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Iqaluit, Nunavut
Thursday, October 17, 2019

Members Present:

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaerner, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Hon. Simeon Mikkungwak, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. David Qamaniq, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towtongie.

>>*House commenced at 13:31*

Item 1: Opening Prayer

Speaker (Hon. Simeon Mikkungwak) (interpretation): I ask Member Towtongie to say the opening prayer, please.

>>*Prayer*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I am pleased to take this opportunity to make a statement.

Speaker's Statement

I first wish to convey the condolences of this House to the people of Kugaaruk and the family of the former Member of the Legislative Assembly Ovide Alakannuark, who recently passed away. As members are aware, Mr. Alakannuark served in the First Legislative Assembly and was a well-respected elder in his community.

I would also like to inform the House about the very successful Mace Tour that

was recently concluded.

As members are aware, the Working Mace of our Legislative Assembly travels to Nunavut communities on a biennial basis. The last Mace Tour was held in 2017.

This year's Mace Tour saw visits to the beautiful communities of Sanikiluaq, Whale Cove, and Chesterfield Inlet. I want to thank the members representing those communities for their hospitality and assistance to both myself and the Commissioner of Nunavut, who again participated in the tour.

Our time in the communities involved visits to all of their schools, elementary and high schools, and to community members, which provided an excellent opportunity for youth to learn about the history and workings of the Legislative Assembly and for us to speak informally with teachers and students about their schools' initiatives.

I was very honoured to take part in the Commissioner's program to recognize a number of residents in the communities for their accomplishments with Commissioner's Awards, and I also wish to express our appreciation to the mayors, other local leaders, and community members who took part in the events.

Finally, I am very pleased to congratulate the new Member for Tununiq on his election, and I ask all members to join me in welcoming our new colleague to the House.

>>*Applause*

Before we proceed with the orders of the

day, I will read a message from the Commissioner of Nunavut.

Money Message

I wish to advise that I recommend to the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut the passage of the following bills during the Second Session of the Fifth Assembly:

- Bill 30, (interpretation ends) *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*;
- Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020*;
- Bill 32, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-2020*;
- Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*

(interpretation) Thank you.

Nellie T. Kusugak,
Commissioner of Nunavut

We will now proceed with the orders of the day. Ministers' Statements. Minister of Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Item 2: Ministers' Statements

Minister's Statement 267 – 5(2): Recognition of Nunavut Firefighters

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. People of Rankin Inlet, welcome. I'm happy to be here and I welcome the new Member for

Tununiq. Please feel welcome.

>> *Applause*

Mr. Speaker, the first weekend of September the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation hosts the National Firefighters Memorial Day in Ottawa. This is a weekend where family members and fire departments of fallen firefighters gather to remember and pay tribute to the ones that have passed on in the line of duty or from an illness attributed to their profession.

On July 23, 2018 Captain Lutie Macpa of Pond Inlet collapsed and passed away while responding to a fire call. Captain Macpa is the first firefighter that Nunavut has lost on an active call. The people of Pond Inlet held a firefighters funeral for Captain Macpa and I had the honour of being able to attend. Our deepest condolences went to his family and to the people of Pond Inlet.

This year, with Captain Macpa's wife and children and Nunavut's Office of the Fire Marshal, I had the privileged of attending the Memorial Day weekend in Ottawa where Captain Macpa's name was inscribed on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Wall along with all other fallen heroes from across Canada. It was a very emotional weekend and I cannot describe to you all the feelings I felt that weekend, but I do know the sense of family we felt was incredible. It was very calming. I wanted to inform you of that.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, on a happier note, I would like to take a moment to also recognize the efforts of firefighters who competed at the National Aboriginal Firefighters

Competition at Eskasoni First Nation in Nova Scotia earlier this summer. This is a venue for our firefighters to show off their training efforts and skills as well as compete with their peers.

This year's event celebrated the 30th year of this competition, and to celebrate, the organizers presented each team with the championship trophy. I would like to congratulate the following:

- Coach Brittany Aggark from Rankin Inlet;
- Team Captain Jollie Enoogoo of Pond Inlet;
- Member Jonathan Ningark of Kugaaruk;
- Member Silasie Nauyuk of Pangnirtung;
- Member Bryan Ukuqtunnuaq of Taloyoak;
- Member Robert Kuniliusee of Qikiqtarjuaq; and
- Member Vincent Inukpak from the beautiful community of Baker Lake.

They proudly represented our territory both on and off the course, and please join me in congratulating them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Minister's Statement 268 – 5(2): Passing of Remi Krikort

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome, David, my namesake, to the House. I send my sincere regards to the people of Quttiktuq.

The statement I'm going to make is quite heavy as the people of Kugaaruk have suffered a great loss this year. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the passing of Remi Krikort of Kugaaruk this past September.

(interpretation ends) At the time of his passing, Remi was a board member with the Nunavut Development Corporation, or we like to call it the NDC, and a committed one at that. In February Remi attended a governance training workshop on behalf of the NDC. In typical Remi fashion, he took great pride in surprising the NDC board during its May meeting by paying an unexpected visit while en route south for medical appointments. NDC Chairperson Donald Havioyak tells me that the visit with Remi this past May was inspiring for all in attendance and set a resilient tone for the remainder of the board meeting.

As well as the NDC board, Remi previously sat on Kugaaruk's hamlet council and has chaired both the local search and rescue committee and the Kugaaruk District Education Authority. At the time of his passing, Remi also sat as a member of the Nunavut Parks Board and as the Kugaaruk representative on the community economic development board with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association.

For many years under both the

Government of the Northwest Territories and Government of Nunavut, Remi worked as a conservation officer and he took great pride in this work.

Remi was a strong advocate for his beautiful hometown of Kugaaruk. His dry sense of humour was one of a kind. He was wise man, with an abundance of common sense and a no-nonsense view of things. His guidance and input will be missed not only by the NDC board but across the Kitikmeot and Nunavut, as well as their families. (interpretation) Thank you very much, Remi. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Minister's Statement 269 – 5(2):
Community Banking Services**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to announce that the Royal Bank of Canada opened an agency outlet on October 9 in Pangnirtung. Residents now have access to community banking services at the Uqqurmiut building. Uqqurmiut Arts and Crafts, a subsidiary of the Nunavut Development Corporation, partnered with the Royal Bank of Canada to make this a reality.

Mr. Speaker and members, this outlet and the one that opened in Arviat last year are the result of the Government of Nunavut's 2016 request for proposals for banking services. One of the main focuses of that process was to expand and improve banking services available

to Nunavummiut, especially in communities where there are no physical banking operations.

Mr. Speaker and members, during the past cabinet retreat in Arviat, I saw many residents using the Royal Bank of Canada agency outlet there. I am pleased the Government of Nunavut was able to work with our banking partner to provide these much-needed services to our residents. I'm sure the community of Pangnirtung will be equally happy to be able to bank in person in their community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to acknowledge the importance of these facilities and will continue working on bringing more banking services to Nunavummiut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Family Services, Minister Sheutiapik.

**Minister's Statement 270 – 5(2):
October is National Child Abuse
Prevention Month**

Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome. I am happy that we are meeting once again. I again welcome David, whom I worked with as a community representative.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, October is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is a time to raise awareness around the ways families and communities can work together to keep children safe and well.

My department remains committed to ensuring its staff are properly trained to respond effectively to child sexual abuse. Equipping staff with these skills is imperative to support the health and safety of Nunavut's children and families.

In spring 2019 departmental staff were involved in specialized training here in Iqaluit. The training, StepWise 360: Conducting Child Abuse Investigations, is mandatory for frontline community social services workers to equip them with the skills to respond appropriately and safely to instances of child sexual abuse.

Uqaqtitsijii, in addition to this, my department is establishing "in-house trainers," community social services workers who will be skilled and effective in forensic interviewing, who can facilitate future training with staff. Staff from each region will be designated to become an "in house-trainer," and this training has taken place in July 2019.

I am also pleased to announce that the Umingmak Child and Youth Support Centre had its grand opening on October 11. The centre will be important in supporting children and youth who have experienced harm or trauma within the territory.

Uqaqtitsijii, it is always an important time to engage the public in family violence prevention and to highlight the services that are available to Nunavummiut so we can build healthy and safe homes for our families. Today I invite all of my colleagues to collaborate with us in reducing the incidence of family violence and to send a united

message that violence does not belong in our families, our communities, and our territory. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Premier of Nunavut, Premier Savikataaq.

Minister's Statement 271 – 5(2): Orange Shirt Day

Hon. Joe Savikataaq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. People of Arviat, I say "good day" to you.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the importance of Orange Shirt Day, held every year on September 30 since 2013.

Mr. Speaker, on Orange Shirt Day we reflected on the intergenerational impacts of residential schools on survivors, families, and communities. Every year we are reminded of the need to continue discussions around reconciliation with each other and between all Canadians. We also remember the cruelty of indigenous children being taken from their homes and placed in residential schools across this country.

Mr. Speaker, behind the slogan "Every Child Matters" is the painful reality of generations of Nunavut Inuit affected by residential schools. It's an important reminder that we as leaders in our communities need to provide the support, resources, services, and understanding to help educate and address the harm done.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, I want to acknowledge and thank the students, staff, organizations, and community members who participated in Orange Shirt Day activities across the territory this year.

Mr. Speaker, Orange Shirt Day helps support reconciliation by bringing awareness not just to the painful past but to what is needed to be done to let those affected know that they are not alone. Their experiences will never be forgotten or diminished. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, Minister Netser.

Minister's Statement 272 – 5(2): New Mine Training Centre in Rankin Inlet

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I send my regards to the people of Aivilik and to the people in my community during their time of loss. It will eventually pass.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut's mining industry is growing at a remarkable rate and Nunavummiut are in a position to benefit from this rapid expansion. Nunavut now has several operating mines, with more planned. These mines require a skilled workforce with many different positions, including heavy equipment operators and mechanics, cooks, geologists, environmental monitors, and drillers, to name a few.

(interpretation ends) Through a mine training strategy, the Government of Nunavut is working to ensure more Nunavummiut are employed in the resource sector with the skills to work in these jobs and provide support for their families. For centuries, our ancestors accessed mineral resources to fashion tools. Benefiting from our mineral resources is our right and will require new skills.

Mr. Speaker, the GN recently announced direction to establish a new mine training centre in Rankin Inlet to help support our territory's expanding mining sector. The new centre will support students in acquiring the skills and abilities they need to participate in this growing industry. While some mine training courses are already offered, this facility will increase the number of mining and mining-related trades programs available in Nunavut. Building our training capacity at home keeps more benefits in our communities

Nunavut Arctic College is pleased to be able to provide these training opportunities right here in Nunavut. We have found that learners who stay connected with their community and families are more likely to succeed in completing academic programs. The increased emphasis on mine training will allow our territory to keep pace with the growing demands of the mining industry. The mining sector provides full-time, well-paying employment opportunities, and the investment in mine training will help Nunavummiut access jobs, build valuable careers, and prepare for leadership roles at our mines.

Mr. Speaker, Nunavut Arctic College, the Department of Economic

Development and Transportation, and the Department of Family Services will work closely with our partners in government, the private sector, and Inuit organizations to develop a skilled workforce that supports the mining industry and keeps the associated benefits in the territory. Each and every new job supports a family. We look forward to sharing Nunavummiut success stories in supporting the mining industry and creating strong and vibrant communities across our territory. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Ministers' Statements. Minister of Education, Minister Joanasié.

**Minister's Statement 273 – 5(2):
Kugaaruk's New School,
Arviligruaq Ilinniarvik, Opens**

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome to the Member of Tununiq and his constituents. Good day to all Nunavummiut.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that Kugaaruk's new school, Arviligruaq Ilinniarvik, opened its doors to students and staff on August 28 and recently held its official opening ceremonies on October 8.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, Arviligruaq Ilinniarvik was named after the bowhead whale by the community because Kugaaruk has traditionally been a rich hunting ground for them. This hunt has always been an important part of the community's history, providing an opportunity to bring the community

together to learn, work, share, and grow.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, for the people of Kugaaruk to lose their only school in the middle of winter was a tragedy, but just like a bowhead whale hunt, it took the effort of the entire community to ensure that the students were still able to get the education they deserve while this new school was being built.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Nunavut, I would like to thank the entire community for its generosity, patience, and in helping foster temporary classrooms at various locations in our time of need during the construction. The community hall, the wellness centre, the daycare, the business centre, the parish hall, Nunavut Arctic College's learning centre, the Co-op: all of you served as an essential support to ensure Kugaaruk's students had a place to learn over the last 18 months.

Mr. Speaker, this new school will provide further opportunities for the people of Kugaaruk to come together and share knowledge, culture, and values that will enrich the entire community. Just as a bowhead whale is delicious and nutritious, Arviligruaq Ilinniarvik will be as enriching for students, staff, and the community. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Tununiq, Member Qamaniq.

>> *Applause*

Item 3: Members' Statements

Member's Statement 410 – 5(2): Reflections on Being Elected to Represent Tununiq

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my sincere appreciation to the people of Tununiq, who have placed their trust in me to represent them in the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to begin by first thanking you and all of my colleagues for the very warm welcome that you have extended to me. (interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I have very much appreciated your advice and guidance, which will be of great benefit to me in carrying out my responsibilities on behalf of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, it is very important to acknowledge and pay tribute to the achievements of my predecessors. (interpretation) Jobie Nutarak, James Arvaluk, and Joe Enook all made significant contributions to the community and to the territory during their time of office.

Mr. Speaker, I would not be here today without the hard work and support of many people. I want to thank everyone who volunteered on my campaign, especially Sipporah Allooloo, Gesoni Killiktee, and my family. I am very grateful to them all.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the recent election campaign in Tununiq provided me with the opportunity to hear from community residents about their priorities.

I also wish to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow candidate, Charlie Inuaraq, on his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I fully recognize that I have joined this House at the midway point in its term. (interpretation) It feels like joining the National Hockey League midway through the season.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, I very much look forward to using my time here to build on recent accomplishments of the community. I have heard clearly from residents that the need for infrastructure in the community remains great.

Mr. Speaker, although progress has been made in addressing the need for modern marine... .

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Member Qamaniq.

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Where was I?

(interpretation ends) Although progress has been made in addressing the need for modern marine infrastructure, we must now address the need for significantly improved airport infrastructure.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, Pond Inlet continues to suffer from a shortage of housing and I will advocate for actions to address affordability in this area.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as you know, the gold mine near the beautiful community of Baker Lake has had a significant impact on the well-being of its people.

As a former negotiator for the Qikiqtani Inuit Association in its Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement talks with Baffinland, as well as a former board member of our community's hunters and trappers organization, I am very much aware of the importance of ensuring a sustainable and balanced approach to economic development in our territory.

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, there are many other issues that I will be raising in this House, but time does not allow for me to address them all today.

(interpretation ends) I want to conclude by again thanking you, Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, for your welcome, and I look forward to making a positive contribution to the important work of the Legislative Assembly. (interpretation) Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you very much. Please feel welcome. As you were sworn in this morning, you will now be representing the people of Tununig.

Members' Statements. Member for Hudson Bay, Member Rumbolt.

Member's Statement 411 – 5(2): Mace Tour Visit to Sanikiluaq

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to express my appreciation to both you and the Commissioner of

Nunavut for your recent visit to beautiful Sanikiluaq...

>> *Laughter*

...as part of the Legislative Assembly's Mace Tour Program.

Mr. Speaker, as you will recall, the visit to Sanikiluaq provided students at both our schools with the opportunity to learn about the Legislative Assembly, the role of the Speaker, the role of the Commissioner, and to enjoy an up-close look at our institutional Working Mace. The visit also included a successful public event at which a number of residents of the community were in attendance.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to thank our community's mayor, senior administrative officer, and the administration at both of our schools for their well-organized hospitality to both yourself and the Commissioner.

I am also pleased to inform the House that the Speaker took the opportunity in between official events to enjoy a quick boat tour of the calm and beautiful waters surrounding the community.

Mr. Speaker, events such as the one you led helped to bring the government closer to the communities and the people that it serves, and I very much welcomed the opportunity to welcome you and the Commissioner to Sanikiluaq. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

**Member's Statement 412 – 5(2): Mace
Tour Visit to Whale Cove**

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to my constituents in Arviat and Whale Cove. I would first like to say to those who have just lost their loved ones that you are in my thoughts and in my heart.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to you and our Commissioner for coming to (interpretation ends) beautiful Whale Cove (interpretation) for a visit.

>> *Laughter*

The visit that you all took to Whale Cove was a very happy time and even though it is a small community, it was involved and I'm very happy about that. The smaller communities usually don't take part in whatever the government is doing and the people realize that. The protocol for the tour was great. The schools were involved and Commissioner Kusugak was able to recognize Whale Cove residents, so let me mention who they were.

(interpretation ends) The Bravery Award was received by Alison Napayok of Whale Cove for her brave actions. There was also recognition given to the Whale Cove under 15 girls' soccer team, which has an undefeated record. The members of that team are:

- Diana Okalik
- Barbara Ulurksit
- Deirdra Enuapik
- Mary Kate Napayok
- Adina Panika
- Macy Jones
- Pelagie Enuapik

- Corrine Okalik
- Savannah Nangmalik
- Breanna Hapanak

(interpretation) There were also people from Inuglak School who were recognized for their literacy work. (interpretation ends) There was also recognition given to an Inuglak School literacy initiative led by the former principal, Claude Pike.

(interpretation) It was great to see them recognized in Whale Cove, which I am very grateful for, and Mr. Speaker, I thank you for that and thank you for telling the jokes that you did at the recreation hall about the beluga hunting antics and you showed them how to hunt whales.

>> *Laughter*

It was great to hear you talk about that and I thank you for that. (interpretation ends) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Member Towtongie.

**Member's Statement 413 – 5(2): Mace
Tour Visit to Chesterfield Inlet**

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the people of Rankin Inlet and Chesterfield Inlet, our thoughts are with you and we send our condolences to those who lost a loved one.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank both you and our Commissioner, Nellie

Kusugak, for your recent visit to beautiful Chesterfield Inlet. It's not just beautiful; (interpretation ends) the most beautiful Chesterfield Inlet. (interpretation) You went to the most beautiful community.

Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, in the evening you and the Commissioner recognized individuals who received Commissioner's Awards. At this time I wish to again acknowledge the individuals who received awards. They are:

- Barney Aggark was recognized for community service in search and rescue;
- Nipi Alogut was recognized for community service in search and rescue, who is always available in marine or land searches anytime, anywhere, and always helping;
- Kevin Issaluk is always making himself available for search and rescue;
- Tony Amauyak was recognized for bravery, who assisted when there was an airplane crash and he saved someone during that time;
- Jimmy Krako was recognized, who was a young boy when a boat was being blown away by the wind and his grandfather asked him to take it back and he swam and brought the boat back to land;
- Romeo Kuglugiak, who always provides country food to the elders;
- Sarah Mazhero, who is a nurse in Chesterfield Inlet, and many Inuit

consider her very welcoming and she helps all Inuit no matter what they look like when they get sick.

Mr. Speaker, you are also very well aware of these people who are no longer with us. George Tanuyak was the mayor of the hamlet and they were losing a lot of money. He helped them with that, but he has since passed away. He set up a four-day week... .

Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude her statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Member Towtongie, you may now proceed.

Ms. Towtongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleagues.

Those people are very important. George Tanuyak, when the hamlet was in a large deficit, he changed it so that they had a four-day work week and they paid off their debt like that when he was the mayor.

Additionally, Arthur Kattegatsiak saved a woman's life; Cecilia McCallum.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for going to Chesterfield Inlet with the Commissioner and for properly recognizing the participants of the Qajaq program. We were able to see them and you were able to serve them properly.

On behalf of the people of Chesterfield Inlet, I thank you and the Commissioner. I would also like to welcome the new Member for Tununiq. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Amittuq, Member Kaernerik.

**Member's Statement 414 – 5(2):
Elders' Gathering in Igloolik**

Mr. Kaernerik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day to my fellow residents of Amittuq. Before I start, I would like to wish a happy birthday to my older brother, Jason. Have a great day. I would also like welcome the Member for Tununiq to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because this past summer I was proud of the people of Igloolik who held an elders' gathering there. The elders came together to meet and I'm proud of them. I would like to advise young people that when one no longer has a parent, we miss them very much. If you have a parent, please listen to what they say because we remember the words they used to say.

I would like to recognize elders of Igloolik. I don't want to mention your names because you are elders, so I just want to say I'm proud of you and that is why I rise today. I would like young people to listen more closely to their elders. When they are no longer with us, we will have a lot of regrets. To my fellow young people, let us listen to our elders because what they say is very honest. That is the reason I rose today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Uqqummiut, Member Keyootak.

**Member's Statement 415 – 5(2):
Issues with Air Travel and
Boarding**

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, I say "good day" to the people of Qikiqtarjuaq who are listening and watching as well as to the people of Clyde River. I would like to welcome our new member. I have worked with him with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. I know David Qamaniq will do some very serious work here with us. Please feel welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today because during this past spring session I asked questions about airline transportation. Airline routes for our communities have become a big problem, especially for me. With regard to the route that was supposed to be corrected, today I will be asking for an update from the Minister of Transportation at the appropriate time.

Today air travel is very inconvenient for our communities, especially when you represent more than one community and you have to travel by air to get to the other community. We are required to fly via Iqaluit and there is a shortage of hotel space in Iqaluit right now because of the constant influx of people from the communities. The hotels tend to already be full long before we even arrive here and there are no places to stay, even though we would like to travel to other communities. That has caused problems for us in some ways.

I will have questions about these issues at the appropriate time for the Minister

of Transportation as to what has been done about it to date. These are the reasons I stood up today, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Gjoa Haven, Mr. Akoak.

**Member's Statement 416 – 5(2):
Addressing Urgent Mental Health
Issues**

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Welcome to the new member and welcome to the members in the House.

First of all, I would like to say a big "hello" to my wife who is keeping the family together right now, and even through a little bit of a hard time, but apparently she is doing well.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. During the summer I have been harassed; I have been threatened to get beat up. I have also been asked to pay big bucks, and you can think of what that means, but this is not about me, Mr. Speaker. It's about the people that we are supposed to help. I was told by a very good friend of mine that while we are standing here, we are the voices for people that need help. I have been bringing this up every year, every time I am standing here, and it's about mental health.

>> *Applause*

It is getting out of hand. It has come to something where you are afraid for your own life sometimes, but people out there need help. People really need help and we're supposed to give them help, but how can you help somebody from Iqaluit

over in Gjoa Haven? All you have is a telephone. We don't have any resources. We have people who are capable of working as a mental health specialist, but they do not have any resources right in the small communities.

At the appropriate time, to the appropriate minister, there will be some appropriate questions asked. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Members' Statements. Member for Netsilik, Member Qirngnuq.

**Member's Statement 417 – 5(2):
Grand Opening of the Arviligruaq
Ilinniarvik**

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let us welcome the new Member for Tununiq. I am happy he can be here.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise today to inform the House about the grand opening of the new Arviligruaq Ilinniarvik in Kugaaruk, which took place last week.

I would first like to begin by paying tribute to the late Ovide Alakannuark, who recently passed away. He was very much committed to the youth of our community, and I know that he would have been very proud of the opening of the new school.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, the tragic destruction of our community's previous school was a terrible event. I have vivid memories of that sad day and the sense of loss that we experienced as

a community.

Over the past two years a great deal of hard work and commitment made it possible for the community to rebuild. I want to acknowledge the entire school community for their strength over the past two years.

Our teachers and students endured a very difficult time and have shown great perseverance and creativity in meeting the challenges of ensuring that our education program has continued.

Our parents, our district education authority, and our municipal council have shown strong support for the new school.

I also want to express appreciation for my colleagues in the Legislative Assembly, all of whom worked together to ensure that resources were provided to meet the immediate needs of the community, as well as fully supporting the construction of our beautiful new school.

It is also very important to acknowledge and appreciate the help and support that we received from many different parts of our territory and country. In the immediate aftermath of the fire, many donations and expressions of support came in from around Canada.

I am sure I was not the only person to be very touched by the efforts that a young person made to raise funds for the needs... .

(interpretation) Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to conclude my statement.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to conclude his statement. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Member Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, my colleagues.

(interpretation ends) I am sure that I was not the only person to be very touched by the efforts that a young person made to raise funds for the needs of the community and I believe that their efforts resulted in over \$1,500 being collected. Examples like this truly show how people and communities should help one another in hard times.

Mr. Speaker, our new school is a beautiful building of which we can all be proud. I wish to thank the ministers who took the time to travel to Kugaaruk last week and participate in the grand opening, and I ask all members to join me in celebrating the occasion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Pangnirtung, Member Nakashuk.

**Member's Statement 418 – 5(2):
Recognizing Silasie Nauyuk and
the Opening of Bank Services**

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good day. The people of Pangnirtung are in my thoughts. We have been going through difficult times in our community.

On a different note, I rise today to

express my pride and appreciation in more than one individual who was mentioned and recognized. The firefighters went to Nova Scotia for training. Silasie Nauyuk from Pangnirtung participated and he was there in July.

Also, on Tuesday in Pangnirtung there was an opening of the Royal Bank. It is fully staffed and it will be easier for the community, obviously, and we come across barriers in the smaller communities. I wanted to express my pride in that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Aivilik, Member Netser.

**Member's Statement 419 – 5(2):
Appreciation of Visit by David
Akeegok**

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This past summer we had a guest and I would like to thank David Akeegok for visiting Coral Harbour. I think he will agree with me that it's the most beautiful community he has seen. He went to tour the road being worked on continuously. I can say today that it has been worked on for almost 20 years and it's almost 200 kilometres long. He saw it and I appreciate him for coming, given he has been doing a lot of work. We benefited from his visit to Coral Harbour. He has a better appreciation of what we do in Coral Harbour. I wanted to thank him and that is why I rose today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for South Baffin, Member Joanasié.

**Member's Statement 420 – 5(2):
Recent Passing of Etulu Etidloie**

Hon. David Joanasié (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say "good day" to the residents of South Baffin.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember an individual and those who suffered a great loss, especially the people of Cape Dorset.

Mr. Speaker, the famous singer, Etulu Etidloie, passed away and I wanted to recognize and remember him. All you had to do was hear his voice and you would know who he was and his songs are very entertaining.

Mr. Speaker, the late Etulu Etidloie was known all over the north through his songs on the life of Inuit of the past and present, and they left an impression. I am especially proud on behalf of the people of Cape Dorset, as it shows that he kept our culture and language strong.

Also, I feel for his dear family, especially his two daughters, Mary and Alicee, as well as his wife, Letia, and all of their relatives who went through a difficult time. I want to extend my condolences to them and express my appreciation for the gift of his music. We can still hear his music, even though he has passed away. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Members' Statements. Member for Quttiktuq,

Member Akeegok.

**Member's Statement 421 – 5(2):
Municipal Acclamations in the
High Arctic**

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the people of Arctic Bay, especially the Taqtu family, you are in my thoughts and I empathize with you while you are going through this trying time.

Mr. Speaker, on October 28 all the communities will be electing their hamlet mayors and councils, but there will be no elections in the High Arctic. When the call for nominations opened, they were acclaimed, so I wanted to recognize them right away and I will want to work closely with them at the end of October when they sit to meet.

In God's good creation of Grise Fiord, the mayor returns. I'm very proud of Meeka Kiguktak and I will enjoy working with her. She will be mayor for the next four years.

In Resolute Bay, Mark Amarualik will be their new mayor. He is a very young person and I have seen his strong willingness to work.

In Arctic Bay, Moses Oyukuluk has become mayor and he is a hard worker. I can see his willingness to work. I'm happy for him and I can't wait to work with him.

My constituency communities of Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay will not be holding elections for hamlet council. There were only three candidates who put their names forward and they will still have to find five additional people.

Also, in Arctic Bay there were only four candidates and they will have to find an additional four people. I urge the people who want to be representatives to show up.

Unfortunately when the district education authority opened a call for nominations, there were not enough candidates who came forward. In Grise Fiord there were only two, only one in Resolute Bay, and there were none in Arctic Bay. In Arctic Bay nominations are open again. I urge you, for the sake of your children's education, to please run for their district education authorities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Continuing on with the orders of the day. Item 4. Returns to Oral Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 4: Returns to Oral Questions

**Return to Oral Question 545 – 5(2):
Municipal Bylaws**

Clerk (Mr. Quirke): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the Return to Oral Question No. 545, which was asked during the spring 2019 sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Continuing on with the orders of the day. Item 5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery. Member Nakashuk.

*Please refer to electronic version appendix for full text of Return to Oral Question 545 – 5(2).

Item 5: Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery

Ms. Nakashuk (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize a visitor in the gallery. I wanted to say that Pangnirtung is the most picturesque place.

>> *Laughter*

Originally from Pangnirtung, I would like to recognize Rebecca Veevee. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Welcome to the gallery while the members are at work. Please feel very welcome. (interpretation ends) Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery.

(interpretation) Before we proceed with the orders of the day, I wish to note that Member Quassa and Member Kamingoak are absent from the House today. I wanted to clearly indicate that those two members are absent from the House today.

We will now proceed with the orders of the day. Oral Questions. Member for Tununig, Member Qamaniq.

Item 6: Oral Questions

Question 563 – 5(2): Status of Pond Inlet Marine Infrastructure

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Economic Development and Transportation.

As I noted in my member's statement

today, the people of Pond Inlet are very proud of the new marine infrastructure that is being built in the community. This is something that my predecessors and the community strongly advocated for.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, can the minister update the House today on when construction of the new marine infrastructure in Pond Inlet, for the record, is scheduled to be completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the new member for asking his first question to me. We expect the construction of the new marine infrastructure in Pond Inlet to be completed by the fall of 2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Qamaniq.

Mr. Qamaniq: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the minister will recall, the Legislative Assembly approved \$3,841,000 in capital carryover funding during its recent spring sitting for the Pond Inlet marine infrastructure. (interpretation) Mr. Speaker, can the minister confirm whether or not any additional capital appropriations will be required to complete this important project? (interpretation ends) *Ma'na*, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're still using the funding that has been approved by this House and it's under construction. I can't say at this time if we will require additional funds as we are still using the funds that were approved for the construction that is underway. We will have to review this project and see if the funding is sufficient or whether we will require additional appropriations. The funding we have allocated has been sufficient to date. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second supplementary question, Member Qamaniq.

Mr. Qamaniq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Will the minister commit to tabling information in the Legislative Assembly detailing the final costs of the Pond Inlet marine infrastructure project, in addition to information concerning Inuit employment on the project? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, with the construction of the marine infrastructure, once we have the final costs and we do have the information on Inuit employment, which is compiled by my department, but we do make those reports public at the completion of a project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Niaqunngu, Member Angnakak.

Question 564 – 5(2): Affordable Housing

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good afternoon.

(interpretation ends) Today my questions are for the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, many constituents approach me on an almost daily basis with concerns about the housing affordability crisis in Iqaluit.

As the minister is aware, Action 40 of the *Blueprint for Action on Housing* indicates that the Nunavut Housing Corporation will “conduct a housing need and demand study to determine the housing needs of all Nunavummiut, including income and affordability levels...”

Can the minister tell us today when the results of this study will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly so that all members can benefit from this important information? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Housing is a priority for all of us. I do hear from my constituents that once an individual starts working and earning an income, there is a dramatic rise in the rent that they pay. I empathize with them and I want to consider options with my colleagues. The people who start working end up paying very high rent, whereas income assistance clients in the same type of housing unit pay very little,

which the government finds unacceptable. As the minister responsible, I will look into this matter. I can't say when we will table the study at this time. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The (interpretation ends) blueprint for action (interpretation) doesn't have a timeline for when the actions will be completed. It creates a problem when I'm reading that document.

(interpretation ends) One of my constituents recently wrote to me to share their experience of renting in the increasingly unaffordable private market here in Iqaluit. My constituent described an experience of rent increases between 15 and 20 percent, as well as arbitrary fees and charges far in excess of what is reasonable.

Mr. Speaker, as the minister will be well aware, a number of Canadian provinces have legislation in place to provide a measure of protection for renters. For example, the maximum residential tenancy rent increase allowable by law in British Columbia in the year 2020 will be 2.6 percent. It can't go higher than that.

Mr. Speaker, although section 47 of Nunavut's *Residential Tenancies Act* protects our tenants from having their rent increased more than once a year, it does not appear to provide for any cap on the amount that it could be increased. Will the minister commit to reviewing this provision in the legislation with the

goal of having a stronger rent control in place within the next year? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As for a commitment to the member's request, I cannot do that, but I really want to work with the House in terms of how we can address the rent scale. I alluded earlier to my first comment that I have constituents who have come to me since becoming the Minister of Housing and they're complaining about the rents and I feel for them.

Mr. Speaker, it is not right that we have houses that we pay on an annual basis the same rate as the one that is renting this unit at exactly the same cost as the one that is on social assistance. We need to find a place where the renter is comfortable and we are comfortable. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second supplementary question, Member Angnakak.

Ms. Angnakak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was really hoping that the minister could commit to reviewing this provision. The minister stated that it was too bad that people are faced with high rents, but this is one way that we can address that. I'm hoping that the minister will reconsider and be able to commit that this kind of legislation needs to happen and it needs to be addressed as soon as possible. People are having a

hard time with their rents; meeting the high costs.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to recognize that this is a complex area and it requires action on many levels. Although we need to protect tenants from excessive and arbitrary rent increases, we also need to encourage private developers to build more affordable units to alleviate our housing shortage.

Earlier this year I asked no fewer than three ministers about the status of the City of Iqaluit's new land administration bylaw, which was developed with the goal of addressing our community's housing issues. At that time certain legal concerns with the wording of the bylaw had been identified and it was my understanding that the GN and the city were going to work together to resolve them. Can the minister clearly tell me today whether or not this bylaw has been approved by the government? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The question that the member poses is under the responsibility of the Minister of CGS, who works with the municipality in terms of giving lots for housing development. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Amittuq, Member Kaernerik.

Question 565 – 5(2): Break-in at Igloolik Housing Association

Mr. Kaernerik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a question for the Minister responsible for the Housing Corporation.

This past summer my fellow people of Amittuq in the community of Igloolik experienced a break-in at the housing association and things were vandalized. Is the housing corporation trying to assist the Igloolik Housing Association with this problem? That's my question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We aren't responsible for handling break-ins at the housing corporation. Perhaps the people who broke in will have to be dealt with by the police, not us. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Kaernerik.

Mr. Kaernerik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was trying to ask if the housing corporation will be providing assistance to the Igloolik Housing Association. Looking at documents, people are trying to get housing. What is happening with that now? I'm trying to ask if the housing corporation is trying to assist the Igloolik Housing Association. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): He talked about break and enters in the first question. However, the housing corporation works with local housing associations to see which communities need housing (interpretation ends) through the methodology of giving housing to communities. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Kaerner.

Mr. Kaerner (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe they really need help. There was some very expensive damage and the computers were destroyed. I'm not talking about break-ins; I'm asking if the housing corporation can help the residents of Igloolik. Looking at the housing waiting lists for Igloolik and Hall Beach, there are more people in Hall Beach requesting housing than the people of Igloolik, so I would really like the housing corporation to help my fellow residents of Amittuq. Can he tell the House whether the housing corporation can approach the people of Igloolik? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation, Minister Netser.

Hon. Patterk Netser (interpretation): I don't understand our colleague anymore. The member is saying that the computers have been destroyed and the member is asking if the housing corporation can help with that. The housing corporation works with local housing associations to see what houses the community needs. We work with them in that regard. The housing corporation does not deal with

break-ins and vandalism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Uqqummiut, Member Keyootak.

Question 566 – 5(2): Problems with Air Travel Routes

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my questions to the Minister of Transportation.

Mr. Speaker, as I stated in my member's statement, I would be asking questions to the Minister of Transportation about airline travel.

Mr. Speaker, during the spring session, I asked some questions to the Minister of Transportation about air travel in the Baffin region. It has become very inconvenient to those of us who have to travel to other communities.

Mr. Speaker, there were supposed to be improvements made to the air travel routes in the Baffin region. Can the minister provide an update or has the minister been involved in trying to address the problems with air travel routes in the Baffin region? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeegok.

Hon. David Akeegok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank you for asking that question. Since the merger between First Air and Canadian North, it is now called Canadian North, and they recently announced a schedule

that they will use beginning on November 1. The airline schedules for the Baffin and Kitikmeot regions were recently set up and they are now ready to be used starting November 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for that response. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the minister can provide clarification on his response that we will be informed about how the airline schedules will be set. Can the minister indicate if the airline schedule can be tabled in the House? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The schedules are already available online. Also, the airline schedule does not fall under the government. The airline schedule is not determined by the government. The airlines set up their schedules to the communities. The new schedule will be in effect starting November 1.

We are starting to review the airline routes to the communities. For flights from the Baffin to Ottawa or from Iqaluit to the communities, it would be preferable if there was a quicker turnaround time. For example, I know that Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River don't share a schedule, but looking at the schedule, they have set up a direct flight on Sundays. They would have to overnight here in Iqaluit during the week. We are reviewing the changes that

were made and if I need to raise any concerns, I will raise them through that.

However, what you are requesting is already available online and it is determined by the airlines. It is out of our control, so I'm concerned about tabling it in the House, but if you want to view it, it's available at canadiannorth.com and it has been advertised for all of the communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second supplementary question, Member Keyootak.

Mr. Keyootak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister for explaining that very clearly. I know that the government does not control airline schedules; they are determined freely by the private businesses.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister explain further about the request that came from Qikiqtarjuaq regarding the flight schedule between Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River? There used to be a down-island flight from Clyde River to Qikiqtarjuaq and Iqaluit, but right now if we want to go to Clyde River, we have to overnight in Iqaluit. Not just to Clyde River, but if we want to go north, then we have to go south to Iqaluit first, and then we always have to overnight in Iqaluit. If people from farther north come to Qikiqtarjuaq, they have to overnight in Iqaluit in order to get back home and the hotels are always full. That causes a lot of problems for those of us who have to travel.

Can the minister provide a further explanation? I asked previously if there

can be a special flight, even just once in the summer, between Qikiqtarjuaq and Clyde River. Has there been any work been done on this or not? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Economic Development and Transportation, Minister Akeeagok.

Hon. David Akeeagok (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The new schedule will start on November 1. On Sundays there will be a flight from Clyde River to Qikiqtarjuaq starting on November 1, as announced. It's only one day, but that is the way it is. It has changed recently, so I'm still reviewing it because it will affect me too, being from the High Arctic. When we went from Clyde River to Arctic Bay and then finally here, the plane was always full. I think your concern was heard clearly. In consideration of the concerns that have been raised regarding air travel, they have tried to make improvements to the schedules. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

Question 567 – 5(2): Continuing Care Facilities in Nunavut

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question today is for the Minister of Health about elders' care facilities in Nunavut.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, caring for our elders in Nunavut is not a chore. Caring for our elders is a privilege. My home community of Arviat has been lucky enough to host an elders' home for the past 20 years, and let me say on

behalf of the community, it has been an absolute privilege to have an elders' home in our community. It provides employment. It provides an opportunity to provide care, integrating Inuit culture, Inuit language, and Inuit food. It's the kind of facility, I believe, we need more of across the territory in other communities.

Mr. Speaker, my questions for the minister are regarding the existing elders' care and continuing care facilities in Nunavut.

I have been reviewing this document titled *Continuing Care in Nunavut 2015-2035*, but it's unclear to me right now what document or what plan actually governs the future of the existing elders' care and continuing care centres in Nunavut. That is my first question for the minister. Is there a plan or strategy in place regarding the future of these existing facilities? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the member's question for a number of different reasons. First of all, in this upcoming sitting you will see an addition to the capital budget where we are initiating the first phase of our elder facility plan. We worked very closely with Partnerships BC to develop a strategy of elder care across the territory to not only provide adequate care going forward but to repatriate residents who are currently cared for outside the territory.

As far as a plan for existing facilities, as these new facilities are phased in and as

they're integrated into the system, it will dictate what our current level of needs are at that time, whether we need to surplus those existing facilities and repurpose them for maybe other health purposes or other government purposes. I have stated in the past, I believe in the last sitting, that the intention is to find appropriate uses for these facilities that would at least maintain or maybe even improve on the local employment capacity to find similar uses for these facilities that would carry the same needs so that those employees still have employment opportunities, but failing in that, there would be also other employment opportunities through the repurposed facilities as they arise.

Once the ground is broken and these new facilities start looking at coming online, that's when we will start doing searches within the government to find other alternative uses for these facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, minister. He probably answered my question, but sometimes I find it hard to understand, so I tend to ask more questions.

(interpretation ends) The minister did mention a strategy, a Partnerships BC strategy. Does that strategy take into account the existing facilities or is that strategy simply forward-looking, looking at new facilities in terms of where we will go in the future? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With the data that we have, we estimate by 2035 that we're going to need 156 long-term care beds to meet the need then. We're building for the future now. Through the analysis and best practices in industry, to make sure that we can bring the level of care needed to these facilities, it is recognized that we need to build larger, more efficient facilities. Therefore you're looking at regional centres. As the members will see the first phase of this, we're looking at Rankin Inlet. What implications that will have on the Arviat elders' facility, right now we're focused on the building of the facility.

With this House's blessing and we can move forward with this project, that's when we will start analyzing what alternative purposes are going to be needed, but right now we want to make sure not only that... . Out of the 44 beds that we have available right now, none of them are able to fulfill the high-level needs in the territory, causing us to have to use outside facilities. We want to make sure first of all that we're building the size of facilities to meet not just today's need but tomorrow's need and to make sure that we can utilize the level of care being provided in those facilities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The minister mentioned 156 beds needed by 2035 and 44 existing beds. This isn't a question, Mr. Speaker; this is just a comment. If pulling the trigger on new elder centre facilities in Nunavut means

that we're going to shut down the existing ones, then that is a non-starter for me, Mr. Speaker, I can say right now. No further questions. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Oral Questions. Member for Netsilik, Member Qirngnuq.

Question 568 – 5(2): Inuit Employment

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I say “good day” to my fellow residents of Kugaaruk and the people Taloyoak.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, my questions are for the Minister of Human Resources.

As the minister is aware, Article 23 of the *Nunavut Agreement* requires the government to achieve a representative level of Inuit employment in its workforce.

The government's most recent quarterly report on Inuit employment in the public service indicates that there were just over 1,800 Inuit employed in the GN as of June of this year, which represents approximately 50 percent of the workforce.

Achieving an 85 percent Inuit employment level will be a challenge. Can the minister indicate what the government's current timetable is to achieve this goal? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Human Resources, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank my colleague for that question. The number of Inuit employees within the government is still very low and we understand that. I just became the Minister of Human Resources and we have just started as a separate department this past spring. We are planning on providing training for employees to see how they can advance up the ladder in their work. We're still working that out and once we have finished setting it up, we can indicate when we can achieve the goal of 85 percent. I can say that we will not achieve it this year or next year, but we will continue to work on achieving that goal as a government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also thank the minister. He touched on the next question I wanted to ask.

(interpretation ends) The current business plan of the Department of Human Resources indicates that one of its goals for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is to “Lead in the development of an updated Government of Nunavut Human Resources Strategy, giving priority to increasing Inuit employment and strengthening human resource capacity across the public service.” Can the minister indicate when the updated strategy will be ready to table in the Legislative Assembly? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): I thank my colleague for the question. We are in the planning stages on how we can hire more Inuit who are looking for employment. We are still setting up my Department of Human Resources. I would like to see the plan done before the year is over and I want to be able to share it with my colleagues as soon as it's completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Qirngnuq.

Mr. Qirngnuq (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) As the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Netsilik, I represent two non-decentralized communities with limited employment opportunities. The government's most recent quarterly report on Inuit employment in the public service indicates that there were almost a dozen vacant GN positions in the two communities. Can the minister indicate how the Department of Human Resources works with client departments to ensure that vacancies in non-decentralized communities are filled as quickly as possible? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When positions are open in the community, like in the communities he used in his example, we work with government employees in that community. When there is a request that certain jobs be posted in a community, once the job description and qualifications have been compiled, including whether there will be staff housing available and so on, we go

forward from there. We prioritize jobs based on the qualifications that we are looking for and we all work together to try to fill those positions with Inuit as much as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Gjoa Haven, Member Akoak.

Question 569 – 5(2): Larga Kitikmeot Overcrowding

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Speaker, a recent story in the media described the impact of overcrowding at the Larga Kitikmeot Boarding Home in Yellowknife. It is not just that people have nowhere to stay, but the lack of a bed means that their medical appointments may be cancelled.

Mr. Speaker, can the minister indicate whether he is aware of this situation and, if he is, can he clarify how it is impacting the delivery of medical services for Nunavummiut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I am aware of the issue. There has been a fair bit of coverage. Even before that through ongoing discussions from health staff and boarding home staff, it was long recognized, especially in Yellowknife, just during tourist seasons it's very difficult to find alternative accommodations than the boarding home

itself. We are working with the contractor.

With regard to the actual benefit on medical care, I can say that it has diverted some of our medical patients to bypass Yellowknife and go directly to Edmonton to receive the care. It does put additional costs on the system by the extended travel, but at the same time we want to make sure that there is as minimal an impact on health care service delivery as possible. We are working with our contractors to continue to meet the needs of their contract obligations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The overcrowding at Larga Kitikmeot is becoming a growing concern for many of my constituents. Some patients have had to sleep in the common rooms like the lounge or the TV room because there are no personal rooms available. Can the minister clarify what is currently being done to address this issue? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm also aware of that and it has happened at other boarding homes due to necessitated need. When there is a lack of spaces, the contractor does whatever they can to provide a bed. Being in a common area is not an ideal scenario, obviously, and typically those are very short-term solutions. That being said, we do discuss these issues very regularly with our contractors and look for alternatives such as billeting.

We have worked with Health Canada to establish billeting rates so that if they do know people in the community that they're travelling to for medical care, they can arrange a billet or if there are people within the community that would be open to opening their homes to medical travellers, I encourage them to contact either the MLAs or through myself through my office to see how to go about arranging that so that our contractors have a list of billets as well as the Department of Health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Akoak.

Mr. Akoak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It has been suggested that if the government were to enter into longer contracts with the boarding home operators, then this would give them the financial security to expand their facilities. Mr. Speaker, can the minister provide an update on what considerations have been given, if any, to entering into longer term contracts with boarding home operators on the condition that there will be an adequate number of beds for medical travel clients from Nunavut? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The current contract parameters, for example, for the Kitikmeot boarding home were a ten-year term with five-year incremental opportunities to extend. That being said, with most of the contracts that we've had, to my knowledge, that has been a sufficient amount of commitment to be able to utilize any capital improvements.

If there are other options that contractors wish to approach my officials with, we are always open to discussing future opportunities, but I will say that having ten-year and five-year increments has proven to be sufficient to this point. Again, we're open to any discussions with our contractors as contracts come due and RFPs get issued. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Hudson Bay, Member Rumbolt.

Question 570 – 5(2): Minimum Wage

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions today are for the Minister of Justice.

As the minister will be aware, I asked a number of questions during our recent spring sitting about the issue of Nunavut's minimum wage. As I noted at the time, our territory's minimum wage has not been increased since April 2016, over three years ago, and we have now fallen behind a number of other Canadian jurisdictions. Last month the minister's department announced that it was launching an online survey to obtain feedback about this issue. This survey closes at the end of this month.

Mr. Speaker, the need to keep the minimum wage up to date is not new. Can the minister clarify why it was decided to undertake a time-consuming survey on this issue rather than simply approving an increase to ensure that our minimum wage matches or exceeds those of other provinces and territories? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Justice, Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) Welcome to our new member.

Considerations for increases include allowing for more than frequent incremental increases by tying the minimum rate to cost of living indicators, for example, the consumer price index. Several provinces and the Yukon have already done this by setting out specific timelines and formulas.

The minimum wage survey was done to give businesses and other agencies the chance to discuss or bring forward their concerns, whether or not what the minimum wage increase would be because it would be a huge increase for individuals such as businesses and corporations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In addition to the online survey, can the minister describe what other methods the department is using to determine what Nunavut's minimum wage rate should be? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) The department is also doing telephone calls, calling various businesses and organizations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I raised this issue back in the winter sitting, the minister agreed with me when I stated my position that since Nunavut has the highest cost of living in the country, it should also have the highest minimum wage in the country. Can the minister assure the House that the minimum wage will be increased before the end of this year and that it will also be the highest in Canada? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Ehaloak.

Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (interpretation ends) I remember that question and we will have the highest minimum wage in Canada. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak, Member Lightstone.

Question 571 – 5(2): Construction of Prefabricated Facilities

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My questions are for the Minister of Community and Government Services and are regarding the Capital Projects Division.

Before I begin, I would like to congratulate our new colleague, the Member for Tununig.

I would also like to congratulate the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation for their ingenuity in the design and construction of our hotel here in Iqaluit. I would also

like to point out that it is unfortunate that many of the modular units that they were using were constructed in China. However, I myself, as I'm sure the rest of my colleagues here today are, am pleasantly surprised with the speed at which this large construction project was put up.

I would like to ask if the minister can describe the extent to which his department has been monitoring or collaborating with the Qikiqtaaluk Corporation in this project so that we as a government might take away some useful information about this new construction technique. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister responsible for Community and Government Services, Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank my colleague for the question. Mr. Speaker, this is a building technique that the private sector could do, but this government is not able to do that kind of work because it's a non-starter for us in that sense, to use that term used earlier, because we need to have Inuit employment in our contracts to build any government facilities.

I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that if this government built homes in China to bring to all the homeless people in Nunavut, everybody would be opposed because there are no Inuit building those houses. I think it's pretty self-explanatory that we don't learn anything from this kind of project other than it was built outside this country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary question, Member Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do understand the important role that our capital projects have in maintaining our economy, but when a major capital project has 10 to maybe even as high as 30 percent Inuit employment in the construction, I think it is important to consider the trade-off of the economic portion of that construction as opposed to the actual end-of-project delivery that that capital project will be providing once completed. With that being said, I would just like to ask if the minister is willing to consider undertaking a pilot project of the same sort using that type of technology. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The technology that was used in building this hotel *per se*, 100 percent of the rooms and everything was built outside of Nunavut. I assure you that it was with 100 percent non-Inuit staff, non-Inuit workers. Mr. Speaker, I have to answer to this House when we have 30 percent Inuit and it is not enough. Imagine if we start building buildings that are 100 percent non-Inuit being built outside Nunavut. There would be an uproar in this House and an uproar in our private sector, and rightly so, Mr. Speaker.

We could take a look at the pros and cons of it, but I assure you we have a lot of contractors in Nunavut that would object to this House starting to build infrastructure from outside and just bringing it on ships and have local

labour put on the siding and the window trim. I think it just would not be something that this House would entertain and I'm sure that my colleagues on the other side would also be in an uproar and rightly so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Your second and final supplementary question, Member Lightstone.

Mr. Lightstone: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's response that he will consider the pros and cons of that type of project, and I completely agree that the contractors in the territory would not be in favour of that type of undertaking.

When you consider that our projects at the high end would reach 30 percent Inuit employment, if we were to conduct a similar type of hybrid construction method that would have the same amount of Inuit employment taking part in that project, I think that it would be in the best interest to hire the same amount of Inuit but complete the project in a portion of the time and at a fraction of the cost.

I would like to ask the minister, upon reviewing those pros and cons of that type of construction method, if you would then report back to the Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Minister Kusugak.

Hon. Lorne Kusugak: Mr. Speaker, there are so much hypothetical situations in that line of questioning that at this time, if there is anything to be learned from the current practice that has been done by the private sector, the private

sector can do whatever they want. They are not obligated to Article 23 and the different articles in the land claims agreement, which we are obligated to go through. Given the situation we are in, if there is anything we learn from this exercise that is currently happening, I would be more than happy to share anything that comes out, if anything, from this practice. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Oral Questions. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, Member Towntongie.

Question 572 – 5(2): Level of Health Care

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Health.

Like my colleagues, I try to ensure that I have an open dialogue with my constituents and I also visit their homes. I was recently in Chesterfield Inlet and I visited an elder who told me a story that surprised me. He got sick in the middle of the night and was experiencing dizziness. When he called the health centre, the nurse told him, “You’re not going to die tonight. You’re not going to die.”

I would like to ask the minister: do nurses at health centres consider proper care of clients as their first priority? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Minister of Health, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the member for the

question. I have spoken in this House numerous times that I can’t imagine anyone going into the health care field without their first priority being the care of patients that they’re charged with.

I don’t know the specific details on this one-time instance and I don’t know what the circumstances were. That being said, whenever somebody calls into the after-hours number, it is the responsibility of the nurse answering the phone to do a verbal triage to assess the necessity of whether to come immediately into the health centre or whether it can wait for a scheduled appointment or through a clinic, either the next day or at a later time. That’s all I can say at this time, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Your first supplementary, Member Towntongie.

Ms. Towntongie (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I indicated, I do visit my fellow Inuit and at times I am invited to their homes. This is not the first case of an elder in that situation in Chesterfield Inlet. Those whom we call the experts, the nurses and doctors at the health centre, are professionals and our elders are also (interpretation ends) professionals. (interpretation) How is the working relationship?

Let me speak English. (interpretation ends) When are there are institutional errors, sometimes most often health professionals cover it up. An institutional error is if somebody dies, they develop a professional curtain and behind that curtain they start discussing. In asking the question, when are the Inuit professionals like the social workers at the community level... ? Are they involved in the interagency

meetings? Are they included when these health professionals have these meetings? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That's my final question.

Speaker: Minister Hickee.

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There's no veil of secrecy or anything. Whenever there is any type of a death, the coroner's office has the ability to be able to forward it on to health officials if there are any concerns that were raised. Health officials do chart reviews to make sure that the appropriate level of care was provided.

With regard to stakeholders like social workers or outside parties that may be involved in a discussion around a death, it would be very case specific and dependent upon the circumstances, whether there were any factors that might involve Family Services into the discussion. There are coroners' inquests that are done on occasion that bring in different stakeholders.

I can't answer a specific to that question, Mr. Speaker; it's very case specific, but if the member has any further information or any other questions that she wants to approach me on, I'm always open, as she knows. Thank you.

Speaker (interpretation): Members, please note that the time for question period has expired. Continuing on with the orders of the day. Written Questions. Continuing on. Item 8. Returns to Written Questions. Mr. Clerk.

Item 8: Returns to Written Questions

**Return to Written Question 032 –
5(2): FASD in the Education
System**

**Return to Written Question 033 –
5(2): Ensuring Nunavut's Future
Professionals are FASD Informed**

**Return to Written Question 034 –
5(2): QEC Solar Panel Project**

**Return to Written Question 035 –
5(2): NAC Solar Power System**

**Return to Written Question 036 –
5(2): Driver's Licences**

**Return to Written Question 037 –
5(2): Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
Disorder**

**Return to Written Question 038 –
5(2): Inuusivut Anninaqtuq
Suicide Prevention Strategy**

**Return to Written Question 039 –
5(2): Administration of the QEC's
Staff Housing Policy – Follow-up**

**Return to Written Question 040 –
5(2): Fetal Alcohol Spectrum
Disorder**

**Return to Written Question 041 –
5(2): Status of Community
Learning Centres**

**Return to Written Question 042 –
5(2): Administration of GN's Staff
Housing Policy**

**Return to Written Question 043 –
5(2): Training Plans for Major
Construction Projects**

**Return to Written Question 044 –
5(2): Administration of GN’s Staff
Housing**

**Return to Written Question 045 –
5(2): Health Staffing Status in
Arviat and Whale Cove**

**Return to Written Question 046 –
5(2): NHC Capital Carry Forward
2019**

**Return to Written Question 047 –
5(2): Nunavut Airports**

**Return to Written Question 048 –
5(2): Ministerial Travel**

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling the returns to the 17 written questions that were asked during spring 2019 sitting of the Legislative Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Continuing on with the orders of the day. Item 9. Replies to Opening Address. Continuing on. Item 10. (interpretation ends) Petitions. (interpretation) Let us proceed. Item 11. Responses to Petitions. Continuing on. (interpretation ends) 12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters. Item 13. Tabling of Documents.

Item 13: Tabling of Documents

**Tabled Document 192 – 5(2): 2018-
2019 Annual Report of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 193 – 5(2): 2018-
2019 Annual Report (Part 2) of the
Integrity Commissioner of
Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 194 – 5(2): 2018-
2019 Annual Report of the
Languages Commissioner of
Nunavut**

**Tabled Document 195 – 5(2): 2018-
2019 Annual Report of the
Representative for Children and
Youth**

**Tabled Document 196 – 5(2):
Representative for Children and
Youth’s Response to the Report of
the Standing Committee on
Oversight of Government
Operations and Public Accounts**

**Tabled Document 197 – 5(2): Election
Made Under the Supplementary
Retiring Allowances Act**

(interpretation) Thank you. Members, I have six documents to table in the House today.

(interpretation ends) The first document is the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Nunavut.

The second document is Part 2 of the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner of Nunavut.

The third document is the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Languages Commissioner of Nunavut.

The fourth document is the 2018-19 Annual Report of the Representative for Children and Youth.

The fifth document is the Representative for Children and Youth’s Responses to the Report of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations

and Public Accounts.

The sixth document is an election made under the *Supplementary Retiring Allowances Act*. (interpretation) Thank you.

Continuing on. (interpretation ends)
Notices of Motions. (interpretation)
Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove,
Member Main.

Item 14: Notices of Motions

Motion 045 – 5(2): Legislative Assembly Appointments – Notice

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time I give notice that on Monday, October 21, 2019, I will move the following motion:

(interpretation ends) NOW
THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly make appointments under section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Notices of Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

Motion 046 – 5(2): Extension of Review Period for Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Education Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act – Notice

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you,

Mr. Speaker. I also give notice that on Monday, October 21, 2019, I will move the following motion:

(interpretation ends) NOW
THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 25 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I will seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. (interpretation ends) Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills. (interpretation) Continuing on. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Item 15: Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

Bill 30 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021 – Notice

Bill 31 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020 – Notice

Bill 32 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019- 2020 – Notice

Bill 33 – Supplementary Appropriation (Operations & Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018- 2019 – Notice

Bill 34 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2018- 2019 – Notice

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Friday, October 18, 2019, that the five following bills be read for the first time:

- Bill 30, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*;
- Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020*;
- Bill 32, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-2020*;
- Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*; and finally
- Bill 34, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019*.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. Continuing on. Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

Item 16: Motions

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Member Main.

Motion 045 – 5(2): Legislative Assembly Appointments

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS a by-election for the constituency of Tununiq was held on September 16, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the new Member for Tununiq has taken his seat in this House;

AND WHEREAS section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly may establish such committees to aid and advise it as it considers necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly is prepared to make appointments;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Amittuq, that the Legislative Assembly make appointments under section 17 of the *Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*;

AND FURTHER I MOVE that David Qamaniq, Member for Tununiq, be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Legislation, a member of the Standing Committee on Oversight of Government Operations and Public Accounts, and a member of the Standing Committee on Community and Economic Development.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): Thank you. The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. The motion is carried.

Motions. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I seek unanimous consent to deal with my other motion today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The member is seeking unanimous consent to deal with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are no nays. Please proceed, Member Main.

Motion 046 – 5(2): Extension of Review Period for Bill 25, An Act to Amend the Education Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues.

(interpretation ends) WHEREAS Bill 25, *An Act to Amend the Education Act and the Inuit Language Protection Act*, received second reading on June 5, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the bill has been referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Rule 68(1) provides that bills referred to a standing committee shall not be proceeded with until the Assembly receives the report of the committee or 120 calendar days pass from the day the bill was given second reading;

AND WHEREAS the standing committee has been giving careful consideration to the bill;

AND WHEREAS the standing committee requires additional time in

which to complete its work, including the holding of televised hearings on the bill during November of this year;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the Hon. Member for Rankin Inlet North-Chesterfield Inlet, that the period of time for the standing committee to report Bill 25 back to the House be extended by a further 120 days.

(interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. Member for Arviat North-Whale Cove, Member Main.

Mr. Main (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the mover of the motion and the Chair of the Standing Committee on Legislation, I am pleased to take this opportunity to speak briefly on the motion that is before the House today.

(interpretation ends) Mr. Speaker, as I noted in my motion, Bill 25, the proposed amendments to Nunavut's 2008 *Education Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act* was referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation for consideration following its second reading. This is an important piece of legislation intended to guide the delivery of Nunavut's education system and meet the expectations of Nunavummiut.

The standing committee has been giving the bill and related materials careful consideration. The committee also invited submissions from key stakeholders and members of the public.

(interpretation) I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have taken the time to share their views

and provide input on this important piece of legislation.

(interpretation ends) As the standing committee noted in its recent announcement, I will be tabling the submissions prior to the end of our current fall sitting, and my colleagues and I look forward to our upcoming televised hearings on Bill 25, which will be held next month.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all members to support the motion that is before us today. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Continuing on. First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Item 17: First Reading of Bills

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 30, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The minister is seeking consent to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 30 today. Members, do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): The members have agreed. Minister Hickes, you may now proceed.

Bill 30 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021 – First Reading

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 30, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The minister is seeking consent to allow for the first reading of Bill 31 today. Members, do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): There is agreement. Minister Hickes, you may now proceed.

Bill 31 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020 – First Reading

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020*, be read for the

first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 32, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-2020*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The minister is seeking consent to allow for the first reading of Bill 32 for today. Do members agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker: There is agreement. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes, you may proceed.

**Bill 32 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-
2020 – First Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 32, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-2020*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is

carried.

First Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The minister is seeking consent to allow for the first reading of Bill 33 today. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): There is agreement. Minister Hickes, you may now proceed.

**Bill 33 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-
2019 – First Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. The motion is carried.

[First] Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Finally under

this category... .

>>Laughter

Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the first reading of Bill 34, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The minister is seeking consent to allow for the first reading of Bill 34 today. Do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): There is agreement. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickee, you may now proceed.

Bill 34 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019 – First Reading

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 34, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019*, be read for the first time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried.

Continuing on with the orders of the day. Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickee.

Item 18: Second Reading of Bills

Bill 30 – Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021 – Second Reading

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon.

Member for Arviat South, that Bill 30, *Appropriation (Capital) Act, 2020-2021*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the Government of Nunavut to make capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 30 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickee.

Bill 31 – Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020 – Second Reading

Hon. George Hickee: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 31, *Supplementary Appropriation (Capital) Act, No. 3, 2019-2020*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the capital expenditures of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 31 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickee.

**Bill 32 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-
2020 – Second Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 32, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2019-2020*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the operations and maintenance expenses of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 32 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

**Bill 33 – Supplementary
Appropriation (Operations &
Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-
2019 – Second Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 33, *Supplementary Appropriation (Operations and Maintenance) Act, No. 2, 2018-2019*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes supplementary appropriations to defray the operations and maintenance expenses

of the Government of Nunavut for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 33 will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Second Reading of Bills. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes.

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I request consent of this Assembly to waive the one-day notice requirement to allow for the second reading of Bill 34, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The minister is seeking consent to allow for the second reading of Bill 34 today. Members, do you agree?

Some Members: Agreed.

Speaker (interpretation): There is agreement. Minister of Finance, Minister Hickes, you may now proceed.

**Bill 34 – Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-
2019 – Second Reading**

Hon. George Hickes: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Arviat South, that Bill 34, *Write-off of Assets Act, 2018-2019*, be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill authorizes the write-off of assets in accordance with sections 24 and 82 of the *Financial Administration Act*. Thank you, Mr.

Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order. To the motion. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried. Bill 34 will be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

Member for Hudson Bay, Member Rumbolt.

Mr. Rumbolt: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 46, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Iqaluit-Sinaa, that the House adjourn for the day. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker (interpretation): The motion is in order and is not debatable. All those in favour. All those opposed. The motion is carried and we will proceed to Item 22 in the *Orders of the Day*. Mr. Clerk.

Item 22: Orders of the Day

Clerk: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *Orders of the Day* for October 18:

1. Prayer
2. Ministers' Statements
3. Members' Statements
4. Returns to Oral Questions
5. Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery
6. Oral Questions
7. Written Questions
8. Returns to Written Questions
9. Replies to Opening Address
10. Petitions
11. Responses to Petitions

12. Reports of Standing and Special Committees on Bills and Other Matters

13. Tabling of Documents

14. Notices of Motions

15. Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills

16. Motions

17. First Reading of Bills

18. Second Reading of Bills

19. Consideration in Committee of the Whole of Bills and Other Matters

- Bill 30
- Bill 31
- Bill 32
- Bill 33

20. Report of the Committee of the Whole

21. Third Reading of Bills

22. Orders of the Day

Thank you.

>> *Applause*

Speaker (interpretation): This House stands adjourned until Friday, October 18, at 9 a.m. If you didn't understand that, it's at nine o'clock in the morning.

>> *Laughter*

Sergeant-at-Arms.

>> *House adjourned at 16:04*

Appendix – October 17, 2019



Return to Oral Question

Asked by: Pat Angnakak, MLA for Iqaluit-Niaqunnguu
Asked of: Hon. Jeannie Ehaloak, Minister of Justice
Number: 545 – 5(2)
Date: June 5, 2019
Subject: Municipal By-Laws

Question:

As the minister will recall, I have been asking questions since our winter sitting about the status of the City of Iqaluit's new land [administration] by-law, which the elected council approved in November of last year.

As the minister is aware, the new by-law includes new eligibility and procedures for residential ballot draws that will prioritize Inuit and long-term residents of the city. Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that the Department of Justice has raised concerns about the by-law which has resulted in a delay in it being approved by the government. Can the minister clarify the nature of his concerns about the by-law?

Response:

The by-law approval process includes a first reading, a public hearing, a second reading, Ministerial approval, and then a third reading. Once a by-law is received by the Department of Community and Government Services (CGS) for Ministerial

approval, a thorough review is conducted. Often this review includes legal advice, which is provided to CGS by the Department of Justice.

The role of the Department of Justice is simply to give advice to CGS on whether a by-law is within the power of the municipality to make and whether it is consistent with the laws of Nunavut.

In regards to by-law No. 853, CGS has not approved the by-law due to concerns regarding the sections pertaining to eligibility requirements, which require further legal analysis and consideration. Once the City of Iqaluit has resolved those issues, it can proceed with the process and seek Ministerial approval.

The length of time for this process is dependent on the City of Iqaluit's submission to CGS; however, the process can typically take a couple of months.