

## Votes and Proceedings

### THIRD SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

March 14, 2019

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:31 pm.

#### Ministers' Statements

- 176-18(3) The Minister of Health and Social Services made a statement regarding the Foster Families Partnership with the Foster Family Coalition of the Northwest Territories.

#### Members' Statements

- 643-18(3) The Member for Hay River North made a statement regarding the legislative development process.
- 644-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife North made a statement regarding licensed day care facilities.
- 645-18(3) The Member for Sahtu reflected on budget deliberations.
- 646-18(3) The Member for Frame Lake made a statement regarding the Premier's Red Alert Part Two.
- 647-18(3) The Member for Kam Lake made a statement regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' legislative agenda.
- 648-18(3) The Member for Mackenzie Delta made a statement regarding a Mackenzie Delta youth on-the-land experience.

- 649-18(3) The Member for Yellowknife Centre made a statement regarding investment in infrastructure for accessible child care.
- 650-18(3) The Member for Nahendeh made a statement regarding health centre practices regarding acetaminophen.
- 651-18(3) The Member for Nunakput reflected on the 2019 budget Session.

#### Tabling of Documents

- 395-18(3) Inter-Activity Transfers Exceeding \$250,000 (April 1 to December 31, 2018). Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 396-18(3) NWT Economic Symposium – Northern Strengths, Northern Prosperity: Symposium Summary Report dated October 23, 2019. Tabled by the Minister of Finance.
- 397-18(3) 2019-2020 Consolidated Operating Budget - Northwest Territories Housing Corporation. Tabled by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation.
- 398-18(3) Follow-up Letter for Oral Question: 535-18(3): Taltson Project Expansion. Tabled by the Minister of Infrastructure.
- 399-18(3) 2017-2018 Annual Report of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. Tabled by the Speaker.

#### Motions

- 36-18(3) Appointment of Ombud

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Ms. Colette Langlois be appointed as Ombud for a term of five years in accordance with the Ombud Act by the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories as recommended by the Legislative Assembly.

AND FURTHER, that the appointment become effective April 8, 2019.

Question being called; the motion was CARRIED.

- 37-18(3) Extended Adjournment of the House to May 23, 2019

Moved by the Member for Yellowknife Centre.

I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Great Slave, that, notwithstanding Rule 4, when this House adjourns on March 14, 2019, it shall be adjourned until Thursday, May 23, 2019;

AND FURTHER, that any time prior to May 23, 2019, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the Executive Council and Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, the Speaker may give notice and thereupon the House shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as it has been duly adjourned to that time.

Question being called; the motion was CARRIED.

#### First Reading of Bills

Bill 50: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019.*

Introduced by Minister of Finance. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 51: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019.*

Introduced by Minister of Finance. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 52: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020.*

Introduced by Minister of Finance. The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 53: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020.*

Introduced by Minister of Finance. The motion was CARRIED.

#### Second Reading of Bills

Bill 48: *Post-Secondary Education Act*

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 50: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 51: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 52: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 53 *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*

The motion was CARRIED.

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

The Committee of the Whole considered Tabled Document 237-18(3): Independent Commission to Review Members' Compensation and Benefits 2018 Review of Members' Compensation and Benefits Report, August 2018, and reported progress with seven motions adopted.

#### **Committee Motion 118-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that an exit strategy for Members of the Legislative Assembly be developed and implemented as a resource for all who are leaving politics.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 119-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Government of the Northwest Territories should pay for the "Planning for Retirement Course" or the "Successful Transition to Retirement Course" for any member who is leaving the Government at the end of their term.

The motion was CARRIED.

#### **Committee Motion 120-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that Members of the Legislative Assembly continue to have access to the GNWT Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) for one year after their term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly ends.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 121-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that more detailed information about Members' expenses be published on the Government website, as a separate document, by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following fiscal year.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 122-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Public Service Health Care Plan dues, at the level available to senior managers in the public service, be paid by the Government of the Northwest Territories for all Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 123-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that, if it is decided to not pay for the same level of medical travel, health, dental and life insurance benefits for all Members of the Legislative Assembly, that the additional paid benefits for the Speaker and Ministers be removed from their benefit package and the Speaker and Ministers become responsible for paying for that benefit;

AND FURTHER, that all Members of the Legislative Assembly would then receive the extended health care benefit and level 1 of the hospital benefit at no cost.

The motion was DEFEATED.

**Committee Motion 124-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the indemnity for extra duty for the Chair of the Rules and Procedures Committee be increased from \$3,194 to \$6,296 per year.

**Amendment to Committee Motion 124-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following amendment to Committee Motion 124-18(3):

I MOVE that the motion be amended by striking out the words "increased from \$3,194 to \$6,296 per year" and substituting the words "consistent with that paid to other Standing Committee Chairs."

The motion to amend was CARRIED.

Committee Motion 124-18(3) was CARRIED AS AMENDED.

**Committee Motion 125-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that Members of the Legislative Assembly who hire a constituency assistant who does not have access to health and dental benefits should provide those paid benefits through Northern Employee Benefits Services as part of the constituency assistant's employment package.

The motion was CARRIED.

**Committee Motion 126-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the current non-taxable allowances (allowance for expenses and entertainment allowance) become accountable allowances.

The motion was DEFEATED.

**Committee Motion 127-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the current amounts be set at the maximum reimbursable annual amount (allowance for expenses = \$7,484 in Yellowknife; \$14,968 outside of Yellowknife, and \$1,500 entertainment allowance for the Speaker and Ministers).

The motion was DEFEATED.

**Committee Motion 128-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Board of Management develop a more detailed policy specific to allowable expenses, to ensure clarity for the Member.

The motion was DEFEATED.

**Committee Motion 129-18(3)**

The Member for Yellowknife Centre moved the following motion:

I MOVE that this Assembly recommends that the Members' salary be renewed on April 1 each year, calculated on the current Yellowknife Consumer Price Index or the increase negotiated by the Union of Northern Workers, whichever is less.

The Member for Yellowknife Centre requested a recorded vote. The results of the recorded vote were:

Members for: Honourable G. Abernethy. (1)

Members against: Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Thompson, Mr. O'Reilly, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable C. Cochrane. (9)

Members abstaining: Honourable A. Moses, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (4)

The motion was DEFEATED.

Third Reading of Bills

Bill 50: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*

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. Thompson, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 51: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*

Members for: Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 52: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*

Members for: Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

Bill 53: *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*



Members for: Mr. Blake, Mr. McNeely, Mr. Vanthuyne, Mr. Testart, Mr. Thompson, Ms. Green, Mr. Nadli, Mr. Nakimayak, Honourable A. Moses, Honourable C. Cochrane, Honourable G. Abernethy, Honourable R. C. McLeod, Honourable W. Schumann, Honourable L. Sebert. (14)

Members against: (0)

Members abstaining: (0)

The motion was CARRIED.

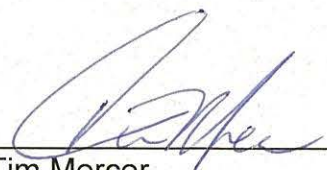
Assent

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

- Bill 50                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*
- Bill 51                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 4, 2018-2019*
- Bill 52                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*
- Bill 53                      *Supplementary Appropriation Act (Operations Expenditures), No. 1, 2019-2020*

The Speaker adjourned the House at 5:01 pm.

  
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Hon. Jackson Lafferty  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

  
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Tim Mercer  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly