

## **Votes and Proceedings**

THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:30 pm.

### Ministers' Statements

- 109-15(3) The Hon. Brendan Bell made a statement regarding the NWT Protected Areas Strategy.
- 110-15(3) The Hon. Charles Dent made a statement regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the courts.
- 111-15(3) The Hon. Michael McLeod made a statement regarding the Northwest Territories Games pilot project.
- 112-15(3) The Hon. Joe Handley made a statement regarding progress on the Deh Cho bridge project.
- 113-15(3) The Hon. Charles Dent made a statement regarding community justice.
- 114-15(3) The Hon. David Krutko made a statement regarding North American Occupational Safety and Health Week.

### Members' Statements

Mrs. Jane Groenewegen made a statement regarding the federal appointment of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board chairperson.

Mr. Henry Zoe made a statement regarding the appointment of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board chairperson.

Mr. David Ramsay made a statement regarding the appointment of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board chairperson.

Ms. Sandy Lee made a statement regarding women and children's healing and recovery program.

Mr. Kevin Menicoche made a statement regarding the Fort Simpson long-term care facility.

Mr. Robert McLeod made a statement regarding carnival season in the Beaufort Delta.

Mr. Robert Villeneuve made a statement regarding application of the GNWT affirmative action policy.

Mr. Calvin Pokiak made a statement regarding Nunakput.

Mr. Bill Braden made a statement regarding the market housing initiative.

Mr. Robert Hawkins made a statement regarding affirmative action policy application.

Mr. Norman Yakeleya made a statement regarding spending priorities.

The Hon. Joe Handley made a statement regarding the Broadband Business Alliance.

The Hon. Michael Miltenberger made a statement regarding Fort Smith volunteers.

### Petitions

Mr. Robert Villeneuve presented a petition regarding the removal of Fort Resolution social workers.

### Tabling of Documents

TD 124-15(3) GNWT Response to Committee Report 7-15(3): Report on the Review of the Information and Privacy Commissioner's Annual Report 2002-2003. Tabled by the Hon. Charles Dent.

TD 125-15(3) List of Inter-activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 for the Period April 1, 2004 to February 8, 2005. Tabled by the Hon. Floyd Roland.

TD 126-15(3) Natural Resources Conservation Trust Fund 2003-2004 Annual Report. Tabled by the Hon. Brendan Bell.

TD 127-15(3) Statutory Declaration of Residence dated March 7, 2005 of Mr. Robert C. McLeod, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes. Tabled by the Speaker.

### Notices of Motion

Motion 34-15(3) Appointments to Standing Committees and the Board of Management. Notice provided by Mr. Robert Villeneuve.

Motion 35-15(3) Objection to Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Appointment. Notice provided by Mr. Robert Villeneuve.

### Motions

Motion 31-15(3) Performance Audit of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Moved by Mr. Bill Braden. NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Nunakput that the Legislative Assembly request that the Auditor General of Canada undertake a comprehensive performance audit of the workers' compensation function of the Northwest Territories/Nunavut Workers' Compensation Board and report thereon to the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHER that the performance audit examine the organization, training and orientation of personnel, practices, attitudes, philosophy, internal performance measures, procedures and resources associated with administering claims made by injured workers to ascertain whether these conform with, and claims are managed in accordance with, the spirit and intent of the Act;

AND FURTHERMORE that the audit examine the adequacy and appropriateness of the Board's corporate governance model and accountability relationship to the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Legislative Assembly;

AND FURTHERMORE that the Auditor General examine such additional factors as she, in her opinion, feels are relevant;

AND FURTHERMORE that all employees, officials, Board and Tribunal members actively cooperate with the Auditor General in providing all appropriate documents, records, papers and information;

AND FURTHERMORE that the Auditor General is requested to complete this special performance audit as soon as practicable and provide a report to the Legislative Assembly.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 34-15(3) Appointments to Standing Committees and the Board of Management.

Moved by Mr. Robert Villeneuve. NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Honourable Member for Range Lake, that the following appointments be rescinded:

- a) Mr. Robert Hawkins, Member for Yellowknife Centre, to the Standing Committee on Social Programs;
- b) Mr. Robert Villeneuve, Member for Tu Nedhe, to the Board of Management as an alternate; and
- c) Mr. Norman Yakeleya, Member for Sahtu, to the Standing Committee on Governance and Economic Development as an alternate.

AND FURTHER that the following appointments be effected:

- a) Mr. Robert Hawkins, Member for Yellowknife Centre, to the Standing Committee on Governance and Economic Development;
- b) Mr. Robert McLeod, Member for Inuvik Twin Lakes, to the Standing Committee on Accountability and Oversight, to the Standing Committee on Social Programs, and to the Standing Committee on Governance and Economic Development as an alternate; and
- c) Mr. Norman Yakeleya, Member for Sahtu, to the Board of Management as an alternate.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 35-15(3)      Objection to Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Appointment.

Moved by Mr. Robert Villeneuve. NOW THEREFORE I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for North Slave, that the Premier immediately communicate to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development the GNWT's and this Legislative Assembly's objection to the appointment of a non-resident of the NWT, who was not nominated by the board members, as a chair of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

#### Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

The Committee of the Whole considered Committee Report 12-15(3). The Chair reported progress with four motions being adopted and that CR 12-15(3) was concluded. The Motion to Concur was adopted.

### Third Reading of Bills

- Bill 17: Modernization of Benefits and Obligations Act received Third Reading.
- Bill 20: Supplementary Appropriation Act, No. 3, 2004-2005 received Third Reading.

### Assent to Bills and Prorogation

- Bill 15: Tliche Community Services Agency Act received assent.
- Bill 16: Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation Act received assent.
- Bill 17: Modernization of Benefit and Obligations Act received assent.
- Bill 18: An Act to Amend the Territorial Court Act received assent.
- Bill 19: Appropriation Act, 2005-2006 received assent.
- Bill 20: Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 3, 2004-2005 received assent.
- Bill 21: An Act to Amend the Public Service Act received assent.

The Deputy Commissioner prorogued the House at 6:12 pm.