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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Edward-Blake Rudkowski

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak

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

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Mrs. Carlene Palliser

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Kate Mitchell

Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds

Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mrs. Rachel Saunders

Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Jim Lyall

Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Tony Andersen

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb Jacque

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Postville, Ms. Diane Gear

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell

Chair for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague.

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

Absent:

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

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

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Toby Andersen

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Carl McLean

Staff:

Director of Legal Services, Ms. Loretta Michelin

Legal Advisor, Mr. Veryan Haysom

Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

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MS. DIANE GEAR: (Recites Prayer).

PRESIDENT JOHANNES LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Diane. For the information of the Assembly, the pages today are Isaiah Pamak and Allan Vincent from Hopedale. The elected official in Nain decided to have the pages from their community at the September sitting. The interpreter/translator is Gus Semigak. Ches Evans is the IT staff helping out for this Assembly. As well, we would like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel and Johansi Tuglavina. If there are any questions around travel and logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. Also, please be advised that the

AngajukKâk from Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers, have been properly excused from attending this sitting. Please note that your briefing books contain the Standing Orders, the Elected Officials Policies, the Members Handbook, the Deeds of the *Inuit Trusts* and the 2018 Assembly Calendar. We suggest that you keep these referenced documents. The Standing Orders are the rules of the Assembly procedures and they will be used at every Assembly sitting. We are now on item two of the *Orders of the Day* and I will do my opening address as President of Nunatsiavut. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*). I also want to thank everyone that offered themselves up for election as it takes a lot of courage to put your name forward for a public office. The power of this Assembly lies in our ability as elected officials to reach out to all beneficiaries no matter where they live. To listen to their concerns, to recognize their challenges and to act in their best interests. That is why we are here. That is why our people have placed their trust in us. As Members of this Assembly, we need to be understanding, patient, supportive and, above all, united in our resolve to do what is best for our people and our communities. These are exciting times for Nunatsiavut. We are proud of our past for it has helped shape who we are today as a people. But we have to be focused on the future. The decisions we make as elected officials will help shape that future for our children and our grandchildren. It will take sacrifice, planning and hard work to create a future we need, want and deserve. As elected officials, we must strive to work together to reaffirm our commitment to each other, to Nunatsiavut and to all beneficiaries as we build a better

tomorrow. As a consensus government, it is imperative that we not lose sight of the challenges at hand and the goals and objectives we want to achieve. I look forward to working with all Members of this Assembly and to going through the process of electing a First Minister as well as appointing a new Executive Council and selecting a Speaker. *Nakummek*. I will call individual Members to approach the front as I administer the Oath of Office in alphabetical order.

And in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MR. TONY ANDERSEN: And in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT JOHANNES LAMPE: I...

MR. TONY ANDERSEN: I, Anthony Andersen, swear solemnly...

PRESIDENT JOHANNESLAMPE: Affirm.

MR. TONY ANDERSEN: ...solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold *the Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibility as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT JOHANNES LAMPE: Mr. Gerald Asivak, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. GERALD ASIVAK: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT JOHANNESLAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR.GERALD ASIVAK: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MR. ASIVAK: I, Gerald Asivak, swear and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability in the case of [indecipherable], so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [APPLAUSE].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Edward Blake Rudkowski, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...and in full realization of the high calling I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and that the powers entrusted to me are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I, Edward Blake Rudkowski, swear and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Mr. Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

MR. EDMUNDS: (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Mr. Jim Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

MR. LYALL: (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Ms. Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member from Makkovik. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MS. MITCHELL: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume...

MS. MITCHELL: ...I assume...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. MITCHELL: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

MS. MITCHELL: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

MS. MITCHELL: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MS. MITCHELL: I, Kate Mitchell, swear that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member for Rigolet. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MS. PALLISER: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. PALLISER: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MS. PALLISER: I, Carlene Palliser, swear, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MS. PALLISER: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

MS. SAUNDERS: (*Speaks in Inuttitut*).

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MR. SAUNDERS: I, Roland Saunders, swear, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Marlene Winters-Wheeler, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: ...I assume as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I...

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I, Marlene Winters-Wheeler, solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut and will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution* and all Inuit laws. And I solemnly promise to fulfill my responsibilities as a leader and to perform my functions as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me, God.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Before we begin I will ask the Assembly if we could have approval to invite Veryan Haysom and Loretta Michelin to sit in the Assembly chambers for this portion of the Assembly. All those in favour?
Unanimous. Mr. Haysom and Michelin. We have unanimous to invite Mr. Veryan Haysom and Loretta Michelin for this election portion election of this Assembly. Thank you. We will now proceed as a Committee of the

Whole to seek consensus on selection of the First Minister. The procedure is outlined in the document that has been provided by the Clerk to all members. When the First Minister is elected, we will reconvene in Assembly for the formal appointment and swearing in. We are now in the Committee of the Whole. I now call for nominations for the position of First Minister. Chairperson for Sivunivut, Mr. Derek Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to nominate Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski for First Minister, please.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We have a nomination for First Minister of Mr. Edward Blake Rudkowski, Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency. Mr. Blake Rudkowski, do you accept the nomination?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes, I do accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Okay. And I recognize AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Herb.

MR. JACQUE: Thank you, Mr. President. I nominate Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, for First Minister. *Nakummek*. And the AngajukKâk for Makkovik nominates Kate Mitchell for First Minister. Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Ms. Mitchell, do you accept the nomination?

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Are there any other nominations for First Minister? If not, I will now close the nominations for First Minister of Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I will now allow the nominees to say a few words to the elected Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I call upon Mr. Edward Blake

Rudkowski to say a few words to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Mr. Blake Rudkowski.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. First of all, I'd like to echo President Lampe's earlier words where he congratulated not only the people who were success in their campaigns, but also for the people who had the gumption and the courage to stick their name on a ballot in public office. It can be a rough ride and indeed all those who ran deserve our congratulations, and it's my aspiration that again those people who were unsuccessful this time will think about it for next time. Today begins the start of a four-year journey. Today begins the first day of the fourth sitting of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The good feelings and the congratulations and the celebratory atmosphere that we all enjoyed with our victories have now been replaced with the heaviness of responsibility. Since we have taken our oaths of office we all now bear upon us the hopes, the aspirations and the dreams of the Labrador Inuit people. And when I sit in my seat, my seat will sink a little lower because it's now incumbent upon me and incumbent upon everybody within this chamber to think solely of how we can better our people over the next four years. Whenever you begin a journey, it's always important in my mind to have an end goal. If you're journeying, if you're travelling, if you're walking, if you're going in a certain direction, I believe it's critical to know where you want to end up. And just as critical it's important to know when you're going to get there. So as we begin this four-year process, and as we begin this four-year Assembly, we have to sit and

reflect upon what we want to accomplish in the next four years. In my mind there are two critical things which are staring us in the face. The first of which is the crisis in which our language is immersed. In the language fight, time is not our friend. Time is our bitter and terrible enemy. Our population of *Inuttitut* speakers continues to age as is evidenced by the average age of our translators in Nain. They do tremendous work and are under tremendous work stress, but we cannot ignore the fact that our population is aging. Our language is in crisis and we, as a government, have to adopt that mindset. We have to adopt our thinking to crisis mode. I've had many conversations with people and they tell me the language is dead. They tell me the language is gone. They tell me the language is beyond salvation, but I don't accept that. If the language fails, it will be partially because of all of us sitting in this chamber today because we have the power to do something about it. We have to take massive and determined action to ensure that four years from today our language is in much better shape than what it is today. I understand that it's a hard journey and I understand that much work needs to be done. But I have to hearken back to the words of Nelson Mandela when he said famously, and I think it has tremendous pertinence here, when he said that it's always impossible until it is done, and that's the mindset we need to adopt when it comes to the preservation of our language. We lose our language, we continue to lose our culture and with cultural loss, and I can tell you because I see it daily. I see it daily in my mom's neighbourhood in Goose Bay. I see it in urban

environments, and I see it here. When we lose culture, the evidence of that cultural loss is seen in the homeless shelters throughout different parts where our beneficiaries live, and we have to do something about that. The second big priority in my mind is, of course, the housing crisis in Nunatsiavut. The federal government has recently thrown us a lifeline. They've allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to be shared between Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and Inuvialuit. And it's the responsibility of everyone in this room, and especially of our NAC, to ensure that the greatest piece of that pie comes to Nunatsiavut. We must be aggressive with our lobbying. We must push to the maximum extent possible to realize the maximum amount of that money so we can help alleviate the housing crisis, especially in Nain and in Hopedale which causes so many health issues, tragically as we all know recently, and which causes so many social ills. In my mind these are two of the biggest things we need to accomplish over the next four years. In my previous careers I have been a team builder. I have put together teams which are focused and which are designed with a specific goal in mind. I see the same here with our government. I believe we need to put together a team, not of seven, of NAC, but of the 18 that we have around us. There has been much concern about levels of communication within our government, and I believe that we can do better. I believe that it's better when we have 18 contributing to discussions, where possible, than it is for the seven, and I believe it is our responsibility to keep other members of the assembly better informed as to what's going on within our own government. For

those who don't know me, I have had a great deal of experience in working with teams and with motivating people. Motivating them to reach the highest goals that they have within them. As First Minister, I would do the same. I would challenge each one of us to do the most that we can to push the highest level of achievement that we can because our beneficiary population deserves that, and our beneficiary population put us here in this chamber to accomplish that. That process begins today, will begin shortly. We have things to accomplish. We have much to do. And it is my firm and pure conviction that with the right attitude, with the right mindset, with the right deadlines with the right goals, that it can be accomplished, and I look forward to working with you all.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon the other nominee, Kate Mitchell, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, to speak for the nomination election of First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you very much, AngajukKâk from Makkovik, for the nomination. It has been a great honour to have had the privilege of served as First Minister for the last term. And I am very looking forward to seeking the, I guess, the leadership as First Minister. I have done this position for the past four years. It is very challenging, but I know I have the experience, and I think I have what it takes and step up and make the decisions that have to be made. We have worked really hard on a lot of issues. We've come very far in the past 13 years as a government. We're a very new government, and in regard to housing, housing is one of the biggest challenges that are facing our people today,

and I can honestly that as Minister responsible for the portfolio of housing, we have worked really, really hard. I don't take the credit myself for what I did. I had a really good team behind me. Our Housing Working Group, which I chaired. We lobbied the federal government. We did presentations to the Senate Committee on Housing. We did presentations to ITC. I attended the National Housing Strategy. We had input on that. We lobbied whenever we could because, to me, we have a lot of issues that we have a lot of challenges, but the thing about it is, is now. Like, to me, this is a very exciting time to be part of the Nunatsiavut. The federal government have finally given us some funding whereby we can start to deal with, to me, is one of the basic reasons we have a lot of social problems and whatever in our communities. Housing is where everything stems from. To me, I think all our social problems, or the majority of them, are compounded by the fact that there's not enough housing. We're in a housing crisis. And I honestly believe that if we work at the things, the basic things that our people need, that that is a way that we will make a difference in the lives of our people. We've worked really hard on a lot of issues, language included, and the thing about it is we have very good departments. Our civil service is second to none. We can depend on them. They help us. We work together as a team. And, for me, I would like the honour of being able to help direct the Executive Council once again to show leadership to our people and let them know that they matter. And, to me, I think it's very, very important that we work together as a team and, as I look around the

chambers here today, we have very good people. So what I'm asking you is if you think that I'm capable of doing the job and, in my opinion, I've proven that over the past four years. So I ask you for your support.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Kate. Nakummek, Ed. We will now adjourn the Committee of the Whole to allow the candidates to speak to each other and to the members of the Assembly to see if the candidates can, amongst themselves and their supporters, work out a consensus on who should be First Minister. We're going to break for 15 minutes.

(Recess)

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

On the selection of the First Minister, and I ask if there is consensus on who should be First Minister for Nunatsiavut Assembly. If there is no consensus, I, as President, will adjourn the Committee of the Whole and reconvene in Assembly and conduct a vote on who should be First Minister as follows. (a) The vote will be by secret ballot. (b) The Clerk of the Assembly and the non-Assembly Member appointed by the President will count the ballots and the Clerk will announce the results. (c) Where there are more than two nominees and if a majority and is not reached I, as President, may in my discretion call for a second deciding vote between the two nominees and (d) I, as President, at my discretion will make the appointment after considering the will of the Assembly as reflected in the ballots and (e) if there is a tie vote I, as President, will proceed to make the appointment in my discretion. *Nakummek.* So we'll go ahead with a secret ballot. I will ask one more time if there is

consensus on selection of First Minister for Nunatsiavut Assembly. No. So we will go ahead with a secret ballot. Would the Clerk and non-Member collect the secret ballots?

MS. MICHELIN: *Nakummek.* There were 16 ballots cast. Edward Blake Rudkowski got 5 and Kate Mitchell got 11. Congratulations, Kate.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We'll now appoint the First Minister and administer the First Minister's oath of office. In the presence of everyone assembled here.

MS. MITCHELL: I, Kate Mitchell, swear that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut, to the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the Labrador Inuit *Constitution* and Inuit law, respect the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, hold my office as First Minister with honour and dignity. Be a true and faithful councillor to the President of Nunatsiavut. Fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable, ethical standards and *Codes of Conduct* and perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability, so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: (*Speaks in Inuttitut*) Kate. I congratulate you, Kate, in your election as First Minister for the Nunatsiavut Assembly. The Assembly will adjourn for 20 minutes where the First Minister will determine the selection of Ministers. *Nakummek.*

(Recess)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* And after having selecting the First Minister, I will now ask the First Minister if she has nominated her full slate of Ministers, to name the person and the portfolio for which they are nominated. First Minister.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do have the nominations for the positions of Ministers. Would you like me to do each one individually or?

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Yes, you can proceed.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you. Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, I wish to nominate Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The First Minister nominates Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville, for the position of Finance, Information Technology and Human Resources. Tyler Edmunds, do you accept?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek,* Honourable President. *Nakummek,* First Minister. I do accept the nomination. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Is there consensus from the Assembly for the nomination of Tyler Edmunds for Minister of Finance, Information Technology and Human Resources? Congratulations.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: First Minister, continue.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. For the portfolio of Lands and Natural Resources, I would like to nominate Tony Andersen, Ordinary Member from Nain. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The First Minister nominates Anthony Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain, for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources position. Ordinary Member for Nain, do you accept?

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Honourable First Minister. I do accept the nomination.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations. Continue, First Minister. I apologize. I took the applause as consensus from Nunatsiavut Assembly, but I will ask if the Assembly has consensus? Thank you. Congratulation. First Minister, continue.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. For the portfolio of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, I would like to nominate James Lyall, Ordinary Member from Nain. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The First Minister nominates James Lyall for the position of Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Ordinary Member for Nain, do you accept?

MR. LYALL: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank, First Minister. Yes, I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: First, I must ask if the Assembly has consensus in the nomination of Ordinary Member for Nain? Congratulations. First Minister, continue.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. For the portfolio of Health and Social Development, I would like to nominate Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The First Minister nominates Gerald Asivak, for the position of Department of Health and Social Development, and Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, do you accept?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. President and Honourable First Speaker, Ms. Mitchell. I gladly and humbly accept the nomination. Thank you. *Nakummek.*

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I ask the Assembly if they have consensus in the nomination of Minister, Department of Health and Social Development? Congratulations. The First Minister, continue.

MS. MITCHELL: Thank you, Mr. President. For the portfolio of education and Economic Development, I will like to nominate Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The First Minister nominates Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Rachel Saunders, for the position of Education and Economic Development. Ordinary Member for Hopedale, do you accept?

MS. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. President. *Nakummek*, First Minister. I accept.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will ask the Assembly if there is consensus in the nomination. Congratulations. First Minister, continue. That's it? Okay. I'd like to thank the First Minister for selection of the Ministers to serve on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and to serve the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And right now I will appoint Speaker. If there's the consensus I, as

President, appoint the Ministers on the advice of the First Minister and agreement of the Assembly and administer the oath of office for the Ministers. I call upon Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville, for the appointment of Minister of Finance, Information Technology and Human Resources. I...

MR. EDMUNDS: I, Tyler Edmunds...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. EDMUNDS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. EDMUNDS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

MR. EDMUNDS: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. EDMUNDS: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. EDMUNDS: ...respect...

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

MR. EDMUNDS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...all Inuit laws...

MR. EDMUNDS: ...all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly .

MR. EDMUNDS: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office as Minister...

MR. EDMUNDS: I will hold my office as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...with honour and dignity.

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

MR. EDMUNDS: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

MR. EDMUNDS: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

MR. EDMUNDS: And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Anthony Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain, for the position of Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I...

MR. ANDERSEN: I, Anthony Andersen...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. ANDERSEN: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. ANDERSEN: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut...

MR. ANDERSEN: ...that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut..

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. ANDERSEN: ...and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. ANDERSEN: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. ANDERSEN: ...respect...

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

MR. ANDERSEN: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...all Inuit laws...

MR. ANDERSEN: ...all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. ANDERSEN: ...and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: I will fulfill my responsibilities as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and *Codes of Conduct*. And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously. I'm sorry I got problem with my eyes. I can't see it.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability.

MR. ANDERSEN: I will perform my responsibility as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and *Codes of Conduct*, and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. ANDERSEN: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon James Lyall, Ordinary Member for Nain, for the position of Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. I...

MR. LYALL: I, James Lyall...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. LYALL: ...swear...

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

MR. LYALL: ...and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. LYALL: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. LYALL: ...respect...

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

MR. LYALL: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. LYALL: ...all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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

MR. LYALL: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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

MR. LYALL: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

MR. LYALL: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

MR. LYALL: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. LYALL: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I call upon Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the position of Minister of Department of Health and Social Development. I...

MR. ASIVAK: I, Gerald Asivak...

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...swear and solemnly affirm that I will be faithful to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

MR. ASIVAK: I will obey, respect and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. ASIVAK: ...all Inuit laws and the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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

MR. ASIVAK: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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

MR. ASIVAK: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

MR. ASIVAK: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MR. ASIVAK: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will call upon Rachel Saunders, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, for the position of Minister of Education and Economic Development. I...

MS. SAUNDERS: I, Rachel Saunders...

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

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

MS. SAUNDERS: I will obey, respect and 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.

MS. SAUNDERS: I will hold my office as Minister with honour and dignity.

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

MS. SAUNDERS: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

MS. SAUNDERS: I will not divulge directly or indirectly any secret matter entrusted to me.

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

MS. SAUNDERS: ...and I will perform the functions of my office conscientiously and to the best of my ability...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me, God.

MS. SAUNDERS: ...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will now ask all the appointed Ministers to come to the front and get their picture taken with the First Minister.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Again I, as President of Nunatsiavut Government, congratulate the appointments of the First Minister and the Ministers for the various Departments to serve Nunatsiavut Government and Labrador Inuit. Congratulations. And now we'll take a 10- minute short break where I will seek an appointment of a Speaker. *Nakummek.*

(Recess)

PRESIDENT LAMPE: As President, it is now my duty to nominate an Ordinary Member as Speaker. I wish to nominate for approval of the Assembly the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Edward Blake Rudkowski, as Speaker of the Assembly. Mr. Blake Rudkowski, do you accept the nomination?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I graciously accept, President Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Do I have consensus of the Assembly? Congratulations.

ASSEMBLY: [Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that the Assembly has elected the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Edward Blake Rudkowski, as Speaker. In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, and in full realization of the responsibilities that have been entrusted to me by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...I, Edward Blake Rudkowski...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear, solemnly affirm that I will I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: ...swear, solemnly affirm that I will obey, observe, uphold and maintain the rights and privileges of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Standing Orders and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I solemnly and sincerely promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly with integrity and honour. To preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and

enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

...to represent and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly with integrity and honour. To preside over the business of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding...

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

...and to promote the efficient operation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and prevent the obstruction or frustration of the Assembly in the conduct of its business...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

...and to promote the efficient operation of the Nunatsiavut Assembly and prevent the obstruction or frustration of the Assembly in the conduct of its business...

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

...so help me, God.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

...so help me, God.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

I would like to, once again, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government congratulate those Members who have taken on the positions of First Minister, Ministers and Speaker. I very much look forward to working with each of you in the years ahead. And I would like to say that the AngajukKâk elections will be happening in the fall and I know that some will not be returning, but I thank you for the service that you have given to the Nunatsiavut Assembly and the Labrador Inuit. I now hand over to the Chair to the Speaker to continue with Assembly business.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Always nice to be back in familiar ground. Thank you, Honourable President Lampe. It's an honour for me to have been appointed as Speaker of this Assembly, and I can assure that I will do my very best to ensure that the Assembly business is conducted in accordance with our Standing Orders and procedures so that all Members can participate fully in the proceedings as you represent your constituencies. I have a number of duties when a new Speaker is elected, and amongst those are the appointment of a Deputy Speaker, the appointment of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, which also serves as the Assembly Striking Committee who recommends appointments to the Assembly and to other Standing or Special Committees. In addition, in accordance with Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the appointment of the Member Services Committee which is comprised of Ordinary Members who are not Members of the Executive Council, with the Speaker acting as Chair of that committee. I'd now like to move onto item eight, "Selection of the Deputy Speaker." At this point I'd like to nominate Carlene Palliser, as Deputy Speaker. Carlene, do you accept?

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will accept.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, Carlene. Do we have unanimous consent from our Assembly? I see either one dissent, or someone who did that motion with his hand. I'll ask again. Do we have unanimous consent from the Assembly? Seeing that we do, I congratulate Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, as Deputy Speaker. I look forward to working with you. Thank you. I wish to thank the Members of the Assembly for accepting me as a

Speaker. I know people say this often, but I mean this with all sincerity, that it is indeed a privilege to sit here in front of you and to work with you all, and I look forward to doing that over the next four years. As per Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the composition of the MSC will be those Ordinary Members who do not sit on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. That committee, as I mentioned previously, is chaired by myself as Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So, therefore, for the upcoming term of this Assembly, the MSC will be comprised of myself as Chair, as Speaker. Marlene Winter-Wheeler. Also will be Carlene Palliser and Roland Saunders, will be Members of the MSC. At the September sitting we will be recommending names of the Members to sit on the other two Standing Committee of the Assembly, namely the RPC, which is the Rules and Procedures Committee, and also the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol, which we will have to revisit because some of the Members of that committee are no longer with the Assembly. After the membership of the Rules and Procedures Committee is approved by the Assembly, the committee will meet and recommend names to sit on the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol at the September session. So that will be all upcoming at our next meeting. On a procedural note, as I'm being told, there are some things which we need to attend to. We need to have a group shot taken and, also, each individual Member will also have their picture for the Nunatsiavut website and for whatever publications they decide to put your picture on. Anyway, I'd like to congratulate everyone here. It's an accomplishment to be here. It will be

a pleasure working with you all. I'm very encouraged by the level of competency that we have in this room, and I know there's a lot of enthusiasm and excitement, and I encourage you all to carry that enthusiasm and excitement throughout your duties over the upcoming four years. Of course, this Assembly is never possible without a lot of contribution from our staff members. Of course, the Clerk of the Assembly and her Assistant, Tabea Onalik, Johannes Tuglavina, and Chess is in there somewhere, as well, who help us work through it all. So thanks to everybody who helped put the Assembly together. Also, as President Lampe mentioned previously, this will be the last attendance at this Assembly for some of our AngajukKâak or community Chairs who will not be returning. So at this point I would like to invite anybody who cares to make a short statement, a short quick farewell and if they want to do so, I'm more than happy to accommodate. Does anybody want to make a statement? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Gary Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Yeah, first of all, I'd like to congratulate all the incoming Members under recent election and on your newly-appointed positions to the Executive Council and other committees that Ed, as Speaker, just mentioned. For me, I'm going in a few months and it's been quite the journey, quite the experience of coming here at the Nunatsiavut Assembly. It's a long way from the cold community halls and meetings years ago and travelling on skidoos in the winter time to get to meetings to lay foundations, to meet with the people that had the vision

to put all this together and brought everything together. Now at this point in time we are very well structured government whose got the foundations laid and you people are all building blocks in this foundation, and it's been quite the experience for me to come here to interact with everybody. Something like this today, I was sworn in by then President Lyall, and since then I've enjoyed my term as Ordinary Member as Minister and lastly as a Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, and I'd like to thank my predecessor, the late Max Winters, for his inspiration. He sat there and was inspirational for me to continue going and get back in the Assembly in September, 2014. I'd like to thank all of you for your support. I'd like to thank you for the interaction, the guidance that I was given here, and especially to the Clerk, who's been always there with emails to guide you through. I'd like to thank the voters of Upper Lake Melville because they're the ones that put me here, put me in the position. They're the people that, and the people I represented, and I'd like to thank them from the bottom of my heart for giving me that opportunity to come there to represent them, and to my family who's been very supportive in my time away from home. And I guess that's all I'd like to say this morning. *Nakummek*. Thank you very much.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

On behalf of everybody here, *Nakummek*, for your years of service.

Chairperson Mitchell also served as an Ordinary Member previously and now, as Chairperson of NunaKâtiget Corporation, and your presence in

this room will be missed, and I thank you on behalf of everybody here for your service. Is there anybody else who would like to make a statement?

The Chair recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mr. Jack Shiwak.

MR. J. SHIWAK:

Thank you very much, but I think Gary said all I wanted to say. I don't have much left to say. But I've got to say, I worked in elections for some nearly 40 years and I always wanted to see what the grass was like on the other side of the fence. It's just as green. Maybe it's a little bit greener sometime. But, you know, I'd like to congratulate all the new Members coming in, the old, the incumbents that came back again. I've experienced a lot. I've seen a lot accomplished but, you know, there's one thing I'd just like to leave the House with, and that's my signature statements. There's not very much on them, but I've used them for the last four years and I won't be coming back but, you know, it's probably some of my greatest memories that I'll have, is sitting here, and just being able to talk with some of you Members to find out what's going on in other communities, how we can follow your steps in improving our community. So there's a lot of that interaction goes on and it's really helpful. And, I've got to say, it's one of the greatest experience I've ever had. So until next time, goodbye. Thank you very much.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Shiwak, in addition to serving as the AngajukKâk for Rigolet for the last number of years, has served through quite a few election campaigns as the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer and so, again, on behalf of everybody here, we thank you for the contributions you made to

democracy through Nunatsiavut and also to the contribution you made to the good beneficiaries of Rigolet. So, thank you. Is there anybody else who would care to make a statement? Chairperson recognizes Diane Gear, AngajukKâk for Postville.

MS. GEAR:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As of right now, I won't be returning in September. But I'd just like to say it's been a pleasure and an honour to serve my community and all of Nunatsiavut since it first began in 2006. I was the first woman elected to Nunatsiavut Government, and I was also the first woman to be the Minister for the Status of Women. I was also the first Minister for Finance, and when I look back, it's amazing how far we've come. You look back, way back to 2006. We didn't know what we were doing, I don't think. Half of us, without our Deputies, I don't know where we would have been because we were all so new at it. But when I look around now, look at our beautiful building, where we come from, I remember being in a little small building down here, one bathroom. We were all lined up on our lunch break, everyone kind of pushing each other to get to the bathroom and then after that have a cup of tea or whatever. And it's amazing where we've come from. When I look around the table today, I can see so much enthusiasm, people so excited to be a part of our government, and that's just the way we felt when we started off. Excuse me, I get kind of emotional, but I just want to wish you all the luck, and if I change my mind between now and September, I most certainly look forward to working with you all.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Gear. As so many people around this table, Diane has, has served multiple roles with Nunatsiavut Government over the years and we thank you for your contribution. Thank you. The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Mr. Derek Montague.

MR. MONTAGUE:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's all up in the air whether or not I'll be back in September. Even if I put my name forward there's always the possibility of election defeat and, me being a career pessimist, if I do have an opponent, I automatically think I'll be defeated. But, you never know, right? Anyway, I don't have as much experience as all the other AngajukKâak and Chairpersons here. I just wanted to not focus too much on myself because after a year and a half there's not a whole lot to say, but I've enjoyed my time at this end of the loop of the table, the back benchers, as I like to call us. I love our side chats about what we'd do if we were all Ministers. My, we'd have some utopia, I tell you. This is the smartest group at the table and we don't have a portfolio. How unfair is that, but I would like to, as much as I admire everybody here, I've got to give a special shout-out to my Upper Lake Melville colleague, Gary Mitchell. I've known him for many years back when I was a journalist and I'd do stories on Gary's career as a politician and a musician. I've always admired him and I loved working with him and Gary, you've taught me so much about this position and I hope you keep playing your music in retirement. If I'm not back, I guess I've got to have some sort of legacy. You should all take style points from me; wrinkly shirt, bad tie, second-

hand suit. Don't forget about the tuxedo T-shirt. If I'm not back, I want to see that on the video live streams. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, Chairperson Montague, for your lively rendition of your career experience. Are there any other comments before we conclude debate and conclude this session? Hearing none, again I want to say thank you to everybody for putting their name forward. Oh, did I miss somebody? The Speaker recognizes the First Minister, Kate Mitchell. My apologies.

MS. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I worked with these people for a number of years and whatever, I just wanted to say that, you know, it's been a honour having worked with you and, you know, right now and like I said, even though I just finished up a term as First Minister and it's been challenging and whatever, like, right now it's such an exciting time to be a part of Nunatsiavut Government. And the thing about it is, we now have the means to be able – and the potential to be able to make such a difference in the lives of our people in regard to housing and other things. And, as we move along, I mean you know rest assured that you did have an input into things that happened within the government, and I just wanted to recognize your contributions, and whatever you decide to do after this, I wish you all the best. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY:

[Applause].

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Thank you, First Minister Mitchell. Are there any other comments? As I started before, thank you again for all coming out. It's an exciting group.

I see a lot of talent around the table here. We will meet again in September. The Assembly is adjourned until September 17th where we'll come back and meet again, which will be the first Assembly sitting after the AngajukKâk and community Chairs election. So there looks like they're will be some new faces too around this table at that sitting as well. Thank you all. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to working with you all over the next four years. The session's now adjourned.