

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE NINETEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

November 2, 2020

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm with Mrs. Lesa Semmler, Deputy Speaker, presiding.

Ministers' Statements

- 86-19(2) The Premier made a statement regarding benefits of the COVID-19 Coordinating Secretariat.
- 87-19(2) The Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation made a statement regarding continued housing and homelessness response to COVID-19.
- 88-19(2) The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment made a statement regarding the procurement review.
- 89-19(2) The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs made a statement regarding water treatment plant upgrades.

Members' Statements

- 422-19(2) The Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh made a statement regarding illicit drug use.
- 423-19(2) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* implementation.
- 424-19(2) The Member for Great Slave made a statement regarding the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway.
- 425-19(2) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding family violence prevention.
- 426-19(2) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding National Skilled Trades and Technology Week.

- 427-19(2) The Member for Hay River South made a statement regarding the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses.
- 428-19(2) The Member for Nunakput made a statement regarding impacts of COVID-19 on small communities.
- 429-19(2) The Member for Thebacha made a statement regarding solidarity with Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq fishers.
- 430-19(2) The Member for Deh Cho made a statement about extending cell phone coverage.
- 431-19(2) The Honourable Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding the retirement of Rose Mary Gill.
- 432-19(2) The Honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding the retirement of Lyda Fuller.

Tabling of Documents

- 217-19(2) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 2, 2020 – 2021. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.

Motions

- 21-19(2) Establishment of a Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife North.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Hay River North, that pursuant to Rule 92(1), the Legislative Assembly hereby establish a Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs;

AND FURTHER, that the following Member be named to the Special Committee:

Mrs. Lesa Semmler, the Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes;
Mr. Steve Norn, the Member for Tu Nedhé-Willideh;
Mr. Rylund Johnson, the Member for Yellowknife North;
The Honourable R. J. Simpson, Member for Hay River North; and
The Honourable Caroline Wawzonek, Member for Yellowknife South;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Minister of Executive and Indigenous Affairs is an ex-officio non-voting Member of the Committee;

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs be established by the terms of reference, identified as Tabled Document 211-19(2);

AND FURTHERMORE, that the Special Committee on Reconciliation and Indigenous Affairs table its final report no later than the first day of the final sitting of the 19th Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

First Reading of Bills

Bill 17 *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*

Introduced by Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lakes, moved that Bill 17, *An Act to Amend the Corrections Act*, be read for the first time. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 18 *An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act*

Introduced by Minister of Justice.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lakes, moved that Bill 18, *An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act*, be read for the first time. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 19 *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*

Introduced by Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

The Honourable Member for Hay River North, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inuvik Boot Lakes, moved that Bill 19, *An Act to Amend the Student Financial Assistance Act*, be read for the first time. The motion was CARRIED.

Second Reading of Bills

Bill 16 *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*

The Honourable Member for Yellowknife South, seconded by the Honourable Member for Hay River North, moved that Bill 16, *An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act*, be read for the second time. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 16 was referred to the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Deputy Chair, the Member for Hay River South, reported that the Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 4-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2018-2019 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission Annual Report; Committee Report 5-19(2): Standing Committee on Government Operations Report on the Review of the 2018-2019 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories; and *Miscellaneous Statute Law Amendment Act, 2020*, and reported progress, with eight motions carried, that Committee Report 4-19(2) and Committee Report 5-19(2) are concluded and that Bill 15 is ready for third reading.

The Member for Hay River South, seconded by the Member for Nunakput, moved the concurrence of the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 47-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories investigate and take the necessary steps to solve the issues and remove the barriers that prevent the alignment between building codes and standards and the *Human Rights Act*.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 48-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories enhance digital access and inclusion for people living with disabilities in the Northwest Territories, by reviewing current practices in serving the public, and identifying measures to improve the existing situation with the goal to reduce the number of complaints to the Human Rights Commission on the grounds of disabilities.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 49-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to the recommendations contained in this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 50-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories provide an update on the work being done to bring into force the amended sections of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, including a schedule indicating when the changes will take effect.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 51-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories investigate and explore options for centralizing the management and administration of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on behalf of Government of the Northwest Territories departments;

AND FURTHER, the Standing Committee recommends that Government share the results of this review for committee input.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 52-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories update Committee on work to develop a standard approach to including 'access by design' principles into the design of communications, programs, policies and legislation;

AND FURTHER, the Committee requests details on how the Government of the Northwest Territories will formalize and share the standard approach with Government of the Northwest Territories staff.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 53-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories develop and implement a plan for ending the use of fax machines in the health and social services sector.

The motion was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 54-19(2):

Moved by the Member for Thebacha.

I MOVE that this committee recommends that that Government of the Northwest Territories provide a response to the recommendations contained in this report within 120 days.

The motion was CARRIED.

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House at 4:33 pm.



Les Semmler
Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly