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Speaker: The Hon. Yvonne Clarke

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Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole: Patti McLeod
Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole: Tyler Porter

CABINET MINISTERS

NAME	CONSTITUENCY	PORTFOLIO
Hon. Currie Dixon	Copperbelt North	Premier Minister of the Executive Council Office; Finance
Hon. Cory Bellmore	Mayo-Tatchun	Minister of Community Services; Minister responsible for the Yukon Lottery Commission
Hon. Linda Benoit	Whistle Bend South	Minister of Highways and Public Works
Hon. Brad Cathers	Lake Laberge	Minister of Health and Social Services
Hon. Jen Gehmair	Marsh Lake-Mount Lorne-Golden Horne	Minister of Economic Development; Tourism and Culture; Public Service Commission; Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation
Hon. Wade Istchenko	Kluane	Minister of Environment
Hon. Scott Kent	Copperbelt South	Government House Leader Minister of Education; Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation
Hon. Laura Lang	Whitehorse West	Minister of Justice; Minister responsible for the French Language Services Directorate; Women and Gender Equity Directorate; Workers' Safety and Compensation Board
Hon. Ted Laking	Porter Creek Centre	Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

GOVERNMENT PRIVATE MEMBERS

Yukon Party

Doris Anderson	Porter Creek North	Yvonne Clarke	Whistle Bend North
Adam Gerle	Porter Creek South	Patti McLeod	Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro
Tyler Porter	Southern Lakes		

OFFICIAL OPPOSITION

New Democratic Party

Kate White	Leader of the Official Opposition Takhini	Lane Tredger	Official Opposition House Leader Whitehorse Centre
Carmen Gustafson	Riverdale North	Brent McDonald	Klondike
Linda Moen	Mountainview	Justin Ziegler	Riverdale South

THIRD PARTY

Yukon Liberal Party

Debra-Leigh Reti	Leader of the Third Party Third Party House Leader Vuntut Gwitchin
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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
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No. 1
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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Monday, December 8, 2025

This being the day appointed for the opening of the First Session of the Thirty-sixth Wholly-Elected Legislative Assembly of Yukon for the dispatch of business and the oaths having been already administered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Members took their seats in the House.

Proclamation

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Dan Cable, read the Proclamation as follows:

“TO THE MEMBERS of the Legislative Assembly of Yukon, and to all others whom this may concern:

GREETINGS**A PROCLAMATION****(*Yukon Act (Canada)*)**

KNOW YE THAT under and by virtue of the power vested in the Commissioner of Yukon under the *Yukon Act (Canada)*, the Legislative Assembly of Yukon is summoned to meet for dispatch of business in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, 2071 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon, on December 8, 2025, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon.

ALL OF WHICH all persons concerned are required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN UNDER my hand and seal of Yukon, at Whitehorse, Yukon,
November 24, 2025.

Adeline Webber
Commissioner of Yukon”

Report on Members Elected

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly reported on the members elected to the Yukon Legislative Assembly as follows:

“Honourable members, the following letter, dated November 12, 2025, was sent by the Chief Electoral Officer of Yukon to the Commissioner of Yukon, the Hon. Adeline Webber:

‘Dear Commissioner:

As required by section 308 of the *Elections Act*, I am pleased to advise you that the returns of the writ for the general election of Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and a plebiscite vote, held on November 3, 2025, have been received.

The returning officers have certified in their return of the writ that the 21 members duly elected for their electoral district by having received the largest number of votes lawfully cast are:

Copperbelt North, Currie Dixon;
Copperbelt South, Scott Kent;
Klondike, Brent McDonald;
Kluane, Wade Istchenko;
Lake Laberge, Brad Cathers;
Marsh Lake-Mount Lorne-Golden Horn, Jen Gehmair;
Mayo-Tatchun, Cory Bellmore;
Mountainview, Linda Moen;
Porter Creek Centre, Ted Laking;
Porter Creek North, Doris Anderson;
Porter Creek South, Adam Gerle;
Riverdale North, Carmen Gustafson;
Riverdale South, Justin Ziegler;
Southern Lakes, Tyler Porter;
Takhini, Kate White;
Vuntut Gwitchin, Debra-Leigh Reti;
Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro, Patti McLeod;
Whistle Bend North, Yvonne Clarke;
Whistle Bend South, Linda Benoit;
Whitehorse Centre, Lane Tredger; and
Whitehorse West, Laura Lang.

When the writ was issued on October 3, 2025, the date of the return of the writ was set as November 10, 2025. A recount was applied for in the district of Vuntut Gwitchin as there were 10 votes or less between the candidate with the most votes and one other candidate. The Supreme Court of Yukon set the date of the recount as November 12, 2025. The recount, held today under Justice Karen Wenckebach, confirmed the vote tally.

In the event the return of the writ date is required in accordance with *the Yukon Act* section 11(1), the date of the return of the writ is November 12, 2025. The *Yukon Act* states that “no Legislative Assembly shall continue for longer than five years after the

date of the return of the writ for a general election, but the Commissioner may dissolve it before then.”

Sincerely,
Maxwell Harvey
Chief Electoral Officer.”

Clerk advises House that Commissioner will not deliver Speech from the Throne until Speaker is elected

The Commissioner, the Hon. Adeline Webber, entered the Chamber and took the Chair. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly then stated:

“I am commanded by the Commissioner, in her capacity as Lieutenant Governor, to state that she does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Assembly of this territory until the Speaker of this Assembly shall have been chosen according to law, but today, at a subsequent hour, she will declare the causes of the calling of this Assembly.”

The Commissioner then retired from the Chamber.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk addressed the House:

“Honourable members, nominations are invited for the Office of Speaker of this Assembly.”

Motion No. 1 – Election of Yvonne Clarke as Speaker

Moved by the Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier, and seconded by Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party:

THAT Yvonne Clarke, Member for Whistle Bend North, do take the Chair of this Assembly as Speaker.

The Clerk, having scanned the House for further nominations, repeated the motion and called for a vote. He then stated:

“The yeas have it, and Yvonne Clarke, Member for Whistle Bend North, is, by direction of this Assembly, duly elected as Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.”

SPEAKER’S ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY

The Speaker retired from the Chamber, donned her robe and re-entered the Chamber.

The Speaker took her seat and thanked the Assembly as follows:

“Members of the Legislative Assembly, I rise today with deep gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility. I thank this Assembly for the confidence it has placed in me. To be elected Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly is among the greatest honours a member may receive, and I accept this role with humility, with resolve, and with a clear understanding of the duty before me.

Today is historic. Together, this House has elected the first Filipina-Canadian woman Speaker in Canada. That milestone does not belong to me alone; it belongs to every Yukoner who has ever stepped forward with courage, to every immigrant who arrived with hope in their pocket, and to every person who believed that this beautiful territory in the North could be their home, their future, and their place to serve.

It is a powerful reminder that our democracy grows stronger when more voices from more journeys, cultures, and histories have a seat in decision-making. Representation is not symbolic; it is structural. It shapes how we see one another, how we govern, and how we build trust as a society.

To the Speakers and leaders who came before me, maraming salamat po. You upheld decorum, protected the rights of members, and guided debate with steady hands. I inherit a legacy that I do not take lightly, and I intend to protect and honour it.

To the Clerks, Table Officers, Sergeant-at-Arms, pages, Hansard, security, maintenance staff, and all those in the legislative office who keep this institution standing upright and moving forward, maraming salamat sa inyong lahat. You are the unsung heroes of our proceedings. When the House is sitting, you keep the gears turning quietly and flawlessly so members can do the work Yukoners sent us here to do. We see you; we appreciate you.

To my constituents, the residents of Whistle Bend North, thank you for the privilege to serve. I bring your hopes, concerns, and determination into this Chamber each day. Without your trust, I would not be here.

To my spouse Peter, the wind beneath my wings for 18 years, your steadiness, your counsel, and your faith in me have carried me further than I ever imagined I could go. And to my children, Rachel, Sabrina, and Sean, my determined, compassionate adults who continue to cheer on their immigrant mom, whose English is her third language, salamat mga anak. You embrace my accent the way one embraces heritage: not as something to correct but something to be proud of. From editing my grammar from afar to offering advice, clarity, and perspective when I need it most, you have lifted me every step of the way.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker must be firm and absolutely impartial. I pledge to serve every member equally – Government benches, Opposition benches, and every independent voice. I will uphold our Standing Orders, protect the rights of all members, and ensure that debate, even when passionate, remains respectful, principled, and worthy of public confidence.

Former Speaker of the UK House of Commons, John Bercow, once said, “Some people say, ‘We like the way he speaks.’ Others say, ‘He’s an irritating clot.’ My argument is that I am authentic.”

I suspect I may experience the same, particularly as a Filipina-Canadian who occasionally pronounces things the Filipino way. So, if from time to time, you hear a vowel shaped by Cebuano or Tagalog, rather than Oxford English, I trust the House

will offer patience and perhaps even forgiveness equal to that offered in Question Period.

Now I ask each of you for your continued goodwill, your respect for this institution, and your commitment to conduct that strengthens rather than erodes our democracy. We do not always have to agree, but we must always listen. We must always remember that our work here belongs to the people, not to ourselves. This Chamber is where Yukon voices meet. It is where difficult decisions are debated and where the future of this territory is built piece by piece. The Speaker does not command the House; the Speaker guides it – not to silence but to ensure that every voice, every perspective, and every member has their rightful place.

Let us move forward together, respectful in disagreement, united in purpose, and confident in the strength of this Assembly and the people we serve. Let us set an example for future generations and show that, even in a world of sharp divides, the Yukon can lead with civility, dignity, and democracy that works.

Members of the Legislative Assembly, thank you once again for the trust you have placed in me. I will strive each day to be worthy of it. Maraming salamat po.

Clerk, will you please advise the Commissioner, in her capacity as Lieutenant-Governor, that the Assembly is now prepared to hear the Speech from the Throne.”

The Speaker then addressed the Clerk as follows:

“Clerk, will you please advise the Commissioner, in her capacity as Lieutenant Governor, that the Assembly is now prepared to hear the Speech from the Throne.”

The Commissioner returned to the Chamber and took the Chair.

SPEAKER’S ADDRESS TO THE COMMISSIONER

The Speaker then said:

“Madam Commissioner, the Members of the Legislative Assembly have elected me to be their Speaker, and I recognize the important duties now given to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time make a mistake, the fault is mine and not that of the Assembly, whose servant I am. At this time, so that all members of the Assembly can best carry out their duty to Yukon, to their country, and to the King, I would claim for them their undoubted rights and privileges, especially freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person when necessary, and your favourable consideration of their proceedings.”

RESPONSE BY THE COMMISSIONER

The Commissioner then said:

“Madam Speaker, I am pleased to declare to you that I believe in the duty of the Assembly and, not doubting that the Assembly’s proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and care, I grant and allow the Assembly’s constitutional privileges. I

assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to me and that the Assembly's proceedings, words, and actions will receive from me favourable consideration."

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Commissioner then delivered the Speech from the Throne as follows:

"Honourable Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, respected elders, chiefs and councillors, distinguished guests, and those watching and listening remotely across the territory, it is my honour to welcome you to the 36th Yukon Legislative Assembly.

We meet today on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, and we acknowledge with gratitude all Yukon First Nations whose lands and waters sustain us. Yukoners are among the most blessed people in the world. We are the inheritors of a proud legacy shaped by those who came before us, beginning with the 14 Yukon First Nations who built the territory's first communities. They were later joined by prospectors and other adventurous souls who left the comforts of home and family to forge a new life in a distant and rugged land. The attributes that sustained these early pioneers and our First Nation ancestors – self-reliance, resilience, determination, and community spirit – live on in all of us.

In Yukon, where you are going matters more than where you are from. If you are willing to work hard, you can find an opportunity to build a life here – something more and more people are choosing to do. Once thought of as a hinterland, Yukon continues to draw people from across the country and around the world. Adding diverse viewpoints and experiences, these new arrivals are enriching the territory's cultural fabric and enhancing our dynamism.

As our territory grows, so too does our self-assurance about our place in Canada and what we have to offer the world. This budding confidence will be on display in a few short months, when we welcome more than 2,000 participants from northern Canada, Alaska, Greenland, and other circumpolar regions to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

As the athletes showcase their skill, their strength, and their determination in 20 sporting events, the territory will showcase what makes us the best place in the world to live, work, and play.

The Government is proud of what Yukoners have built together and is inspired by the territory's bright future. It is committed to helping Yukon seize the immense opportunities that lie before us. The territory needs to be a place where people are encouraged to dream as big and as bright as the northern lights, a place where those who take risks are rewarded, a place where young people can stay and build a future, a place where everyone, regardless of their background, can get ahead through hard work, a place where people do not have to settle for good enough, but are empowered to build the life that they want and deserve. These are the promises that the new government will work on to restore.

A new direction. On November 3, Yukoners voted for change. They voted for a government that listens, not dictates; a government that offers solutions, not excuses; a government that always puts hard-working Yukoners and their families first. The Government's work will be guided by five foundational values.

The first is leadership. The Government will take decisive action to realize its ambitious vision for the territory. If mistakes are made, they will be addressed and acknowledged. True leadership means having the strength to change the course.

Second, the Government's work will not take place in a silo. Collaboration will be the key to everything it does. Listening to Yukoners, reaching out across the aisle, and working effectively with the public service, First Nations, and other orders of government will create significant synergies and deliver better results for Yukoners.

Excellence is the third foundational value. The Government will pursue continuous improvement in everything it does. While it may not always be achieved, doing the right thing the first time will always be the goal. When the current approach falls short, the Government will not hesitate to forge a new path, which leads to the fourth foundational value: innovation. Better is always possible if you're willing to buck the status quo. The Government will seek and value ideas, and support risk taking when warranted.

The final foundational value is efficiency and effectiveness. The Government will save time and resources by making decisions closer to where the work happens, an approach that will rely on the expertise and advice of public servants. The Government will also cut all unnecessary red tape, as paperwork for its own sake undermines growth and progress.

Taken together, these foundational values – leadership, collaboration, excellence, innovation, and efficiency and effectiveness – will guide the government's actions.

Raising the roof on housing. While the Government has great optimism for the future, it is also realistic about the challenges ahead. The inevitable results of wrong-headed policy and bad decisions have damaged the social contract. Even though Yukoners are working harder than ever before, many feel that they are not getting ahead and, in some cases, are actually falling behind. Not long ago, Yukoners could find an affordable place to call home. Sadly, that is no longer true. Our population growth has been a boon to the territory in so many ways, but it has also put a tremendous strain on the housing market, our health system, and infrastructure.

Between 2018 and 2025, the population of Whitehorse alone grew by more than 5,200 people. The results have been predictable: during that period, the average cost of a single detached home in the territory increased by nearly 50 percent, far outpacing the wage increases.

In the next five years, our capital city is expanding to welcome more than 4,000 new residents. Despite doing all the right things, including working hard and saving

up, home ownership is increasingly beyond the reach of many Yukoners. Home ownership is so much more than putting a roof over your head or an opportunity to build equity; your home is where you make memories and provide a foundation for your family. In a territory as land rich as Yukon, this is as tragic as it is unacceptable. The Government will take immediate action to streamline land development in the territory. Recognizing that home builders construct the vast majority of housing, the government will reform the land lottery and ensure that they have access to more lots. It will increase the land supply further by working with the City of Whitehorse and the federal government to acquire vacant or abandoned lots for housing and mixed-use development.

Not all Yukoners aspire to home ownership, so the Government will also work to create a healthier rental market, beginning with phasing out the rent cap that forced many landlords to remove their units from the market.

Keeping the lights on. Housing is not the only place where Yukoners are feeling the pinch, whether it's groceries, building materials, or insurance, everything costs more – often considerably so – than it did five years ago. While many factors driving inflation are outside of the territory's control, steps can be taken to provide some much-needed relief. Yukoners are on track to have some of the highest electricity bills in Canada. In a place enveloped by darkness for more hours than not during much of the year, keeping the lights on is a necessity, not an option. To keep more money in people's pockets, the Government will insulate Yukoners from the proposed power rate hikes. Further to that, the Government will work with Yukon Energy to build cost-effective energy infrastructure for the future.

Caring for Yukoners. Few issues matter more to Yukoners than health care. This is unsurprising as no area of public policy impacts us and our loved ones so intimately. A vibrant Yukon needs a robust health system. Unfortunately, thousands of Yukoners cannot access the health care they need when they need it. Health care infrastructure has simply not kept pace with Yukon's growing and aging population. The signs of a system in crisis are everywhere, including growing surgical wait times and rural health centres that are struggling to keep their doors open.

The Government will strengthen the territory's health care system and improve health outcomes for Yukoners. The foremost priority will be recruiting and retaining more front-line health care professionals. Doctors and nurses in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand are trained to a similarly high standard, so they will be the primary focus.

An increasing number of American doctors are open to moving given concern with the political climate of the United States. The Government will launch a marketing campaign aimed at these health care professionals, selling them on Yukon's unparalleled quality of life and the advantages of practising in a single-payer system.

In partnership with health care professionals and Yukon First Nations, the Government will improve the health care system, including reassessing the Health Authority, to ensure patients and families come first.

Strong stewards. Yukoners take pride in caring for one of the world's most untouched natural environments. Lately, hunters, anglers, and trappers have faced fewer opportunities and inconsistent decisions. This has made it harder to trust the process and has weakened the teamwork that once made Yukon a leader in conservation.

By respectfully working with First Nations, investing in wildlife data and habitat protection, and creating fair, open processes for hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts, the government will make sure that conservation and opportunity go hand in hand.

Refocusing on Education. During the election campaign, the government heard a clear and consistent message from Yukon families: Our education system is not working as well as it should be. Their concerns are backed up by evidence. Report after report has found that the current system is not helping Yukon students meet their full potential. The Government will restore accountability and direction to the territory's education system by putting students and educators at the centre of every decision. It will restructure the Department of Education to ensure that it actually helps students advance.

In keeping students focused on learning, the Government will move to keep cell phones out of the classroom. Seemingly a small step, the ban will go a long way to enhancing the social interactions and improving mental health. Yukon's education system will bring new focus to the skilled trades, so we have the skilled hands we need to build our future.

Finally, the Government will work with First Nations, whether through the First Nation School Board or government-to-government, to foster reconciliation in a learners-first, strength-based, community-centred approach.

Safety for Yukoners. Yukoners have seen a disturbing rise in crime and social disorder. It was not too long ago that the territory boasted some of the safest communities in Canada. Now, Whitehorse has a violent crime rate surpassing many big cities across North America – a shocking development for those who grew up here.

No longer just a city problem, crime is also wreaking havoc in smaller communities too. Trust in the justice system is at an all-time low, with victims feeling overlooked, criminals feeling emboldened, and law enforcement feeling unsupported. The Government will take decisive action to tackle the current crime wave, beginning with conducting a comprehensive review of the Whitehorse Emergency Shelter, its operating model, and potential alternative locations and options for sheltering services. It will also work with the RCMP to strengthen enforcement efforts in the area. We will also take action to better address repeat and violent offenders and their supervision in

our communities. We will make investments in the justice system, including the courts, to reduce re-offending and to support victims of crime. We will also work with Canada to push for bail reform.

Residences and businesses have suffered long enough and deserve better. Enforcement and prevention need to go hand in hand. To this end, the Government will increase addiction treatment options to keep vulnerable people from falling into a life of crime in the first place. Yukoners deserve safe communities where their families can thrive and their businesses can prosper. That is why policing resources should be focused on crime rather than confiscating peoples' lawfully acquired property.

Hunting and shooting are foundational to Yukoners' way of life, particularly to First Nations exercising their constitutional rights. Unlike criminals, the territory's gun owners are thoroughly vetted law-abiding citizens, and that is why the government will take action to support the rights of legal gun owners in this territory, and we will advise the Government of Canada that the Yukon Government will not participate in Ottawa's firearms buy-back program.

Taking care of business. A strong territory requires a thriving economy powered by a dynamic private sector. Yukon's private sector plays an invaluable role, but it cannot be the basis for our economy. Between our bountiful natural resources and immense human capital, Yukon has everything we need to succeed. What is required now is a government that gets out of the way and lets entrepreneurs do what they do best: Create jobs and generate prosperity.

The Government's goal is to make Yukon the best place in Canada to build and grow businesses. The first step will be to pause and reassess the extended producer responsibility program, which is imposing increased costs and red tape on small businesses. The Government will also launch a review of the territory's immigration policies to balance the needs of our growing economy with the capacity of our infrastructure to support Yukoners. To provide fairness in procurement and better value for tax dollars, the Government will also take immediate steps to improve the procurement system.

Sound governance. Sound governance is at the heart of good government. When accountability, transparency, and responsiveness wane, trust in our public institution declines to the great detriment of our democracy. A government that cannot engender trust cannot truly lead.

The Government is committed to restoring trust in how decisions are made and ensuring that government works for all Yukoners. Building trust begins with building more respectful and collaborative relationships. Yukon professional and diligent public servants are the foundation of the services and programs on which Yukoners rely.

Unfortunately, morale has fallen in recent years. Far too many public servants feel unheard and disregarded, and front-line services are suffering as a result. A respectful relationship between the political decision-makers and the professional

public service is crucial. The Government will empower public servants to develop and deliver services, and deliver advice, options, and critical thinking to inform sound decision-making. As experienced professionals, their ideas are valuable and their advice matters.

The Government will also forge stronger relationships with Yukon First Nations. The territory is rightfully proud to be a Canadian leader in land claims, self-government, and collaborative governance, but much work remains. The Government will work collaboratively in bilateral and multilateral forums to advance the implementation of land claims and Yukon First Nation self-government agreements.

The Government will also work with non-treaty nations to advance self-determination and economic reconciliation. This is a critical step in Yukon's journey toward reconciliation, an opportunity to learn from the past so we can move forward together, stronger and more united.

In conclusion, Yukoners should be proud of their past and optimistic about their future. Lifted by our enviable legacy, we look onto a horizon that is as vast as the territory's promise. A wealth of opportunities lie before us; we just need the vision and confidence to seize them. Yukon is a compact between the past, present, and future. Inspired by those who came before us, we must build today to secure a better tomorrow for those who follow.

That is the Yukon way: Honouring the past, embracing the present, and thinking of the future. Inspired by the accomplishments of our forebearers, we can do great things to advance Yukon's promise for future generations. With the efforts and contributions of the members of this Assembly, the Government looks forward to using this legislative session to help advance Yukon's promise.

May your commitment to respectful debate and the common good guide your deliberations. Thank you, merci, shāw níthän, mahsi' cho, and gunalch'ish."

The Commissioner then retired from the Chamber.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS

The Speaker resumed the Chair and called the House to order. 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 this Sitting of the Legislative Assembly by respectfully acknowledging all Yukon First Nations and also that we're meeting on the traditional territories 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 1, *Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right*

- Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE TABLED

Hon. Yvonne Clarke, Speaker

- Speech from the Throne

(Sessional Paper 36-1-1)

CONSIDERATION OF THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier:

THAT the Speech from the Throne be considered on a day following.

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, informed the House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 26(2), that consideration of a motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne will take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

MOTIONS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE OFFICERS**Election of Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole****Motion No. 3 – Election of Patti McLeod as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole**

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro, be elected Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole.

Election of Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole**Motion No. 4 – Election of Tyler Porter as Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole**

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes, be elected Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

- Re: Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne (Motion No. 2)
(written notice)

Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

- Re: appointments to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges (Motion No. 5) (written notice)
- Re: appointments to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts (Motion No. 6) (written notice)
- Re: appointments to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees (Motion No. 7) (written notice)
- Re: appointments to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments (Motion No. 8) (written notice)

- Re: appointments to the Members' Services Board (Motion No. 9) (written notice)

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:56 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

No. 2
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**36th Legislature**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

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**Question Period roster**

The Speaker made the following statement regarding the roster for Oral Question Period:

“I have been informed through the Clerk that we don't as yet have a consensus for the schedule of questions for Question Period. I understand that Question Period rosters are never perfect and must take into consideration the need to hold Government to account while balancing the needs of private members to question the ministers of the Government.

I am also aware that members make the rules of the Assembly and that it is my job to interpret them. In the case of Question Period, the members have not been specific in their intentions in the Standing Orders with respect to rosters. This is probably due to the fact that roster-making is inherently difficult and usually in need of compromise to ensure that all members have a fair chance to ask questions.

In the past in this Assembly, the Government private members have been basically prevented from asking questions due to the nature of their positions on the roster. I agree that Government private members should not have the first, second, or even, in most cases, the third position on the roster. This does not mean that they should never be able to ask questions on behalf of their constituents to the Government of the day.

In reviewing the history of Question Period, I would note that up until 1996, the Assembly had a 40-minute Question Period. In 1996, the members changed the length of time for Question Period to 30 minutes. From the 1970s, the number of members in the Assembly has grown from 16 members at the beginning of the modern era to 21

members now. The responsibilities of the territory and size of the budget have grown along with the population during that time.

As Speaker, I believe that we are past due for the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, or SCREP, to review Question Period and report to this Assembly on its findings. Until that time, I have made some adjustments to the draft roster circulated by the Clerk and will use the roster that I will now table for the members, which is based on what I heard yesterday at a meeting I had with the House Leaders.

I will also inform members that during Question Period, members should be reasonably succinct in their questions and in their replies, and members should get up quickly so that we don't waste time during Question Period. If I find that the members are moving too slowly, I will remind members again, and if it continues, then I will direct the Clerks to start timers in such a way as to speed up the proceedings. I would ask that members of SCREP turn their attention to the issues surrounding Question Period as soon as possible and report back to the House in the Spring Sitting."

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

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

The Hon. Laura Lang, Minister Responsible for the Women and Gender Equity Directorate, Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women and 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Yvonne Clarke, Speaker

- *Report from the Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly on the Absence of Members from Sittings of the Legislative Assembly and its Committees*
(December 9, 2025)

(Sessional Paper 36-1-2)

- *Yukon Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2024- 2025*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-3)

- *Children's Rights – What a Ride! – 2024/25 Annual Report – 15 Year Review*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-4)

Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

- *Yukon Public Accounts 2024-25*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-5)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Hon. Yvonne Clarke, Speaker

- 35th Legislative Assembly's *Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-6)

- 35th Legislative Assembly's *Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-7)

- 35th Legislative Assembly's *Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-8)

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill was introduced and read a first time:

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

- Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

Money Message

Pursuant to Standing Order 61, Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, was accompanied by a money message.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Re: ranked vote electoral system (Motion No. 10)

Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: mine failure public inquiry (Motion No. 11)

Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike

- Re: wildland firefighters presumptive cancer coverage (Motion No. 12)

Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview

- Re: *Education Act* review (Motion No. 13)

Justin Ziegler, Member for Riverdale South

- Re: services publics en français (Motion No. 14)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: Porcupine caribou herd (Motion No. 15)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:22 p.m. to 1:52 p.m.

Unanimous consent re length of Sitting

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 14.3 and notwithstanding Standing Order 75, requested the unanimous consent of the House for the maximum number of sitting days for the 2025 Fall Sitting to be eight and for the provisions for the conclusion of a Sitting in Standing Order 76 to apply on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Accordingly, the Speaker declared that the current Sitting shall be a maximum of eight sitting days, with the eighth sitting day being Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Consideration of the Speech from the Throne

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, informed the House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 26(2), that consideration of a motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, if not concluded today, will take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE****Motion No. 16 – Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne**

Moved by Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South:

THAT the following address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER: We, the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious speech which you have addressed to the House.

A debate having started on the motion and the time reaching 5:30 p.m. while the Hon. Brad Cathers, Minister of Health and Social Services, was speaking, the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2025, and the debate on Motion No. 16 was accordingly adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

No. 3
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**35th Legislature**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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**Artwork in the Chamber**

The Speaker made the following statement regarding artwork in the Chamber:

"Today I am pleased to introduce the six pieces of art on display in the House for this Sitting. Each work comes from the Yukon permanent art collection, the territory's record of visual art. Beginning from the back south side of this Assembly, and moving counterclockwise, the works are: *Timber Point Steamboat Wood Camp – Ganti Yaak'w*, *Teslin Lake, Yukon*, by Mary Blahitka; *Yukon's Green Man* by Joshua Lesage; *Let's Go Dance!* by Sarah Lennie; *Arrival of the Dog Team* by Velma Olsen; *Living Shapes* by Lee Mennell; and *Chief's Raven Rattle* by Eugene Alfred.

We are honoured to showcase these incredible pieces and invite Yukoners to visit the Yukon Legislative Assembly website to learn more about the artists and their work."

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.

Motion No. 15, notice of which was given yesterday by the Leader of the Third Party, was not placed on the Notice Paper, as it is out of order.

Standing Order 29(1) states: 'A motion is used to propose that the Assembly

- (a) do something;
- (b) order something to be done; or
- (c) express an opinion on a matter.'

I encourage all members to consult the guidelines for drafting motions or seek guidance from the Clerks when preparing motions for this Assembly.

In addition, Motion No. 2 has been removed from the Order Paper at the request of the member.”

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

DAILY ROUTINE

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

No visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

The Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Tourism and Culture, Justin Ziegler, Member for Riverdale South, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Lacey Prize recipient.

The Hon. Laura Lang, Minister of Justice, Carmen Gustafson, Member for Riverdale North, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to Human Rights Day.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

- Letter re: Arctic Winter Games from Tracey Bilsky, President, AWG 2026 Host Society, to Hon. Currie Dixon (December 4, 2025)

(Filed Document 36-1-1)

Hon. Scott Kent, Minister of Education

- *Department of Education 2024-25 Annual Report*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-9)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

- Re: scheduling 2026 Spring Sitting (Motion No. 17)

Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro

- Re: home building wood (Motion No. 18)

Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South

- Re: Power outages (Motion No. 19)

Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: downtown Whitehorse elementary school (Motion No. 20)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: Porcupine caribou herd (Motion No. 21)
- Re: salmon recovery (Motion No. 22)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:26 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Consideration of the Speech from the Throne

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, informed the House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 26(2), that consideration of a motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, if not concluded today, will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Motion No. 16 – Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

Moved by Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South:

THAT the following address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER: We, the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious speech which you have addressed to the House.

The debate continuing (from December 9, 2025) on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, it was ordered, on motion of the Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier:

THAT debate be now adjourned.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 5 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

Moved by the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Adam Gerle, the Hon. Scott Kent, Patti McLeod, Tyler Porter, Doris Anderson, Lane Tredger, Justin Ziegler, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review, as necessary, such standing orders as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

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

Motion No. 6 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Kate White, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Adam Gerle, Justin Ziegler, Linda Moen, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 7 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Boards and Committees

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Tyler Porter, the Hon. Laura Lang, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Adam Gerle, Linda Moen, Carmen Gustafson, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3.1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 8 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT Adam Gerle, the Hon. Ted Laking, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Lane Tredger, Carmen Gustafson, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review such regulations made following the date of its appointment as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee review such other existing or proposed regulations as are referred to it by the Legislative Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 9 – Appointments to the Members’ Services Board

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45(2), be appointed Chair of the Members’ Services Board;

THAT the Hon. Brad Cathers, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Adam Gerle, Kate White, Brent McDonald, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Members’ Services Board;

THAT the board have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the board consider:

- (1) budget submissions for the following votes:
 - (a) Vote 1 – Yukon Legislative Assembly, including the Conflict of Interest Commission;
 - (b) Vote 23 – Office of the Ombudsman, including the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner;
 - (c) Vote 24 - Elections Office; and
 - (d) Vote 26 – Child and Youth Advocate Office; and
- (2) policy questions concerning matters such as:
 - (a) space allocation;
 - (b) staffing;
 - (c) caucus funding;
 - (d) media gallery House rules; and
 - (e) Hansard;

THAT the following Acts stand referred to the board for review:

- (1) *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*;
- (2) *Child and Youth Advocate Act*;
- (3) *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*;
- (4) *Elections Act*;
- (5) *Electoral District Boundaries Act*
- (6) *Legislative Assembly Act*;

- (7) *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007;*
- (8) *Lobbyists Registration Act;*
- (9) *Ombudsman Act;*

THAT the board may review and report on all or any portion of an Act listed above from time to time, as the board deems fit;

THAT a member of the board may, on behalf of the board, introduce a bill amending, repealing or replacing all or any portion of an Act listed above if the bill has been agreed to by the board;

THAT a bill introduced on behalf of the board may be called as government business if the Government House Leader or designate gives the Assembly at least twenty-four hours' oral notice;

THAT the board have access to records of the Members' Services Board of previous legislative assemblies;

THAT the board fulfill its statutory responsibilities, including those in the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007*, the *Elections Act*, the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the *Ombudsman Act*, the *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*, and the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the board.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Second Reading

The following bill was called for Second Reading:

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*
- Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

A debate arising on the motion for Second Reading of Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Dixon	McLeod	Porter	
Kent	Lang	White	
Bellmore	Gehmair	Tredger	18
Cathers	Istchenko	Moen	
Benoit	Gerle	Gustafson	
Laking	Anderson	Ziegler	

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Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, was accordingly referred to Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Committee of the Whole commenced general debate on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier). Having concluded general debate on the bill, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 15, Department of Health and Social Services.

The time reaching 5:30 p.m., the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 2(4), rose to report to the House and the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*.

ADJOURNMENT

The time being after 5:30 p.m., the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 2(2), adjourned the House.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:31 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025.

No. 4
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session

36th Legislature

Thursday, December 11, 2025

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

Visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

Carmen Gustafson, Member for Riverdale North, the Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Tourism and Culture, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to the Yukon River Quest.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Scott Kent, Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

- *Yukon Housing Corporation Annual Report – For the year ended March 31, 2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-10)

Hon. Laura Lang, Minister responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Board

- *Yukon Workers' Safety and Compensation Board 2024 Annual Report*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-11)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Doris Anderson, Member for Porter Creek North

- Re: school safety infrastructure and equipment (Motion No. 23)

Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes

- Re: thermal generating capacity (Motion No. 24)

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Re: medical clinics (Motion No. 25)

Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre

- Re: downtown Whitehorse elementary school (Motion No. 26)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: emergency alerts (Motion No. 27)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:14 p.m. to 1:44 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE****Motion No. 16 – Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne**

Moved by Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South:

THAT the following address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER: We, the Members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious speech which you have addressed to the House.

The debate continuing (from December 10, 2025) on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Dixon
Kent
Bellmore
Cathers
Benoit

Laking
McLeod
Lang
Gehmair

Istchenko
Gerle
Anderson
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Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne Engrossed

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to the Commissioner in her capacity as Lieutenant Governor.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*Committee of the Whole resumed (from December 10, 2025) consideration of Vote 15, Department of Health and Social Services, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier).

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Brad Cathers, Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Brad Cathers, Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the HouseAccording to Order, Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*.**ADJOURNMENT**

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2025.

No. 5
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**36th Legislature**

Monday, December 15, 2025

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**

No visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, and Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike, paid tribute to Old Crow members of 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Scott Kent, Minister of Education

- *Yukon University 2024-25 Year-in-Review and Yukon University Consolidated Financial Statements – Year Ended March 31, 2025*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-12)

Hon. Brad Cathers, Minister of Health and Social Services

- *Yukon Hospitals – Year in Review 2024-2025 and Yukon Housing Corporation Consolidated Financial Statements – March 31, 2025*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-13)

- *Health Care Insurance Programs – Health Services – Fiscal Years 2015-16 to 2024-25 – Annual Report April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-14)

Hon. Laura Lang, Minister of Justice

- *Crime Prevention & Victim Services Trust Fund Annual Report 2024-25*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-15)

- *Yukon Judicial Council Annual Report 2024* (Sessional Paper 36-1-16)
- *Yukon Law Foundation Annual Report – November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024* (Sessional Paper 36-1-17)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South

- Re: Wildland firefighters presumptive cancer coverage (Motion No. 28)

Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes

- Re: Rural land development strategy (Motion No. 29)

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Re: disability legislation (Motion No. 30)

Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike

- Re: video recording and broadcasting of sitting days (Motion No. 31)
- Re: video recording and broadcasting of sitting days (written notice) (Motion No. 35)

Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview

- Re: school bus weather policy (Motion No. 32)

Carmen Gustafson, Member for Riverdale North

- Re: minerals legislation (Motion No. 33)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: nursing home attendant retention bonuses (Motion No. 34)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:10 p.m. to 1:39 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: local services agreement with Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (Written Question No. 1)

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 17 – Scheduling 2026 Spring Sitting

Moved by the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Order 75(10), the 2026 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly shall commence on Thursday, March 19, 2026, following the Arctic Winter Games.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Dixon	Lang	White	
Kent	Gehmair	Tredger	
Bellmore	Istchenko	McDonald	19
Cathers	Gerle	Moen	
Benoit	Anderson	Gustafson	
Laking	Porter	Ziegler	
McLeod			
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 51, Department of Community Services, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier). Having concluded consideration of Vote 51, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 3, Department of Education.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Minister of Education:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

According to Order, Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

No. 6
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**36th Legislature**

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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**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. Motion No. 34, notice of which was given yesterday by the Leader of the Third Party, was not placed on the Notice Paper, as it is out of order.

Standing Order 29(1) states: ‘A motion is used to propose that the Assembly

- (a) do something;
- (b) order something to be done; or
- (c) express an opinion on a matter.’

It is not appropriate to use a motion to ask a question. In a statement made to the House on October 28, 2020, Speaker Nils Clarke noted that members ‘... have a number of ways that they can seek this kind of information, including in the form of written questions or questions during Oral Question Period.’

In addition, Motion No. 31, notice of which was given yesterday by the Member for Klondike, was not placed on the Notice Paper at the request of the member.”

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

DAILY ROUTINE**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES**Unanimous consent requested for Tributes to exceed 20 minutes**

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 14.3 and notwithstanding Standing Order 11(6), requested the unanimous consent of the House for the time allotted for the rubric Tributes to exceed 20 minutes.

Unanimous consent was granted.

The Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier, Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to Ione Christensen.

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, paid tribute to Herbert Douglas Spray.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister responsible for the Yukon Liquor Corporation and Minister of Tourism and Culture

- *Yukon Liquor Corporation's Annual Report for Liquor – April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-18)
- *Yukon Liquor Corporation's Annual Report for Cannabis – April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-19)
- *Yukon Heritage Resources Board Annual Report – April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-20)
- *Yukon Arts Centre Annual Report 2024/25*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-21)
- *Yukon Geographical Place Names Board 2024-2025 Annual Report*
(Filed Document 36-1-2)

Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

- Letter re: Extended Producer Responsibility from Greg Wilson, Director of Government Relations (B.C.), Retail Council of Canada, to Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier, and Hon. Wade Istchenko, Minister of Environment (December 16, 2025)
(Filed Document 36-1-3)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes

- Re: Tagish Community Centre replacement (Motion No. 36)

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Re: abortion care (Motion No. 37)

Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview

- Re: *LGBTQ2S+ Action Plan* (Motion No. 38)

Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike

- Re: *Territorial Youth Strategy* (Motion No. 39)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: warming centre (Motion No. 40)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:21 p.m. to 1:51 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: retention bonuses for nursing home attendants

(Written Question No. 2)

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Pursuant to Standing Order 14.2(3), Lane Tredger, Official Opposition House Leader, identified Motion No. 10, standing in the name of Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Motion No. 11, standing in the name of Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre, as being the items to be called during Opposition Private Members' Business on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Order 14.2(3), Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, identified Motion No. 21, standing in her name, as being the item to be called during Opposition Private Members' Business on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 55, Department of Highways and Public Works, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier).

Filed document

During consideration of Vote 55, the Hon. Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works, tabled the following document:

- Letter re: School in Burwash Landing from Hon. Scott Kent and Hon. Linda Benoit to Chief Robert Dickson (December 8, 2025)

(Filed Document 36-1-4)

Having concluded consideration of Vote 55, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 54, Department of Tourism and Culture. Having concluded consideration of Vote 54, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 8, Department of Justice.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Laura Lang, Minister of Justice:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

According to Order, Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

No. 7
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session

35th Legislature

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

Visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre, and the Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Tourism and Culture, paid tribute to the Whitehorse String Ensemble.

The Hon. Laura Lang, Minister of Justice, Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to Garbage Truck Santa Wayne Henderson.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of the Public Service Commission

- *Yukon Public Service Labour Relations Board Annual Report 2024-2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-22)

- *Yukon Teachers Labour Relations Board Annual Report 2024-2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-23)

Hon. Wade Istchenko, Minister of Environment

- *Interim State of the Environment Report 2025*
(Sessional Paper 36-1-24)

Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

- Response to oral question from Debra-Leigh Reti re: fiscal management
(Legislative Return 36-1-1)

Hon. Scott Kent, Minister of Education

- *Yukon Child Care Board 2024-25 Annual Report*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-25)

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Lane Tredger related to general debate on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26*
 - Yukon Housing Corporation underexpenditures

(Legislative Return 36-1-2)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

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Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

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- Re: Yukon River personhood (Motion No. 42)

Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview

- Re: school nutrition program (Motion No. 43)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: community health and wellness plans (Motion No. 44)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:22 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.

The House then proceeded to Orders of the Day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

OPPOSITION PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 10 – Ranked vote electoral system

Moved by Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to introduce amendments to the *Elections Act* to institute a ranked vote system in line with the results of the November 3, 2025 plebiscite.

A debate arising on the motion, and the question being put, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEA			
White Tredger McDonald	Moen Gustafson	Ziegler Reti	7
NAY			
Dixon Kent Bellmore Cathers Benoit	Laking McLeod Lang Gehmair	Istchenko Gerle Anderson Porter	13

Motion No. 11 – Mine failure public inquiry

Moved by Lane Tredger, Member for Whitehorse Centre:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to establish a public inquiry into the failures of the Eagle Gold mine, Minto mine, and Wolverine mine, under the *Public Inquiries Act*.

A debate arising on the motion, and the question being put, it was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEA			
White Tredger McDonald	Moen Gustafson	Ziegler Reti	7
NAY			
Dixon Kent Bellmore Cathers Benoit	Laking McLeod Lang Gehmair	Istchenko Gerle Anderson Porter	13

Motion No. 21 – Porcupine caribou herd

Moved by Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party:

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support efforts to uphold the inherent rights of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, and the Tr'ondek Hwech'in to protect the Porcupine caribou herd by working with the Government of Canada to seek

permanent protection of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and oppose the sale of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

A debate arising on the motion, and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA			
Dixon	Lang	Tredger	
Kent	Gehmair	McDonald	
Bellmore	Istchenko	Moen	
Cathers	Gerle	Gustafson	20
Benoit	Anderson	Ziegler	
Laking	Porter	Reti	
McLeod	White		
NAY			
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Committee of the Whole considered Vote 10, Public Service Commission, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier).

Ordered, on motion of Lane Tredger, Official Opposition House Leader:

THAT the Chair report progress.

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the Speaker do now resume the Chair.

Chair's report to the House

According to Order, Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported progress on Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*.

ADJOURNMENT

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

THAT the House do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025.

No. 8
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
YUKON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

First Session**36th Legislature**

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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**

Visitors were introduced.

TRIBUTES

The Hon. Cory Bellmore, Minister of Community Services, Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to the Whitehorse Firefighters' Share the Spirit Yukon campaign.

The Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Economic Development, Justin Ziegler, Member for Riverdale South, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party, paid tribute to dāna Näye Ventures.

TABLING RETURNS AND DOCUMENTS

Hon. Ted Laking, Minister responsible for the Yukon Development Corporation and the Yukon Energy Corporation

- *Yukon Development Corporation Annual Report 2024*

(Sessional Paper 36-1-26)

Hon. Cory Bellmore, Minister responsible for the Yukon Lottery Commission

- *Yukon Lottery Commission Annual Report 2024-25*

(Filed Document 36-1-5)

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Kate White related to general debate on Vote 51, Community Services, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26 – Waste Management*
(Legislative Return 36-1-3)
- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Brent McDonald related to general debate on Vote 51, Community Services, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26 – Dental Profession Act*
(Legislative Return 36-1-4)

Hon. Linda Benoit, Minister of Highways and Public Works

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Lane Tredger related to general debate on Vote 55, Highways and Public Works, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26 – Road and Airport Equipment Reserve Fund*
(Legislative Return 36-1-5)

Hon. Jen Gehmair, Minister of Tourism and Culture

- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Debra -Leigh Reti related to general debate on Vote 54, Tourism and Culture, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26 – Old Crow Arts, Culture, and Tourism Funding*
(Legislative Return 36-1-6)
- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Justin Ziegler related to general debate on Vote 54, Tourism and Culture, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26 – Arts Funding*
(Legislative Return 36-1-7)
- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Debra -Leigh Reti related to general debate on Vote 54, Tourism and Culture, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26 – Visitation Statistics for Herschel Island – Qikiqtaruk Territorial Park*
(Legislative Return 36-1-8)
- Response to matter outstanding from discussion with Debra -Leigh Reti related to general debate on Vote 54, Tourism and Culture, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025 -26 – Funding for Archdeacon McDonald Memorial Church and St. Luke’s Church*
(Legislative Return 36-1-9)

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Letter re: Yukon First Nations Role in Health System Transformation , from Chief Pauline Frost, Chair of the Chiefs Committee on Health, Council of Yukon First Nations, to Kate White (December 18, 2025)
(Filed Document 36-1-6)

PRESENTING REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

No reports of committees were presented.

PETITIONS

No petitions were presented.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

No bills were introduced.

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Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes

- Re: Carcross community infrastructure (Motion No. 45)

Brent McDonald, Member for Klondike

- Re: Dawson City withdrawal management facility (Motion No. 46)

Carmen Gustafson, Member for Riverdale North

- Re: Dawson Regional Planning Commission recommendations (Motion No. 47)

Linda Moen, Member for Mountainview

- Re: *Changing the Story to Upholding Dignity and Justice: Yukon's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-spirit+ People Strategy* (Motion No. 48)

Justin Ziegler, Member for Riverdale South

- Re: Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race funding (Motion No. 49)

Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition

- Re: wildland firefighters presumptive cancer coverage (Motion No. 50)

Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

- Re: airport security screening (Motion No. 51)
- Re: Jim Smith Building warming centre statistics (Motion No. 52)

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

No ministerial statement was given.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

The House conducted the Oral Question Period from 1:21 p.m. to 1:55 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. Scott Kent, Government House Leader:

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

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Committee of the Whole resumed (from December 16, 2025) consideration of Vote 8, Department of Justice, in Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26* (Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier). Having concluded consideration of Vote 8, Committee of the Whole considered Vote 52, Department of Environment, and Vote 7, Department of Economic Development. Having concluded consideration of Vote 7, Committee of the Whole commenced consideration of Vote 11, Women and Gender Equity Directorate.

Termination of Sitting as per Standing Order 76(1)

Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, made the following statement:

“The time has reached 5:00 p.m. on this, the final sitting day of the 2025 Fall Sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 76(1), the Chair shall now interrupt proceedings and, with respect to each appropriation bill before Committee that the Government House Leader directs to be called, put the question, without debate or amendment, on a motion moved by a minister that the bill, including all clauses, schedules, title, and preamble, be deemed to be read and carried.

The Chair shall then put the question on a motion moved by a minister that the bill be reported to the Assembly and, when all bills have been dealt with, recall the Speaker to the Chair to report on the proceedings of the Committee.

The Chair will now ask the Government House Leader to indicate whether the appropriation bill now before Committee of the Whole should be called.”

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, directed that Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, be called at this time.

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

Ordered, on motion of the Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier:

THAT all clauses, schedules, the preamble, and the title of Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, be deemed read and carried.

The Chair rose to report to the House and the Speaker resumed the Chair.

Chair’s report to the House

Patti McLeod, Chair of Committee of the Whole, reported Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, without amendment. The report was carried.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT**Third Reading of Bills as per Standing Order 76(2)**

The Speaker made the following statement:

“Standing Order 76(2)(d) states,

‘... the Speaker of the Assembly, when recalled to the Chair after the House has been in the Committee of the Whole, shall: ...

(d) with respect to each appropriation bill standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading and designated to be called by the Government House Leader,

(i) receive a motion for Third Reading and passage of the bill, and

(ii) put the question, without debate or amendment, on that motion.’

I shall therefore ask the Government House Leader to indicate whether the appropriation bill now standing on the Order Paper for Third Reading should be called.”

The Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader, directed that Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, be called at this time.

GOVERNMENT BILLS

Third Reading

The following bill was called for Third Reading:

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

- Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier

The question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEA

Dixon	Laking	Istchenko	
Kent	McLeod	Gerle	
Bellmore	Lang	Anderson	13
Cathers	Gehmair	Porter	
Benoit			

NAY

White	Moen	Ziegler	
Tredger	Gustafson	Reti	7
McDonald			

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*, accordingly, passed the House.

ASSENT TO BILLS

The Assembly received the Commissioner of Yukon, the Hon. Adeline Webber, in her capacity as Lieutenant Governor, to grant Assent to a bill passed by the House.

The Commissioner, having entered the Chamber, took her seat in the Speaker’s chair.

The Speaker addressed the Commissioner:

“Madam Commissioner, the Assembly has, at its present session, passed a certain bill to which, in the name and on behalf of the Assembly, I respectfully request your assent.”

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the following bill which had been passed:

Bill No. 200, *Second Appropriation Act 2025-26*

The Commissioner assented to the bill:

“I hereby assent to the bill as enumerated by the Clerk.”

The Commissioner then retired from the Chamber.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT

In recognition of legislative staff

The Speaker called the House to order and made the following statement:

“As we close the Fall Sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and look ahead to the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect and to say thank you. I wish to extend my sincere thanks on behalf of myself as Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole, and all members of this Assembly to the dedicated staff of the Legislative Assembly Office. I thank: Clerk Dan Cable; Deputy Clerk Allison Lloyd; Clerk of Committees Logan Ockenden; Law Clerk Bhreagh Dabbs; Director of Administration, Finance and Systems Justin Gorczyca; Operations Manager Warren Pearson; and Finance and Operations Clerk, Lyndsey Amundson. Their professionalism and commitment provide invaluable support to members and their staff and are essential to the effective functioning of this Assembly. Members will also have noticed additional support provided by Alex Vanderkley and Doris Bouvier, who assisted the Legislative Assembly Office in managing the increased administrative workload following the election and in establishing this new, larger Assembly. Their contributions were greatly appreciated.

Everyone truly stepped up to make this Sitting happen so quickly, including our two pages. We were fortunate to welcome back two former pages, Jack Benedet and Elliahn May Minguito, who performed their duties with diligence and professionalism throughout the Sitting.

I would also like to thank Sergeant-at-Arms Karina Watson and Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Mewett, the skilled Hansard team led by Deana Lemke, and our video crew, Chris Rodgers, Charles Hegsted, and Dan Little, who ensured that our proceedings were accurately recorded and accessible even while braving Yukon winter conditions.

I also want to acknowledge the many public servants across the Yukon who deliver vital services every day and support elected officials in serving their communities. Your work matters and is deeply appreciated.

As MLAs return to their communities over the coming weeks, this is the time to listen, reconnect, and be reminded of why public service matters. It is also a time to rest, reflect, and spend meaningful moments with family, friends, neighbours, and, of course, in the great Yukon outdoors. The Yukon winter invites us to slow down, to gather, to care for one another, and to appreciate the strength of our communities.”

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SITTING

The Speaker then stated:

“As the House has reached the maximum number of sitting days permitted for this Sitting and has completed consideration of the designated legislation, it is the duty of the Chair to declare that this House now stands adjourned until March 19, 2026.”

The Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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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.

MOTIONS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE OFFICERS

Motion No. 1 – Election of Yvonne Clarke as Speaker

Moved by Hon. Currie Dixon, Premier, and seconded by Kate White, Leader of the Official Opposition, and Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

Considered Monday, December 8, 2025

Carried Monday, December 8, 2025

THAT Yvonne Clarke, Member for Whistle Bend North, do take the Chair of this Assembly as Speaker.

Motion No. 3 – Election of Patti McLeod as Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Considered Monday, December 8, 2025

Carried Monday, December 8, 2025

THAT Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake-Ross River-Faro, be elected Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committee of the Whole.

Motion No. 4 – Election of Tyler Porter as Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Considered Monday, December 8, 2025

Carried Monday, December 8, 2025

THAT Tyler Porter, Member for Southern Lakes, be elected Deputy Chair of Committee of the Whole.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Motion No. 16 – Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

Moved by Adam Gerle, Member for Porter Creek South

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Considered Tuesday, December 9, Wednesday, December 10, and Thursday,
December 11, 2025

Carried Thursday, December 11, 2025

THAT the following address be presented to the Commissioner of Yukon:

MAY IT PLEASE THE COMMISSIONER: We, the Members of the Yukon
Legislative Assembly, beg leave to offer our humble thanks for the gracious
speech which you have addressed to the House.

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 5 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, December 8, 2025 (written notice)

Considered Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 10, 2025

THAT Adam Gerle, the Hon. Scott Kent, Patti McLeod, Tyler Porter, Doris Anderson, Lane Tredger, Justin Ziegler, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review, as necessary, such standing orders as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee, following the conduct of any such review, report any recommendations for amendment to the Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 6 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, December 8, 2025 (written notice)

Considered Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 10, 2025

THAT Kate White, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Adam Gerle, Justin Ziegler, Linda Moen, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

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THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 7 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Boards and Committees

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, December 8, 2025 (written notice)

Considered Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 10, 2025

THAT Tyler Porter, the Hon. Laura Lang, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Adam Gerle, Linda Moen, Carmen Gustafson, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees established pursuant to Standing Order 45(3.1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 8 – Appointments to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, December 8, 2025 (written notice)

Considered Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 10, 2025

THAT Adam Gerle, the Hon. Ted Laking, Patti McLeod, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Lane Tredger, Carmen Gustafson, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Standing Committee on Statutory Instruments established pursuant to Standing Order 45(1);

THAT the committee have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the committee review such regulations made following the date of its appointment as it may decide upon;

THAT the committee review such other existing or proposed regulations as are referred to it by the Legislative Assembly; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the committee.

Motion No. 9 – Appointments to the Members' Services Board

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Monday, December 8, 2025 (written notice)

Considered Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 10, 2025

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THAT the Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45(2), be appointed Chair of the Members' Services Board;

THAT the Hon. Brad Cathers, Doris Anderson, Tyler Porter, Adam Gerle, Kate White, Brent McDonald, and Debra-Leigh Reti be appointed to the Members' Services Board;

THAT the board have the power to call for persons, papers, and records and to sit during intersessional periods;

THAT the board consider:

- (1) budget submissions for the following votes:
 - (a) Vote 1 – Yukon Legislative Assembly, including the Conflict of Interest Commission;
 - (b) Vote 23 – Office of the Ombudsman, including the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner;
 - (c) Vote 24 – Elections Office; and
 - (d) Vote 26 – Child and Youth Advocate Office; and
- (2) policy questions concerning matters such as:
 - (e) space allocation;
 - (f) staffing;
 - (g) caucus funding;
 - (h) media gallery House rules; and
 - (i) Hansard;

THAT the following Acts stand referred to the board for review:

- (1) *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*;
- (2) *Child and Youth Advocate Act*;
- (3) *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*;
- (4) *Elections Act*;
- (5) *Electoral District Boundaries Act*
- (6) *Legislative Assembly Act*;
- (7) *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007*;
- (8) *Lobbyists Registration Act*;
- (9) *Ombudsman Act*;

THAT the board may review and report on all or any portion of an Act listed above from time to time, as the board deems fit;

THAT a member of the board may, on behalf of the board, introduce a bill amending, repealing or replacing all or any portion of an Act listed above if the bill has been agreed to by the board;

THAT a bill introduced on behalf of the board may be called as government business if the Government House Leader or designate gives the Assembly at least twenty-four hours' oral notice;

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THAT the board have access to records of the Members' Services Board of previous legislative assemblies;

THAT the board fulfill its statutory responsibilities, including those in the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the *Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 2007*, the *Elections Act*, the *Conflict of Interest (Members and Ministers) Act*, the *Ombudsman Act*, the *Cabinet and Caucus Employees Act*, and the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*; and

THAT the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly be responsible for providing the necessary support services to the board.

Motion No. 17 – Scheduling 2026 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Considered Monday, December 15, 2025

Carried Monday, December 15, 2025

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Order 75(10), the 2026 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly shall commence on Thursday, March 19, 2026, following the Arctic Winter Games.

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

Motion No. 21 – Porcupine caribou herd

Moved by Debra-Leigh Reti, Leader of the Third Party

Notice given Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Considered Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Carried Wednesday, December 17, 2025

THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to support efforts to uphold the inherent rights of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation, the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, and the Tr'ondek Hwech'in to protect the Porcupine caribou herd by working with the Government of Canada to seek permanent protection of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and oppose the sale of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Appendix III: Consolidation of Sessional Orders

Sessional Orders adopted during the
First Session of the 36th Legislative Assembly
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Note: The following is a consolidation of the sessional orders adopted during the time period noted above. Sessional orders are temporary rules that supplement, modify or change the Standing Orders.

Motion No. 17 – Scheduling 2026 Spring Sitting

Moved by Hon. Scott Kent, Government House Leader

Notice given Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Considered Monday, December 15, 2025

Carried Monday, December 15, 2025

THAT, notwithstanding Standing Order 75(10), the 2026 Spring Sitting of the Legislative Assembly shall commence on Thursday, March 19, 2026, following the Arctic Winter Games.

Appendix IV: Progress of Bills

First Session of the 36th Legislative Assembly, 2025 Fall Sitting, December 8, 2025 – December 18, 2025

* With amendment ** Comes into force upon assent

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

GOVERNMENT BILLS

No.	Title		Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Reported by Committee	Third Reading	Assent
200	<i>Second Appropriation Act 2025-26</i>	**	Dixon	December 9, 2025	December 10, 2025	December 18, 2025	December 18, 2025	December 18, 2025

BILLS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT BILLS

No.	Title		Member	First Reading	Second Reading	Reported by Committee	Third Reading	Assent
1	<i>Act to Perpetuate a Certain Ancient Right</i>		McLeod	December 8, 2025				