

# Votes and Proceedings Procès-verbal

No. 37

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# SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

# <u>October 15, 2020</u>

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm with the Honourable Frederick Blake Jr., Speaker, presiding.

The Speaker advised the House that he had received a recommendation from the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories that the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories pass

- Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), 2021-2022; and
- Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2020-2021

during the Second Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

# **Ministers' Statements**

63-19(2) The Premier delivered a sessional statement.

Members' Statements

- 319-19(2) The Member for Hay River North made a statement about working together.
- 320-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding land leases.
- 321-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement about working together.
- 322-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation energy strategy.
- 323-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding fire services on Ingraham Trail.

- 324-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Wiilideh made a statement regarding recent rescues and recognitions in the constituency.
- 325-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding Dominion Diamonds financial security.
- 326-19(2) The Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes made a statement regarding COVID-19 restrictions for funerals.
- 327-19(2) The Member for Monfwi made a statement regarding addictions residential treatment facilities in the North.
- 328-19(2) The Member for Nahendeh delivered a eulogy for Mary Louise Norwegian.

#### **Returns to Written Questions**

- 14-19(2) The Clerk tabled a further return to Written Question 14-19(2) from the Minister of Infrastructure to the Member for Frame Lake regarding contracts for work related to the Taltson Hydro Expansion.
- 16-19(2) The Clerk tabled a Return to Written Question 16-19(2) from the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment to the Member for Nunakput regarding Income Assistance Regulations [R-010-2007, S.2].

#### Written Questions

- 17-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding COVID-19 spending impacts.
- 18-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister of Finance regarding capital budget carry-overs.
- 19-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake asked a question of the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation regarding homeowners insurance.

#### **Reports of Committees on the Review of Bills**

Bill 3-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho reported that the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment was reviewing Bill 3: *An Act to Amend the Public Highways Act*, and sought an extension on the review period of the Bill. MOVED by the Member for Deh Cho and seconded by the Member for Frame Lake that the review period for Bill 3 be extended for 120 days.

# The motion was CARRIED.

# **Reports of Standing and Special Committees**

The Member for Frame Lake reported on the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures consideration of the matter of privilege referred by Motion 5-19(2) on March 11, 2020 and sought an extension of 120 days to allow public engagement.

MOVED by the Member for Frame Lake and seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River South that the review period for this matter of privilege be extended for 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

# Tabling of Documents

- 165-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 1-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery -Recommendations to the GNWT. Tabled by the Premier.
- 166-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 2-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery -Recommendations to the GNWT. Tabled by the Premier.
- 167-19(2) Government of the Northwest Territories Response to Committee Report 3-19(2): Report on Long-Term Post-Pandemic Recovery -Recommendations to the GNWT. Tabled by the Premier.
- 168-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 340-19(2): Domestic Violence. Tabled by the Premier.
- 169-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 153-19(2): Government of the Northwest Territories Public Service Succession Planning. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 170-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 313-19(2): Providing GNWT Staff Who Leave the Territory with Two Weeks Special Leave. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 171-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 197-19(2): Business Incentive Program. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.

- 172-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 224-19(2): Dehk'è Frank Channel Bridge. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 173-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 268-19(2): Support for Entrepreneurs and Economic Development Policy Funding Delays. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 174-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 333-19(2): Business Advisory Council. Tabled by the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment.
- 175-19(2) Taltson Hydro Expansion Project Contract List September 1, 2015 – September 1, 2020. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 176-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 259-19(2): Responsibility and Preservation of Government Art. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 177-19(2) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question 317-19(2): COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funds for Education. Tabled by the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.
- 178-19(2) Speaking Up for Fairness 2019/2020 Annual Report of the Northwest Territories Ombud. Tabled by the Speaker.
- 179-19(2) E-mail dated September 30, 2020 from Our Time Yellowknife to Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding Just Recovery for the NWT. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.
- 180-19(2) Excerpt from The Hill Times, June 10, 2020 COVID-19 has made the North's quest for equality a steeper climb. Tabled by the Member for Frame Lake.

Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills

Bill 11: Legislative Assembly Officers Standardization Act

Notice given by Member for Yellowknife North.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:30 pm.

Hon. Frederick Blake Jr. / ' Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Tim Mercer

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly