

Votes and Proceedings

THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 11, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:34 pm.

Ministers' Statements

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100-10(3)	i ne iviiniste	r of Health	and a	Social	Services	made a state	ement
	regarding t	the Draft	Child	and	Family	Services Q	uality
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169-18(3)						Engagement	
	Transparence	y made	a sta	atemen	it regard	ding progress	on

transparency and accountability initiatives.

Members' Statements

619-18(3)	The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding Commonwealth Day 2019.					
620-18(3)	The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding support for manufacturing.					
621-18(3)	The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding the Indigenous Culture Gala 2019.					
622-18(3)	The Member for Sahtu made a statement regarding Northwest Territories educational reform.					
623-18(3)	The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding a palliative care action plan.					

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The Member for Nahendeh congratulated Irene and Angus McLeod on their retirement from the Government of the Northwest Territories.

The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Midwifery Program.

The Member for Hay River North made a statement of appreciation for the Hay River Fire Department.

Tabling of Documents

381-18(3) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

382-18(3) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

383-18(3) Draft Code of Conduct and Guide for for Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion

35-18(3) Referral of Tabled Document 383-18(3): Draft Code of Conduct and Guide for Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures.

Notice given by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 48: Post-Secondary Education Act

Notice given by Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

Bill 49: Small Business Tax Relief Act

Notice given by the Member for Hay River North.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 46: Public Land Act

Introduced by Minister of Lands. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 47:

Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2019-2020

Introduced by Minister of Finance. The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 45:

Corrections Act

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 47:

Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), 2019-2020

The motion was CARRIED.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 12-18(3): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2018 Report of the Auditor General of Canada on Northwest Territories Child and Family Services, and reported progress with 13 motions adopted and that Committee Report 12-18(3) is concluded.

Committee Motion 94-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services incorporate into its Quality Improvement Plan for Child and Family Services the recommendations made in this report.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 95-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that any Government department, board, or agency being audited produce a draft action or implementation plan in response to the audit, provide the Committee with a copy of that plan consistent with the appropriate process conventions, and present the plan at the Committee's public hearing.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 96-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services act immediately to ensure that all gaps in screenings and reviews identified by the Office of the Auditor General, including screening for guardianship agreements and foster homes, are addressed, and that it advise the Committee when this is completed.

The motion is CARRIED.

Committee Motion 97-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services appear before the appropriate standing committee twice yearly to report on its compliance with the *Child and Family Services Act* and its progress on its Quality Improvement Plan.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 98-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services publicly identify performance indicators, including client-centered outcomes, that it will use to assess improvements in child and family services over time:

AND FURTHER, that reporting on these measures be incorporated into the Department's annual business plan and the annual report of the Director of Child and Family Services.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 99-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services incorporate into its Quality Improvement Plan on Child and Family Services a commitment to strengthen working relationships with indigenous and community governments;

AND FURTHER, that reporting on these measures be incorporated into the Department's annual business plan and the annual report of the Director of Child and Family Services.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 100-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services incorporate into its Quality Improvement Plan on Child and Family Services a commitment to strengthen working relationships with community stakeholders in child and family services, including the Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories and the extended families of children in care;

AND FURTHER, that reporting on these measures be incorporated into the Department's annual business plan and the annual report of the Director of Child and Family Services.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 101-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services develop and implement training for foster parents.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 102-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services establish an information-sharing agreement with the Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories to ensure that all foster parents may be connected with that organization's resources.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 103-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services develop and implement mechanisms to enable staff to provide free and honest feedback anonymously.

The motion was CARRIED

Committee Motion 104-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services incorporate into its Quality Improvement Plan for Child and Family Services a clear commitment to complete the assessment of financial and human resources required to deliver child and family services, as recommended by the Auditor General of Canada;

AND FURTHER, that this assessment incorporate gender-based analysis, e.g., via the gender-based analysis plus tool;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Department share with the Committee its project plan for this work, developing subsequent timelines in discussion with the Committee;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the quality improvement plan for child and family services be revised and re-released to reflect this assessment upon its completion.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 105-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Department of Health and Social Services develop and implement caseload standards for child protection workers by June 30, 2019.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 106-18(3)

The Member for Kam Lake moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a comprehensive response to this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 31:

Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Simpson, Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (17)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

Question being called; the motion was CARRIED.

Bill 47:

Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures) 2019-2020

The Minister of Finance requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. R. McLeod, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (15)

Members against: Mr. Simpson, Mr. O'Reilly. (2)

Members abstaining: (0)

Question being called; the motion was CARRIED.

Assent

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories assented to the following Bills:

Bill 31:

Northwest Territories 9-1-1 Act

Bill 32:

Naturopathic Profession Statutes Amendment Act

Bill 47:

Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures) 2019-2020

The Speaker adjourned the House at 4:53 pm.

Hon. Jackson Lafferty

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Tim Mercer

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly