

ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories



SPEAKERS' MESSAGE



2013-14 was a busy year. In addition to the normal course of business at the Assembly, we successfully fulfilled our legislative commitment to commission and respond to an Electoral Boundaries Commission, Independent Commission to Review MLAs' Pay and Benefits, and a review of the *Official Languages Act*. Funding was also provided to the Human Rights Commission to review the *Human Rights Act* at its ten year anniversary.

The historic devolution of more province-like powers to the Government of the Northwest Territories required the consideration and adoption of more than twenty-five pieces of complex and inter-related legislation. The Assembly will need to come to terms with how these new responsibilities impact the operation of consensus government in the months and years ahead.

Finally, the Assembly, in partnership with the Nunavut Legislative Assembly, successfully petitioned the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to designate the proceedings of our respective chambers as "must carry" on both Bell Express View and

Shaw Direct direct-to-home (satellite systems). The proceedings of our Assembly can now be followed in each and every one of our communities as well in the living rooms of Canadians from coast to coast. This is an accomplishment that was a long time in the making.

As always, it has been my distinct pleasure and honour to serve as the Speaker for the 17th Legislative Assembly. As we approach the final year of our term, I look forward to supporting all Members in the fulfillment of their elected responsibilities and in ensuring that debate on the floor of our Assembly is respectful, dignified, and befitting of the people who put us here.

This report is intended to provide information about the Legislative Assembly's operations and activities, and a consolidation of several accountability reports.

Jackie Jacobson,
Speaker

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the third year that the Legislative Assembly has produced an annual report. As part of its on-going commitment to transparency and public accountability, the Assembly has reflected on its operations and activities over the past year, and provides this information for your review.

The annual report includes detailed financial information, operational summaries and highlights, reports on committee work, and an overview of the Northwest Territories' consensus system of government.

In 2013, following the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Legislative Assembly building, the Assembly set forth on a significant legislative agenda and undertook a number of initiatives and projects that stemmed from this historic event.

The 2013-14 fiscal year included preparations by the Legislative Assembly for the impending devolution of more province-like powers from the federal government to our territorial government particularly for public land, water, and resources in the Northwest Territories.

As well, the Electoral Boundaries Commission provided recommendations on how electoral boundaries should be drawn. The Independent Commission to Review Members' Compensation and Benefits was appointed and made recommendations on MLAs' pay and the benefits they are eligible to receive.

This was also the year that the Assembly's legislative proceedings were broadcast on direct-to-home satellite channels. Work commenced on the design of a new building sign and enhancements to the precinct's water's edge park. As well, a program of accessibility improvements were undertaken to work to ensure that all areas of the building are barrier free.

The section entitled *Who We Are* covers the basics of how our government works and introduces the Speaker, Ministers, Regular Members, and statutory officers.

What We Do offers a survey of the work carried on by the Legislative Assembly and its various offices. This includes outreach and educational programs such as the Page Program and Youth Parliament. A brief summary of the work of the standing committees of the House in 2013-14 is also provided.

Highlights describes just a few of the many significant conferences and state visits, and provides visitor statistics. Public tours of the Legislative Assembly are very popular; the building is open to visitors 362 days of the year.

House Activity provides some measures of the work done in the Legislative Assembly, such as the number of sitting days, questions asked, and bills reviewed and passed.

The *Accountability* section details Members' constituency expenses, Ministers' benefits, entertainment expenses, home travel expenses, and other similar allowances. A financial summary of the Legislative Assembly's operational costs is also included.

And finally, *Our Team* introduces the staff of the Legislative Assembly and provides an organization chart. Each year, *Our Team* focuses on a division of the Legislative Assembly – in this report we feature the unique and important work done by the Clerk's Office.

We welcome back the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Tim Mercer, after a year of leave. He notes in his closing message that much was accomplished in the past year and recognizes the efforts of all staff in the Assembly's achievements and successes. This annual report provides an outline of that work; a great deal more information is available on the Legislative Assembly website (www.assembly.gov.nt.ca).

RÉSUMÉ

L'Assemblée législative en est à la production de son troisième rapport annuel. Respectueuse de son engagement à faire preuve de transparence et à rendre compte au public, elle a passé en revue ses activités au cours de l'année écoulée et en soumet le présent résumé à votre examen.

Le rapport annuel comprend de l'information financière détaillée, des sommaires opérationnels, des points saillants, les comptes rendus de travaux de comités et un aperçu du système de gouvernement de consensus dont se sont dotés les Territoires du Nord-Ouest.

En 2013, après le 20^e anniversaire de l'inauguration de l'édifice où elle siège, l'Assemblée législative a établi un programme législatif ambitieux et, dans la foulée de cet événement historique, a lancé un certain nombre de projets et d'initiatives.

L'exercice 2013-2014 a été marqué par des dispositions particulières de l'Assemblée législative en vue du transfert imminent, par le gouvernement fédéral, de plus de pouvoirs similaires à ceux des provinces, plus particulièrement pour la gestion des terres publiques, des eaux et des ressources naturelles, à notre gouvernement territorial.

De plus, la Commission de délimitation des circonscriptions électorales a formulé des recommandations quant à la marche à suivre pour tracer les limites des circonscriptions. De son côté, peu de temps après sa mise sur pied, la Commission indépendante chargée d'examiner la rémunération et les avantages sociaux des députés a formulé des recommandations sur la rémunération et les avantages sociaux auxquels sont admissibles les membres de l'Assemblée.

C'est aussi en 2013-2014 qu'a commencé la diffusion directe à domicile, par satellite, des délibérations législatives de l'Assemblée. Les travaux visant la conception d'un nouveau panneau de signalisation pour l'édifice et les améliorations au parc d'enceinte en bordure de l'eau ont également débuté. Par ailleurs, une série d'initiatives visant à accroître l'accessibilité ont été prises pour veiller à l'accès sans entraves à toutes les aires de l'édifice.

La section *Who We Are* (Qui sommes-nous?), qui porte sur les rouages de notre gouvernement, présente le président de l'Assemblée ainsi que les ministres, les simples membres et les titulaires d'une charge créée par une loi.

La section *What We Do* (Que faisons-nous?) offre une vue d'ensemble du travail de l'Assemblée législative et de ses différents bureaux, entre autres les programmes de sensibilisation et d'éducation comme le Programme des pages et le Parlement jeunesse. Cette section contient aussi un résumé des activités réalisées par les comités permanents de la Chambre en 2013-2014.

La section *Highlights* (Points saillants) décrit quelques-unes des nombreuses conférences et visites officielles importantes, en plus de fournir des statistiques sur les visiteurs. Les visites guidées de l'Assemblée législative sont très appréciées du public, et l'édifice est ouvert aux visiteurs 362 jours par année.

La section *House Activity* (Activités de la Chambre) permet d'estimer l'ampleur du travail fait à l'Assemblée législative, précisant, entre autres, le nombre de jours de séance, les questions posées et les projets de loi examinés et adoptés.

La section *Accountability* (Responsabilisation) contient des données détaillées sur les dépenses des membres dans leur circonscription, les avantages des ministres, les frais de représentation et de déplacement, et d'autres indemnités similaires. Un sommaire financier des coûts opérationnels de l'Assemblée législative est aussi inclus.

Enfin, la section *Our Team* (Notre équipe) présente le personnel de l'Assemblée législative et contient un organigramme. Chaque année, cette dernière section est consacrée à une division particulière de l'Assemblée législative. Dans le présent rapport, nous soulignons la contribution unique et importante du Bureau du greffier.

Nous nous réjouissons du retour du greffier de l'Assemblée législative, M. Tim Mercer, après un congé d'un an. Dans ses observations finales, celui-ci mentionne les nombreuses réalisations de la dernière année et salue les efforts de tout le personnel aux réussites de l'Assemblée. Ce rapport annuel ne donne qu'un aperçu de tout ce qui a été accompli. Prière de consulter le site Web de l'Assemblée législative, au www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/fr, pour en savoir plus.

WHO WE ARE

Consensus Government

The Northwest Territories is one of only two jurisdictions in Canada using a consensus system of government instead of the more familiar system of party politics. In the consensus system, all Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected as independents in their constituencies.

Upon election, Members travel to the Legislative Assembly for the territorial leadership meeting. The first order of business is the election of the Speaker by secret ballot, which is carried out in public, in the Chamber. This approach reflects the importance of the Speaker to the proper functioning of consensus government.

Members then turn their focus to electing the Premier. Since the 12th Legislative Assembly, Members have chosen to select the Premier in a public forum. By convention, candidates are nominated, present their platforms, and take questions from Members. This is followed by a secret-ballot vote. Additional ballots are held if no candidate wins more than half the votes.

The election of six additional Cabinet Ministers is next on the agenda. Again candidates are nominated and speak to their platforms before a secret ballot vote is held.

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.” They hold the government to account through their work in the House and in Standing Committees.

As Cabinet currently consists of only seven of the nineteen Members, the eleven Regular Members exert considerable influence on the decisions and direction of the government.

It is often said that the consensus system of governing is closer to the way aboriginal peoples have traditionally made decisions. However, consensus does not mean that unanimous agreement is required for decisions to be made, motions passed, and legislation enacted. As in other Canadian legislatures, a simple majority carries the vote.



Legislative Assembly Chamber
Photo credit: Bill Braden

WHO WE ARE

Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly

Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) are elected in each of 19 constituencies of the Northwest Territories. MLAs are, first and foremost, lawmakers. Much of their time in the Assembly and in committees is spent 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, are also responsible for approving the budgets of the Government of the NWT. Throughout the fiscal year, the MLAs approve approximately \$1.6 billion in spending. The MLAs also monitor the spending of these public funds to ensure they are in keeping with the approvals granted.

Perhaps most importantly, MLAs are a window into government for the people they represent. They bring the concerns of their constituents to the government for action, assist them in gaining fair access to programs and services, and seek redress on their behalf when fair treatment has not been granted. Members also help explain and promote government programs and services to the people in their communities.

MLAs are community leaders. They attend important events in their ridings, including the opening of public facilities, graduations, and anniversaries. The work MLAs do in formal session is just a small part of the overall job. MLAs are available to help the people they represent every day of the year.

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

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Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly



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

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Speaker

The Speaker, elected by all Members, presides over the Legislative Assembly and represents the legislature in all its powers and proceedings. The duties of the office fall into three categories.

Firstly, the Speaker acts as a spokesperson of the Assembly in its relations with 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 controls debates in the Chamber and ensures that Members follow set rules and practices as they ask or answer questions, debate, or vote. The Speaker must be authoritative and impartial. 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. 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 assumes these duties.

Thirdly, 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.

In carrying out his/her duties, the Speaker is assisted by the Clerk's Office. The Clerk is the chief procedural advisor to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly. The Clerk is responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the proceedings and official records of the Assembly and its committees.

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.



Speaker Jacobson with Youth Parliament participant, Ethan Phypers

The name Speaker was first used long ago in England. The original job of the Speaker was to communicate information to the King or Queen on behalf of the House of Commons - the commoners.

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Ministers

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

The Executive Council is responsible for the day-to-day administration of government. In doing so, Ministers work with the full Legislative Assembly, individual Members, Standing Committees, and other 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 the laws and policies are administered fairly and efficiently by their respective departments.

One of the roles of Ministers is to introduce legislation relating to their departments' responsibilities. They must also answer questions in the Legislative Assembly 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. This rarely occurs, but it is an important mechanism in ensuring accountability.



17th Legislative Assembly Executive Council

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Statutory Officers

Statutory Officers occupy a unique and valued position in the legislature. They each play an important role in holding the government accountable to the Legislative Assembly and public. The Legislative Assembly has a number of statutory officers who deal with various aspects of the business affecting the House and its Members.

NWT Human Rights Offices

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

- The NWT Human Rights Commission works on preventing discrimination.
- The Office of the Director of Human Rights processes complaints that allege discrimination.
- The NWT Human Rights Adjudication Panel holds hearings into complaints that allege discrimination.

Current Commission Members:

- Charles Dent, Chair
- Yacub Adam, Deputy Chair
- Marion Berls, Commission Member
- Roger Wah-Shee, Commission Member
- Bronwyn Watters, Commission Member

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

The current members of the Adjudication Panel are:

- Ms. Joan Mercredi, Fort Smith
- Mr. Adrian Wright, Yellowknife
- Mr. Sheldon Toner, Yellowknife
- Mr. Louis Sebert, Yellowknife

NWT Languages Commissioner

The Languages Commissioner is appointed by the Legislative Assembly for a four-year term, and is responsible for ensuring that the rights, status and privileges of each of the 11 official languages in the Northwest Territories are protected within government institutions. The Languages Commissioner investigates complaints that the government is not meeting its obligations to provide services in official languages, and can recommend improvements to language services.

Ms. Snookie Catholique is the current Languages Commissioner.

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Information and Privacy Commissioner

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

Ms. Elaine Keenan-Bengts is the current Information and Privacy Commissioner.

NWT Equal Pay Commissioner

The Equal Pay Commissioner is appointed under s. 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 their families. The Conflict of Interest Commissioner also investigates conflict of interest charges made against Members 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 subsequently tabled in the Assembly.

Mr. David Phillip 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*.

The current Chief Electoral Officer is Mr. David Brock.

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Electoral Boundaries Commission

Territorial law requires the establishment of an Electoral Boundaries Commission within two years after every second general election. The independent body is tasked with reviewing existing electoral boundaries and making recommendations for changes that help to ensure northern electors are effectively and adequately represented in the Territorial Legislature.

The Legislative Assembly passed a motion on October 22, 2012, establishing the Commission, composed of Justice Shannon H. Smallwood, a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories, as chairperson and Mr. Charles Furlong and Mr. Ian McCrea as members.

The Commission was mandated to review the area, boundaries, name and representation of the existing electoral districts and to come forward with recommendations for proposed changes. The Commission was compelled to hold public hearings throughout the territory in order to facilitate comment and suggestions from northerners. A motion establishing additional guidelines for the Commission's work was also passed in October 2012 and called upon the Commission to present its final report to the House within seven months of its establishment. The Commission completed their report on May 8, 2013. The report can be found on the assembly website under Documents and Proceedings, Tabled Documents. The document number is 4-17(5).

Independent Commission to Review Members Benefits

The 2013 Independent Commission to Review Members' Compensation and Benefits was appointed in June 2013, by the Honourable Speaker Jackie Jacobson. The Commission was tasked with reviewing the indemnities, allowances, expenses, and benefits provided to the Members of the NWT Legislative Assembly and reviewing the procedures required to ensure public accountability.

The establishment of the Commission fulfills the requirements of Section 35.1 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* which provides for the establishment of a Commission to review MLAs' indemnities, allowances, expenses, and benefits within two years of a general election. According to the legislation, the Commission is required to complete the review and submit a report to the Speaker, outlining any changes, within 10 months of its appointment. The Commission completed its report on March 31, 2014. The report can be found on the assembly website under Documents and Proceedings, Tabled Documents. The document number is 83-17(5).

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Page Program

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 of students, parents, schools, chaperones and the Assembly to ensure there are pages from all nineteen constituencies when the Assembly is in session.

Grade 8 and 9 students are eligible to serve as pages. Their selection is based on a combination of academic performance and expressed interest in how the Assembly works.

With approximately fifty sitting days a year spanning a twelve-week period, students from all constituencies are selected on a rotational basis to provide page services in the House.

A dedicated team of Assembly staff coordinates the travel, accommodation and meals, chaperone services and training required for students from each of the twelve constituencies outside of the capital city. These pages work one-week periods during a sitting of the legislature.



Pages with Speaker Jacobson during the 5th Session of the 17th Legislative Assembly, February 2014

The broad range of tasks a page performs include: preparing for and cleaning up after each sitting of the Legislature; distributing documents in the Legislative Chamber; receiving and delivering items in and outside the Chamber as directed; and distributing translation receivers.

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Pages by constituency for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

Pages	Community	Constituency	MLA
2	Inuvik	Inuvik Twin Lakes	Robert C. McLeod
2	Hay River	Hay River North	Robert Bouchard
2	Tuktoyaktuk	Nunakput	Jackie Jacobson
2	Behchok̄	Monfwi	Jackson Lafferty
2	Fort Good Hope	Sahtu	Norman Yakeleya
2	Lutsel K'e	Tu Nedhe	Tom Beaulieu
2	Fort Resolution	Tu Nedhe	Tom Beaulieu
2	Fort Smith	Thebacha	Michael Miltenberger
4	Inuvik	Inuvik Boot Lake	Alfred Moses
2	Hay River Reserve	Deh Cho	Michael Nadli
2	Tsiigehtchic	Mackenzie Delta	Frederick Blake Jr.
2	Aklavik	Mackenzie Delta	Frederick Blake Jr.
2	Fort Simpson	Nahendeh	Kevin Menicoche
2	Fort Liard	Nahendeh	Kevin Menicoche
4	Hay River	Hay River South	Jane Groenewegen
6	Yellowknife	Range Lake	Daryl Dolynny
11	Yellowknife	Yellowknife South	Bob McLeod
4	Yellowknife	Kam Lake	David Ramsay
7	Yellowknife	Frame Lake	Wendy Bisaro
6	Yellowknife	Weledeh	Bob Bromley
3	Yellowknife	Great Slave	Glen Abernethy
2	Yellowknife	Yellowknife Centre	Robert Hawkins

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Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is one of the several education outreach programs offered at the Legislative Assembly by the Office of the Speaker. The program is aimed at educating Northern youth about consensus government, with an emphasis on the Assembly's operations, its function and history, and the important role the institution holds in the NWT. Through an application process, nineteen students from across the territory are chosen to travel to Yellowknife where they take on the role of their MLA for a week.

During the week of May 6th, 2013, nineteen students throughout the territory took part in the 12th biennial Youth Parliament program. While in Yellowknife, students participated in three days of meetings and briefings in preparation for the Youth Parliament Model Session during which they assumed the roles of their respective Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The next Youth Parliament will be held in May 2015.



Youth Parliament 2013

Kindergarten Christmas Trees



Students from École St. Joseph School visit the legislature to decorate a tree

From November 27 to December 4, 2013, the Legislative Assembly invited all kindergarten students from Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo to come to the legislature and decorate Christmas trees in the Great Hall. There were a total of 270 students who attended throughout the week.

The Kindergarten Christmas Trees Program has been provided to kindergarteners and their teachers since the Legislative Assembly building opened in 1993, and leads 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.

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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 a crucial role in advising the government and holding it accountable. The standing committees of the 16th and 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 Dolyunny

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

Clerk – Doug Schauerte

Researcher – Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning plays an integral role in the consensus government system as its membership includes eleven Members in an Assembly of nineteen. The Committee’s ongoing mandate is to consider issues which have government-wide implications including weighty matters such as Devolution and the oversight of GNWT budgetary and fiscal matters.



Priorities and Planning in Inuvik, NT

The Committee held 85 meetings in fiscal year 2013-14 and one issue dominated the Committee’s agenda: Devolution. The Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement, which formally devolved regulatory authority over northern lands and resources from the Government of Canada to the Government of the Northwest Territories, came into effect on April 1, 2014. In the months that preceded that historic day, Committee Members spent an inordinate amount of time and effort examining Devolution-related issues including organizational design, decentralization of jobs and functions, the formal ratification process, Federal Bill C15-*NWT Devolution Act*, amendments to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the considerable volume of issues flowing from the

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ten pieces of “mirrored” legislation required to enact these substantive changes.

The related issue of resource revenues that will now flow into northern coffers as a result of Devolution was also of interest and import to Committee Members. The Committee had a series of meetings with the Finance Minister and others to examine options on how best to invest these new found revenues with a particular focus on contribution levels to the territory’s Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund will play an important role in preserving the benefits of resource development by ensuring the revenues earned from developing non-renewable resources will benefit both current and future NWT residents.

The Committee also experienced a change in leadership in 2013-14 as Ms. Wendy Bisaro, Member for Frame Lake, was elected as Chair of the Committee on May 28, 2013.

Government Operations

Chair – Michael M. 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 monitors the Departments of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; the Executive; Finance; and Human Resources. The committee also reviews the annual and other reports of the statutory officers of the Legislative Assembly. The standing committee also monitors the reports of the Auditor General of Canada, auditor for the Government of the Northwest Territories, and reviews official language issues.

During the reporting period the Standing Committee on Government Operations held a total of 39 meetings. The committee reviewed the *Annual Report of the Equal Pay Commissioner for the Northwest Territories* for the years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. The committee also reviewed, conducted public meetings, and produced reports on the *2011-2012 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories*, the *2012-2013 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report*; and the *Report of the Auditor General of Canada on the 2013 Northwest Territories Income Security Programs*.

Four bills were referred to the committee for consideration during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Bill 24: *An Act to Amend the Liquor Act* was a private member’s bill, introduced by Norman Yakeleya, MLA for Sahtu. Bill 24 represented the first request from a region to have a role in holding



Government Operations at a meeting in Tulita, NT

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a liquor plebiscite. In light of the significant public interest, the committee held public hearings in four of the five Sahtu communities and had representation from throughout the region. Based on the submissions received, the committee proposed an amendment to the bill requiring that the request for a plebiscite come from communities comprising more than half the population of the Sahtu. The amendment was supported by the sponsor. A substantial report was presented to the Assembly in October 2013, which included 15 recommendations, acknowledged by the committee to be beyond the scope of the bill, but considered to be reflective of the many addictions-related concerns raised by the public during the review.

In June 2013, the Standing Committee on Government Operations was pleased to present the first report of a review of the public accounts in the 17th Assembly, and the first such report in approximately nine years. In keeping with the committee's commitment to its mandate and to the desire to continue to work at developing greater skills and expertise in the review of public accounts, three committee members, an alternate member, and the committee clerk attended the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC) conference in Regina, Saskatchewan in August 2013. Members and staff enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the best practices being developed for the consideration of public accounts. These lessons were put to good use when the committee conducted its second review of the public accounts in January 2014. The committee was assisted by the staff of the Auditor General of Canada and the staff from the Office of the Comptroller General in the GNWT's Department of Finance.

The committee produced its second report in February 2014: *Report on the Review of the 2012-2013 Public Accounts*. In the report, the committee commended the Comptroller General and his staff for their dedication to completing the public accounts at the earliest possible date, thereby assisting the committee in conducting a timely review.

The standing committee has devoted much of its time over this fiscal year to two additional projects. The committee is conducting a statutory review of the *Official Languages Act*, examining the administration, implementation, and effectiveness of the provisions of the *Act*.

The second project was in response to a motion of House, adopted in March 2013, directing the standing committee to research, review, and analyse the potential role of an ombudsman, including options for implementing such an office in the Northwest Territories.

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

Researcher – Alicia Tumchewics

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

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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.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the committee held 57 meetings on a wide variety of topics including departmental budgets, the Economic Opportunities and Mineral Development Strategies, the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project, the NWT Power System and Energy Plans, and the ongoing development of policy and regulations on hydraulic fracturing.

The committee concluded its extensive work on Bill 3: *Wildlife Act* during the 2013-14 fiscal year, which included public hearings held throughout the territory during April and June. The committee visited Tulita, Norman Wells, Tsiigehtchic, Dettah, Hay River, Fort Smith, Yellowknife, Sachs Harbour, Inuvik, Fort Simpson, Nahanni Butte, and Behchokò. Additionally, the committee reviewed *Bill 5: An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicles Act*, *Bill 13: An Act to Repeal the Curfew Act*, and *Bill 14: An Act to Repeal the Pawnbrokers and Second-Hand Dealers Act*.

Between September 29 and October 4, 2013, representatives of the Standing Committee joined a delegation led by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment on a tour of the Bakken shale formation in Saskatchewan and North Dakota as part of developing the Northwest Territories' policy approach to hydraulic fracturing.

In November, the committee tabled its Report on the Bakken Shale Formation Tour 2013, emphasizing key lessons learned during the tour, such as the need for effective planning and preparation prior to development.

Strategic infrastructure and policy development has 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.



Economic Development and Infrastructure at a Public Hearing for the *Motor Vehicles Act*

WHAT WE DO

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

Research Analyst – Patricia Langlois

The Standing Committee on Social Programs monitors and reports on the often complex issues surrounding health, education, and justice which affect the wellbeing of the residents of the Northwest Territories.

The committee provides oversight and recommendations to the Departments of Health and Social Services; Justice; Education, Culture and Employment; and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. This committee also reviews issues relating to the Status of Women Council; programs for seniors, youth, and persons with disabilities; and actively monitors the initiatives of the Social Envelope Committee of Cabinet. The oversight role involves detailed study and analysis of departmental business plans, budgets, programs, policies, and legislation.

The committee was very active during the 2013-2014 fiscal year, holding 53 meetings, both in the capital and throughout the territory.

Much of the fiscal year was spent reviewing and providing input on several very ambitious departmental initiatives. The committee reviewed and commented on the Framework for Early Childhood Development, the Strategic Framework on the Elimination of Poverty, the Education Renewal and Innovation Framework, and the Mental Health and Addictions Strategy. The committee continued to provide a focused response to the departmental actions plans associated with these initiatives. In December 2013, departmental budgets came under committee scrutiny during the main estimates review.

The committee was also very actively involved in the consideration and public review of nine pieces of legislation during the fiscal year. Two bills garnered particular public interest. Bill 12: *An Act to Amend the Education Act* dealt with the subject of bullying in territorial schools. Following formal motions in the House urging the government to develop legislation to address this issue, the committee was pleased to see the bill come forward in June 2013. The Standing Committee on Social Programs conducted extensive public consultation on the bill, holding eight hearings in four communities. For the first time, the committee held meetings in schools in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Hay River, and Norman Wells to solicit the views of students regarding legislation that would directly affect them. The committee also met with students in Mangilaluk School in Tuktoyaktuk through the video e-learning link in Inuvik. As a direct result of the public consultation, the Standing Committee on Social Programs introduced three amendments to Bill 12 during the committee review and, with the concurrence of the Minister, all three were adopted. A substantial report on Bill 12, outlining the concerns raised by the public, was presented to the Assembly in October 2013 and included 16 recommendations to further address the issue of bullying.

Bill 4: *Health Information Act* also generated a great deal of public interest. A public hearing held in

WHAT WE DO

Yellowknife was well attended with both written and oral submissions presented to the committee. In response to the public concerns, the committee proposed two amendments to the bill, both of which were adopted during the committee review stage, with the concurrence of the Minister. The report by the committee on the review of the bill contained eight recommendations reflecting the concerns and cautions expressed by the public during the review.

Additional legislation considered by the Committee in 2013-14 included the *Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act*, *An Act to Amend the Protection Against Family Violence Act*, *An Act to Amend the Justices of the Peace Act*, and the *Apology Act*.

Rules and Procedures

Chair – Bob Bromley

Deputy Chair – Hon. Glen Abernethy

Members – Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Kevin Menicoche

Alternates – Alfred Moses, Daryl Dolynny, Hon. Robert C. McLeod

Clerk – Gail Bennett

Research Analyst – Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures enquires into matters referred 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.

The committee met only twice during the fiscal year. The purpose of the meetings was to review the *Auxiliary Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Northwest Territories on Issues Arising from the 2011 General Election*. The report was the result of a request by the standing committee to have the CEO return with additional research and recommendations on voter identification requirements; polling day; the definition of broadcasting; options for new special voting opportunities; campaign financing provisions; and enforcement powers.

The committee held the first of two public hearings with the Chief Electoral Officer in Yellowknife on February 27, 2014, with plans to continue the discussion in May 2014, and produce a report.

WHAT WE DO

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 Board is accountable to individual Members and the House, with its powers set out in the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*. The responsibilities of the Board include, but are not limited to: preparing budget estimates for the Assembly; providing appropriate 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 of Management in the 16th Assembly included the Speaker (who acts as Chairperson of the Board), one Member of the Executive Council and three regular Members, other than the Speaker and Deputy Speaker. Changes to the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, effective at the commencement of the 17th Assembly, changed the composition of the Board to include the Speaker, two Members of the Executive Council and two regular Members, other than the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

HIGHLIGHTS

Visiting Dignitaries

October 31, 2013 Courtesy meeting with His Excellency Membathisi Mdladlana, South African High Commissioner to Canada

September 8, 2013

2013 Northern Tour for the Heads of Diplomatic Missions

(in order of precedence)

His Excellency Georges de la Roche du Ronzet Plihal
Ambassador of the Republic of Guatemala

His Excellency Kaarlo Arnold M. Murto
Ambassador of the Republic of Finland

His Excellency Jose Antonio Raymundo Bellina Acevedo
Ambassador of the Republic of Peru

His Excellency Werner Franz Wnendt
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Her Excellency Dienne Hardianti Moehario
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia

His Excellency Carlos Gomen-Mugica Sanz
Ambassador of Spain

His Excellency Luis Carlos Delgado Murillo
Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica

Her Excellency Mona Elizabeth Brother
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway

His Excellency Junsai Zhang
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

His Excellency Arno Riedel
Ambassador of the Republic of Austria

Her Excellency Hayati Binti Ismail
High Commissioner for Malaysia

His Excellency Tuncay Babali
Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey

His Excellency Thordur Aegir Oskarsson
Ambassador of Iceland

His Excellency Nirmal Kumar Verma
High Commissioner for the Republic of India

His Excellency Konstantin Zhigalov
Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan

His Excellency Nicolas Lloreda Ricaurte
Ambassador of the Republic of Columbia

His Excellency Hee Yong Cho
Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

His Excellency Gian Lorenzo Cornado
Ambassador of the Italian Republic

His Excellency Membathisi Mphumzi S. Mdladlana
High Commissioner for the Republic of South Africa

His Excellency Norihiro Okuda
Ambassador of Japan

HIGHLIGHTS

Significant Initiatives and Projects

CAPA Conference

In September 2013, the NWT Legislative Assembly hosted the 14th annual Canadian Association of Parliamentary Administrators (CAPA) Conference in Yellowknife. This conference drew over forty senior administration representatives from all Legislative Assemblies across Canada to address matters relating to finance, human resources and information technology.

It provided our legislature with an opportunity to showcase the NWT and the Legislative Assembly building to our guests, and provide a unique and memorable Northern sharing and learning experience.



2013 CAPA Conference Delegates

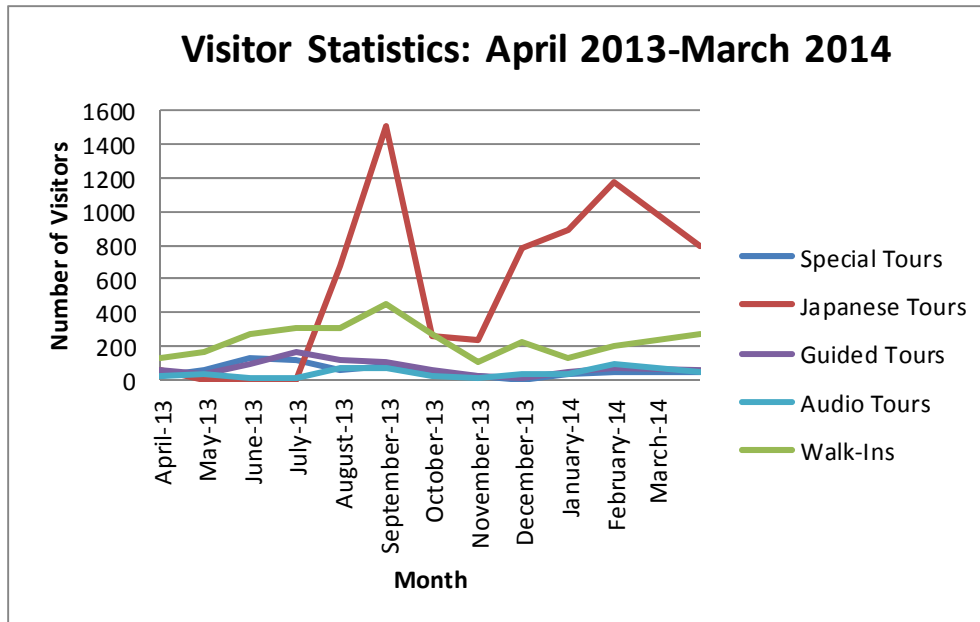
Direct-to-Home Satellite Broadcasting

In April 2013, the NWT, in partnership with the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, made application to the CRTC to be granted must carry status on satellite distributors. A decision was released by the CRTC on August 8, 2013, to require mandatory carriage of the legislatures' televised proceedings on the digital basic service of the direct-to-home satellite broadcasting distribution undertakings serving Nunavut and the Northwest Territories.

Being granted must carry status on satellite services improves access to the proceedings of our respective legislatures for rural and remote communities in the NWT and Nunavut. The proceedings of both legislatures are now being carried on Shaw and ExpressVu Direct-to-Home satellite on a shared channel that is nation-wide and running twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

HIGHLIGHTS

Visitor Statistics



*During the month of September 2013,
there were a total of 2, 203 visitors to the
Legislative Assembly building*

HOUSE ACTIVITY

House Statistics

	17th Assembly 4th Session May 29 – Nov. 1/13	17th Assembly 5th Session Nov. 4/13 – Mar. 13/14	Fiscal Year Totals	Previous Year's Totals
Sitting Days	18	29	47	55
Hansard Pages	667	1113	1780	2140
Session Hours	59	104	163	204
Minister's Statements	41	64	105	155
Member's Statements	190	271	461	590
Oral Questions	182	373	555	577
Written Questions	4	16	20	43
Petitions	0	3	3	4
Committee Reports	7	5	12	9
Tabled Documents	94	77	171	175
Recorded Votes	11	13	24	16
Bills Introduced	20	25	45	27
Received Royal Assent	20	23	43	26
Government Bills	19	25	45	27
Private Bills	1	0	1	0
Appropriation Bills	5	6	11	15

ACCOUNTABILITY

**INDEMNITIES UNDER SECTION 17(1) & 18(1), ALLOWANCES UNDER SECTIONS 19 & 20
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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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	100,907			6,296	14,542	7,115
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	100,907			8,540	7,271	3,450
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	100,907			3,592	14,542	5,410
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	100,907			7,106	14,542	5,410
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	100,907			6,296	14,542	14,139
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	100,907				14,542	18,384
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
MENICOUCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	100,907			500	14,542	10,310
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	100,907		43,921		14,542	23,086
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	100,907			4,265	7,271	3,450
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	100,907			3,149	10,159	9,562
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	100,907	54,007			7,271	3,450
BROMLEY, Bob	WELLEDEH	100,907			3,149	7,271	3,450
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	100,907			6,296	7,271	3,450
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	100,907	76,747			7,271	3,450

(1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$100,907 for all Members. For income tax reporting purposes, the first

\$1,000 is tax free pursuant to the "Northwest Territories Act", subsection 12(6).

(2) MINISTERIAL AND PREMIER INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$54,007 for Ministers and \$76,747 for Premier.

(3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$43,921 for Speaker.

(4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: \$7,106; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,265;

Chair of Standing Committee (Social Programs, EDI, Government Operations = \$6,296, Priorities & Planning = \$9,278, Rules & Procedures = \$3,149);

Chair of Special Committee: \$3,149; Chair of Caucus: \$3,149.

(5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$7,271 for all Members. Additional Allowance: annual figure of \$7,271

ACCOUNTABILITY

**INDEMNITIES, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Member	Constituency	Constituency Work Expense Budget (Section 29)	Constituency Work Expense Actuals (Section 29)	Capital Accommodation Maximum \$30,572 (Section 24)
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	87,149	85,418	26,880
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	79,709	67,502	-
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	79,709	69,645	-
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	83,960	79,521	30,572
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	83,960	77,352	30,572
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	87,149	77,041	23,418
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	87,149	78,478	-
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	79,709	61,427	-
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	91,401	90,876	30,572
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	87,149	80,486	-
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	90,336	89,407	30,505
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	94,587	83,698	30,559
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	79,709	64,805	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	93,525	90,821	11,124
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	85,024	73,110	-
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	87,149	82,949	-
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	79,709	79,709	-
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	79,709	79,385	-
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	79,709	73,224	-

ACCOUNTABILITY

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, 2014 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	3,935	8,960	11,594			1,919	59,010	85,418	87,149
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	5,114	8,588		200	300	53,300	67,502	79,709
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	11,890	17,640			3,039	37,076	69,645	79,709
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	3,363	8,676	11,197		75	1,919	56,285	79,521	83,960
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	2,805	3,426	5,874				63,253	77,352	83,960
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	11,969	6,964	10,019		990	1,919	45,180	77,041	87,149
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	3,536	3,628	6,462		495	1,919	62,438	78,478	87,149
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	12,821	11,696		200	3,434	33,276	61,427	79,709
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	13,748	5,774	12,807			1,370	57,177	90,876	91,401
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	17,124	6,395	15,874			5,843	35,250	80,486	87,149
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	9,871	5,126	9,510			3,640	61,260	89,407	90,336
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	17,628	6,810	5,200			1,919	52,141	83,698	94,587
DOLLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	-	15,648	14,435		315	1,165	33,242	64,805	79,709
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	16,367	7,111	10,560				56,783	90,821	93,525
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	2,056	3,478	6,157			1,919	59,500	73,110	85,024
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	3,659	252	11,237				67,801	82,949	87,149
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	34	5,790	9,076			220	64,589	79,709	79,709
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	-	18,099	22,571		200	1,268	37,247	79,385	79,709
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	13,100	11,452			672	48,000	73,224	79,709

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

ACCOUNTABILITY

**CONSTITUENCY TRAVEL EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Carbon Offset	Change/ Cancellation Fee	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation & Incidentals	Meals	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	Within NWT	6	546				739	1,863	787	3,935
		Outside NWT									0
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	Within NWT	11	2,735					628		3,363
		Outside NWT									0
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	Within NWT	8	2,523				282			2,805
		Outside NWT									0
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	Within NWT	7	7,520				109	2,250	2,090	11,969
		Outside NWT									0
McLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	Within NWT	1	2,749				20	318	449	3,536
		Outside NWT									0
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT	7	5,894				2,521	677	3,967	13,059
		Outside NWT	1				689				689
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	Within NWT	86	1,228				15,175		328	16,731
		Outside NWT	1							393	393
MENICOHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	Within NWT	12	7,444				1,814		613	9,871
		Outside NWT									0
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	Within NWT	8	5,911		150		3,879	2,887	951	13,778
		Outside NWT	1	2,913			728		209		3,850
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	Within NWT	13	6,301			1,251	3,335	1,963	3,517	16,367
		Outside NWT									0
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	Within NWT	1	643				1,413			2,056
		Outside NWT									0
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	Within NWT	9	1,072				293	1,818	476	3,659
		Outside NWT									0
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	Within NWT									0
		Outside NWT			34						34

ACCOUNTABILITY

**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014
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Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	4,776	1,272		2,912	8,960
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	1,180			3,934	5,114
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	6,964			4,926	11,890
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	4,849	318	142	3,367	8,676
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	272	318	142	2,694	3,426
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	4,934	111		1,919	6,964
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	2,969			659	3,628
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	5,359			7,462	12,821
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	1,031			4,743	5,774
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	4,998			1,397	6,395
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	3,537	898		691	5,126
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	5,979			831	6,810
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	10,926			4,722	15,648
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	1,692	3,271		2,148	7,111
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,841		65	1,572	3,478
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-			252	252
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	370			5,420	5,790
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	11,956		490	5,653	18,099
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	9,002			4,098	13,100

ACCOUNTABILITY

**PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	2,755	8,839	11,594
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	500	8,088	8,588
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	1,750	15,890	17,640
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	500	10,697	11,197
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	500	5,374	5,874
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	1,099	8,920	10,019
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	500	5,962	6,462
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	500	11,196	11,696
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	3,433	9,374	12,807
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	8,617	7,257	15,874
MENICOUCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	-	9,510	9,510
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	-	5,200	5,200
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	900	13,535	14,435
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	-	10,560	10,560
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	3,100	3,057	6,157
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	1,288	9,949	11,237
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	500	8,576	9,076
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	2,925	19,646	22,571
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	500	10,952	11,452

ACCOUNTABILITY

**CAPITAL ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 24
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Rent	Cable/ Internet	Telephone	Utilities	Furniture	Insurance	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	23,400	2,026	161	1,293	-	-	26,880
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	28,200	-	-	-	2,372	-	30,572
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	28,824	-	-	1,748	-	-	30,572
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	21,947	-	-	-	1,471	-	23,418
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	26,700	-	-	-	3,872	-	30,572
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	30,505	-	-	-	-	-	30,505
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	28,800	-	-	-	1,759	-	30,559
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	11,124	-	-	-	-	-	11,124

ACCOUNTABILITY

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, 2013:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$26,820.50
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$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.”

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The following benefits were provided under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013:

Member	Total Benefits Paid
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$0*
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$0*
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$0*
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$33,337.90
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$30,385.99
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).”

No payments were made under this Regulation to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

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.”

a) Medical Travel - during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, the following medical travel benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:

Member	Payment
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$1,758.21
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$170.92

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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, 2013, the following benefits were provided to the Executive Council of the 17th Assembly:

Member	Total of Premiums Paid by the GNWT
Hon. Glen Abernethy	\$3,882.21
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$3,882.21
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$3,882.21
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$3,882.21
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$4,264.76
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$3,882.21
Hon. David Ramsay	\$3,882.21

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, 2013:

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

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Minister Home Travel Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2014

Honourable Robert C. McLeod

Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Inuvik	April 12 – 17, 2013	Air	1,596.30
2	Inuvik	April 20, 2013	Air	824.80
3	Yellowknife	April 24, 2013	Air	125.00
4	Inuvik	April 26 to May 1, 2013	Air	1,574.60
5	Yellowknife	May 2 – 5, 2013	Air	1,574.60
6	Inuvik	June 1 – 2, 2013	Air	1,574.60
7	Inuvik	June 7 – 23, 2013	Air	1,574.60
8	Inuvik	June 28 – July 2, 2013	Air	1,574.60
9	Inuvik	July 5, 2013	Air	824.80
10	Yellowknife	Aug. 21 – 23, 2013	Air	1,574.60
11	Yellowknife	Sept 10 – 13, 2013	Air	1,575.00
12	Yellowknife	Oct. 2 – 4, 2013	Air	1,574.60
13	Yellowknife	Oct. 14 – 25, 2013	Air	1,499.00
14	Yellowknife	Oct. 27, 2013	Air	787.00
15	Inuvik	Nov. 8 - 16, 2013	Air	1,574.60
16	Inuvik	Nov. 23, 2013	Air	824.80
17	Yellowknife	Nov. 27 – 29, 2013	Air	1,574.60
18	Yellowknife	Dec. 2, 2013	Air	824.80
19	Inuvik	Dec. 13, 2013	Air	590.00
20	Yellowknife	Jan. 10 – 12, 2014	Air	1,729.00
21	Inuvik	Jan. 16 – 21, 2014	Air	1,574.60
22	Inuvik	Jan. 26 – Feb. 2, 2014	Air	1,574.60
23	Inuvik	Feb. 14 – 16, 2014	Air	1,592.60
24	Inuvik	Feb. 28 – Mar. 2, 2014	Air	1,574.60
25	Inuvik	Mar. 13 – 28, 2014	Air	1,574.60
26	Yellowknife	Mar. 28 – 30, 2014 (Canc)	Air	75.00
TOTAL				33,337.90

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Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger

Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Fort Smith	April 5 – 18, 2013	Air	642.73
2	Fort Smith	April 12 – 15, 2013	Air	642.73
3	Fort Smith	April 19 – 22, 2013	Air	642.73
4	Fort Smith	April 24 – May 6, 2013	Air	642.73
5	Fort Smith	May 7 – 8, 2013	Air	642.73
6	For Smith	May 8 - 9, 2013	Air	642.73
7	Yellowknife	May 21, 2013	Air	321.36
8	Fort Smith	May 24 – 27, 2013	Air	642.73
9	Fort Smith	May 27 – 28, 2013	Air	642.73
10	Fort Smith	May 31 – June 2, 2013	Air	642.73
11	Fort Smith	June 7 – 10, 2013	Air	642.73
12	Fort Smith	June 14 – 18, 2013	Air	642.73
13	Fort Smith	June 20 – 24, 2013	Air	642.73
14	Fort Smith	June 28 – July 2, 2013	Air	642.73
15	Fort Smith	July 5 - 8, 2013	Air	642.73
16	Fort Smith	July 14, 2013	Air	321.36
17	Yellowknife	July 16, 2013	Air	642.73
18	Yellowknife	July 19 - 22, 2013	Air	642.73
19	Yellowknife	July 25, 2013	Air	642.73
20	Yellowknife	July 29 – 31, 2013	Air	642.73
21	Yellowknife	Aug. 12 – 15, 2013	Air	642.73
22	Yellowknife	Aug. 18 – 22, 2013	Air	642.73
23	Yellowknife	Aug. 26 – 29, 2013	Air	642.73
24	Yellowknife	Sept. 3 – 6, 2013	Air	642.73
25	Yellowknife	Sept 9 - 13, 2013	Air	642.73
26	Yellowknife	Sept. 16 – 20, 2013	Air	642.73
27	Yellowknife	Sept. 23 - 27, 2013	Air	642.73
28	Yellowknife	Sept. 30 – Oct. 4, 2013	Air	642.73
29	Yellowknife	Oct. 6, 2013	Air	321.36
30	Yellowknife	Oct. 15, 2013	Air	321.37

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Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger

Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014

31	Fort Smith	Oct. 25 – 27, 2013	Air	642.73
32	Fort Smith	Nov. 1 – 3, 2013	Air	642.73
33	Fort Smith	Nov. 8 – 12, 2013	Ground/Air	481.07
34	Yellowknife	Nov. 15, 2013	Air	321.36
35	Yellowknife	Nov. 18 – 22, 2013	Air	642.73
36	Yellowknife	Nov. 25 – 29, 2013	Air	642.73
37	Yellowknife	Dec. 2, 2013	Air	321.37
38	Yellowknife	Dec. 9, 2013	Air	339.36
39	Yellowknife	Jan. 6 - 10, 2014	Air	642.73
40	Yellowknife	Jan. 13 - 17, 2014	Air	642.73
41	Yellowknife	Jan. 20 – 24, 2014	Air	642.73
42	Yellowknife	Jan. 27 – 31, 2014	Air	642.73
43	Yellowknife	Feb. 3, 2014	Air	642.73
44	Yellowknife	Feb. 4 – 7, 2014	Air	642.73
45	Yellowknife	Feb. 9 – 14, 2014	Air	642.73
46	Yellowknife	Feb. 16 – 21, 2014	Air	642.73
47	Yellowknife	Feb. 23, 2014	Air	321.36
48	Fort Smith	Mar. 2, 2014	Air	321.36
49	Fort Smith	Mar. 7 – 9, 2014	Air	642.73
50	Fort Smith	Mar. 13 – 18, 2014	Air	642.73
51	Fort Smith	Mar. 20 - 24, 2014	Air	642.73
52	Fort Smith	Mar. 27 – 31, 2014	Air	642.73
TOTAL				30,385.99

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Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories 2013-2014 Financial Summary for Operations

	(thousands of dollars)		
By Activity	2013-2014 Actuals	2013-2014 Revised Estimates	2013-2014 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	3,969	3,477	3,477
Amortization	888	891	891
Other Expenses	<u>3,681</u>	<u>3,370</u>	<u>3,370</u>
	8,538	7,738	7,738
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	139	142	142
Contributions	60	0	0
Other Expenses	<u>205</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>196</u>
	404	338	338
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	5,879	6,187	6,185
Other Expenses	<u>1,533</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>1,749</u>
	7,412	7,936	7,934
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	475	428	428
Other Expenses	<u>174</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>198</u>
	649	626	626
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Compensation and Benefits	708	725	725
Grants and Contributions	250	250	250
Other Expenses	<u>695</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>628</u>
	1,653	1,603	1,603
TOTAL	18,656	18,241	18,239

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Board of Management

Policies Respecting Members' Indemnities, Allowances and Expenses

Record of Decision – BOM 241-17-2013 Administering NWT Flags from Constituency Budget

On November 4, 2013, the Board of Management authorized the allotment of five flags per year per Member which Members may present to groups of constituents, or organizations within the Member's constituency.

Record of Decision – BOM 265-27-2013 Meetings with Election Officials

On November 26, 2013, the Board of Management directed that Members may be reimbursed under the Constituency Work Expense Allowance for meal expenses related to meetings with a group of two or more elected leaders.

Record of Decision – BOM 284-17-2014 Policy Changes to Members Handbook

On February 4, 2014, the Board of Management approved draft policy changes pertaining to place of residence; relocation costs under the capital accommodation allowance; rental accommodation arrangements; accommodation and two weekend travel entitlement under sessional travel.

Record of Decision – BOM 292-17-2014 Promotion Item

On February 18, 2014, the Board of Management authorized the addition of picnic kits to the list of promotional items that Members may purchase through the Constituency Work Expense Allowance.

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Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences Attended by Members

- Jan. 30 – Feb. 2, 2014 **31st Canadian Presiding Officers Conference**
Ottawa, Ontario
MLAs Jackie Jacobson & Wendy Bisaro
- Aug. 28 – Sept. 6, 2013 **59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference,**
Johannesburg, South Africa
MLAs Jackie Jacobson & Robert Bouchard
- July 14 – 20, 2013 **51st Canadian Regional Conference**
Edmonton, Alberta
MLAs Jackie Jacobson, Jane Groenewegen & Frederick Blake Jr.

OUR TEAM



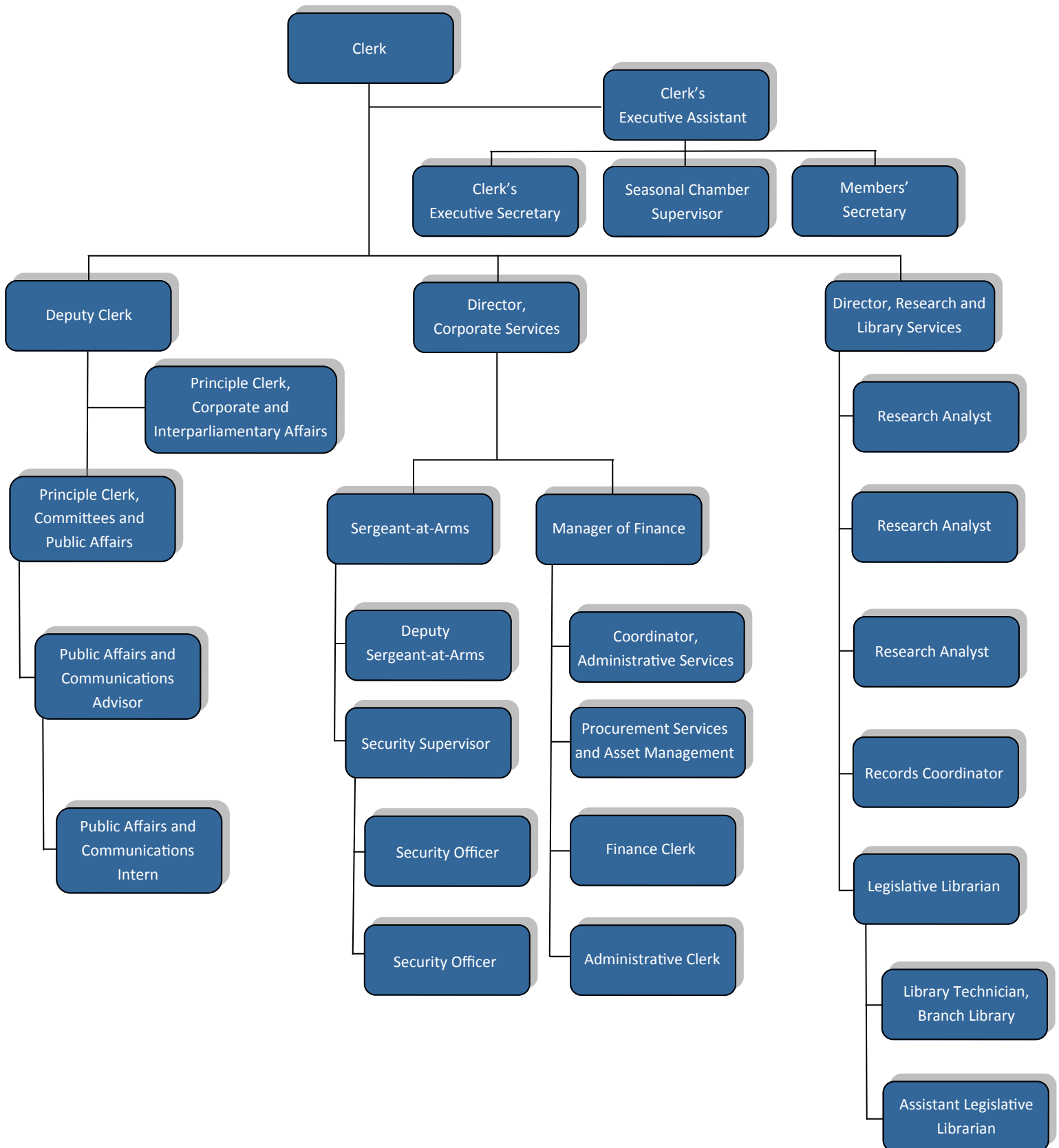
The staff of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

The Clerk reports directly to the Speaker and is the senior procedural advisor to the Speaker, individual Members, and the House, including its committees and officers. The Clerk is also responsible for the administrative leadership of the Office of the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the direction of the Speaker and the Board of Management.

The Office of the Clerk provides a wide range of support services to the House, the Speaker, committees, Members, and statutory officers of the Legislative Assembly. These include administrative, communications and public relations, facility management, financial, library, policy and planning, procedural advice, procurement, security, and research and library services. In addition to the services provided directly by 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.

The Office of the Clerk is comprised of the Clerk's office and three divisions: Corporate Services, Deputy Clerk, and Research, Library and Information Services.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OUR TEAM



(L to R): Berna Base, Executive Secretary; Tanis Stirling, Chamber Supervisor; Haylee Carlson, Executive Assistant; Gail Bennett, Principal Clerk of Corporate and Interparliamentary Affairs; Doug Schauerte, Deputy Clerk; Tim Mercer, Clerk; Michael Ball, Principal Clerk and Public Affairs; Danielle Mager, Public Affairs and Communications Advisor; Cynthia James, Members' Secretary

Clerk's Office

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

The Clerk reports directly to the Speaker for the efficient administration of the Assembly and its support services. The position is also responsible for 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.

Recognizing the importance of fostering a better understanding of the Northwest Territories and consensus style of government, the Office of the Clerk provides numerous pamphlets, information packages, education videos, tours, and other promotional material.

CLERK'S MESSAGE

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ms. Colette Langlois, who performed the duties of Clerk of the Legislative Assembly for most of the year in question. A great deal was accomplished in the last year and many of the successes we saw are thanks to the dedicated and professional work of the staff of the Assembly.

The Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is mandated to provide apolitical, independent, and objective advice to all MLAs, the Speaker and standing committee of the House. This is no easy task when you are at the centre of a political organization like ours. Year after year, I am impressed with the ability of all of our staff to walk this fine line and discharge their duties in an expert manner.

I want to thank each and every one of them for their efforts and encourage them to continue to learn, grow, and add to the evolution of this important territorial institution.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears 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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