

Votes and Proceedings

SECOND SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

February 18, 2016

The Assembly commenced sitting at 1:32 pm.

Commissioner's Opening Address

Members' Statements

- 1-18(2) Mr. Beaulieu made a statement offering condolences to the families of recently deceased Tu Nedhe-Willideh elders.
- 2-18(2) Mr. Vanthuyne made a statement regarding the Arctic Inspiration Prize.
- 3-18(2) Mr. Simpson made a statement regarding economic reality in Hay River.
- 4-18(2) Mr. Testart made a statement regarding building confidence and a stronger economy.
- 5-18(2) Ms. Green made a statement regarding homelessness and the Housing First program.
- 6-18(2) Mr. Blake made a statement regarding modular housing units in Tsiigehtchic.
- 7-18(2) Mr. McNeely made a statement regarding economic contributions of the Sahtu region.
- 8-18(2) Mr. O'Reilly made a statement regarding Willideh language and culture courses.

- 9-18(2) Mr. Nadli made a statement providing an update from the Deh Cho Constituency.
- 10-18(2) Mr. Nakimayak made a statement of tribute to Nellie Cournoyea.
- 11-18(2) Mr. Thompson made a statement regarding the Paul Stipdonk Memorial Soccer Tournament.

Tabling of Documents

- TD 1-18(2) Proposed Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories
- TD 2-18(2) Interim Estimates, 2016-2017
- TD 3-18(2) Supplementary Estimates (Infrastructure Expenditures), No. 4, 2015-2016
- TD 4-18(2) Supplementary Estimates (Operations Expenditures), No. 3, 2015-2016
- TD 5-18(2) Correspondence from Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment to Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment regarding Mackenzie Gas Project Extension of Sunset Clause
- TD 6-18(2) Correspondence from Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment to National Energy Board regarding Mackenzie Gas Project Extension of Sunset Clause

Notices of Motion

- Motion 1-18(2) Appointment of Deputy Speaker
- Motion 2-18(2) Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of Committee of the Whole
- Motion 3-18(2) Rules Amendments for the Standing Committees of the House
- Motion 4-18(2) Appointments to the Striking Committee
- Motion 5-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment
- Motion 6-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Government Operations
- Motion 7-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures

Motion 8-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Social Development

Motion 9-18(2) Referral of TD 1-18(2): The Proposed Mandate of the Government of the Northwest Territories, 2016-2019 to Committee of the Whole

Motions

Motion 1-18(2) Appointment of Deputy Speaker

Moved by Ms. Green.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Great Slave, that the honourable Member for Hay River North, Mr. R. J. Simpson, be appointed as Deputy Speaker.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 2-18(2) Appointment of Deputy Chairpersons of Committee of the Whole

Moved by Mr. Simpson.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Great Slave, that the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, Mr. Frederick Blake Jr., and the honourable Member for Sahtu, Mr. Daniel McNeely, be appointed as Deputy Chairpersons of Committee of the Whole.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 3-18(2) Rules Amendments for the Standing Committees of the House

Moved by Mr. O'Reilly.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Thebacha, that the Rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended by making the following changes to Rule 89(2) by deleting the word "Infrastructure" and replacing it with the word "Environment" and by deleting the word "Programs" and replacing it with the word "Development";

AND FURTHER, that Appendix 3, forming part of the Rules of the Legislative Assembly, be repealed and the following be substituted:

APPENDIX 3
COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources; Industry, Tourism and Investment; Lands; Public Works and Services; and Transportation:
 - (a) review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies, including the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut; the Northwest Territories Power Corporation; the Northwest Territories Business Development and Investment Corporation, and the Public Utilities Board;
 - (b) review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies;
 - (c) consider matters related to infrastructure;
 - (d) consider matters related to climate change; and
 - (e) consider any other matter referred by the House.

2. The Standing Committee on Government Operations shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Aboriginal Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations; Executive; Finance; Human Resources; and Municipal and Community Affairs:
 - (a) review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies;
 - (b) review departmental performance and official language issues, including that of boards and agencies;
 - (c) review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other reports of the Statutory Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Languages Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, the Equal Pay Commissioner and the Human Rights Commission;
 - (d) examine the reports on the annual financial statements and public accounts of the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Report of the Auditor General.
 - (i) In the event that the Assembly is not in Session, the Speaker may provide the Auditor General's Report and the Minister of Finance may provide the Public Accounts to the Committee for review, which may include public hearings, in advance of tabling; and

(e) consider any other matter referred by the House.

3. The Standing Committee on Priorities and Planning shall:

(a) review issues which have government-wide implications, including all issues related to Devolution implementation, and the overview of the budget and fiscal framework;

(b) review Government of the Northwest Territories reports on financial and performance results and program and policy evaluations to ensure anticipated outcomes are being achieved and accountability is maximized;

(c) coordinate Sessional business scheduling and planning in cooperation with appropriate Ministerial representatives;

(d) coordinate Committee public consultation efforts with respect to budget and fiscal matters;

(e) coordinate Committee strategic planning efforts;

(f) monitor and evaluate Ministerial performance issues;

(g) consider issues related to land claims and self-government negotiations;

(h) consider issues related to public engagement and transparency efforts by standing and special committees;

(i) consider issues related to federal and international relations; and

(j) consider the budgets and financial management of any boards and agencies that are outside the responsibility of any Standing Committee; and

(k) consider any other matter referred by the House.

4. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures shall:

(a) review the reports of the Chief Electoral Officer on the conduct of elections, plebiscites, or votes conducted in the Northwest Territories in accordance with statute;

(b) review, as necessary or appropriate, the annual and other reports of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner;

- (c) review and make recommendations on the implications and impacts that the implementation of self-government agreements will have on the powers, structures and procedures of the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (d) Inquire into such matters as may be referred to it by the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker or the Board of Management.
5. The Standing Committee on Social Development shall consider the following matters with respect to the Departments of Education, Culture and Employment; Health and Social Services; Justice; and the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation:
- (a) review multi-year business plans and budgets, bills, boards and agencies, including the Status of Women Council and programs for seniors, youth and persons with disabilities;
 - (b) review departmental performance, including that of boards and agencies;
 - (c) consider issues related to homelessness; and
 - (d) consider any other matter referred by the House.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 4-18(2) Appointments to the Striking Committee

Moved by Mr. Simpson. NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Nakimayak, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Testart, and Mr. Thompson be appointed to the Striking Committee of this Assembly.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 5-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment

Moved by Mr. Nadli. NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Yellowknife Centre, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment:

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, the Member for Frame Lake;
Mr. R.J. Simpson, the Member for Hay River North;
Mr. Kieron Testart, the Member for Kam Lake;
Mr. Herbert Nakimayak, the Member for Nunakput;
Mr. Daniel McNeely, the Member for Sahtu; and
Mr. Cory Vanthuyne, the Member for Yellowknife North

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Environment as alternate Members:

Mr. Frederick Blake Jr., the Member for Mackenzie Delta;
Mr. Shane Thompson, the Member for Nahendeh; and
Mr. Tom Beaulieu, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 6-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Government Operations

Moved by Mr. Beaulieu.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Mackenzie Delta, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Government Operations:

Mr. Michael M. Nadli, the Member for Deh Cho;
Mr. R.J. Simpson, the Member for Hay River North;
Mr. Kieron Testart, the Member for Kam Lake;
Mr. Herbert Nakimayak, the Member for Nunakput; and
Mr. Daniel McNeely, the Member for Sahtu;

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Government Operations as alternate Members:

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, the Member for Frame Lake;
Ms. Julie Green, the Member for Yellowknife Centre; and
Mr. Cory Vanthuyne, the Member for Yellowknife North.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

Motion 7-18(2) Appointments to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures

Moved by Mr. Blake.

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Nunakput, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures:

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, the Member for Frame Lake;
Mr. Tom Beaulieu, the Member for Tu Nedhe-Willideh;

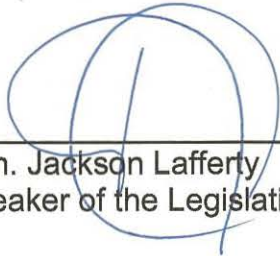
Mr. Shane Thompson, the Member for Nahendeh;
The Honourable Louis Sebert, the Member for Thebacha; and
Ms. Julie Green, the Member for Yellowknife Centre

AND FURTHER, that the following Members be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures as alternate Members:

Mr. Michael M. Nadli, the Member for Deh Cho;
The Honourable Glen Abernethy, the Member for Great Slave; and
Mr. Kieron Testart, the Member for Kam Lake.

Question being called; the Motion was CARRIED.

The Speaker adjourned the House at 3:56 pm.



Hon. Jackson Lafferty
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



Tim Mercer
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly