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Hon. Yvonne Clarke, MLA
Speaker
Yukon Legislative Assembly

Dear Speaker:

On behalf of the members of the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges, appointed by order of the 36th Yukon Legislative Assembly, I have the honour to present the committee's third report.

Respectfully,

Adam Gerle, Chair
Standing Committee on Rules,
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Preface

On December 10, 2025, the Yukon Legislative Assembly adopted the following motion:

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. 5)

Pursuant to Motion No. 5 and Standing Order 45(1), the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges considered potential amendments to the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly for the inclusion of Members' Statements in the Daily Routine at its meetings on June 26 and September 1, 2026.

This report contains the committee's findings and recommendations.

Members' Statements

The Yukon Legislative Assembly is currently one of only three Canadian jurisdictions to have no provision for Members' Statements as part of its proceedings (the other two being the assemblies in Quebec and Nova Scotia). This portion of the Daily Routine is variously referred to as "Members' Statements," "Statements by Members," simply "Statements", or another similar heading.

Members' Statements is typically an opportunity for private members to address the House on topics that would not be brought up in debate during Orders of the Day. Some jurisdictions allow ministers to make statements as a member as long as the statements are not concerning their ministerial responsibilities.

Some jurisdictions use their Members' Statements similar to how Tributes is employed in the Yukon Legislative Assembly, whereas other jurisdictions prohibit the use of statements for congratulatory remarks and have different practices for giving tributes to individuals who have retired or passed away.

In most cases, statements may be on virtually any topic and may be used to raise a concern or express an opinion on an issue without fully debating it in the House.

All Canadian jurisdictions which have Members' Statements limit the time that can be spent on this portion of the Daily Routine. Some jurisdictions also limit the total number of statements per day, the number of statements per member, and the total time spent per day on Members' Statements.

The Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges supports the addition of the rubric Members' Statements to the Daily Routine of the Yukon Legislative Assembly. This change is in line with modernizing the rules of the Assembly and following the best practices established by other Canadian legislative assemblies.

Consequential change to Tributes

To account for the time of the House that will be used for the delivery of members' statements, the Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges is proposing that tributes be limited to days where no members' statements are being made.

Recommendations

The Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges recommends:

THAT, for the duration of the 2026 Fall Sitting, Standing Order 11 of the Standing Orders of the Yukon Legislative Assembly be amended by:

- (1) adding the rubric "Members' Statements" between the rubrics "Tributes" and "Tabling Returns and Documents" in Standing Order 11(2); and**
- (2) adding the following new standing orders after Standing Order 11(8):**
 - "(9) During Members' Statements, up to six Members may be recognized to make a statement about any subject of interest or concern for not more than one minute each."**
 - "(10) No Member shall be recognized to make a statement in Members' Statements if a tribute has been delivered that day."**