILITCHURISUKUPKU INUVIALUKTUN, QUQUAQLUTA.

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