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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski

First Minister and Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

Minister of Health and Social Development and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Gerald Asivak

Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Jim Lyall

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Anthony Andersen

Minister of Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Rachel Saunders

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser

Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey

Chair for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak

Chair for the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters

Staff:

Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat, Secretary to the Executive Council, Ms. Isabella Pain

Deputy Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Ms. Rexanne Crawford

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Mr. Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Mr. Toby Andersen

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Jim Goudie

Director of Legal Services, Ms. Loretta Michelin

Legal Advisor, Mr. Veryan Haysom

Clerk of the Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett

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September 18, 2018

9:00A.M.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'd like to call to order the 2nd Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, to say our opening prayer.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: (Recites Prayer)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ms. Winters-Wheeler. Now, as I look around, I see some faces who are new to this Chamber, and some faces who have been here before, but the reason we have new faces is because some people who have had a long-standing history in our Assembly, are no longer with us. So I want to express, on behalf of everybody in the room, our thanks to AngajukKâk Herb Jacque, AngajukKâk Jack Shiwak, AngajukKâk Diane Gear, Chairperson Derek Montague, and Chairperson Gary Mitchell for the service they did on behalf of the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in their respective communities. I'm going to call upon President Johannes Lampe, to administer the Oaths of Office. I would ask that the individual Members approach the front with Honourable Johannes Lampe, the President of Nunatsiavut, to administer the Oath. I'll call them one by one in alphabetical order. I will start with the new, soon to be AngajukKâk of Makkovik, , Mr. Barry Andersen.

Barry Andersen takes his Oath of Office

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Congratulations AngajukKâk Andersen. AngajukKâk Dicker.

AngajukKâk **Julius Dicker takes his Oath of Office.**

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. FLOWERS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. FLOWERS: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MS. FLOWERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MS. FLOWERS: I, Marjorie Flowers...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

MS. FLOWERS: I swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And will obey...

MS. FLOWERS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MS. FLOWERS: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

MS. FLOWERS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MS. FLOWERS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MS. FLOWERS: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MS. FLOWERS: ...and to perform my functions as a member....

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability.

MS. FLOWERS: ...to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MS. FLOWERS: So help me, God.

[Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me, are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...and that the powers entrusted to me, are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...I, Patricia Kemuksigak...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities (audio cuts out).

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. SHEPPARD: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...I, Glen Robert Sheppard...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut, and will obey...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...swear, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut, and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...and to perform my functions as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. SHEPPARD: ...to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me God.

MR. SHEPPARD: ...so help me God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Chairperson of the Sivunivut Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. WINTERS: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WINTERS: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me, are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MS. WINTERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me, are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I...

MS. WINTERS: ...I, Maxene Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey...

MS. WINTERS: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MS. WINTERS: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit Laws.

MS. WINTERS: ...and all Inuit Laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MS. WINTERS: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WINTERS: ...and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability.

MS. WINTERS: ...to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MS. WINTERS: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations.

MS. WINTERS: Thank you.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MS. WOLFREY: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WOLFREY: And in full realization of the high calling I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MS. WOLFREY: ...and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I...

MS. WOLFREY: ...I, Charlotte Wolfrey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

MS. WOLFREY: ...swear, solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MS. WOLFREY: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MS. WOLFREY: ...respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MS. WOLFREY: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MS. WOLFREY: And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WOLFREY: ...and to perform my function as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability.

MS. WOLFREY: ...to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MS. WOLFREY: So help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: New AngajukKâat for the Inuit Community Governments and the Nunatsiavut Government.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Again, on behalf of everybody here, I want to extend sincere and most genuine congratulations to all of those who are elected chairs of their respective Inuit Community Corporations and AngajukKâat. I wish you

every success. I look forward to working with you and working towards improving the lives of all beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Before we move onto the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, I want to correct an omission of mine. When I acknowledged those who came before us, I glaringly omitted the name of our former AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear. Diane was a long-serving member of this Assembly in a variety of roles, and it was my omission, and my omission entirely, and I apologize to her for not mentioning her at the appropriate time. With that, we'll move on to Item Three on the *Orders of the Day*. And I'll ask the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe, do his opening address.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. (Speaks in Inuttitut) Mr. Speaker,

I just want to give a brief overview of some of the activities I've been involved in since our last sitting. On June 8th, I traveled to Corner Brook at the invitation of Premier Ball, to participate in the Second Annual Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable. These decisions centred around the province's Mental Health and Addictions Plan, and ways in which Indigenous governments and groups can contribute towards the renewal of their province's cultural plan, as well as the next steps towards the repatriation of Beothuk remains that are in Scotland. Following the roundtable, I had the opportunity to speak with the Premier and our MHA, Randy Edmunds about our concerns with Marine Services and the Province's lack of consultation on a request for proposals process. The Premier advised that the process was going to go forward as planned and

to take a wait-and-see approach. As you know, Mr. Speaker, the RFP was awarded on September 7th and we continue to have many concerns from the lack of shore-based infrastructure, the potential increase in the cost of goods shipped to our communities, and so on. We're not happy, Mr. Speaker, and we don't intend to stand idly by and allow a service that won't meet our needs be rammed down our throats without having our concerns meaningfully addressed. On June 27th, I traveled to Inuvik for a meeting of the Inuit Crown Partnership Committee. The meeting provided an opportunity for Inuit leaders and Federal Ministers to reveal progress on the seven priority areas defined in Year One of the Committee, and to discuss concrete actions to move forward on work plans. We also discussed the eight priorities for the second year of the committee, as identified by Inuit and the Crown during the Annual Meeting with the Prime Minister in March. We discussed opportunities to advance better outcomes for K to 12 education for Inuit, as well as Child and Family Services, in particular, developing an Inuit-Specific, "Child-First" Initiative. We adopted revised, one-year work plans on priorities such as housing, health and wellness and education, early learning, and skills development. We also discussed the Arctic Policy framework and northern infrastructure and Inuttut revitalization, maintenance, protection, and promotion. Mr. Speaker, Health and Social Development Minister Asivak, Deputy Minister Isabella Pain, and I, attended the 13th General Assembly of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, in Utqiagvik, Alaska, from July 16 to 19th. We heard presentations from

Inuit experts on a range of topics. Reports were delivered on three major summits held by Inuit Circumpolar Council over the last four-year term on economic development, wildlife management and language. As ICC's tradition, the chair's position was transferred to Alaska for the next four-year term. Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough was unanimously elected as the new chair, taking over from Canada's Okalik Eegeesiak. Delegates also adopted the Utqiagvik Declaration. Both an outcome document from the General Assembly, and a road map to the work ICC will engage during the coming four years. Mr. Speaker, a highlight for me was to present the Bill Edmunds award to outgoing Inuit Circumpolar Council Chukotka President Tatiana Achirgina. Established by ICC, this award honoured those individuals who have made a selfless contribution to the promotion of Inuit rights and interests, with a particular focus on international endeavors. I was joined by Minister Edmunds at the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Annual General Meeting, in Inuvik, August 15 to 26th, where Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say, we re-elected our very own Natan Obed as President...

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

...for another term. Natan has shown strong leadership on both the National and International stages, on matters of importance to our Inuit within Inuit Nunangat. He has done us proud, Mr. Speaker, and I look forward to working with him in the years to come. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, we issued a media release earlier this month, asking why the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to ignore the

recommendations of the Independent Expert Advisory Committee on ways to mitigate human health concerns related to methylmercury throughout the Muskrat Falls Reservoir, as well as in the Lake Melville ecosystem. The establishment of IEAC was perhaps the biggest commitment made by the Premier when he met with Indigenous leaders in October 2016 at the height of the "Make Muskrat Right" campaign. He promised to take the recommendations of the IEAC seriously, but instead he's refusing to even respond. That's very disappointing, to say the least, Mr. Speaker. And to me, this lack of action is a step back for reconciliation. Finally, Mr. Speaker, our community liaison and officers were in Happy Valley Goose Bay last week to attend a workshop and present training session to deliver our second housing needs assessment for our communities. The last assessment, done in 2012 and was a very useful tool in helping us to identify and address some of our housing needs. The current assessment will be carried out next month. I want to thank both the Federal and Provincial Governments for once again partnering with us on this work. And I look forward to seeing the final results. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. On the Item Four in the *Orders of the Day*, the "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". I'd like to welcome those in the gallery today, and I see with us, Tim McNeill-, staffers Tim McNeill, Kristy Sheppard, Edna Asivak, but I believe this is your first sitting since you became an employee? Of course, the ever-present Isabella Pain and Loretta Michelin, Toby Andersen and Jim Goudie, this may be your first

Assembly as well, I believe. There's also one other gentleman, I believe, from Hopedale. AngajukKâk Flowers. I'll leave it to you to introduce this gentleman in the visitors' gallery.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to recognize Councillor Jerdon Bennett. He's our Councillor for Hopedale Inuit Community Government. Thank you for coming, sir, and thank you for your service to Hopedale. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you for your presence. When I look around and I see a lot of empty chairs, I can't help but think that this is a missed opportunity to have some of our local high school students filling these chairs and looking in at these proceedings to see how their government works, and perhaps at some point, these chairs won't always be empty. For the information of everyone in the assembly today, our pages are from Nain, for this Assembly session. Our pages are Samantha Saksagiak and Novalee Webb, again from Nain. Our lone interpreter today is Mr. Gordon Obed. We had some staffing issues, so Gordon is alone in the booth today, so please allow him some grace, and we thank you for your efforts, Gordon. Andrew Hamel is our new IT person. Thank you, Andrew and if I'm not mistaken, this is your first session, as well? We'll assume that it is. And recognize our OK staffers, Susie Jararuse and Simone Kohlmeister. As always, if there are any questions about your accommodation or travel, please feel free to get in touch with Tabea Onalik. Note that your briefing books contain standing orders, the elected officials' policies, the Members' handbook, the deeds of the

Labra-Inuit Trusts, and the 2018 Assembly Calendar. As always, I suggest-
, or we suggest, that you keep these reference documents. As somewhat
monotonous as they may seem, they are tremendously useful and you
will get more service from them than you can possibly imagine. As
Veryan mentioned yesterday, the Standing Orders are the rules of our
Assembly procedures and we will use those at every Assembly sitting. At
the May 2018 sitting, the one we just had previously, I said that I would
be recommending names of the Members to sit on our standing
committee on rules and procedures. The Rules and Procedures
Committee is tasked with two things, primarily-, Number One, it's tasked
with staffing other committees, and it's also the committee which is in
charge, should we wish to have any revisions to the standing orders. The
Rules and Procedures Committee-, the RPC, whose terms of reference
are stated in Standing Order 65, I, as Speaker, am recommending the
following individuals, and I have consulted with them, and gained their
approval for their recommendation this morning. For the Rules and
Procedures Committee, I am recommending Mr. Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary
Member for Postville and the treasurer of Nunatsiavut-, Ms. Loretta
Michelin from the *Nunatsiavut Government Legal Counsel* who has
extensive experience with our standing orders and we look forward to
having her knowledge in our committee-, Ms. Carlene Palliser, Ordinary
Member for Rigolet and Deputy Speaker. And those are the four names
I'll put forward. Is the Assembly in favour of these recommendations?
Oh, and I neglected one important piece, in that I, as Speaker will serve as

chair of that committee, and that again, is outlined in Standing Order 65. Are there any objections to these appointments? Hearing none, those four individuals, myself included, will serve on the RPC. The PRC will meet at some point today, and come up with a selection list and a list of recommendations for the staffing of the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol. On to Item Five of the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers, wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to submit to the Assembly, a brief update on the activities of my department since the last Assembly sitting. Mr. Speaker, in regard to implementation, the Implementation Committee met on July 25th, and discussed the following issues, related to implementation of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. Wild Life and Fisheries Board activity reports and the process or submission of their 2018-, I'm sorry, 2019-'20, work plans and budgets. In regard to harvesting of migratory birds in Schedule 12-E area, talks are ongoing with the Federal Government to deal with this issue. Dispute Resolution Board-, we have had problems implanting the Dispute Resolution Board chapter of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. And the Dispute Resolution Board has cost us a lot of money. For this reason, we have suggested amendment to the Dispute Resolution Board chapter to the Feds and the Province. Discussions are ongoing on the possibility of re-negotiating that chapter. Mr. Speaker, in regard to membership, the

Membership Committees continue their work reviewing applications for enrollment of the beneficiaries and the Inuit Appeals Board meets on a regular basis to review appeals of applications denied by the Membership Committees. We are in the process of replacing Rachel Saunders on the Hopedale Membership Committee. Liz Evans-Mitchell who resigned from the Makkovik Postville Membership Committee, and Charlotte Wolfrey on the Rigolet, Lake Melville Committee, as well as Arthur Williams who resigned from the Inuit Appeals Board. The next membership workshop is being planned for some time in November and will be held in Nain. Mr. Speaker, in regard to public property, staff housing-, we are currently upgrading some of our older units in Nain, particularly, the heating systems. All upgrading and repairs will be completed in October. Illusuak-, the building was transferred to the Nunatsiavut Government in July and Parks Canada is occupying their office space in the building. The exhibit is being finalized and is expected to be transported to Nain for installation by October 22nd. The fire suppression system will be installed by the end of September. We are working on an RFP for the operations of the gift shop and café, and Belinda is starting to plan for the proposed grand opening in December. And, Mr. Speaker, our prototype complex in Nain-, the six-unit prototype complex in Nain was completed and in accordance with the *Housing Initiatives, Nain and Hopedale Act*, the HSD prepared eligibility criteria and an application form for tenants and established a Departmental Administrative Committee to oversee administration of the program. The building has been occupied since

June the 15th, and the occupants are three youth families and three seniors. The multiplexes in Nain and Hopedale-, the seven-unit multiplex in Hopedale is completed, has been turned over to the Nunatsiavut Government and is ready to be occupied. The HSD has the application process and regulations for the program completed while our waiting for the regulations to be translated. When that is done, the building will be occupied. As most Assembly Members are aware, we had to condemn the site which was selected for the Nain multiplex, based on the recommendation from the Environmental Engineering survey that was completed. The Nain Inuit Community Government has approved a new site, and we have completed the survey, geotechnical and land transfer requirements. Based on the new site and required re-design of the foundation, the Nunatsiavut Government had to re-tender the project for construction. The tender process has been completed and the construction contract will be awarded, we expect, within the next couple of weeks. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the DHSD Building for Hopedale, we have completed a transaction to transfer the additional parcel of land required to construct this building, from Transport Canada to the Nunatsiavut Government. We submitted the tender for construction of the building, and the contract has been awarded to White's Construction Limited. A barge with the heavy equipment and material to complete the blasting site work and foundation should be in Hopedale soon. The site work and foundation work is scheduled to be completed this fall and the building completed in December 2019. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to

housing-, housing is still the priority for my department. I have continued to lobby governments and all other agencies for funding and support, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. With additional direct funding from Canada, and funding from the Nunatsiavut Government's own source revenue, we are starting to make significant steps in dealing with the Nunatsiavut housing crisis. In 2017, 2018, the Nunatsiavut Government contracted Nunatsiavut Construction Incorporated to complete repairs to 43 homes at a cost of \$2.2 million. We have completed the seven-unit multiplex in Hopedale, at a cost of \$2.4 million, and are constructing an identical multiplex in Nain this year. These complexes are energy efficient, have electric heat and are easy to maintain. We think that construction of these multiplexes is the most efficient way to deal with the housing crisis, and we intend to expand this program to the other Inuit communities. The problem we face is the lack of land available in the communities for home construction. In 2018, the Nain and Makkovik Inuit Community Governments have housing subdivision developments ongoing. The Nunatsiavut Government has transferred \$1.5 million to each of the Nain and Makkovik Inuit Community Governments to develop an additional six lots in each community. Four of these lots are for the NG and two for the Inuit Community Governments for the purpose of new housing developments. We intend to pursue this process for other Inuit Communities when they have subdivision developments approved. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding our 2018 to 2019 Home Repair Program. The Nunatsiavut Government

completed an application process for the 2018, '19 Home Repair Program. The result of this process is that 70 applications were received, but only 21 of these met the criteria and the closure deadline for the program. The majority of applications submitted, did not include the information requested in the application. These 21 homes were selected for a complete assessment. The assessment of these homes was completed by Nunatsiavut Construction Incorporated and the final report with scope of work was submitted to the Nunatsiavut Government. As a result of the assessment, all 21 homes were approved for repairs. Nunatsiavut Government is now in the process of issuing a tender for completion of this work. The scope of work for each home has been completed and a letter will be sent to the successful applicants identifying what work will be done to their home. The estimated costs of these repairs is \$1.2 million. The 21 homes to be repaired are as follows-, Nain, two-, Hopedale, four-, Postville, one-, Makkovik four, and Rigolet, ten. And, Mr. Speaker, regarding our Housing Needs Assessment-, the Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment was completed in 2012 and the Nunatsiavut Government has been lobbying both Canada and the Newfoundland Government to update that assessment in 2018. I am pleased to announce that Canada and Newfoundland have agreed to cost-share with the Nunatsiavut Government, the 2018 Nunatsiavut Housing Needs Assessment. The Nunatsiavut Government CLO's have attending a meeting to discuss and finalize the questionnaire and the process for obtaining the information from the communities. The CLO's

will now begin completing the questionnaires with each residence in their communities in the near future. We hope the process can be completed by the end of November 2018 and a Revised Housing Needs Assessment can be drafted. In regard to the Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy-, The Nunatsiavut Housing Strategy has been finalized by the Departmental Housing Working Group and approved by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. As a result, a bill for an act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission is being tabled in this Honourable Assembly today. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation-, marine transportation-, as you know, the Province has announced the purchase of a new roll-on, roll-off ferry to replace both the Northern Ranger and the Astron. This vessel is proposed to commence freight and passenger service out of Goose Bay in 2019. It will eliminate the freight service from Louis Port. The Nunatsiavut Government, despite many requests to the Province, was not given a copy of the RFP for this service, prior to the RFP being released. Concerns raised by the Nunatsiavut Government were not incorporated in the RFP, nor were they included in the Province's plan for the new service. The Nunatsiavut Government is concerned that no proper consultation was done, with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Inuit, prior to proposing this new service. Elimination of a freight service from Louis Port will increase the freight rates. There is inadequate wharf and docking infrastructure in the communities, and Inuit might not be able to use this service due to increased rates and fees. The Nunatsiavut

Government has made these concerns known to the Province and Woodward's Limited and has asked for a phasing on the new service, by continuing the freight service out of Louis Port until adequate infrastructure is in place to accommodate the vessel, freight and the proper consolation be provided with Inuit to discuss and determine rates and fees. And finally, Mr. Speaker, in regard to the Nain airstrip-, the Nunatsiavut Government has continued to lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments for funding to construct the proposed new Nain airstrip. What we have determined, is that federal funding may be available, however the ownership of the airstrip must submit a proposal for funding. The Feds stated the Province is the owner of the Nain airstrip. President Lampe met with Premier Ball and raised this issue. Premier Ball disagreed that the Province owns the airstrip and committed that he would discuss this issue with Canada. We have not heard back from him. In the meantime, given that the site for a proposed new airstrip is four kilometres from the community, the Nunatsiavut Government hired a qualified firm, Octant Aviation Solutions from Quebec to do an assessment of the current Nain airstrip to determine if there is a way to change the location or expand onto it, in order to accommodate larger aircraft and lighting. Representatives from the firm were in Nain in July and did their assessment. We are waiting for their report before going back to the Federal and Provincial Governments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Treasurer of Nunatsiavut.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalitik. Members of the Assembly, the plan today is that I will putting forward a Notice of Motion, so that the Auditors for the Nunatsiavut Government could potentially give a presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for our government for the year ended March 31st, 2018. These financial statements will include the transactions of our government, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Implementation Trust*. Mr. Speaker, as I've stated to the Assembly in the past, these financial statements are a tool for the Assembly to use in determining our government's accountability for the resources, obligations and financial affairs for which we are entrusted. The statement of financial position within those statements, reflects the net financial assets or the net financial debt position. This indicator is an important test of the sustainability of our government, where we ask ourselves the question, do we have enough financial assets to cover the liabilities of our government, and do we have enough to finance future operations? As noted on the Statement of Financial Position, our government does have net financial assets, which means that we can do so. The Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets represents the extent that revenue was sufficient to meet the costs of goods and services acquired during an accounting period. The government was able to increase this position, further indicating the sustainability of our government. The second

indicator of financial performance is the accumulated surplus or accumulated deficit position. Mr. Speaker, it reflects our ability to provide future services. An accumulated surplus is that amount by which all assets, both financial and non-financial, exceed all our liabilities, which has accumulated over time. The Nunatsiavut Government has an accumulated surplus of \$580 million-, a very healthy position, Mr. Speaker, reflecting that we have the net resources, again, financial and physical, that can be used to provide future services to our beneficiaries. On the Statement of Operations, the third financial indicator to note, is the annual surplus or deficit. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, surplus is different than cash in the bank account, as it also includes non-cash transactions. The annual surplus or deficit, shows whether the revenues raised in the year were sufficient to cover the costs of the services provided. Again, we are in a positive position, generating more than enough revenues to cover our expenses, including the expenses of using new and existing capital assets to provide services to our beneficiaries. It is worth noting that there was a decline in revenues over the past fiscal year by the amount of \$22 million. The main driver of this decrease was, there was a \$26 million decrease in the amount of actual income that was received from the investments, particularly with the two *Trusts*. Mr. Speaker, the Statement of Re-measurement Gains and Losses reflects the change in accumulated surplus, that is attributable to fair value changes in the government's investments. During the current fiscal year, there was an increase in the market value of our investments of \$21.5 million

from the previous year. It is important to recognize, Mr. Speaker, that this is an unrealized gain, and is only reflected in actual cash, if the investments were withdrawn at this particular time. Mr. Speaker, the statement of cash flow provides information on our liquidity and accountability of the use of our resources. The government had an increase in its cash resources due to mainly an increase in cash for programs that are to be completed in the current and future years, and the change in the market value of our investments. The Government still remains in a healthy financial position with \$44 million in cash, which is a fourth positive financial indicator. Mr. Speaker, as treasurer I am very pleased with the overall financial position of our government. As the financial statements reflect, we do have the ability to provide future programs and services to our beneficiaries, to finance our operations and to be able to meet our obligations. *Nakummek, UKalitik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Chair recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to stand here today, to give my first departmental report as Minister of Health and Social Development. I must admit that I've been on quite a learning curve since being elected, as the files within my department are many and broad. I'll first provide an update on what's happening in our communities. Daycares. Daycares are opening this week in Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Rigolet. Postville's daycare will have a delayed opening this year, due to an

installation of the sprinkler system. The expected completion date has been moved from September 20th, to October 1st at the earliest. Staff have been working out of the apartment, the dental office and NG building. After inspection, the stove in Hopedale cannot be used due to changes in regulations. Children will be going home for lunch until the problem is resolved. We are exploring other options for food preparation. Super Nova Summer Camps were facilitated in all communities through Memorial University and were a big success in all communities. They were well attended in most communities, with a focus this year, more around technology than science. Hopedale DHS office has a vegetable garden and a greenhouse. They are using kelp for fertilizer and they are promoting composting. They also had a net for catching fish for programming purposes. They were very busy with several land-based camps for youth and seniors. Rigolet hosted a music camp in partnership with the Creative Arts Festival which was very successful. Mr. Speaker, in the area of mental health and wellness, and healing, World Suicide Awareness Day was September 10th, for which there were events throughout Nunatsiavut. September 11th was FAS awareness day. In keeping with this, Mr. Myles Himmelreich who lives with FASD is currently traveling through the region to share about his experience and knowledge in this area. His tour started in Happy Valley, Goose Bay and will end in Nain. We have selected a team from McGill University and the University of Saskatchewan to do work on how we can provide better services to reduce the harms of parental substance abuse.

They bring an extensive experience base and couple and family therapy, including working with families impacted by Child Welfare Services and, or, substance abuse, with some experience in northern indigenous communities. They will be doing a literature review, following up with promising services elsewhere through the region, and doing consultation with the service providers and families, around what would be helpful here. In addition to providing recommendations they'll be supporting training within our region. We have received funding from Federal Victim Services to provide services for families impacted by the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We are in discussion to use this funding to support family therapy. Planning for the Regional Youth Strategy is continuing during the summer. We have received additional funding to support the development of the Regional Youth Strategy and expect additional funding to support its implementation. The Smoke Busters Quit to Win Challenge winners completed their trip to Hebron for one week and from all accounts, things went very well. Human Resources updates-, we have a new prison liaison worker at the Labrador Correctional Centre. Ms. Carolyn Michelin has been settling in very well and building strong working relations with the inmates and staff there. Ms. Vyann Andersen-Goudie started as Postville's Mental Health and Addictions Worker on August 20th. Ms. Rutie Lampe has accepted a six-month appointment to the Resolution Health Support Worker role. Mr. Speaker, in the area of Social Developments, the Inuit Child Welfare Review is under way, with Dr. Ken Barter leading the Community

Consultations along with our own Inuit social workers, Ms. Danielle Baikie and Ms. Darlene Jacque. We've been very pleased with the Community Engagement Sessions and participation. The second round of Community Sessions will be held later this month and into December. The funding for the emergency shelter in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, has been extended to March 31st, 2019. We are working with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation on a long-term funding proposal. Family Connections-, we have two positions approved for Family Connections workers in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Interviews will be held as soon as possible, and we hope to have individuals starting very soon. The vacant positions in Nain and Hopedale, one of each, in each community should also be filled soon. Partnership with Munn to establish an evaluation framework. The Community Consultations for the Inuit Child Welfare Review facilitated by Dr. Ken Barter and the Inuit social workers are going very well-, great participation in the communities. The second-round consultations will be in North West Happy Valley, Goose Bay, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain, Rigolet and Postville. I have to emphasize individual sessions can be arranged with the team. Mr. Speaker, I, along with my Deputy Minister, Ms. Michelle Kinney traveled to Nain, on September 6th with Senior Health Officials from the Provincial and Federal Governments. We met with the Nunatsiavut Executive Council Members, toured the community clinic and community as a whole. Issues discussed included, the request for proposals for the Sked-Evac, Medevac, the establishment of Tripartite table. Approach to cannabis, Labrador-

Grenfell Health Indigenous Affairs contact, Aboriginal health policy framework, remote presence technology and health provider needs. The visit to Nain was an eye-opener for those from the Provincial and Federal Governments. They had first sight into the air travel. For example, the morning that we flew, there was five. With the experienced pilots, we flew underneath the fog, aligned the beach to land. They also experienced and learned about the water and the import structure issues and food security and many others. Mr. Speaker, the DHSD is moving forward with a development of the Regional Health Plan for 2019 to 2024. Consultant Mary Mayo and Bev Thompson (Director of Community Programs), will be traveling to all communities this fall, to engage communities in discussions regarding health priorities for DHSD over the next five years. Ms. Bev Hunter is a new Elder Coordinator, and she's been very busy with a visit to Nain for Elder engagement as well as sessions in Hopedale. She also coordinated a language camp from the 27th, to the 31st of August at the Healing Lodge at Little Bay South with 12 adults and seniors participating. They engaged in many traditional activities, including seal hunting, fishing, berry picking, storytelling and incorporated language learning in all activities. Mr. Speaker, the Status of Women Office received funding for two projects under the Indigenous Violence Preventions Grant program with the Provincial Government. The youth projects were arched under a theme of Inuit Women in Leadership. The first project was hosting "International Women's Day" luncheons in seven communities. The second project built on the

information shared with women and then offered a one-day leadership workshop in the same seven communities throughout the month of May and June. These projects received positive feedback. The discussions were informative, thought provoking, inspirational and fun. Women enjoyed the safe and supportive space. Networks and ultimately, friendships were made in all communities. Mr. Speaker, in June, the Status of Women Office, supported three women to attend a National Shelter Conference in Ottawa Ontario. One staff from the Nain Safe House, and two staff from the Hopedale Safe House, along with the Status of Women coordinator attendant. This was the first ever national conference for women shelters and safe houses, bringing together not only shelter staff, but government staff. Academics and Survivors of Domestic Violence-, It was a learning experience and networking opportunity with 58 concurrent sessions and over 150 presenters took place over the two and half days. In closing, on a final note, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to congratulate Ms. Annie Evans of Makkovik, as a recipient of this year's Inuit Women of the Year Award. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I will give you a very brief update from the last session. I would like to update Assembly Members on various files within my department. We had a very busy summer finalizing exhibits for Illusuak and are preparing for the arrival of those exhibits sometime in

late October. The following is an update from our Culture Division. The Master Apprentice program. On September 17th, a new Master Apprentice Program will be running in Nunatsiavut. This will be the third time that the program will be under way. One Master and one Apprentice will be selected from each community. These Master and Apprentices will work one-on-one in an immersive-style learning environment. A maximum of two hours per day, the master and apprentice will select their time and location for learning. This can happen during a walk around the community, at home while cooking together at home, et cetera, et cetera. Previously, we would run the Master Apprentice Program in partnership with a university, such as the University of Toronto. But this year, we feel that we are prepared to deliver the program independently. The following Masters for each Nunatsiavut community are, Nain, Nancy Ikkusek, Hopedale, Gus Flowers, Makkovik, Hulda Fox, Postville, Lena Semigak, (through phone calls), Rigolet, Linda Palliser, and the apprentices for each community are-, Nain, Darlene Holwell, Hopedale, Wanda Lucy, Makkovik, Abigail Ford, Postville Charlene Gear, Rigolet, Elsie Wolfrey. The Master Apprentice Program has some changes from last year. We will lower the number of hours from 20 hours per week, to 10 to 15 hours per week, in hopes of having less stress put on the apprentices. With these lowered hours, we have added one extra month, from six months to seven months to apprentice. Mr. Speaker, our Okak 100 Year organizing committee-, 2018 marks 100th anniversary of the Spanish Flu epidemic that devastated

Labrador's Inuit. On November 4th, 1918, the flu arrived aboard the ship, Harmony, which was dropping winter supplies. By November 8th, eight people in the community were very sick. As of December, 1918, 204 of the 263 residents of Okak had passed. The Tradition and Transition Partnership between the Nunatsiavut Government and Memorial University, would like community input for how to commemorate this anniversary. We are currently developing a community inclusive committee to evaluate the ideas we receive and hope to have several events and commemorations between the fall of 2018, marking the 100 years from when the flu began, to spring of 2019, marking 100 years from the end of the epidemic. The Nunatsiavut communities, and Lake Melville will have representations on this committee. Committee members are currently being contacted, and the communities of Postville and Rigolet have an extended deadline, as there were no applicants to sit on those committees from those communities. Once all the committee members have been contacted, planning will immediately take place.

Updates from the Tourism Division. In July, our Experienced Development Officer Position was filled by Anita Rich. We are very glad to have Anita working within our department. In the area of tourism, we have been continuing our work in the following areas-, the Tourism Nunatsiavut Strategy, with a new staff member starting, we have been working internally, on a plan how to move forward with our short-term tactics. We try to ensure that all of our projects align with our strategy. Visitor Journey Assessment-, in July, a Visitor Journey Assessment was

completed. A group of partners from Nunatsiavut Government, the Provincial Government, ACOA, Nunatsiavut Marine and Destination Labrador, traveled to Nain by plane, then traveled back to Goose Bay on board the Northern Ranger. We visited all the communities to experience the trip as visitors. The Provincial Government is currently working on a report that will outline projects that again, align with our Nunatsiavut Tourism strategy. Hebron-, we had four seasonal staff in Hebron this year.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Mr. Lyall, Standing Order 29.2 specifies a 35-minute time limit for "Ministers Statements". We've now reached that limit. We can waive that with unanimous consent of the Assembly, citing Standing Order 16.1. So I'm asking for unanimous consent from this Assembly to continue with the "Ministers Statements." Do I have unanimous consent? Seeing no Nays, please continue Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have four seasonal staff in Hebron this year. They are as follows-, Heritage Carpenters, Gus Semigak and Levi Nochasak. Labour, Seth Tuglavina, Hebron Ambassador, Lena Semigak. Construction of two of the four church projects in Hebron began this year. We are hoping to complete the four porches next season. Our Director of Tourism Jillian Larkham and Mike Patterson, Heritage Carpenter who had constructed the church windows last year, traveled to Hebron in August. Mike has done extensive work with restoration of historic properties. During the time in Hebron, Mike was able to show Jillian first-hand, the projects listed in the report he prepared for us.

Jillian was also able to complete a detailed inventory of supplies and observe camp operations. She is currently working on a report from the summer season, which will include suggested changes to camp operations for next year. We will provide more details on that 2018 season during the next Assembly. Visitor Guide-, we received our Visitor Guide at the beginning of the summer and they have been a huge success. Over the winter, we will again make minor changes to the guide and have another version available for the summer of 2019. Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. The Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station, welcomed tourists from August the 4th to September the 1st of this year. A one-season *Operation Agreement* was signed between the Nunatsiavut Government and Air Borealis. The season was successful and we are waiting on report about the season. An RFP to operate for the next five years has been released with a deadline of October 2nd of 2018. And we hopefully will have the RP in our hands before then. Partnerships of our Tourism Division will be visiting all communities along the coast over the next few weeks. This will give our new Experience Development Officers, the opportunity to see first-hand a lot of our departments in all of our communities are working on. Moving forward, she will be able to assist with the Experience Development while ensuring it aligns with the Nunatsiavut Tourism Strategy. And, Mr. Speaker, sorry to inform you that I don't have an update on the Archaeology Division. That director was on leave and

didn't have his report prepared in time. I will present it the next sitting.

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Are there any other "Ministers Statements" this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen, Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it's been a few years since I've made a Minister's Statement in this Chamber. As well, I have a brand-new Deputy Minister, and we want to make sure that we give exciting updates and statements about the Lands and Natural Resources Department, so we continue to work on a format that is acceptable to the chamber. Having said that, it's probably not the most exciting one yet, but with your feedback, Mr. Speaker, and with the feedback from Members of the Assembly, I'm sure that we will do better. I want to give, Mr. Speaker, a brief update on the different divisions within the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. And I'll start with the Renewable Resource Division, the first of our Fisheries Division. Mr. Speaker, the Commercial Fishery is progressing well. The snow crab fishery in Area 2-J North, finished up during the first week of August and the quota was fully landed. Mr. Speaker, one of the things about the crab fishery I wish to say is, a very profitable fishery and it's perhaps it's the star that we have. Our Turbot Fishery opened slowly, July 31st, a very slow start, and dirty water conditions. The fishery did pick up, however, I regret to say that although we hoped a full quota would be landed before the end of September, not all of the quota will be landed at the Makkovik plant as Torngat Fish

Producers Cooperative has decided to close its operators in Nain and Makkovik. The Northern Shrimp Fishery, in Area 4 and 5 is ongoing and already 70 percent of that quota has been landed and we expect that the other 30 percent will be as well. The Commercial Char Fishery is completed and 48,000 pounds of char was landed in Nain for processing up to September 1st. Mr. Speaker, we're very pleased with the results of the 2018 Commercial Fishery to date and the Nunatsiavut Government designate fishers are still harvesting some shrimp and Greenland Halibut. I should also note, Mr. Speaker, that the English River Counting Fence began operation July 13th for a 17-week program. The Atlantic Salmon Fishery is showing good returns after a slow start this year, but at the end, it turns out that we observed-, the counters observed the total number of salmon, greater than last year. Our Domestic Food Fishery in LISA and in Area 12-E concluded August the 31st. Completed log catches are required to be returned to NG and we will offer the prize of a drum of gas in each community for catch-logs that are returned by September the 14th. It's not a drum of gas for each return, now, just they're all thrown into a hat, Mr. Speaker, and one is picked out, I think. Our Wildlife Division, Mr. Speaker, the 2018 Moose Hunting in LISA opened on September the 17th, and we have a total of 29 licences to offer in the beneficiary draw. The Community of Resource also have asked us for 10 Moose Licence for a total of 39 licence available within LISA. Application forms are now available in our office Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Again, Nunatsiavut Government will be sending four employees to the Gros Morne National

Park on October the 22nd for another harvest of moose. We have received approval for 30 non-profit licence in 2018 and NG will plan to fill those licences in partnership with Parks Canada. Mr. Speaker, the George River Caribou was assessed in July through an aerial survey conducted by the Provincial Government and the results of the survey are not yet available. I know that this is a very important item and I would like to inform the assembly at this time, that when we leave here on Thursday, myself and President Lampe, and my Deputy Minister, James Goudie, will be flying to Goose Bay to meet with the Provincial Wildlife officials. At the time, they will report on the census that was carried out earlier this year. So we'll have more in this Assembly at the next sitting, a full report on the most recent surveys of the George River herd. Environment and Climate Change consultation began this September in Nunatsiavut on the possible listing of the Eastern Migratory and Torngat caribou populations as endangered. Our department staff has been involved with logistics and will be traveling with the group to observe and take notes. I did say, Mr. Speaker that they have started. They have not yet started and that is why I can't report on how the consultations are going, obviously, if they haven't started. But again, a lot of information we'll have for you at the next sitting, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, year two of the Davis Strait Polar Bear census in Nunatsiavut has been completed. Two hundred and twenty bears were seen and documented, with over 180 biological samples taken. The survey is continuing in Nunavut and results won't be available until early 2019. Our Non-Renewable Resources Division, Mr. Speaker, Labrador Gold

Ground Truth Exploration has completed Phase One of their exploration program at their Ashuanipi property. This summer their program ran from July 6th to the 31st. The company did employ Nunatsiavut beneficiaries from Hopedale and contracted Inuit-owned companies for air support. Labrador Gold/Ground Truth Exploration are still in the early stages of Mineral exploration, Mr. Speaker. Maximus Metals continue their drill program on their property north of Strange Lake until their current exploration expires on July 17th, 2019. Work restrictions with time constraints are applied to the drill program to prevent any potential conflict with the George River Caribou Herd. A time window was identified on July 8th to August 15th, 2018, but Maximus Metals decided not to do any exploration work this summer. Mr. Speaker, Aurora Energy did not do any exploration this summer, however they did complete a nine-day camp maintenance program from August 20th to the 29th. That's mainly due to the current state of the uranium industry and Paladin's financial situation. The program employed four Nunatsiavut beneficiaries from Postville and Makkovik. The Non-Renewable Resources Division will continue to engage with Aurora on a regular basis to follow-up on their financial situation work plan and projects. Mr. Speaker, Commander Fjordland has been approved to drill 17 holes, construct the flight camp and prospecting and geological mapping of their property. Their approval is valid from July the 26th 2019. The property is located 80 kilometers south of Vale's Voisey's Bay Nickel mine. They're drilling, testing for potential nickel, cobalt and copper mineralization. Mr. Speaker, Buchans Minerals has completed a short

exploration program this summer. They completed a seven-day program from July the 7th to the 15th, based out of Nain. Buchans Minerals has claimed south of Voisey's Bay, out at the Voisey's Bay mine site. Buchans confirmed that the Province was successful, but no word on results or if any discoveries had been made, to date. Mr. Speaker, on the oil and gas front, GX Technology Canada has begun their 2D seismic basic span, survey offshore Newfoundland and Labrador in August and will continue possibly until October or November. GXT has indicated that they won't be offshore Labrador until late September or October. Mr. Speaker, the Non-Renewable Resource Division has made a few attempts to fill the Morning Analyst position but due to the housing shortage in Nunatsiavut, it is difficult to fill this position. The Division in Human Resource are exploring other options to fill this vacancy as soon as possible. *Impact and Benefits Agreement*-, Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay Underground Mine Expansion was announced in June, and since then, there have been approximately 200 positions advertised. The Tasiujatsoak Committee met in May with discussions on the Underground Mining Expansion Job Readiness Training Program, Capital Works and the Action Plan for the upcoming year. The Inuit Employment Coordinator position became vacant in early July. We're working closely at the Vale Agency that this position and the Aboriginal Peer Superintendent will be filled in the near future. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Park Co-Management Board had a face-to-face discussion at the base camp from August 4th to August 11th, 2018, with discussions on the Torngat Mountains caribou herd. Updates on the

Draft Management Plans, archaeology, MOU, commemoration plan for their amateur and the Inuit Cooperative Movement and Research Activities. Mr. Speaker, representatives of Parks Canada, Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, and NunatuKavut visited Awesome Lake Lodge on August the 30th at the invitation of John Risley. Awesome Lake Lodge is within the Mealy Mountain National Park Reserve and he wanted to have discussions on his plans to ensure that he did things right. Lands Division-, Mr. Speaker, a total of 27 new lands applications in Labrador Inuit Lands have been registered by the Lands Division to date in 2018 and are at various stages of processing. In conjunction with the Director of Non-renewable Resources, the Director of Lands and the Manager of Lands, conducted inspections of the Fish camps operating in Labrador Inuit Lands on July the 27th. There were a number of issues that needed to be addressed and we are currently reviewing our options in this regard. Mr. Speaker, the Lands Division is also working with the Non-Renewable Resources Division on a schedule of fees for access to and use of Labrador Inuit Lands. The proposed fee schedule will be based on the nominal approach due to the relatively low volume of applications, as opposed to a cost recovery or revenue source system. Some of the types of fees will be for mineral exploration, quarrying, commercial outfitting. Mr. Speaker, our Environmental Division in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Development, successfully ran the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station from July 21st to August the 4th. Together we successfully ran a Youth Food Skills and Research Assistant Program while

providing the necessary supports to researchers to achieve their research goals. The two-week operation was an incredible success running revenue neutral, while providing opportunity for 25 Labrador Inuit beneficiaries either through employment or coming to base camp for work. The full report of the operation of the base camp, as well as the Youth Food Skills and Research Assistant's program, will be produced later this fall. Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division continues to make progress on the Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative. The first round of Community Engagement and knowledge sessions have been completed and a second round of Knowledge Collection is beginning this fall. Those data collected from Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries, is the basis of the Marine Plan in determining the type of research products taking place and is being used as a traditional knowledge component of the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Labrador Off-shore process we are co-chairing with Canada, Newfoundland and the Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board. Our Imappivut Community Coordinators in each of our communities will be in place later this month and will play an important role for the coordination of Imappivut projects within our communities. Mr. Speaker, that concludes my report, and again, I want to somewhat apologize for my awkwardness in delivering this report. Again, for the next sitting, I hope to have a brand-new exciting format. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. I'm sure that your next presentation will be electrifying. Are there any more Minister Statements? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MRS. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is my first time addressing the Assembly as Minister, and I'm a bit nervous, so please bear with me as I provide an update on some of the files within my department. So this morning, I'm going to be talking to you about our Education Department, giving you some updates from there. So the 2018, '19 academic year, began on September 4th. A total of 144 full-time and 58 part-time, continuing and new students are being funded by PSSSP. I should note that we had picked up, all on-time and late applicants. Out of the total 202 students, 14 full-time and six part-time, from the Canadian Constituency, and five full-time and two part-time, from Upper Lake Melville have been approved for one year, only. This is due to less seats being used in NunatuKavut and over-budgeting in expectation that we will lose students throughout the year. The 11 IBED students, successfully completed their language training and received a language certificate. Ten of the students are now on their final phase of the program in a term internship. We have one replacement in each of Makkovik, Rigolet, Hopedale, North West River, and the remaining six are in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We had others interested in placements in Nunatsiavut, however, they were not able to secure housing and had to be accommodated in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We are working with the final student on getting a (inaudible) course and hopefully complete the placement during the winter to graduate with the class in May. So during the 2017, '18 academic year, we had 24 students graduate. We continued to work on our third 10-year graduate book and hope to have it completed by the end of the fall. Mr. Speaker, in 2016, we entered

into a contract with Frontier College to deliver a three-week summer literacy camp, to kids ages, five to 12, in Nain. The camp is designed to combat summer literacy loss, and to encourage learning throughout the year. Children engaged in a variety of activities from reading, writing, crafts, math, science, music, outdoor fun and community visits. The camp was a huge success that in 2017 we expanded to include Hopedale, and this year we added Makkovik. The camps took place in July, and they were, once again, a tremendous success. In June 2016, at the Heritage Forum, held in Makkovik, the Inuk Book Project was launched. Through a partnership with our department and TNT, money has been committed to fund the creation, development and publishing of 10 Inuit children's books over the next five years. The first book was launched this past March at the Youth Symposium in Makkovik, and the count for the second book has gone out and the deadline for submissions is October 31st of this year. Mr. Speaker, a thorough review was conducted on Inuvut PiusituKavullu our people and our culture, Inuit society and culture. Final edits are being made, and the final review of the pronunciation guide is being done by Isumatat. And once the edits are back from Isumatat, we are only a few weeks from print. We are very pleased to sponsor Denver Edmunds of Hopedale and Danika Mitchell, of Makkovik for Students on Ice, 2018 Art Expedition. I understand that they had an amazing time, Mr. Speaker. It is a great program and pending budget approval, we will support another two students again next year. Mr. Speaker, I was contacted by the University of Toronto Faculty of Science and Engineering about their desire

to bring more awareness about the field of engineering to Indigenous people in Labrador. A week long, two hours per evening, sequential, entitled, Labrador Engineering Awareness program or LEAP, L-E-A-P, is scheduled to take place in Nain from October 1st to the 5th and Hopedale, October 15th to the 19th, as well as Happy Valley, Goose Bay, October 22nd to the 26th. They will be visiting Natuashish and Sheshatshiu as well. This program is no cost to us, Mr. Speaker, but we have been involved in the development and planning of the project and we have been helping them with some of the logistics and promotion. I should note, that we recently approved funding to support travel and accommodations for one of our own engineers, Brian Pottle, to join the group in Nain as Engineer in Residence. This will reinforce your message that Engineering is a career and that beneficiaries can pursue and have already been successful in. An RFP was put out this spring for K to 12 Innutattut Evaluation. And the proposal that was selected, came from Dr. Sylvia Moore of Memorial University, and Dr. Shelley Tulloch of University of Winnipeg. The contract is being drafted, and work will soon start. So this past year, we were involved in the planning of a summer science camp that was open to members of all three Indigenous groups in Labrador. Our department has agreed to cover travel and accommodations for nine beneficiaries and that's students from grades nine to eleven, to attend the week-long camp in North West River, overseen by the Labrador Institute, Mr. Speaker. The Labrador Lands and Waters camp, offered a hands-on, integrated, science training experience, mobilizing multiple scientific learning lenses. Modules

were co-developed by Indigenous knowledge keepers, Indigenous scientists and researchers and were designed to provide hands-on learning in plant ecology, geology and minerals, water and land interactions, geospatial science and technology, archaeology and cultural resource management, fish and fisheries, wildlife and traditional ecological knowledges. And with respect to Inuit Pathways, Mr. Speaker, 26 clients successfully completed long-term skills development training, interventions in June in various fields such as carpentry, electrical, heavy duty equipment technician and hair styling and the aboriginal bridging program. As well, 34 clients have also completed short-term certification training since our last update. We have also supported our beneficiaries through our other programming and services as well, Mr. Speaker. With one client accessing the Job Start support funds, and one participating in the Self-Employment Benefits Program. There are currently three work experience interventions going on and seven have recently completed. So these work experience positions have been in all Nunatsiavut communities plus one with a beneficiary in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. And work continues through ITK's Inuit Human Resource Development Technical Committee on development and guidance of the Inuit Labour Market Strategy for the transition from Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy to the new Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program. The new program was announced in the last Federal Budget as a 10-year program with the current transition year being the first year of this, but no

possible new money or programming requirements will begin until April 2019. So *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. That's been my update for today.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Saunders. At this point, I'll call a short recess. We'll recess now and reconvene at 11:15. And we're back in session. So Standing Orders, outline the order in which things are conducted every day. Standing Order 24 states, "All items on the *Orders of the Day*, shall be taken up according to the precedence on the order paper." And at times there is a requirement to exert some flexibility, and today is one of those days. We have auditors in town who wish to present. We need to get through a few items on our agenda, so that the auditors can present before their flight leaves at 2:30. In accordance with Standing Order 16(1), I'm seeking unanimous consent from this Assembly to change the orders of precedence of the *Orders of the Day*, such that we can accommodate the timelines of our auditors. Do I have unanimous consent to change the *Orders of the Day*? Any nays? Not hearing any nays, we're going to proceed directly to Item Number 14, Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st, 2018, and the report on the audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2018. *Nakummek*, UKalitik.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The documents will be numbered as Tabled Document 01-4 Section 2, and Tabled Document 02-4, Section 2.

Again, I would like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, again, Honourable Speaker. I'm pleased to table the 2017, 2018 Annual Report of my department, Department of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 03-4, Section 2. I'd now like to recognize the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to table a 2018 Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer Report and the 2018 General Election Results.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister, and First Minister. These documents will be numbered as Tabled Documents 04-4 Section 2 and 05-4 Section 2. I again, recognize the First Minister, The Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I wish to table the Assembly Calendar for 2019.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 06-4 Section 2. I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I would like to table the Bill 2018-04, a bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, and Bill 2018-05, a Bill for an Act to Amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Copies of these Bills have been circulated to the Members of the Assembly and when appropriate, under

the *Orders of the Day*, I will be introducing formal motions in relation to them.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. Bill 2018-04 will be numbered as Tabled Document 07-4 Section 2 and Bill 2018-05 will be numbered as Tabled Document 08-4 Section 2. There are no more documents to be tabled today and we can now move on to Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is Notices of Motion. I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalitik. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell, that Tabled Documents 01-4(2) and Tabled Document 02-4(2) be referred to the Committee as a whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte and the Nunatsiavut Comptroller, Ms. REXANNE CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I'll be seeking unanimous consent by requiring the Assembly to waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today under Item 17, Motions. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek. Mr. Edmunds. I wish to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to give notice that later today, I will be introducing a motion that if Bill 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut, and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission is approved on first reading. I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Bill be referred to a special

committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*, and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, comprised of five members including the First Minister, Secretary to the Executive Council, and at least one AngajukKâk and that the special committee a) be mandated to report on the Bill to the Assembly prior to the second reading of the bill, b) deliver it's report on the Bill, to the Assembly no later than January 31st, 2019 and c) consult with the Inuit Communities and Torngat Regional Housing Association for purposes of preparing it's report. Mr. Speaker, I also give notice that because this motion is contingent on the passage of Bill 2018-04 on first reading, I will be seeking the indulgence of the Assembly to allow it to be dealt with out of order, immediately following first reading of the Bill. I will also be asking the indulgence of all Honourable Members to facilitate first reading of Bill 2018-04 today and to facilitate the first and second reading of Bill 2018-05 today.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek. There are no more notices motioned today, so we'll move onto Item 16, but before we do, I'm going to ask that the Ordinary Member for Canada look at that fan and see if we can keep the thing from rattling. And the Assembly notices that the Ordinary Member for Canada has managed to McGyver the fan. Item number 16, Notices of Motion for first reading of Bills. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

MS. MITCHELL:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to give notice of the introduction of two bills for first reading, which were formally tabled earlier today. Number one, on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018, under Item 14, of Orders For Today,

motions for first reading of Bills, I will move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary member for Hopedale and minister of Education and Economic Development, that Bill number 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be introduced and read for the first time, and that it will be moved into Committee of the Whole for first reading. And number 2, on Wednesday, September the 19th, 2018, under item 14 of Orders for the Day, motions for first reading of Bills, I will move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and Minister of Education and Economic Development, that Bill number 2018-05, a Bill for an Act to Amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be introduced and approved on first reading. I will also be asking the indulgence of all Honourable Members to waive notice of first reading of both Bills, as to facilitate first reading of Bill number 2018-04 and first and second reading of Bill 2018-05 today. For your information, Mr. Speaker, if Bill 2018-05 is approved on first reading, I will move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, that Honourable Members, unanimously waive Section 54(1) (b) of the Standing Orders, and that the Bill for an Act to amend the *Assembly Act*, be read a second time in Committee of the whole.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. There are no more notices for the first reading of Bills today, so we'll go on to Item 17, Motions. Minister

Edmunds, I understand you wish to proceed with the motion you gave notice to earlier.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. That's correct. I will be seeking-, or I am seeking, currently, unanimous consent to proceed with my motion that the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st, 2018, and the report on the Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2018, going to the Committee of the Whole for consideration. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As Minister Edmunds gave notice, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent from this Assembly to proceed with his motion, today-, to proceed into Committee of the Whole. Are there any Nays? Hearing none, please proceed Honourable Mr. Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, *UKalitik*, and thank you to the Members of the Assembly for giving your consent. Mr. Speaker, whereas the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ended March 31st, 2018 and the report on Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended March 31st, 2018 have been tabled within the Assembly, and whereas the Assembly should consider these documents in Committee of the Whole, with witnesses from the auditors. Now therefore, I move, seconded by Ms. Kate Mitchell, the Ordinary member from Makkovik, and the First Minister, that Tabled Document 01-4(2) and Tabled Document 02-4(2) be considered into the Committee as

the Whole for consideration with witnesses from Deloitte LLP and the Nunatsiavut Comptroller, Ms. Rexanne Crawford. *Nakummek, UKalitik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. We are now in Committee of the Whole. Let me back that up one phrase. Motions in order. Honourable Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. For the information of the newer Members, as we've learned yesterday, the Committee of the Whole is a really good opportunity for you to have a lot of your questions and concerns answered in a fairly informal environment. Again, for your information, this is a practice that we go through every year. We're mandated to table our report to the Assembly, the Financial Statements, but having the auditors here and to sit within this Committee and to go through the document in great detail is an extra benefit for your information. So as we enter into the Committee of the Whole, and as we go through the document, feel free to raise your questions and concerns related to those statements. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do any of the Members wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and concluded debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker, I have no further comment, and I would like to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Are there any opposed? Seeing none, these documents will now be considered in the

Committee of the Whole. We are now in Committee of the Whole. I invite our auditors and Ms. Crawford, the Nunatsiavut Comptroller, to address the Assembly.

MR. JANES:

Thank you, everyone, for having us here today. We're going to go through our Report to the Assembly, which is a summary of our audit procedures that we would've carried out on the Consolidated Financial Statements. We're just going to walk through that, and then I'll take you through the actual Financial Statements, just going through some of the financial highlights from the year, your over year changes, bringing some things to your attention. Please feel free to stop us at any point in time if any of the Members of the Assembly have any questions you'd like to ask, either for further clarification or just on anything within the documents and we'd be happy to address them as we go.

MS. TAYLOR:

Okay, so I'm not sure if everyone has the document, but it's the Report to the Members of the Assembly. And I'm not going to go through it in a lot of detail. I'm going to focus on what I think are the most important aspects, but as Paul said, if you have questions, just feel free to stop me. So I'm going to turn to page 1 and it's called, Our Audit Explained. And I'm going to start with Materiality. So for those of you who don't know, Materiality, essentially, means that if there are errors in the Statements, greater than a certain amount, then the users of the Statement, such as a bank or whatnot, would not be able to rely on the Statements. So for the current year, our Materiality was based on revenues, and that's consistent with prior year and it was set at 1.35 million. Our audit fees are noted

there, and they are consistent with our engagement letter and with the prior year. So turning to page 2, status and outstanding matters. We've actually rendered our opinion on the audited statements as they were approved by the Executive Council and Paul will go through those in detail, momentarily. On corrected missed statements, we are required to report any errors greater than 5 percent of Materiality, so any errors, roughly, greater than 65,000. There were no uncorrected errors in the current year. On corrected disclosures-, there are some items noted in Appendix Two. They'd be consistent with last year, and they are trivial to the Financial Statement, so their omission does not impact anybody relying on the statements. Page 3-, so for fraud risk, we have some risks noted, that I'll talk about in a few minutes, that address fraud risk, but based on our testing, we did not uncover, or identify, any instances of fraud. And as Paul will note, in a minute, we issued an unmodified opinion, so that's a clean Audit Report. That's what you want. So turning to page 5, we identified two significant risks, being Management Override Controls, and Personal Expense Claims. They'd be consistent with that of the prior year, and we didn't identify anything new because there were really no changes in business that would cause us to identify anything new. So Management Override Controls, essentially looks at the ability of Management to override a certain financial control, and essentially commit fraud. That's an audit risk that is in every single audit that you would see. So how we address that risk, is we discuss fraud with management and the executive council, we test some journal entries to make sure the proper level of

approval is in place, and that they have the proper support. We look at any rationale for any significant or unusual business transactions, so that would be something new in the current year, that wouldn't have existed before. And then we look at the rationale behind any estimates that are those statements, to make sure they have no bias within them. And based on our results, we did not identify any areas of Management Override of Controls. So Personal expense claims-, that risk really looks at whether or not expense claims had a valid business purpose so that they aren't fraudulent in nature. So we review a sample of expense claims, and we make sure they were properly approved, and we make sure they have the appropriate support. And all of our testing was appropriate. We didn't identify anything of concern. Page 6 of the Reportable Matters-, I'm not going to go through that in detail. That would be consistent with that of the prior year. But again, if you have any questions, just let me know. Appendix One is called Independence Matters. So that really just is our standard letter that says we're independent from the government and we can properly opine on the statements. Appendix Two, just goes through the disclosure deficiencies. That's the items that technically are supposed to be disclosed in your statements, but they're not. Again, these are consistent with last year and they have really, no impact on their statements. We're not concerned about those at all. And Appendix Three, is a letter of recommendation. What this is, is based on our testing around financial controls, we do walk-throughs, and essentially, if we notice anything, we'll identify an opportunity for improvement. And what we

identified this year, was there was, I would say, a lack of review and formal approval around Leave Track Forms for elected officials. So essentially, we recommend that a process be put in place to formally review them and track them, just so your information is accurate, and you can properly monitor your costs, associated with that. So that was the only thing that we identified. Are there any questions? Okay.

MR. JANES:

Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to take you through the Consolidated Financial Statements of the government, now. So the first page looks like this, just if you're trying to find it in your tabs. I'm going to start on page 2, which is call the Independent Auditor's Report. So Independent Auditor's Report, is our report on the Financial Statements. As Laurie mentioned, this is what we would call an Unmodified Audit Report, which means it's a clean audit opinion, and there's no reservations on the Audit Report given. So this would be our standard Audit Report that says we've audited the Financial Statements and that they're not materially mis-stated. The next page is page 3, which is the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. So I'll go through this statement and your Statement of Financial Position, in quite a bit of detail, and just highlight some of the year-, over-year changes and what's causing those changes. And as I mentioned, if anybody has any questions as to requiring further detail or just wanting me to kind of go into a little more explanation of what a particular item is, please feel free to stop me at any time. So the Statement of Operations, is meant to show where the government received its revenues and then where it spent that money,

being the expenses that it had. So it would highlight all of the revenues and expenses for the period, and give you a total-, a surplus number at the end, which we'll speak to in a moment. So I'll just start with the revenues and go through some of the line items, describe to you what those are, and what the major changes are, year over year. So starting with revenue, obviously, the largest amount there is Fiscal Financing money, which is the money that you received through your agreements with the Federal Government. And this amount is fairly consistent year over year from a dollar value change perspective. The next item is Interests and Investment Income, and this revenue item went from just over \$50 million last year, to just over \$23 million on the current year, so it's a big change. So this is investment income that's coming from the investments within the *Implementation and Settlement Trust*, mainly. And the decrease in revenue from \$50 million to \$23 million is purely a result of the markets and the forces within the capital markets, that no one really has a whole lot of say or ability to change. So it all depends on the investments that you're invested in, and how those-, how the markets do for those investments in any particular year. So obviously, last year was a great year. You ended up making \$50 million, and in the current year, that decreased to \$23 million-, still, obviously, a very large number with regards to the income that you were able to get from those investments, and a very good return. It just looks like obviously, a very-, it looks like a worse year than last year, which it is from a dollar-value perspective, but still, it's still a great year from a return perspective, when

you consider you received \$23 million on those investments. Okay? The next line is Personal Income Taxes, so this is revenue you received from Personal Income Tax of the Beneficiaries and anybody living in the Land Claims Area. It decreased from \$7.8 million last year to \$6.8 million in the current year. And this money really depends on the amounts that are collected by CRA on your behalf, and then given to the government.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Just to give you a little bit more clarity on the Personal Income Taxes, we've reported in the past on each Personal Income Tax year, we'll get a base amount. So right now, it's \$3.8 million. And then within the next year or two afterwards, CRA undertakes an audit of all the tax returns. They have a formula and they kind of explained it to me, but basically, because-, one of the questions on the tax return, you have to either-, you've ticked the box to say you live in either Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale, or Nain. And we have people who live in the communities that don't tick the box and we have people who live outside the communities who do tick the box. So because of that, the Government of Canada, will give us a base amount, then they'll go back in time, and do an audit, and then give us what the actual amount is. So the reason for the difference between 2017 and 2018, is in 2017, they completed two years of audits and gave us a bump-up of \$4 million, and last year, they completed, I think it was 2016 audit, and they gave us a bump-up-, it's just around \$3 million-, \$2.6 million of it relates to the 2016 year. So you will see fluctuations in that number, as audits are completed, and what we really need to encourage is making sure people complete their tax returns

properly. So you'll see notices come out from Finance, flyers go in mailboxes and stuff, just to try to keep that message going through.

MR. JANES

Thank you, Rexanne. So the next line item there would be funding under the Chapter 19 of the *Land Claims Agreement*, and that amount is steady each year. Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation Funding increased from \$3.6 million to \$4.2 million, and it's really just a matter of activity within that program and the funding received from the Province. The next item is described as a Share of Gain or Loss from the Affiliated Business Entities. So this item has changed significantly, year over year, and what this represents is the income within the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and how you account for that *Trust* within your financial statements. So you account for that *Trust*, using what we would call, in accounting terms, the Equity Method of Accounting, which means that you have one line-item on your Statement of Operations, which is what we're looking at now and then one-line item on the Statement of Financial Position, representing your ownership in that Trust. And this is where the income of the Trust each year gets picked up. So in the prior year, there was a loss recorded in the *Trust* of \$7.8 million, and in the current year, they had an income of just under \$3.7 million, which you can see is recorded here as your pick-up of that Income Related to the *Trust*. And I know the trustees and the *Trust* are here tomorrow, I think, presenting the Financial Statements, and I'll be here with them as well going through their Financial Statements at that point in time. And we'll go through those in detail as well. The next line item is Service Canada. So there's an increase

in the Service Canada funding in the current year. This is mainly to do with an increase in funding for the First Nations Inuit Childcare Initiative, as well as some capital items that were funded through Service Canada in the current year. Health Canada funding also increased \$800,000 and this is a variety of different programs that received either increases in funding or there was an application for funding for a particular program, and it was granted. So it's just an increase in those-, in the programs that Health Canada were funding at the time. There's another income line that went up from \$883,000 the prior year to \$2.4 million-, just over \$2.4 million on the current year. And this is driven-, increase is driven by two things-, one being an increase in fishing royalties in the current year, as well as there's an amount-, a couple of hundred thousand-, I think around \$400,000 for an HST ruling that was in your favour from-, that was granted through the Department of Health and Social Development, as well. The *Tasiujatsoak Trust* line item revenue there is revenue from the *Trust* that was recognized, decreased from \$3.3 million in the current year to just under \$1.5 million. And the reason for the decrease was in the prior year, there was a chunk of funding that was received and recognized as revenue for the Cultural Centre. And obviously, that funding was there in the current year. Other grants and contributions-, I know one large item driving the decrease here from \$1.4 million to \$738,000 in the current year is really project-based, so it depends on what types of projects are applied for through different funders that end up on this line item. And there was just more activity in the prior year than in the current year, with regards to that

type of funding. With regards to the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, as well as the ACOA funding in the current year, the decrease in both of those line items is also driven by funding that was received for the Cultural Centre in the prior year, and not in the current year. So that covers most of the revenue line items. So you can see at a total revenue in the current year of just under \$105 million, and in the prior year it was \$126 million. So there is a \$22 million decrease and there's a bunch of different variations there that I just explained, but really the one overriding factor that's causing that decrease in revenue, is the decrease in your interest in investment income from the investments that you hold. So I'll just point out a couple of expenditure items as well. So from an expenses' perspective, the majority of the line items that you see here are self-explanatory as to what those expenses are for, and a lot of the line items are fairly consistent, year over year, so your expenses in those line items are really fairly close to what they were in the prior year. But there are a couple there that I'll just highlight. So Salaries and Employee Benefits. Obviously, that's your largest expenditure that you have and it's just under \$22.5 million in the current year, and last year it was just over \$21 million, so there's just around \$1.5 million increase in the current year. And really, the biggest driving factor that's driving those expenses up, as I mentioned up above that there was some increase in Health Canada funding, in programs at the Department of Health and Social Development were putting off, and the biggest expenditure in those programs ended up being employees' wages. So that's a driver of those total costs. And there's also

some other small things that's increasing those, but that's one of the larger-, as programs increase, obviously, some of your salaries and employee benefits increase as well.

MS. CRAWFORD:

And just a reminder, we also had a two percent salary increase on our Civil Servants last year, so that's also been factored into that increase as well.

MR. JANES

Also draw your attention to kind of three of four lines down-, professional fees. So there's a large decrease in that line item in the current year, going from \$6.4 million to just under \$4.3 million in the current year. And that was because there was significant expenses in the prior around the Phase One of the Broadband Project that was undertaken, and those expenses are not in the current year. So that's the biggest driver in the decrease of those expenses. The remainder of the expenditure line items that I mentioned, are fairly consistent year over year, so I won't highlight anymore of those on that page unless somebody has a specific question they'd like to ask. But just due to the nature of the fact that they are consistent in what you're seeing year over year, I won't go through any of the highlights there. So on the next page, which is page 4-, it's the second page of the Consolidated Statement of Operations, you'll see that your annual surplus in the current year-, so sorry-, before I say that, total expenses were \$73.8 million and last year they were \$75.9 million or just under \$76 million, for a total annual surplus of \$31 million, compared to \$50 million on the prior year. And so your annual surplus is the total amount of revenues less your expenses, and so it's the excess of your revenues over the expenses that you had in the given period. So it's a very

healthy surplus number, obviously, at \$31 million. And the decrease, again, is really driven by the decrease in investment income, but you still had, obviously, a very healthy year, recognizing \$31 million in annual surplus. So the next few line items that you see there at the middle of the page, with kind of the bottom of where the detail is, is the accumulated surplus. So at the end of the year, you have an accumulated surplus of \$524 million. So the accumulated surplus is meant to be the annual surplus added up over all the years of existence of the Nunatsiavut Government. So it gets you to a point where you have a very healthy accumulated surplus of \$524 million.

MS. WOLFREY:

It might be a question that I have to ask to the people who are doing the investing for us, I guess, the *Trust*, but it's about the \$27 million less from last year, like do we make changes then, in what we're investing in or how do we-, or do you expect it to come back again, like it did. I remember \$21 million one year and we were all flipping out, but this year it's \$27 million. So I mean, do you expect it to come back or should I save my question for them?

MS. TAYLOR

So tomorrow, the Three *Trusts*, the *Tasiujatsoak Settlement Trust and Implementation Trust* will be presenting and it is an appropriate question for that time. What I will say, is investment income, is actually cash we've received in the *Trust*. So there is another statement that talks about the unrealized gains and losses. So back in 2008, and 2009, when the discussion was about the loss in \$25 million, that was an unrealized loss. So this is actually investment income earned and received within those

Trusts. But Charlotte, your question would be better in with the trustees tomorrow, if that's okay with you.

MR. JANES

So I'll just-, I'll go through next, the Statement of Financial Position, which is page 5. So your Statement of Financial Position shows the assets that you hold as a government, but also the liabilities, so the monies you owe to third parties as well. So it's meant to show your total assets and your total liabilities of the organization and it's similar to what I did with the statement of operations. I'll go through some of the line items, explain what they are, as well as talk to some of the increases or decreases from the prior year. So from a cash, and cash equivalence perspective, as being the first line item there under Financial Assets, you have just under \$50 million in cash sitting there and last year you had \$33 million. So increases and decreases in cash are dependent on a bunch of different things within your Financial Statements. And there's actually a separate statement, which I'll draw your attention to in a moment, which talks about-, which outlines, sorry, all of the different inflows and outflows of cash of the organization. And that's really where we'll look at what the reasoning is for the increase in cash year over year. Needless to say, there's many different factors that actually get you to why cash went up or down within the organization. So for the next line item is Accounts Receivable. So they increased from \$5.7 million to just under \$10.9 million in the current year and that's monies that are receivable from some other party. And the main increase-, the main reason that's driving that increase year over year, would be that there's just under \$2 million receivable from Newfoundland

and Labrador Housing Corp. that wasn't there in the prior year, as well as about \$2.3 million in HST that's receivable from the Federal Government. That's was-, that's an increase in that amount year over year as well. So that's really what's driving-, the majority of what's driving that fact-, that increase this year, and then just other timing differences. You can see the short-term investments are fairly stable, year over year. Your restricted investments which is some of the-, what's driving some of the investment income that we spoke about earlier, that sits within the *Implementation and Settlement Trust*, have increased from \$407 million to \$446 million. And so this increase is two-fold. Two things affecting this. One is the increase in the value of the investments that you hold and the other would be purchases of investments that happen throughout the year as well, so you're buying new investments but you're also having an increase in value in the investments that you hold. So that's what's driving that increase to \$446 million in the current year. The next two items are linked. So the due from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and the investments in modified equity line. So both of these items are linked to the LICST. So the first line item is-, you probably-, those that were sitting at the Assembly Table last year will remember, it was new line item that we had recorded from the *Trust*. And it's a bit of a nuance within how the Trust is structured from a legal and tax perspective, in that their income for tax purposes which can be different from income from accounting purposes is, is allocated out to the beneficiaries of that trust. And the main beneficiary being the Nunatsiavut Government. So we end up recording that as an

amount receivable from the Trust and as you probably remember from our discussion last year, there's ongoing discussions between management of the Trust, and the government to figure out what that will mean at the end of the day, whether or not that will mean cash flow between the entities or not. And it's also linked to the investments at Modified Equity line, which you see there went from \$1 last year to \$1.1 million in the current year. So you'll note in my-, when I was talking about the revenues and expenses, there was a \$3.6 million line item there as Income from the Trust, and so that line item is twofold and it increases the receivable that's there, as well as increases the value of the investment that you hold in the *Trust*. So that's why it went from \$1 to \$1.1 million. And it's a bit of a nuance with regards to the accounting treatment and the tax treatment of the *Trust*. But if you look at the change within those two items, it's actually the income number that it combined-, the change in those two items combined, sorry, is the income number that we recognize from the *Trust* income. I know it's a little complicated so I'm happy to answer any questions if there are any. Okay. So moving on-, so that gives you a total Financial Assets line of \$578 million, almost \$579 million. From a liabilities perspective-, so liabilities would represent, as I said earlier, monies that you owe to somebody else, some other third party-, when accounts payable and accrued liabilities is currently at \$9.5 million and the prior year it was \$ 7.9 million. There's not one real driving factor driving this increase. It's more just timing differences with regards to when payments were made in the prior year compared to the current year. Deferred Revenue-,

so deferred revenue in the current year is \$29 million and it was just under \$13 million on the prior year. So deferred revenue represents funds that you have received from a funder, so the cash has actually been received into the government's books and records, but you haven't recognized it as revenue yet, because under the accounting standards, you technically have not earned that revenue. So something has to transpire in order for that revenue to exist. And there's no one thing that I could say, this is what has to transpire. It's because all the different funding agreements, the way they're worded or what the funding is for. Usually-, generally speaking, it's because you haven't incurred the expenses related to the revenue yet. So when you do incur those expenses is when the revenue will actually be incurred as well. So you can see that there's a large increase in that number, in the current year, and the biggest thing that's driving that is housing funding that was received during the period, but it hasn't actually been spent yet. As it gets spent over the next year or two, that funding will get brought into our revenue to help pay for the infrastructure that's going to be put in place. And there's also some other capital funding and Community Infrastructure and Housing Funding as well from other sources that came in, that's driving that increase as well.

MS. TAYLOR

Just for an example of what deferred revenue is-, I think it was the second last week of March we had a call from Indigenous and Northern Affairs saying we have surplus funds and we want to give you money to help address some of the water issues in Hopedale. There was no expectation we'd be able to spend that amount of money. It's about \$1.2 million, I

think in two-week period. But we have a timeframe over the summer, so the money is recognized in deferred revenue on our balance sheet and we'll have the expenditures, and have had the expenditures most of this construction season. So it's where it's received for a very specific purpose, and you don't bring it into revenue until that purpose has been achieved.

MR. JANES

So the next line item I'll draw your attention to is Notes Payables. It's the last line item there on our Liabilities. So that decreased from \$12.7 million, to \$8.6 million, in the current year and that's just the regular repayment of that note. So the note is due to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and is part of funds that were lent as part of the negotiation process for the *Land Claims Agreement* and is being repaid over a set period of time and it's basically \$4 million a year, so another two years and that note will be completely repaid and it will be removed off the balance sheet once it is. Under the-, oh, before I start on the Non-financial assets, the Net Financial Asset Line there is very important. So that's a key financial indicator of any government and in the current year the total Debt Financial Assets is \$529 million, increasing from \$478 million in the prior year. And I say this is the key financial indicator as it shows the amount of resources available to the government once it discharges its liabilities. So it's purely a-, in this case, it's purely a mathematical equation of your Total Financial Assets less your liabilities. And in this case, you can see, you have \$530 million or almost there, in excess assets, than you do over liabilities. So it's a very favourable financial position for the government to be in, one you should be very proud of. From a non-financial assets perspective, so these are assets that

you hold, that are usually tangible in nature, so it's Tangible Capital Assets, so those are assets that you've purchased or constructed and are amortized or expensed over a period of time. So if you-, say you buy a tractor. That may get expensed over a four or five-year period whereas if you construct a house, that may get expensed over a twenty-year period. So it's all dependent on the useful life of those assets. And that increase from \$40 million to \$47 million in the current year, there's a couple of different things that drove that increase, mainly some significant spending in housing as well as continued construction on the cultural centre, and a building that the Department of Health and Social Development built as well. So that's-, that, along with the expense of some of the items from an amortization perspective get you to a net change of about \$7 million in that balance in the current year. Deferred Expenditures Land Claims. So that decreased from \$10 million to \$6.7 million. That's actually a line that will continue to go down by about \$3.3 million every single year until the balance is zero and it has to do with expenses that were kind of related to-, or similar to the no-payable INAC. These are expenses that were incurred throughout the Land Claims process and we bring them into income over a period of time. So that gets you down to your accumulated surplus number, which we spoke to earlier on the-, at the bottom of the Statement of Operations. But you can see that your Accumulated Surplus is \$524 million which we already talked about and then remeasurement gains which is \$59 million, which is on the next page, and I'll speak to it in a minute. It gets you to a Total Accumulated Surplus of \$582 million. You

can see that that doesn't really relate to a cash flow number, so it's an Accumulated Surplus from an accounting perspective, that you've accumulated over time but it doesn't mean that there's \$583 million in case sitting somewhere. It means that that's the excess in revenues over expenditures that you've had over a period of time-, essentially the life of the government. So page 6 is your Consolidated Statement over measurement gains and losses. So Rexanne mentioned earlier describing unrealized and realized gain. So all your unrealized gains, which is essentially a gain on let's say an investment, so you hold a share in Bell Canada. And you hold that share for 25 years and the day you bought it, it was worth \$5 and 25 years later, it's worth \$5 million. But you haven't sold that share yet. That increase from \$5 to \$5 million, is an unrealized gain. It's your gain, but until you sell it, you haven't necessarily brought the cash in-house, let's say, okay? So this is what this is meant to reflect. So it reflects the change in the investment values and the investments that you hold, that you haven't sold yet. If you sold them at this point in time, being March 31st, 2018, you would have realized another \$60 million in income in those gains, if you sold everything at once. But you haven't. You continue to invest and you continue to hope that those continue to grow. So in the current year, you recognized \$21 million or you had Unrealized Gains, sorry, of \$21 million in those investments. And compared to \$12 million of a loss, last year. So we talked about a decrease in the actual investment income that you had, so that's realized investment income. That's either interest that you, that you received or gains on investments

that you sold. Here, you actually have continued more income, but you haven't realized it yet. And although the investment income went down from \$50 million to \$23 million, I think were the numbers were talked about a few minutes ago, you actually had a change in the realized gains value of \$33 million. So your investment income went down, but your unrealized gains went up \$33 million over the current year. If you add those two numbers together, you're actually in a better position, but it's the nature of the ebbs and flows of the markets and when you decide to sell something, versus when you don't. But you know, to have a \$21 million gain in value in those investments is also, obviously, a very positive thing. The next page is your Consolidated Statement change in Net Financial Assets. So I won't go through this in detail, but this really reflects a bunch of the ins and outs or increases and decrease of your Financial Assets and your liabilities that I spoke about a few minutes ago when I was going through the Statement of Financial Position, and gets you to a \$529 million number which is a very health financial position for the government to be in. The next page is your Statement of Cash Flow, so I'm on page 8, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and when I first started going through the Statement of Financial Position, I mentioned that the cash position that you have is impacted by a number of different things throughout that period of time. And this lays out what those individual things are. Obviously, they're grouped to some perspective, but this highlights all the different ins and outs on a summary basis, of that cash flow. So needless to say, you're still at a very healthy cash position of \$49

million at the end of March 31st, 2018. The remaining pages of the Financial Statement represent your notes to the statements. The Notes to the Statements are meant to reflect additional detail on top of the, on top of the numbers that I've gone through, for the users and the readers of these statements. I won't go through these in significant detail, only to highlight some of the different notes and what they are. So Note One is your nature of operations, which really just explains what the government's purpose is and how the government came about. Note Two is the summary of all the accounting policies that you follow, or the significant accounting policies that you follow. There's been no change in those policies from year over year. So it's very similar, but part of our audit is to ensure that your accounting policies that you follow are in line with the guidance that's out there for governments and all of these policies are acceptable underneath the Public Sector Accounting Centres, which is what you follow. So Note Two is quite lengthy and lasts a number of pages, but as I said, there are no changes in those policies year over year. On page 13-, again, Note 3, 4, 5 are just additional detail of some of the numbers that I've already discussed with you. Note 3 is the Investment of Modified Equity so you can see that we talked about that investment going up in the current year because of the income that the *Trust* had. Note 4 is Accounts Receivable, so these are the amounts that are receivable from other parties and we talked about what the increase was driven by in year over year. Deferred revenue, so we talked about deferred revenue going up significantly in the current year, and here you can see the detail broken

down by some of the sources or funders of that revenue. The next page is Note 6.

MR. DICKER:

Could you go back to 4, Accounts Receivable, under \$10 million of trade. Could you explain what trade is?

MR. JANES

Sure, so Trade Receivables just reflect items that naturally occur through business of the government. And that's what it's meant to be. So whether that's funding-, usually funding that's receivable. If you were a business, and you were selling goods and services to somebody, trade would mean the selling of those goods and the amounts that you're owed from your customers. In your case, you don't necessarily have customers, but you have funders. So this money would be money that you're waiting to receive from those different funders. So the increase in the current year from last year is driven by an increase in a Housing receivable that wasn't there in the prior year, as well as some HST that is increased in the current year versus last year, as well. The next page, Page 14, so Demand Loans is the small loan with the Bank of Montreal. Outstanding payments were made as normal course, as they should be. Notes Payable, we talked about the amount that was due to Indigenous Northern Affairs. Note 8 explains the two *Trusts* and the funds that have been received by the *Settlement and Implementation Trust* since they were settled. The next page, Page 15, Note 9, Tangible Capital Assets. We talked about the increases in Capital Assets during the year, and this just gives you further breakdown of the different classes of assets that you've constructed or purchased over time. Note 10 gives a further breakdown of the Accumulated Surplus that

we've talked about so you have unrestricted, internally restricted-, so those amounts-, unrestricted means that it's just general surplus. Internally restricted means that it's been restricted by the government for a particular purpose. So you've said that this surplus is for a particular purpose that the government's going to carry out in the future, and so you've internally restricted it. Accumulated Remeasurements Gains is the amount that the investments have gone up or down or that you haven't realized yet. So we spoke about those. And the Capital Reserves, as well as the two amounts that are there for the *Implementation and Settlement Trust*, is the accumulated surplus of those two *Trusts*, essentially. So some of them have been reserved based on the indenture details of the *Trust*, and then the other two amounts of the *Implementation Settlement Trust*, that are there, are just the general surplus of those two *Trusts*. Note 10 gives you a further breakdown of the Internally Restricted Accumulated Surplus on the top of the next page. Then there's the breakdown of other income as well as Note 12 is the Supplemental Cash Flow information. So this is just the further breakdown of some amounts that are included on your Statement of Cash Flows. It's pretty general Financial Statement disclosure. Top of the next page, page 17, Note 13 is Commitments. So a commitment is an amount that you have committed to owing somebody else and paying out. So these are expenses that you've signed-, generally, mostly leases that you've signed. In this case it's for different office space or office equipment, and you're required to disclose what those amounts are over a period of time. Note 14 is just a standard kind of Financial

Statement note around financial instruments. So it talks about the different risks that you have financially, as an organization, and how you combat those risks. And these are very standard kind of presentation for any set of Financial Statements. And the detail within them hasn't really changed, year over year. Note 15 talks about contingencies. So a contingency is something that you may have to pay out in the future but you don't know yet. And so there's disclosure around that. And Note 16 talks about the Defined Contribution Pension Plan. So the employees of the government are entered into a Defined Contribution Pension Plan so this talks about what you've contributed to that Pension Plan in the last year. And Note 17 is a required disclosure as well, around related party transactions. So listed here, are all the different types of expenses that you've had with related parties. And a related party is any business that you have ownership in, essentially. So therefore, it's considered to be a related party. And these numbers reflect the expenses you've had with the various different related parties that you do business with over time and is a required disclosure under the Accounting Standards. So that's it for the statements and we're happy to answer any questions, either now or in general.

MS. CRAWFORD:

I know there's been a lot of information presented today and I recognize that not everybody had an opportunity to kind of go back through them and reflect on the statements, so as you do that and take in what Paul and Laurie have presented today, please feel free to call the treasurer, Tyler or myself as Comptroller with any questions you might have on the

information that's presented here, today, what the numbers mean, what the program areas are. We're always available to take any of the questions that you have. So I don't want you to feel that, you know, tomorrow, or two weeks from now, a question comes in that you can't reach out to us. Please do. We're-, you know, we welcome the questions and ability to answer and help understand the financial statements and the operations of the government.

MR. DICKER:

Number 10 on page 15, on the bottom there, it says, the government has set aside certain funds in the amount of \$45 million. The Nunatsiavut Government is always looking for staff housing. Is that-, the money could be spent for staff housing? I'm just asking, is there money available for that type of expense?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the details of the \$45 million are on the next page, on Page 16, under Internally Restricted. As you recall, Joe, back in March when we did the *Budget Act*, we took what we had Internally Restricted, and budgeted it out in various categories. So there is some amounts budgeted under the *Budget Act*, under the Capital Expenditures Schedule for dealing with housing or office buildings. So some of the funds could potentially be coming from Internally Restricted, or it could be coming from revenue that we have generated in the current year, such as personal income taxes or investment income, et cetera. So it's not an easy yes, but yes, kind of, it could be from there. But just to be clear, that in order for us to spend money in the government, it has to be appropriated under our *Budget Act*, and we're very careful in ensuring that when we do our *Budget Act*, we do

budget the Internally Restricted, because if it's not budgeted, we can't spend it.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions before we conclude the Committee of the Whole?
AngajukKâk Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you. Just one question. Under the Income Tax where it's gone down, could that also mean that some of our residents have moved out of their Land Claims Area?

MS. CRAWFORD:

No, the reason it's gone down is because the year 2017, they completed two audits and in the 2018 year, they only audited one year. I've met with the Department of Finance last week while I was in Ottawa, and one of the comments that had come from CRA is actually that they're seeing an increase in the amount of Income Tax being collected from Nunatsiavut. And so we were having a general discussion about what they feel and what we see, is an actual increase in employment or income tax being generated from Nunatsiavut, which standing back, would mean we're either hiring more people, more people are working in Nunatsiavut, which means there's more income tax being paid in. So it does speak very well of our region.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Last call for questions? Seeing none, I want to thank Ms. Crawford for joining us today, as well as the auditors. I know you came a long way to be with us. So thank you for your presence and thank you for your information. We're now back in regular session. Mr. Edmunds, you wish to make a motion?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Yes, I would like to make a motion. Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has considered the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Nunatsiavut Government for the year ending March 31st, 2018, and the report on the Audited Annual Consolidated Financial Statements, again, for the year ending March 31st, 2018. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by Ms. Kate Mitchell, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik and First Minister, that the Assembly accept the Consolidated Financial Statements and the report of the auditors, Deloitte LLP for the fiscal year, ended March 31st, 2018. *Nakummek, UKalitik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Mr. Minister. The motion is in order. Honourable Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. There's really nothing else that I have to add to this motion. Obviously, there were a few concerns and questions related to the Statements. I hope that those have been resolved for the most part. Again, as the comptroller stressed, if there's any further questions or any statements going forward, feel free to approach us and again, the trustees will be presenting tomorrow and there'll be an opportunity there to engage again, and have some further questions around their statements. But other than that, again, Mr. Speaker, I hope that the Assembly does accept the Consolidated Financial Statements. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other Members wish to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments in the closed debate?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I have no further comments, and I wish to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? Motion carried. Again, thank you. I want to express our Assembly's thanks to the auditors and to Ms. Crawford. And I will revert to where-, we did another section where we switched around. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

MS. MITCHELL: Mr. Speaker, earlier, I gave this admirable Assembly notice that if Bill number 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut, and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, is approved on First Reading, I will move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, that Bill 2018-04 be referred to a Special Committee of the Assembly, on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act*, and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, comprised of five members, including the First Minister, the Secretary to the Executive Council, and at least one AngajukKâk and that the Special Committee be mandated to report on the Bill to the Assembly prior to Second Reading of the Bill. Deliverers report on the Bill, to the Assembly, no later than January 31st, 2019 and consult with Inuit communities and Torngat Regional Housing Association, for purposes of preparing its report. I now so move, and in doing so, I ask that all Honourable Members waive due notice of the motion. Mr. Speaker, when I gave notice of this motion, I said that the cause of motion is contingent on the passing of Bill 2018-04 through first reading. I will seek the

indulgence of the Assembly to allow this motion to be dealt with immediately following First Reading of the Bill. Accordingly, I now ask if the Speaker will seek the consent of all Honourable Members to waive due notice of the motion and seek the consent of all Honourable Members to consider the motion following First Reading of the Bill.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The First Minister's motion deals with Bill number 2018-04. This Assembly has not yet considered the Bill. The First Minister therefore asks that her motion to refer the Bill to a Special Committee be deferred for consideration until after First Reading of the Bill. The First Minister is also seeking the consent of all Honourable Members in this Assembly, to waive due notice of the motion. I will not entertain debate on these requests and will proceed straight to asking Honourable Members if they agree to both requests. All those in favour? Any opposed? There being none opposed...

MS. WOLFREY:

I'm not opposed, but I'm wondering, are we still in a Committee of the Whole? And I know there's stuff in here that I've got to say, Point of Order or Point of something. I don't know what it is, but I still think we're in a Committee of the Whole?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

At the point the auditors were excused, I made notice of the fact that we were no longer in Committee of the Whole. We were back in Regular Assembly, so no problem. Again, I ask, are there any opposed? There being none opposed, the indulgence have been granted by unanimous consent of the assembly. The motion's in order and we will defer a consideration of the motion to immediately follow First Reading of Bill

2018-04, a bill for an *Act*, respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I believe that concludes Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day*. We are in a bit of a quandary, timewise, so we, we actually had lunch shipped in. So we'll conclude. We'll take a lunch break until one o'clock. Lunch is being served in the court room and I appreciate everyone's indulgence. We made a few amendments to the *Orders of the Day* today, to accommodate the time of the auditors, so I appreciate everyone's consideration. We're now adjourned until two o'clock.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're now back in session, back after lunch. As we said before, we amended the *Orders of the Day*, so we're back on Item 6, Members Statements. Are there any Members wishing to make a statement, this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, *UKalitik*. I want to first thank the people of Hopedale, who put their trust in me enough to vote me in for a second term. I'm forever grateful, and I will work hard for our people. I'd also like to say congratulations to the newly elected AngajukKâk and the Incumbent AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker. Also to the Inuit Corporation Members, welcome to our wonderful team. I trust that you will have a challenging and I know, rewarding, four years. It's very exciting to be working in the government with self-government and I really think that our people who came before us worked very hard to get to where we are

today. And it's now up to us to continue on with that work. I'm certainly thrilled to be part of the government and to work towards good things for our people. I also would like to extend, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, our condolences to the families of Johannes Mitsuk and Mike Goudie who have both passed away this summer. Johannes was a long-term employee of Hopedale Inuit Community Government and he will certainly be missed. I'd like to welcome our new teachers, today, for this school year. It's a big turnover. We have seven new teachers, Catherine Brooks, Markus Adams, Heather Gill, Stephanie Mark, James Smith, Hedley Pritchard, and Catherine Butler. We also have Ms. Nicole Lane who is into a new position as Indigenous Specialist. So I wish them all a very good year. Also, the Fall Sports Meet for ACMS this year. Hopedale is the host. I wish them good luck to all the participants. It's always such an exciting time to see students coming into our town and for our participating students from ACMS. Always so exciting to be a part of the Sports Meet. We also, I want to just say a little bit about what we've done in the Council so far in our town. We're having two new playgrounds, one upgrade and one new one. The community is looking forward to that for our children. We have lots of children here and I'm sure it will be a wonderful addition to our town. Our water, I'm really pleased to say that this is the first year that we've not have very many freeze-ups over the winter, and thank you to all the funding agencies who made this possible that we could get the funding to upgrade our water lines. And we're continuing to work with that, this year. Also, we're really working hard to

get our wooding project again for this winter for our people as well as food security which is a big issue working closely with our coordinator and we're very thankful to get the \$5000 donation from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Already the food is gone so fast that we think we will be out before even the winter comes, so it is a very big issue in our community which we will continue to work hard towards working with other agencies. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries who voted and put their trust in me in the September 11th, election for Chairperson for NunaKatiget. NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation in Happy Valley and Mud Lake. I would like to thank the people who also provided help with me during my campaign. I want to thank Gary Mitchell for his four years of services as Chairperson for NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation. I will work hard and do my very best to deliver programs and services for Mud Lake and Happy Valley Goose Bay beneficiaries and I will work with the NunaKatiget Board of Directors and the Assembly Members, and I'm really glad to be back again. I was honoured that my cousin Ida Pijogge was here for my swearing in this morning. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek UKalitik.* How much time do I have?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Five minutes.

MR. DICKER: Just a quick update. I guess on business since June sitting. Our 30 lots are now being developed, and we are on schedule. The lots will be available for develop in late this spring, but to build on will be taking place next year in 2019. At the same time, I would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for giving us an additional \$1.5 million as First Minister Mitchell stated this morning in the report. That's to develop five more lots under the conditions that three of these lots go to NG for the six-plexes and then two will go to NG to do NICG to deliver to beneficiaries. It's too late this year to actually develop the five lots, but the surveys will be done this fall, and they will be done early in 2019 season, ready for construction. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give a water, sewer update. Of course, if you heard on the radio and that, we've been having some problems in Nain, especially with the Charles Lake system itself. Earlier-, just last month, we had two pumps. I should go back and say that there are three pumps that operate out of Charles Lake and they were commissioned back in 2012. They're supposed to last 20 years, and the two pumps went within a three-month period, and the third one looked like it was going the same direction. So after consulting with experts, Mr. Speaker, we decided that the best course of action was to go back to the old reservoir, hook that up and leave the upper part of the community onto Charles Lake with the pumps filling up the tank, and then using gravity flow. And as the water went down, they would fill back up again. This would put less strain on the

one pump that was remaining. The other system was also with gravity flow, so it worked well. So that problem was taken care of. However, just a few weeks ago, in late August, we saw a huge downpour of rain from mother nature and this happened in the wee morning and it was too dark to see the results of that downpour. When we woke up, our water supply that we went back to was full of murky water. All the creeks and brooks with such a downpour, went into our drinking water. And that, coupled with the fact that what the development was the self barriers overflowed, because the amount of water that's coming up the hill. So we had to quickly put the emergency meeting of the Council together and decide what course of action we were going to do, along with advice of Municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador to Goose Bay and our engineer. It was decided that we go back to the Charles Lake where the water was clear, but we would do the same thing, fill the tank up and then use gravity flow and the water was cleared up within 24 hours. The end result, things were working well, but two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, the town of Nain started experiencing leaks in the system and we had to dig up one of the major leaks and discovered that, you know, the fusion of the pipes had come apart. And we were discovering that this was happening in the old section of our community. Trying to find a cause of it was a mystery at first, until engineers checked things out and found out that one of our employees had-, when they were repairing a leak, had let the water flow too quickly into the system, and the old system was run on three-inch lines-, two-inch lines. Mr. Lyall can attest to that because one of the leaks

occurred right in front of his house. And he was hooked up to the old system, back, way back in the '70's, '80's. Anyway, go from an eight-inch line into a three-inch line. And when the water came down quickly, it had nowhere to go and it wouldn't stop. There was too much pressure and some of the piping disconnected. As a result of that, now, as we speak today, the last leak should be being repaired today. That's the good thing. The-, we did talk with Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador out of Goose Bay, the engineers, and our engineer and we instructed our engineer now, to look at getting an estimate to see how much it would cost to replace the old line. And he's in the process of doing that, and the only good news we can get out of that, Mr. Speaker is the fact that back in the day, pipe was not insulated, so it was dug down about 20 feet. Today, with technology, the pipes are at minimum seven to eight feet so if we lay down new line, it will be above the old system and we won't have to do any digging. So we're at that stage, Mr. Speaker to give you a short update on what's been happening with that. And this has taken up most of our summer doing that. I will, tomorrow, make another report with regards to other things that's happening in the community away from the water and sewer problems that we're having. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I don't have anything formal there written, newly elected, but it's always a privilege to be able to look around the table and to be a part of the Assembly. I see new faces. I see some

older faces sitting around the table, and I'm sure, together, that we can work toward a better Nunatsiavut and in your case, Mr. Speaker, with the Canadian Constituency and the Upper Lake Melville. I'd like to say, Mr. Speaker, it's a privilege for me to be back in the House, something I look forward to, to working on behalf of my constituents of Postville. Mr. Speaker, a day following the election results, I had the question asked me by a younger person in Postville, was there-, do you have a highlight from campaigning in the small community of Postville? And my answer was, yes. And the answer is yes, and my highlight was, when an 88-year-old man call you across the road and shake your hand and squeeze your hand, and say, I hope you get elected. I'm looking forward to you to represent me. I might need your help some day, with a tear trickling down his face. That's pretty touching, Mr. Speaker. I will represent all of the community of Postville, but when an elder speaks to me, I pay special and close attention and I will work on behalf of my community to the best of my ability and what I can do with the help of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and my Inuit Community Government. I also like to thank the outgoing AngajukKâk for Postville, for her two consecutive terms of service, not only as an Assembly Member, but as AngajukKâk for the community of Postville, Diane Gear. So, Mr. Speaker, having said that, I conclude by making a remark that I'm looking forward to working with each Assembly Member, Minister, President, AngajukKâat, Ordinary Members, Community Chairs and yourself, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, very much.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any other Member Statements for today? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to congratulate Charlotte Wolfrey, Rigolet, and all AngajukKâat and Chairpersons present today on being successful in our recent elections. I would like to thank Jack Shiwak of Rigolet for the last four years of representing our community and to wish him and outgoing AngajukKâat and chairpersons well on your journey. Since being elected, I have had a number of concerns and questions from my constituents forward to me and I've tried my best to help each individual in any way I could. I would like to thank the various departments of Nunatsiavut Government and other organizations with their assistance in providing feedback and to help me to answer residents' questions and at times resolve their concerns. I'm a bit nervous. I have attended a fair amount of community events since May. I would like to commend the staff of the Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development for their continued success in providing services and programs for all ages. Very recently, the Community Shed Program has been started for those interested in woodworking and small mechanics projects. The Community Shed Coordinator, Waylon Shiwak, has made building a new shed, the first priority as unfortunately, the building that was to be the Community Shed had some structural issues and could not be used. I am excited about the project and I'm sure others will enjoy all that the program has to offer. I would like to take this opportunity to do a

shout-out to some youth in our community-, Rodney Wolfrey, Kylie Palliser, Shane Wolfrey and Dane Shiwak, who during summer hanging out at the dock, thought fast and ran to a nurse's home for help when two of their visiting friends' grandparents realized that the propane stove on their boat was left on and were showing signs of carbon monoxide poisoning. Their instincts and response had gotten the two adults medical care that they needed. I would like to take the opportunity to wish the staff and students of Northern Lights Academy, much success in the new school year. Congratulations to Samantha Williams, Breanna Wolfrey, Zoey Shiwak, Shania Williams, Allison Palliser, and Caredon Wolfrey, Brady Williams, Nathan Jacque, Cole Shiwak, Shane Wolfrey, Ryan Powell, and Robbie Wolfey on making the sports meet team. I know that they will do well representing the community. Go Eagles! Mr. Speaker, as you all know, the health and well-being of our people is important. I would like to express my concerns with the schedule of the Mission Flight. I know that it is not a decision made by Nunatsiavut Government staff, but by the Labrador Grenfell Health. I have raised this concern with Mr. Ed Sharpe as I felt that being the last community on the flight schedule has caused a number of missed appointments because of cancellations. Also, late departures from our community means late arrivals into Happy Valley, Goose Bay, which are not good for our elders. I have raised the question of whether or not the schedule could be changed to accommodate for the patients who frequently have appointments, whether it be in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, St John's or elsewhere. Although the person in charge

of medical flight at the Labrador Grenfell Health, said that he would talk to RT about changing the route, nothing has been changed. Advocating for additional flights may resolve the problem. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. For someone who was nervous, you did quite a job. The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members of the Assembly. It is an honour and privilege today to speak on behalf of the Canadian Constituency. Welcome to all newly elected Members. I would first like to pass on condolences to the families of the Members that have passed away in recent times. The family of the late Myrtle Gushue, Harold Michelin, Barbara Mitsuk Thorne, Jonas Sacrey and Alfred Swaffield. And I am positive that they're others that I have missed. I do apologize to the families. Congratulations to all and any Members that have completed high school and now begin their careers as a full-time or a part-time student in universities, college, trade school, online studies and any other form of continuing education. Congratulations to any and all students that have completed a training, finished college or university and now are in the workforce or looking for employment. They are from Canada, Ola Andersen, Master of Education, Nicole Bell, Master of Engineering, Stephen Bell, Mechanical Engineer, Shandi Davis, Business Administration, Devon Evans, Diploma in Computer Systems Technology, Rebecca Ford, Bachelor of Education, Logan Hunter, Diploma in Environmental Engineer, Daisha Webb, Bachelor of Arts, Dylan Williams, Ottawa, Diploma in Civil

Engineering, and Adam Zammit-Maempel, a Paramedic Diploma, and also congratulations to Michael Madison, originally from Happy Valley Labrador, now living in Kippens, Newfoundland on receiving the Order of Canada for his work as an artist and sculptor. Also, congratulations to Jenna Joyce Broomfield, originally of Happy Valley, now living in Edmonton, on finishing her article and her call to the bar in Edmonton. I had the pleasure of being there. Now, Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about the children. Special care must be taken to ensure Nunatsiavut's most prized possession and valuable treasures, while taking care of them is represented to the fullest, our future, our children and our youth. Many strides have been taken to ensure that such a valuable asset is not abused and taken from Nunatsiavut and more hard work and negotiations with the Government of Newfoundland must continue for as long as Nunatsiavut continues to govern and care for our Members, especially our children and youth. And we must also, Mr. Speaker, not forget our elders and all they have to offer, not only for the language and tradition but the way of life. They as well, have been abused, overlooked, dismissed, just plain forgotten about, at times. Once again, Mr. Speaker, this year holds two huge events that affected Labrador. It has been 100 years since the end of the First World War, also known as the Great War. Several Labradorians went to war and never returned. One being my great-uncle, Edward Gear. He was killed in France. Thank you, Minister Lyall for mentioning the Spanish Influenza. It has been 100 years since the outbreak of the Spanish Influenza that devastated towns and villages in

Labrador and around the world. It is estimated that between 20 million and 40 million people died, world-wide from this terrible flu. There is a Spanish Influenza Forum happening this week in Ottawa. Canadian Geographic Society is taping the event featuring Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, Dr. Theresa Tam. The worst areas affecting Labrador were Hebron and Okak. In Hebron, 86 of 100 residents died. In Okak, 204 of 263 residents died. All of the Inuit adult males living in Okak, died by the time of 2019. My mother Margaret Gear, along with her sister Rose and brother Alexander and two aunts, Eleanora and Ketura were survivors. It is events such as this that occurred 100 years ago, that showed just how strong-willed our resilient and how talented, the people of Labrador are when tragedy strikes more than once. Their legacy must continue on. This past week, September 10, 2018 was World Suicide Prevention Day. Thank you, President Lampe, who mentioned that. As we continue to go onward together, we make Labrador a better place to live, work and enjoy all of its rugged, natural beauty. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members Statements today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a privilege to be here, to be elected by the people of Makkovik to sit in this chamber. I'm sure working together, we can accomplish a lot of our goals. First of all, I'd like to thank Herb Jacque who served, I think it was three terms in this Assembly. I think it's the longest probably, serving in Nunatsiavut in our Government so far. I didn't

have a prepared statement, but there are a few things that I'd like to say. Our community to date, has lost three elders. I'd like to pass on our condolences to this house, the late Aunt Hilda Evans, Johannes Tuglavina, better known as BJ in our community and probably up and down the coast. He went away suddenly this summer. And also Mary Voisey. She's originally from here in Hopedale and played a big role in our communities, big family and touched a lot of people. On a happier note, I'd like to recognize Muriel Andersen. The Member Tony Andersen-, his mother turned 101 on September 2nd, which I think is a milestone in anybody's life and for our community as well. Just a few topics I'd like to touch on. I've been involved in our community that's nearing completion, it was the breakwater. It was much sought after in the community for a number of years, probably a couple of decades in the making, but we finally, we're looking at completion of our breakwater system for our small boats later on this fall. And the major upgrades to the harbour wharf, therefore they're able to accommodate more fishing vessels more safely, because our harbour is not the best harbour in the world for bigger boats. And the breakwater, I'd like to mention, was the first project in Nunatsiavut that went through the Nunatsiavut Government Environmental Review Process, I do believe. Other than that, there's not much else-, I don't think I can add, until we get the review from Makkovik Inuit Community Government Files when I get back. Probably the next sitting, I'll probably have a little more to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Just as a reminder, and you will have another opportunity tomorrow, should some things occur to you tonight as you're lying in your bed, you'll have another opportunity to have another Members Statement, should something come to you. So you don't necessarily have to wait until the next sitting of the Assembly. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Nakummek, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like my fellow newly-elected colleagues, I would like to thank the residents of my community that took the time to vote and to cast their ballot. Rigolet had a high turn-out which speaks to the fact, I think, that people care about Nunatsiavut Government. And I would also like to thank and acknowledge the other candidates that ran in our election for our community. There were three people that put themselves forward for public office. And I would like to echo what Carlene said to thank Jack Shiwak for his four years of service. And to everyone in Rigolet, I want to assure you that I will do my best to represent you and that I'm humbled that you chose me as your AngajukKâk. *Nakummek, Illonasi*. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. To everybody here, I'm really happy to be back, and to be a part of the Assembly and I'm looking forward to making things better for everybody in Nunatsiavut, and all Inuit in Canada. But I'm really looking forward to working with you all. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk, The Speaker Recognizes the chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to introduce myself to the Assembly and to the visitors in the gallery. My name is Maxene Winters, and I am the Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation for North West River and Sheshatshiu. I would like to thank our previous chair, Mr. Derek Montague on his service, and I wish him well in his next chapter of his life, in Nova Scotia. I would also like to thank the voters in North West River and Sheshatshiu for putting their faith in me, and I look forward to working with the other Members of the Assembly. We have an excellent civil service who are very knowledgeable, helpful and supportive of the elected officials, and I look forward to working with them, as well. Thank you again, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Winters. Are there any other Member Statements? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Marlene Wheeler.

MS. WHEELER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would first of all, like to thank the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville, who elected me as one of the Ordinary Members. I will do my best to serve and to uphold the Inuit laws and Constitution. I would also like to thank former Chairperson Mr. Gary Mitchell and Mr. Derek Montague for their service. I wish them well on the next chapter of their lives. I would also like to welcome the new Assembly Members and I look forward to working with everyone in this Assembly to advance our Inuit Communities and the various services we offer as a Government. Honourable Member Asivak and I, have been working well together, I think, for the past few months, and have had a couple of Meet and Greets

in Mud Lake and North West River. We didn't have a large turnout, but we had some excellent discussions with the beneficiaries and we look forward to continuing those. We've also attended numerous community events and ceremonies such as Myles

Himmelreich with the FASD Tour, and the Suicide Prevention Walk, amongst many other events, and we've had some very positive feedback. We look forward to developing our network in the area and we look forward to working with everybody for the next four years. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Are there any other Members Statements? Just as a reminder, to members of the NEC, you're also entitled to a Members Statement, should you wish to make one, as long as your statements revolve primarily around your constituency work, you're more than free to make Members Statements in addition to your "Ministers Statements" at any point during the Assembly. Seeing none, we'll go on to the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 7, Returns to Oral Questions. There are no Returns to Oral Questions today, so we'll proceed onto Item number 8. Item 8 is Oral Questions. Are there any Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, UKalitik. My question, I guess, is to the Minister of Economic Development and Education, Honourable Rachel Saunders. As you are aware, the construction is going on for camp in Voisey's Bay and being closest to the actual mine site itself, there is a policy of nearest to the resource first in hiring. My question to you, Minister, is what are the actual

figures and the percentage of beneficiaries, working at Voisey's Bay today? Has there been an influx of hiring come from the North Coast or can you give me that information? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I don't have the answer for you right at this moment, but if you give me a bit of time, I will find out that information for you and get back to you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We'll make a note of putting that on our Returns to Oral Questions. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker? Are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question, I don't know who to present it to, it's regarding the orientation that we had yesterday, and finding out the councillors for the ICG's are actually a part of the *Code of Conduct*. My question is, will there be or can someone help with-, I know that there's no training, but information sessions around that to our councils?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. I believe-, and I stand to be corrected, but this may follow under the Purview of the First Minister? She's shaking her head. Given that the administration of the *Code of Conduct* is a responsibility of the Speaker's office, and that this is new information to myself as well, as I believe it is to the Clerk of the Assembly, I can investigate it and provide a response. I don't believe-, Oral Questions

should only be phrased in a form that people would be expected to have a known response, and I think-, and I'm sure you're innocent in your intentions, but I think it's a bit more complicated than can be addressed immediately, right here. So I will investigate-, the Speaker's office will investigate and return and if it needs to go on to another department, which it's certainly possible that it may, then we'll direct the question in that regard. Is that acceptable? Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Canada.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Canada. I should know that.

MR. SAUNDERS: My question is for the Minister of Culture. In your Master and Apprenticeship Program, my question is whether or not there could be a Master and Apprentice for Canadian Constituencies? The reply that I got back was, there's no one fluent in Inuttitut, in the Canadian Constituency. Can you clarify that, please? I know there are lots, but we're left out of the Master and Apprentice Program.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, Mr. Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you for the question, Roland. I don't think the Program applies to the Canadian Constituency. I am not sure. My deputy is presently on leave. When she comes back, I'll have a session with her and I shall get

back to you within the next three weeks, I guess, she's on leave. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just as a reminder, Mr. Lyall, under the Standing Orders, you're required to provide a response within seven days, so even if your response is to say- , a written response, provided response that says you'll defer the answer to the question once your Deputy Minister returns. Supplementary question, Ordinary Member Saunders?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Since the Canadian Constituency is not included in this, could you please add us? We have large numbers and we would like-, I'm sure there are many people that would like to be a Master and have an apprentice in the program. Could you please add Canadian Constituency to the list? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to that, I would say, I think it's up to sometimes the Ordinary Member to be looking funding from the Canadian Government, either Heritage or some other department, see if you can get the program going for each region. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a final second and final supplementary question?

MR. LYALL:

No, thank you. That's good. Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I'm thinking about the new development in Voisey's Bay, and I'm thinking about the-, I don't know the names of the program, but there was-, in the last development, there was money to monitor the impacts of the, of the mine and of what it was doing people and how people were impacted in the communities and I'm wondering, is there any such a set-up again now, for the additional 200 or 400 or whatever, employees that are going to be there and how we're going to be impacted, if there's impacts in a negative way? And I'm also wondering if we're going to get, you know, like there's-, in the *Impacts and Benefits Agreement*, there's money, and there's things like that, and I'm wondering if there's any additional funds?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, AngajukKâk, there's only one question per-, you're entitled to two questions, but if you'll separate them, then we're fine, so if we can confine the first question, and give that Minister an opportunity to respond, then you can go to the second question.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay. Okay, so Tony did you understand the first question? Do I need to repeat it?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe that the question that you were asking is with regards to, or with respect to social impacts on-, not only on workers but on our Nunatsiavut Community, and regretfully, I don't have

an answer for you today. I believe that I know the answer, but to be absolutely certain that I give you the right answer, and the correct answer, I would like to defer this question for the sitting tomorrow, when we come back to Oral Questions, if that's acceptable, Mr. Speaker to the Member?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk?

MS. WOLFREY: No, thank you Madam Speaker. Thank you Honourable, Mr. Andersen.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll let that one slide.

ASSEMBLY: (Laughter.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions today? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture and Recreation and Tourism. I'm wondering if the LITP Program has been fully developed now, and is it ready to be rolled out for training? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Minister Jim Lyaal.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The LITP Program ended as of August. It will be reviewed over the next little while to see if we're going to re-do it. If we do, we want to make sure we're going to have it set up properly. We've had a lot of problems in the past where it will be under review and I shall notify you after we've had our Assessment Departmental Sessions, exactly what we plan to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: ...Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Shepard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen. I did have a brief discussion with his Deputy Minister at home, but for the record, I'd like for-, I'd like to ask the question in the House, and the question is, has there been anything done or is it in the talks to do anything with the *Harvesting Act for Wildlife and Fish*? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*. AngajukKâk. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we always do, we continue to review what we're asked, from time to time. I can only tell you that at this time, as the Minister, I'm not proposing any changes to the *Act* to anybody, whether it's the NEC or this Assembly. There was some work done and Mr. Speaker, as the Member is well aware, that I've only been here since May. It has been some time since I've been here, but I'm still playing a little bit of catch-up, Mr. Speaker. I will-, I know that some work has been done by my predecessor the former Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Shiwak, and within 24 hours I will do a further check on that work and

provide again a better answer to the Member than I can today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Sheppard. Do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD: No, I don't, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the second opportunity. My question is to the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell. This morning, in your report, you mentioned that a study has been done to see the feasibility, I guess, of how to approach the problem of our airstrip in Nain. You mentioned that the study would be complete by the end of this month, I believe. My question to you, Minister, is once that information is given to the Nunatsiavut Government in your department, what are your plans of action, I guess, to improving our status of our airstrip in the future, with both the Federal and Provincial Government? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker for your question. Yes, the Nunatsiavut Government was successful in acquiring funding from the Government of Canada in March of this year, 2018, to carry out the assessment on the current location of the Nain airstrip. The assessment would look at

whether there are new technologies or construction that can be made to make the Nain airstrip safe, flyable for 24 hours a day, including night landings, and to be able to accommodate larger aircraft. Consultants were hired in June and began their work by reviewing the documentation. A site visit took place on August the 7th, and the final report is expected later this month and I'd like to show you that we are committed to trying to do whatever we can to make the Nain airstrip safe and to ensure that we have-, Nain is our largest community and we need to ensure that we can fly in there in the night and that we can have larger aircraft. And the direction we will take will depend upon the results of the study, but I can assure you that any updates will be sure to make the Nain Inuit Community Government and this Assembly aware of it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You also mentioned in your report, Honourable Member, that-, you mentioned funding from the Federal Government. Have you been able to identify how much funding would be available if the studies show that yes, there is a feasible plan in place as a replace of the study? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, once again, AngajukKâk Dicker for your supplementary question. Actually, the funding that I was-, that I

referred to in my response was that the funding was to carry out the assessment. There's been-, we haven't talked to them about any funding or anything that's available because right now it would depend on the outcome of the assessment whether or not they'll be looking at a new airstrip or if they could expand on the one that they have, there. So the funding-, I just wanted to clarify, the funding was to be able to do the assessment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker. Do you have a second and final supplementary question?

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just final, with regards to when, I guess, you go with the information you have in your hands, to the Federal Government or the Provincial Government, is it possible that the Inuit Community Government, and myself, as a-, in my capacity as Mayor, could I be invited to attend those meetings? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

I'm sorry, I'm not sure how to answer that question, but as AngajukKâk for Nain, I'm sure that anything involving your community, that you will be involved in it, but I know that the report will be coming back to the Executive Council or to the government, and then we will determine from there. But I can assure you, if there's anything to do with your community, or any of our communities, then we want to keep our Inuit Community Governments involved. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, First Minister Mitchell. Are there any other Oral Questions?

The Speaker recognizes Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk for Postville.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable Minister-, the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. This morning she mentioned \$1.2 million for home repairs. The question related I have to that, is would it be a normal practice, Mr. Speaker, to ask for T4's or income level, including seniors? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'm not sure-, *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I'm not sure I understand the question. Do you understand the question? The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk from Postville for your question. Right now, the program that we have in place for the Nunatsiavut Government is the Repair Program and under that program, we have an income cap of \$70,000 and in our application process, anybody who apply, or all applicants are required to include their T4 or their assessment for the previous year. And the reason why we do that, there's no, there's no, I guess, exemption in there for seniors or whatever. Our program applies the same to everybody across the board. So that's all I can say, is that for now, that's the guidelines that we had to go to and the reason why we have a cap in place, is we would definitely like to help everybody, but the thing about it is, we still have a housing crisis in Nain and Hopedale, so we have a cap in place to ensure that the funding is going to where it is needing the most. So that is the reason. We hope at some point, that, you know, we might not have to have it or, you know, we might

be able to make an exemption for seniors, but right now, given the finances and, you know, given the fact that we're still in a housing crisis mode, we do have that. So seniors-, it does apply to seniors. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I don't.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Other Oral Questions today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Barry Andersen from Makkovik.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. My question is regarding, again, transportation. I think it goes through Mr. Lyall or-, the vessel? Kate?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I think your question is directed towards the First Minister.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Towards the First Minister? Okay. Given the uncertainty in our communities, since the announcement of the new vessel, and the latest announcement from the Provincial Government that they're going to include Black Tickle in the run next year. Is the schedule still a turn-around of seven days? I think that's one of the concerns that has been brought to my attention.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Barry, I'm sorry, but I did not understand the last part of his question. I didn't hear it clearly. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Just, just as a reminder, when we refer to each other in the Assembly, we always refer as Ordinary Member, AngajukKâk or, Honourable, as the case may be. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker and First Minister. We'll get used to this talking back and forth to each other. I guess the question is, for clarity, that there's some concern now that turn-around of the vessel from Goose Bay to Nain and back, might not be seven days? I was wondering, has anyone who has-, or was privy to the RFP, would that be effect still with the Black Tickle run included now?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen for your question. Yes, from what we understand, Black Tickle will be included and we had the same concerns about, you know, the turn-around time for the vessel, and I guess the only thing I can say, it remains to be seen whether or not they can, you know, do the route within seven days, because we certainly don't feel that they can. But as of now, that is the schedule. It will be including Black Tickle. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, First Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to First Minister Mitchell. I'm going to complicate things a little more with the boat, because Rigolet wants to be added to that Black Tickle run, when they, when the boat is coming from Black Tickle going to Goose Bay, the people in Rigolet want that boat to stop in Rigolet so we can have the same service that we have now. And I'm wondering if you would be-, if we could talk about advocating for that for our community? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes First Minister of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk from Rigolet, for your question. Yes, we've made it very clear that we have a lot of concerns about transportation, and any talks that we have with them, and we intend to keep pressing to hope that, you know, they can make some changes that we feel are, you know, in the best interests of our people. And that could definitely be one that we could add to the agenda with any talks we have. And I'm certainly, interested in any concerns you have, and anything we can try to do to resolve it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, First Minister. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: No, thank you Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development. There have been some concerns brought forward, regarding the very slow response for dental appointments and my question is, will there be an evaluation or is there anything that can be done about the very slow dental-, trying to get dental appointments? Some people have been waiting months and months and months and never gets a call. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and AngajukKâk Flowers. Just to be clear, I will look into the appointment time, but I'll need to speak to you one-on-one for more detail around if it's the turnaround time or getting appointments, but I'll gladly look into this and have a response back to you for tomorrow. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: If clarification on the question is required, you certainly can use the supplementary question to clarify. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions for today? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honourable Rachel Saunders. Today you spoke about the LEAP Program and I was wondering

if students from other communities are able to participate in the program?

Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Carlene Palliser. The answer to your question for LEAP Program, is yes, we did ask that this program be offered in all communities, and so what they're going to do, is they're going to re-evaluate the program after this season, with the possibility of expanding into other communities next year. So I'm assuming-, well, I can't assume-, so I can't tell you why they weren't able to go into all communities this year. So again, depending on the evaluation of the program, we're hoping that they'll extend into other communities.
Nakummek.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Palliser, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other questions for today? Seeing none-, AngajukKâk Flowers, if you're looking to another question, you have to refer it to tomorrow's sitting. We're permitted two questions per day, and I believe you've hit your allocation already, so save it for tomorrow and bring it up at that point. On to Item 9 of the *Orders of the Day*, of Written Questions. Are there any written questions? If not, we'll move on to Item 10 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns of the Written Questions". And there are no returns to written questions today, so we'll move on to Item 11. Item 11 of the *Orders of the Day* is "Petitions". Are there any Petitions? If not, we'll move on to Item 12 on the *Orders of the*

Day-, "Responses to Petitions". There are no responses today. We'll move on to Item 13. Item 13 is "Reports of Standing and Special Committees"". And there are no reports from Reports or Standing Committees. Now here is where-, the point at the *Orders of the Day* where we had to juggle things around to accommodate our friends, the auditors. So we'll jump ahead and we'll move on to Item 18. Now, I'm confused. Item 18 on the *Orders of the Day* is First Reading of Bills". First Reading of Bill 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and to establish a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Mr. Speaker. Earlier today, I gave formal notice that I would be making a motion tomorrow to introduce Bill number 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission for First Reading. I also said that I would ask for unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive due notice of First Reading of the Bill so that we can deal with it today.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The First Minister asks that all Honourable Members waive due notice of First Reading of Bill 2018-04 so that we may proceed with it today. I will not entertain debate on the request and will proceed straight to asking Honourable Members, if there is unanimous consent to do so. All those in favour, please signify Aye, or raise your hand.

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any Nays? Any opposed? Due notice of First Reading of Bill 2018-04 has been waived by unanimous consent of this Assembly so we may now proceed with the First Reading of Bill 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission.

MS. MITCHELL:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words in support of my motion that Bill 2018-04 receive First Reading and I guess as most people are aware, we've been working on this housing Bill for a long time and we're really, really hoping that, you know, we'll get your support here, today because we feel that this is a very good Bill and we really need it to address the housing needs. We've done a lot of work. First there was the Nunatsiavut Housing Risk Assessment done, and then there was a Needs Assessment, and there was geotechnical work done in all our communities, and we had a study done on the housing delivery models part way across Canada and all across the North. So we feel now that as the housing working grew, and as the department who's worked on this for a number of years, we think that's a really good Bill. So I just want to make you aware, this Bill, if enacted, would establish high-level Nunatsiavut Policy to govern all housing development and programs. It would create a Nunatsiavut Housing Commission as the preferred institution for providing housing in Nunatsiavut. The Commission would be a semi-independent entity, not a division or a department of the Nunatsiavut Government. This Bill would set out the Commission's mandate and powers and provide for the community level involvement in matters affecting housing. It would also

provide an opportunity for Torngat Regional Housing Association and the Executive Council to address the impact of the Commission and the *Housing Act*, on the role and functions of Torngat Regional Housing Association. The Commission would be managed by a board made up of the Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, the comptroller, the Director of Housing, and between four to six Members appointed by the Executive Council. The majority of Members appointed by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, would be appointed from a list of six to eight people to be submitted by the Inuit Community Government's Joint Management Committee. This would require a consequential amendment to the mandate of the Joint Management Committee. A Commissioner would have to be qualified and of good character. A majority of the Commissioners would have to be beneficiaries and residents of Nunatsiavut. The Commission would report to the Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs and be accountable to the Assembly, through the Minister. The Commission would be the recipient of funds appropriated by the Assembly, or otherwise acquired by the Nunatsiavut Government with respect to housing in Nunatsiavut. Subject to the *Act*, and applicable regulations, the Commission would be mandated to take the actions that it considers necessary for the establishment and administration of housing programs and housing developments for Inuit residents of Nunatsiavut. It will be responsible for ensuring that its consistency and uniformity in implementation of housing programs and services in our communities. Its ability to borrow and lend for purposes of housing programs will be

controlled by the Executive Council and will be subject to constitutional restraints on borrowing and funding. The Board would hire a Director of Housing who would be the Chief Executive Officer responsible for implementing the mandate of the Commission under direction of the Board. The Director of Housing would liaise and co-operate with the Inuit Community Governments in relation to housing, housing programs and housing development in the communities, particularly in relation to capital development plans and for purposes of acquiring and making available, service residential lots. The Director of Housing would also monitor the work of the Community Housing Committees and liaise with them. This Bill, if enacted, would establish a Housing Committee for each Inuit community. A Community Housing Committee will consist of no less than three and no more than five Members as determined by the relevant Inuit Community Government. Any two members of the Inuit Community Council, other than the AngajukKâk, at least one who must be on the Community's A Voters roll, would be appointed to the Community's Housing Committee by the Council. Community Housing Committees will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission through the Director of Housing with respect to housing needs and issues in each community. Initially, Housing Committees will not make housing allocation decisions, but may be authorized to do so by the Commission or the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. Thank you. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, that Bill

number 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be now introduced and moved into Committee of the Whole for First Reading.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. The motion is in order. I will not entertain any debate on this motion and proceed straight to the question. The Ordinary Member for Makkovik has moved seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mrs. Rachel Saunders, that Bill number 2018-04 for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be now introduced and moved into Committee of the Whole for First Reading. All those in favour, signal by raising your hand or saying, Aye.

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any Nay? Any abstentions? Motion carried. We're now in Committee of the Whole. Committee of the Whole is now duly convened for purposes of considering Bill number 2018-04 for an Act respecting housing in Nunatsiavut, and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission on First Reading. I remind Honourable Members that the purpose of First Reading of a bill, is to achieve consensus on the object, expediency, principals and merits of the Bill, and that doing so in Committee of the Whole, allows for greater informality in our deliberations with a view towards achieving consensus. Honourable Members may also debate details of the Bill, but must do so in relation to the principals of the Bill. Each Member may speak for no more than 10 minutes. Speeches must be entirely, strictly relevant to the principals of the Bill. Members may move

amendments, but they must be seconded and made available to the Assembly in writing. First Minister? That concludes debate on First Reading in Committee of the-, are there any comments on the Principals of the Bill? Seeing no comments on the principals, AngajukKâk Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Okay, I just wanted to make the comment that if this Bill is passed, and there is a Housing Commission, how is that going to affect Torngat Housing Committee?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

First Minister?

MS. MITCHELL:

Yes, I guess my comment was, this is not speaking to the Principal of the Bill as how it would affect Torngat Housing. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I believe you have the opportunity to ask that in Second Reading, when-, again, First Reading of the Bill, we have to focus entirely on the principals of the Bill, and if people have comments or issues or comments about the principals of the Bill. AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm like Marjorie, I guess, AngajukKâk Flowers, I'm a bit confused about the language here. I need to be clear as to exactly-, you-, what we're going to be doing this afternoon. You talk about principals of the Bill. Could you explain that in layman's terms, I guess as to exactly what that means. Are we going to be debating the Bill or are we just reading it or what? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

First Reading provides an opportunity for people to reflect or opine or provide their opinion on the principals of the Bill, meaning the general sentiment. Does this make sense? Is this a good concept? So the First

Reading involves questions or concerns revolving around the very general nature of the document being presented, as opposed to the specifics of it. If I may make a recommendation-, do you have a comment?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair if you'll permit me. So, you know, as Mr. Chair has spoken to, we are speaking to a very high level at this particular point, the First Reading. Of course, what we have in front of us is to work towards housing in Nunatsiavut and as the Bill says, to create the Housing Commission, so what we are doing at this point, is asking ourselves, do you think that that's something that should happen? Do you agree with the fact that we need to have an Act related to Housing in Nunatsiavut? And do you agree with the principal that we should have a Housing Commission, a housing delivery model so that we, as a government can deliver housing. So this is, again, the very high level that we're at right now. Again, as we go forward and go into the Second Reading, that's when it's the clause-by-clause, but at this particular point, we're asking ourselves a question-, is this Bill needed? And do we support the ideas behind the Bill?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Again, and just to reinforce what Honourable Minister Edmunds said, what we're talking about at this stage is, do we agree that a Housing Commission is required? Or does this conceptually make sense? Does this fill a gap in our legislation? Does this help us address the needs of beneficiaries in our communities where housing is such a significant issue? So that's the kind of questions that we're revolving around. Does this make sense to our-, to the Assembly Members? So if you have any questions about the general

concept of it, this is the opportunity for you to reflect those to the First Minister, and perhaps she can provide some clarity in the information so that people feel more comfortable with the concept of the creation of the Housing Commission. AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you. And so is it at this point, that we would say whether or not we support this concept and give the go ahead to the NEC or to whoever it is to continue this process so that we can get this into law? Okay? Then I, I support-, for me, myself, I support this. I think it's really needed. I think that we're already doing some significant work in housing and I better not say any more because I don't want to not-, you know, like I mean, there's some stuff that we need to get settled, I think and that-, I don't want to say Torngat Housing is not doing, but I think that we could be doing more. And I support this concept, myself. Taima Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Honourable Minister Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Chair. Much like the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, I too support, very much support, this Bill. I believe it's the coming of age for Nunatsiavut. Great respect, and I was a founding Member, a Board Member of Torngat Regional Housing Association with members-, people's faces on the wall now, not with us anymore. But it was something that LIA did, something that LIA had to do without having a *Land Claims Agreement* in place and a self-government in place. We do now, Mr. Speaker, and we have for 12 year, I believe, had our self-government agreement with Newfoundland and Canada and it is time to move forward. I believe the Torngat has done great work and I'm sure that Torngat and its membership

and its Board of Directors will certainly support this as well. It's a coming of age, as I said, and I'm very proud to support the Bill put forward by the First Minister.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Any other comments regarding the principals of the Bill? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. Just going off of Mr. Andersen's commentary again, this falls into line with our continued progress, building capacity within our government. As we continue to build capacity, as we continue to mature, we will continue to advance our self-government. Part of that advancing self-government is creating arms and creating additional programs, additional services to give to our beneficiaries. So, you know, I'm a very strong supporter of this Bill. I think it's a natural direction that we've been going in as a government for a number of years. We are continuing to build or own self-reliance. The issue, I guess, that we've been looking at over the years is, you know, we've looked at having to funnel money through the Provincial Government. We've had to find ways to work around some of the limitations that we've had within our Government but this is a testament to the progress that we are having within our Government, again, building that own capacity and self-reliance. So I thank Minister Mitchell for putting this Bill on the table for our consideration and I support it whole-heartedly. *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think as a Nunatsiavut Government and as a government overall, this is an evolution, I think as Mr. Andersen has stated and I think the Bill would speak for itself. I think this is the right direction in the development and our maturity as a government, I think, to take over a lot of the organizations and the-, not the organizations, but Torngat Housing, I think has run its course. That might not be the correct term, but it served its purpose, I think, and it's now time that we move on to a more structured organization. We're seeing a lot of conflict in our communities that sort of ad hoc community-, or committee members, set up. And it's hard to get people to sit on there, on the committees, from my understanding. So I think if we get this *Act* passed through, it would alleviate some of those problems, in my view. So I support this first reading.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Chairperson Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you. I also support this Housing and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission Bill on principal. I think we, as a Government, they've been working for a long time, now, with the needs assessment and all the other steps and trying to close some of the gaps that are in the housing, as it exists today. I think it's very important, and I think it's time that this come into play. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek Chairperson Kemuksigak. Are there any other comments on the principal of the Bill? Again, I ask, any other comments on the principal of the Bill? AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek*, I am in support of the principal, but I would like to ask a couple of questions as to timeline, once the Bill is enacted.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Again, at this stage, AngajukKâk Dicker, I remind you that we're just talking about the general concept of the Bill, as opposed to particular elements of it or particular genre. We're talking as Mr. Haysom said, the 30,000-foot view of the Bill, that does it make sense to yourself? Do you think that this is something that is required? Do you think that this is something that will benefit our beneficiaries? But at this stage, we're going to confine our comments to that high-level view of the Bill, the macro, so the macro big picture of the Bill, as opposed to getting into individual details. AngajukKâk Dicker, go ahead.

MR. DICKER: In that instance, then, Mr. Speaker, I do support the concept or the principal of the Bill and its role to establishing a Housing Commission that is free from the Nunatsiavut Government.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Are there any other comments? Marlene- , Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. It's the heat in here. It's messing me up.

MS. WINTERS: Thank you. I'm in support of this, as well, and I would just, very briefly, like to say thank you to the staff and elected officials and boards that may have worked on getting this, this far, at this point. I think it's a great-, I know it's not an easy job, and I would just like to thank those who have focused on this and got it to this point. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Honourable Jim Lyaal.

MR. LYALL: Yes, I would also like to put my support behind this Bill as well. We've discussed it in quite a bit of detail at the Executive level, but I think it's important for people here to understand that if you want to get into detail of it, that will come at the Second Reading. If there's any clause that you don't like the word-, you don't like it, then discuss it then, but the principal of the Bill, I think is a great thing that NG is doing and we'll be grateful for the future.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. Further comments, questions? Speaking for and in favour? AngajukKâk Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm in support of the Bill. I think everybody's taken my words away from me, but I'm in support of the Bill and, you know, I just think of the word progress as the Nunatsiavut Government and we have an Executive who dealt with this and we put our trust and faith in the Executive, and I'm in full support of the Bill. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Further comments? Final call? Ordinary Member Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: I would just like to say, I'm in support of this Bill. I think it's a positive thing for beneficiaries, and I'm pretty sure that they would be very happy to know that this is going to come into play.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. Further comments? First Minister Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One thing I want to make clear is that the whole purpose of only doing First Reading before going to Second Reading is to

set up a special committee to consult with all stakeholders, including Torngat Regional Housing Committee, and the Second Reading is in the New Year. So that'll give us lots of time to, you know, make sure that everybody understands it. And I think that one thing that I would really like to say is that with Torngat Regional Housing Association, their mandate is to, you know, serve or cater, I guess, to a certain income, like low-income people. And with the Nunatsiavut Government, we haven't had any regulations in place that would allow us to build homes. So we did a repair program, and any money that we have for housing, we gave to Torngat Housing. So they took to build homes, or to construct homes, we gave the money to Torngat Housing. But there was, you know, there was-, we ran into issues because our, I guess that the cap on our repair program was different than Torngat's. So as a result, you know, there was people who did not meet one criteria, but they met ours, but we didn't do building. So like to me, it would be good to get all of this done, and so to me, this Bill would, you know, make sure that everybody's treated fairly. So like I said, I really look forward to this Bill and hope it will get it passed. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just to reiterate-, and I can't-, I won't comment on the good or the bad or the positive or negative of the Bill, but I will comment on the fact that this Assembly will have, as Minister Mitchell alluded to-, this Assembly will have another opportunity to look at the details of this Bill before it's passed into Law. So, you know, at this sitting of the Assembly, this being in September, we will not hit Second Reading at this Assembly sitting. So the Members of the Assembly will have an opportunity to take the Bill home,

to go through it in some detail, and can decide for themselves if they have questions, suggestions, deletions, additions, whatever the case may be. But-, so just have some comfort that-, because many of the questions I've heard, have been more detailed in nature. So you will have an opportunity to ask those detailed questions at a future Assembly Sitting and you will have that opportunity before this Bill is passed into Law. So, you know, again, at this point we're just talking about the concept and with that, I'll again, entertain any more questions about the principal of the Bill, before I conclude debate. This concludes debate on the First Reading in Committee of the Whole. We will now adjourn as Committee of the Whole and reconvene in Formal Assembly to consider the motion on First Reading. The sitting of the Assembly is reconvened, following consideration of Bill number 2018-04 in Committee of the Whole. I now recognize again, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, First Minister of Nunatsiavut.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, that Bill number 2018-04 for an *Act* respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be approved on First Reading.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, First Minister. The motion is in order. Unless any Honourable Members have any questions or wishes to speak to the motion, I will proceed straight to the question. The Ordinary Member for Makkovik has moved and seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders, that Bill number 2018-04, for an Act respecting Housing in

Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be approved on First Reading. All in agreement, please signal Aye or raise your hand.

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any against? Any opposed, say, Nay. The motion is carried. That's a good point. I don't believe we require consensus on this. This is all brought about by the fact that our AngajukKâk from Nain took an ill-timed bathroom break. So pardon me for one second. I'm just going to consult to see if unanimous consent is required of this. One moment. Not knowing the duration of our AngajukKâk's absence, I propose a 10-minute recess. Everybody stretch their legs for 10 minutes and we'll come back and I'll re-ask again, at that time.

(Recess.)

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We'll pick up where we left off and AngajukKâk Dicker, you were absent for this last little piece. I will resume. Again, I'll start out by thanking the First Minister. The motion is in order. Unless any Honourable Member has any questions or wishes to speak to the motion, I'll proceed straight to the question. The Ordinary Member for Makkovik has moved, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders, that Bill number 2018-04 for an Act respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be approved on First Reading. All in favour, please raise your hand and say Aye.

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any opposed? Nay? And the motion is carried. And we thought we needed unanimous consent and you were absent at the time that we took the vote, so that's why we reconvened and waited for the return of our esteemed colleague AngajukKâk Dicker. Honourable Members will recall that earlier, we agreed to defer consideration of the First Minister's motion, respecting referral of the Bill to a Special Committee, until immediately after the Bill had passed First Reading. We'll now deal with that motion. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The motion is that Bill 2018-04, a Bill for an Act respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be referred to a Special Committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act* and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, comprised of five Members, including the First Minister, the Secretary to the Executive Council and at least one AngajukKâk and that the Special Committee, a) be mandated to report on the Bill to the Assembly prior to Second Reading of the Bill, b) delivers report on the Bill to the Assembly, no later than January 31st, 2019 and c) consult with the Inuit communities and Torngat Regional Housing Association for purposes of preparing this report. I do not have anymore on that motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

At this point-, so again, just to clarify, what the First Minister is asking for is to take the Bill 2018-04, which is a Bill that we've been discussing, an Act Respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Housing Commission, and pass it onto a, onto a Commission. What we're debating,

and asking for permission today, or a debate, initially, and then ask for permission to follow, is everyone's questions, concerns about that proposition. Any questions about referring that Bill to the Commission, to a Special Commission? Comments? Any comments, questions, concerns? That concludes debate on the motion to refer Bill 2018-04 to a Special Committee. First Minister, do you wish to make any closing remarks?

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I do not wish to make any closing remarks. I call for the question. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The motion before this Assembly, moved by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, and the First Minister, and is seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Ms. Rachel Saunders, is that Bill 2018-04, which is a Bill for an Act respecting Housing in Nunatsiavut and establishing the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, be referred to a Special Committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act* and the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission comprised of five Members, including the First Minister, the Secretary to the Executive Council, and at least one AngajukKâk, and that the Special Committee, a) be mandated to report on the Bill to the Assembly prior to the Second Reading of the Bill, and b) deliver its report on the Bill to the Assembly, no later than January 31st, 2019, and c) consult with the Inuit Communities and Torngat Regional Housing Association for purposes of preparing its report. All in favour of that motion, please say yes, or say Aye. Any opposed, or against? Seeing none, the motion is carried. I now recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I gave formal notice that I would be making a motion tomorrow to introduce Bill 2018-05, a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. I also said that I would ask for unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive due notice of the Reading of the Bill, so that we can deal with it today.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The First Minister asks that all Honourable Members waive due notice of First Reading of Bill 2018-05, so that we may proceed with it today. I will not entertain debate on the request and will proceed straight to asking-, directly to asking the Honourable Members is there is unanimous consent? All those in favour, say, Aye or raise your hand.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? Due notice that First Reading of 2018-05 has been waived by unanimous consent of this Assembly, so first reading of Bill number 2018-05 a Bill for an Act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, is in order. Honorable First Minister, you may proceed.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by Mrs. Rachel Saunders, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and the Minister of Education and Economic Development that Bill number 2018-05 a Bill for an Act to Amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be introduced and approved on First Reading. I would like to say a few words in support of my motion. This Bill, the purpose of the Bill, is to-, if enacted, will correct a number of errors and omissions in the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, that are mainly editorial or technical in nature. The principle error is in the quorum provision in

Section 41 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, which is inconsistent with Section 4.15.1 of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*. And the definition of quorum in Section 2(t) of the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The amendment to Section 41 will make the quorum provision consistent with the *Constitution*. Section 86 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, which deals with the Standing Orders, is spent, and will be deleted if this bill is enacted. The majority of other amendments will ensure more consistent use of the fine terms and correct some omissions in Section 2(2), as well as other textural errors. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. In everyone's packages, there was copies of all the amendments that First Minister is proposing in the Bill. I hope that everyone's had a quick chance to look at them. At this time, I'd like to entertain any questions, concerns, that the Honourable Members have concerning around Bill 2018-05, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. Are there any comments, questions, concerns? Seeing none, that concludes debate on the motion to approve Bill 2018-05 on First Reading. First Minister, do you wish to make any closing remarks?

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not wish to make any closing remarks. I call for the question.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll reiterate that the motion before the Assembly, moved by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik and First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, and seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Rachel Saunders, is that the Bill number 2018-05, a bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut*

Assembly Act, be introduced and approved on First Reading. All those in favour, say Aye or raise your hand.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? The motion carries. The First Minister has already alerted us that she would move to proceed immediately to Second Reading of this bill. First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Rachel Saunders, that Honourable Ministers unanimously waive the application of Subsection 54(1) (d) of the Standing Orders that the bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be read a second time in Committee of the Whole.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, First Minister. The motion is in order. I will not entertain any debate on this motion, and proceed straight to the question. The Honourable Member for Makkovik and First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, has moved, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Rachel Saunders that Honourable Members unanimously waive the application of Subsection 54(1)(d) of the Standing Orders, and that the bill for an act to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be read a second time in Committee of the Whole. All in favour, please say, Aye or raise your hand?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? With the unanimous consent of the Assembly, we will proceed to Second Reading of the bill in Committee of the Whole in accordance with the Standing Orders. We're now in Committee of the Whole. I'd like to recognize-, I apologize, I recognize the Honourable First Minister, the Second Reading of the bill.

MR. EDMUNDS: Just a point of, point of order, Mr. Speaker?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: State your point?

MR. EDMUNDS: I know that the motion that the Assembly gave consent to, was that we would enter into a Committee of the Whole to consider the bill on the Second Reading. I would think that we can't do that until we're onto the next item, Second Reading of bills because we've already agreed to the bill on the First Reading. Wouldn't that be correct? We wouldn't be in Committee of the Whole right yet, not until we actually go into the next item, to consider the bill on Second Reading?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll take a moment to consider your point of order. Minister Edmunds, I would ask that you repeat your Point of Order?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I was just stating that I don't think it's appropriate for us to go into Committee of the Whole right now. We have to go on to Item 19, Second Reading of Bills, and at that point, the Bill can be introduced into the Committee of the Whole so that we can go through it as an Assembly and then agree on it in Second Reading. I don't think that it's appropriate at this particular time, to go into Committee of the Whole. We've already agreed to the Bill on First Reading. So I would expect that

we would move onto Item 19, Second Reading of Bills, go into Committee of the Whole and to consider the Bill together. Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Unless it's the Speaker's intention to be in the Committee of the Whole and then move onto Item 19, and then proceed?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That is the intention.

MR. EDMUNDS: Okay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: On to Item number 19 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Second Reading of Bills". Again, at this point, we are in Committee of the Whole. Thank you for your Point of Order, Honourable Minister Edmunds. I'd like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell for the Second Reading of Bills.

MS. MITCHELL: Are we in the Committee of the Whole? Okay. So do I make my motion or-, okay? Honourable Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Rachel Saunders that Bill 2018-05, a bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, be read for the second time.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure for Second Reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-05. If Members have comments or questions on any page of the Bill, you each have up to 10 minutes at a time. If you still have questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you will be given another opportunity to speak. Just a reminder, to what the First Minister alluded to, most of the changes in the Bill are rudimentary in

nature, replacing a small letter with a capital letter-, these types of procedural issues. Would you not agree that's the bulk of what is contained in the Bill? That's why I said we are required to go clause-by-clause and line by line. You all should have a copy of the Bill. We're now going to read through the Bill, page-by-page, clause-by-clause. If you want to follow along, you should have that copy of the Bill in your binders. It's Bill 2018-05. Tab Six. If all Honourable Members have the Bill in front of them, I will call the page number, ask for questions and comments, and ask for agreement. We will not do a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-05. We'll start off, and now go to Page 2, Clause One. Are we all in agreement with this change? Aye?

ASSEMBLY:

Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

On to Page 2, Clause Two. Question agreed? All in agreement? Just to provide further clarity on this section, we ran into an issue previously, in the last year, whereby there were differing definitions of the word quorum and what constituted the word quorum, and as a Speaker, we were somewhat concerned that we didn't know exactly what constituted a quorum, because a quorum is required, of course, for this Assembly to meet. One definition was in the *Constitution*. There was a differing definition in the *Assembly Act*, and another definition again, in the Standing Orders. What this does, is this rectifies the inconsistency and going forward, Page 2, clause two will be the definition of quorum going forward for all documents within use by this Assembly, used by this government. And just for the sake of clarity, I'll just read this one clause.

At a sitting of the Assembly, a quorum shall be six Ordinary Members of the Assembly and the President, unless otherwise required by Subsection 4-1.5-1(a) of the *Constitution*. All in favour of this amendment?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Onto page 2, clause three. All in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Page 2, clause four. All in agreement? Onto page 2, clause 4. All in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Onto page 3, clause 5. AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER: I'd like a clarity. In the past, we had to be excused formally if we could not attend a meeting, because of a quorum. In Section 2, 41, it says six Ordinary Member now, so the AngajukKâk need not to be present at this table to constitute a quorum. Am I reading that correctly?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: As I said before, there were multiple definitions of the word quorum, but quorum has only ever pertained to Ordinary Members. So with no disrespect indented towards AngajukKâk or Community Chairs, it is solely the Ordinary Members whose presence count against the quorum, and that remains as it was before, as it is now. So there's no amendment in that regard. So with that, we'll proceed on. Does that answer your question, AngajukKâk Dicker? That answers your question? Onto page 3, clause 5. It's a little long. I'll give you a second to read through it. All in agreement with these amendments, signal by saying, Aye. Any opposed?

Page 3, clause 6. Again, this is-, clause 6 is a little longer. I'll give you some time to adjust it. All in agreement with page 3, clause 6? Onto page 4, clause 6. On the top of page, top of page 4, there's one more section of clause 6. Just a simple two lines. All in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Page 4, clause 7. All in agreement? Page 4, clause 8. Again, this is one of the smaller-, we're changing one of the letters from a small letter to a capital letter. All in agreement? Page 4, clause 9. All in agreement? Page 4, clause 10. All in agreement? Page 4, clause 11. All in agreement? Page 14, clause 12. All in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the Bill. Does the First Minister wish to conclude the debate?

MS. MITCHELL: Yes, I wish to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek.* That concludes debate. All those in favour of Second Reading of Bill 2018-05? All those in favour?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2018-05, a bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, has had Second Reading. I'd like to thank the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell. With that, we proceed onto Item 20, of the *Orders of the Day*, "Assent to Bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given Second Reading to Bill

2018-05, a bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* and wish to present it for assent.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just waiting for the certificates to come down from up in the Gallery. Johannes will be here momentarily. We are now-, an excellent point Mr. Edmunds. We are now in-, now we're back in General Assembly, not the Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to give assent to Bill 2018-05, a bill to amend the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, and hereby cite it into Law.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. With that, we move onto Item 21, which is our last Item on the *Order of the Day's* adjournment. This is Assembly is now adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September 19th, 2018. We will see you bright and early tomorrow morning. Thank you, all.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Good morning. (*Ullâkut Ilonnasi*). I'd like to call to order the Second Sitting of the fall session for the 2nd Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly and ask the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders, to say the opening prayer.

MR. SAUNDERS:

(Recites Prayer).

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Just as a side note, our AngajukKâk from Hopedale will be joining us a little late this morning, and her tardiness has been properly excused. Onto item two, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery," I see our own Loretta Michelin, who apparently I

called her Loretta Sheppard for some unknown reason yesterday. My apologies to Loretta. Good morning. And Kristy Sheppard, of course, joining us from our good friends in Rigolet. Are there any other Members in the gallery? Seeing none. Onto item three of our *Orders of the Day*, "Minister Statements." Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to provide the House with an update on some of the health issues related within the HSD that affects all communities. Specifically, I'll speak more on tuberculosis updates. Mr. Speaker, the National TB Elimination Framework with Inuit Tapirisat Kanatami, the national head organization for all Inuit within Canada, is continuing on this framework. Release of the document will be in the very near future. Within the Nunatsiavut Regional TB Action Plan, work is continuing on this action plan. Dates for the community engagement meetings have not yet been set. Team leaders in each community will be engaged in this work. TB Performance Indicators Projects. Nunatsiavut Government received support from Public Health Alliance Canada winter 2018 for a public health officer to complete a review of the TB data to look at performance indicators of the TB program. The report on this project has been received. However, there are a number of edits before the report will be finalized. The policy manual should be released by the fall of 2018. Tripartite Committee. This committee has representation from Nunatsiavut Government, Federal and Provincial Government. The

steering committee meets weekly to oversee tuberculosis work in the region. There are two sub-committees of this group; Implementation and Outbreak Committee. The public health officer position has been selected within Nunatsiavut for a public health officer provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada. This position will provide TB epidemiology support in the region and support within Nunatsiavut Region TB Action Plan. Plan start date for December, 2018. Community screening in Nain. Plans for community screening are underway for Nain, fall 2018. Currently in the process of organizing a meeting with NG leadership, along with a follow-up meeting in Nain. Date of community screening initiative in Nain is still to be determined. There are various working groups in place. Example; Communications, Material Support, Clinical Operations, Human Resources, with oversight from the Implementation Committee who is leading the planning work. There is a Community Screening Manual in draft which outlines the process and defines the roles, et cetera. Mr. Speaker, Non-Insured Health Benefits Review. A business process mapping review of non-insured health benefits took place this spring. Work is currently underway to begin implementation of some of the short-term recommendations of this report. Further discussion and planning for the medium and long-term recommendations will begin this fall. Policy Review. Meetings have been scheduled to begin to review the current Non-Insured Health Benefits Policy and Procedures document and make revisions and updates. First meeting is scheduled for September 27th. Monthly non-insured health

benefits staff meetings will commence this fall chaired by the non-insured health benefits manager. This was a recommendation of the Non-Insured Health Benefits Review. Mr. Speaker, around food security. Engagement sessions informed the development of Nunatsiavut Food Security Strategy rolled out from mid-June to early July, 2018. Four out of the five Nunatsiavut communities were engaged in these sessions. Postville has been postponed until the fall due to the DHSD renovations. The regional food security co-ordinator has reached out to the team leader who will organize the engagement sessions once renovations are completed. The regional session is in the process of being planned and will be held in Happy Valley Goose Bay in November, 2018. Mr. Speaker, the NiKigijavut Food Centre in Nain continues to operate in Nain with positive feedback from the community and program participants. There is a Facebook page. NG DHSD Food Security, which is very active with posting photos and the food programming schedule. Mr. Speaker, under the Lunch-2-Go program, the Lunch to Go program in Nain will continue this year. Funding has been secured through the Canadian Feed the Children. Plans were started back in June to roll out a Lunch-2-Go program in Hopedale for this coming school year. The regional food security co-ordinator is awaiting feedback from the local principal. Funding has been secured through the Canadian Feed the Children. Exploring food centre concept for Hopedale. The job posting for Hopedale Food Security is in draft and will be sent to HR for posting in the very near future. Food Skills and Assistance program. The DHSD two-

week Food Skills and Assistance program in Torngat National Park Base Camp from July 16th to August 6th was a huge success. Evaluation surveys, in addition to interviews with youth and parks participants was all positive. Youth expressed that they will like to see similar programs continue at various locations and seasons throughout the year. Mr. Speaker, under the Inuit Health Survey, Nunatsiavut has representation on the Inuit Health Survey Working Group. This group is led by ITK. This group is currently planning and organizing for the next Inuit Health Survey. Date of implementation to be determined. Mr. Speaker, DHSD is doing research into the tuberculosis social detriment of health. Plan engagement dates are the third week of September 2018. Finally, Mr. Speaker, just to give a more precise accurate update on tuberculosis in Nain. There are 18 confirmed cases of tuberculosis in Nain. Ten cases are under investigation. Thirty-one individuals are being treated with prophylactics. The x-ray equipment remains in Nain. There was to be an x-ray clinic last week and the technicians were in Nain but had to return due to the water issues. The clinic is currently being re-scheduled. We have been supporting the Nain Public Health team with local nurses. A meeting with community leaders is being planned for the next week or so, and then the community meetings will be held early in October. We did meet in June as an initial update from the last one in April. We did have some turnout. We will be working, Mr. Speaker, on logistics as we did have it at the Jeremiah Sillett Centre. Some said that was outside of town. Some said the timing. So we'll work closely with community

leaders such as the AngajukKâk for Nain and others and we hope to proceed. We're working very well with the provincial government, federal government and our own government. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Asivak, for the update from the Department of Health and Social Development. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. *UKalitik*, until 2018 First Nations and Inuit had to borrow from the federal government in order to finance the negotiation of their modern treaty and soft government agreements. The Labrador Inuit Association had approximately \$50 million in negotiation loans that are being re-paid over a 15-year period, including \$60 million in interest. In Budget 2018 the Government of Canada committed to engaging with Indigenous groups and how best to address present and past negotiation loans including the forgiveness of loans. In order to guide and expedite the process of loan repayment, Mr. Speaker, modern treaty holders and soft governing Indigenous groups of which included the Nunatsiavut Government, submitted a negotiation loan forgiveness and reimbursement policy proposal to the Government of Canada, and that policy is now being considered for cabinet approval. Mr. Speaker, we hope that within the spirit of reconciliation that our negotiation loan will be forgiven and that appropriate repayment can take place.

[Applause]

MR. EDMUNDS:

Mr. Speaker, last week, as most Members around this table are full aware, Nunatsiavut had lost communications including long distance telephone calls and internet. There were two issues that had caused this outage. There was a failure with the diesel generator and its backup at Double Mere. A crew had to fly into the site and manually restart the generator and work on those issues. There as another part of this aggravated the down time, and that was that the fibre cable break in Labrador West had caused some IP issues and there was a miscommunication between the digital microwaves. Mr. Speaker, Bell Aliant is reviewing this outage to determine if there are changes that need to be implemented in order to avoid this situation in the future. Mr. Speaker, I'm reminding the Assembly Members that congestion is a real issues sometimes for the north coast, and that often happens within out email systems when we have large attachments being sent out, or we're sending those attachments to a large number of people. I will remind the members that we have the internet, Atukatigevik, which is an excellent vehicle to post announcements, media releases, information on new programs or initiatives or to even welcome new hires. This is one step in relieving the congestion issues. This internal website, Mr. Speaker, also has a variety of tools for staff directories, templates for presentations, logos, policies and all the standard forms for Human Resources and financial claims. Departments have been working with the IT staff to develop their internal website on the internet and has proven

to create efficiencies in their workflow. So we encourage all employees and members around this table to make full use of the internet for communications to staff and to use it as a hub for their day-to-day work activities. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Edmunds, for your update from the Department of Finance. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So today I'm going to be giving my update on the Economic Development Division. So in the Economic Development Division, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to report that contracts have been extended with ACOA and the Federal Department of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for 2018-2019. These contract extensions will enable the Division to develop an economic monitoring system, provide business training and support and develop business policy. The Division has approved two Inuit businesses to be added to our registry with two additional applications requests to be reviewed. Assistance was provided to 20 business support clients between April and early September. Seventeen underground packages and 14 regular cite operations were received from Vale with our division submitting 62 business nominations and 1 QVE nomination. Additionally, three contracts were received from the federal government to our pending; one completed and one business nominated and awarded. Now working in industry research opportunities were provided to three Inuit businesses

to extend Expo Labrador and a Northern Policy hack on discussing how can the federal government support northern, small and medium-sized businesses in growing locally and internationally? Recommendations are expected later this fall. To further support our procurement processes and the administration of business services, two RFP's will be issued this month to research our current procedures, industry best practices and develop suggested policies for review. Mr. Speaker, building on the success of our business start-up summit this past March, we are developing the first regional summit focused on business diversification and opportunity. We are hoping to hold the event in late November or early December in the Upper Lake Melville area. Focus on how to assist established businesses in expanding their companies or how to diversify their businesses. We will gather funding agencies, government representatives, industry stakeholders and entrepreneurs for approximately three days of learning and networking. Community Profile is a project in partnership with Memorial University's Harris Centre. The project will gather economic and industry details on each of the Inuit community to serve as a resource for assessing our economic growth, provide a statistical foundation for our program decisions, and serve as a resource for the business, government and corporate sectors. With the support of the community, the Rigolet Profile is expected to be completed in October followed by Hopedale and the remaining communities during the fall and winter. A Regional Economic Profile is scheduled for March, 2019, and these will be publically available and

annually reviewed and shared. Mr. Speaker, Smart Ice is now operating at a social enterprise. With the support of the Nunatsiavut Government, a northern production site for Smart Boy technology is expected to be established in Nain later this month. This facility will hire a full-time production manager and at-risk youth from Nain. Mr. Speaker, we are continuing to explore the economic potential of the Mealy Mountains National Park designation and have completed a focus group and open house in Rigolet and have drafted a report including community recommendations and needs to develop in advance. The report will be finalized later this month and circulated to the community and relevant Nunatsiavut departments and industry stakeholders to discuss implementation options and partnership opportunities. As well, Mr. Speaker, in partnership with the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, we are exploring a cost-shared model to hire five full-time year around community tourism and development positions. Expected to be launched in 2018-2019 we have postponed the revision of the Community Economic Development Fund for this fiscal year to allow for the continued funding of local ICG positions. The CEDP program will be evaluated and re-launched for April, 2019. And with respect to fisheries, Mr. Speaker, we are working with Lands and Natural Resources NGC and Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative to expand **our well** research in Nain, Makkovik and Rigolet areas in establishing a scallop test fishery in Nain and Rigolet. Proposals have been submitted to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund to allow us to do this research. This season is the third year that we

have operated a char fishery project in Hopedale. This program is intended to address local employment, food security and traditional economy and diet. This year we have successfully caught 3,000 pounds of char, and some of which has been smoked and dried for our community. Also in partnership with the Torngat Fish Producer's Co-op, we have continued our annual 13,000-pound char contribution to the Community Freezer Program. Now here's a little brief update on the Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership. So a common core underground mine training. Two offerings are scheduled so far for the September and November at the NORCAT Training Facility in Sudbury. Seven out of the 10 participants scheduled for the September delivery are NG client. Underground Mine Exposure. There will be numerous deliveries of a three-day underground mine exposure training in Sudbury. Simulator Training. Plans are currently being developed for a delivery of a two-day simulator training program at the college in Happy Valley. This will give clients exposure to several pieces of underground mine equipment, as well give clients some exposure to underground working environment. Mining Foundations. The college of the North Atlantic is finalizing a six-week underground mining training program and we are hopeful that delivery can begin prior to March, 2019. We are also hopeful that we can arrange a delivery in Nunatsiavut. Community Visits. LATP, in partnership with Vale will bring community visits to Nain and Hopedale starting on September 24th; Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet in November. Community sessions will also be scheduled for Goose Bay

and Northwest River for later this fall. Trades Training. LATP currently has 13 NG beneficiaries in various trades programs at various training institutions. So thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Saunders. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Hearing none, we'll move onto the next item on the *Orders of the Day*, "Member Statements" Are there any Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, UKalitik. As a part of my report today is for the community itself, and what's going on, what's happened, I guess, with regards to social and community events. First of all, the Nain Inuit Community Government would like to pass on sincere condolences to the following families. The families of Logan Pilgrim, Don Obed, Martha Okkuatsiak. Excuse me, some of these people were close. John Murphy, John Sandy Murphy, a young fellow, not the older. And Benigna Harris. These people passed away since June 1st of 2018, and we'd like to pass on our condolences to the families. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to announce the arrival of six new beneficiaries. There is Willie Boy Gussie Semigak, Liam James Barbour, Elaina Kimberly Dicker, Wyatt Lane Robert Cody Tuglavina, Theo Chase Kalleo and Amos Tobias Hall Sampson Zacharias Obed. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, last month there were was a wedding in Nain and two young people joined together in Holy matrimony. They were Reggie Maggo and Mary Bennett, and we offer our congratulations to that family. And, lastly, I'd like to wish good luck

to our Jens Haven Memorial Huskies. They'll be arriving next week here in Hopedale for the fall sports meets. Go Huskies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this morning I have a brief summary of some of the activity that's going on within the Inuit Community Government of Postville, and I'd like to thank my office staff for providing the bit of information on short notice. However, I'll go through the list of things that's going on. Postville Inuit Community Government will be working with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies to do the new interpretation and craft centre in Postville. The old council building in the community was going to be renovated, but due to circumstances out of our control, it was reported to be torn down and built from new. The old building has been gutted out, materials are being ordered to start building the new building. The local playground has been upgraded. The project started in the fall of 2017. It consists of a lot of new equipment plus a new gazebo was built this summer at the playfield, along with a basketball court. Mr. Speaker, a new floating dock was started summer of 2018 and is almost complete, waiting on more material to arrive to finish the project. Mr. Speaker, a new slipway will be built near the floating dock. We have some materials for a project, but currently on hold waiting for more funding to complete the project, and since I came here I've been in discussion with Kristy Sheppard and also

Kim and that department of Ministers on behalf of this. Mr. Speaker, the summer of 2018 we were hoping to get plot improvements completed which would have required blasting. Unfortunately, we also need more funding and hoping to get this for the spring, summer of 2019, whereas we have a demand to fill the plots. Mr. Speaker, there are plans for a cement pad and generator for the potable water drinking unit in the near future. Hopefully finished by the end of this fall, 2018. Tourism summer 2018, Ruth Jacque, Community Economic Development Officer, had another successful summer promoting Inuit foods at our food taste testing event every Tuesday when the Northern Ranger arrived. Also a new storage shed will be built in the near future for the Postville Inuit Community Government. Materials have been ordered for this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Before I move onto our next Member statement I want to offer an apology to AngajukKâk from Rigolet who made note of me last night at the hotel that on numerous occasions he was gesturing for attention and for some reason my eyes did not catch her. So going forward I will endeavour to catch you in a little more timely fashion AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm certainly not invisible. I don't really have a statement. As you know, I just took office and I really didn't have a chance to look at all the priorities, so I don't feel like stepping up here today and making note of what needs to be done in my community but,

rest assured, it will be brought up at the next meeting. But I would like to take to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes to one of our own here today and, keeping with the protocol, I'd like to wish the Honourable First Minister, Kate Mitchell, happy birthday from all of us.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just briefly from yesterday's statement that I made, I neglected to mention the water improvement project that they have on the go in Makkovik, building up the berm and making the berm at Ranger Bite Pond from concrete; as in the past, it was just made of wood. Ice damage and stuff would deteriorate the wood over the years, so hopefully we'll have a more secure berm at Range by Pond and a more secure water supply for the distant future in our community. And, also, I'd like to full disclosure first to let you know that Makkovik Inuit Community Government has lost their community constable positions, along with the Rigolet in Nain. I think we're somewhat disappointed to see that those full-time jobs were leaving our communities, and hopefully we can come to some resolution with the RCMP, and whoever, to get another by-law officer or something to that effect in our communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. NunaKâtiget's primary program, the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer, continues to run smoothly with traditional foods being made available. During the winter, spring and summer of 2018 we tried to maintain a supply of healthy, traditional foods depending on what food resources were available to us within each season. We were fortunate enough again to receive a hundred and fifty salmon tags from Lands and Natural Resources for the freezer. Thanks to Ian Blake who was the successful bidder and harvest and delivered the salmon to us. The people loved the fresh product. The only problem is, with something like salmon, it does not last long, especially when you have over a hundred households using the freezer on a monthly basis. We also had some fresh trout delivered to the freezer by a few fishers. We'd also like to thank all the fishers and hunters who take the time and effort to harvest and deliver fish and game to the Community Freezer. It is much appreciated and we hope you will continue to do so in the coming months. We have received a moose licence from the province to hunt the moose in Area 53, the Muskrat Falls area. Tenders will be called very soon for someone to harvest our moose for the Community Freezer. We hope to get another moose licence later this fall from Nunatsiavut Government. We also would like to acknowledge the continued financial contribution that the Ikajuttiget Board makes to the Community Freezer on an annual basis. Their 21,000 contribution towards this program is certainly a blessing for us to be able to stock the wild and traditional foods that we try to carry on a regular basis to promote a healthy well-

being for the people who use the freezer. We are also very fortunate as the Nunatsiavut Government Research Division in Nain and Economic Development Division as they will be sending 15 cases of Arctic char to NunaKâtiget for our freezer. The fall months coming up will bring us corn, codfish and we're hoping for a good berry harvest again as last fall was really good. We will continue to buy red berries and blueberries from local people. As mentioned before, we discontinued to buy bake apples due to the high price to buy them. Our funding is very limited so we have to get the most for our dollars. As we did last year, we have again invested in purchasing fresh farm product from Nature's Best Farms as the project was a big success with a great crop being harvested. The fresh produce has been an excellent addition to the inventory that we have in the Community Freezer as we endeavour to stock and distribute healthy foods. With regard to other programs, NunaKâtiget did some craft programs last winter and spring which was a huge success, with a number of people participating. We offered a snowshoe making course and two embroidery courses, and offered a drum dancing instruction course. Many thanks to Bernie Crawford, Karen White and Kelly Jacobs for their instructional time in the workshops. New traditional programming will be implemented this fall and winter, and some examples are traditional food preparation with Judy Voisey such as jam making for youth. Net making and met mending workshops. People were very interested in taking *Inuttitut* training programs which I will try to work closely with Culture, Recreation and Tourism to try to make this

happen. The NunaKâtiget Corporation will be holding its AGM within the next month. Please continue to support your corporation by attending. As in done every four years, a new Board of Directors will be elected at the AGM and watch for updates on the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation page. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member, and I address him as Ordinary Member because during Member Statements Ordinary Member Edmunds will be speaking as Ordinary Member and not as Minister.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to welcome all the new AngajukKâk and Chairpersons to the table. I really look forward to working with you over the next four years and then hearing your perspectives. There will be, I'm sure, a lot of moments of exhaustion and frustration as we try to work in advancing the community's mandates and consolidating that with the overall desire to advance the well-being of all Labrador Inuit. But it's a challenge that I think that each of us are up to. I can assure you that it'll be rewarding to see progress over time as you invest energy into the Assembly, your community and your government. I'm happy to see Mr. Joe Dicker at the table, and Ms. Flowers is currently not here, but welcome back to the table. The last few years have been interesting and, you know, we've worked alongside some characters for sure. I think that every single time that we enter into Member Statements here there's a part of me that's kind of looking across the

table and, you know, I almost expect to see a Winston Churchill-like orator standing there and delivering a speech, you know, from a yellow sticky note on his index finger. So, you know, I think that's, you know, I'm certainly going to miss having Mr. Shiwak deliver his statements to the House. I thank him for his time. You know, he spoke around a lot of issues that are affecting our region. He spoke well on the issues around women's equality and the challenges that we have as leaders. So I'll certainly miss those Member Statements and I thank him for his time and his energy that he placed into those. There is a lot of individuals who have been around this table over the years who've had enormous impacts on their communities, on the government and, really, on me personally. So I want to thank, you know, all the elected officials over the years, the ones who I've engaged with. I remember, you know, the first day in 2014 and I didn't know how to tie my tie and Ed Tuttau was there and, you know, he managed to help me and taught me how to tie my tie. And I'm just really happy that, you know, he didn't do a slip knot when he was teaching me how to put my tie on. You know, there's been a lot of moments over the last few years that I really look to and they really reinforce my desire to want to be around this table and my desire to want to continue to participate within the government. Those moments are still happening day to day. So I thank all the elected officials for their continued contributions. To Ms. Diane Gear for her decative service. You know, I want to thank her, and for her guidance over the last few years as well. To my new colleague, Mr. Sheppard, I can say I think for the first

time in what feels like a very long time is, you know, I'm happy to see you at the table because if I were to have sat at any other point prior to today I wouldn't be standing here, but I'm really excited to be working alongside you. I offer sincere congratulations. I'm happy to see that you're the AngajukKâk for the community. I trust that we'll work well together in advancing the mandate that's given to us by our constituents. And thank you for the opportunity, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Edmunds. As I mentioned yesterday, there's always opportunity for any seat Members to say a Member Statement in addition to their ministerial statements. After all, you are Ordinary Members in addition to your ministerial position so no needs for thanks, Ordinary Member Edmunds. That right is always in your court. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First off, I'd like to thank previous Ordinary Members, Mr. Roy Blake and Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, for their dedication and hard work for serving the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville. We have a large area to cover and many beneficiaries to see and a lot of work to do. In my current capacity as Ordinary Member, I have been building relationships, along with Ordinary Member Ms. Wheeler for the benefit of our people. We've had the opportunity to meet with the Premier Ball of Newfoundland and Labrador, the government. The MHA Perry Trimper for Upper Lake Melville and MP Yvonne Jones with the Government of Canada. We have been out in the

community networking, learning about the services and programs available for all people in our riding. We have been to the Libra House. Mokami Status, the Women's Council, the emergency shelter and the Labrador Friendship Centre, to name a few. We will continue to visit other organizations in the near future. Also on our schedule to visit will be inmates and beneficiaries at the Labrador Correctional Centre, long-term care, the hospital, and many other community events that we're invited to. We have a Facebook page, Ordinary Members for Upper Lake Melville. The door is always open. The phone is always available. We have been telling our beneficiaries, Mr. Speaker, if you can't come to us, we'll come to you. I feel we have a great working relationship, myself and the Ordinary Member, Ms. Wheeler, and this is for the benefit of all beneficiaries in our riding and our government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak. And just on a personal I applaud your intentions to visit those who are incarcerated. It's a problem which is endemic to many Indigenous people's across this country. It's certainly one that is witnessed in the Canadian Constituency, so reaching out to people when they're in very trying circumstances, I think shows great compassion and humanitarian and I applaud you for that initiative. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement at this point? Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Canadian Constituency is the largest constituency ever. You can't beat that one. You're big, but not big as that. Anyway, the Canadian Constituency is close to 2,400 members

already and growing every month. And not to be too far in the future, we will reach 3,000. So that's something else that this Assembly has to consider, is another Member. We're asking that we be kept informed of what is being offered to the Members in the Lands Claims Area and that we be given the same opportunity to apply for the same thing at the same cost. Many Members feel as if the Canadian Constituency is too often left out of many projects and not included in special opportunities. All we ask is to be treated fairly, equally and be kept informed of special committees, extra training courses. Anything that can be useful to Labrador can also be useful to the Canadian Constituency Members. There are quite a few Members that are concerned about the number of children that are still leaving Labrador and going elsewhere in the country and they're asking why more is not being done to stop the exodus of the most valued possession; children. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of myself and my colleague, Charlotte Wolfrey, I want to send condolences to two families in our community who have recently lost loved ones. Charles Tooktoshina was truly a man of Labrador. He had a wealth and knowledge about our land and practiced and lived a traditional lifestyle. He will be missed by our community. We would like to extend our condolences to Mrs. Juanita Wolfrey, who is originally from Nain, on the loss of her grandmother, Mrs. Harris. We hope the memories of your grandmother will help you get through the

difficult days ahead. In June I attended a public information session held by the Economic Development Division of NG to engage the community on discussions on the Mealy Mountain National Park. It was great to hear the feedback, input, and interest of the residents on the Mealy Mountain Project in regard to Economic Development. After hearing interest of residents during this meeting, I am interested to see the report by the Economic Development team. The Tourism Department of the Rigolet Inuit Community Government is busy preparing for the cruise ship that will be visiting Rigolet on September 30th. I know that the committee members will do a wonderful job showcasing our community, as usual, and will give a warm welcome to tourists. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my first opportunity to make a Member Statement since I was elected in May. I would like to congratulate that kraut over there, and I call him that, Mr. Speaker, with great respect, having sat there as well for four years. It certainly is not an easy job that they have. Many of them are people that I have worked with in the past during the time that I spent in the Assembly, and certainly I welcome the two new Members among that crowd over there. I want to also welcome the Ordinary Members who spoke yesterday for the first time in their Member Statements. It just goes to show, you know, I'm so impressed. They made us cry, Mr. Speaker, with their passion, their courage and the

confidence which they spoke, and I'm referring, of course, to the three Ordinary Members who don't sit with the NEC, in their statements yesterday. It is something, and I think that perhaps the former AngajukKâk for Postville said it best in May when she stood to give her last statement before we went to recess and for the summer. She said that when we came here over 12 years ago, we didn't know what we were doing. We didn't even know how to talk proper in this chamber and it was something to see yesterday, the first statements that we heard from people. How much confidence in which they spoke. And certainly with the young people that are here and the confidence that they speak with. It is quite something to see that how we've grown in the last 12 years, and I have to stand and say that on behalf of my colleague and my friend, the AngajukKâk, as well, from the people of Nain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. Speaker recognizes the other Ordinary Member from Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to first congratulate a few beneficiaries from the Upper Lake Melville area who are having, or had, some wonderful life experiences. Riley Winters is currently in Costa Rica until December on a Government of Canada Indigenous Youth Program. As well, we have a local swim team, the Melville Mantas, in Happy Valley Goose Bay which, by the way, has over 10 percent Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. They are Grace Goudie, Jonah Clark, Aaron Porter and

Aiden Wheeler. They recently had a training camp with 2012 Olympic bronze medalist, Brent Hayden, in Happy Valley Goose Bay so that was a wonderful experience for them and gave them some excellent training tips and nutritional tips as well. And I just wanted to say that it's wonderful to work with on the government side of things. I've worked with many of these people as an employee, I'm trying not to get emotional, and it's just wonderful to work with so many people that I've worked with on a professional level, and now to work on the government side to work for our people. And I just wanted to say thank you.

Nakummek.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member from Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would just like to formally congratulate the AngajukKâk from Makkovik and my colleague as well. I'll be looking forward to working with you. And the rest of the newly-elected Members, it's good to have some familiar faces back and really good to have new faces. First of all, I think I would just like to thank the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. We were fortunate enough again to receive \$10,000 for a wood program and also to the *Makkovimiut Trust*. That's where we get – we had another \$5,000 to be able to carry on our pantry program for this year. And I'm just happy to be able to work with all of you again, and I look forward to the rest of this term. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Mitchell. Does the AngajukKâk for Hopedale wish to make a statement? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just very brief because I did a short one yesterday, but I forgot to mention that the Food Security Committee had a huge donation of \$500 donation from Franklin Frobisher out of Ottawa. He was here with a tour and came on the Ranger and donated this amount for the food bank so we're very grateful for that. Also I forgot to mention yesterday that we have a huge Capital Works Program on the go with fixing our sewer throughout the town as well as our roads which is going to be great for the community. It's a long time coming, and I don't have any other things to say right now. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement? Before I move onto the next item, "Returns to Oral Questions," I just want to say it's refreshing to see so many NEC Members give a short Member Statement. At the end of the day we are all here, initially, as Ordinary Members. It's the root of why we sit in this Assembly and I applaud everyone for making a statement. I don't recall, at least in my short tenure, so many NEC Members making Member statements, but again it's always your right and you're always welcome to do so. Onto item five on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions." When a question is asked during the oral questions phase of our Assembly proceedings, the respective Minister has up to seven days to provide a response. Of course, we're well within that 7-day window so

I'll canvass our floor, our ministerial floor to see if any of our Ministers are in a position or wish to respond to any oral questions. Are there any returns to oral questions? Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Sorry. Sorry, I apologize. But before you proceed, for just the sake of completeness, I'll repeat the question that was asked in the House and then I'll give you opportunity to respond. Yesterday, the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, asked the Honourable Gerald Asivak what his department was doing to address the concerns of a slow response time to dental appointments. He said he would review the file and get back to her. Your response, Honourable Minister.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The question posed by AngajukKâk Flowers from Hopedale. I do have a response for you. There was some turnover with our contracted dentist, Dr. Tompkins. He finished with us after a long time serving the community of Hopedale. Dr. Power did do relief work from April 3rd to the 17th. Dr. Tour was in there April 24th to May 4th. Dr. Power, June 15th to the 25th. Dr. Tour June 26th to July 6th. Dr. Power, August 30th to September 9th. So, Mr. Speaker, within that timeframe there was no gap of six months without service. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Erin Powers scheduled dentist for Hopedale, she visits the community every five to six weeks for seven to eight days. We will put her in longer if she feels more time is needed with approval. Dr. Power is scheduled to go back to Hopedale November 15th to the 23rd. From correspondence

from past dentists, some dentists have said no communication has been called into the clinic to check in on appointments, Mr. Speaker.

Sometimes a dentist is seen in the community and then some patients are wanting an appointment then, but the schedule is already pre-booked. The dentist will see priority patients, patients in pain or emergencies. Also in that capacity, Mr. Speaker, when there's no shows or cancellations, other appointments might be available. Also with our contract, Mr. Speaker, the provisions provided by the dentists exceeds what we pay. So the dentists are providing above and beyond what the service contract provides. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Asivak. Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey, asked the Honourable Tony Andersen if there were funds to monitor the socio-economic impacts of the Voisey's Bay on employees and communities and, if such studies were done, what the findings were. Are you prepared to provide a response to that question, Honourable Minister?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could you repeat the question? My understanding was a little different and....

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll repeat the question that was asked yesterday and again if you're not in the – you have a seven-day window to provide a response. If you wish to do so today, that's entirely up to yourself. Yesterday, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey, asked Honourable Tony Andersen if there were funds to monitor the socio-economic impacts of the Voisey's Bay

development on employees and communities and, if such studies were done, what the findings of those studies were.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My response to the question, Mr. Speaker, is as of this moment, no. But we will, we have plans in place to discuss with Vale to see whether or not the expansion warrants a new socio economic study. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. To continue with Minister Andersen in the hot seat, yesterday the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard, asked Honourable Minister Andersen if anything was in the works for harvesting wildlife and fish regulations. Minister Andersen responded that no proposed changes. However, in 24 hours he could provide a better response. Are you prepared to provide a response?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I mentioned yesterday, Mr. Speaker, I had no intention in the very near future to introduce changes, but I did comment at the end that some work had been done by my predecessor, the former Minister Shiwak, and the department. Further to that, and I'm able to confirm, Mr. Speaker, that a lot of work, in fact, has been done. The first draft of the *Harvesting Act* was drafted some time ago. However, due to competing priorities with large files within the department, such as the change in Ministers, the change of Deputy Ministers, progress has been somewhat slowed. We are, however, currently working on revising the draft *Harvesting Act*. And I can assure all Members that in a timely manner we'll bring forward to this House, the changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. Are there any other returns to oral questions? Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Nain asked the Honourable Rachel Saunders respecting the policy of recruiting beneficiaries closest to the resource and how many beneficiaries are actually employed at Voisey's Bay? Are you prepared to provide a response, Honourable Minister Saunders?

MS. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker. My department is not qualified to answer that question, and so the question is more appropriate for Lands and Natural Resources Division. So I'm handing this question over to Minister Andersen. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Minister Andersen, would you prefer to provide a response to that at this point?

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I'm not in the position to give figures at this time. I can assure the AngajukKâk from Nain that, and Assembly Members, that we will provide to the AngajukKâk and other Members of the Assembly a good response to the question that he asked yesterday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. Are there any other returns to oral questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll now move onto item six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions." Are there any oral questions? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, *UKalati*. My question is to Honourable Rachel Saunders, Minister of Education and Economic Development. In your report this

morning, Minister, you mentioned that you'll be offering training in underground mining to be delivered possibly within Nunatsiavut and one in Upper Lake Melville, I believe. This training, Honourable Minister, is that for ordinary beneficiaries, or is it for employees that want to further their career who are beneficiaries at the mine today? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker. I'm going to ask that everyone have patience with me as I'm a new Minister and I'm getting my bearings and soaking in all the information that comes with being a Minister. So I could find out for you within the day to your question and get back to you. Is that okay? Is that appropriate? So I don't have the confidence right now to tell you that specific answer.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Saunders. Just as a reminder, when oral questions are asked in the Assembly the Minister has up to seven days to respond. So by no means are you under any censure for not providing an immediate response. You have up to seven days to respond to the question. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker?

MR. DICKER:

No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other oral questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, Mr. Speaker, is for the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell, and it's related to transportation, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll just say a few words before the question but, you know, marine and air transportation is each within Nunatsiavut, however, I think, to make a long story short, that when we wait seven days for first class mail to arrive in a community and not weather-delayed, or planes are not down, planes each day, there's a problem with the service and the way it's provided to each north coast community. My question to the Minister is have there been any talks with Air Borealis on related issues that I just mentioned? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Speaker recognizes the First Minister, Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Postville for your question. We don't have any control over Air Borealis. Any concerns that are brought to us, we certainly bring the forward or pass them onto them. But we have no control over, you know, when the mail gets in or whatever, but we can look into your concerns. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Mitchell. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, no, I don't.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Now in her response, the First Minister mentioned that we don't have direct control over Air Borealis, which is true, but I see there are Members in our Visitor's Gallery who perhaps have some input into those

decisions so. Are there any other Members wishing to make a oral question? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture, Honourable Jim Lyall. I understand that there's a training program that has been developed called Labrador *Inuttitut* Training Program, and I understand from what I've been told that this is a really good program and a really good foundation for people learning *Inuttitut*, and I'm just wondering, are there any plans to bring that to the communities? I think I'm not sure if it was when I sat at this Assembly before, if it was just in the beginning stages or what, but I've heard some really good reviews about it and I'm wondering are we going to bring that program to the communities to offer that opportunity for people to get some basics, some good understanding of *Inuttitut*. It's not just the basics. I understand that it's quite intensive and it can really help. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Speaker recognizes Honourable Minister Jim Lyall. Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for the question, AngajukKâk from Rigolet. The LITP is doing an overhaul right now. We're reviewing the whole program. We're hoping within the next two or three months to maybe lay out a new LITP program or some other program that might be more useful. I'm glad to hear that you think it was really a wonderful program. We have different talks about it. It hadn't worked very well, so it will be overhauled, and when we get the new program in place, if there

is one, we'll certainly bring it to the Assembly when we have it laid out.
Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Lyall. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Wolfrey?

MS. WOLFREY: No, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Wheeler.

MS. WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This question is for Honourable First Minister Kate Mitchell. I just was wondering if she could provide an update, please, on the Schedule 12E migratory bird negotiations. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Speaker recognizes the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you, Ordinary Member, for your question. The only thing that I can say are talks are ongoing between the federal government and Nunatsiavut, and that's exactly where it's at right now. So I have no update. When there is, I will gladly update this House.
Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Wheeler?

MS. WHEELER: No, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Honourable Jim Lyall. As you know, Minister, the schools have a debate every year which called an *Inuttitut* Speak-Off. And this initiative was brought forward, or started, by the *Inuttitut* teachers in the school system. They were not sponsored by the Nunatsiavut Government. And now some of these people that founded this initiative have retired. And I'm asking the Minister today if this speak-off initiative, which is very important for young people like Samantha here, one of our pages, who participate in these speak-offs, if it's going to continue, that I believe that would NG come in and sponsor this very important part of retaining the language which is, I believe, as you know, a priority for this Nunatsiavut Government or this government. So my question is will the Nunatsiavut Government now offer to be a part of this program and, you know, for to continue to sponsor this program. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Just as a reminder to Members of the Assembly, that questions posed under the oral question section of the *Orders of the Day*, a Member should endeavour to be concise in their question as to keep – it is an opportunity to ask a question and all Ordinary Members reserve that right, but at the end of the day everything should be formed in the form of a question as opposed to some statement as well. Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister for Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, for the question, AngajukKâk from Nain. As you mentioned, the program was sponsored by the Labrador School Board. As far as I know, it had nothing to do with the NG. It's a program that I understand has been working well. It is something that we haven't been approached by anybody either from the school board or from the students to see if we could sponsor it. It's something that I have to discuss within my department to see if we have funds to do so, and at the moment, all I can tell you is there's nothing happening right now, but I shall sure to bring it up with my department and see what we can do. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. DICKER: Just in response, I wanted to give a history because I wanted to let the Assembly know the history of the Speak-Off, where it started, and I need to give that background before I ask the question, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Minister. So that's something that I assume that I would not do. I ask that this be put on the agenda for the Executive Council to discuss after some investigation. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Proceed, Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I know that the question was directed to the Honourable Minister of Culture, but I can speak to a little bit of background, I suppose, in terms of what we do contribute to the Speak-Off. We have our Funding Contribution Agreement with the English

School District and, you know, we are quite involved in a lot of the spending and the programs that they put forward, whether or not that's Creative Arts Festival, sports, music, et cetera, but the speak-off has been a part of that budget for the last number of years. So just for the sake of clarity, I wanted to say that we don't directly give money to the speak-off, but we do give funding to the school district and within that funding agreement they do pay for the speak-off and have contributed so, *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds, for the clarification. Are there any other oral questions this morning? Minister Saunders, would you wish to add to the response as well? Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk Joe Dicker. The *Inuttitut* Speak-Off is supported by NG, so it's covered under the Department of Education and Economic Development. So it is through our Contribution Agreement like Minister Edmunds was saying that we do cover the funds, or the budget is covered for student travel, prizes, and any other costs. So our *Inuttitut* Speak-Off is completely funded by Nunatsiavut Government.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Saunders. Are there any other oral questions this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education and Economic Development. This morning you gave a high level overview and briefing on what's planned, especially for the upcoming mine in Vale. And I ask you to pardon my ignorance because something may have already happened in this regard, but my question is about can you tell me what's happening in the communities to ensure that our beneficiaries are aware of this training and how to get involved and things like that? Like I said, it may be something already ongoing, but I don't really understand it and I would like to know. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Speaker recognizes the Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey. The training that's happening in regards to Voisey's Bay is coming out through our LATP program, Labrador Aboriginal Training Partnership, and we partner with the Innu and Metis as well. So they travel to each of the communities with information sessions about positions that are coming up within Voisey's Bay, or trainings that's happening. So you can contact, we do have an LATP person who you can contact for information in regards to what training is happening, and they will be going to each of the communities. I could find out more specific information for you, but they will be going to each of the communities in regards to what trainings are available.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: No, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions for this morning? Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't let the opportunity slip by. It's transportation. The question is for the First Minister responsible for Nunatsiavut Affairs, and I'm sure we've heard lots within Nunatsiavut about a road. Have a road issue ever crossed your desk, Mr. Minister, related to the north coast? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Speaker recognizes First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, AngajukKâk from Postville, for your question. I know at one point the Nunatsiavut Government had offered to cost share a feasibility study for a road with the Province, but at that time there was no interest from the Province. And I think the response at that time was when the southern portion of the highway through Labrador was paved and that they would look at it. But I think right now there's absolutely no funding from the provincial government, and I think that I just want to make clear that transportation is the responsibility of the provincial government. We can lobby them and whatever, but they have the ultimate control. And if you remember, I think at one point when Premier Ball was running for whatever it was, he did mention that was one of the things that he would have liked to have seen, was a road to the north coast. So I think that, you know, your

question would be better directed to our MHA, Randy Edmunds. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, First Minister. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SHEPPARD: No, I don't, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move onto seven of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions." Are there any written questions today? Seeing none, we'll move onto item eight on the *Orders of the Day*, "Return to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions. We'll move onto item nine, which is "Petitions." Are there any petitions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move onto item 10. Item 10, "Responses to Petitions." There are no responses today. We'll move onto item 11, which is, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." There are no reports from those committees this morning. At this point, I'll call a short recess, 20 minutes, as we prepare for the arrival of our visitors and we'll reconvene at 10 to 11:00.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We're now back from recess and I'd like to make just a couple of procedural announcements. The AngajukKâk from Hopedale has been properly excused for the remainder of this sitting. Yesterday, the Rules and Procedures Committee met and put forward some names for the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol. At that time Rules and

Procedures Committee put forward the names of the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers, the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Barry Andersen, the Honourable Gerald Asivak, and the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Carlene Palliser. These are the names put forward for your approval here this morning. Do I have unanimous consent to appoint these people to the Special Committee on Drugs and Alcohol? Are there any nays? Congratulations to those committee members. You're now members of the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Also yesterday we spent a significant portion of time dealing with the *Act* to create the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. As part of that *Act* it calls for an appointment of an advisory committee, a special committee on housing. Again there are the two members of that committee are mandated in the *Act*, that being the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell and also Isabella Pain as a resource person. Two other Members of this Assembly are to be appointed, and the names put forward for those two appointments are Mr. Glen Sheppard and also Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey. So I'm putting forward the names of Charlotte Wolfrey, AngajukKâk Rigolet and Mr. Glen Sheppard, AngajukKâk, Postville, for your consideration. Do I have unanimous consent to make these appointments? Are there any nays? Congratulations on your new roles.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Onto item 12 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Tabling of Documents." I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. *UKalitik*. I am pleased to table the presentation of the *Tasiujatsaak Trust* and the reports of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*.
Nakummek, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The report of the *Tasiujatsaak Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 9-4(2). The report, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 10-4(2). The report of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 11-4(2), and the report of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Trust* will be numbered as tabled document 12-4(2). Again, I'd like to recognize the new Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, *UKalitik*. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments. As the Members should see, the bill should be attached to your binders, and when appropriate under the *Orders of the Day*, I plan to introduce this bill formerly and any motions that are related to them. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Bill 2018-06 will be numbered as tabled document 13-4(2). And there are no more documents to be tabled today. Onto item 13, or Section 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motion." Again I'd like to call upon the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I give notice that on Thursday, September 20th, 2018, I'll move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Hopedale and the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Rachel Saunders, that the Assembly convene in the Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Implementation Trust*, *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Mr. Speaker, I'll be seeking unanimous consent by requesting that the Assembly waive Standing Order 37(1) to deal with this motion today under item 15, "Motions." *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. That concludes the notices of motion for today. Onto item 4 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." When we're in session I'd prefer notes to be passed. Again I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. For clarity again, we're on item 14, "Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills," are we?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Yes.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek. Honourable Speaker, I give notice that on Thursday, September 20th, I will move, seconded by the Honourable Rachel – apologies, by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, the first reading of Bill 2016-08, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I do not believe that there are any more notices of motion for the first reading of bills today. So, with that, we'll move onto item 5 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Motions." Minister Edmunds, I understand that you have a motion for the Assembly to consider?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Yes, I'm seeking unanimous consent to proceed with my motion today so that we can receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Trusts* and so that we can consider those documents into the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Members of the Assembly, Honourable Minister Edmunds is seeking unanimous consent to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? Seeing none, I consider that unanimous consent. Please proceed.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalitik. Mr. Speaker, the motion reads as follows: Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit*

Capital Strategy Trust. And whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled documents in Committee of the Whole with witnesses. Now therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable Rachel Saunders, that the Assembly convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentations from the appropriate representatives of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. Mr. Minister, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Further to the comment that I made yesterday when we received the report from the auditors and we entered into the Committee of the Whole, again this is an opportunity for the Assembly Members to interact with the Members of the *Trusts* to have any questions or concerns around the reports that you have in front of you. Again, we are obligated to table these documents and this is an extra level of attention to give some extra clarity to some of these items. So, you know, feel free to engage with the trustees as the chair will find appropriate when we're in the committee, and I have no further comments, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do any other Members wish to speak to the motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I have no further comments and would like to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Are there any nays? Motion is carried. We're now in Committee of the Whole and I invite our guest, Isabella Pain, and there are other guests to join us in the Assembly chambers. By all means, proceed.

MS. PAIN: Thank you. Rexanne and I are going to go through three presentations with you. The first one we want to do is the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: So just if I may? Just for the purposes of Hansard, can you introduce yourselves?

MS. PAIN: Oh. Isabella Pain, Deputy Minister of the Nunatsiavut Secretariat and a Trustee on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*, the *Labrador Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*.

MS. CRAWFORD: Rexanne Crawford, Comptroller of Nunatsiavut Government and Trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*.

MS. PAIN: So what we're proposing to do is to go through the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, then the *Settlement Trust* and then the *Implementation Trust*, and what we're proposing is that we'll go through all three of these reports before we go to questions simply because the investments that we're going to discuss are similar for all three *Trusts* and we expect that we'll have some similar questions. So if that's okay with you, that's the way we'd like to proceed. So if you go to the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* presentation first, I'm just

going to give you a little bit of background on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. It was created in 2002 and the reason it was created was to receive an invest payments received under the 2002 Impact and *Benefits Agreement* with Voisey's Bay Nickel Company and today Vale. One of the other objectives is to disperse funds to enable Nunatsiavut Government to meet its obligations under the IBA, to assist seven community volunteer centres to meet the community needs, to reduce negative social impacts of the Voisey's Bay Project and to promote social, cultural, educational, language and business initiatives. There are eligible beneficiaries that are set out in the *Tasiujatsaok Trust Deed*. The eligible beneficiaries are Nunatsiavut Government, charitable organizations with specific criteria and/or a community or class of Inuit. We have five trustees on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. The *Tasiujatsaok Trust* requires that we do have some outside trustees, so arm's length trustees as they're known. Those two arm's length trustees are Michael Flatters and Sharon Pevie. There are three beneficiaries who are required to be on that *Trust* and those are myself, Frank Andersen and Tiffany Flowers. We do have an investment policy that we have amended. Basically our investment policy sets out what it is we're going to be investing in and what percentages we're going to be investing in those portfolios. So the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, we have Canadian and foreign equities, 63 percent. Those funds are managed by a number of different firms. Beutel, Goodman does Canadian equities. Hillsdale Investment Management Incorporated, Hexavest and Fiera Capital, they do our global equities

portfolio. We also have fixed income, cash and bonds. I'm not sure if people understand some of these things I'm talking about, so when we get to questions, please feel free to ask about those things if we're not clear. So fixed income cash and bonds, we have 15 percent of those, and that is managed by Fiera Capital. We have also invested in real estate, a real estate fund, and that is 10 percent of our overall portfolio is real estate and that's managed by Manulife Real Estate. We also have infrastructure of 5 percent by Axiom and then we have a private dead fund as well, O'Connor and AMP. In order to manage our funds, part of what we do is we have to manage, we hire fund managers so we don't sit there and saying buy or sell. We actually hire managers to do that for us. So how do we do what we do? We monitor our managers. So we require them to report to us regularly, and the trustees, we review a bunch of items with each of the fund managers on a regular basis. We meet with them each quarter or have a review of the performance every quarter with a view to deciding if the managers that we've hired are behaving in the way that they are advertised to behave and if they're performing adequately. When I say they're behaving as advertised, what I mean is you hire some managers who will do really, really well in good times or in good markets, up markets. You also hire some managers who will do well in down markets, and so we try to diversify. So what we try to do is look at whether or not they're behaving the way that they've told us they would in certain market conditions. So when we review their performance, we're looking to see if they're matching the style that

they've told us they would. The other things we look at is changes in ownership structure, personnel, philosophy of the firm, the investment management process and their investment style. We also look at whether or not they've gained any new mandates or if they've lost mandates. So are people coming to the firm or are people leaving their firm as in terms of clients. We look at the comparison of their assets under management by asset class at the end of the current semester and at the end of the proceeding one. So we're looking at the assets that they're managing. Are there assets that they're managing growing or shrinking? We also look at the main characteristics of the portfolio at the end of the semester in comparison with those of the market index. For example, we look at statistics such as price earnings ratio, dividend yield, earnings growth, and average capitalization for equities, term structure of the portfolio, average term duration, allocation by sector and average quality for bonds. And then we also look at any other events regarding the firm that could be important to us. So had they had their management changed? Are there other things happening in that firm that we should be aware of to make decisions as to whether or not we want to keep them on as managers or if you want to continue to review them. We meet with the fund managers face to face annually. So we receive reports quarterly and we meet with each of the managers face to face once a year, and we go through a detailed performance review investment management style and the organization. If certain events occur, we may do closer monitoring of those particular managers, and

that would mean that we would monitor them on a monthly basis.

Depending on the results of that monthly monitoring, we could terminate a mandate with a particular fund manager. It did occur in 2015 where we terminated one of our global equity fund managers, and at that time investment returns were still positive, but the investment style had changed and our returns that we were receiving through that manager were less than the benchmark that we had agreed to with that manager.

The next page is the financial update for 2017, and I'm just going to go through the numbers here. There's a table for you. So from January 1, 2017 to December 31st, 2017, the value at the beginning, our book value was \$187 million and a bit. The market value was \$226 million. We had contributions or transfers of 30 million, almost 31 million, investment income of 9.9 million. We had a realized gain of 4.6 million, and making our total receipts 45 million. We dispersed 35 million. Our value at the end of the period was \$197,463,561 in terms of book value, and our market value was \$224,922,548. The increase in that fund in the financial year 2017 was an increase in the value of \$47,458,987 net of

distributions. I also have a page here for you which is the year to date update for 2018 ending in June. I won't read through each of the book and market values. You can see what they are, but to date, in 2018 we have an increase in value of about \$50 million. The *Tasiujatsaok Trust* fund does make distributions, and there are, as I alluded to in the beginning, there are certain eligible beneficiaries of this *Trust*. The priorities are established in the *Trust Deed* as to where these dollars go

to. The first priority is to cover off the implementation of the IBA budget. So the first column, any of the resources of this *Trust* is to make sure that NG has the money it needs to implement properly the *Impact and Benefit Agreement*. After that 30 percent of all capital receipts and 10 percent of all net income is to be set aside to a heritage fund. In addition to that, the trustees are further directed to consider the desirability of setting aside up to 50 percent of capital receipts and 25 percent of income each year. So to increase the actual amounts we're setting aside for future generations in a heritage fund. We're also directed every year to allocate \$100,000 to each volunteer centre. There are seven volunteer centres that we have to fund. Those are in the communities of Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Makkovik, Rigolet; one in Goose Bay and one in Northwest River. The funding that we make available is done twice a year, so we have two periods that we actually review applications. The deadlines are September 30th and March 31st each year. It's a proposal basis so people who meet the criteria. Either Nunatsiavut Government, a charity or other community or class of Inuit can apply. There is an application form and we meet to consider that two times a year. We look at the proposals based on the criteria that I talked about earlier. It's also set out specifically in the application process. But to date, just to give you an idea about the funding that's been allocated so far, since 2004 to 2017 allocations of over \$114 million have been allocated to Nunatsiavut Government, or Inuit Community Governments, or other charitable organizations who are doing work within our communities through the

Tasiujatsaok Trust fund. The last page that you have, and I apologize it's a little bit small and hard to read, is just a summary and an overview of the projects that were funded in 2017. I'm not sure if you want me to run through each of them. I will just say that it ranges between a number of individual people who are applying, or Inuit Community Governments apply, Nunatsiavut Government applies. We have funded, you'll notice, an ongoing one is Native Spirit Youth Centre. That has been something that's been funded regularly. You'll notice a line in here Inuit Community Governments. It's not broken down, but it's 481,000. A couple of those are the firewood project for Hopedale. There was a Rigolet Inuit Community Government for training for craft producers, and another one for cultural activities. As well, 200,000 for Postville for their craft shop or art centre, I think. So that was an allocation to the Postville Inuit Community Government. You can see that the NG is a recipient as well of some of the dollars that we allocate. Most of it this year went to the Department of Health, food insecurity, residential school and then Pompey's Head Camp expansion. If you want me to talk about the others, I certainly can, but that's just to give you a quick overview of the proposals that were received and reviewed and approved last year. We will be, as the date is September 30th, we're just receiving applications now for review next month for this round of funding. So that's it on *Tasiujatsaok*. We'll come back to questions once Rexanne and I go back through the other two *Trust* presentations.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So again the format of our presentation is very similar between all three. The *Settlement Trust* was created on March 1st, 2010. And this fund was established to receive the Chapter 19 under the *Land Claim Agreement*. The Chapter 19 dollars spelled out as 140 million in 1997 dollars, which is paid by the federal government, and this is net of the negotiation loan payments. So there are currently two payments remaining, this December 1st and next December 1st. Sorry, Joe, it's the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. Does everyone have that presentation? The objectives of the *Trust* are twofold. One is to maintain, administer and invest the Chapter 19 payments. And the second one is to distribute for the benefit of beneficiaries in accordance with the following principles. These are laid out on the slide. To promote, advance, develop and improve the well-being of eligible beneficiaries. To develop and advance Inuit culture. To provide assistance and means to advance, education of eligible beneficiaries. To provide financial assistance for the delivery of social, health, recreational and housing facilities, services, programs for eligible beneficiaries. And to provide financial assistance for the promotion, advancement and development of financial, business, entrepreneurial and employment skills of eligible beneficiaries. So the eligible beneficiaries, as we discussed previously, currently are listed as the Nunatsiavut Government, another *Inuit Settlement Trust*, and eligible beneficiaries which are defined as beneficiaries of LILCA as evidenced by the inclusion in the register described in the *Land Claim Agreement*. We did speak about at the last time we presented that the Trust Deed is

different than the *Tax Treatment Agreement*. So the Nunatsiavut Government has a *Tax Treatment Agreement* with the Government of Canada and it outlines who the settlement funds can be dispersed to. And we noted that the *Tax Treatment Agreement* was more broad than what was currently in the *Trust Deed*, and under the direction of the Nunatsiavut Assembly the trustees are working on amending the *Trust Deed* and bringing it back to the Assembly for approval to include the following as eligible beneficiaries: The Inuit Community Governments and Inuk and Inuit and any registered charity or non-profit organization within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*, goes on, and a whole bunch of other stuff, that directly and indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. So we are working on that and, once it is complete, we'll bring it back to the Nunatsiavut Assembly for their approval. During the first 11 years of the fund no distributable cash flow is to made to any of the eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government. So as I noted previously, the *Trust* was established in 2010. So year 12 will be year 2021 and, at that point, funds can be dispersed to who the eligible beneficiaries are outside of the Nunatsiavut Government. So, as trustees, we've been putting in time and working on reviewing the provisions in the *Trust Deed* and starting drafting the documentation on the statement of principles. There's calculations and formula in the *Trust Deed* on what will be the distributable cash flow, and also working on what the application process will be for that process. We don't have anything yet to bring to the Assembly for review because it's still an ongoing project

but, as we do, we'll bring it to the Assembly and present to you. The current trustees are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, myself, Daniel Bennett and Tiffany Flowers. And I do have an asterisks by Tiffany's name. At the end of our presentations we have to discuss the composition of the trustees of the *Settlement Trust* and we'll walk through that at the end of our three presentations. So, as Isabella spoke to earlier, our investment policy was amended in 2017 and it's generally composed of equities, fixed income, real estate, Canadian and global, infrastructure and private debt. You will note that there are some fund managers that the *Tasiujatsaok* and the *Implementation Trust* are able to invest in that are not listed on the *Settlement Trust*. And the reason being is that under our *Tax Treatment Agreement*, there are limitations on the different structures or fund managers that we are eligible to invest in. The reason being is the *Settlement Trust*, or the *Tax Treatment Agreement*, outlines that the fund is really to be invested in RRSP eligible investments. And some of these structures are a little different than what's defined under the *Tax Act*. So if we see a "to be determined," the *Implementation Trust* and the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* may have made a selection and we have to look for another fund manager that meets the criteria as outlined in our *Tax Treatment Agreement*. So those are some of the differences in the fund managers. I'm not going to spend a lot of time going through the monitoring as Isabella did that under the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. It outlines on each of the presentations what we look for when we monitor our fund managers. And just to, you know, go back

over at a very high level, we do meet with our fund managers annually face to face and we go through a very extensive presentation by them. We get quarterly reports. We also go through in detail when we meet. We meet at least two to three times a year face to face as trustees, and at that point we go through a very extensive review of each of our fund managers as a group with our investment advisor and look at a whole bunch of different variables in terms of our fund managers. And if a fund manager is not meeting our expectations, or not doing what they were hired to do, we will start monitoring them very closely and make the difficult decision, if we have to, of letting them go and finding a replacement. And, as Isabella mentioned earlier, we did do that in 2015 with a global equity manager, and we followed the exact process that you'll see outlined. You know, and we did meet with them even more frequently than once in a year face to face because they knew that they weren't achieving what we had hired them to do. They were still, you know, positive returns, but just not where our expectation was. Financial update. And this should read 2017 in the title. My apologies. I have broken it down a little different and just to see the difference in the book value and market value for the Canadian equities, foreign equities, Canadian bonds, Canadian real estate and infrastructure. Our total investments in book value is 144,654,000, and 174,520,000 for market value. So we have an increase in market value of almost \$30 million. Book value is the dollar you put into the fund manager. And the market value is, if we were to sell that dollar today, what would we get for it? So

in this case if we took the 144.6 million, liquidated it at December 31st, we would get 174 million. That's in addition to the investment income, the dividends and interest and distributions of income from our fund managers that we get throughout the year. So our investment income earned on top of that was \$7,290,000. We also made our third last payment on our negotiation loan on December 1st of 4,037,000 and an interest payment of \$604,000. So in two years' time when we're fully paid off our negotiation loan, we will have paid \$50 million in principal and \$16 million in interest to the Government of Canada for our negotiation loan. And that's the end of the *Settlement Trust* presentation.

MS. PAIN:

Okay, the last one that we want to talk about right now is the *Implementation Trust*. So the *Implementation Trust* was created on the 7th of May in 2007, and the objectives of this *Trust* are to receive and invest the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement* Chapter 23 payment, so the Implementation Fund. Also to create a capital reserve of 75 percent of the amounts received from Nunatsiavut Government. All of the Chapter 23 payments have already been received from the Government of Canada. So this fund is no longer receiving any funds from Canada. It's what we can earn in terms of our investments for this particular *Trust*. The *Implementation Trust* has only one eligible beneficiary, and that is Nunatsiavut Government, because it is for the implementation of our *Land Claim Agreement*. There are three trustees on this particular *Trust*; myself, Michael Flatters as an arms-length trustee, and Patty Dicker. The

investment policy is the same as the others and you'll see our investments here, so I'm not going to go through it again because we are invested in the same funds. And the monitoring is the same so we don't have to go through that because the monitoring policies are the same. I will just go straight to the financial update here because this is the one thing that's different again. So from January 1, 2017 to December 31st, 2017 our total investments book value was 239,168,000 and our market value was \$284,106,000. There was an increase in value of \$44,938,000. And our investment income that we earned on this particular trust was \$10,778,000. So that is the *Implementation Trust*. Just so you know, a lot of things are similar and, as you note, there's some common trustees between all of them, and we tend to meet together because we're meeting with the same manager. So a lot of this is the same and that's why we're not going through all the details, but we meet at the same time with all of our managers in one meeting. I'm sure you have lots of questions and, if any of this is not clear, and if we haven't explained it well enough because I know we do have some new Assembly Members, and you might not understand some of the terminology and some of the investments, please feel free to ask us, and if you don't want to ask us now you can certainly ask us at any other time. It is a bit complicated and overwhelming when you first hear about the *Trusts*, and so there might be a little bit of a learning curve. So please feel free to ask us any questions either on the investments on what we're investing in or our management process.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We're in Committee of the Whole so you may feel free to direct your questions directly to our witnesses and to our presenters.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you. I don't know if it's a question or a comment. When I'm looking at the investment policy for *Tasiujatsaok* fixed income Government of Canada provincial or corporate. I hope the province you're investing in is not Newfoundland because it could be big trouble.

MS. PAIN: Sorry, no. We are not invested in the province. We have that there just people understand what bonds are. So we could be invested in bonds, and we do have a small portion of bonds but, yeah, we're not in provincial bonds.

MS. WOLFREY: And so I'll get into a serious question now. Yesterday when we were looking at some of these figures, there was something there that was \$27 million less than, I can't remember the full details of it, but so would that create a red flag, Isabella, and would you then meet with your managers, or would you then discuss what possibilities, or something like that?

MS. CRAWFORD: The difference in the amount of investment income received wouldn't necessarily raise the red flag, but what would raise the red flag is if we – every fund manager is monitored against a benchmark. So say the benchmark was 5 percent. One year we might get 10 percent. One year we might get 6 percent, but it's still above that benchmark. When it starts to creep closer to the benchmark and go below that benchmark, that's what would start the triggering of closer monitoring. So we hire our fund managers with certain expectations. You know, for an example,

real estate typically will give you a 6 to 8 percent return every year on your fund. If they weren't giving us that 6 percent and we were monitoring them, we would start monitoring them closer then and we look at a whole bunch of different ratios. Another trigger is a significant change on their management side. So did they lose their CFO? Did they lose their senior person who's doing their investment policies, or looking at the ratios and, if they were hired to be a defensive manager and right now they're operating in the opposite style, those would be the triggers, not necessarily the dollar value we would receive. Some years are fantastic years and we get a lot of income just because the markets are doing well. So global equities might have been up to 35 percent one year. But our expectation on the benchmark might not have been that high. So that's what would start that triggering.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there no further questions for our guests? AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. First of all, I'd like to thank the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* for being a friend to our proposals, I guess, from our community governments. You've come to our assistance when we wrote our proposals and described our needs. My question, I guess, Isabelle, is to you and to Rexanne with regard to the formula for distributing the \$100,000 to each of the communities. What formula do you base it on? Do you base it on just the set amount, or do you consider the needs of the community, or the size of the community? Could you explain that part to me, please?

MS. PAIN:

Yeah, I can talk about that a little bit. So the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* was established in 2002 and the *Trust Deed* was established by the LIA Board

of Directors who were there at the time. During the establishment of that *Trust* the Board felt it was important to be able to put some money back into each of the Inuit communities directly as a result of the Voisey's Bay Project, and the amounts, \$100,000, is to a volunteer centre, is actually set out in that particular *Trust Deed*. The trustees have no flexibility about that. So after the call for the distribution first to pay for our IBA implementation costs, and then the heritage fund, we're required to allocate those dollars to, 100,000 to each of the Inuit communities to a volunteer centre. So, for example, it's in Nain. It is Ulapitsait and so like there's a volunteer centre in each community. The 100,000 is set in our *Trust Deed* and the trustees don't have flexibility with that. There is no way we can say we're accounting for population or need. That \$100,000 is set there and that's what we're expected to do.

MS. WOLFREY:

Is there ever any flexibility in the dates? For the, you know, September 30th is coming on us pretty fast. Here we are. There's a few of us that are brand new. You know, and we've got to get proposals ready amongst another million things that we've got to do, so is there ever any flexibility in that, or is it absolutely September 30th and that's it?

MS. PAIN:

The trustees have taken an approach in the last number of years that September 30th is the absolute deadline, and then March 31st is the absolute deadline because there are two times a year that you can apply. So if you're not ready by September 30th, you will have notice that it's March 31st. Because this *Trust* has been running now since 2002 and those dates have been in place for a number of years, that community

should be aware of those particular dates. We try to advertise that. Part of our reasoning for that is we want to ensure that everybody is treated fairly. So people who have their applications in will be considered at that point. If we receive your application in October, it will be considered during the March deadline. And so there's always another time that we can consider it. We have had a number of people come to us with emergency requests, and we started to feel that it wasn't fair to other people who were looking to apply to address other proposals when they were out of turn because most people are falling in line with those particular time frames and so it's unfair when you look at other people out of that sequence. There are a limited number of dollars to allocate. It's based on certain dollars received in that year. So there is a formula for how much we allocate. We could allocate more out of here, but we like to see what all the proposals are and then make those decisions at each of those funding times.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any further questions for our guests? Chairperson
Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you. Rexanne, I wonder if you could further explain the *Tax Treatment Agreement* because I wasn't quite sure how it worked.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the *Tax Treatment Agreement* was one of the original agreements negotiated with the *Land Claim Agreement* back, I think it was signed in early 2005. It lays out how the Government of Canada and in some parts, the province, will treat us for tax purposes. So whether it relates to personal income taxes, GST and also the Settlement Fund. So it did deal

specifically with Chapter 19 in the *Agreement*. There was an amendment to the *Tax Treatment Agreement* about a year and a half ago which dealt with our Settlement Fund and allowed an increase in what types of entities you could invest in with your settlement dollars. It was going into a limited partnership was the amendment. But that was negotiated back in 2005 and it's between Tripartite.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Final call for questions for our guests?

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you for your presentation there, ladies. Seeing there's a deadline of September the 30th for applications, do you have a time limit on reviewing the applications? Like I'm just thinking of not such a major project the community might have and maybe looking at mid-November to start to do it or work at it or whatever. Do you have a set time to deal with the applications?

MS. PAIN:

We do try to meet in mid to late October every year to review all of the proposals. Part of it is our scheduling revolves around ensuring our fund managers are available to meet at the same time. So we do review of applications and then we also meet with all of our fund managers. It takes a little bit of time for us to compile all of the applications once they're received, ensure that they're actually eligible beneficiaries as set out in the *Trust Deed* and to do the analysis to submit. And so we try to do it mid to late October. We have gone as late as in early November depending on other people's schedules. We already have our meeting scheduled this year and, due to our availability, we're meeting the week

of November 7th. So this year our applications won't be reviewed until that particular week.

MS. PALLISER:

I was wondering if you can clarify the community allocations, \$100,000 for each community and then down here it says, like, for our community, the Rigolet Inuit Community Government were saved 62,000, I think it was here. So what do you mean by community allocations gets 100,000? Is that every year, or where do it go?

MS. PAIN:

So the \$100,000 every year for each community is set out in the *Trust Deed*, and the trustees require that a volunteer centre, that's the terminology used in the *Trust Deed*, be established in each community to accept the funds, and then to administer them on behalf of the community and to make decisions around what would be funded. I'm trying to think of the name of the group in Rigolet and I'm drawing a blank at the moment. Maybe Charlotte....

MS. PALLISER:

Oh, sorry, I know now. It's Avitok Trust Fund?

MS. PAIN:

Yes, yes, exactly. So that is the *Trust Fund*. So they would receive the 100,000. Now the communities and other beneficiaries, as long as you're an eligible beneficiary, you can still apply for extra funding. And so the Rigolet Inuit Community Government does submit applications for various projects throughout the year and they were successful during last fiscal year of receiving some extra dollars as well. And so just because you're receiving the 100,000, doesn't mean a community cannot apply for other dollars. So that's always available as well.

MS. PALLISER: Yes, I'm sorry, I forgot.

MS. PAIN: Yeah, that's fine.

MS. PALLISER: But I – *Trust* Fund.

MS. PAIN: Yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Again I'll canvass the Assembly for the last questions.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you. I know that you had said that you've been directed by the deed that each volunteer committee gets \$100,000. Is there any way to change that? I guess I'm just kind of thinking maybe in the future that with the way the market goes and how prices increase, is there any way to go back and change that amount to — for everybody, not necessarily just for one community volunteer centre.

MS. PAIN: The *Trust Deed* has to be amended by the Assembly, I guess. The *Trust Deed*. There is a process for amending it, but it's not up to the trustees to do that. Our job is to do what's actually set out for us and, you know, there are investment criteria. Those sorts of things are all there, including these allocations. So that would be done through this particular process.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: I hope this is my last question, but I don't see where when Rexanne was showing us yesterday the budgets and the money, Somewhere in there was a \$27 million loss. How come I'm not seeing it in here?

MS. CRAWFORD:

So Charlotte, the way the Consolidated Financial Statements are built, we take the Nunatsiavut Government financial statements, *Settlement Trusts* and the *Implementation Trusts* and in a really simple term we're just adding them together. So when you look at the investment income line on the Nunatsiavut Government's Consolidated Financial Statement, it's composed of investment and interest income from the NG, from the *Implementation Trust* and the *Settlement Trust*. So if you go back to the two presentations on the *Settlement Trust* and the *Implementation Trusts*, it will show you individually what each of those *Trusts* made on income. The financial statements for both those *Trusts* were tabled with the Assembly, and I'm not sure if they're in your binders, but are also available to you to review. So it showed yesterday, 2017, March 31st there was an investment income of, I think, 50 million, and then in 2018 it was 20-something million. So that it's composed of those three entities. And on the last page of the slide for *Settlement and Implementation* you'll see the amounts that are due from each of those individual *Trusts*. Charlotte, I'm probably not being as clear as I could be, but I can sit down afterwards with the papers and show you. It might be even clearer with it, to sit down and look through it. But it's just, I guess, to be clear that the Consolidated Financial Statements are three entities put together. And so you're not going to see that one number on any of the presentations we did today.

MS. WOLFREY:

But that's the overall picture then of the Nunatsiavut Government, what you showed us yesterday. Okay. Okay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll make this the final canvass for questions. Thank you, Isabella and Rexanne. I believe you have a special resolution you wish to deal with.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So, as you noted during the presentation on the *Settlement Trust*, I did have an asterisks put by Tiffany Flowers' name. So when the Assembly passed a special resolution to remove elected officials from the *Settlement Trust* and the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*, provisions were made to ensure that the replacement trustees lived in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. And so when you go through the composition of trustees, three members have to live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area; any three of the five. It's like any, we have to have one female. There has to be the comptroller on the *Settlement Trust*, a certain number of arm's length that are not beneficiaries and a certain number that are beneficiaries. After going back and looking at the amended *Trust Deed*, it was realized that we didn't, and are not needing what the Assembly directed the *Trust*. And the Assembly selects the trustees. We don't have the required number of trustees who live in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. So we are requesting that the Assembly formally remove Tiffany Flowers as a trustee of the *Settlement Trust*. She will continue to be a trustee of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and appoint a replacement for her position on that *Trust*. And we have three names that we're recommending. So I guess if we can deal with the first piece, which is understanding why we're requesting the removal of Tiffany Flowers. She is aware of it. She understands, you know, why we have to

go this route and, like I said, she is remaining as a trustee on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. So are there any questions on the removal?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I can just clarify so just again for the purposes of Hansard and absolute clarity, and in fairness to Ms. Flowers, her removal has nothing to do with performance, or any of those issues. It's purely a demographic situation, as I understand it.

MS. PAIN:

It is purely a demographic situation. The *Trust* is not in compliance with the *Trust Deed* in terms of having the right number of trustees from the settlement area. When the trustees considered this and went to the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, who actually recommends to the Assembly the names for consideration, we did it by trying to keep the trustees we currently have. So we have Daniel Bennett who is on the *Settlement Trust*, who lives outside of the settlement area. He's a very, very good trustee, has lots of expertise. We also have Tiffany who lives outside and she is also a very good contributor in terms of her education and expertise as well. So we wanted to be able to keep both of them and in some capacity. Tiffany is also a member of the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. So we would still have her expertise in when we all meet because we all meet together anyway, and we would also then be able to keep Daniel's expertise as well, and so we're trying to broaden that number and not get rid of anybody, but just to change which *Trust* they're actually on.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So the special resolution will deal with both the removal and the addition of trustees in one motion. So there is a list of candidates that are being recommended for a replacement of the trustee on the *Labrador Inuit*

Land Claims Settlement Trust, and the Nunatsiavut Executive Council is recommending that these three following candidates be considered as a replacement trustee on the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust*. They are Patty Dicker, Frank Andersen and Sarah Leo.

MS. PAIN:

The resolution is in your binder, actually, so it says "Special Resolution of Nunatsiavut Assembly, September 19th, 2018 for the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust*." Just to make sure everybody has that resolution in front of them when you're considering that. In the document that was handed out this morning, we do have a quick bio for Sarah Leo and Patty Dicker. We didn't have one for Frank, but if people don't know any of these individuals, please feel free to ask us about the candidates. We have three candidates for consideration. Two of them are already on *Trusts*, so you'll recall that when we talked about the make-up of the *Implementation Trust*, Patty Dicker is currently a Member on the *Implementation Trust*. Frank Andersen is currently a member on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. Sarah was a trustee when she was President before the Assembly changed the make-up of who could be on the *Trust*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just as a procedural note, the vote will be conducted amongst the three by a secret ballot. You all should have a slip of paper in front of you. The ballots, when we're ready to go with the votes, will be collected by the Clerk of the Assembly who will do the count and announce the results.

MS. CRAWFORD:

So just to reiterate, so the special resolution will remove Tiffany Flowers from the *Trust* and one of these three candidates are being recommended as the replacement. All three of the candidates being

recommended have experience in being on *Trusts*, have experience with fund managers and monitoring fund managers. They understand the investment policies, the investment procedures and have had experience on one of the three *Trusts* that we currently have.

Mr. ASIVAK:

In the attachment we only have, or the one I have, the resume for Patty Dicker, or is there another attachment? Do you know? Thank you.
Sorry, thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD:

Just so we always assume everybody knows who Frank is. Frank's our director of information and technology as he lives in Makkovik. He's been with either the Nunatsiavut Government or Labrador Inuit Association for a number of years. Small break in between both organizations, but I would say he's probably got 20 years with us in some various capacities.

MS. PAIN:

Yeah. We don't have his resume. He's currently on six-month's leave so we weren't able to contact him to get his updated resume.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Again if any Members of the Assembly have questions of these three candidates I'll allow another — by all means, ask, AngajukKâk Dicker, before I call for a vote.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you. I guess procedure, we keep talking about resolution. Do we have to pass a resolution to remove or do we vote first? Which comes goes first?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The resolution will encompass both the removal and the appointment of a new person. So we'll do — the resolution will accomplish both

objectives, AngajukKâk Dicker. But before we can proceed to the resolution, we, of course, have to do this election of the replacement candidate.

MR. DICKER: Okay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any last call for questions? So again before the vote, can you read out the names of the three people and then we'll proceed to the vote.

MS. PAIN: So the three names that are being recommended for consideration by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council are Patty Dicker. She's a current trustee on the *Implementation Trust*. Frank Andersen, who is a current trustee on the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and Sarah Leo.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Clerk of the Assembly will come around and collect the ballots. AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Do you vote?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I do not. Given that our Clerk of the Assembly is only counting 16 ballots, I won't call for a recess. It shouldn't take more than a couple of moments. So if Members of the Assembly will bear with us for just a couple of moments and our guests as well. Note passing is always preferred. I offer congratulations to Sarah Leo.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Minister Edmunds, we can excuse our guests, or they can stay here for the *LICST* presentation as well. The choice is whichever you think is preferable. You can make the resolution in Committee of the Whole if you prefer. I await. Proceed.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. May it therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Section 5.4 of the *Trust Deed* Tiffany Flowers, Trustee, residing in Happy Valley Goose Bay be removed as the trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust Fund*, and further, pursuant to Section 5.3 of the *Trust Deed*, Sarah Leo be elected by the Nunatsiavut Assembly as a trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust Fund*. Effective upon the date of such trustee executing, delivering to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claim Settlement Trust Fund* in acceptance substantially in the form authorized by resolution of this Assembly as set forth in Section 5.3 of the *Trust Deed*. Thus this motion, Mr. Speaker, seconded by Honourable Rachel Saunders.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: All those in favour of the motion signal by raising your hand and saying aye.

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any nays? Motion is carried and, again, my congratulations to Sarah Leo on her appointment. I think it's appropriate to call a lunch break. I want to thank Isabella Pain and Rexanne Crawford for joining us and for your information. We'll reconvene at one o'clock here in the Assembly. Lunch is being served here in the Assembly.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Welcome back. I trust everyone enjoyed their lunch. At this point we're still in Committee of the Whole. We recessed in Committee of the Whole and we'll reconvene in Committee of the Whole. One thing I want to do

before we proceed is correct an omission from this morning. This morning I introduced some candidates to serve on the special committee of *the Assembly of the Nunatsiavut Housing Act* and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. At that point we put forward two names of two Assembly Members; namely, AngajukKâk Glen Sheppard and AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey. The actual resolution calls for a third member in which I neglected to name. That was my omission and my omission entirely. So at this point I want to nominate a third person, a third Member of this Assembly to again serve on the special committee of the Assembly on the *Nunatsiavut Housing Act* and Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. The name I wish to put forward is the Honourable Minister Tony Andersen. Mr. Andersen, are you fine with that?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Yes.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I will ask for unanimous consent agreement from this Assembly to agree to the appointment of AngajukKâk Andersen to the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. All in favour? Are there any nays? Congratulations, Honourable Minister Andersen. You are now a member of that commission. When we left we were about to invite representatives of the *LICST* to join us in the Assembly, and if we could ask them to come in and we will hear from the presentation. Just by way of background for some members of the Assembly who were not with us last year, the *LICST* did endeavour on at least two different occasions to join us in our Assembly proceedings and were prevented from doing so by a combination of weather or scheduling. So I want to send my

appreciation for their perseverance in joining us and welcome to our Assembly Chambers. For the purposes of Hansard, I would ask that all of our invited guests would identify themselves and allow their voice to pick up on the audio system so that we have that recorded for Hansard. Any questions, please refrain from asking them until the end of the presentation. I'll hand it off to Mr. Chris Webb.

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Assembly Members. I'd just like to do a few introductions here. Myself, my name is Chris Webb, President and CEO of the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies . I have Paul

to my right here. He's with Deloitte. You would have seen him yesterday. He presented the Nunatsiavut

Government financial position. He's going to be presenting our Consolidated Financial Statements for *LICST*. If I could get each of you to stand. We have Sarah Leo. She's Vice President of Corporate Development for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. We have Kristy Sheppard who is a Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy trustee. We have Isabella Pain, Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy trustee. We have Janice White who is NGC's executive assistant. We have Keith Harbin is our chief financial officer, and we have Tom Lyall who is our general manager of Nunatsiavut Construction. So any one of them will be available for a question period towards the end. Just to give a little bit of a prelude, and I think the speaker already mentioned that, we attempted to come last year on a number of occasions, but weather and things hindered us getting here and we would have loved to have presented at that time as well. So in front of you we have a couple of annual reports. It's

something that we're very proud of. We started in 2015. So this is our third year doing the annual report, and it's about us being transparent and showing, you know, beneficiaries what we're doing and what our capabilities of. So you'll have copies of those in front of your desk. Clint Davis, who is also a trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and the chair of our *Trust* apologizes. He was not able to make it here for this Assembly sitting and, you know, he was moving family from Toronto to Ottawa and he had a very busy schedule this month. So he sends his apologies for not being able to be here for this particular meeting. Also Natan Obed was supposed to be here as well, but there was some changing with our presentation date so he had some prior commitments and was in Halifax last night presenting to the G7. So scheduling conflict with that there. So he was not able to participate as well. Just to give you a little bit of background, I'm President and CEO of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. I've been in the role since April of 2016. However, I do have eight years under my belt with LIDC/NGC. You know, there's been lots of challenges, lots of, you know, successes along the way, and the things look bright for our group of companies. You know, we've recently introduced two years ago the five-year business strategy. We do our annual operational business plans and budgeting on an annual basis, so things were a little bit challenging in 2016 and, when Paul Janes goes through our financials, you'll see the comparison that's brought up. But we're really going to focus on 2017. You know, we could be here all day long and talk about NGC. We've got a lot on the go. We've got a lot of

business lines and, you know, like I said, things are looking very positive. So I think everyone has the slide presentation in a package on their table. We do have, just to give you, I'm not a trustee, but I'm the President and CEO. We do have a special resolution at the end as well to appoint a new trustee. Jim Igloliorte tendered his resignation with the *Trust* a few months back and now we have a void there that we will need to fill, and I believe there are resumes of two individuals and we can go through that at the end of the presentation, but there are five trustees in the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Two of those trustees are Nunatsiavut Government employees that are at a director level or above. So that's the compliment, and then three other beneficiaries outside of the government realm. So we've introduced you to those trustees. So just moving along, we really want to start from the beginning because I know, you know, there's some new faces around the table for myself and then those new faces might not really understand, you know, our structure and where we were back in 2005 and beyond, and where we are going forward and how we branded ourselves to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. So back in 2005 the *Land Claims Agreement* was signed. You know, that's 13 years ago so, and then in 2006, the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* was formed, and that's where I explained, you know the five trustees which two are required to be Nunatsiavut Government beneficiaries. The *Trust* indenture is all about separating business from politics. You know, we kind of do the business aspect of economic development. So we run businesses. So we have that separation from

business and politics. We try to keep the politics out of it because that's how it was run back when it was Labrador Inuit Development Corporation and LIA, or trustees were Nunatsiavut Government officials. So we really try to separate that business from politics and our mission, as the new Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, is to create wealth in trust for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries by owning profitable, sustainable businesses. We do have a couple of requirements. You know, we are required to report to the Assembly on an annual basis, either in person, I think, or table a report. We would prefer to do it in person because it gives the Assembly Members an opportunity to sit, ask questions and really get to know us from an individual basis. We're pretty proud of what we do and we look forward to, you know, getting contracts with Nunatsiavut Government, Provincial Government contracts and just working and in our own communities and building our communities and hiring local and Inuit employees within our organization. Back when we were the Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, we were all about building capacity. We did build a ton of capacity. We had the quarry. We had Postmill Lumber. We had TSI. We had the fishing interests. So we did build a significant amount of capacity and we had a lot of equipment, but we were set up for a not-for-profit. We did create a lot of employment, however, a lot of our employees moved onto Voisey's Bay when Vale started up the Voisey's Bay mine site. So we did lose a significant amount of employees to Vale, but we carried on. When I first joined LIDC, you know, we had to make some tough decisions. I was kind

of thrown into an acting role early on and the trustees had to make some tough decisions to close the quarry, and that wasn't taken very positively from a lot because it was a big, significant employer in the area at the time. So we re-aligned ourselves. We were set up for a not-for-profit, and then we took those assets and those employees and kind of re-jigged ourselves to set up Nunatsiavut Group of Companies of which we then were a for-profit entity. So we had to build companies. So we took some of those assets, created a construction company. We had the tug and barge asset so we created a marine company and so forth, and some other investments and ownership investments in some other companies, like Air Labrador at the time. So we were all about creating employment and those types of things. Just walking through NGC, and you can turn to the slide 10 that shows our structure as it currently stands. You know, we're a pretty significant player from a business perspective. Overall total employees about 500. You know that counts as seasonal as well in our workforce. Granted we want it to be higher, but we're close to 45 to 48 percent Inuit employment numbers. So that's pretty significant. We've got some very skilled type jobs as well as, you know, some not so skilled type jobs but, you know, we're gradually increasing our numbers and training those individuals to go into higher level skilled positions. So if I just go across the top, you know, you can see the dotted line between the Nunatsiavut Government and to the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Our financial statements are consolidated. So there is that link. It's not a solid line, but we just separate the business and politics. So

that's why there's a dotted line from the Nunatsiavut Government. I mean, at the end of the day I'm all about, and NGC is all about recycling our own money. If we have an opportunity to do work in our communities, we should be doing it provided we're capable, we're qualified, and we can do a job on time and on budget. You know, those monies and those people that we employ in the community then get turned and put into tax dollars into Nunatsiavut Government and, you know, and those monies that we make from building communities and infrastructure in our communities then can turn around and be put into *LICST*, and those funds get allocated into our corporate social responsibility, and we'll touch a little bit more on that a little bit later on throughout the slide show. But you can see a dotted line to Universal Helicopters. This company is 80 percent Inuit-owned by the Nunatsiavut Group; 40 percent by the *Tasiujatsaok Trust* and 40 percent by the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. The other 20 percent is owned by the CAPE Fund, and over a span of 10 years we will look at buying out the CAPE Fund. And this fund came in and it was a Paul Martin Aboriginal Fund that looked at helping Indigenous groups purchase companies by providing expertise and financial awareness and things like that. So, you know, it's 80 percent owned by us collectively and, you know, they're looking at some things and I'll get a little bit into Universal a little bit more in the presentation further. So then you can see Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and all of our partnerships right now in our 100 percent wholly-owned companies. Some of the partnerships that we

have is we have a partnership with Bird Construction Nillik, so we will be changing that name because the pronunciation is a little bit not so nice, so we're going to be changing that name to Timmiak which is kind of in the same lines, but it's water fowl, so it's in line with bird, so our partnership with bird. Air Borealis, our relationship there as a one-third ownership in the airline with Pal Airlines and the Innu Development Limited Partnership. TSI, Torngat Services Inc., they had two major contracts and pieces of work. They did the transmission line for Valard on the Muskrat Falls line project, and they also do, and currently do, and will be QB'ED to do the site services work for Voisey's Bay. So significant employer for Voisey's Bay and beneficiaries from our region. They currently have probably close to a 70 percent Inuit employment rate. So very good to see TSI do that. And that's a relationship that we have. We're 51 percent ownership in that stake. The other 49 is with Atco Structures and Logistic, and they're a big firm based out of Calgary. Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics Corporation. Right now we currently only have one project with that group and that's to run the alert site in the far north. We lost the North Warning System contract about five years ago, or maybe more. It wasn't pleasing for us. You know we see Raytheon from time to time, but we don't see them doing much in our communities, and it was a significant loss to all of our other shareholders in PAL, those being Qikitaaluk Corporation. Inuvialuit Development Corporation. Kitikmeot Corporation, Saku Investments and Makivik Corporation. So we were none too pleased about losing that contract and, you know,

when it comes out for rebid we hope to get it again, so because that was a significant employer as well. We have what we term Fishco. We term Fishco. We never really had a name for Fishco. But that's a company where we put all of our fishing interests. We own half a shrimp licence, so about 1,100 metric tonnes of shrimp. We have the Northern Coalition quota which is another 1,000, 1,100 tonnes of shrimp. We have 70 metric tonnes of turbot. We have Lester Mitchell licence and attached to that is crab quota which we allocate to NG to disperse to beneficiary fisher people, and at that we don't seek any funds to come back to NGC from that specific quota. So, you know, we do contribute to the fishery, and we've been talking to Nunatsiavut Government and Torngat Fish Producers Co-op to look at, you know, pooling our interest together and forming, not a one-fishing entity, but partnering together to see what we can do collectively to really take advantage of the fishery because, you know, if you pool our fishing licences, our shrimp licences and quotas together, it's pretty significant. You know, we don't own any vessels right now. All Torngat's and our shrimp licences and quotas are dedicated to other shrimp vessels. So, you know, is an ownership in a shrimp vessel a future possibility? Absolutely. But, you know, we have to align our agreements with our current partners and, you know, look at a way forward. But right now, you know, our current partners that we have collectively are doing well for us, so the fishing interests and fishing file for us is pretty significant. Some of our 100 percent wholly-owned companies, you know, we Nunatsiavut Marine. That is the contract to

operate the Northern Ranger and the shore-based operations. As you know, and we visited some of the communities, the provincial government came out with an RRFP. That closed and was awarded about two weeks ago. The RRFP was specifically written. It was very specific to vessels already. It was specific enough that the government knew that in June of 2019 a vessel had to be in place. We scanned the market for two to three years looking for a vessel. Our only option, as well as brokers looking for the vessel, other contractors and potential bidders looking for vessels and we have been talking to most of them and nobody could find a vessel, to the point where we asked the government, okay, well, you say there's vessels out there. Tell us, you know, where you found them. But they would not release that information. To behold, it was our only option would have been to bid a new vessel build. And that wasn't an option because there was supposed to be a vessel in place in 2019. So we were walking down that road. We knew we wouldn't qualify if we submitted a bid and Woodward's reached out to us and asked if we wanted to be a part of the marine solution to Nunatsiavut given that we built capacity within Nunatsiavut Marine and had significant investment in equipment in Nunatsiavut Marine. And they advised us that they had a potential vessel solution as nobody else did, and it was clear that they did have the vessel solution because when submissions went in, they were the only bidder. So on a go-forward basis, and I'll talk a little bit about that a little bit later on in the presentation, but Woodward's will do the vessel. Nunatsiavut Marine will do the shore base. So we still have a

piece of the action, granted it's not what we would have liked to have had. We would have liked to have had more and only a vessel has some risk to it, but it also brings some good revenue and income as well.

Nunatsiavut Construction. Tom Lyall, General Manager for Nunatsiavut Construction, are all about building our communities. You'll see our faces around town and our employees and our trucks and, you know, Tom is busy doing work all along the coast, and I'll talk a little bit about that later on as well. Nunatsiavut Solutions Inc., you know, we used to operate the BMO Branch in Nain. This organization is where we used to do the operation of the Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station Project, and as well as some other small, logistical type things that we were doing. Goose Bay Town Centre site, we own a significant amount of land in Goose Bay in the Upper Lake Melville area. You know, it is a land development. We're all about selling land. We want to sell as much as we can. The first phase is Zoned Industrial. We do have a current tenant on there right now, Gears Gains. So there's a gym that opened up just after Christmas of 2018, and there is a wellness centre going up, you know, a \$24 million project going up in the town centre location. So we're hoping that that particular company can generate some excitement and some potential investors, or builders, or grocery stores, or Walmarts, or Canadian Tires, or whatever have you because there is a market for all that in the Upper Lake Melville area. So just going through, that kind of gives you a broad, like I said, I could sit here all day long and talk about NGC and our group of companies but, you know, I know we're under a

schedule, but I want to talk a little bit more about 2017, and we can focus on some of our particular companies and what they're doing, but we'll go through a financial review. We'll go into our companies a little bit more. I'll talk a little about our corporate social responsibility and what we do and what we look forward to doing, you know, in reinvesting in the communities and our people. And then I'll go through and update you on our five-year business strategy, some of the things that, you know, some people and individuals that we've put into place, and we just really market NGC as an employer of choice, you know. I think we're significant. I think we're a great organization to work for and, you know, we're really committed to hiring our beneficiaries and getting them working. So that kind of gives you a sense of NGC and what we want to talk about. So I think right now what I'll do is I'll let Paul James walk you through our 2017 financials. Our comparison will be up from 2016. So when you go through that, you'll be able to see the comparison in numbers. 2016 was a very challenging year for us. You know, it was a time when I just came on board as the President and CEO. So there were some really tough decisions to be made. I know some of them were not so favourable from a political level, however, they were required from a financial perspective. I mean, when we transformed ourselves to Nunatsiavut Group of Companies we were really focused on being profitable. Now we do have a corporate social responsibility piece and, you know, I mean, operating the base camp was very near and dear to our hearts as well, but Paul will go through some of those challenges.

You'll see the challenges. You'll see the swing that we had from 2016 to 2017. So when Paul goes through it, I think it's safe, Mr. Speaker, that he can answer questions regarding the financials if there are any questions at that stage and then we can carry on with the remainder of the presentation.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

No, absolutely. I think if people have questions, it's appropriate to provide responses.

MR. JANES:

Thank you, Chris. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to go through, as Chris mentioned, the Consolidated Financial Statements of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. I did lay a copy of those in front of everyone during the break, so hopefully you have them there in front of you. You'll note lots of similarities in the terms that I use in descriptions and how I go through the statements to yesterday's presentation. So I'll try and keep it as similar as possible. A little bit of a different. I'm going to try and describe as I go some of the business lines and some of the items the revenues and expenses come from so you can relate it back to some of the items that Chris just spoke about and the different types of businesses that the *Trusts* are involved in and own. So I'm going to start on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. Similar to yesterday, this statement outlines the revenues and expenses from the different businesses that the entity has. As I mentioned, these statements are consolidated. So essentially each one of the business is its own incorporated body. So it has its own financial statements. We take them and add them all together to simplify it to get to one financial

statement so that you can see kind of a consolidated picture of all the different operations from a financial statement perspective in one place. And so all of the businesses are here in some shape or fashion, but essentially it's just like adding all of those statements together. So the sales line you can see in 2017 was just under 11 million; was 13 million in 2016. And most of the revenues that you see in here are revenues from Torngat Services Inc., which Chris described that entity earlier. Also marine operations, the next line, fairly stable revenues year over year with the operation of the very contracts that Chris mentioned that were just kind of up for renewal. Aircraft operations. So there's a big decrease in this line item and the reason for that is the aircraft operations line represent the revenues from Air Labrador Limited. Air Labrador Limited, as all of you would know, only operated for six months during the 2017 year, and then the aircraft operations would have been put into Air Borealis Limited Partnership. So what you're seeing, the decrease there is purely just a decrease in an amount of time that they had to earn those revenue. So 2016, you're seeing a full year of activity and in 2017 you're essentially seeing six months of activity, and the other six months would have been put into Air Borealis Limited Partnership. So that's the reason for the change there. The other line item, obviously there's a big change there from a million in the prior year to 4.8 million in the current year. And the other line item is literally just a catchall for a bunch of different types of revenues that the different businesses would have. In the current year there's a big swing there because of the way that the

transaction happened around Air Labrador Limited and the formation of Air Borealis Limited Partnership, there was a gain recorded on the financial statements of NGC related to that, and that's where we've recorded that associated gain. Construction revenues are 2.8 million to 2.3 million in the current year. So fairly stable but a little bit of a decrease in the 2017. Fish harvesting is mostly revenue from Picalou Jack Fisheries and those revenues are slightly increased from the prior year. The partnership income is around 900,000. That's the partnership income share that *LICST* has within Air Borealis Limited Partnership. So there's a difference in how the accounting for Air Labrador Limited versus the partnership, what happened just based on accounting rules. And for Air Labrador Limited you would see all of their operations added into this set of financial statements, whereas with Air Borealis, because you own one-third of that entity through the *Trust*, you account it for just on one line item. And so this is essentially your share of the net income of that partnership for the six months that it would have operated during 2017. So that you'll hear me say the difference here swings in, or a lot of this related to Air Labrador on a lot of the expense line items and that's the reason why you see a lot of those differences. Torngat National Park operations. So that's the revenues coming out of the base camp. The lease finance revenue is from the Capital Strategy Limited Partnership and the infrastructure park around Voisey's Bay. Rental income is just that, rental income from properties that a couple of the different businesses own. This royalty revenue from Northern Coalition, that's

down in the current year just under a million dollars, and the reason for that is it's just really timing with regards to some of the fishing trips that happen and the success of those fishing trips and meant to rebound again in 2018. There's a line there for crushed stone revenue. So that comes out of the construction company. There's some different grants that are attributed to some of the businesses there. Fairly stable year over year of \$365,000 in the 2017 year. There's some different interests in investment income, so interest being generated from amounts owing to other party, or owing from other parties mainly, so that's about 300,000, fairly stable year over year. There are management fee revenues. So that's revenues generated within the businesses for when essentially the executive and management of the businesses are helping manage other businesses that you may not own 100 percent. So there's still a revenue portion that comes back to you from those other businesses. A royalty's line from turbot sales, fairly stable year over year. And then the fuel operations which you see had decreased in revenue. Some of that is timing, as well as that was part of the Air Labrador Limited and Air Borealis Limited Partnership that I spoke about earlier in that transaction. So that gives you a total revenues of just under 35 million in the current year. And that's a 6 million dollar decrease from the prior year, but the majority of that decrease is what I noted around the Air Labrador transaction and the Air Borealis transaction that we spoke about. The expenditures. See it's all captured on one line item here, and then on page 20 of the financial statements breaks down the

various different expenditures that the businesses have. So the total expenses were 30 million, 30.1 million in 2017 compared to 42 million in 2016. And if you turn to page 20, you'll see a significant amount of that decrease is related to the Air Labrador business. So you'll see a lot of the line items that decrease substantially from 2016 to 2017 are clearly related to the running of an airline such as aircraft leases, et cetera, that you can see in the descriptions there. And that accounts for a significant amount of the change from 42 million to 30 in the current year. So I'm not going to kind of go through that full page in detail. If anybody has questions, feel free only to say that a lot of the decreases that you see year over year had to do with the accounting for Air Labrador and the fact that they would operate it a full year in 2016 and only six months in 2017. So that accounts for most of the change and a lot of the other expenditures that the entities would have incurred over the period of '16 to '17 are fairly stable. That gets you to an annual surplus, before some of the other items that are there, of 4.6 million in the current year compared to a loss of almost 2 million in the prior year before that. So then there's some other items that we list here that we list them separately from the expenditures and revenues only because they're not considered really to be normal part of everyday operations. They're one-off items or a collection of one-off items that you're not necessarily going to see every single year so we separate them from the regular operations and the revenues and expenditures up above. So some of those items are amortization which is a charge that you record for the use of your,

like your capital assets. We talked a little bit about that yesterday. There was a gain on disposal of some tangible capital assets in the current year. So there was some assets that were sold and a gain realized on that. There's an impairment of tangible capital assets, so those are related to some property that was recorded in Nunak Land which is one of the entities that NGC owns, and there was a write down on some of the value on those capital assets. There's a further gain on investment which is all tied up with, again sound like a broken record, but it's tied up with the Air Labrador transaction, so it's a separate recording of a gain that we had there. And there's a share of equity loss from other businesses. So that is mainly to do with the share of loss that happened within Universal Helicopters Limited Partnership. Chris explained the ownership structure of that. That entity doesn't get consolidated into these records. It's like a one line on the financial statements only, similar to how we would have described on the NG'S Consolidated Financial Statements where the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* shows up as one line on your statement of operations and your statement of financial position. Universal Helicopters is accounted for the same way in these financial statements. So you see it as just one line item here. And then there's an income tax expense because, as Chris had mentioned, some of the entities are structured as for profits and do pay tax under the *Income Tax Act*. So there is an income tax expense within some of those entities as well. So it gets you to an annual surplus of \$4 million for 2017 compared to a loss of just under 9 million in the prior year. So as Chris mentioned

there was some things that happened within 2016, obviously, that caused a loss, but it's been 2017 has seen a recovery on those items and, in general, and overall within the businesses being able to have a surplus of \$4 million is a great turnaround within the businesses that the *Trust* owns. So at the beginning of the year they had accumulated surplus of 19 million. Some other items there related to the Air Labrador transaction and the way that was accounted for under the accounting rules, and then the *Trust* income allocation. So that's an income allocation as I described yesterday. There's an income allocation that comes out of the *Trust* to the Nunatsiavut Government and that's part of that accounting that you see here. For an overall accumulated surplus in the current year of \$16.6 million, still a healthy financial position from an accumulated surplus perspective. So I'm going to go through the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position which is the next page next. So, as I described yesterday, this is where the assets and the liabilities of the *Trust* would be outlined and detailed. So I'll just go through some of these line items and explain some of those and some of the change year over year. So cash is just that, cash within the businesses at the end of 2017 were \$4.9 million. Receivables. So they're amounts owing from customers of the business. I think we had a question yesterday around what trade receivables were and I compared that to a business. If you own a business, there would be amounts that would be owing from your customers that haven't paid you yet and that's what's reflected here. There's an amount due from the Government of Newfoundland and

Labrador and it's actually an amount that's on deposit for security of a contract, will all come back to the *Trust* once that contract and the obligations under it are all taken care of, and this is at \$2.1 million and the increase year over year is just interest. The net investment and finance lease is the lease that has to do within the Capital Strategy Limited Partnership and the infrastructure park, and that amount will just continue to decrease as that lease is paid off so that that amount will just continue to go down and it relates to some of the finance lease revenue that was on the Statement of Operations. There's a loan receivable there of \$2.5 million, stable year over year, and it's to be paid off in a couple years' time. The investments at equity. So that's the ownership of the businesses that aren't consolidated into these financial statements and it's valued at just under \$19 million dollars, and the change is the change in accounting for Air Borealis Limited Partnership again, so it's the reflection of that ownership here, whereas Air Labrador Limited would be consolidated into these statements so it's accounted for differently, but that's how your value within that business is reflected. And there's a note to the financial statement which actually breaks down the \$18 million with the change year over year. It is the ownership within Air Borealis. There's receivables from related parties, so those are, again, amounts that are owed to you from businesses that you have some type of ownership in. And the tangible capital assets held for resale. So those are some vessels that are actually being held for sale and so they're not actually being used within the businesses anymore so they get a different

classification on this financial statement. Under the liabilities section just a couple of things to note. The bank indebtedness is obviously amounts that are owed under various credit facilities that you would have with the banks, and that amount has gone down year over year, and a lot of that decrease has to do as well actually with the accounting for Air Labrador Limited. Payables and accruals are amounts that are owed to third parties just from doing business so different things that have been purchased or bought from the businesses and there's nothing really driving that decrease except for the, again, the accounting for Air Labrador Limited because their payables would no longer be reflected in these financial statements. So that's a big reason for the decrease. There's a payable to the *Tasiujatsaok Trust*. That amount has gone up because there was additional borrowings from the *Trust* in the current year related to various business dealings that are ongoing within the *Trust* and NGC, but a big chunk also has to do with the investment made within Air Borealis Limited Partnership. The amount due to the Nunatsiavut Government, similar to what I spoke to yesterday, there was an amount receivable from the *Trust* recorded on your Consolidated Financial Statements and that amount is reflected here as a payable to the *Trust* and, as we spoke about yesterday, we're still undergoing discussions with management of the *Trust* and the government to figure out how to deal with that amount in the future. Long-term debt has increased as well. Again that has to do with a couple of different things such as a new mortgage on a couple of buildings in the current year, as

well a loan that helped facilitated the transaction with Air Borealis. So that gets you to a net financial assets position of 10.6 million, and you remember I mentioned yesterday that's kind of key indicator to look at from a financial statement perspective, and as long as that's in an asset position rather than a liability position, you consider that to be a positive thing. In the non-financial assets category there's not a lot of change year over year so I won't go through those, but the tangible capital assets being the biggest number there. As I mentioned yesterday that represents various different assets that you own, whether that be equipment in the construction business or buildings that you own within some of the other businesses that represents those assets, the value of those assets that you do own. So the other statements being the Statement of Net Financial Assets and Statement of Cash Flow, similar to yesterday, I didn't go through those in great detail. It just shows that the change in those items, being the financial assets that you own, as well as the cash flow. So I won't go through those in significant detail. Nor will I delve into the notes in as much detail as I did yesterday. Happy to answer any questions if anybody has any, but it's similar to the financial statements I would have presented to you yesterday for NG. The following pages just kind of add more detail to what I've already talked about, outlays the accounting policies that the *Trust* and the businesses follow, as well as it gives you additional detail on some of the numbers that I've already spoken about. If someone wishes for me to go through

them, I'm happy to, but it does just provide further detail to what I've already spoken about.

MR. WEBB:

Any questions from the floor for our guests? Okay. Hearing no questions for Paul, I'll let Paul relieve himself now. But, you know, as I mentioned, 2016 was a very challenging year. It wasn't an easy year. You know, we had to make some tough decisions. The *Trust* had to make some tough decisions, and we really put our five-year strategy into action. You know we divested of the tugs and barges because they were costing us significant amount of money to have them managed and have them imports and having crews ready to go, if we were to get the work, and then sometimes work was hard to get for our tugs and barges because they were really niche type of market. They're smaller pieces of equipment and gear, and it was tough to get some work for them. So we've divested of that particular company, NGC, Nunatsiavut Marine, not Nunatsiavut Marine. And then we did the Air Labrador merger into Air Borealis. So that was a significant piece. You know, the two airlines were fighting drastically for contract work and things like that. So something had to be done from that perspective because they were both losing and, you know, I know we'll have some questions at the end probably surrounding Air Borealis and I walked in, I think, when there was a question tabled for the First Minister. So I think I might have an answer to that question a little bit later on. And we also, you know, Universal had some tough years. Really focused on the Newfoundland and Labrador market. We're heavily, at the time, waited for a resource

sector, you know, and Voisey's Bay was really the only one operating in our territory and coming up to its end with the Ovoid until they sanctioned underground. So that was a very positive news story for us. So it made us really focus and drive our attention to where we need to be and what we need to do looking forward. So moving onto Nunatsiavut Construction, I kind of gave you a little bit of a background history on NCI and the general manager responsible for that and, you know, we're proud to say that, you know, our workforce is about 66 percent Inuit. You know, we're very proud of that. And, you know, in our communities, you know, we have our challenges with our competitors and our competitors, you know, they have fly-ins and fly-outs as well and, you know, we have to be very competitive and we are competitive. We don't ask for hand-outs. We bid on projects like anyone else, and we understand, you now, our people working for our companies and them wanting to work an eight-hour day whereas our competitors can come in and work a 12, 14-hour day. You know, the training, the additional training that's required for getting our people up to speed as well. But we're very proud of that, and NCI has booked more than \$6 million worth of work for 2018, so that's pretty significant. And they, you know, won a tender through Nunatsiavut Government for the renovation of 46 homes and I think we're doing a good job, right, Tom? You know, we're proud of this company and we're going to grow it. You know, as we build capacity. Right now we know what we're capable of and what we're capable of doing, and some of the big multiplexes and things like that, we're just not

capable of. So we probably likely won't bid on those types of work unless we partner with our partner, Bird, as we did on the Illusuk Cultural Centre, and we had a small piece on that, but nonetheless, we did generate some revenue from that. So, you know, Nunatsiavut Construction's going to be around. You'll see us in all our communities on a go-forward basis and, like I said earlier, I mean, it's about putting our people to work and building our communities, and those tax dollars that we're paying to those people that live in those communities go back into Nunatsiavut Government. So we're proud to do that. Moving along, Universal Helicopters. You know I already touched base on them. You know, they were really in a saturated market in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. That's generally where they operated from. You've got some tough competitors in our area, or in that territory as well with Canadian Helicopters, Newfoundland Helicopters and a few other mom and pop-type outfits. So recently, and you've probably seen in the media, Universal Helicopters has purchased a company in British Columbia called Lakelse. So it's an additional helicopter fleet of about 13. So we are looking at, and the strategy that that board has given Universal is to go coast to coast. They did make an investment also in a company called South Coast Helicopters that's in California, and they're going to be doing some work. They purchased 49 percent investment in that company, and those acquisitions and investments have already panned out a positive revenue and we're hopeful that they can really turn around. You know, you hate to take advantage of disasters and things

like that, but they had already had a significant amount of flying time and revenue generated from the forest fires and BC and in the California area. So, you know, it's about expanding Universal outside of its traditional Newfoundland and Labrador territory. So while we're still really focused on our territory and Labrador and taking advantage. The resource sector is starting to bounce back. They did get a number of pieces of work from some junior mining development prospecting companies. So things look like they're picking up. Nunatsiavut Marine. You know, they've been continually doing their thing, you know, transporting freight and passengers in the tune of 12,000 tonnes of freight, 6,090 passengers, and 30 percent of our work force in Nunatsiavut Marine are beneficiaries of the Land Claim. So, you know, again there's somewhat technical skilled trades, you know, chief engineers, captains. We'd love to have those people, you know, sailing our ships and things like that, but we just don't have any out there. Nunatsiavut Marine did have a 99 percent on time performance, so that's pretty significant as well. This year, you know, the government said that the Ranger was up. You know, the Ranger's a decent vessel. Yeah, you need a new vessel, but, you know, she's probably good for another five years. We've done a significant amount of maintenance on it and kept the schedules up and running, and we did have one issue this year where she was running on one engine and I think it was just due to some condensation with some electrical stuff and that got fixed within a couple of days and she was right back on schedule again. Air Borealis. You

know, they began their operations in June of 2017. So, like Paul said, there was a six months, so we're coming up on a full year for 2018. I know we still have some challenges with Air Borealis and, you know, the whole communication piece surrounding that. And, as a Board Member, from an NGC perspective, you know, we're always on Air Borealis to do the right thing. To get to the communities. I know they haven't yet, but we pound them every time we get to the communities so that they can do their consult sessions. They weren't able to get to the community visits that we attended last year and, nor did we really want them because we want them there as their own entity. We just felt that they would take over the entire meeting, and the purpose of our community visits is to get out and for people. I mean, we've got a lot of companies under our umbrella. So we want people to come out, you know, ask questions, offer suggestions for improvements, you know, let us know what we're doing right or, you know, if we're doing something wrong, or if we can improve something, we're all ears. My phone lines are always open and, as well as my office door. So, if anyone's around, they can stop in any time. But just a few stats from a six-month perspective in 2017, you know, they carried 14,100 passengers; 1.4 million pounds of freight, and they had 394 Medivac hours. So that's pretty significant. You know, I know people think it's monopoly. You know, there's only one airline. There's no competition. But, as Board Members, we're going to do our best to try to keep the rates down, and I know they're already significant, but we're always strive to do what's right. Torngat Services. Like I

mentioned earlier, two-thirds of their employees are Indigenous, more or less Inuit. I think we have one Innu representative in that Indigenous category, but they're doing a lot of training on site. Their workforce is going to increase given the mine expansion to underground. So they're already looking at some very positives there and they're going to be looking at bidding on other packages of work for Vale as well. So good things to come from TSI and, you know, happy to say that the new general manager for TSI is an Inuit beneficiary as well. Wyman Jacque is leading TSI right now, so positive transition there as well. I already touched on, you know, the Goose Bay Town Centre and went through that and, you know, we really hope that, you know, with the wellness centre going there, it might gain some additional traction and positivity around, you know, someone acquiring land around the town centre location. So we're going to be looking at lining ourselves with a prominent real estate agent in the area so that they can kind of help us promote and the town centre location. You know, the real estate agents in the area know who's coming and going and potential opportunities that might be arising. As I mentioned, Nillik going to be changing the name to Timmiak. You know, we helped Bird with the Illusuak Cultural Centre. I hope that's still on time to open up in December for a grand opening, hoping, on time. So, you know, I'll be glad to get up for that grand opening. We did donate a significant carving from our collection to put on display and as our gift to the opening of the Cultural Centre. So we'll send that piece up so that it's ready for that display. Nuluak

Fisheries. That's the new name. Deep Water. So we were trying to find a name for that because for a long time we did have a name for Fischo. We always called it Fishco. But it's a huge contributor to our financial position and, like I mentioned earlier, no, we were talking to NG and we're talking to Torngat Fish Producers Co-op to look at ways where we can create efficiencies and do bigger and better things with all of our fishing assets combined. A little company that no one probably really hears of and, you know, this is all going forward and with us divesting of our tug and barge assets, we partnered with McKeil Marine. They're a significant player much like Atlantic Towing in the marine tug and barge supply, and we partnered with them and Integrated Logistics to form integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics. So with our shore-based operations for the marine contracts, any international ships or any off loading and on loading of freight vessels into Upper Lake Melville, or on the coast, is done through our Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics, and there's a significant contribution to NGC's financial position from this company, and this particular company already was awarded work for Voisey's Bay mine site. They delivered four barge loads of material and we're looking at bidding on other projects when other equipment needs to get into Voisey's Bay. So they did a lot of Muskrat Falls stevedoring with equipment coming through Goose Bay and Cartwright. Our corporate social responsibility, to touch on that, NGC is more than just about making money, and I know we're set up for profit, but we're a big player in our communities as well. We do a lot of stuff from a corporate social

responsibility, sponsorships and donations perspective. We really have a social mandate, and we want to see our communities thrive, and we want to see the people in our communities thrive. So we do have a significant spend there. From a community perspective, we probably exceeded more than \$250,000 in sponsorships and donations last year. You know, we had the wood project for the last six, seven years and that was getting wood from the Muskrat Falls Project and then shipped up and in containers to Nain and Hopedale. We do all the sporting things. We do cultural things. You know, we had the Nain Choir. We sent out the Nain Choir to perform in, I believe it was, St. John's last year and things like that. So these are all things that are near and dear to our heart and we want to continue to do that and we're going to continue to do that. You know, Paul alluded earlier, you know, and you see it first hand, of our transition from 2016 to 2017. We do have a significant and a healthy cash flow right now. So, you know, we're a driving force now. So with some of the companies that I'll get into a little bit later on that we're taking advantage of with Voisey's Bay, it's going to create some very good net income as well. You know, we have from a corporate, social responsibility perspective, we have really six pillars, you know. Our community, our environment, our health and safety and supporting employment, reflecting our Inuit culture, acting ethically and with transparency. And really all, I've already talked about a lot of that but, you know, acting ethically and with transparency is very good for us. You can see it from the annual reports that you have in front of you. I'm just

being told to slow down, so I know I'm probably talking really fast. But we're all about transparency. We've created newsletters that we disperse three times a year. It kind of gives beneficiaries an indication of some of the things we're doing. If nothing else, it shows some of the opportunities that they may have from an employment perspective. We also do the annual report which we're going to commit to doing on a go forward basis. It lists our companies. It shows our financial position and again another form of media that allows people to see what we're doing and what we're all about. And, as well, we were committed to visiting each and every one of our communities, getting in the public, letting people know who we are, what we're all about, and giving them the chance to come out and say hi, express any concerns or opportunities for improvements. So moving on into our five-year strategy plan, just a few key things from that. You know, we have a commitment to higher beneficiaries, and not just beneficiaries that are on lower paying jobs. Beneficiaries that are executives, leaders that are running some of our business lines, and we were pleased to have and hire, you know, Sarah Leo, former President of Nunatsiavut Government and AngajukKâk of Nain, and we're very glad to have her and she's been a tremendous asset to us, as well as Tom Lyall, beneficiary, again running our construction entity. Wyman Jacque from Torngat Services, running TSI now. So that just shows a few. We could put a lot more on here and I can talk a lot more about them, but significant players run in our companies and that's what we want. Again, you know, we want to be seen as an employer of

choice. You see, you know, Amos Fox there from Makkovik. Amos is a steward on the Northern Ranger. We'll have to look at, you know, restructuring him to somewhere else now because the Ranger will be out of commission come the end of March of 2019. And you can see, you know, all of our workers doing foundation work, construction work, building their neighbours' homes, their friends' homes, just, you know, building our community, so we want to continue to do that. Some of our major partners and, you know, people we want to work with more is our provincial government, you know, our federal government and as well as our Nunatsiavut Government. So contracts that we get, you know, from those are greatly appreciated and, like I said earlier, we want to be hiring our own. The tax dollars go back in. It's about recycling. I'm a true believer of recycling our own money. If we have money that can be recycled around, it just stays within Nunatsiavut. So I know I'm kind of going on kind of long, but I'm trying to go as fast as I can and try to touch on everything, but being cognizant of, you know, the interpreters wanting me to slow down. But just to give you a snapshot of some of our new companies that we have established to really take advantage of Voisey's Bay, you can see some of our partners there. You have MacLean Engineering which will supply some of, you know, a lot of equipment to the Underground Project. They retrofit and design their own gear. We partnered with Advance Combustion Inc., ACI-Canefco, now Howden, on the whole ventilation piece of underground mining and transferring the heat and the cooling and the clean air and fresh air for underground. We

also partnered with Toromont Cat from an equipment perspective and a diesel generation perspective because the mine site is going to have significant power increased capacity in the tune of potentially seven more diesel generators. Clearly it's not what we want. I mean, there's got to be an area and an opportunity for renewable energy there, and Vale did come out with a scope of work just to get some potential interests from companies, and we have been talking to a couple of renewable energy companies and we will continue to do that to see if there's a potential offset that we can help with the diesel generation and consumption at the mine site. I already touched on Integrated Logistics and we've created a partnership there with Integrated Logistics Nunatsiavut Marine and McKeil Marine. Kiewit. We partnered with them as well from a mechanical and electrical perspective. Innu Inuit Redpath. This company is there. They're going to be the underground mine developer so they're going to be doing, you know, the first blast is October. They're going to start boring the holes, and they're going to be doing the underground mine development. And then our partner with Bird Construction, you know, with Timmiak. And three of these companies have already contracts in hand of over 10 million each. So our partner's on the Voisey's Bay mine site look at will do good things. And each of those companies that we have established, a lot of them are partnerships with the Innu Development Limited Partnership, and that gives them the QV status with Vale to – it's basically a sole sourced contract. However, it's still competitive because if Vale doesn't like the

numbers, you still have to be qualified and competitive and, if Vale doesn't like the numbers, it becomes an open-book negotiation. So it's worked in the past and, you know, we'll continue to make it work, but with all these agreements that we have set out, employment is a big thing. We want to get people trained and working with these particular companies and they are doing what they can, and we've been talking to Nunatsiavut Government as well and how we can get training up front with some of these companies. And there's going to be significant opportunities, and within each of these companies we have asked for an Innu and an Inuit representative to really get to the communities and talk to people about the opportunities that are coming from these companies and these organizations. I mean, some of it is going to be very skilled, but some, not so much. So but if we can get, you know, people trained, I think we can get a lot of people to work. I already talked about our openness and transparency in visiting the communities and doing all the communication pieces, you know, and our commitment to the Inuit culture and the values. You know, we're a big proponent of that and we want to enhance our communities any way we can. Okay, like I said, I already talked about this slide and already in the works. But I think I really touched on the majority of the other slides in the presentation, so I think I'm ready for on page slide number 43 with the Torngat Base Camp and Research Station, Air Borealis ran it this past season. We weren't in a position to run it. And they came in at the last minute and ran base camp. I think it was very successful for them but, I mean, it was an

anomaly for that particular. You know, we had put in a lot of infrastructure and a lot of investment went into it, and it wasn't a really true reflection of costs for them as it would have if they were operating it. But, anyway, we know that the NG has the RFP out right now. It closes, I believe, October 2nd for a five-year commitment from 2019 to 2023. So we'll be looking at that RFP very closely. Yeah, so, you know, I think that walks me through somewhat of a presentation and give you an understanding of what NGC is, what our capabilities are, our partners, what we want to do, what we're looking at for the future. So I just want to say thank you, *Nakummek*, for, you know, having us here and presenting to you and I'll open the floor, I guess, to questions, if anyone has any.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just a reminder, we are in Committee of the Whole so you, if you have any questions for our guests you may address them directly without coming through the speaker. Questions.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Yes, in your operations, do you have any positions for apprentices, or do you just hire labourers and then train them on, or do you hire specifically apprentices and then train them?

MR. WEBB:

Yeah, no, we do have positions for apprentices from anything from engineering to apprentices within the construction entity, from a carpenter's perspective. We do have a number of red seal carpenters and things under that can take those apprentices under their wing and get them the hours, as well as on the marine side as well from an

engineering, chief engineer down to an apprenticeship and engineers as well. Yes, that's correct, yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks, Chris and Paul for the very detailed report, a lot to take in. However, I was the one this morning had the question about regarding Air Borealis and mail freight service. We've went a full week, seven days without even receiving first class mail, from a Friday to a Friday. Is there an explanation for that, sir?

MR. WEBB: Thank you, Ordinary Member Sheppard. I think what happened there, and this is no excuse because it isn't acceptable, but there were a number of factors that came into play there. The warehouse manager was off sick that day and the cargo supervisor was away from the office. Monday was a holiday and there were a number of – freight just didn't get on because of those two things, or a few things and, you know, like I said, that's not acceptable. It should have had a priority. As Board Members of Air Borealis, myself and Isabella, we were receiving freight reports on a daily basis of what was getting of what was getting moved and things had seemed to really get back on track and freight moving in a very timely manner and, unfortunately, with this particular incident, this was a one-off, right, from what the question was, this had. Yeah, so the best I can say is that right now that we were – they had a couple people away from the warehouse. Monday was a holiday. Freight was supposed to get on and it didn't and it only got on on Friday. So....

MS. PAIN:

Can I just add to one thing to this answer? What we have done since Air Borealis board was formed, Chris and I have been asking people when you have a situation to let us know so that we can follow up in a timely manner. So don't wait to come here if you're going two, three, four days or five days with no mail, or some other issue. Please let us know so that we can follow-up. Chris referred to the fact that we were getting the daily reports on mail moving. It happened because we had one of our communities experiencing a similar situation. We asked them to start to report to us every day on what was happening. We started ensuring that we were getting the reports, therefore, things were moving and so, if you're experiencing this, please let us know so that we can get on top of it right away to ensure that it is fixed.

Mr. ASIVAK:

Thanks, Chris, for the detailed overview. It's very good for us new members who really don't know about the group of companies. Like, I've heard of it, but I didn't know what it was all about and the trustees and such. It was a very good eye opener, and it's good to see so many beneficiaries working. What is your plan to have more beneficiaries working? Is there a strategic plan for training, or for more beneficiaries within the different communities? How will you achieve increase in beneficiaries? Thank you.

MR. WEBB:

Well, right now we just, you know, with us doing a lot of our transparency work in getting into the communities, I mean, anyone, there are a lot of people working right now. Our strategy is, is to get those, you know, take as many resumes as we can because we do have

these companies lined up right now where they can get potentially trained in some of those skilled workforce. Not everyone is capable to be an underground miner. And we know that and there, the companies and our partners know that because, you know, you don't really know until you experience it and then that claustrophobia might set in and you might not be able to do that type of work, but the next time we visit the communities, I think it will be a more of a tradeshow come in, submit your resume, and have them drop the resume off and just let them know what our capabilities are. And we had visited the schools this past year as well and, you know, we had excellent turn-out. We had kids from Grade 8 up to Grade 12, and I was truly amazed by how engaged they were. And they understood, you know, some of our business lines already because some of them touched the communities, some on a daily basis, some on a weekly basis, but they understood, you know, the logistics and moving freight and moving them and all that sort of stuff. And it was a pleasant surprise to get so many questions from those types of students, but I think one thing also we need to do is work closely with the government and work with PSSSP and Pathways and identify people that are going through specific programs and college, or university, or apprenticeship programs and identify those people and say, you know what? If you need a placement or a job posting for the summer or, you know, a potential opportunity when you're done your schooling, you know, come talk to us. So that's always been part of our strategy. And you know what? If we train someone, and we've had this happen where

we've trained people and they've moved onto bigger things, it's still a success for us because we were able to train a beneficiary, and they moved onto something and bigger, better, right? So we're happy. We'd like for people to stay with us but, you know, sometimes that's not always the case and they move onto bigger and better things and, given the opportunity for more income, and we're still happy about that.

MS. WOLFREY:

I'm going to see if I can find a way to be politically correct and phrase my questions, I guess. It's hard for people to separate that NGC is separate from Nunatsiavut Government, and I'm saying this because, you know, we're not – in our communities people aren't satisfied with the Nunatsiavut, with, Nunatsiavut Marine, with the new announcement of the ferry. Yet we hear on the radio that you're a partner in that, and people are blaming that on Nunatsiavut Government. And I can give you another example. When there was protesting about Muskrat Falls, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies' helicopter was flying people in and out. You know what I mean? And here we had to, and so that they were blaming that, they were saying that Nunatsiavut Government is supporting Nalcor instead of saying that, instead of us thinking about our company is out to make money and to do business, but still there's something don't smell right when people see that, and I'm wondering how we can, I guess, try to not get in that. I don't know about not getting in that situation in the first place, but try to explain it to people. I mean, people are just sitting there saying those things and no one's explaining it and, you know, it doesn't look good.

MR. WEBB:

We can try to do a better job of communicating that stuff. The specific example that you use with Universal Helicopters, you know, they have a separate board from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. They have six board members. We have, or *LICST* has one representative.

Tasiujatsaok Trust has one representative, and then there are four independents and we, as the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, tried to advise them not to fly during that time because of the optics that we're seen and, as you stated, here is NGC, Universal Helicopters flying into Muskrat Falls, but the Board had meetings about it, and at – of their best interest because they had contracts with Nalcor, and if they, they were advised that if they don't fly there would be significant impacts to the contracts that they would get in the future. So, you know, it would have been, I guess, good to somehow communicate that piece, but it's kind of between a rock and a hard place, but that's the situation that Universal was in at the time. And getting back to the RFP with the marine service, yeah, we're part of it. Would we have liked to have been the bigger part? Absolutely. However, the RFP was written in such a way that only one bidder bid on it, and that's all that could bid on it because everyone else's option was to build a new vessel which would have delayed the service from a new vessel perspective, two and a half years, because if you build a new vessel that's specific built for Nunatsiavut and the north coast, it would have taken us two and a half years. We went through the whole process and looking at getting financing in place and had, you know, various ship builders give us quotes for ships that would

be able to serve us on the north coast. And then to get the RFP that you had to have a ship in place by June of 2019 was an unfortunate for us. And, you know, we met with Minister Mitchell and talked to the government and the John Bakers and, I mean, you guys know, or some of you know, those meetings never ever took place that they said they had, and there was no consultation done to the Nunatsiavut Government. I mean, we were in a little bit of a rock and a hard place as well because here they had me sitting at the front table and I'm on your side, you know, if, you know the whole – there wasn't a real announcement of the impacts of eliminating Lewisporte and all those things that are in the new RFP. But, you know, and that's I think we were invited in as a, you know what I mean.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, it just don't look good, especially when not everybody understands that it's two separate things. Not everybody understands that and that's what don't look good then because I was even – even though I understand that, I still didn't like it that, you know, here we were sitting at the table, I mean, and had something worked out, a partnership or whatever, and we were all going to oppose what was going to be happening, and part of us is a part of a partner. So, anyway, you get my, you get what I'm saying. Thank you.

MR. WEBB:

And there will be a clear line drawn in the sand with any vessel issues will be Labrador Marine and the Woodward Group, and we will still do the shore-based operations. Go ahead, Chairperson.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you. I've heard rumours and I'm not exactly sure if it's true so, about when people work on shrimp vessels that they're saying now it's more difficult because they have to pay their way to and from the ship. It is an extra expense that's taking away from their salary or which, say, somebody working in Nova Scotia or Newfoundland wouldn't have because they could just drive. Is that a correct thing? That's things I've been hearing, but I'm not exactly sure if it's correct.

MR. WEBB:

From our partner, the Picalou Jack side, that is not the case. I don't know if that's coming from Torngat Fish Producers Co-op's partner. They use Mercy Seafood. We use Oceans Prawns. But, as far as I know, and I will double check to make sure that crew members do, and I'm almost positive that they get paid their travel to get to and from the ship. And we've recently, we've got somewhat of an aging workforce on the ship right now, so I've asked and I'll be putting out there a call. It'll just be a call for potential crew members at the moment because fishing is really good right now and crew members turnover is not happening. People that are on the vessel, they're getting significant wages for three to four weeks at sea, and nobody wants to leave those jobs right now, but they're starting to age and we've been having strategy sessions within that group and talking about building a database of potential people and what exactly they need from a training perspective to be able to go on the ship because sometimes it's on a very quick notice. They might get called three weeks because someone is ill or sick, or a family member is sick or ill and then, you know, they might get called so we're going to be

doing a database in the coming little while. So, but as far as I know, I don't, I think our members get their travel paid.

MR. SHEPPARD:

I have a question around your community donations. Thank you very much for getting back to the communities. Is there an application process or criteria for, you know, community organizations or groups, how to go about it because I know in all our communities there's many looking for support and sometimes the doors are closed, even within our own because we have tight budget constraints and such. Can you just give us some more information around your community donations? Thanks.

MR. WEBB:

Yeah. I mean, at the end of the day we accept, you know, just a regular sponsorship and donation letter, but we do encourage people when they are submitting those letters. On our website there's a sponsorship and donation tab, and on there, there will be an application form. And then there's a committee that's established that will go through the applications pretty much on a monthly basis or as a, you know, something comes in a little bit late and it needs some action relatively quickly then we can action it relatively quickly, but there is a sponsorship and donations form on our website that people can fill out and send in and they can attach, you know, their salmon festival, trout festival stuff and community related-type activities too it, yeah. So we encourage people to fill out that form, but a lot of the times people just send in the regular sponsorships and donation forms as well. Sarah just mentioned

our contact information's in the annual report and, you know, our website's www.ngc-ng.ca.

MS. SAUNDERS:

Going back to the community you have been bringing in wood to communities of Nain and Hopedale for the last few years and is that something that you're going to be doing again this year?

MR. WEBB:

You know, this was a project that we would have loved to continue to go on and on and on because we know, you know, the need for wood in Nain and Hopedale. However, right up until last week we were trying to secure wood through, you know, who we've been using in the past because we've done it for the last six years sending, you know, 150 chord of wood and dispersed, you know, between Hopedale and Nain.

However, the Muskrat Falls wood is starting to get rotten. There's a lot of sand in some of it, and now it's just taking too long of a distance for people to go to get, and then the tractor trailer with the claw that we have, he indicated that the road was just too treacherous and he was jeopardizing his equipment to get that wood. I know that we do have money allocated on an annual basis for certain things, and we actually have a trust meeting tomorrow in Nain, and we're going to be looking at some alternatives. You know, we know food security is a big thing in Nunatsiavut. So maybe there's a way that we can make a contribution to, you know, the food banks in Nunatsiavut with the monies that we would have used for the wood towards that. So, you know, and I understand that there's a formula out there because some of the community sizes are larger than others and, you know, we'll look to the Nunatsiavut

Government to share that formula with us so that we can make the right contribution to the communities. So, unfortunately, unless I get a call next week, or and says, oh, I found another location or I'm able to get it, I think this, I would have loved to had an announcement out earlier, but we were still waiting on if this individual could have pulled it off for us.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you for that question, Rachel, and I'd like to take this time to thank NGC for the contributions of the past. It's good to know this information so now, as a community government or, as a community leader, I can now put proposals forward to try and find some funding now to obtain wood for next year. So that gives me this winter to do that knowing that, you know, you were and always have been, I guess, a profit-oriented company now, and I like the direction that you're going on with the presentation you made. So I just want to thank you for the past six years of delivering that gift to our community, and we made sure each time that we delivered wood that NGC was the principal lone lender. We just delivered it on your behalf. So thank you.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, for those kind words.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you. Just few questions, I guess. Regarding the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, they're going to be responsible for the shore-based operations in the communities next year. You just mentioned that earlier. Your shore-based operations. Your employers or your employees, sorry, are they still – they'll be secure as they are now, I

guess, I'm assuming? There won't be no competition for those jobs next summer?

MR. WEBB: That is correct. You know, our existing staff on the shore based, you know, they'll still have their jobs, yeah.

MR. SHEPPARD: Okay. And now for the shore-based operations, is NGC going to be responsible for the upkeep or the maintenance of the thing, or is the province still going to be responsible for that?

MR. WEBB: It's still Province of Newfoundland and Labrador infrastructure and assets. We are going to be making significant pitches to them to add additional infrastructure to the communities and to the courts. Granted we know, you know, the size and the condition of some of the port areas but, you know, I've been in their ear now for the last little while, and I think the least they can do is start putting some cooler and freezer and infrastructure space at the port. So, I mean, we're in this now for the next 15 years so they're going to have to step up and put something there and, you know, we hope we can make a pitch to them that they can, they'll do that. They did indicate to me that there was some dollars allocated already for it, so I told them that we have a construction company that can start building it, so as soon as they make some announcements for that, we'll let you know.

MR. SHEPPARD: Yeah, just one final thing is to add to that, I guess, we have major concerns for safety, yeah, because everything is going to be coming off the same vessel now, freight and passengers, and I can only speak for

Makkovik. I haven't been in the other community so much in the nighttime, but there's absolutely no lighting. We have one light over the garage door at the dock in Makkovik and that's it. In the Laydown area and it's very w, especially this time of the year now when it gets darker earlier. And I think that's a major safety concern, especially with the kids and people on ATV's and vehicles, and in the fall, snowmobiles. Everything's on the go at the same time.

MR. WEBB:

Yes. We've experienced that too. Last year we had our trust meeting in Rigolet and we arrived, I think, around 10:30 at night or ten o'clock at night or something and, you know all these passengers and community people coming to pick people up and just meeting people at the boat, you know, you've got the forklift driving around. There is no lights. I had my iPhone out, but we do have into the province some shore-based lighting concerns brought into them. And I think they did do some of the lighting in a couple of the communities, but we'll make sure. It's tough trying to gate off areas because, you know, you've got so many kids and people coming and going, but I think that's something that we'll need to do from a safety perspective.

MS. WOLFREY:

I guess I can talk to you later, but Rigolet has a real issue too with space down around the dock. You know, it's way, way – people can't even drive out to get their luggage and stuff like that anymore. It's all blocked off, but there's no space anyway. Yeah, and I'll talk to you. I'll talk to you about some other stuff.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Okay. I'll jump in before Charlotte does again. Hi, Chris. I know they started the ground breaking for the Labrador Wellness Centre in the Town Centre and with that they discovered a whole lot of empty 45-gallon drums. Can you update, if that's been entirely cleaned up yet, or if it's you guys are still working on it.

MR. WEBB: Yeah, I think Tom could answer this question a lot better, but I'll do my best. Three years ago when we were putting in a storm chamber on the Town Centre site we uncovered some barrels. At that time we did the environmental testing on it. It came back that it was non-hazardous. I think it was a tar-like substance used on the road. So there were no PCB or hydro carbons or contaminations in it whatsoever. And when we did uncover that we did an electromagnetic survey on the whole Phase 1, and we had identified a significant area where there was metals in the ground and we weren't sure what those metals were going to be, and then this year with the Wellness Centre going through its proposals, you know, and RFP being out, we had to dig those barrels up and we knew they were there and the Town knew they were there, and we're glad to say that the testing came back from them. The barrels have all been removed to the land – not the landfill, but Newco's metal disposal area free of any PCB or contaminant, or diesel, or any hydro carbon whatsoever. So and then the soils came back fine as well, so that's all been disposed of and we're ready for compaction and getting a topo survey of the land again for the town so that they can give it to whomever they award the Wellness Centre contract to. So it was a little

bit nerve-wracking at first because you're never sure what the results are going to come back at, but everything came back fine so.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thanks, Chris, very quick. Infrastructure in Postville on the lone site where Postmill Lumber used to operate, buildings and your stockpile of stone, is there a plan for that? I spoke to Tom briefly on it, but for the record, I wanted to ask publicly. Thank you.

MR. WEBB:

I'm not sure what Tom said, but I'm not going to get myself in trouble here. The stockpile, I think, is ours and we'll sell it, or we'll use it as required. We did do a significant clean-up in Postville last year. This year I think majority of this stuff is ready to be brought out or already brought out. And with regards to some of the warehousing and the building, we're going to be talking to Nunatsiavut Government representatives on, you know, is there an area or an opportunity for them to take advantage of that building that's there right now. Some thoughts that have been thrown around, and I haven't talked to them and don't, you know, shoot the messenger, but you know there is some interest in potentially handing that over and them using it to potentially start up a healing-type building much like you have in Nain with the Igiak Complex in Rigolet and just something of that nature. We'll work with the government if they definitely want to do something like that, for sure. But we won't be responsible for the road.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions before we move on?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I had a short question for you, Chris, or comment. It's really good that you may be putting some funding into food security or freezers or pantries in Nunatsiavut, but Northwest River and Happy Valley and Mud Lake also have Community Freezers, and it would be nice to have a little something that we could add to for other people. Thank you.

MR. WEBB: We'll try not to leave anyone out.

MR. ASIVAK: Does Air Borealis currently have a contract for medical air transportation with the province?

MS. PAIN: We are currently holding the contract for the air service. It is as coming out for tender, it actually was out for tender and then they withdrew it. I'm not sure when it's going to come back out but, yeah, we'll see what happens when the new contract comes or the new RFP comes out.

MR. ASIVAK: The reason I asked that, there's been a lot of discussion around the table, especially the last two days around the Medivac and Skedivac services and if awarded again with possible amendments that, you know, in the future the provincial government or federal government will be at the table again with any future contractors, I fully understand the consequences for people living on the north coast and the experiences that I've been hearing as Health Minister the problems with some of the logistics and the delays in transportation and et cetera so, thank you.

MS. PAIN: In relation to the medical contract, even as Air Labrador because Air Labrador was administering it for a while and then it went to Innu Mikun, but there were always concerns around the medical transportation

services. The issue is that it is a provincial contract and the provincial government identifies what the service is going to be. They determine what, if it's a Skedivac service or a Medivac service, they tell that it's one aircraft. That has been a concern for the airline as well because they know it doesn't meet the needs of people who are trying to fly. There are issues as well around communication. Again it's not the airline who is not letting people know when flights are coming and going or determining the schedule. That is Labrador-Grenfell Health. So that is out of the hands of the airline, although the airline gets the complaints and, you know, lots of the concerns raised. They do pass them on. Even in relation to the RPF, Air Borealis has been clear that, you know, we think that there should be two different flights; a separate Medivac flight and a Skedivac flight, and that there is a better way to communicate with people who are flying but, ultimately, we would just be providing this service and it's up to the government and to LGH to make those other decisions.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll make this the final call questions. Any last questions for our guests? AngajukKâk Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you. Sorry, Chris, but I have to ask. Medical flights to the coast, I've travelled on them the last four or five months myself. You board the plane in Goose Bay. The pilot gets aboard the back of the plane where you get aboard, climb aboard, the co-pilot. He'll give you the instructions where the four exits says in a twin otter in case of an emergency. The two front exits, no person can access them because the plane's half

loaded with passengers and half loaded with freight. Is that a normal practice, or is that acceptable with Transport Canada or, like, I've seen it time after time.

MS. PAIN: Yeah. A lot of the flights are that way. Not just the Skedivac flights. It's the sked flights are often like that; half cargo, half passenger. Under regulations, yes, you're allowed to do that because there's still emergency exits available. The issue is the cargo has to be netted and contained. So if there was an emergency, it wouldn't be flying around the plane. So that is the limitation in relation to the aircraft.

MR. WEBB: That would be they would have to follow strict guidelines by Transport Canada.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Final call? Hearing none, Ms. Pain, I believe has some resolution, or some amendments, she wishes to introduce to the Assembly.

MS. PAIN: Yes, thank you. You will have seen in your packages that there was a briefing note from Clint Davis, I believe, in relation the resignation of a trustee from the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Trustee, Jim Igloliorte, tendered his resignation a couple of months ago. And so the....

MR. RUDKOWSKI: My apologies. May I interrupt for one moment?

MS. PAIN: Mm-hmm.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: It came up in discussion this morning that the AngajukKâk from Makkovik has declared a conflict of interest when it comes to the selection of candidate today. He is more than welcome to stay in chambers while we

have a discussion, but he will decline to participate in discussions and will not be handed a voting ballot. Thank you.

MS. PAIN:

So we are required, the *LICST Trust Deed* requires that the remaining trustees would submit candidates for consideration to the Assembly. The trustees have recommended that the Assembly consider two candidates that we have before you, Ola Andersen, who is originally from Makkovik, has a master's degree in education and is currently teaching and vice principal in Cartwright. The second candidate, and I don't have my list in front of me, is Gary Best. He's originally a beneficiary. He's from Goose Bay. He served in the military, and I can't say any more because I don't have his resume. So we need one of those two; well, we would like the Assembly to consider one of those two individuals to be the trustee on the *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. I'm not sure if you want any other decisions or any other information on that, but that's what's there, and we do have a resolution that we handed around earlier which just sets out the process for the nomination and for the Assembly to consider in relation appointing a new trustee.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do you want to introduce the two candidates and talk....

MS. PAIN:

I just identified them so Ola Andersen and Gary Best. I think the resumes are both in there. I don't know Gary Best personally. I'm not sure if Chris does. I do know Ola. So I think we'll just leave it to the resumes that were in your documents for you to use. Both beneficiaries, the current trustees of the *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* have really focused on having all beneficiaries as trustees, not having any outside trustees because

we're not required to. So we would like to have beneficiaries, and so we have two beneficiaries' names for you to consider appointing of one of to this *Trust*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As we did this morning we will conduct the vote on the two candidates by secret ballot. The Clerk of the Assembly, and I think I might call upon Loretta Michelin to also supervise the voting for a second set of eyes on ballots. If you have any questions about the qualifications, or about the candidates themselves, now is your time to address them to our guests. And we will hand out ballots shortly. Go ahead.

MR. WEBB:

I'd just like to say *Nakummek*, thank you for taking the time to get a understanding of NGC, and we look forward to working together with you all, and I look forward to getting back here again next year and presenting a much better picture again. So, thank you, *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you to our guests from *LICST*. As I mentioned in the preamble, this day was a long time coming, and there was a myriad of issues which prevented it happening sooner than it did. So thank you all for your patience and perseverance and we appreciate you coming and spending some time with us today. Thank you. We have to wait for the counting of the ballots anyway. I'll call a short recess till 3:15.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Welcome back. We are back in session. We left with the vote being counted for our new Member of the *LICST* trustee, and that person is

Gary Best. We are now back in regular Assembly, and I call upon Minister of Finance, Mr. Edmunds, has a resolution.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalitik. Mr. Speaker, my motion is as follows. Whereas the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* was created pursuant to *Settlement and Trust Indenture* made effective March 20, 2006 between Chesley Andersen, Wyman Jacque and Tim McNeil as trustees, and Labrador Inuit Association as settlor. The *Trust Indenture* was amended and restated with effect from April 18, 2007 with reference section 5.2 of the *Trust Indenture* sets forth the qualifications criteria of the trustees. Section 5.4(b) sets out the process to be followed when a trustee resigns. That trustee, Jim Igloliorte, has tendered his resignation of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly has considered the foregoing provisions of the *Trust Indenture* and reviewed several candidates for election and desires to approve the election of the following person as a successor trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*. Mr. Speaker, now therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Section 5.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Indenture* the following person be elected by the Nunatsiavut Assembly for election as trustee of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* effective upon the latter of the date hereof and date of such trustee executing and delivering to the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* and acceptance substantially as set forth in Section 5.3 of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust Indenture*. Once more, Mr. Speaker, that Member is Mr. Gary Best. This motion that I have on the table, seconded by Ms. Rachel

Saunders, Honourable Minister of Education. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: There is a motion on the floor to nominate Mr. Gary Best as the new trustee of the *LICST*. All those in favour of the motion signal by saying aye, raise your hand? Any naysayers? Motion is carried. Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Makkovik. Do you have a question, AngajukKâk Andersen?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, just probably a comment just to make sure that was I noted that I abstain from this vote or?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: It was noted at the time before the *LICST* people initiated their presentation that you would be removing yourself from discussion and that you would not be handed the voting paper so that was duly noted in Hansard. That you for your attention to detail. Onto item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." I'd like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I gave notice earlier today that I would intend to bring forward the first reading of a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments, Bill 2018-06. What I am seeking at this point is unanimous consent from the Assembly so that we can proceed to first reading of that bill. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you, Honourable Minister Edmunds. The Minister is seeking unanimous consent of this Assembly to give first reading to Bill 2018-06 today. Do we have unanimous consent? Ayes?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any nays? There is none. Honourable Minister, you may proceed with first reading.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Again I move, seconded by Kate Mitchell, Honourable First Minister, that Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments, now be introduced and read for the first time.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Minister, would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker, I would. Honourable Members, *UKalitik* today we'll be bringing forward a new bill to the Assembly. The *Communities Financial Administration Act*. Mr. Speaker, this bill, if it's enacted, would continue the basic framework for the financial administration of the Inuit communities that is currently in place. As some of the Members around this table may recall, at the March sitting, the Assembly passed the *Financial Administration Amendment Act 2018* amending the *Financial Administration Act* so that it no longer applies to the Inuit Community Governments. This new amendment will only come into effect when proclaimed in force by order of the President, and the President will issue that order only if the bill for *Communities Financial Administration Act* is enacted by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Mr. Speaker, if enacted, this bill

would make clear that the responsibility for our community's financial affairs rests with the council of the Inuit Community Government, subject to the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all applicable Inuit laws. It will make it clear that the councils will have the power to make contracts and agreements to acquire property in the name of the ICG and to make bylaws in relation to the taxation of residents, impose fees, rates and service charges to name a few of the items that is contained within this bill. Mr. Speaker, the Executive Council will retain arm's length oversight of Community Financial Administration and can order the comptroller to look into and report on any matter related to a council's financial affairs. As per the provisions of the *Labrador Inuit Constitution, UKalitik*. The AngajukKâk and Town Managers have had a clause-by-clause review of the outline of this proposed bill in March of 2018 giving comments and feedback to the treasurer and to the comptroller. Mr. Speaker, we followed our obligations as a government in terms of consultation that affects the ICG's and the Inuit communities. We had posted this bill for public consultation in all the Inuit communities on August 10th with a deadline for comments on August 24th as per our requirements under Section 10.2.5 of the *Constitution*. Again that states that there must be the opportunity for the public to review and provide comments on a bill before it can be introduced in the Assembly. Mr. Speaker and Members, there were no comments submitted from the public or the ICG's during that time. Mr. Speaker, our government is recommending that the

Nunatsiavut Assembly approve the *Community's Financial Administration Act*. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Honourable Minister, just a thought. We do have a resource person with us in the building at the moment who is here for a brief time. My thought is that perhaps we can go into Committee of the Whole to bring that resource person in and that person could sit with us during the debate. If you think that would be advisable then I'm certainly willing to entertain that idea.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. If we were to enter into second reading, I think that that would certainly be beneficial. We can do it at this stage as well during first reading if you would like. I have no issue with it.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'm just very cognizant. I have a very tight timeline. The resource person I'm referring to has to be on a plane in about 13 minutes. So at this point we will go into Committee of the Whole. Minister Edmunds, could you invite your resource person, your guest into the chambers to sit with us. Make the motion, ask for a seconder.

MR. EDMUNDS: Okay. *Nakummek*, *UKalitik*. I move, seconded by Mr. Tony Andersen, that we enter into the Committee of the Whole to consider the first reading of the bill for an to create the *Inuit Community Governments Financial Administration Act* with Ms. Rexanne Crawford, Comptroller of the Nunatsiavut Government.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Do I have unanimous consent to proceed to Committee of the Whole from our Assembly Members?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Welcome, Ms. Crawford, and again we are fully cognizant of your time restraints. At this point we are in Committee of the Whole. I will invite any comments, questions. We do have a resource person here. Ms. Crawford is on an extremely tight timeline in the extreme, so if we have any questions or comments before we proceed with regular summary, by all means. Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. Again, just for clarity, we're on first reading currently where we're speaking to the principal of the bill so. That is correct, Mr. Chair?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That is correct. At this point we'll invite comments from our Members about the principles of this bill. Do you have any comments? AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think that for the benefit of newly-elected AngajukKâk, as Minister Edwards indicated, this was introduced first in the spring of March and then this summer, in August, we posted in our community. It was posted in our communities for review. There were no, not from Nain anyway, no issues around the introduction of this bill. Thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD: Since we're on first reading, speaking about the principle of the bill, just to give a little bit of background, when we did a detailed review as we often do in our department of our *Financial Administration Act*, we looked very closely at the definition of Nunatsiavut Government, and the

way it's defined in the current *Financial Administration Act*, it also includes the Inuit Community Governments. So with that in your mind when you start to read the other provisions, it means that the Nunatsiavut Government or the NEC, under Inuit law, would have to have the authority to approve capital expenditures in any of our communities. The government would have to approve taxation or fees, purchase acquisition and disposition of property. We've never done it in practice, and we wouldn't want to because our five Inuit Community Governments are self-governments in their own right under, you know, within the context of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. So we undertook with legal to amend the current *Financial Administration Act*. That was done and approved in March. It is not enacted, and it will not be enacted until there's an order of the President, and that's when this current bill is passed by the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So, as the AngajukKâk for Nain mentioned, in March we did a clause-by-clause review with the Town Managers and the AngajukKâk at the time. Each clause in this *Act* takes its authority from either the *Constitution* or the current *Financial Administration Act*, which *Acts* usually will take things from the *Constitution* and make them a little clearer, or get into a little bit more detail. So, you know, every single clause in here takes its authority from somewhere else, or is already in the *Financial Administration Act* and we're bringing it over into the communities one. And, as Joe mentioned, we did put it out for community consultation in August and there were no comments received back from the communities.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other comments on the principles of the bill? Now is the time where we have our guest with us. Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY: You might have to rule me out of order. I don't know, but I really think that it's hard to come in here and to look at something like this and, if you've got a town a manager and stuff that, you know, your town manager could probably brief you and stuff, right. But this is a new election, I mean, I don't know. Just down the road I think that you need to take that in consideration when it's an election year and you're going to be bringing all this stuff newly-elected people. And I trust that everything was good and that, but still it's if something comes up later on that I don't like I never had a real long time to have a good look at it, but anyway I'm just making that point.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Other comments? Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair. So again you know we've been working through the JMC. You know, again we did do the clause-by-clause review in March and we've been talking about this for a long time, and I know that that's difficult for the newer members. You know, I will say that we are currently within the first reading of the bill. And, you know, I'm not totally against the idea of pushing second reading of this bill and final acceptance to another sitting. That's not off the table right now. I mean, that if the AngajukKâk feels, though, they're uncomfortable with, or the members are uncomfortable with passing this onto second reading here today, I'm certainly open to deferring it to the next sitting for second reading if the Speaker's Office would permit that as well. So just an

additional comment, You know, we've done a lot of work on this, but again there's still some reviewing of this that could take place as well. So *Nakummek*, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just in response to your quasi question, there certainly wouldn't be any objection from the Speaker's Office to moving this to a future Assembly and perhaps the next Assembly sitting to allow newer Members of this Assembly who have literally just joined us to digest the legislation and to feel perhaps a bit more comfortable supporting it. Are there any other – Ms. Crawford.

MS. CRAWFORD:

I just want to express my apologies. I do have to go catch the plane and I'm really, really sorry that I have to leave for that reason. There wasn't room on the charter but, you know, that being said, I have to go on another flight. You know, if we do go to second reading in November sitting the treasurer and I will, you know, be available to answer any questions for the new Members and the new AngajukKâk who want to, you know, go through it and understand where each of the clauses are coming from. You know, we can set that up definitely. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other comments on the principle of the bill? We are now back in regular session. AngajukKâk Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just basically went over this a bit last night at home and I think the President spoke about that we're evolving into a government that's sort of weeding out the little wrinkles along the way as we go, I think, and I think this is part of the process of finding

discrepancies between the *Constitution* and the Inuit Community Governments. So I have, with all due respect to my colleagues, I have confidence in our legal team, I think, to proceed.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other comments on the principles of the bill? Again, we're on first reading. Hearing none, I will read out from our Standing Orders, specifically Standing Order 54(d). "Once debate has concluded [which we have, as I hear no other questions] the Assembly shall, under Section (d)." Section (d) states "vote to defer the bill ready for second reading. If the bill is voted ready for second reading that bill shall not be read a second time until the expiry of 10 business days during which the Labrador Inuit may make submissions or representations to the Assembly about the bill." What this does, it speaks to the suggestion that Minister Edmunds had whereby we would take second reading off the table today and defer it to our future Assembly, and perhaps that would allow the AngajukKâat who have just joined us, literally within the last week, greater time to digest. It is not up to me, the speaker, to put forward a motion, but should someone believe that to be desirable then I certainly would entertain a motion should someone wish to put it forward and where I can put it to a vote. Yes, sir.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Again, if, you know, we're currently, you know, it's very clear that we're in the first reading, and for the information of the Members, if we decide not to go on second reading, you know, the bill will still be relevant when we return within a couple months. At this point in time, you know, don't vote no because you're not comfortable

maybe with the clauses. What we're voting on again is wasn't that you think that you should have a separate *Financial Administration Act* and then thereafter we can move onto the clauses and the great detail that's within the bill, just again just making that very clear to the Members. So if Members have reservations about the actual content of the bill, voting no right now would not be of particular use. But again principles of the bill. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Again number one, we don't have a motion on the table, on the floor. So if a motion were to come forward again, the motion would not be to kill the bill or to voice dissatisfaction with the bill. It would simply be to defer second – all we're talking about is deferring second reading to a future date to allow others to, our newly joined members who are perhaps the most impacted by this bill, to have some additional time to digest and reflect upon it. Again we're still in first reading. No other Members wish to speak. Does the Minister wish to conclude debate, and then at the conclusion of debate, I can entertain a motion should someone from the floor wish to put one forward.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. I don 't have any further comments at this particular point and I would like to conclude debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek. That concludes debate on first reading. Is the Assembly in favour of approving? Again what we're doing here is just approving first reading of the bill. Is the Assembly in favour of approving Bill 2018-06 on first reading? All those in favour?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? The motion is carried and, accordingly, Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Government has had first reading. At this point I will pause for a moment to see if any motion wishes to come from the floor regarding second reading. I'm going to call a five-minute recess just to gather thoughts. Five-minute recess.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We're now back in Assembly and we'll pick up where we left off. The Honourable Minister Tyler Edmunds will be asking shortly to looking for unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1). Should any Member of the Assembly wish to defer the second reading of this bill to allow for more consultation, a simple nay vote on Mr. Edmunds next motion would automatically defer it. It doesn't kill the bill, let's be clear on that. It doesn't necessarily mean you disagree with the bill, but it would automatically defer it to the next Assembly sitting. Okay. I'd like to again recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. In accordance with Standing Order 54(3), I seek unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to have the Assembly proceed to second reading of Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Minister Edmunds is seeking unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 54(1)(d) to proceed with second reading of Bill 2018-06 which is a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments. Are there any nays? Seeing none, you have unanimous consent. So the bill can proceed to second reading at the appropriate time. We'll now go onto item 17. Item 17 in *the Orders of the Day* is "Second Reading of Bills." I'd like to recognize the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds for the second reading.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker and thank you to the Assembly Members for waiving Standing Order 54(1)(d) so we can consider the second reading of the bill today. Honourable Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Kate Mitchell, that Bill 2018-06 be read for the second time.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is in order. The procedure for second reading debate will be a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-06. If Members have comments or questions on any page of the bill, you have up to 10 minutes at a time. If you still have questions or comments once other Members have spoken, you'll be given another opportunity to speak. I will call the page number, ask for questions and comments and ask for agreement. We now go to do a page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of Bill 2018-05. No, it should be 06. We're in Tab 7 of our binders. Page 4, clause 1. Do we have agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Page 4, clause 2, as clause 2 is somewhat substantive, I'll grant a brief moment of time to review it. Do I have agreement? Any nays? Onto page 5, clause 2. Do I have agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 5, clause 3. Do I have agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 5, clause 4. Do I have agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 6, clause 5. All in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 6, clause 6. Do I have agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 6, clause 7. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 6, clause 8. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 6, clause 9. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 7, clause 10. Again, this is a little couple lines. I'll allow a little short pause for people to read this one. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 7, clause 11. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Nays? Seeing none. Page 7, clause 12. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Hearing none. At the top of page 8 we have clause 12 continued. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 8, clause 13. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 8, clause 14. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 8, clause 9. We have a typo, I apologize. Page 9, clause 15. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: At the top of page 16 we have a continuation. Clause 9, clause 15, I apologize. Clause 16. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 9, clause 17. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Seeing none, page 9, clause 18. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 9, clause 19. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Nays? Hearing none, page 10, clause 19 continued. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 10, clause 20. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 10, clause 21. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 10, clause 22 and again, this is somewhat substantial. I'll allow a brief moment to read through it. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Onto page 11, clause 23. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 11, clause 24. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 11, clause 25. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Onto page 11, clause 26. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 11, clause 27. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Nays? Page 11, clause 28. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Nays? Page 11, clause 29, which is effectively on page 12. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Page 12, clause 30. Again I'll allow a brief moment. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 12, clause 31. Again, I'll allow a moment. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 12, clause 32. I'll ask for approval for page 12 and 13 together clause 32 on page 12, in isolation, makes no sense. Do we have agreement on clause 32 as encompassed on page 12 and 13?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 13, clause 33. Again, given its length, I will allow a moment. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 13, clause 34. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 13, clause 35. And again I will consider clause 35 as one as encompassed on page 13 and 14. Are we all in agreement as clause 35 as encompassed on page 13 and 14?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 14, clause 36. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 14, clause 37. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Page 14, clause 38. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 14, clause 39. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 14 and 15, clause 40. Again I will consider them both in one for the purposes of this. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 15, clause 41. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 15, clause 42. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Page 16, clause 42 continued. Are we all in agreement?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any nays? Hearing none, that concludes the page-by-page and clause-by-clause review of the bill. Does the Minister wish to conclude the debate?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. Thank you to the Members for their attention, for their consideration of this bill today. It's been a long work in the progress, but I have no further comments at this point in time and I wish to conclude debate. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. That concludes. All those in favour of second reading of Bill 2018-06? Those in favour?

ASSEMBLY: Aye.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any opposed? The motion is carried. Accordingly, Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments has had second reading. I'd like to thank the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds. There are no more second readings of bills today so we'll move onto item 18. Item 18 is "Assent to Bills." Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments and wish to present it for assent.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatik*. Honourable Speaker and Members, as President of Nunatsiavut, I wish to give assent to Bill 2018-06, a bill for an Inuit law respecting the financial administration of the Inuit Community Governments and hereby sign it into law.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Congratulations, Minister Edmunds, for all the work. Obviously there was a lot of work put forth by your department to put that bill into place, and I congratulate you and your department for all your work. Since we're in a congratulatory mood, I'd like to congratulate again our newly-elected AngajukKâat and our newly elected chairpersons of our Inuit Community corporations. I look forward to working with you in the days and time ahead and I wish you all a safe and pleasant journey. I think we had a very productive sitting and thank you all for attending. Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of all your beneficiaries and I look forward to seeing you again at the next sitting. We are now adjourned.