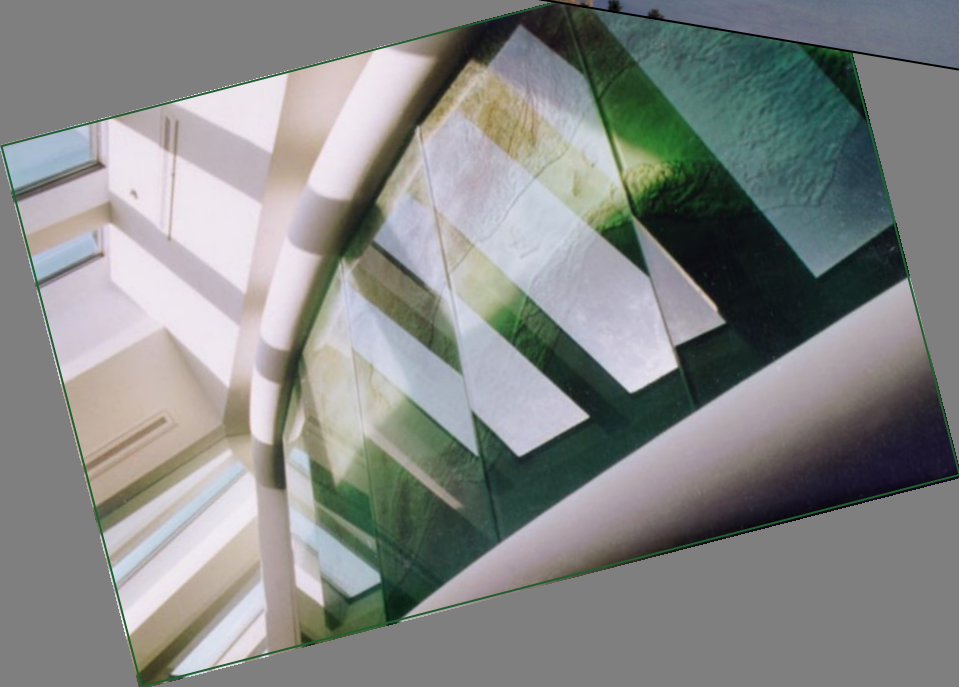
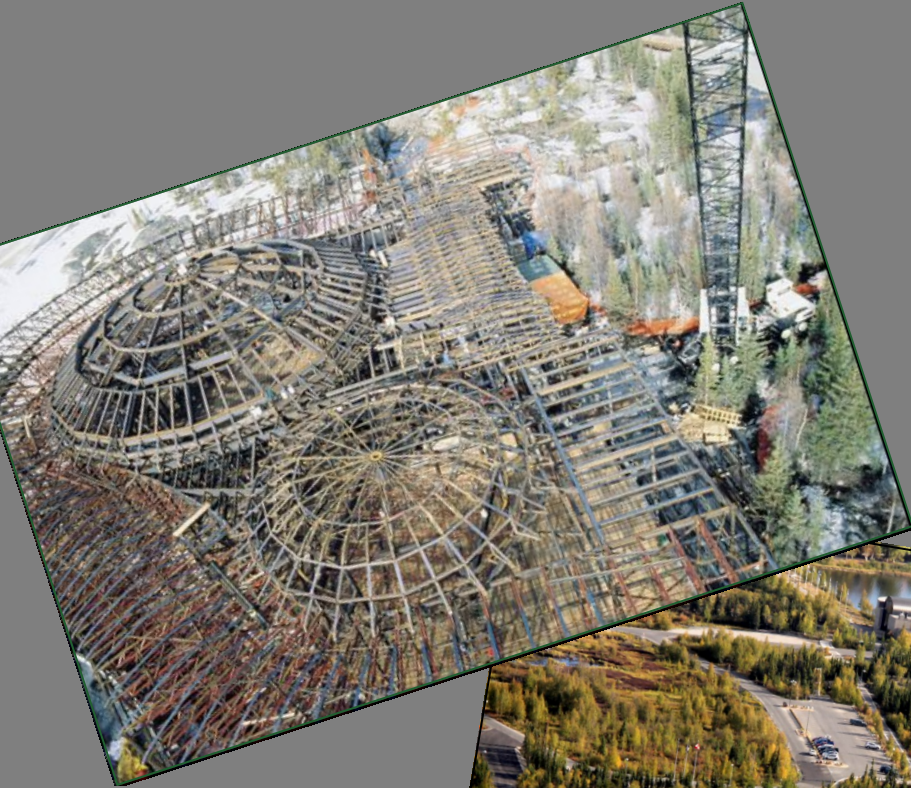


2012-2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories



*Honouring our Past,
Embracing our Future*



SPEAKER'S MESSAGE



I am pleased to present the second annual report of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly. This report is intended to provide information about the Legislative Assembly's operations and activities, and a consolidation of several accountability reports. It reflects an ongoing commitment by myself and my predecessors to an accountable and open Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly Chamber was the site of some important developments in our evolution as a legislature in 2012-2013. The Commissioner's Address at the opening of the Third Session on May 23, 2012 departed from the past convention of a primarily ceremonial welcome, and instead presented a comprehensive overview of the Government's agenda for the coming months. This new approach brings us into line with the practices of other Canadian legislatures, and represents a significant milestone in our political development.

On March 11, 2013, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, joined Aboriginal leaders and Members of the Legislative Assembly in the Chamber to announce the completion of a draft final agreement for devolution of lands and resources. This agreement will expand the authorities and responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly, which will in turn affect our operations and internal structures in the years to come.

Just a few months ago, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Legislative Assembly building. This was a special time, and has caused us to reflect more than usual on how far our legislature has come in the past two decades, and the future of this 'Place of the People'. It is my hope that all northerners share in the pride we have for this truly unique and beautiful structure that so powerfully symbolizes our distinct heritage, our present strength, and our potential for excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Jacobson'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial 'J' and 'A'.

Hon. Jackie Jacobson, Speaker
Legislative Assembly of the NWT

February 13, 2014

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Legislative Assembly's annual report for the 2012-13 fiscal year follows up on its ongoing commitment to transparency and public accountability. "This report provides information about the Legislative Assembly's operations and activities. It provides a clear window into what we do," notes Speaker Jackie Jacobson. 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, the Assembly celebrated the final mortgage payment on the beautiful building which became its home twenty years ago. The event was a fitting occasion to promote the evolution of responsible government, to educate northerners and all Canadians, and record important history of the Northwest Territories. A section of this report is dedicated to the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

The section entitled *Who We Are* covers the basics of how our government works and introduces the Speaker, Cabinet, 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 Elders' Parliament. Members' standing committees met on more than 200 occasions in 2012-13: a brief summary of their work is 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 organizational chart. Each year, *Our Team* focuses on one division of the Clerk's Office – in this report, the work done by the eight employees who deliver Research, Library and Information Services.

As Acting Clerk Colette Langlois notes in her concluding message, "the Legislative Assembly is no ordinary workplace." Indeed, it is extraordinary: the work done here is for the benefit of the people of the Northwest Territories. This annual report provides an outline of that work; a great deal more information is available on the new Legislative Assembly website.

RÉSUMÉ

L'Assemblée législative rédige le présent rapport annuel sur l'exercice financier 2012-2013 dans le but de respecter son engagement permanent de transparence à l'égard du public et de reddition de compte. « Le rapport annuel fournit des renseignements concernant le fonctionnement et les activités de l'Assemblée législative et offre une vision claire de ce que nous faisons », mentionne Jackie Jacobson, président de l'Assemblée législative. Le présent rapport contient des renseignements détaillés concernant les finances de l'Assemblée législative, des résumés et des faits saillants opérationnels, des rapports sur le travail des comités ainsi qu'une vue d'ensemble du système de gouvernement par consensus des Territoires du Nord-Ouest.

En 2013, l'Assemblée législative a effectué le dernier paiement hypothécaire sur le superbe édifice qui l'abrite depuis plus de vingt ans et en a profité pour fêter l'évènement. Le moment était propice pour promouvoir l'évolution du gouvernement responsable, pour éduquer les Téois et les Canadiens ainsi que pour témoigner de moments d'histoire importants pour les Territoires du Nord-Ouest. Le présent rapport comporte une section consacrée au 20^e anniversaire de l'Assemblée législative.

La section intitulée *Qui sommes-nous? (Who We Are)* contient des informations sur les règles principes de base du fonctionnement de notre gouvernement et présente le président, les ministres, le premier ministre, les simples députés et les titulaires de charges créées par une loi.

La section *Que faisons-nous? (What We Do)*, présente une vue d'ensemble du travail réalisé par l'Assemblée législative et les bureaux qui y sont liés; notamment, les programmes de sensibilisation et d'éducation comme le Programme des pages et le Parlement des aînés. Les comités permanents formés de députés se sont rencontrés plus de 200 fois en 2012-2013. Un résumé de leur travail figure aussi dans cette section.

La section intitulée *Faits saillants (Highlights)* traite de certaines conférences et visites officielles importantes qui ont eu lieu ainsi que des statistiques concernant les visites à l'Assemblée législative. Les visites guidées de l'Assemblée législative sont très populaires et l'édifice est ouvert au public 362 jours par année.

La section *Travaux de l'Assemblée législative (House Activity)* traite, dans une certaine mesure, des travaux de l'Assemblée législative, comme le nombre de jours de séances, les questions posées et les projets de loi étudiés et adoptés.

La section *Reddition de comptes (Accountability)* contient des renseignements concernant les dépenses des députés dans chaque circonscription, les avantages sociaux des députés, les frais de divertissement, les frais de déplacement des députés entre leur domicile et l'Assemblée législative et autres indemnités semblables. Vous y trouverez aussi un résumé financier des coûts de fonctionnement de l'Assemblée législative.

Enfin, la section *Notre équipe (Our Team)* présente les membres du personnel de l'Assemblée législative et contient un organigramme. Chaque année, la section *Notre équipe* traite de l'une des divisions du bureau du greffier. Cette année, les huit employés qui travaillent aux services de recherche, de bibliothèque et d'information sont à l'honneur.

Colette Langlois, greffière intérimaire, conclut que « l'Assemblée législative est un lieu de travail hors du commun ». C'est bien vrai, le personnel de l'Assemblée législative s'affaire pour servir les intérêts des Téois et le présent rapport donne un aperçu de ce travail. Pour de plus amples renseignements, consultez le nouveau site Web de l'Assemblée législative.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Legislative Assembly building on the shores of Frame Lake
Credit: Bill Braden

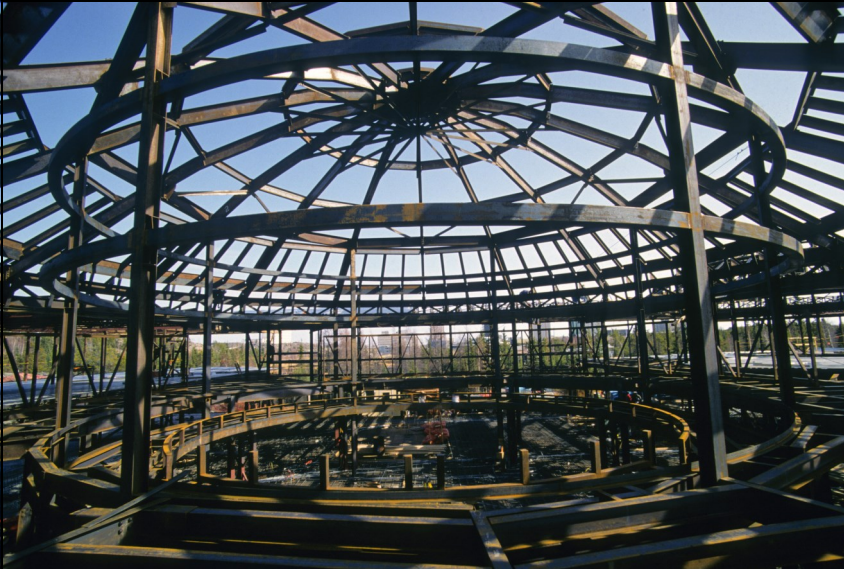
The Legislative Assembly building, on the northeast shore of Frame Lake in Yellowknife, is a work of art in itself. Designed to complement the surrounding natural landscape, the building's circular shapes represent the consensus style of government practiced in the Northwest Territories and the aboriginal cultures of northern Canada. Since 1951, the Legislative Assembly has held sessions in federal committee rooms, northern classrooms, gymnasiums, banquet halls, hotels and other temporary locations. In 1990, Speaker Richard Nerysoo announced the decision to construct a long-awaited permanent Legislative Assembly building.

Two Northwest Territories architectural and engineering firms, Pin Matthews and Ferguson Simek Clark, already well-known for their northern designs, worked with Matsuzaki Architects of Vancouver, B.C. to create a 46,600-square-foot building that reflects the people, cultures, and governance system of the Northwest Territories. Extra effort was made to preserve the natural surroundings of the area, symbolizing aboriginal peoples' traditional treatment of land. Members from outside the capital city wanted to feel at home while in Yellowknife, so their offices were situated to provide a beautiful view of Frame Lake.



6th Legislative Assembly Council in session in the Yellowknife Elks Hall.
Commissioner Stuart Hodgson is seen standing (NWT Archives, 1967)

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Legislative Assembly building construction photos

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Development on the capital area site has been limited in partnership with the City of Yellowknife. The Speaker has the only office with a view of the City of Yellowknife. This symbolizes the Speaker's leadership role as the person who welcomes dignitaries and visitors to the capital.

Members emphasized to the designers the importance of natural light in the new building, especially after long winter sittings in previous venues. Most rooms in the building have large windows, skylights, or even glass walls.

The Chamber is at the heart of the building. The room is circular, representing our consensus system of government. The circle is also an important shape in aboriginal cultures: the tipi, the igloo, and the drum are all round, as are healing circles. This unique shape was chosen to avoid the confrontational appearance of most legislatures. Rather than opposing benches distanced two sword lengths apart, members' desks are arranged in a circle around the Speaker's chair, symbolizing a unity of purpose. Aboriginal artwork adorns the Chamber, along with a polar bear hide rug in the centre of the floor. The Speaker's chair and Clerk's table were both gifts from the Parliament of Canada.

The building was officially opened on November 17, 1993 and celebrated its 20th year with an event on November 1st, 2013. The building and Chamber floor were open to the public; the Speaker unveiled portraits of former Premiers and Speakers of the Northwest Territories, design concepts for a waterfront park, and signage for the Legislative Assembly building. There was live entertainment by trade Northern artists, and also drumming from the Dene and Inuvialuit groups.



Top: Legislative Assembly Chamber

Bottom: Great Hall during construction

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Legislative Assembly 20th anniversary celebration photos



THE PLACE OF THE PEOPLE

The floor-to-ceiling windows looking into the Great Hall, as well as the windows between the Great Hall and the Chamber, highlight the concepts of openness and transparency in consensus government and the idea that the Great Hall and the Assembly are readily accessible to the people of the Northwest Territories. The Great Hall was designed to be well-used by the public and is open 362 days a year. People may use this space free of charge for a wide range of events, including concerts, cultural events and weddings. Below photos are events that have taken place in the Great Hall of the Legislative Assembly over the years.



WHO WE ARE



Speaker Jacobson and Clerks during the 4th session of the 17th Legislative Assembly

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.

WHO WE ARE

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

WHO WE ARE

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.



Members of the 17th Legislative Assembly during the opening of the Fourth Session of the 17th Legislative Assembly

WHO WE ARE

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.



Speaker Jacobson addressing the crowd at the 20th anniversary celebration



Speaker Jacobson with Ontario Interns, 2013

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.

WHO WE ARE

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

WHO WE ARE

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 was appointed as Director of Human Rights effective November 2012 replacing Ms. Therese Boullard.

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

Did you know

There are eleven official languages in the NWT: Chipweyan, Cree, English, French, Gwich'in, Inuinnaqtun, Inuktitut, Inuvialuktun, North Slavey, South Slavey and Tłıchǵ.

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.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the NWT Languages Commissioner was Ms. Sarah Jerome.

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.

WHO WE ARE

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.

During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner was Mr. Gerald Gerrand.

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.

Did you know:

The Chief Electoral Officer is an officer of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. The CEO is appointed by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories to a four year term, following a recommendation to appoint by the Legislative Assembly. The CEO reports to the Legislative Assembly through the Speaker.

WHAT WE DO

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 and Sergeant-at-Arms during the 5th Session of the 17th Legislative Assembly, 2013

Pages by constituency for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year

Pages	Community	Constituency	MLA
2	Déljne	Sahtu	Norman Yakelaya
2	Gamèti	Monfwi	Jackson Lafferty
2	Inuvik	Inuvik Boot Lake	Alfred Moses
2	Fort Smith	Thebacha	Michael Miltenberger
2	Fort Providence	Dehcho	Michael Nadli
2	Aklavik	Mackenzie Delta	Frederick Blake Jr.
2	Hay River	Hay River South	Jane Groenewegen
2	Jean Marie River	Nahendeh	Kevin Menicoche

WHAT WE DO

Elders' Parliament

Nineteen respected elders from across the Northwest Territories took part in the 2nd Biennial Elders' Parliament during the week of May 7-11, 2012. The elders gathered in the capital city for three days of meetings and presentations in advance of the Elders Parliament session, in which they assumed the roles of their respective Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The elders received presentations entitled 'Elders in Motion', 'Elder Abuse' and 'Healthy Choices' before debating topics that included 'Care and Respect for Elders', proposed changes to the Public Housing Rent Scales and the establishment of an Elders' ombudsman position.

Elders' Parliament is an integral component of the educational outreach programs offered at the Legislative Assembly. The next Elders' Parliament will be held in 2014.



Elders' Parliament 2012

Kindergarten Christmas Trees



Students from K'alemi Dene School come to the legislature to decorate a tree

From November 30 to December 5, 2012 the Legislative Assembly invited kindergarten students from Yellowknife, Dettah, and N'dilo to decorate Christmas trees in the Great Hall. This program has been offered to kindergartners and their teachers since the Legislative Assembly building opened in 1993. It is a tradition that leads up to the Christmas Lights Across Canada event on the first Thursday in December. All capital cities across Canada light up their legislatures on the same day.

WHAT WE DO

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 – Kevin Menicoche

Deputy Chair – Daryl Dolynny

Members – Wendy Bisaro, Frederick Blake Jr., Robert Bouchard, Bob Bromley, Daryl Dolynny, Jane Groenewegen, Robert Hawkins, Alfred Moses, Michael M. Nadli, Norman Yakeleya

Clerk – Doug Schauerte

Research Analyst – Colette Langlois

The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning continues to carry out its mandate to consider issues which have government-wide implications including matters such as devolution and the overview of the budget and fiscal framework.

The Committee held 89 meetings during the 2012-13 reporting period with a particular focus on financial and business planning issues as well as on the Northwest Territories Lands and Resources Devolution Agreement.

The Committee, which is comprised of the eleven Regular Members, focused much of its time and energy on issues with wide-ranging implications for northern residents including matters such as early childhood development, mental health and addictions programming and the high cost of living. The Committee took extra effort to coordinate ‘Theme Days’ on these topics when the House was in session to ensure adequate profile and resources were directed towards these important initiatives.

Large-scale infrastructure projects also received a high degree of scrutiny and attention from the Committee due to their substantive impacts on the northern economy and quality of life. The Deh Cho Bridge Project, Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway and Mackenzie Valley Fibre Link Project were of particular import to Committee Members.

The Committee places a great deal of emphasis on its responsibility for holding the government to account. As the ‘unofficial opposition’ in our consensus-style of government, Members keep a watchful eye on the performance of Cabinet Ministers, and departments and offer their observations and suggestions for continuous improvement. A series of meetings with Premier McLeod were held during the 2012-13 fiscal year to ensure this important two-way dialogue was maintained.

Priorities and Planning at a meeting in Inuvik, NT



WHAT WE DO

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 – Jennifer Knowlan

Research Analyst – Marina Devine

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 Legislative Assembly's statutory officers. 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.

Between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013, the Standing Committee on Government Operations held 36 meetings. The committee presented five reports on the Committee's review of the reports of statutory officers: *Report on the Review of the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories*; *Report on the Review of the 2010-2011 Human Rights Commission Annual Report*; *Report on the Review of the Office of the Northwest Territories Languages Commissioner Annual Report 2010-2011*; *Report on the Review of the Status Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly*; and *Report on the Review of the 2011-2012 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report*.

The mandate to review the Public Accounts of the Northwest Territories rests with the Standing Committee on Government Operations. The committee learned that no committee review of the public accounts took place during the previous two Assemblies. The current standing committee proceeded with such a review and, in preparation, met with staff from the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and the Northwest Territories Office of the Comptroller General on December 6 and 7, 2012. The committee received a thorough introduction to public accounts in the Northwest Territories and to the process involved in the preparation and auditing of the public accounts. On March 15, 2013, the committee held a public review of the Public Accounts of the Northwest Territories; the first in nine years.



Government Operations at a Public Hearing in Yellowknife

WHAT WE DO

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 – Jennifer Knowlan

Researcher – Alicia Tumchewics



Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure in Tsiigehtchic, NT

The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Infrastructure continued its efforts to provide value-added oversight and purposeful direction on issues related to lands, water, natural resources, the economy and the environment. The Committee was very busy during the 2012-13 fiscal year, as they held 42 meetings on a wide variety of topics and travelled extensively throughout the territory and southern Canada. The Committee brought focus to their work by conducting a strategic planning retreat during the early part of the year. The Committee's mandate is wide and varied as it has oversight responsibilities for the departments of Environment and Natural Resources; Industry, Tourism and Investment; Municipal and Community Affairs; Public Works and Services and Transportation. The Committee conducted reviews of the business plans for these departments on two separate occasions during the year. The first was held in April 2012 and then again in September 2012.

Economic and resource development initiatives received a great deal of scrutiny and attention during this reporting period. The Committee examined mining industry socio-economic agreements and met with representatives from BHP, Diavik and De Beers to ensure the mines were fulfilling their obligations under their respective agreements. The Committee also focused much of its attention on Sahtu/Central Mackenzie oil and gas activities and exploration readiness. To more fully inform themselves, Members took time to meet with representatives from the Pembina Institute as well as to conduct a study tour on hydraulic fracturing or 'fracking' activities in other parts of Canada.

Strategic policy development was also a consistent thread in the Committee's work in 2012-13. Energy funding and development of the Northwest Territories Energy Action Plan were two areas of particular focus. Dialogue with representatives from the NWT Power Corporation and NWT Energy Corporation on hydro projects formed part of this extended exchange. The Committee also dug deeply into the GNWT's Recreational Leasing Policy and other related land tenure issues. The end of this fiscal year brought a new focus on two important GNWT policy initiatives; the Economic Opportunities Strategy and the Mineral Development Strategy. Work on these two files will continue into the next reporting period.

The Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee received a very informative briefing on the NWT Wildlife Act as the calendar year came to a close in 2012. A great deal of work had been undertaken on this statute during the 16th Legislative Assembly and the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, the Hon. J. Michael Miltenberger, reintroduced a new Wildlife Act to the House in the spring of 2013. The Committee commenced its review of the complex piece of legislation in March 2013 with the first of a series of public hearings being held throughout the territory.

The Committee also reviewed a number of other bills in 2012-13, including the Tlicho Statutes Amendment Act and the Territorial Parks 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 – Lee Selleck

The Standing Committee on Social Programs monitors the Departments of Health and Social Services; Justice; Education, Culture and Employment; and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. This committee reviews issues relating to the Status of Women Council; and programs for seniors, youth and persons with disabilities. The standing committee also actively monitors the initiatives of the Social Envelope Committee of Cabinet.

The Standing Committee on Social Programs held 42 meetings between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013.

During the reporting period, the Assembly referred six bills to the Standing Committee on Social Programs. The committee considered Bill 2: *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2012*; Bill 5: *Legal Aid Act*; Bill 7: *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*; Bill 8: *An Act to Amend the Securities Act*; Bill 12: *An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act, No. 2*; and Bill 13: *An Act to Repeal the Credit Union Act*. Bills 2, 8, 12 and 13 were reported back to the Assembly following public hearings and clause-by-clause reviews in Yellowknife.

The committee's public hearing and clause by clause review of Bills 5 and 7 took place over two days in Yellowknife. The committee received one oral submission and five written submissions on Bill 5: *Legal Aid Act*. The committee then introduced 12 amendments during the clause-by-clause review. Eleven amendments were adopted and concurred with by the Minister. The committee also initiated one amendment to Bill 7: *An Act to Amend the Judicature Act*, which was adopted during the public hearing with the Minister's agreement. The committee reported Bills 5 and 7 back to the Assembly as amended.



Social Programs at a meeting in Hay River, NT

WHAT WE DO

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 – Colette Langlois

The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures enquires into matters referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker, 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 Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures held six meetings and presented three reports to the Assembly during the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

The *Report on the Introduction of Electronic Petitions in the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories* was presented on June 14, 2012. This report was the result of a pilot project done in 2010-2011. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures reviewed the electronic petitions project, and found there is value in providing residents with additional opportunities to interact with government, and that an electronic petitions site offered greater accessibility to residents of the Northwest Territories. In its report, the committee recommended that the Assembly implement an ongoing electronic petitions service alongside traditional petitions, and that any necessary amendments to the Rules of the Legislative Assembly be drafted. The recommendations were introduced and adopted as motions of the House.

The committee presented its *Report on the Use of Tablet Computers in Formal Session of the Legislative Assembly* to the House on November 6, 2012. This report recommended that Members be permitted to use tablet computers during all proceedings in the Chamber except during the prayer, when the Commissioner is present in the Chamber, during the Speaker's opening and closing remarks and rulings, during votes, and at any other time designated by the Speaker. It was also recommended that the use of tablet computers be subject to the discretion of the Speaker at all times. The final recommendation was that any necessary amendments to the Rules of the Legislative Assembly be drafted. These recommendations were introduced and adopted as motions of the House.

The committee's final report for this period was its mandated review of the report of the Chief Electoral Officer. The committee's *Report on the Review of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Administration of the 2011 Election* was presented to the House on March 13, 2013. The report highlighted concerns in several areas identified during the review: the voters' list, voter identification requirements, citizen engagement, training of election officers, use of social media, re-used signage, location of polling stations, and government advertising. During consideration in Committee of the Whole, 23 motions were adopted and concurred with by the House during formal session. Several of the motions directed the Chief Electoral Officer to do further research and provide the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures with further recommendations in a subsequent 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 – Gail Bennett

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.



Board of Management, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Visiting Dignitaries

- March 11, 2013 Speaker and Premier welcome The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, federal Minister of Health; and the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.
- February 13, 2013 Courtesy meeting with Mr. Peter Kujawinski, United States Consul General for Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories.
- June 14, 2012 Courtesy meeting with Mr. Hermann Sitz, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Vancouver.



Premier Bob McLeod, Speaker Jackie Jacobson, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

Significant Initiatives and Projects

Establishment of the 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.

Hosting the National Hansard Conference

The Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories hosted the 39th Annual Conference of the Hansard Association of Canada in Yellowknife from August 13th to 17th, 2012. The thirty nine delegates in attendance included representation from Canada's federal, provincial and territorial legislatures and international representation from the United Kingdom House of Commons, the Scottish Parliament, and the National Assembly for Wales.

The conference program included new advancements affecting Hansard services with sessions on "*Hansard and Social Media: Approaches and Possibilities*", "*To Translate or Not to Translate – Using Open-Access Translation Software in the National Assembly of Wales*", "*Ready or Not – HDTV and New Technologies in Legislative Broadcasting*" and the House of Commons "*Sharing of Parliamentary Information*".

Conference delegates and their accompanying guests also had the opportunity to experience the North with a fish fry, dog-sledding on wheels, and paddling in voyageur canoes, while a few lucky people witnessed Yellowknife's northern lights.



Hansard conference delegates

HIGHLIGHTS

Hosting the Parliamentary Visitor Services Association Conference

The Legislative Assembly of the NWT hosted the Parliamentary Visitor Services Association's annual general meeting and conference in September, 2012. Twelve delegates attended from legislatures across Canada. Topics of this week-long conference ranged from educational outreach programs to centennial building celebrations in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Delegates enjoyed some amazing northern scenery, including some spectacular northern lights.

In-House Security Services

In August 2012 security services for the Legislative Assembly were brought in-house at the conclusion of the previous contract. The somewhat higher cost is offset by improved security, safety and confidence among Members and staff. As an integral part of the Legislative Assembly's organization, the security team has also assumed responsibilities in maintaining an effective protection program.

Audio Visual System Upgrades

The Legislative Assembly's audio-visual system was updated during the summer and fall of 2012. The new system consists of serial digital technology and has high definition capability in many areas.

In the Chamber, much of the audio-visual equipment was replaced. Most of the equipment was updated in the master control room, and reconfigured for increased operational efficiency. Improvements in Committee Room A make it possible to televise meetings held there.



Parliamentary Visitor Services Association Conference Delegates

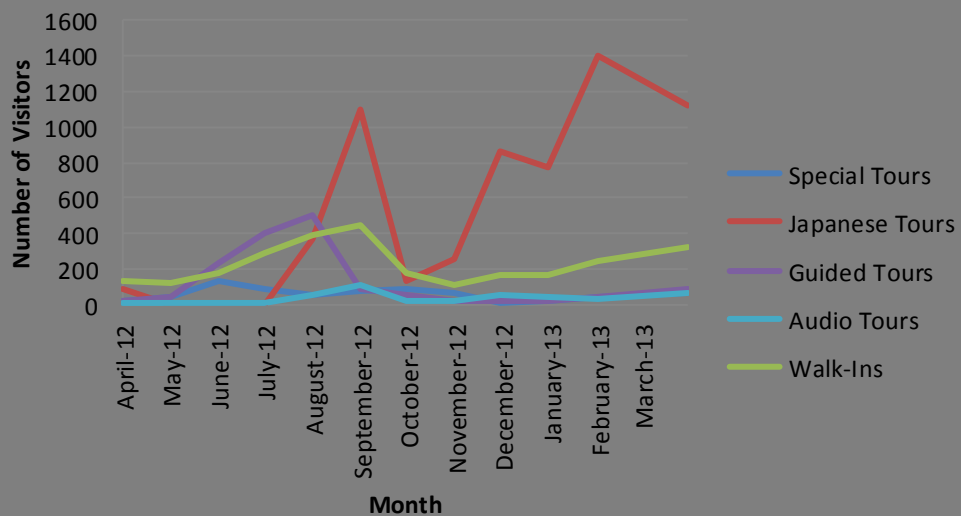
HIGHLIGHTS

Visitor Statistics



Summer student giving a tour to a group of students

Visitor Statistics: April 2012-March 2013



HOUSE ACTIVITY

House Statistics

	17th Assembly 3rd Session May 23 – Nov. 6/12	17th Assembly 4th Session Feb. 6 – March 14/13	Fiscal Year Totals	Previous Year's Totals
Sitting Days	30	25	55	36
Hansard Pages	1659	2652	4311	1114
Session Hours	106	98	204	104
Minister's Statements	100	55	155	109
Member's Statements	337	253	590	389
Oral Questions	327	250	577	404
Written Questions	18	25	43	17
Petitions	3	1	4	3
Committee Reports	7	2	9	12
Tabled Documents	114	61	175	126
Recorded Votes	10	6	16	13
Bills Introduced	17	10	27	30
Received Royal Assent	17	9	26	29
Government Bills	17	10	27	28
Private Bills	0	0	0	2
Appropriation Bills	8	7	15	9

ACCOUNTABILITY

**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, 2013
17TH ASSEMBLY**

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	99,416			6,203	14,328	6,828
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	99,416			4,202	7,164	3,450
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	99,416				14,328	5,187
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	99,416			7,001	14,328	5,187
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	99,416			6,203	14,328	13,827
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	99,416				14,328	17,979
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFwi	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	99,416			9,141	14,328	10,239
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	99,416		43,272		14,328	22,382
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	99,416			4,202	7,164	3,450
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	99,416			3,102	11,502	12,607
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	99,416	53,209			7,164	3,450
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	99,416			3,102	7,164	3,450
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	99,416			6,203	7,164	3,450
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	99,416	75,613			7,164	3,450

(1) MLA ANNUAL INDEMNITY: annual figure of \$99,416 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 \$53,209 for Ministers and \$75,613 for Premier.

(3) SPEAKER: annual figure of \$43,272 for Speaker.

(4) SPECIAL ANNUAL INDEMNITIES FOR EXTRA DUTIES: Deputy Speaker: \$7,001; Deputy Chair, Committee of the Whole: \$4,202;

Chair of Standing Committee (Social Programs, EDI, Government Operations = \$6,203, Priorities & Planning = \$9,141, Rules & Procedures = \$3,102);
Chair of Special Committee: \$3,102; Chair of Caucus: \$3,102.

(5) ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES: Basic Allowance: annual figure of \$7,164 for all Members. Additional Allowance: annual figure of \$7,164 for all Members who do not live within commuting distance of the capital; Ministers are considered to live in Yellowknife and only receive the basic allowance.

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

ACCOUNTABILITY

**INDEMNITIES, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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17TH ASSEMBLY**

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	85,861	85,749	27,816
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	78,531	72,632	-
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	78,531	65,281	-
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	82,719	75,820	30,572
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	82,719	79,220	30,572
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	85,861	79,616	30,572
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	85,861	82,507	-
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	78,531	43,789	-
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	90,050	90,045	30,572
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	85,861	79,982	-
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	89,001	84,990	30,286
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	93,189	87,612	29,381
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	78,531	64,409	-
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	92,143	92,143	17,538
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	83,767	69,684	-
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	85,861	85,154	-
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	78,531	78,531	-
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	78,531	76,526	-
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	78,531	70,668	-

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, 2013
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	3,256	12,102	13,052	-	-	-	57,339	85,749	85,861
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	-	8,475	9,043	-	200	3,206	51,708	72,632	78,531
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	-	9,394	13,529	-	-	1,819	40,539	65,281	78,531
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	3,930	10,179	7,224	-	75	-	54,412	75,820	82,719
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	2,427	8,807	7,613	-	75	-	60,298	79,220	82,719
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	6,417	6,937	11,088	-	-	1,960	53,214	79,616	85,861
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	-	8,372	9,670	-	990	-	63,475	82,507	85,861
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	-	12,880	5,613	-	-	3,617	21,679	43,789	78,531
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	12,168	10,502	12,668	-	-	873	53,834	90,045	90,050
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	12,676	6,987	15,188	-	-	737	44,394	79,982	85,861
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	5,125	9,249	8,747	-	-	1,039	60,830	84,990	89,001
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	17,663	1,821	9,496	-	495	3,701	54,436	87,612	93,189
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	-	15,524	13,379	-	610	3,690	31,206	64,409	78,531
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	6,368	11,009	10,094	-	-	960	63,712	92,143	92,143
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	6,563	2,854	8,668	-	-	1,099	50,500	69,684	83,767
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	1,240	363	8,733	-	-	2,771	72,047	85,154	85,861
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	79	6,764	9,908	-	-	429	61,351	78,531	78,531
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	1,720	20,604	28,644	-	200	1,129	24,229	76,526	78,531
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	-	9,681	10,441	-	-	2,546	48,000	70,668	78,531

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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17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency		# of Trips	Airfare	Carbon Offset	Change/ Cancellation Fee	Air Charter	Ground Transportation	Accommodation	Meals & Incidentals	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	Within NWT Outside NWT	6					1,853	596	807	3,256 0
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	Within NWT Outside NWT	12	3,353					577		3,930 0
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	Within NWT Outside NWT	7	2,427							2,427 0
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	Within NWT Outside NWT	3					797	3,140	2,480	6,417 0
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	Within NWT Outside NWT	6	4,908				1,573	1,233	1,401	9,115 3,053
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	Within NWT Outside NWT	43	1,148				9,608	493	74	10,830 1,846
MENICOCHE, Kevin	NAHENDEH	Within NWT Outside NWT	1	613				391	502	340	1,846 5,125
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	Within NWT Outside NWT	4	832				728	1,737	1,828	5,125 0
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	Within NWT Outside NWT	7	5,853				1,973	1,952	874	10,652 7,011
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	Within NWT Outside NWT	3	1,994				3,134	779	1,104	7,011 6,368
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	Within NWT Outside NWT	9	3,874		300		99	1,172	923	6,368 0
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	Within NWT Outside NWT	5	2,851			3,388	324			6,563 0
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	Within NWT Outside NWT	3	381				181	604	74	1,240 0
		Within NWT Outside NWT			79						0 79
		Within NWT Outside NWT	1	1,568						152	1,720 0

ACCOUNTABILITY

**MATERIALS & SUPPLIES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Promotional Items	Special Occasion Items	Presentation Items	Other Materials & Supplies	Total Materials & Supplies
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	6,302	2,002		3,798	12,102
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	4,097			4,378	8,475
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	6,904			2,490	9,394
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	6,272		120	3,787	10,179
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	4,449	83	50	4,225	8,807
MOSES, Alfred	INUVIK BOOT LAKE	4,787			2,150	6,937
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUVIK TWIN LAKES	6,181			2,191	8,372
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	8,223			4,657	12,880
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	6,229			4,273	10,502
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	5,475	300		1,212	6,987
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	4,727	644		3,878	9,249
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	300	80		1,441	1,821
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	11,780			3,744	15,524
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	1,387	1,857	126	7,639	11,009
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,828	68	65	893	2,854
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	-			363	363
BROMLEY, Bob	WELLEDEH	1,410	175		5,179	6,764
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	11,579			9,025	20,604
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	5,668	220		3,793	9,681

ACCOUNTABILITY

**PURCHASED SERVICES DETAIL UNDER SECTION 29
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Contributions to Community Feasts	Other Purchased Services	Total Purchased Services
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	3,123	9,929	13,052
BISARO, Wendy	FRAME LAKE	400	8,643	9,043
ABERNETHY, Glen	GREAT SLAVE	900	12,629	13,529
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	-	7,224	7,224
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	-	7,613	7,613
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	500	10,588	11,088
MCLEOD, Robert C.	INUUVIK TWIN LAKES	500	9,170	9,670
RAMSAY, David	KAM LAKE	400	5,213	5,613
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	3,473	9,195	12,668
LAFFERTY, Jackson	MONFWI	4,633	10,555	15,188
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	500	8,247	8,747
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	500	8,996	9,496
DOLYNNY, Daryl	RANGE LAKE	1,400	11,979	13,379
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	500	9,594	10,094
MILTENBERGER, Michael	THEBACHA	1,697	6,971	8,668
BEAULIEU, Tom	TU NEDHE	1,000	7,733	8,733
BROMLEY, Bob	WELEDEH	200	9,708	9,908
HAWKINS, Robert	YELLOWKNIFE CENTRE	2,215	26,429	28,644
MCLEOD, Bob	YELLOWKNIFE SOUTH	400	10,041	10,441

ACCOUNTABILITY

**CAPITAL ACCOMMODATION EXPENSES UNDER SECTION 24
REIMBURSED TO OR INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013
17TH ASSEMBLY**

Member	Constituency	Rent	Cable/ Internet	Telephone	Utilities	Furniture	Insurance	Total
NADLI, Michael	DEH CHO	23,400	2,640	319	1,457	-	-	27,816
BOUCHARD, Robert	HAY RIVER NORTH	26,625	-	-	-	3,947	-	30,572
GROENEWEGEN, Jane	HAY RIVER SOUTH	28,351	-	-	2,221	-	-	30,572
MOSES, Alfred	INUUVIK BOOT LAKE	21,140	-	-	-	9,432	-	30,572
BLAKE JR., Frederick	MACKENZIE DELTA	24,225	-	-	-	6,347	-	30,572
MENICOCHÉ, Kevin	NAHENDEH	30,085	201	-	-	-	-	30,286
JACOBSON, Jackie	NUNAKPUT	24,222	-	-	-	5,159	-	29,381
YAKELEYA, Norman	SAHTU	16,953	585	-	-	-	-	17,538

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	\$30,435.22
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$25,300.00
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.”

ACCOUNTABILITY

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	\$32,226.38
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$0*
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$30,804.08
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	\$963.25
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$801.30

ACCOUNTABILITY

(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	\$3,929.02
Hon. Tom Beaulieu	\$3,929.02
Hon. Jackson Lafferty	\$3,929.02
Hon. Robert C. McLeod	\$3,929.02
Hon. Robert R. McLeod	\$4,307.02
Hon. Michael Miltenberger	\$3,929.02
Hon. David Ramsay	\$3,929.02

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

ACCOUNTABILITY

Minister Home Travel Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

Honourable Robert C. McLeod

Home Travel for the Period October 27, 2011 – March 31, 2012

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Inuvik	Nov. 6 – 11, 2011	Air	1,267.00
2	Inuvik	Nov. 10 – 14, 2011	Air	1,387.00
3	Inuvik	Nov. 24 – 27, 2011	Air	1,387.00
4	Inuvik	Dec. 1-4, 2011	Air	1,387.00
5	Inuvik	Dec. 17 – Jan. 4, 2011	Air	1,117.00
6	Inuvik	Jan. 8 – 14, 2012	Air	1,387.00
7	Inuvik	Jan. 21 – Feb. 1, 2012	Air	1,387.00
8	Inuvik	Feb. 5 – 12, 2012	Air	1,387.00
9	Inuvik	Feb. 18 - 21, 2012	Air	1,534.10
10	Inuvik	Feb. 24 – Mar. 11, 2012	Air	1,387.00
11	Inuvik	Mar. 16 – 19, 2012	Air	1,387.00
TOTAL				15,014.10

ACCOUNTABILITY

Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger

Home Travel for the Period October 27, 2011 – March 31, 2012

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Fort Smith	Oct. 28 – 31, 2011	Air	590.00
2	Fort Smith	Nov. 4 – 7, 2011	Air	590.00
3	Fort Smith	Nov. 10 – 13, 2011	Air	590.00
4	Fort Smith	Nov. 18 – 21, 2011	Air	590.00
5	Fort Smith	Nov. 25 – 28, 2011	Air	590.00
6	Yellowknife	Dec. 5, 2011	Air	333.00
7	Yellowknife	Dec. 8 – 9, 2011	Air	590.00
8	Fort Smith	Dec. 9 – 11 2011	Air	590.00
9	Yellowknife	Jan. 4, 2012	Air	324.50
10	Fort Smith	Jan. 6 – 9, 2012	Air	590.00
11	Fort Smith	Jan. 13 – 16, 2012	Air	590.00
12	Fort Smith	Jan. 20 – 23, 2012	Air	590.00
13	Fort Smith	Jan. 27 – 30, 2012	Air	590.00
14	Fort Smith	Feb. 10 – 12, 2012	Air	590.00
15	Fort Smith	Feb. 24 – 27, 2012	Air	590.00
16	Fort Smith	Mar. 2 – 5, 2012	Air	590.00
17	Fort Smith	Mar. 16 – 19, 2012	Air	590.00
18	Fort Smith	Mar. 30 – April 2, 2012	Air	590.00
TOTAL				10,097.50

ACCOUNTABILITY

Minister Home Travel Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2013

Honourable Robert C. McLeod

Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Inuvik	April 26 – May 1, 2012	Air	1,534.10
2	Inuvik	May 26 – 28, 2012	Air	1,415.40
3	Inuvik	June 1 – 3, 2012	Air	1,534.10
4	Inuvik	June 8 -10, 2012	Air	1,534.10
5	Inuvik	June 15, 2012	Air	804.55
6	Inuvik	Aug. 1 – 3, 2012	Air	1,534.10
7	Inuvik	Aug. 12 – 15, 2012	Air	1,534.10
8	Inuvik	Sept. 3, 2012	Air	1,467.00
9	Inuvik	Sept. 7 – 10, 2012	Air	1,534.10
10	Inuvik	Sept. 28 – Oct. 3, 2012	Air	1,534.10
11	Inuvik	Oct. 6 – 9, 2012	Air	1,534.10
12	Inuvik	Nov. 1 – 4, 2012	Air	1,384.20
13	Inuvik	Nov. 9 – 18, 2012	Air	1,534.10
14	Inuvik	Nov. 23 – 26, 2012	Air	1,534.10
15	Inuvik	Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2012	Air	1,513.73
16	Inuvik	Dec. 5, 2012 (cancelled)	Air	75.00
17	Inuvik	Dec. 9 – 12, 2012	Air	1,051.60
18	Inuvik	Jan. 19 – 27, 2013	Air	1,534.10
19	Inuvik	Feb. 15 – 17, 2013	Air	1,534.10
20	Inuvik	Feb. 21 – 24, 2013	Air	1,534.10
21	Inuvik	Mar. 1 – 3, 2013	Air	1,574.60
22	Inuvik	Mar. 15 – 24, 2013	Air	1,461.00
23	Inuvik	Mar. 29 – April 1, 2013	Air	1,536.00
TOTAL				32,226.38

ACCOUNTABILITY

Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger
Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
1	Fort Smith	April 4 – May 3, 2012	Air	642.73
2	Fort Smith	April 5 – 10, 2012	Air	590.00
3	Fort Smith	April 13 – 16, 2012	Air	590.00
4	Fort Smith	May 4 – 7, 2012	Air	590.00
5	Fort Smith	May 14, 2012	Air	642.73
6	Yellowknife	May 15, 2012	Air	321.36
7	Fort Smith	May 18 – 22, 2012	Air	642.73
8	Fort Smith	May 25 – 28, 2012	Air	642.73
9	Fort Smith	May 30, 2012	Air	321.36
10	Fort Smith	June 1 – 3, 2012	Air	642.73
11	Fort Smith	June 8 – 10, 2012	Air	642.73
12	Fort Smith	June 15 – 18, 2012	Air	642.73
13	Fort Smith	June 22 – 24, 2012	Air	642.73
14	Fort Smith	June 25, 2012	Air	321.36
15	Yellowknife	July 3, 2012	Air	736.00
16	Yellowknife	July 16, 2012	Air	642.73
17	Fort Smith	July 24, 2012	Air	321.36
18	Fort Smith	Aug. 1 – 7, 2012	Air	642.73
19	Fort Smith	Aug. 10 – 13, 2012	Air	642.73
20	Fort Smith	Aug. 17 – 20, 2012	Air	642.73
21	Fort Smith	Aug. 24, 2012	Air	321.36
22	Fort Smith	Aug. 31 – Sept. 4, 2012	Air	642.73
23	Fort Smith	Sept. 7 – 10, 2012	Air	642.73
24	Yellowknife	Sept. 12, 2012	Air	642.73
25	Fort Smith	Sept 14 – 17, 2012	Air	642.73
26	Fort Smith	Sept. 21, 2012	Air	321.36
27	Yellowknife	Sept. 28, 2012	Air	642.73
28	Fort Smith	Sept. 28 – Oct. 1, 2012	Air	642.73
29	Fort Smith	Oct. 5 – 9, 2012	Air	642.73
30	Yellowknife	Oct. 15, 2012	Air	321.36
31	Fort Smith	Oct. 19 – 21, 2012	Air	642.73

ACCOUNTABILITY

Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger
Home Travel for the Period April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

Trip No.	Destination	Date of Travel	Mode of Travel	Cost of Trip
32	Fort Smith	Oct. 26 – 28, 2012	Air	642.73
33	Fort Smith	Nov. 2 – 4, 2012	Air	642.73
34	Fort Smith	Nov. 9 – 13, 2012	Air	642.73
35	Fort Smith	Nov. 16 – 19, 2012	Air	642.73
36	Fort Smith	Nov. 21 – 23, 2012	Air	642.73
37	Fort Smith	Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2012	Air	642.73
38	Fort Smith	Dec. 5 – 12, 2012	Air	642.73
39	Yellowknife	Jan. 3, 2013	Air	321.36
40	Fort Smith	Jan. 4 – 7, 2013	Air	642.73
41	Fort Smith	Jan. 11 – 13, 2013	Air	642.73
42	Fort Smith	Jan. 18 – 21, 2013	Air	642.73
43	Fort Smith	Jan. 22 – 24, 2013	Air	642.73
44	Fort Smith	Jan. 25 – 27, 2013	Air	642.73
45	Fort Smith	Feb. 4 – 8, 2013	Air	642.73
46	Fort Smith	Feb. 10, 2013	Air	321.36
47	Fort Smith	Feb. 15 – 17, 2013	Air	642.73
48	Fort Smith	Feb. 22 – 24, 2013	Air	642.73
49	Fort Smith	Mar. 1 – 3, 2013	Air	642.73
50	Fort Smith	Mar. 8 – 10, 2013	Air	642.73
51	Fort Smith	Mar. 15 – 20, 2013	Air	642.73
52	Fort Smith	Mar. 26, 2013	Air	321.37
53	Fort Smith	Mar. 27 – April 2, 2013	Air	660.73
TOTAL				30,804.08

ACCOUNTABILITY

Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories 2012-2013 Financial Summary for Operations

	(thousands of dollars)		
By Activity	2012-2013 Actuals	2012-2013 Revised Estimates	2012-2013 Main Estimates
OFFICE OF THE CLERK			
Compensation and Benefits	3,674	3,434	3,403
Amortization	865	869	869
Other Expenses	<u>3,276</u>	<u>3,631</u>	<u>3,630</u>
	7,815	7,934	7,902
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER			
Compensation and Benefits	167	140	139
Other Expenses	<u>239</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>186</u>
	406	326	325
EXPENDITURES ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS			
Compensation and Benefits	5,865	6,211	6,211
Other Expenses	<u>1,537</u>	<u>1,597</u>	<u>1,597</u>
	7,402	7,808	7,808
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER			
Compensation and Benefits	547	528	525
Other Expenses	<u>291</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>313</u>
	838	841	838
STATUTORY OFFICERS			
Compensation and Benefits	710	717	712
Grants and Contributions	250	250	250
Other Expenses	<u>675</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>673</u>
	1,635	1,640	1,635
TOTAL	18,096	18,549	18,508

ACCOUNTABILITY

Board of Management

Policies Respecting Members' Indemnities, Allowances and Expenses

Record of Decision – BOM 64-17-2012 - Constituency Promotional Items

On April 10, 2012, the Board of Management authorized the addition of USB sticks to the list of promotional items that Members may purchase through the Constituency Work Expense Allowance.

Record of Decision – BOM 78-17-2012 - Amendments to the Members' Handbook - Advertising Policy

On May 21, 2012, the Board of Management directed that the advertising guidelines governing the Constituency Work Expense Allowance be amended to include the recognition of an historic constituency event.

Record of Decision – BOM 137-17-2012 - Advertising Policy Review

On November 14, 2012, the Board of Management directed that the advertising guidelines governing the Constituency Work Expense Allowance be amended to allow two or more Members, who reside within one community, to share the advertising costs when issuing congratulatory messages or festive greetings to constituents or groups of constituents.

Record of Decision – BOM 138-17-2012 - Advertising Policy Amendment

On November 14, 2012, the Board of Management directed that the advertising guidelines governing the Constituency Work Expense Allowance be amended to allow advertising to recognize historic or commemorative community events.

Record of Decision – BOM 141-17-2012 - Constituency Meeting Allowance

On November 14, 2012, the Board of Management directed that the allowance for Constituency Meeting Expenses be administered based on a global annual allowance, thereby allowing Members greater flexibility to represent the interests of their constituents.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conferences Attended by Members

Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2013 **30th Canadian Presiding Officers Conference**, Victoria, British Columbia

MLAs Jackie Jacobson & Jane Groenewegen

Sept. 5 - 16, 2012 **58th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference and the Small Branches Conference**, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Hon. Jackie Jacobson

July 15 - 21, 2012 **50th Canadian Regional Conference**, Québec, Québec

MLAs Jackie Jacobson, Wendy Bisaro, Alfred Moses, Robert Bouchard & Frederick Blake

OUR TEAM



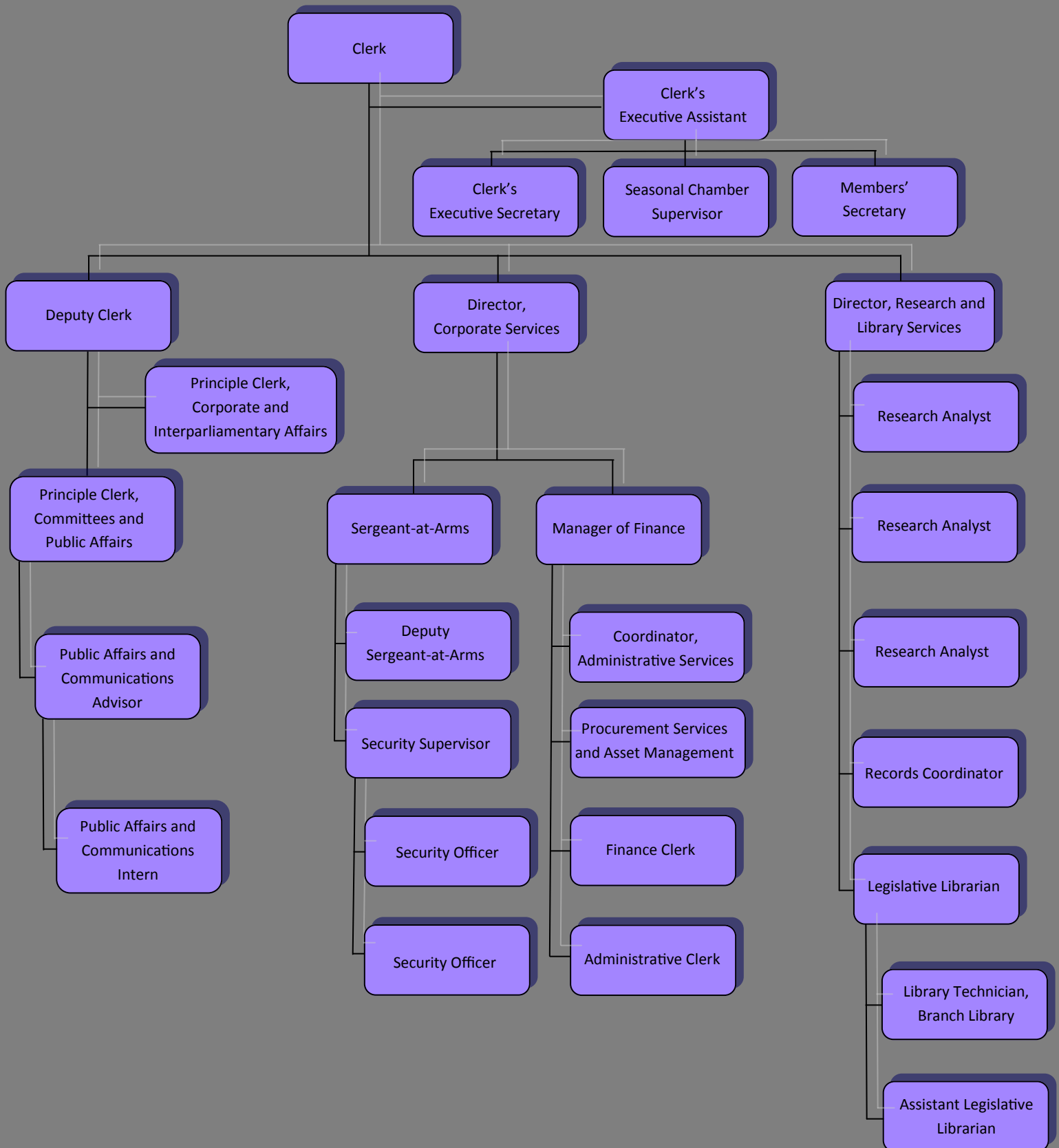
The staff of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories

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 Affairs, Deputy Clerk, and Research, Library and Information Services.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OUR TEAM



Back-row (l to r): Lee Selleck: Acting Director of Research, Library and Information Services, Vera Raschke: Legislative Librarian
Middle-row (l to r): Alicia Tumchewics: Research Analyst, Patricia Langlois: Research Analyst, April Taylor: Research Analyst
Front-row (l to r): Taryl Gula: Records Coordinator, Sharon Smith: Library Technician, Lisc Daley: Assistant Legislative Librarian

Research, Library and Information Services

Members of the Legislative Assembly and their committees depend on accurate, concise, timely information to do their jobs. Their needs are met by eight staff, including the division's director.

Each standing committee is assigned a research analyst responsible for briefings on business plans, proposed legislation, and many other topics at the committee's request. This includes independent research on such topics as mental health courts and fracking. Analysts also prepare committee correspondence and reports.

In addition, research analysts serve members' own wide-ranging information needs. During the 17th Assembly to September 30, 2013, the research team filled 646 requests from individual members, in addition to committee work.

The Legislative Assembly Library's three staff serve members, research, government departments and in a more limited way, the general public. Library staff maintain and catalogue all GNWT publications and many other documents. In 2012-13, there were 863 GNWT and in-house users of the collection, in addition to electronic usage. The online catalogue can be searched through the Legislative Assembly website, as can daily Hansard transcripts of Assembly proceedings. The library's collection on northern and aboriginal issues is world-class, and bolstered by inter-library loans and a network of online databases.

Maintaining diverse records of the Legislative Assembly is another essential task of this division. A single records coordinator maintains and manages a vast collection of paper and electronic records, and can retrieve them very quickly and efficiently.

The Research, Library and Information services team is very proud of the work it does to support sound, informed decision-making in the NWT's consensus system of government.

CLERK'S MESSAGE

The Legislative Assembly is no ordinary workplace: many would agree it is one of the most distinctive and beautiful public buildings in our nation. It is also the 'Place of the People'.

As servants of the Legislative Assembly, we are mindful that 'Place of the People' does not just refer to a physical building. It also suggests a sense of openness that should permeate the activities of the Legislative Assembly, whether they take place in the building itself, in a meeting hall in a small community, or in cyberspace.

As Acting Clerk and a long-time employee of the Legislative Assembly, over the years I have witnessed staff continually striving for this ideal in their long-term planning, and in their daily tasks and interactions with northerners and visitors from around the world, whether it is encouraging people to speak up at a committee hearing, rewriting a document in plain language, preparing reports like this one, or providing a warm greeting at the building entrance. Other examples of the effort to live up to the 'Place of the People' are public events like the recent celebration of the 20th anniversary of this building. Of course there is always room for improvement, and there are always new opportunities to explore, particularly as information and communication technologies continue to advance. I know that the staff of the Legislative Assembly are dedicated to the vision of a 'Place of the People', and I am confident we will continue to advance toward this ideal in the years to come.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colette Langlois', written in a cursive style.

Colette Langlois, Acting Clerk
Legislative Assembly of the NWT



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English

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French

Kīspin ki nitawih̄tīn ē nīhīyawih̄k ōma ācimōwin, tipwāsīnān.

Cree

TŁĪCHQ YATI K'ĒĒ. DI WEGODI NEWQ DĒ, GOTS'O GONEDE.

Tłıchq

ᑭERIH̄TL'ÍS DĒNE SÚLINÉ YATI T'A HUTS'ELKĒR
XA BEYÁYATI THEᑭA ᑭAT'E, NUWE TS'ĒN YÓŁTI.

Chipewyan

EDI GONDI DEHGÁH GOT'İE ZHATİE K'ĒĒ EDATŁ'ĒH
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South Slavey

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

North Slavey

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Gwich'in

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