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Speaker: Honourable Todd Broomfield

In Attendance:

Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Todd Broomfield
Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Daniel Pottle
President, William Andersen III
First Minister, Anthony Andersen
Minister of Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology and the Status of Women, Diane Gear
Minister of Education, Training and Economic Development, Ben Ponniuk
Minister of Lands and Resources, William Barbour
Minister of Health and Social Development, Greg Flowers
Minister of Culture, Tourism and Recreation, Darryl Shiwak
Deputy Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Wyman Jacque
Deputy Minister of Lands and Resources, Doug Blake
Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill
Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Michelle Kinney
Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen
Secretary to the Executive Council, Chesley Andersen
Secretary Trainee to the Executive Council, Kate Mitchell
Ordinary Member for Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Keith Russell
AngajukKâk for Nain, Sarah Erickson
AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Judy Dicker
AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Herb Jacque
AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Daniel Michelin
Chair Person for NunaKatiget Community Corporation, Malcolm Winters
Chair Person for North West River Community Corporation, Mina Campbell-Hibbs
Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin
Executive Secretary, Debbie Dicker

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Swearing in of Ministers

Mr. Broomfield: Good afternoon everyone, welcome to the gallery and Assembly Members, I'd like to welcome you to this last sitting for the fall session for 2006. I'd like to call this sitting to order, the sitting is now open. At this time I would like to recognize Amos Onalik into the opening gallery to do the opening prayer. (mic cuts out) ...two new departments that are being formed and to swear in two of the Ministers into each department.

Mr. W. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, just before I get to the creation of the two new departments, I will make an announcement that our interpreter has asked that we speak in English because our other interpreter, Wilson

Jararuse is not here to help him. If we do everything in English for now and back to Inuktitut at the next Assembly because my commitment, Mr. Speaker, was that from here on in during Assembly sittings I would be speaking in Inuktitut only. Due to the weather conditions, Wilson Jararuse could not get down here so for now, we will be doing our session in English. Mr. Speaker, the Executive Council along with the Nunatsiavut Assembly has approved the creation of two new departments in Nunatsiavut Government. First and foremost, in our Transitional Government it was Health, Education and Social and Economic Development, we now have split this department in two. One will be Health and Social Development (inaudible) our Honorable Member from Upper Lake Melville and the creation of Education and Economic Development our Honorable Member for Hopedale, Greg Flowers. We're also creating a brand new department and moving forward that's going to be the

department of Culture, Tourism and Recreation. In this department the new Minister will be the Honorable Member for Rigolet, Darryl Shiwak. Mr. Speaker, the reason we wanted to create the two new departments is that we found in our Transitional period from December 1, 2005 and especially the Honorable Member for Upper Lake Melville (inaudible) too many (inaudible) in trying to deal with all the issues and as we start to grow we felt that the Executive Council that we would be much, we would serve our Beneficiaries better by splitting these departments in two and making the public service (inaudible) and therefore be able to pay better attention (inaudible)

Mr. Broomfield: I just have one more note here before we carry on that for all Assembly Members when you are speaking to turn on your mics. The session will not be recorded if you do not use your mics so it's important to turn them on before you speak.

Also, we have two pages in the back if you request something you don't have to get up you can make a request to the page and they can assist you in things that you want. They are David Millie and Boas Mitsuk, is Boas not here? I guess it's just David Millie so if you want something you can make a request to David. At this time the Speaker recognizes the President to swear in the two Ministers.

Mr. W. Andersen: I'd like to first to call on Greg Flowers to come up here and take his oath of office, Greg will become our Minister for Health and Social Development. I Greg Flowers,

Mr. Flowers: I, Greg Flowers

Mr. W. Andersen: solemnly affirm

Mr. Flowers: solemnly affirm

Mr. W. Andersen: that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut,

Mr. Flowers: that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut

Mr. W. Andersen: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. Flowers: and the Inuit of Labrador

Mr. W. Andersen: I will obey

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Mr. W. Andersen: respect and uphold

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Mr. W. Andersen: the Labrador Inuit Constitution

Mr. Flowers: the Labrador Inuit Constitution

Mr. W. Andersen: all Inuit Laws

Mr. Flowers: all Inuit Laws

Mr. W. Andersen: and standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. Flowers: and standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Mr. W. Andersen: I will hold my office as Minister

Mr. Flowers: I will hold my office as Minister

Mr. W. Andersen: with honor and dignity

Mr. Flowers: with honor and dignity

Mr. W. Andersen: I will be a true and faithful councilor

Mr. Flowers: I will be a true and faithful councilor

Mr. W. Andersen: to the President.

Mr. Flowers: to the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: I will not divulge directly

Mr. Flowers: I will not divulge directly

Mr. W. Andersen: or indirectly

Mr. Flowers: or indirectly

Mr. W. Andersen: any secret matter entrusted to me.

Mr. Flowers: and secret matter entrusted to me.

Mr. W. Andersen: I will fulfill my responsibilities

Mr. Flowers: I will fulfill my responsibilities

Mr. W. Andersen: as a Leader in accordance

Mr. Flowers: as a Leader in accordance

Mr. W. Andersen: with all applicable standards

Mr. Flowers: with all applicable standards

Mr. W. Andersen: and codes of conduct

Mr. Flowers: and codes of conduct

Mr. W. Andersen: and I will perform the functions of my office

Mr. Flowers: and I will perform the functions of my office

Mr. W. Andersen: conscientiously

Mr. Flowers: conscientiously

Mr. W. Andersen: and to the best of my ability.

Mr. Flowers: and to the best of my ability.

Mr. W. Andersen: Congratulations.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you.

Mr. W. Andersen: Now I would like to call upon Daryl Shiwak, the Honorable Member for Rigolet and Darryl will become our Minister for the brand new department, Culture, Tourism and Recreation. I, Darryl Shiwak,

Mr. Shiwak: I, Darryl Shiwak,

Mr. W. Andersen: swear

Mr. Shiwak: swear

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Mr. Shiwak: in accordance with all applicable standards

Mr. W. Andersen: and codes of conduct

Mr. Shiwak: and codes of conduct

Mr. W. Andersen: and I will perform all the functions of my office

Mr. Shiwak: and I will perform all the functions of my office

Mr. W. Andersen: conscientiously

Mr. Shiwak: conscientiously

Mr. W. Andersen: and to the best of my ability

Mr. Shiwak: and to the best of my ability

Mr. W. Andersen: Congratulations Darryl.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President and at this time I would like to welcome the two new Ministers to Nunatsiavut Government. Do we have a copy of the Drug and Alcohol Report at this time? The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: Mr. Speaker, I, it was my intent to table the Drug and Alcohol Report Hearings that we held in the spring of this year from May to July. The reports were going to be carried down from Nain Mr. Speaker, but unfortunately the person carrying them couldn't make it here and they are currently being printed over in the Health and Services, Social Services offices and will be tabled as soon as they get here.

The reports, Mr. Speaker, were tabled with the Executive Council in Postville two weeks ago and once they are tabled here I would like to advise the Assembly and the communities that

we will be early in the New Year starting to act on the recommendations of the report and hopefully start creating some laws and take actions that are necessary to address the problems of alcohol and drug abuse in Nunatsiavut, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President, I think at this time before I table the report from the Electoral Officer I will also wait for the Drug and Alcohol Report before I table any report. At this time we will move on in our agenda to Statements from Ministers and we will move back to tabling our report when we get the report on the drug and alcohol. The Speaker recognizes the President.

Mr. W. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, again coming from our last Executive Council Meeting I would like to make the following statement. Mr. Speaker, in the past year, the Transitional Government from all aspects have, in my view, done a relatively poor job of communicating the activities of the government in general and at our last Executive Council Meeting, Mr. Speaker, I made a commitment that we as a government must put more energy and resources into communications and since my department is or my office is responsible for communications, I'm seeking the support of the Assembly to do a more thorough communication not only with Assembly Members but with our Beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut and Beneficiaries elsewhere throughout the country.

I think it's important Mr. Speaker that everything we do not only be transparent but all the Beneficiaries have access to all the relevant information so that they too can voice their opinion, after all they're the ones that put us here and I look forward to developing a greater communications system in Nunatsiavut to address the problems that we've had in the past year, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: At this time we will proceed with announcements from Ministers, if any Ministers has any announcements. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Lands and Resources.

Mr. Barbour: Thank you Mr. Speaker, more for information for the Assembly and for those who have not seen me or my department staff and recently, even though I did not make it

personally to Makkovik because of bad weather but I did make it into Postville just before the Executive Council Meeting. My department has initiated community consultations on uranium mining, potentially uranium mining or uranium exploration that's ongoing on in the Postville/Makkovik area over the last couple of years.

For those Members that do not know or have not heard the interview that I have done with the OKalaKatiget Society, I just wish to make it known to Members that, I, along with department staff will be visiting the other communities as well and to hear their concerns and questions that they may have about uranium exploration mining and I just make that known that when our schedules allow for it that in the New Year sometime we will continue those and for those two communities of Makkovik and Postville I just wish to make it known that we are still fact finding and that once we have a more solid answer, we will go back to all other communities. I just wish to make that known, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Does anyone else wish to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Education and Economic Developments.

Mr. Ponniuk: Thank you Mr. Speaker, as we heard yesterday from our, from my staff and the Education Department we're, we are keeping pretty busy as there's not too much I can say in different other than the overview they gave you yesterday other than we did have a busy fall, it's that time of the year with registrations and things going on.

In regards to our Economic Development and the Education part of it, in conjunction with the Provincial Government we're planning to send a Ministerial Delegation to Nunavut sometime in February. Some of the topics that will be discussed will include the transportation and economic development, sealing and the best practices and opportunities for, it's basically a relationship building process. We did go there last year and this is sort of like a follow up from that. We met with some Ministers and some, their Directors and top level bureaucrats.

On November 27th in Nain, our department in conjunction with the Department of Lands and Resources presented our position and comments on the draft Provincial Energy Plan and by the

way this document is available to the Assembly Members, all Assembly Members from our office in Nain. So, if you want a copy of that you can get a hold of, you can get the Nain office and it's there.

In the health part of it, we had a couple of things on that went on this fall. We had a Honoring of Resistance Retreat which went really, really well. It's one of the, we had a, it was held in Gosling Lake October 26 to the 29th. There were 23 participants, basically it was people that were quit drinking and well, it was anybody that was over 3 years non-drinkers it went from like 3 years to and there was a person there that was 28 years and there was a lot of good story telling, sharing of obviously it was success stories and like I said again it went really, really good. There was presentations, traditional medicines, spirituality, land based outings which is, which is one of the main things that came up from this conference plus from when we went around with our, to the communities for our Alcohol and Drug, from when we went around from them meetings.

The Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy was held in Montreal, we had some youth from Nunatsiavut take part in that and again as mentioned land based outings so it seems like land based outings is pretty common in almost every healing or anything of that nature. Well, other than that that's pretty well where we are right now and there will be updates as we go along.

If there is any information that anyone do want they can you know my e-mail address or phone number and the last thing I'll say is after this, this will probably be my last time giving any kind of a report on the health and social part of it and that will go over to Mr. Greg Flowers and good luck to Greg with his new position and I guess any questions or anything you want to know you could reach me by e-mail or call or whichever way you'd like. Thank you very much.

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member for Health and Social Development.

Mr. Flowers: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say thank you for giving me this new position, I'll, I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead because I know there are a lot of challenges with Health and Social

Development and am I know that it's going to be a lot of work and a big challenge for the, for the North Coast for Nunatsiavut. But I am, you know I think that as a whole group of people including the AngajukKâks and our Upper Lake Melville and the rest of them that we need to work together and you know, make this a better place and am you know I'll be calling upon whomever at some time to you know to just help me along you know. I don't just stand here and say I have any answers really but I'm willing to share ideas and you know try to do the best that I can in this department, thank you.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Member for Finance and the Status of Women.

Mrs. Gear: The only thing I have to say on the finance part because our budget was presented last night except to say that the budgets from all departments came in under, under budget so that was good. Am, department of Status of Women we, we am, have Charlotte Wolfrey hired now and she's on now until the end of May I believe it is and after that time we'll re-advertise the position and hopefully we'll have more money to keep her hired. Am, Human Resources will be looking for new positions there but you can go online and check them out. Other than that, that's it.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mrs. Minister. The Speaker recognizes the Honorable Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

Mr. Shiwak: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with our departments, our Cultural Torngasok Centre is already set up and we have a very good program going there with same as our Youth, Elders and Recreation. Whenever we need work on those, our recreation hopefully we can work together with some youth too to make that department that part of that division a lot stronger. As the Tourism I think we have unlimited potential in Nunatsiavut within our communities.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. Minister. I think before we carry on with Members Statements we will go back in our agenda with the tabling of reports and the first report to be tabled is the report from the Nunatsiavut

Electoral Officer, Jack Shiwak on the election that was held on the third of October. Every Assembly Member should have a copy and a part of the requirement for the Speaker is to ensure a copy of this report is made available to the public and I will do this by letting our Communications Department know that there is a copy available in each community. You are to take a copy with you when you return home and anybody in the public who wants to see the copy can come to your office and view it. So, I will take of this part of it.

At this time I would like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut to table this report, the Drug and Alcohol Report.

Mr. W. Andersen: Thank you Mr. Speaker, having already spoken to it once I would like to, however, make a couple of additions. There are things in this Drug and Alcohol Abuse Report, the hearings that we held, there are things Mr. Speaker that we can act on as a government in very short order. However, Mr. Speaker there are issues in there and as we stated in our hearings we will be going back to the communities in the New Year to consult with them before we move forward on some of the recommendations that are contained in the report.

It was a commitment we made to Nunatsiavut communities as well as Upper Lake Melville including North West River. So, but hopefully this will help us start to address the problems that we face daily with respect to alcohol and drug abuse and family breakdown in Nunatsiavut Mr. Speaker and we certainly look forward to becoming a large player in the redevelopment of healthy communities and healthy families and healthy living, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Mr. President. At this time we will address Member's, Member's Statements. It was brought to my attention earlier that the Member for Upper Lake Melville wish to make a statement so, at this time the Speaker recognizes the Member for Upper Lake Melville.

Mr. Russell: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would first say welcome to everybody as well to be here on the last sitting of the year and happy holidays to everybody but moving on now to my statement here. I just wanted to address communication and I'm glad to hear the

President mentioned that we will be uping the budget and doing more for communication between us and our Beneficiaries and us as Assembly Members and the Executive Council as well because it's something that we're severely lacking.

I just wanted to bring to light the situation you probably are all familiar with in North West River where we are moving the Health Department out of North West River into Goose Bay. The fact of the matter here is that we believe in Upper Lake Melville that the community should have been consulted prior to hearing this and prior to the decision being made. There's got to be a lot of work done and that it's not only necessary to involve us in decisions that will affect the community in the long term but it's also just a sign of being responsible. Again, communication between the Assembly and the Executive Council we have a lot of work to do there as well. Basically, all of the information that we have within our government is supposed to be for the purpose of making the lives better and protecting the rights of our beneficiaries of our Land Claim but if Deputy Ministers and Ministers and Ordinary Members of the Assembly have trouble getting the information they need in order to communicate with their constituencies then how can we expect the average beneficiary off the street to come in and get this information as well. So, that's all I wanted to say on that point there. As far as Upper Lake Melville is concerned, I have been getting a lot of calls based on the \$5000.00 settlement payment we have been getting as beneficiaries and we have some work to do here in communicating with our beneficiaries again. How we're determining who is eligible for this payment. We have a situation, several situations actually where one sibling who was not on the ratification voter's list have been paid while their brothers and sisters have not. We also have other scenarios where other people basically believe that they can qualify but are not given that chance because they just had their memberships returned to them. I've made several requests to get information and although the First Minister did help with some of my requests there was miscommunication between us and there was additional requests made that were not addressed and I'm sure we'll take that up afterwards but having said that I have nobility to defend the government's position on who qualifies and who doesn't because I'm not on the loop with the information or where it comes from. Having said that we have paid a lot of

money to deceased beneficiaries as well and I find it very odd that we have it's very easy to pay deceased beneficiaries yet we have a hell of a lot of trouble to try and get payment out to living ones. Having said that we've spent a lot of money on that and the only reason I've been able to determine is that the deceased beneficiaries were paid because we weren't able to maintain a beneficiaries list that was up to date and the money we spent on that is not justified by the fact that we didn't have our administration process up to par. Other than that I would just like to say that this is a new government and we have to be committed to being transparent and equal to all our beneficiaries no matter where they live, inside of Nunatsiavut or outside and we have to address the communication as I said. We have to do an investigation I feel into who actually qualifies (mic cuts out, inaudible) and I mean informally form (mic cuts out) to that Executive Meeting that took place in Postville yet I know that others may have, so (mic cuts out) should be made readily available and put forward (mic cuts out)

Mr. Broomfield: The Speaker recognizes the Chair of the North West River Corporation.

Mrs. Campbell-Hibbs: Thank you Mr. Speaker. From what I understood before today, the decision to move the offices, the health offices from North West River to Happy Valley-Goose Bay was going to be brought forward to this sitting and I was ready to speak to it. I didn't hear it brought forward by any Minister even though we're all aware that this is still happening and I will still speak to it. As the Chair of the North West River Inuit Community Corporation, I'd like to speak to this move and also on how I was informed about this move. The move of the offices from North West River to Happy Valley-Goose Bay will have an effect on my community, effecting beneficiaries in my community. I realize it's a decision of the Executive Council and I realize I do not have a say in Executive Council decisions however, I do believe I have a right to comment on decisions and things whenever, whatever it may be when it comes to issues that effect my community and Beneficiaries in my community. This issue has been going on for a number of years and we thought it was something that would eventually happen. The North West River Inuit Community Corporation Board of Directors and myself are still looking for information on this move and

even though our decision, our decision, may not change the decision of the Executive Council we would still like to have the opportunity to say whether or not we support it. At this time, we do not have enough facts on the financial, the health and access to health benefits to say whether or not we support this move. The reason for me speaking to it today is to inform this Assembly and the Beneficiaries that I will work on getting the factual information and bring it to the Beneficiaries in my community and back to the Assembly at the next sitting. Now, about how I was informed by this decision, about this decision. Communications was already brought up a number of times here today, and that's what I'd like to speak about and it's most definitely the lack of it when it came to this decision. The decision was made by the Executive Council and I heard it from a staff member when I was at the head office when I was getting photocopying done. I was approached by the major that same day, by the landlord of the building and by Beneficiary staff and others and I didn't have any information on whether or not it was even true or not. I sent off e-mails, I didn't get a response back that day, I sent a second one the next day and finally got a response back from the President. I don't think that this is the way that I should have found out about this decision or should have gotten information about it after that. It seems that I know very little about what's going on, we need to find a way so that we, the Assembly Members are informed about what's happening within our own government and now I'd like to make one suggestion on how this could be done, at least for the Assembly Members. I think that if we could have bi-weekly (mic cuts out)

Mr. Broomfield: Thank you Member. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut to make a statement.

Mr. W. Andersen: Mr. Speaker, it's not so much a statement but a response to the two statements that have come forward. First and foremost, Mr. Speaker, on the moving of the Health and Social Services offices from North West River to Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker that this decision was made years ago by the former Labrador Inuit Association. What the Executive Council did two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, was make a decision to move the head office of Health Department to Happy Valley-Goose Bay because the lease of the building in North West

River is due to be up the end of March of 2007 and Mr. Speaker in order for our Health Department to arrange and invite proposals for office space, we needed this time period in order to find facilities. It could have been in North West River Mr. Speaker but looking at providing a better service to our Beneficiaries, none of our Beneficiaries from Nunatsiavut, Rigolet to Nain has ever had you know, direct access to someone in operating Non-Insured Health Services. By moving it to Goose Bay, it affords the privilege for our Beneficiaries from Rigolet to Nain having access to Non-Insured directly with Non-Insured Health Operators in our Health Department. It's not that, Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut wants to take it away from North West River. Nunatsiavut Government, Mr. Speaker, has to look at in which way we could improve services to our Beneficiaries and Mr. Speaker, one of the ways of improving services to our Beneficiaries is to have an office next door to major Labrador Hospital, the Melville Hospital and this way we believe as and Executive Council Mr. Speaker we will be improving services to our Beneficiaries in all of the communities.

Mr. Speaker in response to the member for Upper Lake Melville at a communications part, yes, we will diligently work on. With respect to the \$5000.00 payout, Executive Council two weeks ago and following that, we announced it on OKalaKatiget Society was the payout would be carried out as was decided by the Labrador Inuit Association in 2004 and the decision, Mr. Speaker is that those who were on the list whether it's right or wrong, on May 26, 2004 will be the ones getting the \$5000.00 payout.

The Honorable Member for Upper Lake Melville was correct that there were some payouts made to deceased, that was a clerical error on the part of our administration at the time. However, Mr. Speaker, we made a number of payouts last year in the name of deceased people who were living on May 26, 2004 when the vote took place. Nunatsiavut Government paid that money to the estate to that individual to be shared out among their family. Mr. Speaker, when we went through ratification to help members understand, the Ratification Committee was made up of Federal Representatives, Provincial Representatives and Labrador Inuit Association Representatives and before they completed their list, Labrador Inuit Association went to them

because they knew they had on their list deceased people, Mr. Speaker, and we asked the Ratification Committee to remove those and they refused. The Labrador Inuit Association had no control over that. Ratification Committee continued to keep the names of deceased even though they knew these people no longer were living and when the vote took place, it was penalty against the Inuit of Labrador because, because these deceased people couldn't go vote because they were counted as no votes to our agreement and the Ratification Committee knew that this would happen. So, in terms of doing things more fairly, hopefully all the boards to be put in place, you know, Enrolment Boards, Appeals Boards, we in the future Mr. Speaker will be able to deal with issues more fairly.

With respect to transparency, Mr. Speaker, it's never in any government has been a policy that minutes of an Executive Council Meeting are available to any and all Members. What has been, in my experience, available to Members having sat in the Provincial Legislature, decisions are available, the decision of Executive Councils are available to Members. However, as I said yesterday, Mr. Speaker, in our orientation during the afternoon and evening, the Executive Council before it meets on issues will be seeking approval of any major decision of this Assembly before we meet as an Executive Council to move forward and I will reiterate Mr. Speaker the move of the North West River office was based on a decision that was made by the Labrador Inuit Association at a Annual General Meeting some time ago and we were just carrying through with the decision that was already made beforehand. Mr. Speaker, in terms of transparency, yes, we need to become more transparent and I'm aware Mr. Speaker that we as Members, whether we're Minister, Members, AngajukKaks or Community Corporation Chairs, we need to be transparent too.

Mr. Speaker, I'm aware that one Member attended a Community Corporation Meeting and had the recording system shut down because what they said could not be recorded, that's not transparency Mr. Speaker. If it's going to apply to one, it's going to apply to all, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broomfield: We've exceeded our time for Member's Statements; we will recess for 15

minutes. When we reconvene we will begin with question period, so we'll recess for 15 minutes.

15 minute recess break

Mr. Broomfield: I'd like to welcome everybody back at this time. Alright, before we close, I got a couple of items that I'd like to, for the Assembly to know. During Members Statements we kind of got off track, I think where the President responded to the statement from the Chair of the North West River Corporation and during question period we had a Minister who kind of made a statement instead of kind of asking a question so I would advise all Members to keep our Legislative Process in mind when we're going through question period and making Members Statements and things like that just to keep us on track. This ends the fall session for 2006 for the Assembly, our next session will begin on the 15th of January 2007 and will run until the 30th of June and this will be our spring session for 2007. Before we adjourn this session I'd like to appoint the Member for Canadian Constituency, Daniel Pottle to be the Deputy Speaker for the next session of the Assembly. I think that pretty much takes care all of the business, at this time I'd like to adjourn this session of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, thank you.

Meeting adjourns at 4:26 p.m.