

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

First Session

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Thursday, March 2, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(7), the Speaker commenced by acknowledging the traditional territory of the Yukon First Nations upon which the Legislative Assembly is meeting:

“I would like to begin the 2023 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly by respectfully acknowledging all Yukon First Nations and that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta’an Kwäch’än Council.”

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENTS

Changes to the Order Paper – Withdrawal of motions

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding changes made to the Order Paper.

“The Chair wishes to inform the House of changes made to the Order Paper.

The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper as the motions are now outdated: Motions No. 77 and 91, standing in the name of the Member for Porter Creek North; Motion No. 118, standing in the name of the Member for Copperbelt South; Motions No. 248 and 367, standing in the name of the Member for Kluane; Motions No. 252, 442, 464, 477, 520, 523 and 541, standing in the name of the Leader of the Third Party; Motion No. 324, standing in the name of the Member for Mountainview; Motions No. 399, 414, 484, 504 and 510, standing in the name of the Member for Lake Laberge; Motions No. 478 and 492, standing in the name of the Member for Vuntut Gwitchin; and Motions No. 480, 481 and 528, standing in the name of the Member for Whitehorse Centre.

The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper as the actions requested in the motions have been taken in whole or in part: Motion No. 256, standing in the name of the Member for Whitehorse Centre; and Motion No. 363, standing in the name of the Member for Porter Creek Centre.

The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper at the request of the member: Motions No. 417, 465, 466 and 509, standing in the name of the Member for Klondike.

Certain motions have been removed from the Order Paper as the motions are not in order on grounds outlined in my October 11, 2022, Speaker's statement. To review, motions urging the government "to recognize" certain facts do not meet the requirements for motions laid out in Standing Order 29(1). The following motions have been removed from the Order Paper on this basis: Motions No. 35 and 56, standing in the name of the Member for Kluane; and Motion No. 286, standing in the name of the Member for Lake Laberge.

The following motions were not placed on today's Notice Paper as the motions are outdated: Motion No. 561, notice of which was given by the Member for Lake Laberge; and Motion No. 567, notice of which was given by the Leader of the Third Party.

Finally, the following motions were not placed on today's Notice Paper as the motions are not in order: Motion No. 563, notice of which was given by the Member for Pelly-Nisutlin; and Motions No. 564 and 566, notice of which was given by the Member for Kluane."

Introduction of Pages

The Speaker introduced the pages:

"It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Legislative pages who will be serving the House during the 2023 Spring Sitting. They are Lilly Salvin and Adney Karais from Porter Creek Secondary School; Izzy Baker and Ashley Cuenza from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School; Sanjana Jaman and Maura Gallant from F.H. Collins Secondary School; and Anick Girouard and Noé Kwan-Teau from Le Centre scolaire secondaire communautaire Paul-Émile Mercier.

Today we have with us Lilly Salvin and Sanjana Jaman. I would ask members to welcome them to the House at this time."

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Harper, Speaker

- *Report from the Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly on the Absence of Members from Sitzings of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees* (March 2, 2023)

(Sessional Paper 35-1-90)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

Money Message

Pursuant to Standing Order 61, Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*, Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*, and Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24* were each accompanied by a money message.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: inquiry into foreign interference in Canadian federal elections (Motion No. 573)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: nursing staff retention bonus (Motion No. 574)
- Re: quality assurance assessment of the Yukon midwifery program (Motion No. 575)
- Re: expanding the Yukon public dental program (Motion No. 576)

Ms. Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: elementary school in downtown Whitehorse (Motion No. 577)
- Re: encouraging active transportation (Motion No. 578)

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- Re: Yukon Muslim Society Inc.'s earthquakes campaign (Motion No. 579)

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

- Re: 10th Yukon African Music Festival (Motion No. 580)

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

- Re: Law Society of Yukon Indigenous cultural competency training (Motion No. 581)

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

- Re: congratulating Dylan Cozens (Motion No. 582)

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

- Re: congratulating 2023 Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games athletes (Motion No. 583)

Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

- Re: suffering of the Ukrainian people (Motion No. 584)

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

- Re: pairing arrangements for the 2023 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 585)
- Re: member participation in sittings of the House via video conference due to COVID-19 during the 2023 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 586)
- Re: authorization for the Assembly to meet via video conference during the 2023 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 587)
- Re: provisional Standing Order 76 during the 2023 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 588)
- Re: congratulating the organizers of the Yukon Rendezvous (Motion No. 589)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- 50th anniversary of *Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow*

Mr. Dixon, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:49 p.m. to 2:21 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

Thereupon, the Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance, delivered the 2023-24 Budget Address.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge:

THAT debate be now adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2023.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**35th Legislature**

Monday, March 6, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS**Changes to the Order Paper - Withdrawal of motions**

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding a change made to the Order Paper.

“The following motion was not placed on today’s Notice Paper as the motion is not in order: Motion No. 584, notice of which was given by the Member for Klondike.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

See *Hansard* for documents tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS**Petition No. 16 – Presentation**

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, presented the following petition:

- Hemodialysis

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 27, *Community Services Statute Law Amendment Act (2023)*

- Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

Bill No. 25, *Act to amend the National Aboriginal Day Act (2023)*

- Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

- Re: creation of a Yukon Health Authority (Motion No. 590)

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

- Re: welding program for women and non-binary people (Motion No. 591)

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

- Re: implementation of the Better Buildings Program (Motion No. 592)

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

- Re: 2023 Yukon Biodiversity Forum (Motion No. 593)

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- Re: Special Sitting in Dawson City (Motion No. 594)

Ms. Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: free prescription contraceptives (Motion No. 595)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: cost of upgrading electrical infrastructure (Motion No. 596)
- Re: recycling collection service in Whitehorse (Motion No. 597)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

- Supportive housing in Watson Lake

Ms. McLeod, Member for Watson Lake, and Ms. Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:35 p.m. to 2:04 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

The debate continuing (from March 2, 2023) and the time reaching 5:30 p.m. while Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, was speaking, the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023 and the debate on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*, was accordingly adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2023.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**35th Legislature**

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

See *Hansard* for documents tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS**Petition No. 16 – Report of the Clerk**

“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the Assembly:

I have had the honour to review a petition, being Petition No. 16 of the First Session of the 35th Legislative Assembly, as presented by the Leader of the Third Party on March 6, 2023. The petition presented by the Leader of the Third Party does not meet the requirements as to form of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Dan Cable, Clerk of the Assembly”

The Speaker ruled that, accordingly, Petition No. 16 could not be received.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 26, *Act to amend the Municipal Act (2023)*

- Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: repealing firearms regulations (Motion No. 598)
- Re: communications infrastructure in rural Yukon (Motion No. 599)

Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin

- Re: Class 4 drivers' licences (Motion No. 600)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- Re: Beaver Creek pool (Motion No. 601)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: prenatal nutrition programs (Motion No. 602)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

- Home ownership loans program

Ms. Clarke, Member for Porter Creek Centre, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:29 p.m. to 2:02 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 585 – Pairing arrangements for the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting:

- (1) the Clerk shall keep a daily list of paired members, in which any member of the Government and any member of an opposition party may have their names entered together by noon on that date to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division in the Legislative Assembly held on that date; and
- (2) following each such division held, the names of any members entered on the list of paired members for that date shall be printed in Hansard and the Votes and Proceedings.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Motion No. 586 – Member participation in sittings of the House via video conference due to COVID-19 during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness, or protocols may participate in the sittings of the House by video conference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by video conference shall:

- (1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;
- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
- (3) be permitted to participate in counts in Committee of the Whole, notwithstanding Standing Order 44 and Standing Order 44.1;
- (4) contribute to constituting quorum in the Legislative Assembly under Standing Order 3 and the *Yukon Act*; and
- (5) be considered to have attended the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, with no deduction of indemnity required under subsection 39(5) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Motion No. 587 – Authorization for the Assembly to meet via video conference during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting, if the Legislative Assembly stands adjourned for an indefinite period of time, the Government House Leader and at least one of the other House Leaders together may request that the Legislative Assembly meet virtually by video conference, with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly being able to participate remotely, notwithstanding any current Standing Orders regarding members' physical presence in the Chamber.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Motion No. 588 – Provisional Standing Order 76 during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting by deleting all instances of the words "Government Bill" and substituting in their place the words "appropriation bill".

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT BILLS**Second Reading**

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

The debate continuing (from March 6, 2023) on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Pillai	McLean	Mostyn	9
McPhee	Clarke, N.	White	
Streicker	Silver	Tredger	
NAY			
Dixon	Cathers	Hassard	8
Kent	McLeod	Istchenko	
Clarke, Y.	Van Bibber		

Bill No. 208, *First Appropriation Act 2023-24*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

A debate arising on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Pillai	McLean	Mostyn	9
McPhee	Clarke, N.	White	
Streicker	Silver	Tredger	
NAY			
Dixon	Cathers	Hassard	8
Kent	McLeod	Istchenko	
Clarke, Y.	Van Bibber		

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

A debate arising on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Pillai	McLean	Mostyn	
McPhee	Clarke, N.	White	9
Streicker	Silver	Tredger	

NAY

Dixon	Cathers	Van Bibber	
Kent	McLeod	Istchenko	7
Clarke, Y.			

Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:18 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

No. 106
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session

35th Legislature

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Artwork in the Legislative Assembly

Prior to proceeding with the Daily Routine, the Speaker made the following statement regarding artwork in the Legislative Assembly.

“Today, I am pleased to announce that new artwork has been installed in the Legislative Assembly. The artwork, in order from the back, south side of the Assembly moving counter-clockwise – I will start with moosehide mukluks made by Karrie Brown in 2018. These are home-tanned moosehide, canvas, lynx fur, beads, traditional Sámi trim, with nylon thread.

A member of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation, Karrie Brown was born in Whitehorse, Yukon and raised in Otter Falls Cut-off with her grandparents. Her grandparents started her off with thread, needle, and beads around the age of five, and a young Karrie would bead the slipper tops for her grandmother until she learned how to craft complete moccasins and mukluks on her own.

She said, ‘Learning from my Grandma Audrey, watching her bead and make these beautiful things and knowing that her teaching came from her mother – all that is something that is special that is passed down. Now, the mukluks that I made are considered a piece of artwork. Whereas, when it was my great grandmother sewing, it was more essential and they needed these products on the land and to survive.’

For this pair of mukluks, Karrie stated that her intention was to combine as many bright colours as possible. The lynx fur was sourced from the artist’s own trapline and a woven band around the top was purchased in Norway from a traditional Sámi sewing supply shop.

Next is an acrylic on canvas piece by Alice Park-Spurr called *Tribes* from 2006. After quitting their full-time jobs in California in 1980, Alice Park-Spurr and her husband moved to a remote location of the Southern Lakes district of the Yukon Territory to begin building a log home in the wilderness. Wanting to express her experiences of the wilderness life, Alice began painting as a hobby, eventually pursuing art as a full-time student, earning both BFA and MFA degrees with high distinctions at the California College of the Arts.

Working primarily in oil and watercolours, Alice takes inspiration from memories and visions of the north, rendered in a poetic, dreamlike manner. Her work reflects the colours, the long and short hours of sunlight, unexpected encounters with wild animals, and the ever-changing weather conditions. The artist's statement for this artwork in particular reads: 'It is known that two different types don't get along very well. However, ravens are the exception. They are neutral to each other. They have built a strong community and they are like one big family. They even allow others to share their roost if other tribes are making a long journey. Sharing with others is one of their practices.'

On my left, closest to the gallery, we have *Bricked Self-Portrait* by Luann Baker-Johnson from 2008, made from porcelain, slip, and iron oxide.

Growing up in the Yukon, Luann had the good fortune to be mentored early on by Ted Harrison, her teacher at F.H. Collins Secondary School. He instilled in her that art is synonymous with pleasure and that creativity produces vibrancy in life. Luann strives to incorporate this philosophy into her life through her works.

Following the tragic death of her daughter at the age of 19 from leukemia, Luann enrolled at Alberta University of the Arts to channel grief into something tangibly good and was drawn to ceramics and glass. In her second year at the AUA, Luann envisioned founding a glassblowing studio in her hometown, and from that vision sprang Whitehorse's thriving and beloved Lumel Studios.

Luann describes the process behind *Bricked Self-Portrait* as an exploration and catharsis marking the second anniversary of her daughter's death: 'I wanted to consume my mind with busy-ness by making little clay bricks – small bits that absorbed my thoughts and would grow into a towering object of grief. The kiln finished the work, the 1250°C heat collapsed the bottom half onto itself, but miraculously the piece still stood. When I opened the kiln the next day, I was greeted with an image of myself – fractured and broken but still standing.'

On my left, closest to me, we have two pieces. The first is by Mark Porter, entitled *Eagle*, from 1997, made from alder and acrylic. A member of the Raven clan of the Teslin Tlingit nation, Mark Porter was a talented carver and painter whose work was held in high regard by many artists and collectors, and he was admired for his talent and generous spirit. Mark learned many of his people's stories from his mother and had an active interest in his culture. He collaborated with Keith Wolfe Smarch, a

master carver in the Tlingit tradition, on a variety of projects. Mark's work can be found in such collections as the Indigenous Arts Centre in Ottawa, the Yukon Permanent Art Collection, the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre, and the Beringia Centre, as well as numerous private collectors throughout the Yukon and Canada. On April 17, 1999, the life and promising career of this young Tlingit artist was lost tragically in a house fire.

Finally, we have a purse by Lena Moon, who used home-tanned moosehide, seal skin, and seed beads.

Lena Moon is a Tlingit artist who was born and raised by her grandparents, who were Tlingit and Southern Tutchone, in the Teslin/Johnsons Crossing area. Lena was taught by her grandmother to sew and tan skins. Her grandmother taught her the importance of taking her time and doing things properly. Once Lena learned how to sew better, that's all she wanted to do, making slippers, mukluks, vests, gloves, mitts, fur hats, baby moccasins, and more.

Made from moose hide and seal skin, the purse was added to the Yukon permanent art collection in 2021. The beadwork pattern came from Lena's grandmother. Lena says that with this purse, she envisioned having a beaded panel in the middle, but when she tried to assemble it, she found that her hands weren't big enough to do it, so she created an entirely new design for it.

I urge members to view the art in the Chambers, and the public can see the art by arranging tours with the Legislative Assembly office on non-sitting days."

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See *Hansard* for introduction of visitors.

TRIBUTES

See *Hansard* for tributes.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- *Watson Lake Housing Needs Assessment – Final August 28, 2020*

(Filed Document 35-1-116)

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

- Yukon Medical Association's statement on the 2023-24 Budget address, letter re (dated March 3, 2023) from Alex Kmet, President, Yukon Medical Association to Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Health and Social Services

(Filed Document 35-1-117)

Ms. Clarke, Member for Porter Creek Centre

- Yukon implementation of the *National Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence*, letter re (dated February 28, 2023) from the Yukon Women's Coalition to Hon. Jeanie McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

(Filed Document 35-1-118)

See *Hansard* for other documents tabled.

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

Petition No. 17 – Presentation

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, presented the following petition:

- Hemodialysis

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 23, *References to the Sovereign Statute Law Amendment Act (2023)*

- Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

- Re: gender-inclusive diversity analysis training course (Motion No. 603)

Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of the Public Service Commission

- Re: implementation of gender-inclusive diversity analysis (Motion No. 604)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: midwifery (Motion No. 605)

Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Justice

- Re: Yukon Human Rights Commission's Y(OUR) PART conference (Motion No. 606)

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

- Re: national women's soccer team seeking equal pay (Motion No. 607)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

- Re: consultation on extending Birch Street and Azure Road (Motion No. 608)

Mr. Hassard, Member for Pelly-Nisutlin

- Re: trucking logs (Motion No. 609)
- Re: Ross River pool (Motion No. 610)

Mr. Istchenko, Member for Kluane

- Re: seniors housing in Haines Junction (Motion No. 611)

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- Re: equality, diversity, and gender parity within government (Motion No. 612)
- Re: mining industry access to port of Skagway (Motion No. 613)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: Skagway ore dock delivery of wind turbine components (Motion No. 614)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

- Frances Avenue lot development

Ms. Clarke, Member for Porter Creek Centre, and Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:44 p.m. to 2:17 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*

Committee of the Whole considered Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24* (Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance).

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance:

THAT the Chair report Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, without amendment.

Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*

Committee of the Whole commenced general debate on Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23* (Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance). Having concluded general debate on the bill, Committee of the Whole considered Vote 54, Department of Tourism and Culture. Having concluded consideration of Vote 54, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 55, Department of Highways and Public Works.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

According to Order, Ms. Tredger, Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, without amendment.

The Deputy Chair also reported progress on Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*. The report was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023.

No. 107
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**35th Legislature**

Thursday, March 9, 2023

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

PRAYERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(1), the Speaker offered a prayer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 11(2), the House proceeded with the Daily Routine.

DAILY ROUTINE**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

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PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS**Petition No. 17 – Report of the Clerk**

“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members of the Assembly:

I have had the honour to review a petition, being Petition No. 17 of the First Session of the 35th Legislative Assembly, as presented by the Leader of the Third Party on March 8, 2023. The petition presented by the Leader of the Third Party meets the requirements as to form of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Dan Cable, Clerk of the Assembly”

The Speaker ruled that Petition No. 17 is accordingly deemed to be read and received.

The Speaker added, “Pursuant to Standing Order 67, the Executive Council shall provide a response to a petition which has been read and received within eight sitting days of its presentation. Therefore, the Executive Council response to Petition No. 17 shall be provided on or before March 22, 2023.”

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 22, *Act to amend the Yukon Advisory Council on Women's Issues Act (2023)*

- Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate

Bill No. 24, *Act to amend the Coroners Act and the Public Service Act (2023)*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of the Public Service Commission

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier

- Re: Boreal Commons rental development (Motion No. 615)

Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Environment

- Re: biodiversity (Motion No. 616)

Ms. Van Bibber, Member for Porter Creek North

- Re: Yukon-Alaska border crossings (Motion No. 617)

Hon. Mr. Streicker, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources

- Re: resource road regulations (Motion No. 618)

Mr. Cathers, Member for Lake Laberge

- Re: Shallow Bay area zoning regulations (Motion No. 619)

Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

- Re: rural infrastructure (Motion No. 620)

Ms. White, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: increasing the medical travel subsidy (Motion No. 621)
- Re: health lodge in Whitehorse (Motion No. 622)
- Re: hotel rooms for medical travel (Motion No. 623)

Ms. Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: maximum allowable rent adjustments in the Northwest Territories (Motion No. 624)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Hon. Mr. Pillai, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

- 5th Avenue and Rogers Street lot development

Ms. Clarke, Member for Porter Creek Centre, and Ms. Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre, commented on the Ministerial Statement. The Hon. Mr. Pillai, Premier, delivered a reply.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:33 p.m. to 2:06 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**GOVERNMENT BILLS****Second Reading**

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 26, *Act to amend the Municipal Act (2023)*

- Hon. Mr. Mostyn, Minister of Community Services

A debate arising on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 26, *Act to amend the Municipal Act (2023)*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Pillai	Mostyn	Van Bibber	
McPhee	Dixon	Hassard	
Streicker	Kent	Istchenko	
McLean	Clarke, Y.	White	17
Clarke, N.	Cathers	Tredger	
Silver	McLeod		

NAY

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Bill No. 26, *Act to amend the Municipal Act (2023)*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

Third Reading

The following bill was called for Third Reading:

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*

- Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance

A debate arising on the motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Pillai	McLean	Mostyn	9
McPhee	Clarke, N.	White	
Streicker	Silver	Tredger	

NAY

Dixon	Cathers	Hassard	8
Kent	McLeod	Istchenko	
Clarke, Y.	Van Bibber		

Bill No. 209, *Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24*, accordingly, passed the House.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House resolve into Committee of the Whole.

Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*

Committee of the Whole resumed (from March 8, 2023) consideration of Vote 55, Department of Highways and Public Works, in Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23* (Hon. Mr. Silver, Minister of Finance). Having concluded consideration of Vote 55, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 7, Department of Economic Development.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dixon, Leader of the Official Opposition:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

According to Order, Ms. Tredger, Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 207, *Third Appropriation Act 2022-23*. The report was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023.

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March 2, 2023 –

Note: The following is a consolidation of the substantive motions adopted during the time period noted above. If motions were amended before adoption, the amendment is incorporated in the text and a notation made that the motion was amended.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 585 – Pairing arrangements for the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

Notice given Thursday, March 2, 2023

Considered Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Carried Tuesday, March 7, 2023

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting:

- (1) the Clerk shall keep a daily list of paired members, in which any member of the Government and any member of an opposition party may have their names entered together by noon on that date to indicate that they will not take part in any recorded division in the Legislative Assembly held on that date; and
- (2) following each such division held, the names of any members entered on the list of paired members for that date shall be printed in Hansard and the Votes and Proceedings.

Motion No. 586 – Member participation in sittings of the House via video conference due to COVID-19 during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader

Notice given Thursday, March 2, 2023

Considered Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Carried Tuesday, March 7, 2023

THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting, any Member of the Legislative Assembly who is unable to attend sittings of the House in person due to COVID-19 symptoms, illness, or protocols may participate in the

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sittings of the House by video conference, notwithstanding Standing Order 8 or any other Standing Order, and by video conference shall:

- (1) be recognized to speak in debate, notwithstanding Standing Order 17;
- (2) be permitted to vote, notwithstanding Standing Order 25;
- (3) be permitted to participate in counts in Committee of the Whole, notwithstanding Standing Order 44 and Standing Order 44.1;
- (4) contribute to constituting quorum in the Legislative Assembly under Standing Order 3 and the *Yukon Act*; and
- (5) be considered to have attended the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, with no deduction of indemnity required under subsection 39(5) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Motion No. 587 – Authorization for the Assembly to meet via video conference during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader
Notice given Thursday, March 2, 2023
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THAT, for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting, if the Legislative Assembly stands adjourned for an indefinite period of time, the Government House Leader and at least one of the other House Leaders together may request that the Legislative Assembly meet virtually by video conference, with all the Members of the Legislative Assembly being able to participate remotely, notwithstanding any current Standing Orders regarding members' physical presence in the Chamber.

Motion No. 588 – Provisional Standing Order 76 during the 2023 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Mr. Streicker, Government House Leader
Notice given Thursday, March 2, 2023
Considered Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Carried Tuesday, March 7, 2023

THAT Standing Order 76 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended for the duration of the 2023 Spring Sitting by deleting all instances of the words "Government Bill" and substituting in their place the words "appropriation bill".

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March 2, 2023 –

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* With amendment ** Comes into force upon assent

Comes into force on a day or days fixed by the Commissioner in Executive Council

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23	<i>References to the Sovereign Statute Law Amendment Act (2023)</i>	**	McPhee	March 8, 2023				
24	<i>Act to amend the Coroners Act and the Public Service Act (2023)</i>	**	Silver	March 9, 2023				
25	<i>Act to amend the National Aboriginal Day Act (2023)</i>	**	Mostyn	March 6, 2023				
26	<i>Act to amend the Municipal Act (2023)</i>	**	Mostyn	March 7, 2023	March 9, 2023			
27	<i>Community Services Statute Law Amendment Act (2023)</i>	#	Mostyn	March 6, 2023				
207	<i>Third Appropriation Act 2022-23</i>	**	Silver	March 2, 2023	March 7, 2023			
208	<i>First Appropriation Act 2023-24</i>	**	Silver	March 2, 2023	March 7, 2023			
209	<i>Interim Supply Appropriation Act 2023-24</i>	**	Silver	March 2, 2023	March 7, 2023	March 8, 2023	March 9, 2023	

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301	<i>Act to Amend the Taxpayer Protection Act</i>	**	Cathers	May 27, 2021				