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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

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

Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Honorable Gerald Asivak

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

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Greg Flowers

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Jim Lyall

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Anthony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

Chair for Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters

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

Staff:

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Legal Counsel Ms. Loretta Michelin

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As I was saying, I think it would be a big omission if we didn't recognize the passing of President Lampe's mother. And on behalf of everyone in this chamber, I want to express my sincere condolences to you, President Lampe. Similarly, we have Robert Ford with us here, doing our IT support and Robert recently lost his grandmother, Jessie. And again, on behalf of everybody present, I wanted to express our condolences, again, to President Lampe and to Robert Ford. On another bit of housekeeping, there has been some discussion from Members of the Assembly, and also quite a bit on social media and I wanted to spend a second addressing that. Even though this is a one-day sitting of our assembly, under no circumstances would this sitting adjourn until such time as all aspects and all matters on the *Orders of the Day*, were properly and fully addressed. Under no circumstances will any of our Members write to a Member statement be curtailed or a Minister statement be curtailed. There was some thought or perception that perhaps we would rush through proceedings to accommodate flight lines, timelines, personal agendas-, and I want to assure everybody here, and I want to assure everyone in

the public, that, that would never be allowed to occur, and I will always give everybody-, every Member of this Assembly a full opportunity to ask the questions that they need, as permitted in the Standing Orders and every person here an opportunity to make a Members statement. So I just wanted to say that with absolute clarity. That being said, I'd like to go on to the *Orders of the Day*, starting with the opening prayer. I'd like to call to order, the 3rd Session of the Spring Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly, and I'm going to

call upon the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders to lead us in our opening prayer.

MR. SAUNDERS: [Recites prayer.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: On to Item Two on the *Orders of the Day*, and I'm sure, as we all noticed, we've had a returning of Mr. Gregory Flowers, and on behalf of everyone here, welcome back, Gregory, and I'll turn the floor over to the Honourable President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Uhatti.* There was a by-election for the Ordinary Member of Hopedale and on April 12, 2019, Mr. Gregory Flowers was officially declared as the successful candidate. I will now call upon Mr. Gregory Flowers, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, to approach the front as I administer the Oath of Office. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

(Pause.)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek Uhatti.* Congratulations, and welcome, Mr. Gregory Flowers to the Ordinary Member for Hopedale. I wish you every success as we

work to improve the lives of our people in Nunatsiavut and beyond.

Nakummek, Uhatti.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe and congratulations again, to the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers. Now, a quick correction before we move on to Item Three on the *Orders of the Day*. When I was recognizing those of our fellow Members who have lost someone, I want to extend a sincere apology to the AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen who's dealing with the loss of his mother. And again, Barry, on behalf of everybody seated here, I want to express our condolences on your recent loss, and again, I apologize for omitting you. It was not deliberate and again, condolences. With that being said, we'll move on to Item Three on the *Orders of the Day*, "Selection of Minister". I'd like to recognize the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Uhatti. [**Speaks in Inuttitut.**] I apologize, Mr. Speaker, I have got ahead from the agenda. So Mr. Speaker, I thank you, and I will now ask the First Minister to nominate Minister, naming the person and a portfolio for which he or she is nominated. *Nakummek, Uhatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. The Speaker recognizes The First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I nominate Gregory Flowers, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale to the portfolio of Minister of Education and Economic Development. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. Assembly, the First Minister has nominated the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, the Honourable Greg Flowers to be

our new Minister. Do we have consensus with this nomination? Are there any nays? Any nays? Seeing none, *Nakummek*, and congratulations, Honourable Greg Flowers, you're our new Minister.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, Uhatti.* I am pleased to call on the Minister to come forward to take the Oath of Office. I...

MR. FLOWERS: I, Greg Flowers...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Swear and solemnly affirm, that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. FLOWERS: Solemnly vow that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador Inuit and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution, all Inuit Laws and the Standing orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.*

MR. FLOWERS: I will obey, respect, and will uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution, all Inuit Laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will be a true and faithful counsellor to the President.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly, or indirectly, any secret matter entrusted to me.

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PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and *Codes of Conduct*.

MR. FLOWERS: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards of the *Code of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will preform the functions of (inaudible) conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

MR. FLOWERS: And I will perform the functions of my (inaudible) to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MR. FLOWERS: So help me, God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations, Minister.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Congratulations, Minister Flowers. Now, I've been informed that we have a slight problem with our translation, so I'm going to call just a 10-minute recess to allow our IT people to deal with our problem, 10-minute recess until IT fixes our issue.

[Recess.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And we are back in session. Where we left off was on Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*. I'm now, going to call upon the President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe. I'll call on the President of

Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe to give the Assembly his opening address. President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Uhatik. **[Speaks in Inuttitut.]** Mr. Speaker, on April 13th, I attended a meeting of Inuit Crown Partnership Committee in Ottawa. Two, among other priorities, announced the release of a co-developed Inuit Nunangat Housing Strategy which will help improve housing conditions across Inuit Regions of Canada and develop Inuit-led housing solutions that reflect Inuit lifestyles, traditions and culture. We also announced the co-development of the Indigenous Early Learning and Childcare Framework which will help ensure Inuit Children and young people can access the care and education they need to succeed. Mr. Speaker, as the Assembly is aware, in February of 2015, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the further amendment the sixth to the *Voisey Bay Development Agreement*. The amendment permitted Vale to export additional nickel concentrate outside the province, in order to allow the company more time to get its Long Harbour processing operation fully commissioned. In exchange, Vale provided some \$200 million in revenue to the Province as well as contributed some \$30 million to community development initiatives. This amendment in our view, Mr. Speaker, was in direct violation of our *Land Claims Agreement*. IN order to protect our interests, we filed a Statement of Claim with the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador in March of 2016. The discovery of documents and the examination of witnesses took place in 2017 and the case went to trial

last month in St. John's. Mr. Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is making three arguments. 1) that Vale's expenses related to the Long Harbour Processing Plant which eliminated the developer's mining tax, should not be taken into account in the calculation of revenue paid to Nunatsiavut Government under the *Land Claims Agreement*. 2) That the Inuit are entitled to five percent of the money estimated to be \$230 million paid by Vale for exemption orders that permitted the continued export of nickel from the Voisey Bay project. These payments included the \$30 million Community Investment Fund, none of which was used within the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. 3) That the Province failed to discharge its duty to consult with the Nunatsiavut Government in relation to these payments. Under both the terms of the *Land Claims Agreement* and in accordance with the Common Law Principles, developed by the Supreme Court of Canada in Haida nation. While the hearing concluded on May 8th, legal arguments are scheduled for the fall. And a final decision is not likely until the spring of next year. With the help of Lumos Energy, our \$1.7 million funding application for the Nain Wind Microgrid with NRCan CERRC Program has now passed due diligence. Further information will be coming on the status of this project. This project proposal includes 1.8 Megawatts of wind power. One to two hours of battery storage and upgrading to a smart grid which will allow for optimal integration of wind power and diesel generation. This project will not necessarily decrease electrical rates, but is expected to reduce the use of close to one million litres of diesel fuel every year. A huge step forward

towards reducing environmental impacts and our reliance on fossil fuels. This project will serve as a demonstration project for future developments in our region. Over the next two years an environmental assessment will be conducted, and a development partner will be selected. The development partner will then assist in the detailed design for the project. Over the past five years, Mr. Speaker, we have installed close to 50 high-efficiency wood stoves in homes throughout Nunatsiavut with overwhelmingly positive feedback. Users have reported a reduction in firewood of at least half, compared to old wood stoves, improved air and heating quality. Based on its success, Mr. Speaker, we have received funding for 90 more high-efficiency stoves from Cirnex Northern REACHE and Climate Change Preparedness in North Programs. The woodstoves will be stored in Happy Valley, Goose Bay with Nunatsiavut Construction, and shipped to our communities as needed, throughout the summer. I should also note that in collaboration with the Province, we have submitted a funding application for \$1.2 million to NRCan CERRC funding stream to support the further capital purchase of high efficiency wood stoves. Mr. Speaker, due to the high electrical costs, we are working with the Makkovik Inuit Community Government to install solar panels on the community's arena. We received \$262,000 from Cirnex Northern REACHE Program to install 50 kilowatts of solar panels on the arena roof. 30:52 using Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Net Metering Policy. Based on initial estimates, this is expected to reduce the arena's electrical costs by 10 percent over the year. Currently an RP has been issued and a

contractor will be selected soon. Improving housing efficiency is one of the most effective ways to addressing high costs of heating. Currently, homes within Nunatsiavut are built to meet the Canadian building code. This is a minimum standard and falls short when considering energy efficiency in Nunatsiavut. Discussions are underway with Memorial University and Harris Centre to use available funding through the Sustainable Northern Coastal Communities Initiative. This project would bring researchers together to investigate alternative building practices to improve efficiency and investigate alternative foundation and land development options. This research can then influence future building codes, specific to Nunatsiavut. Last month, Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of attending the second annual National Seal Products Day in Ottawa and to bring greetings on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government. The day is set aside to recognize the importance of seal for Canada's Indigenous people, coastal communities and entire population. I also attended ITK's, "A Taste of the "Arctic" where I had the opportunity to network with Inuit from other regions of the country. On a final note, Mr. Speaker, I want to take this time to welcome Patricia Johnson-Castle as our new Director of Policy. Patricia started in her role a couple of weeks ago and is still getting familiar with her files. She's currently working with staff within the Secretariat as well as other departments on a number of initiatives including the Nain Wind Turbine Project, on a commercial fishing policy, with the housing working group in relation to unrepairable homes as well as with the Research Advisory Committee on

the development of a Terms of Reference. She will also be working with others on updating the land-based working group on a repatriation policy. *Nakummek, Uhatik.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. As you may have noticed, we have a couple of empty chairs here, this morning, specifically, we are missing AngajukKâk for Nain, Joe Dicker and we're missing also, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet. AngajukKâk Dicker is away assisting a family member, and AngajukKâk Wolfrey continues to recover from her recent treatments for her affliction. So our thoughts are with her-, with them both, and also our thoughts are with Mr. Brian Flowers who continues to deal with some health issues. Recognition of People in the Gallery, I see our director of Legal Services, Ms. Loretta Michelin. And also Mr. Tim McNeil who is our Deputy Minister for Education and Economic Development. Welcome to you both. I believe, AngajukKâk Flowers, you have someone you'd like to recognize, this morning.

MS. FLOWERS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Mr. Gilles Picard's. He's here with the Hopedale Inuit Community Government. We're in training in coaching and team management which has proven to be very successful to date and we look forward to working with him and with our staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Welcome, Mr. Picard, is it? Welcome. Nice to have you with us. Our pages for today are Michelle Nochasak. and Danika Mitchell, both of course, from Makkovik. Thank you for joining us, and they're assisted by Priscilla Nochasak. who's been helping our pages in our page program,

recently. Translators today are-, we have Gus Semigak and Boaz Kairtok and of course, Robert Ford is joining us from IT. Sarah Abel, Christine Lampe, thank you for coming from our OK Society. On to Item Six on the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the First Minister the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very please today to give a brief update on some of the things that my department have been working very diligently on. Mr. Speaker, housing is an essential cornerstone of our communities. Affordable must be available for all Labrador Inuit, and we have much work to do. In Nain, the six-unit prototype has just received it's third evaluation. We anticipate a final report this fall. The seven-unit multiplex will be finished this year and ready for occupancy. The site work was completed on that last fall and we had to wait until this construction season to actually start construction on that building. Through discussions with Torngat Regional Housing Association, a need for more units was identified for Hopedale. We have provided funding to construct four additional units in Hopedale, and in Nain, funds were provided to Torngat Regional Housing Association to ensure that their allocations met the needs of that community. All four units in Nain that are to be constructed by Torngat Regional Housing Association, this year, will be four-bedroom units. And we also requested and we have receive permission from the NEC, to do an assessment on the current DHSD building, here in Hopedale. As everybody is aware, we completed the

site work on that for the new building last year, and this year, we'll start construction. So what we hope to do is be able to repurpose the old DHSD building that we have there, now for housing for single males, for the Food Security Unit and some other things that meet the needs of the community. And in regards to a housing repair program for 2018, work is beginning in the communities on the 2018 Housing Repair Program. This late start was due to lateness of receiving materials and the contractor decided not to begin the work in the fall due to the difficulty of doing outside work in winter conditions, particularly, roof work, siding and windows. It made no sense to do interior work without these items being addressed properly. And Mr. Speaker, the Affordable Warmth and Housing Repair program for 2019. The contract was awarded to Nunatsiavut Construction Incorporated, to perform the assessment for the 2019 Housing Repair Program. A total of 39 assessments will be done for this program, and the assessments began in Hopedale last week and will be continuing on through our communities as the snow condition permits. And Mr. Speaker, we received \$7.5 million as part of the Government of Canada's commitment to addressing the housing issue in Nunatsiavut for 2018, 2019 years. The 7.5 million was spent on subdivision in Nain, Hopedale and Makkovik. The 2018 Housing Repair Assessments and the 2018 Housing Repair Program, and also the Torngat Regional Housing Repairs. The allocation of the 2019 7.5 million will be finalized in the very near future. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to membership and enrolment, we would just like to send a reminder to all

Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, that it is your responsibility to inform the membership department of your address if you move or have made changes to your address. And to those who would like to apply to be enrolled as a beneficiary of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. We have the 2018 beneficiary application form on our website that can be downloaded. Or if they don't have access to the internet, that is available at your local NG office building. As we cannot accept and process the older version of the application form from 2014 or older. And as of today's date, we need to appoint one new Member for the Inuit Membership Appeal Board. And, Mr. Speaker, in regard to implementation, the Implementation Committee was scheduled to meet at the end of May in Halifax, but that meeting is now rescheduled to a later date. And last, but not least, Mr. Speaker, in regard to transportation, the Provincial Government has not committed to repairing the Nain airstrip this construction season despite our countless efforts to demand that this happen, and to us, this is unacceptable. The Nunatsiavut Government continues to bring our concerns forward regarding the ferry service, and we have requested a meeting with Minister Crocker who has taken the role again as the Minister of Transportation and Works. And we will certainly bring our concerns with those issues to his attention. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen who I believe wishes to make a Ministers Statement this morning.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I apologize, Minister Andersen, but if you're going to make a Minister's statement, can you clarify which department? I understand you're still-, you had two roles, up until a few minutes ago, so if you specify which department you're making a Minister's statement from, that'd be good.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So everybody knows that I lost my other job earlier, to Greg Flowers. So my report today will be from Lands and Natural Resources. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to present my report from Lands and Natural Resource Department. I'm going to mostly read from script, because I'm told that if I don't stay by the script then it makes it a little bit difficult for the Hansard, and I certainly don't want to do that. I'm going to report, Mr. Speaker from the different-, pick up dates from the different divisions of my department. First of all, Renewable Resource Division. Mr. Speaker, since the last Assembly meeting, the division has engaged in the following files and endeavours pertaining to fisheries and wildlife: In the fisheries, Mr. Speaker, applications to be designate under Nunatsiavut Government own commercial licence, closed on March the 29th. A total of 45 applications were received by closing date. In accordance with existing policy and information we have on file, 27 of the 45 applicants who applied to be designated, were awarded tentative crab, shrimp, Greenland, Halibut and Scallop designations on May the 17th. We're looking forward to the start of the commercial fishery and wish our beneficiaries a successful fishery in 2019. Mr. Speaker, our Northern Shrimp quota was reduced by 817

tonne between Shrimp fishing area 4 and 5 in 2019. Based on the latest science data and the department of fisheries and oceans policy of proportional sharing, our domestic food fishery in LISA and in area 12E, will soon reopen and we're expecting a roll-over of conditions from 2018, with the same number of tags allocated for Atlantic salmon Bycatch. The English River counting fence normally begins operation during the first week in July, depending water level conditions. We will operate the counting fence for 17 weeks again, in 2019. Discussions are currently ongoing regarding another aerial survey of the Torngat Mountains caribou herd in 2020 and officials in my department are actively engaged in the technical committee. Mr. Speaker, since the last Assembly meeting, the division has been engaged in the following files and endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration and oil and gas. These guys are some good at making up these things for me to speak. Got to smile. Mr. Speaker, on the exploration front, Labrador Gold Ground Truth Exploration anticipates that they will continue to explore for gold on their Udjuktok Property this summer and early fall. They are currently planning their exploration program that entails detailed mapping, rock sampling, and assaying to generate potential drill targets. The Non-renewable division has yet to receive a workplan. Mr. Speaker, Nunatsiavut beneficiary, Davidee Ningeok has been approved to prospect his Udjuktok and Pond of islands claims on Labrador Inuit Lands, as well as two other claims on LISA. He plans to prospect his claims for base metal and other commodities of interest. The division attended a

Prospectors and Development Association of Canada conference this past March in Toronto. We gave our report on Mineral Resources and potential in Nunatsiavut. Also networked and met with exploration and mining companies as well as academics to encourage and promote exploration in our region. Mr. Speaker, with respect to oil and gas, Equinor Canada Limited, has received an approval decision statement from Federal Minister McKenna, on their Environmental Assessment for Exploration Drilling in the Flemish Pass area offshore Newfoundland. Next Equinor has to apply for an authorization permit to drill their exploration licence from C-NLOPV. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Division and Human Resources were unable to recruit a candidate for the mining analyst position even though we allocated a housing unit in Nain for this position. We're exploring our options and we'll be re-advertising for this position on the near future. Our IBA update, Mr. Speaker. The Voisey Bay IBA Implementation is going well. IBA information sessions, along with a recruitment update were held in five Nunatsiavut communities between March 11th and May the 6th. As part of their recruitment update, there'll be approximately 440 people hired, starting in June for the Voisey Bay mine. A *Tasiujatsoak* Committee meeting was held at the Voisey Bay mine site on May the 9th and there was a quarter one update. Discussions around departmental changes, winter fuel shipping, site restriction process, alternate energy sources and training of Inuit. The next *Tasiujatsoak* Committee meeting is scheduled to be held in September. Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Mountains National Park, CBM had

a face-to-face meeting in George River from March 24th to March 26th. Martin Lougheed is the new Chairman of the CMV and Noah Nochasak. of Nain, replaces Jenny Merkuratsuk of Nain as a Parks Appointee once her term was up. During the meeting, there were updates on the base camp, park staffing, research and management plan. There's also discussions about the next step in relation to the Torngat Mountains Caribou Herd and programming for Youth in the park. One of Makivik's appointees advised the CMB that it would be his last meeting. He's since been replaced by Maggie Emudluk. There will be at least one more teleconference meeting, and the next face-to-face is scheduled for August 3rd to August 10th in George River. Mr. Speaker, in Environmental Division-, Mr. Speaker, in May, the Environmental Division attended by-annual Labrador Research Forum in Goose Bay. Staff presented on a variety of topics, including the Nunatsiavut Government Research Process, plastics research and Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative. The projects also allowed staff to meet a variety of partners and plan for future projects, while learning about other research taking place in Labrador. Mr. Speaker, progress continues on the Imappivut Marine Planning Initiative. The Environment Division has been working in full partnership with Fishers and Oceans Canada to develop and write a Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat Report for a study area that spans from Saglek Fjord to the Narrows of Lake Melville. The report summarizes all of the scientific, local and Inuit knowledge that have been collected as a result of the Imappivut and other research programs for

this area. The report will be used for further marine planning in the Nunatsiavut region. This is the first time the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has worked in full partnership with an Indigenous Region to co-write one of these reports, while including local and Inuit knowledge on the same level as science. That's about all, Mr. Speaker, from our Lands Division. A total of 14 new land applications in Labrador Inuit Lands have been submitted to the Lands Division so far in 2019 and are at various stages of processing. The Lands Division also received an application from the Nain Inuit Community Government for the Emergency shelter to be located on Nochalik Island, and along the snowmobile trail from Nain to Hopedale. There are plans for an additional three shelters along this route. Mr. Speaker, the Assembly adopted a new *Labrador Inuit Lands Act* and regulations for non-beneficiary harvesting in Labrador Inuit Lands early this year. The Lands Division will hold a workshop with relevant staff on how to enforce the new regulations. Mr. Speaker, these updates, I know that it can be a lot of mystery because of I went into great detail, it would take a lot of time, so I encourage people, like if they-, if I did mention something of interest, that they certainly can ask questions and my department certainly would be happy to provide more detail and far better answers than what's entailed in my brief statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Andersen. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker

recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek Uhatti. I'm pleased to be here today and let everyone know some of the work that our Department of Culture and Recreation and Tourism is doing. Our division of Tourism has now gone to three staff. We have just welcomed Ruth Jacque of Postville this April to our team as a Tourism Development Officer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff within the Department for their hard work and dedication. Our Tourism Division, Mr. Speaker is busy preparing for our 2019 Hebron season. This will be a longer season than usual for us with the programs running for approximately nine weeks. We will have six staff hired; one Hebron Ambassador, one Hebron Ambassador Assistant, two carpenters and two labourers. The job competition for these positions have closed and we are in the process of reviewing and reaching out to the successful candidates. Our hope is to have the four porches on the Hebron church completed this season. Our Ambassador staff will continue to welcome visitors. We also provide a lot of on-the-ground support to Hebron Family Archaeology project group when they visit Hebron. Mr. Speaker, request for proposal was released, and a consultant had been selected. We are now working on the contract for the work on the Art Strategy and the development of the Art Strategy. This will be the first Art Strategy for Nunatsiavut and we plan to continue to build on the Strategy moving forward. We felt it was important to hear from those that will be directly impacted from the Strategy which is

why the expression of interest for the steering committee members from all five of our communities as well as one Member from the Upper Lake Melville. The Tourism Division is also continuing to move forward with the short-term tactics within our strategy. And we'll be planning to hold a stakeholder session during the fall to bring together our communities. Our staff are planning our way for Community Outreach and innovative ways to work with stakeholders to develop market-ready experiences.

Mr. Speaker, within the Division of Culture, staff are really putting an emphasis on language this year. The next Master Apprentice Inuttitut program will start again in September of this year, for five of the Inuit Communities in the Nunatsiavut region, with one Master and one apprentice from each community. The program was developed to immerse participants in the Inuttitut language until March 31st, 2020. There will also be a Language Summit in Nain, in November of 2019. During the summit, people will gather to discuss the Inuttitut language within Nunatsiavut and strategies to revitalize the language. Following the summit, a language strategy will be developed that will provide a five-year plan to strengthen and revitalize the Inuttitut language within Nunatsiavut. The Division is also working on Okak Commemoration, as you know, that 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Influenza epidemic that devastated Labrador's Inuit. There is now a Planning and Implementation Committee formed to carry out the tasks planned from the Okak Commemoration Committee. This committee is made up of NG staff, Parks Canada and representatives of the Okak

Committee. Mr. Speaker, there will be an event held in September of 2019 to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Spanish Flu. This event will be a positive event celebrating the community of Okak and its descendants. Within archaeology, staff are working on the Labrador Qayaq Revival Program. We have begun to record stories from elders who grew up in Northern Labrador in the last areas in the region, who actively used Qayaat. Recordings of these interviews are being transcribed, given to families for verification, and stored in Nunatsiavut archives. So far, eight interviews have been conducted in Nunatsiavut and Nunavik. Each, approximately an hour or more in length. Mr. Speaker, we also continue to work on the Nanilavut File, following the Prime Minister's apology for treatment of Inuit in relation to this issue. And the official Nanilavut in Iqaluit of March of 2019. Our Project Manager, Cathy Ford has been raising awareness about the project through public presentations in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville and has been helping relatives searching for their lost loved ones using the Nanilavut database. In the area of Hopedale Archives Inventory, Kyle Crotty is preparing to make his last inventory trip to Hopedale in June of this year coinciding with David Igloliorte starting work for the summer. This relates to our larger archival database efforts. The Hopedale library inventory will be digitally accessible after Crotty's last trip. These are just a few of the projects that our department's working on in 2019, 2020 and we're looking forward this year. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement, this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Information Technology and Human Resources and Finance

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhattik. Mr. Speaker, in March, 2019, the Nunatsiavut Government received notice from the Department of Finance, of the Government of Canada, that we'd be receiving a one-time adjustment of \$1.8 million for personal income taxes. This is a result of CRA completing audits for the 2016 fiscal year on personal income taxes. These audits are completed each year, primarily due to the number of tax filers who are incorrectly completing their returns. Mr. Speaker, to give some perspective on this issue and the adjusted amounts, there were 388 tax filers during that year who, according to their mailing address, lived in one of our Inuit communities, but did not indicate on their tax return. Additionally, there were 821 who did not live in Nunatsiavut according to their mailing address, but indicated on their returns that they did. Our Finance Division has released communications to our beneficiaries on this matter in the past and we're working on a communication protocol for the upcoming tax season and we will work with the Members around this table to try to get the correct information out to our beneficiaries in completing their tax returns. Finally, Mr. Speaker, as I reported to the Assembly, we have been successful in receiving our funding for the Canada Summer Jobs 2019 Program. And again, there was a positive change in the criteria which expanded the eligibility for any youth

between the ages of 15 and 30 to be employed under this program, regardless of whether or not they are a student. So the Government has released our summer positions this past Monday and note that the job competitions will close on June 14. That's all I have for you today, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tuberculosis-, there have not been any new cases of TB in Nain since mid-March. Work continues on following up on all contacts of cases. A chest x-ray clinic was held in Nain on May 23rd and 24th. A TB clinic is being scheduled for May 29th and 31st. As of the end of March, 71 percent of residents of Nain, have been assessed for TB or in the process of being assessed. This number is currently being updated. An extra nurse has been deployed to Nain for two weeks to assist with community screenings as we are trying to complete as much as possible, before the end of summer. Two staff attended the McGill TB course offered in Iqaluit the end of April. The Director of Health Services presented on the work in Nunatsiavut as part of the panel. Non-insured health benefits: NIHB currently provides both dental and vision services in each of the five Nunatsiavut communities. Unfortunately, we have difficulty getting vision providers to travel to Nunatsiavut on a regular basis. We have two clinics scheduled in the next couple of months for Nain to hopefully meet the needs of most people. We have discussed with Labrador Grenfell Health, as well, and hopefully there will be a

better arrangement for individuals who need to come out for this service.

Mr. Speaker, it should be noted that Non-insured health benefits has no control over schedule seat availability or who gets on the flights. This is determined by Labrador Grenfell Health. Non-insured health benefits only decide who is eligible to have the charge for the flight covered.

DHSD has raised concerns and issues with Labrador Grenfell Health Senior Management numerous times around patients being bumped for dental and vision, but ultimately, LGH makes this decision, not Non-insured Health Benefits.

Mental health and Addictions: Mental Health and Addictions Coordinator was reposted for Nunatsiavut with no qualified applicants and no applicants from Nunatsiavut. This was the fourth posting in the last year and a half. The issue was brought to Nunatsiavut Executive Council and there was agreement that we could post for Upper Lake Melville or Nunatsiavut as several beneficiaries have expressed interest in the position if it was available in the Upper Lake Melville area.

Youth Programs and Services: Regional Youth Strategy has been completed. Once we've had an internal review, it will go to Nunatsiavut Executive for approval. Youth have strongly prioritized language and culture programming, both in community and on the land across many of the priority areas. The priorities set by youth are: mental wellness and intergenerational healing; culture and language revitalization; housing and food security; education and employment; and youth empowerment and personal development. We have submitted for funding to further develop culture and language programming for youth, as it was a key

focus in the Youth Strategy Consultations. The Regional Youth Symposium was held in Hopedale during April 25th to 29th and is reported to have gone very well. I was happy to attend part of the Youth Symposium. Funding for the Youth Centre has been extended to March 2020 in Nain with likely extension beyond that. Residential Schools, Mr. Speaker: A briefing note submitted to NEC regarding residential schooling healing funds, primarily seeking direction regarding staffing model associated with the funding. The decision was to fund a regional position to assist communities in planning and implementing the recommendations regarding activities. Tobacco Control Strategy: ITK and the Federal Government have reached agreement on the funding formula for Inuit. The Nunatsiavut Government will receive \$173,674 for each, for five years, totalling over 868,000. We will discuss next steps for our region prior to the next ITK Tobacco Control Working Group meeting. Missing and murdered Indigenous women, Mr. Speaker: The national inquiry final report was released this past Monday in Ottawa. The events were livestreamed in communities and supports were present. There was reports submitted to this inquiry. Funding, as per recommendation of survivors. The proposals allow for time to consult with survivors and then to bring recommendations for the commemoration activities to NEC for approval prior to implementation. Initial survivor recommendations are for a plaque in each community with a commemorative feast. Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey attended this event. Mr. Speaker, Family Services: Reports on reducing harm to parental substance use and access to child

specialist services have been submitted and are in review in depth. We had put in a funding request for new positions under the “Child First” initiative, including workers to support families in accessing, navigating child specialist services, and dedicated capacity to child and family and mental health. Land Base, Mr. Speaker: Hope walk events have occurred in every community. Nain held theirs at Iggiak, May 4th and 5th. Hopedale held theirs March 25 to 27, using the lodge. Makkovik had theirs April 12th and 13th using a tent. Postville held theirs May 9th using a tent. Rigolet held theirs April 23rd. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Child Review is almost complete. We expect a final report by June 30th. We met with a Child Youth and Advocate on April 1st and she provided an overview of the information obtained by Community Consultations, literature review and file review. The Advocate provided an overview of the issues identified and her recommendations, and also requested clarification from Nunatsiavut Government on a number of points. We were not surprised, but pleased with the issues identified and the recommendations. We did request a little stronger language around some of the recommendations and she took this under advisement. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to see that during the Easter holidays, 21 children in care in the Roddickton Region return to their home communities for family visits. We have successfully recruited two foster home recruitment and retention social workers, both of whom are beneficiaries who will be starting the middle of this month. We hope they will gradually be able to bring some of the children back to

Nunatsiavut and, or prevent others from leaving the community. Mr. Speaker, we have posted a new position, Director of Family Services an Indigenous Representative to assist in implementation of the new *Child Youth Care and Protection Act*, by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and recommendations in the Inuit Child Welfare Review. Mr. Speaker, Ms. Laura Aguirre, a public health student has started her practicum on problematic alcohol use for this summer. This work is intended to meet the actions outlined in the Regional Health Plan regarding alcohol use in Nunatsiavut.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Minister Asivak, if I may, Standing Orders 29.2 limits Ministers Statements to a period of 35 minutes, and that 35 minutes has been exhausted. However, with Standing order 16.1, we can ask for the permission-, unanimous consent of this Assembly for the extension of the 35 time limit to allow Minister Asivak to continue with his statement. Do we have unanimous consent of this Assembly to continue Ministers Statements? Mr. Asivak, please proceed.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do recognize the time allotment and I do apologize, whatever...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

No apology is necessary.

MR. ASIVAK:

Miss Jessica Lyall, Mr. Speaker, Master of Social Work student is completing a placement with the Family Connections Program and assisting with many of the evaluation components of that program. Mr. Speaker, the Inuit Health Survey Manager has been hired and is leading

the process of selecting themes for core questionnaires and selection of clinical components. The elders conference was held in Nain from April 8th to the 11th with the theme “Reclaiming our Voices”. Participants came from all Nunatsiavut communities, Happy Valley, Goose Bay, North West River and the Canadian constituency with many special guests. President Lampe, Minister Tony Andersen, Minister Jim Lyall, and myself were also present for parts of the conference. A report has been written and will be shared once translated. The Actua Children’s Summer camps for children and youth are going ahead this summer in all seven communities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the new Minister of Economic Development, the Honourable Greg Flowers. It’s Education and Economic Development. I apologize.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I’d like to thank our First Minister for giving me the opportunity to be a Minister in our Government and the Minister of Economic Development-, Education and Economic Development. I look forward to working with each and every one of you here around this table and doing my utmost to try to do what I can to do my work entrusted to me and that I’d like to thank your vote of confidence that you gave me and let me move forward in working with our Government. Mr. Speaker, I’d just like to give a few quick updates what’s happening in our department this summer. I haven’t been briefed besides one minute from the Former Minister, Tony Andersen and my

Deputy Minister Tim McNeil, so Mister Speaker, the Hansards are going to have to cooperate with me because I won't be reading from script today, Mr. Speaker. I'm just going to give a few quick updates and let you know what's kind of happening this summer. First of all, Mr. Speaker, The Summer Literacy Camp for 2019 will be underway in Nain, Hopedale, Rigolet and Makkovik this summer. Staff has already been-, will be trained in Makkovik on June the 28th and 29th and the camp set-up will be happening the following week on June the-, July-, sorry-, 8th and 26th. Students on Ice, Mr. Speaker: Arctic Expedition two students has been selected, Seth Ford of Makkovik and Maddison Ford-Goudie of Postville has been selected. They will be travelling to Ottawa this summer and joining the rest of their-, their fellow students and staff and I guess, Mr. Speaker having the trip of their lives exploring the North. Inuttitut Evaluation. This project, Mr. Speaker, I'm very-, not familiar with this, so I'll try to read as much as I can from script. The project is well-underway. Dr. Sylvia Moore and Dr. Shirley Tulloch-, I'm not sure of the pronunciation, Mr. Speaker, so I apologize to her-, have hired current IBED student, Joanne Voisey as a research assistant. They will be visiting the communities, talking with parents, teachers and former students and having participation and interviews and focus groups. The report is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer. Early Childhood Education for Nain: The Department of Education and Economic Development is working closely with the Department of Health and Social Development in the College of the North Atlantic to deliver a one-year

Early Childhood Education Program in Nain. The community-based development is being offered to meet the demands for training for current DHSD daycare staff. The curriculum has been enhanced to include Inuit-specific information related to child development, culture, values and traditions. And the Inuit-specific research and many new research has been selected. This program will be offered in modules, Mr. Speaker over two summers and the positions is in the daycare for the fall to spring. I'm not quite sure what that means, yet, Mr. Speaker. Anyway, that's basically, to the point. Also, Mr. Speaker, I have, I guess, not a real update from Inuit Pathways, but I'd just like to speak a little bit on it, and I haven't met with this department at all, yet and I look forward to their work, because reading over some of this, Mr. Speaker, they do a lot of-, and we all know this as a Government, that they do wonderful work, education and training our Inuit people to further their education and to move forward in fields that they are looking forward to working in, and doing whatever they can to help move Nunatsiavut forward. So Mr. Speaker, with that, I'd just like to say, thank you, again, and I-, during question period, if you have any questions, I certainly, you know, may want to-, I look across the table at my former colleague, Patricia Kemuksigak who did this job while I was here. I know now that Tony Andersen was the representative so between us all, Mr. Speaker, I may be able to try to help the best that I can, to answer some questions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Flowers. I believe we've heard from all of our departments with the exception of President Lampe. President Lampe, would you care to make a Ministers statement this morning other than your opening statement?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Speaks in Inuttitut]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes our Ministers statements for this morning. I'm going to call a 15-minute recess, bathroom break. We'll reconvene in 15 minutes.

[Recess.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: And we're now back in session. So we'll pick up where we left off. And now, we're on to Item Seven on the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements". Are there any Members wishing to make a statement, this morning? We'll begin with Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. I wish to present on NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation Report for the time period, October 2018 to May 2019. Firstly, I would like to thank the Assembly Members, NunaKâtiget Board of Directors, and Community Freezer coordinator for their understanding and assistance during my five-month leave of absence from my elected position due to my husband's major stroke. The Community Freezer Coordinator, Debbie Hynes went above and beyond, helping with many additional activities during my absence. I would like to thank the staff of the Non-insured Health Benefits Program for assisting us during our stay in St. John's. I would also like to send well wishes to Charlotte

Wolfrey for her continued healing and a speedy recovery. Mr. Speaker, the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation held its Annual General Meeting on October 10th, 2018 and had an election for all new Board Members for a four-year term. The elected Board Members were Leanne Winters-Hill Vice Chair, Ruby Best, treasurer, Barbara Crawford, secretary, and three additional Board Members, Eileen Saunders, Roy Blake and Gary Broomfield. Eileen Saunders resigned as a Board Member in late May. I would like to thank Eileen for her dedication, diligence and commitment, sitting on the NunaKâtiget Inuit Communication Board for the past 10 years. The Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer continues to be our major service that we provide. The numbers have fluctuated from October to May. The highest was 152 in December and low is 81 in April. Average number of people availing of the community freezer is 120. The low numbers were mainly due to less traditional foods being available at this time of year, however we did receive seal meat in late April and early May. Mr. Speaker, the freezer had corn cobs, fresh vegetable, smelts, partridge, rabbits, red berries, blueberries and moose over the past six months. I want to thank the Lake Melville Hunting and Fishing Association for getting our Provincial licence, moose, and Joseph Townley for getting our Nunatsiavut Government Licence, moose. *Nakummek*, to the Nunatsiavut Government Lands and Natural Resources for providing us with moose from the Gros Morne hunt. NunaKâtiget had a very-, was very pleased to have received additional funds again, this year, as our funding from Nunatsiavut is very limited. We are unable to provide many programs and

services, unless we receive additional funding. We would like to thank the Ikajuttiget board for providing additional \$4,700 for programming, that included net mending and making an Inuttitut language program. In addition, we received \$7,000 from the Tasiujatsoak Trust for net-making, mending and traditional food preparation for Youth. We will be starting Inuttitut program and traditional cooking in the fall, when youth get back to school and we will also be having Inuttitut for adults, as well. Mr. Speaker, we offered two net-making, mending courses in December in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. The first had 10 participants, however, the second one was too close to Christmas and only one participant showed up, so we had to cancel it. We are getting ready to have another one starting in June. We would like to thank Tim McNeil of the Department of Education and Economic Development for providing the net-making materials, Chris Webb of Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, providing a space to hold the course, and to the instructors Alex Saunders, Anders Flowers and assistant, Doug Adams. NunaKâtiget paid half the cost to have handrails installed in the corridor as it is very difficult for our elders and people with disabilities to walk the long hallway to our offices. Many elders and people with disabilities say that the handrails are very helpful and they no longer have a fear of falling. On behalf of NunaKâtiget and Board Members, we would like to send congratulations to the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries who graduated from high school, college and university graduates from Mud Lake and Happy Valley, Goose Bay. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my Members statement is broken down a bit. I think it was geared towards a two-day session at the beginning, but I had to break it down. However, Mr. Speaker, first of all, this morning, I would like to make mention of a young man from Postville, now residing in Newfoundland. His name is Bronson Jacque. Since our last sitting, Mr. Speaker, in March, on March the 12th on CBC news, they made mention of this young man and his success in the field of weight lifting. I did have an opportunity to chat with this young man less than a week ago and I let him know that I would be bringing his name forward and, you know, just giving a credit for his endeavours. Bronson Jacque grew up in Postville, roughly 180 kilometers, northeast of Goose Bay and representing Newfoundland and Labrador at the championships, taking gold in the open division. But more than that, Jacque earned himself the right to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Power-lifting championships which will be held in St. John's in September. Jacque says he has a couple months of training before he's going back and prepare for the world event in St. John's. He said he prepares by getting used to the equipment, training hard and trying his best. "About two to three years ago, I started focusing on power lifting and ever since then, I've been trying to get better at the sport. I qualified for the B Team this year and this is just amazing. So next, my goal is to compete at the International A Team which would be everybody in the world." So this morning I want to recognize this young

man from the smallest populated community in Nunatsiavut as a great achievement in his young life. Very proud of him. **[Applause]** Mr. Speaker, in addition, on April the 19th, 2019, one of our elders in our community celebrated his 90th birthday, who live right across the road from me and we call him Uncle Tom Edmunds. Mr. Speaker, he still has the ability to get around on skidoo in the winter months and his ATV in the summer months. Mr. Speaker, I have great respect for all individuals including this gentleman. Mr. Speaker, this man has seen many challenges in the past 90 years of life and today some of these challenges still exist. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Tom Edmunds as an elder, as a humble, quiet and kind man, yet he can still get his point across when necessary. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement, this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, *Uhalitik*. I would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2019. This year, the following students will graduate from ACMS: Ben Coombs, Jobe Flowers, Freeman Jararuse, Halle Lucy, Chad Nochasak, John Piercy, Jordan Tuglavina, Rena Tuglavina and Mario Vincent. Nine bright students, Mr. Speaker who I wish all the best in their endeavours in whichever path they choose. I would also like to congratulate Doris Boase on receiving her Bachelor of Education degree through the Nunatsiavut and MUN program. Doris is now a Inuttitut teacher at the school and we're very proud of her. Also, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate

Nicholas Flowers who one the Labrador NLESD Student Leadership Award. This award goes to a grade 8 to 12 student who encompasses the spirit of leadership. Nicholas was nominated by ACMS teachers for his vision, goal setting, cultural leadership, charisma and role modeling for our younger students. Nicholas is also an active volunteer. A reception was hosted for Nicholas, his family, grade 7 to 12 students, and staff to congratulate his success and applaud the schools. Congratulations, Nicholas. Mr. Speaker, more great congratulatory news from ACMS is Mr. Curtis Oliver, one of our high school teachers, has been recognized for finding a new way to make learning more exciting and engaging for the students. Curtis Oliver teaches a class where students can explore their history, traditions, culture using virtual reality. The program is working so well in Oliver's classroom, that he's training other teachers within the school so they can implement the technology in their lesson plans. Since using his new technology, Oliver said that his students are more eager and excited about learning-, a wonderful thing for our students, Mr. Speaker. He said, "they feel they're a part of the learning process. They take ownership of it, and are always asking for more opportunities." Oliver's work with virtual reality has been recognized by the Ed Can Network with an honourable mention for the 2019 Jen Spencer award for Innovation in teaching and learning. The award came with \$1,000 prize that the school plans to use to reinvest in program. In HICG news, the HICG has been busy plowing the roads and we are finished. This year has been a record year for snow plow. And I want to commend our staff for a job well-done. The water crisis finally seems

to be subsiding, Mr. Speaker. There were fewer freeze-ups this past winter, and only one drop of water pressure when a broken hydro wire caused loss of power at our distribution building. The large amount of money invested to upgrade our water system appears to be paying off. Gratitude and thanks to all Government agencies for funding to make the upgrades possible. This summer, Budgell's Equipment will upgrade all our roads, as well as sewer upgrades in sections of town. Both jobs, which are greatly needed in our town. Mr. Speaker, we continue to work with little support staff in our office and I want to commend Donna Flowers and Agnes Millie for working diligently to try and keep up with day-to-day activities. By the end of this month, HICG will be finally caught up with the audits, which we have done seven since December of 2015. Mr. Gilles Picard's Consulting Company is proving to be very beneficial in training our staff in team building, management and coaching. I'm pleased to say that we have finally found a manager-, a Town Manager who we will be working with over this coming year to upgrade her in courses and coaching. In closing, on behalf of HICG, I extend our sincere condolences to Jake Basto's family. Jake went missing four years and nine months ago and his remains were found a couple of weeks ago in Makkovik. He was finally brought home and laid to rest this past Friday. Also, condolences are extended to AngajukKâk Barry Andersen and his family on the passing of his mother, Ellen Andersen. While grieving and helping prepare for his mother's funeral, Barry received a call that emergency services were needed to search for a plane that had crashed near Makkovik. Barry, being the

Captain of the Ground Search and Rescue, did not hesitate to take the lead in this mission. That, Mr. Speaker, is leadership. **[Applause.]** I'd also like to express our deepest condolences on behalf of our town to the family and President Lampe in the passing of his mother, Annie Lampe. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to congratulate the students from the IBED program that just graduated last Friday, a historic event for Nunatsiavut and especially to Roxanne Nochasak from Makkovik who went through the whole program while raising a large family, including newborn babies-, one baby for sure, and then another is one year old, at the same time-, a huge achievement. And one of her daughters, Michelle Nochasak is a page here today. The family commitment, there, was huge, and I'd like to also congratulate and encourage the other two that had to lag behind because of family issues and illness which is a hard struggle for those striving for that goal. I'd like to also recognize Jessica Winters on her degree, Bachelor of Science at MUN. At the convocation and afterwards at the ceremony, at the new-, it's the facility that they have there for the International Students now, that's coming into MUN, Dr. Kirk Andersen, the Dean of Education and the Chancellor, were all-, came in and did a little speech there. And one name came up quite often, in the speech and there was high praise for Tim McNeil who is up in the gallery. With his persistence

and I guess energy, in that field, this program, I think, came about, and we now have, five years later, a Bachelor of Education Degree students, which hopefully will be in our schools in the near future supporting our education system. I'd like to thank Marjorie and Mr. Speaker, for your condolences too with the passing of my mom. And with regard to the GSR Mission with the aircraft accident, all I can say there is that the GSR team in Makkovik makes me look good. They're the ones that are t here in the weather doing all the hard work and just one guy survived the crash. Actually, from what I understand, he's coming back to Makkovik today to meet with the boys who saved his life and to celebrate his still being here. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any other Members statements from this morning? The Speaker recognizes Mr. Tony Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that in your opening remarks this morning, you mentioned the absence of the AngajukKâk from Nain. I'd just like to tell the Assembly that the AngajukKâk from Nain is absent because he escorted his wife for a medical travel. I'm pleased to say that-, well, although I did not speak to AngajukKâk Dicker, I did speak to members of his family. His wife is doing well and we wish her a speedy recovery. I'd also like to say that I didn't know that he would not be here, and all of last week I studied and studied for all the tough questions that he usually asks me during Assembly sitting. But I certainly, do miss the AngajukKâk from

Nain and I'm sure that he'll be doubly loaded up with questions, come September. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. Are there any other Members statements for this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start by sending congratulations to the Northern Lights Academy Eagles, Nathan Jacque, Ryan Pottle and Zoe Shiwak, Brady Williams, Samantha Williams, Shania Williams, Brianna Wolfrey, Kierden Wolfrey and Rodney Wolfrey on winning the Regional Badminton Championship in Happy Valley, Goose Bay on April 14th. The team proudly moved on to represent our region in Provincial Badminton Tournament in Glovertown Newfoundland. And on May 3rd 2019 because Provincial champions there, as well. Congratulations also goes to the coaches, Mr. Steve Brazil and Mr. Kevin Jacque who supported and encouraged our team to compete at their very best. Their team were not only great competitors but also displayed great sportsmanship. Well done, Eagles. Congratulations to the 2019 high school graduates of Northern Lights Academy, Shania Williams and Kierden Wolfrey. I had the honour of attending the beautiful graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 25th. I wish them much luck in their future endeavours. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Departments of the Nunatsiavut Government who have been supporting the efforts of the Rigolet Inuit Community Government to find a solution to end the gasoline predicament in our community. I know that it is a very stressful time for our residents who,

although, considering, has been very patient in waiting for an end to this crisis. All involved, knows how vital fuel is in all aspects of our daily lives and continues to work together to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. Our community has a lot of concerns with the new ferry service, Mr. Speaker. I look forward to hearing form the First Minister on the issue as she has mentioned that her department will be holding a meeting with the province in the near future. I already wrote a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Works with our concerns and questions. I look forward to hearing from them. I would like to thank the First Minister in advance for bringing our concerns forward. I know she will represent our region, well. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members statements for this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Assembly Members and guests. We had two Members from the Canadian constituency attend the Elders Conference in Nain, recently. They were Charlotte Fost and Elsie Jenkins. Sarah Anala also a Member was the Guest Speaker at the conference. They identified several main purposes for the conference: to remember and honour strengths, to identify needs and issues and challenges; to identify ways to address some of these issues; to embrace positive changes for Nunatsiavut, and to develop stronger relationships with others in our community, and to motivate and inspire elders. Then, Mr. Speaker, we had two Members attend a Woman's Conference in Goose Bay early in

May, titled, "Empowering Indigenous Women for Stronger Communities". They were Emma Reelis and Ellen Ford, both living in St. John's. This conference was sponsored by the Native Aboriginal Women's Network in conjunction with the St. John's Native Friendship Centre, Mi'kmaq of West Coast Newfoundland and Qalipu First Nations. Mr. Speaker, as you well know, Atelihai the Inuit Group of Nova Scotia came into existence and had the grand opening in the new office space. They now have a newly elected Inuit Board. Francis Nicholas from Rigolet is the administrator. The group was very dedicated, well-organized and had made tremendous strides in getting so many programs off the ground and functioning. In March, the Atelihai Inuit were successful in securing funding to hire staff. The Atelihai Inuit Program offers outreach service, transition support, weekly community program, new gathering to be inclusive to all Inuit of the Maritimes and their families. And preparing for upcoming programs, they have order supplies of thick slippers and things. Terry tent's Inuit Drums from Simon Kohlmeister, Kudliit from Derek Pottle and open house with Elder, Dr. Sarah Anala, was well-received with over 40 participants, including Board Members and Edward Blake-Rudkowski. The Programming includes Drum Dance, throat singing, lesson from Aputik Singers, Inuttitut language lessons, children's programs, community socials, drop-ins, visits to Inuit and local recovering centre, outreach programs, Silapaat making workshop, craft classes, navigating social support services and a drop-in program. The future endeavours include performing and participating at the upcoming Indigenous People

Celebration, a gathering for all Inuit in the Maritimes, including their families. They have monthly newsletters, network to raise awareness for and partnering with an organization. And also, Mr. Speaker, on a brighter note, with regards to education and what's happening with PSSP and Pathways, we have at this day, two graduates from PSSP that I can speak about. One, Samantha Leonard is now Doctor Samantha Leonard, and the other is Jessica Winters, Bachelor of Science from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Congratulations to both. Thank you, sir, and Assembly Members.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. I'm usually hesitant to call a recess mid-way through a section on the *Orders of the Day*, however, I think we-, a further continuation risks a cold lunch. So I'll call a recess for one hour. Lunch is already ready in the courtroom. We'll reconvene in one hour.

[Recess.]

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I hope everyone enjoyed their lunch. We're back in session. We left off on Item Seven on the *Orders of the Day*, namely, "Members Statements". And we concluded before lunch with Mr. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for Canada. Are there any other Members wishing to give a Member's statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marlene Wheelers-Winter.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would first, like to welcome Ordinary Member Mr. Greg Flowers, now, Minister Flowers, on his return to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I look forward to working with you, Minister Flowers. I would also like to welcome the return of Patricia Kemuksigak, Chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation. And I also send well wishes to Rigolet AngajukKâk Charlotte Wolfrey. We hope to see her return, soon. I would like to congratulate the beneficiaries who competed and medalled in the recent Labrador Winter Games, especially our colleagues, Minister Edmunds, and our Speaker, Mr. Edward Blake-Rudkowski. You represented us, very well. Congratulations to the participants of the Lab Cup, the largest indoor soccer tournament in Atlantic Canada. We had numerous beneficiaries who participated in this long-running event and represented us well. I must also add, that the men's team for Makkovik was sorely missed this year and we hope to see them back next year. The ladies' team from Nunatsiavut played well and we hope to see them return, as well. My colleague, Member Asivak, and I have been working with various beneficiaries who face issues such as housing, health care challenges and homelessness. I've been attending various elders get-togethers and community events since our last Assembly. Finally, I would like to send congratulations to beneficiary Sydney Goudie from Happy Valley, Goose Bay, who recently attended the RCMP National Youth Summit in Ottawa from May 22nd to the 24th. I am sure she has a bright future ahead of her. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to congratulate all our graduates from university, college and all of our high schools. And I would just like to say that I think our AngajukKâk from Makkovik, Barry, may have been too modest to congratulate his and Kim's daughter, Marina who also graduated from our IBED program. And Barry was fortunate to be able to be able to attend her convocation. Congratulations to Marina and you and Kim, Barry. For Makkovik this year, there were no graduates from our high school, as there were no students in level 3. I would like also, to congratulate our new MHA, Lela Evans on her election as our MHA. We certainly look forward to working with her to advance the interests of our people, and we wish her every success in her new role and we will support her every way that we can. Listening to the achievements of our young people, I feel that I can honestly, say that our future is in good hands. Congratulations to Gregory. Welcome back. And I'd also like to thank the Ordinary Member from Nain, Tony, for his willingness to take on the extra responsibilities of Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development. You did an excellent job, Tony. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Mitchell. Are there any other Members? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to thank the people of Hopedale for putting their confidence in re-electing me as their Ordinary Member again. I know that during the election there was-, the day of the election, I should say, it was a real stormy day and not as many people who wanted to get out, got out, but they went out in the storm and faced the storm to, you know, elect a new Member for their community and I'm just glad that at the end of the day, it was in my favour, but I'd also like to congratulate the other two for putting their name forward. It's not an easy task and, you know, when you put your name forward for any election, especially to serve your people and your Government, you know, you have to, you know, be true and faithful and try to do the best job you can. I just hope that I can live up to that expectation, Mr. Speaker and do the best that I can for the people of Hopedale and Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Flowers. The Speaker recognizes Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Over the past few months, it has been busy at Sivunivut, with Members availing of the Community Freezer, Seniors Crafts afternoon each week, and our ever-so-popular, merchandise Bingos. I'm also excited to announce that Sivunivut will be partnering with the Interpretation Centre this summer to provide traditional skills to our seniors with classes like embroidery, and beading courses. This will be held at the Interpretation Centre, which is located in North West River each

Wednesday afternoon, to seniors. We look forward n this partnership and hope to continue in the future years. I'd also like to thank Illiget for the donation of \$10,000 to Sivunivut for programs and Community Freezer. We will also be hiring our summer student, as well, in the near future. We have been approved by the Federal Government for an eight-week work term and it's the same one that Tyler was talking about earlier today.

Nakummek.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Winters. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you. *Ukatti*. I want to thank AngajukKâk Sheppard for remarking on Bronson Jacque's accomplishments earlier. Extremely significant for our community and it's not the first time that his name has been mentioned around this table. Obviously, he's a very talented artist and for those who haven't met Bronson, he's extremely humble. He's very quiet and he's deserving of every bit of success that has come his way. Mr. Speaker, Brian Pottle, another Member of our community and now constituent of Canada, ran for the National Inuit Youth Council Presidency. The election took place two days ago, June 4th. So there were eight other Members across Inuit Nunangat running for the presidency. Brian's platform focused on increasing programs to reduce suicide rates across Inuit Nunangat and to ensure that youth are given opportunities to engage with technological industry and the sciences. Again, the vote took place on the 4th and though unsuccessful in his pursuit, it was great to see that we had a

representative from Nunatsiavut within the selection. And I wish the new President, Ms. Crystal Martin-Lapenskie, all the best in leading the initiatives of the NIYC. The DHSD team and Postville Recreation partnered over last month to deliver a soccer camp program for the youth and volleyball training. That was very exciting to see. There were 26 kids participating and they had a graduation supper. They received certificates for their program. I also had the pleasure of working with Postville Recreation to deliver a jack-rabbit program for ages 5 to 7 and 8 through 11, and we've seen just under 20 children participate in three one-hour workshops, focused at teaching them the basics of cross-country skiing. There's interest in expanding this program in the future, as well, with different age groups. Mr. Speaker, the 75th anniversary of the church took place in April. The church was the host of a weeks worth of activities which were highlighted by keynote speakers, for a women's conference and also a trip to Ailek where Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle has its roots. Ruth Jacque who's a long-time member of the church wrote a brochure on the church's history, provided copies to the Honourable President and Honourable Minister of Culture, and should anyone be interested in that, they can contact Ruth for digital copies, as well. Mr. Speaker, again, I want to extend congratulations to our graduates as well, at B.L. Morrison. We've had three graduates this year, Mr. Tyson Priddle, Ms. Emily Broomfield and Ms. Kelsey Jacque. I wish them all the success in their future endeavours. *Nakummek*, Uhatti.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Edmunds. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? I believe-, I think we may have covered everybody, anyway. Move on to Item Eight, seeing no other interest. Moving on to Item eight, on the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Oral Questions". During our last sitting, the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard, asked the Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Tony Andersen when the community of Postville was not involved in the NG Youth Camp Schedule for this summer. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Tony Andersen to provide his response when he was serving as the Acting Minister of Education and Economic Development.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I guess I am as a former Acting-Minister of Education and Economic Development, hey, because the Member from Hopedale took my job. Good to have you back again Minister Flowers. I look forward to having a little bit of fun sometimes. Serious business, but at times we've got to have a little bit of fun, you know? Mr. Speaker, the summer literacy camps is a project that has been delivered in Nunatsiavut Since 2016. True partnership with the Frontier College, the Nunatsiavut Department of Education and Economic Development has provided funding to deliver a three-week summer literacy camp for students age five to 12 years old. The first year was a pilot project that was decided we would begin with our largest community and should the camp be a success, expand each year to the next largest community, and so on. In 2016, the first camp was delivered in Nain, to much success. Children

could not get enough of the activities that were literacy focused but ranged from science to music to math to reading crafts to those focused on traditional Inuit culture. Due to the huge success in Nain, Mr. Speaker, in 2017, we expanded to include Hopedale, again, to much success. Last year we included Makkovik as well, and the reports which have been circulated each year, again, show nothing but positive feedback from our students, parents and community members. For 2019, we budgeted to include the next largest community, which is Rigolet. This is in line with our original plan to expand and eventually include all communities in Nunatsiavut. Expansion to Postville is schedule for 2020. I'd also like to add, Mr. Speaker-, and I say to the AngajukKâk and I say to all Honourable Members, that not always should we start with the largest and go to the smallest. Sometimes it should go vice versa and I say to the AngajukKâk from Postville, that remind Honourable Ministers and Honourable Members what happened in this case, so that the next time such a program is introduced year-to-year-to-year, I certainly wouldn't mind supporting you in saying let me start from the smallest to the largest as should be the case from time to time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, former Acting Minister Andersen. Again, at the last sitting, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders asked the Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak why the Canadian Constituency was not properly notified of the NG Youth Symposium which was held in Hopedale and how the selection for the Canadian Constituency Representatives at the Youth Symposium was

made. I'd like to recognize the Honourable Gerald Asivak, the Minister of Health and Social Development to provide his response.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. The Youth Symposium as advertised on the Nunatsiavut Government and DHSD Facebook pages. There were also CBC interviews. Herb Pomeroy, Director of Communications was made aware of the symposium and assisted with advertisements. There were applicants from the Canadian constituency and two were selected to attend. Both were from St. John's. In the future, we will ensure that a copy of the call for applications is sent to elected officials.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. There are no more Returns to Oral Questions, today, so we'll continue on to Item Nine of the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Finance Minister. If that's not the correct person, you can inform me. Would you consider to re-instate a constituency allowance for the Chairpersons of the Inuit Community Corporations? With our very limited budget funding, certain aspects of Chairperson duties can be difficult. A constituency allowance could or would include telephone, fax costs, office supplies and materials, mileage, travel expenses, dissemination of information to Nunatsiavut beneficiaries and mailouts. I would like to know if this is the right person, if you would consider it. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Chairperson Kemuksigak. Honourable Minister Edmunds, are you in a position to provide a response to the question? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, Uhatti and Nakummek*, Chairperson. This question, I guess, is more so related to an elected official's benefits, and it would be one that more appropriately rests with the Speaker's office, but I will comment that in terms of the budget that's allowed to the corporations, there may be the potential to use dollars, although you did mention they are limited, to outreach to your constituency through various initiatives. But in terms of the eligibility, I'm think that that question would be more appropriately directed to the Speaker's office. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. There is some validity to what Minister Edmunds says. Typically, things related to constituency allowances are under the purview of the MSC which makes recommendations towards the Assembly budget. But I certainly will bring this to the attention of the MCS at our next meeting which is upcoming, I would anticipate, next week. And someone will provide a response to you, Chairperson Kemuksigak at our next sitting, if that's okay. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister Lyall, you mentioned this morning that there's a language coming up in November. I was-, this is a two-part question. How will the participants be selected? And the second part-, will there be any Canadian Constituency members selected?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Minister Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the question, Mr. Saunders. At this time, the Art Strategy Committee is being put together and is comprised of Members from Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Rigolet, and Upper Lake Melville-, one Member each on a committee. My understanding is there was a letter written to you some time about a month ago, explaining the fact that we're looking for an Art Strategy for Nunatsiavut and I also understand that they're still reviewing whether they're going to be a Canadian Constituency Member appointed to that committee. And I'll certainly get a response back to you some time next week. Our Deputy Minister is presently in the hospital, but she should be back to work next week. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my question is for Minister Gerald Asivak. With the many complaints and discontentment regarding beneficiaries being

bumped off the Schedivac flights for vision and dental care, can this department please negotiate with the Lab-Grenfell health to review their policy on this matter? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. As noted this morning in my Minister's statement, my deputy Minister Ms. Michelle Kinney sits at a Tripartite Table with Labrador-Grenfell Health, and the CEO, Heather Brown and the ADM for Health and Community Services with the Province. I sat there at one meeting in April of 2019 in Nain. There's ongoing issues and complaints around the Schedivac and the Medivac. As you may know, there's newly-elected Provincial elections so we're giving this some time for the cabinet to be rearranged, and we will be meeting hopefully, again, with the same issues and improving on them, including this. As a side note, I have been informed, July 1st, there will be a separate Medivac from the Schedivac for the North Coast. If you have any official, formal complaints you can definitely send them to me or my department around vision and dental. But as stated this morning, we do not have full control of how this operation is, as it is Provincial jurisdiction with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. We can advocate for improved services, and we will do that. Please send your specifications to me and we will work on it, gladly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other oral questions, this

afternoon? The Speaker recognizes Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance. With both community corporations in Upper Lake Melville, our audit fees consist of approximately, 18 to 20 percent of our total annual budget. Is there any way the cost of the audit fees can be reduced from our budget so we can have more money for our community freezers and programs? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker and *Nakummek*, Chairperson. For your question, just bear with me one moment. In terms of the audit fees that the corporations are-, have to endure, each year, the Member will note that over the last year, perhaps attributable to the Chairperson's work, these have been going down. And as some of the Members around-, AngajukKâk around the table will know, there sometimes are additional fees for accounting that are built into the audit as well. I understand that the Chairperson has done some significant work to reduce the amount of money that your corporation has to pay for these audits. In terms of reducing the overall amount, I'm not sure what I can say on that front. The obligation that corporations have to use the same auditor as NG's in our constitution-, that's Section 11.3.29. The basic amounts for audits are quite expensive, and I understand that the corporations have a limited budget. I would suggest to the Chairpersons in the upcoming budget

submissions that, that be stressed-, the increased amounts that you had to pay for your budgets and we could see what could potentially be done on that front. *Nakummek*, Uhatti.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. Chairperson Winters. Do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WINTERS: No, thank you.

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

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I don't want to sound like a broken record today, but in response to a question at the March sitting, and my question is going to the Honourable President of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe. It's related to policing for Postville. And the response I got at the time was that their NG is trying to figure out a way to deal with policing within NG communities. My question today for the Honourable Minister would be since the March sitting, has there been any progress made on the policing issue within Nunatsiavut Communities? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I'll-, correct me if I'm wrong, but policing would fall under the jurisdiction of the First Minister? Or would you prefer to respond to that, President Lampe? Are you comfortable fielding that question, First Minister? According to the Standing Orders, if a person is not in a position to provide a ready response, then perhaps it would be best formed in a form of a written question. I'm going to direct

the AngajukKâk for Postville to provide a written question to our First Minister and to pursue it down that avenue. Are there any other oral questions this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, my question again, for the Minister of Finance. The Makkovik Inuit Community Government is struggling to keep up with the administration costs of our current infrastructure. Will the NG consider allocating extra funding or change the allocating formula under the Joint Management Committee, so the Makkovik Inuit Community Government can legitimately continue to operate our existing infrastructure? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. The Speaker recognizes the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, *Uhatti*, and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen for your question. The increased costs of the infrastructure within our Inuit communities is something that we're very aware of and is something that we've been hearing from the AngajukKâk for some time, now. What I will say in terms of getting additional dollars to offset those operational costs, is that, that would have to come from a renegotiated agreement on our *Fiscal Financing Agreement* and this is something that we are still working on. As the AngajukKâk may be aware, we have been getting additional information from the ICG's to try to justify to the Federal Government that we need these additional dollars to offset the costs of operating these buildings, arenas. So once that piece comes back-, now, we can certainly,

look at administering out additional dollars if we are successful. In terms of the formula that we use to allocate out those dollars, that's something that was agreed on by the Inuit Community Governments within the last year and a bit and we do have the opportunity to look at the formula for how those dollars are allocated out again. So that's all I have to say on that front, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek.*

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

MR. ANDERSEN: No, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions this afternoon? AngajukKâk Sheppard, I'm just going to make sure those who have not had a chance to ask a first question, have a chance, and then I'm going to circle back, but we will get to you. Again, are there any other additional questions? Any who have not asked a question? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. This question is for our First Minister. As Ordinary Member, I've heard from numerous beneficiaries regarding a review of their beneficiary status. So I'm asking if there is a Membership review that is currently, ongoing? *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Wheeler. The Speaker recognizes the First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for your question. There is no Membership review ongoing.

However, I just wish to clarify that each Membership committee has the right to review any Member that they feel might not meet the criteria found in chapter 3 of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. It's at their discretion. There is no Membership review underway. Thank you.

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

MS. WHEELER: No, thank you, Speaker Rudkowski.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Okay. Are there any other oral questions, this morning? Any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Well, this question is again, for Minister Lyall. But first, I would like to say, thank you to the Okak committee that have done so much work. This question, Mr. Lyall is, how many beneficiaries will be invited to the celebration in Okak? Do you have any ideas of what the number will be?

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

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you Member from Canadian Constituency. The Okak Committee itself, will be meeting-, have further meetings to decide exactly how many Members will be invited from each community. That has not been decided. And once that's done and we've come to a conclusion, we certainly would make you aware of what the number is. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. LYALL: Yes.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Go ahead.

MR. SAUNDERS: With regards to that celebration, Minister Lyall, how many days do you think you will have the people up there with regards to celebration, memorials, and any events that will be going on? Do you have any ideas to how long you will keep them for?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Saunders. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I never heard-, what was the question? I never heard the complete question.

MR. SAUNDERS: The question was, is how many days will you have the people there for, and what kind of events do you have planned, and whether or not there's any commemorative celebrations going on?

MR. LYALL: Thank you again, Honourable Member. Again, the Committee still hasn't made full decision on any of this stuff yet. We're still looking for a date. We're looking for more funding; we don't have a means of transportation set up exactly how we're going to get there. It may vary, depending on what sort of vessel we get to get people up there. The smaller the vessel the lesser the Members. However, the committee is still working on that and we should hopefully, have a decision some time before the end of July. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Ordinary Member Saunders, do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other questions this afternoon? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Andersen-, Glen Sheppard, sorry.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Honourable Minister of Lands and Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen. With the amount of increased pressure on Fish and Wildlife, and I guess in the last short while, I've been hearing of maybe additional conservation officers or assistant conservation officers for a couple of communities. I heard the rumblings out there. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Minister responsible for Lands and Resources if he has anything to share of that nature for our upcoming 2019 Fishing, Hunting-, what have you=, season. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, sir, Mr. Speaker, that AngajukKâk from Postville is hearing rumblings. I have-, I cannot at this time, say that we absolutely have additional conservation officers. We are trying very much to get additional conservation officers. We are looking, I suppose, first, to-, well, the-, Nain, and north of Nain which is a huge area. And as you know, that Nain being the most Northerly Community, Mr. Speaker and for one person to travel from Nain up to even to the National Park, is some distance, and with-, so that remains a priority for us. As well, the area in the Upper Lake Melville Area, which is huge. Again, we're looking-, again,

it's-, we need to get extra conservation in place, there. Certainly, in each and every community, we would like to eventually have at least two people to travel together for safety reasons. But as of today, I can't officially say that there is anything to say that those rumblings that you hear are true. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Sheppard, to you have second and final supplementary question?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, thank you. Are there any other oral questions? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And my question is for the Minister of Culture and Recreation, Mr. Jim Lyall. When is the Illusuak Building going to be open?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for the question from Ordinary Member from Rigolet. The Illusuak opening is still not 100 percent decided. We've had some problems with getting fire suppression in the building. It was supposed to be installed last fall but the equipment didn't come in, so we're waiting now for the shipping season to start. And we cannot put some more exhibits in the building until the fire suppression is installed. So it will probably be early-, late November, early December, we're hoping to have it for a December sitting when we have our

anniversary of when the Government was formed on the 5th of December.
But that's still not 100 percent confirmed. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. Do you have a second and final supplementary question?

MS. PALLISER: No, I don't. Thank you. Thank you, Minister Lyall.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes The Chairperson NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I wonder if you can provide an update on the 12E Migratory Bird Issue with Upper Lake Melville? Has anything been resolved, or is there still talks ongoing? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to Area 12, I'm sure that we are at Lands and Natural Resources, just as frustrated as the beneficiaries in Upper Lake Melville, who should be entitled to hunt and enjoy a harvest from migratory birds. Unfortunately, there are other groups so to speak, that have also to agree to allow, once again, for beneficiaries of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*, to harvest in that area. Talks are ongoing. And I hope that over the summer and over the next overlap agreement talks that we have with another Aboriginal or Indigenous group, that we'll start to make more headway and finally resolve this issue.

But I cannot tell you today, that the issue has been resolved. It certainly, has not been. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Minister Andersen for your response.

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

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question, I think, would probably be directed to the Honourable First Minister. And if not, then, you can direct me to who it should go to, but in past years, we've had help with getting wood for our communities and my question is, this year, will this process-, will you be helping with the same process in this year. I'm asking now, because fall comes and I want to get things straight. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I apologize, AngajukKâk Flowers. Who were you-, who's your question directed towards?

MS. FLOWERS: I directed my question to the First Minister.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Thank you.

MS. FLOWERS: But I'm not sure if that's who it should go to. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*. The Speaker recognizes The First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk from Hopedale for your question. I think the normally why my department was sort of involved in the past, was that it had to do with transportation, but the fire wood itself

has been supplied by NGC-, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and se we sort of work with them, you know, and I'll put in a request and we suggested, if t here was any wood that we would work together to get it to our communities. But I can assure you, if there's anything we can do, we'll certainly do whatever we can. Thank you for your question.

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

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

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other oral questions, today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Anderson.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I arise on this occasion to ask a question on behalf of my colleague, AngajukKâk Julius Dicker from Nain.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Just when you thought you'd get away from him.

MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah, but it's for the Minister of Health, Mr. Gerald Asivak. Again, you raised it in your message or your statements, but he would like to ask the question, of when and if, it's going to be possible to get the optometrists up to Nain. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Mr. Barry Andersen. As I noted this morning, we have one scheduled for June, this month, and I've just been informed, it's this week. Also in August. And Non-insured health benefits and DSHD is continuously trying to improve services. As noted this morning, we

cannot force any service provider to come into our communities. We can work with them. Also, noted by AngajukKâk Flowers, as well, we're working closely with Labrador-Grenfell Health trying to improve policy. However, this is out of our control again. This is Labrador-Grenfell Health policy on seating assignments. So we are diligently continuing to work on improving, but they are two scheduled as noted-, one ongoing, and another one by August. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. AngajukKâk Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. ANDERSEN:

No, I'd just like to say that I hope I'm still on his good side.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I have every confidence that you're safe. Are there any other oral questions, today? Again, final call, any other oral questions today? Hearing none, we're going to take just a two-, a five-minute recess before we head into next Item which is "Written Questions". We'll reconvene in five-minutes.

[Recess.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're back from recess and we'll resume with the *Orders of the Day*. We concluded "Oral Questions". So now, we're on to Item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Written Questions". Are there any written questions, today? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville. Do you have a written question, AngajukKâk?

MR. SHEPPARD:

Yes.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

The Speaker has received a written question from the AngajukKâk of Postville. I'll read it first. I'll read the question. This is a question addressed to First Minister Kate Mitchell. Has there been any movement on any discussions with the Province since our meeting of March 4th to 8th Assembly sitting related to policing for Nunatsiavut, specifically, Postville? Because this is a written question, this will be filed with the clerk and I'll give you an opportunity to respond in kind, all right? Also, in accordance with the Standing Orders a copy of this question will be furnished to all Members of this Assembly. Are there any other written questions today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 11 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions". There are no returns to written questions today. We'll move on to Item 12 of the *Orders o the Day*, "Petitions". Are there any petitions this afternoon? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions". There are no responses today, so we'll move on to Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". There are no reports of standing in special committees today so then we'll go on to Item 15, but just-, I'll provide an opportunity-, I'll take a quick opportunity to provide a very brief explanation. When we planned this session, the original intent was to have a couple of items addressed, which were not possible, unfortunately. Item one of the things which we hoped to accomplish was a presentation from the LICST. Given all the problems the weather created, the LICST themselves, decided that they would not present to us at this time. We had scheduled them in for a presentation

on Wednesday morning which would've been yesterday morning, but obviously, weather played havoc for us all including the people from the LICST. Just as an FYI, the LICST presentation has since been rescheduled to the next sitting, which is in of course, September. The second thing which fell off the *Orders of the Day*, was the report from the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol. Standing Orders require that the report be tabled on day and then presented the next. Given the fact that we've been reduced to a one-day session, that will not be possible. So we're going to table the document today and the report will be heard again, at the next sitting which will happen in September, if that's okay with the chairperson of that committee, Ms. Carlene Palliser. Thank you, Carlene. So that's our explanation. On to Item 15, which is "Tabling of Documents". I'd like to recognize the First Minister the Honourable Kate Mitchell.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I would like to table the 2019 Hopedale By-Election Report of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, First Minister. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 01-4 Section 3. I'd now like to recognize the Treasurer of Nunatsiavut Government, The Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhatti. I'd like to table the 2018 Annual Report of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, that's under Tab 3 in your binders.
Nakummek, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. This document will now be numbered as Tabled Document 02-4 Section 3. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary

Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser and I also will further explain that Ms. Palliser is also the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Chair of the Standing Committee on Alcohol on Drugs, I would like to table the report of the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs, June 2019.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ms. Palliser. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 03-4, Section 3. There are no more documents to be tabled today, so we will now move on to Item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*. Item 16 being "Notices of Motion". There'll be no notices of motion today. And with that, we'll move onto Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day*. Item 17 is "Notices of Motion for First Reading of Bills". There are no notices of motion for First Reading of Bills today, subsequently, we'll move on to Item 18 of the *Orders of the Day*, namely "Motions". Item 18 is "Motions". There are no motions today. So we'll now move on to Item 19, "First Reading of Bills". Item 19 on the *Orders of the Day* is "First Reading of Bills". But there are no First Reading of Bills today, so now we'll move on to Item 20. Item 20 is "Second Reading of Bills". There are no second readings of the bills today so we'll now move on to Item 21. Item 21, "Assent to Bills". There are no assent to bills today, so we'll now move in to Item 22. Just as a quick explanation as well, people who have been here a long time probably will recognize this, but I will make a brief explanation, perhaps for the purposes of Hansard or for anybody who may be listening. With every sitting of the Assembly we move through a lot of Items where

we don't have anything to present. However, the order in which things are done when we are sitting, is prescribed in the Standing Orders and to complete the Assembly sitting, we do have to go through Items on the Standing Orders in spite of the fact we may have no item attached to it. So I'll offer that just as a quick point of explanation. Now we're now on to the last Item on the *Orders of the Day*, specifically, adjournment. And with that we are now adjourned. I'd like to thank all Members and Ministers for their ongoing contributions. We're now into our summer break. We will reconvene in September. And with that, I wish everybody a healthy and safe and prosperous summer. And I look forward to seeing you all around this table again in September.