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In Attendance:

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

Ordinary Member for Canada Roland Saunders

Ordinary Member for Canada Honorable Edward-Blake Rudkowski

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Honorable Gerald Asivak

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Honorable Marlene Winters-Wheeler

Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Carlene Palliser

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, Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Postville, Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker

Chair for Sivunivut, Ms. Maxene Winters

Chair Person for the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak

Deputy Minister of Education and Economic Development, Tim McNeill

Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Jim Goudie

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Isabella Pain**

Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, Darryl Shiwak

Director of Legal Services, Loretta Michelin

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Clerk of the Assembly, Mary Sillett

Absent:

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Honorable Kate Mitchell

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

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MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'd like to call to order, the 4th session of the Fall Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly, and before I call upon AngajukKâk Joe Dicker to say the opening prayer, notable in her absence this morning is the Honourable Kate Mitchell, who unfortunately, had a death in her family and has been properly excused from the sitting. I'm sure I speak on behalf of everybody when I pass on my condolences to Honourable Kate Mitchell on the passing of her sister. AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: (Recites prayer)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Before we move on to Item two, I'd also be a gross oversight on my part if I didn't welcome back the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

[Applause.]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're all glad to have you back and we wish you well in your continued recovery. I now call upon the Honourable President Johannes Lampe to give us his opening address.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti, (Speaks in Inuttitut) Mr. Speaker, this is the only health survey controlled and led by Inuit. It is being developed and paired out in partnership with the four Inuit regions as well as Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada. Pauktuutit Inuit women of Canada, and in National Inuit Youth Council. Other partners include the Government of Northwest Territories, the Government of Nunavut, the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services and Labrador Grenfell Health. It is a permanent health survey funded by 2018 Federal Budget Allocation of \$82 million over 10 years with \$6 million a year, ongoing. Data collection is expected to begin in 2021. All of the data will be owned by Inuit and survey questions will reflect Inuit health priorities. Qanuippitaa will collect up-to-date information that will help program and policy makers at the local regional and national levels better understand how the health status of Inuit is changing and guide Inuit Health Program development. An additional goal is to provide Inuit with the training and resources required to conduct our own surveys on an ongoing basis. This will help to ensure Inuit have greater control over research, while also providing survey and research related expertise and jobs that will stay in Inuit communities. The creation of a permanent Inuit-owned, Inuit-led health survey, Mr. Speaker will allow the Nunatsiavut Government to consistently monitor health and wellness indicators that are important to

our people and our communities. Collecting this crucial information every five years, in a way that is designed by and appropriate for our people, will provide the Nunatsiavut Government with an indispensable evidence base that we can use to inform policy and programming decisions. The permanency of the survey will foster meaningful and ongoing opportunities for involvement by Inuit in health, research activities. We look forward to seeing our own research capacity enhanced by the Qanuippitaa process and health and well-being of our communities improved by its results. Earlier this month, Mr. Speaker, in concert with the Government of Canada, we announced a launch of a feasibility assessment to consider the establishment of an *Indigenous Protected Area under the Canada National and Marine Conservation Areas Act* which would be adjacent to Torngat Mountains National Park. The proposed study area is approximately 15 000 square kilometres which at three times the size of Prince Edward Island and would connect protected lands with protected waters conserving the fjords that extend into the park, which are also critical to the many species that thrive in this region. Enhancing the protection of these ecosystems would not only help to conserve biodiversity, it would contribute to the vitality of our Labrador Inuit culture and traditions and the well-being of our communities. Mr. Speaker, this initiative results from the vision of the 2017 Statement of Intent on Imappivut. For the waters of shore of the Labrador Inuit Settlement area and is a tangible step toward protecting the waters and the wildlife in the area, now and for future generations.

The establishment of a National Marine Conservation area as an Indigenous Protected Area would enable the Government of Canada and Labrador Inuit to work in partnership to protect the natural and cultural values of the Labrador Shelf Marine Region. And this portion of the marine waters covered by the *Labrador Inuit and Nunavik Inuit Land Claim Agreements*. As partners, Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government look forward to collaborating with Makivik and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in conducting the feasibility assessment. Mr. Speaker, housing is still at a critical point within Nunatsiavut, especially in Nain and here in Hopedale. New funding from the Government of Canada will help address this crisis over the coming years but much more needs to be done to address the issue. We currently have programs that allow us to build multiplexes for families in need. Partnerships that allow for the construction of new homes, and a very successful home repair program that looks to make homes more affordable through energy efficiency. Research into new construction techniques and practices is very important for Nunatsiavut, to not only make homes more affordable and warm, but take into account the changing climate. As members know, Mr. Speaker, we were extremely disappointed with Premier Ball and his Government for dismissing our concerns and for failing to implement key recommendations of the Independent Expert Advisory Committee to mitigate the impacts of methyl-mercury from the Muskrat Falls Project. What the future has in store right now is anybody's guess. As I publicly

stated this summer, the time bomb is now ticking on methyl-mercury. Inuit health, culture and way of life. As a Government we will continue to work with research partners to try and find ways to mitigate impacts from this project. Mr. Speaker, as you know Nalcor CEO Stan Marshall offered to provide us with \$10 million to use towards health and social programs for our people. The same offer was presented and accepted by the Inu nation and the Nunatukavut Community Council. Mr. Speaker, we refused to accept the offer because that money should have been used to cap wetlands in Muskrat Falls Reservoir in an effort to reduce the amount of methyl-mercury entering into the ecosystem. That work was not done because time has simply run out or so we were told. We made it quite clear, many years ago when we started raising concerns that compensation is not a form of mitigation. For us, our "Make Muskrat Right" campaign was never about the money. It was about protecting the interests of our people. Mr. Speaker, as Members know, the deterioration, length and location of the existing airstrip in Nain and the fact that it is not equipped to accommodate night landings, has raised nature safety concerns for many years. Constraints related to instrument approaches and visual flight rules are also contributing factors to frequently delayed or cancelled flights resulting in a direct and negative impact in the community. The Nunatsiavut Government has been lobbying for years to have the airstrip replaced and it appears as though our lobby efforts are starting to pay off. On August 24, the Government of Canada through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency announced

a non-repayable contribution of \$199,395 towards this project.

Additional support has also been made available to the Nunatsiavut Government from Crown Indigenous relations and Northern Affairs Canada. Through the Inuit Crown Partnership, ICPC, which has identified improving infrastructure as a priority. The Nunatsiavut Government is pleased to partner with the Government of Canada to explore options to improve and enhance air transportation services to the community and we will continue to lobby the Government of Newfoundland which owns the airstrip, to do its part to secure the necessary funds for a new facility.

Nakummek Ukatti.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. We'll now move on to Item Three of the *Orders of the Day*, and we'll recognize the people who have chosen to join us this morning. I recognize Mr. Graham White from University of Toronto who's working with the Traditions and Transitions program which I understand is in the midst of a research project. Thank you for joining us, Graham. I think this is the second time you've been here. Thank you, Graham. I also see Belinda Webb from CRT, Loretta Michelin, of course, Isabella Pain, Jim Goudie and Darryl Shiwak who we've seen many times and our new visitor is Ms. Patricia Johnson-Castle, ex of the Constituency of Canada and who's now joined Nunatsiavut Government as a, I believe as our Director of Policy. So, welcome Patricia and welcome to everybody who has been here many times before. The pages we have today, we have joining us, I think for the second time, we have McKenzie and John, John from Rigolet, Gus Semigak is our interpreter,

and we have Chas Evans here, somewhere. There he is back there, who joined us this morning to provide our IT services. Johansi Tuglavina and Simone Kohlmeister from OK Society. Thank you for coming. Move on to Item four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Child Youth Advocate released a report on Inuit Child Welfare, entitled "A Long Wait for Change in Nain", on September 4th. She has made many recommendations that Nunatsiavut Government is committed to ensuring each area addressed. We have much work to do but we have already started to work on an implementation plan. The Child Youth Advocate will be travelling to all Nunatsiavut communities in the next few weeks to share the report with all those interested. Mr. Speaker, within DHSD, we have filled a number of regional positions. Director of Family Services is a new position filled by Danielle Baikie. This position will be responsible for liaising with Children Senior and Social Development, overseeing the Family Connections Program, developing a plan for the implementation of the Inuit Child Welfare Review recommendations and et cetera. Foster home recruitment, retention social workers, a new position held by Ms. Krista Mogridge. Mental Health and Addictions coordinator Laurie Russell. Trauma and Addictions Clinical Therapist, Lito Libres, Trauma and Addictions Social Worker, April Andersen, Regional Justice Service Manager is a new position, Laura Moores. Canadian Partnership against

Cancer Policy Analysts is a new position held by Kathy Michelin. DHSD is a leading project of all Indigenous partners. Labrador Grenfell Health and community partners including elders, with the Canadian Partnership against cancer. The purpose is to look at the cancer journey for patients from screening to diagnosis to treatment and follow-up so that issues and gaps can be identified and solutions found to ensure the best possible outcome. The first face-to-face meeting took place July 3rd and 4th. Mr. Speaker, we were very fortunate to have two masters students do placements with us this summer. Jessica Lyall is completing a placement with Family Connections and assisting with many of the evaluation components of that program. Laura Aguirre completed her practicum on Problematic Alcohol Use. She also completed a survey in the community of Makkovik related to the need for mental health services. Mr. Speaker, we are very pleased to have Splash and Boots, the children and family entertainers travel to all Nunatsiavut communities to perform. From all accounts, the shows were a big success. A big thanks to all those who helped to provide transportations, accommodations, et cetera, and a huge thank you to Air Borealis and their staff who really went beyond, rerouting flights and making special arrangements to ensure that they got all the communities. We were also able to provide 40 tickets for low income beneficiary families to attend the show in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Mr. Speaker, FASD activities, September 9th, FASD Day 2019. The region joined the rest of the province and promoted the red shoes throughout the campaign. From St. John's to Nain this campaign was

used. Each community received bags with the red shoes rock logo and was encouraged to read about the campaign. It was started by a man who lives with FASD and used red shoes to make an invisible disability visible. The communities either had a barbecue supper or a brunch to celebrate FASD. Each community gave tote bags, draw-string backpacks or lunch bags to all those who attended. Each community was also encouraged to play a FASD fact game. In Hopedale it went over really well. Our FASD day was a success. Mr. Speaker, Suicide Prevention Day activity, September 10th were held in all communities. Rigolet, "Cycle Around the Globe", event followed by community social and refreshments. Makkovik, Community Walk, yellow ribbon distribution and candle lighting event. Postville, community gathering, sharing of a meal, drum dancing and storyteller; Hopedale, Hope Walk, Grizzly performers visit, and movie showing; Nain, community walk, memorial events, church service, yellow ribbon distribution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, from our business development, we continue to link businesses with contract opportunities and help with new business start-ups and supports. The division has one new applicant to add to the Inuit Business Registrar and 24 business clients assisted our support services. Raytheon and Vale community tour, was completed August the 26th to the 30th to provide key contacts for Inuit businesses

and industries, for players to explore business opportunities. Also, Mr. Speaker, some community developments that we, from this past summer, was the new boat launch that was needed for Hopedale and Postville, those projects were done this season. The completion of the Hopedale one is I think just the cement work left to do the top and I think the AngajukKâk for Hopedale still in Hopedale will probably give an update on how the Postville one came along, but it was a great need for the two communities. I'm glad to be able to put our support in the communities. Also, Mr. Speaker, the Torngat Fish Co-op, we helped the community freezers, again this year with 13,000 pounds of char coming out of Nain for the community freezers in Nunatsiavut and also in Upper Lake Melville. The Rigolet gas station, Mr. Speaker, I guess we opened the gas station after a long delay, almost six-week period with no fuel in the community of Rigolet. I'm glad to say that we, through a lot of hard work and trials and errors, that we finally got the gas station up and running and it's still an ongoing issue that we have to find a long-term operator for the Rigolet gas station. Mr. Speaker, up to date, we do have-, finally have the gas station and people are glad that they can get their gas, and hopefully we can come up with a long-term solution, Mr. Speaker. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to welcome back one staff member, Heather Edmunds who returned back to the Postville office earlier this month. Heather is our Business Development Officer in Postville. Also, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to the PSSP part of our Education and Economic Development, this summer, literature camps-, there was four summer

literature camps, Mr. Speaker, this year in our four communities-, Makkovik, Hopedale, Nain and Rigolet and we're also looking at doing Postville next year, Mr. Speaker. The highly trained counsellors from outside also worked with local counsellors so we hired some local counsellors this year, Mr. Speaker, which is great to see and, you know, as to date the camp went well and Mr. Speaker, everything is good on that front. Also, Mr. Speaker, "Students on Ice", the Arctic expedition: We supported two people this summer, Seth Ford of Makkovik and Madison Ford-Goudie of Postville had returned from their Arctic expedition a while back now, Mr. Speaker and there will be a full report on that outcome. The Inuttitut Evaluation: K to 12 Inuttitut Evaluation is ongoing assessments in the schools were taking place this fall and the report will be ready in early 2020. The project is well underway. Sylvia Moore and Dr. Shirley Tukluk has been hired-, has now hired John Dicker and Sarah Townley as Inuttitut language experts and has developed an assessment tool to use to follow with children in our schools. Combined with community focus group sessions and individual and interviews with teachers, parents and former students, an assessment in current students will round out the evaluation, and a full report will be written in 2020. Also, Mr. Speaker, from Inuit Pathways, I'm proud to say that we have 40 people in long-term skill development training this fall in various fields such as heavy duty equipment technicians, welding, electrical and Aboriginal bridging programs. Also, ABE at the learning centres in Nain and Hopedale continues to support 15 seats in those two communities,

Mr. Speaker. Also, Mr. Speaker, Inuit pathways work with the Inuit Community Government of Hopedale is ongoing. The town management training and coaching intervention project is, Mr. Speaker, I think greatly helped the community of Hopedale and I'd say the AngajukKâk for Hopedale will probably have more to say on that one. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKatti. Mr. Speaker, my statement today will be brief and it will focus on information technology and strengthening the security of our Government's resources. Mr. Speaker, passwords are one of the failsafes that we use every day to prevent others from accessing our information. At home, we should have strong passwords to protect our online banking or emails-, even our social media accounts. Similarly, our Government computers and emails house important information and we use passwords to prevent others from accessing, oftentimes, very sensitive information. It's important then, UKatti, that our civil servants and elected officials use strong passwords to protect their files and our Government's resources. A weak password can make a hacker's life easy and can lead them to using a compromised account to gain access to and to take control of other systems. As was noted by the Nunatsiavut Government's IT staff, even if a single account doesn't have the power to do real damage, the collective use of multiple accounts could be devastating. Mr. Speaker, some may think, "Why would someone want

to gain access to Nunatsiavut Government resources?" and the answer is simple, and that's money. Over the last year, employees and senior officials of our Government were receiving fake emails from others-, from other emails with an NG asking them to pay invoices. Mr. Speaker, we know internally that there are issues with these requests since they did not follow the process for payments, but hackers were using information that was available to them, to try to have funds sent. While these attempts were unsuccessful within our governments, the same scheme has been successful at other organizations in Canada. Mr. Speaker, in addition to having a complex password, changing your password frequently, we are also stressing other good practices as well, like not writing down your passwords or sharing them with others. There's no business reason why another employee or elected official should have your passwords. Mr. Speaker, we're responsible for protecting the government's resources and we must take necessary steps to do so, so I urge all the Members around the table and their civil servants to do their due diligence in protecting their accounts and the Government's information and resources. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. The Speaker recognizes recognises the Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to table a report to the Assembly on the department's activities, write a short update on the-, several files from the different divisions within my department. Mr. Speaker, I must say that some of this stuff is ongoing and like a lot of stuff that we were

involved in, is seasonal and I don't have numbers and pounds and things like that, but I'm sure I'll be able to do that in my next report. From the Renewable Resources Division, Mr. Speaker, uh, I'd like to update the Assembly on the following files in the endeavour to pertain to Fishery and Wildlife. Mr. Speaker, the commercial fishery is ongoing with turbot, northern shrimp and snow crab still being landed for processing, as well, the Nain fish plant continues with the smoking of char and, now currently processing the catch from experimental scallop-, scallop survey. The English River counting fence began operations, July the 15th, and as of September the 2nd, 307 small salmon, 71 large salmon and 1651 char have been counted. We continue to operate the fence until mid-October. In both Lisa and ULM over domestic fishery closed on August the 31st. We're currently in the process of collecting catch lots and beneficiaries. Mr. Speaker, in partnership with the Department of Culture and Recreation and Tourism, we were successful in applying for funding under the Inuit Guardian program. With the funding obtained, we've created a new Conservation Officer position in Nain for the next three years. We were pleased to say that this position was filled on August the 26th and we now have two full-time conservation officers in Nain. With respect to wildlife, Mr. Speaker, the 2019, '20 moose hunting season swill open on September the 16th-, yeah, yesterday, was it? Thank you. Okay. And we have a total of 39 licences to offer, of which 29 are available in the beneficiary draw. The remaining 10 are for community freezers. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources

will once again have access to 25 non-profit moose licence in the Gros Morne National Park this fall. We'll be sending over employees to harvest these licences in November and we wish to thank Parks Canada for ongoing support in this project. We're also pleased to announce the positions of the HSP Wildlife Facilitator and Wildlife Manager have recently been filled and the Renewable Division is pleased to be operating with a full staff complement again. You know, Mr. Speaker, they do some good job writing this stuff up for me and I don't read it out loud until I get here, so I gotta smile sometimes, so probably not the way that they talk really, but they do a good job of it. Mr. Speaker, our Wildlife Division continues to work with our partners on the Torngat Caribou Herd. Most recently, our Wildlife Manager and HSP Wildlife Facilitator led consultations in Nain in regards to possible management measures for the herd. Our department is currently reviewing what we heard at this consultations. From our Non-renewable Resource Division, 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. On the exploration front, Labrador Gold GroundTruth Explorations has been approved to continue to explore their Ugituk(ph) property about 70km southwest of Hopedale. This summer, their program ran from late July to early August. The results from this summer's work is still pending. The division will be conducting an inspection of this site in the near future. Aurora Energy did not do any exploration this summer, however, they did complete a five-day camp

maintenance and rehabilitation program from September the 2nd to September the 6th. The short program employed four Nunatsiavut beneficiaries from Postville and Makkovik. Mr. Speaker, on the oil and gas front, PGS is doing a 3D seismic off Labrador since July the 23rd. They are about 80 nautical miles offshore, well outside the zone, which is about 12 nautical miles outside the zone. They keep in good contact with the Division by sending their coordinates every 12 hours, of their location. For the second consecutive year, the Division partnered with Lands Division to conduct inspections of fish camps located on Labrador Inuit lands. The Non-renewable Resources and Lands Division also conducted inspections of the Torngat Mountains Base Camp Research Station in Hebron, within Labrador Inuit Lands on July the 25th 2019. The purpose of the inspection was to collect coordinates for current infrastructure and to document any environmental concerns, provide feedback and recommendations to the department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Reports of the inspections are nearing completion. Mr. Speaker, the Non-renewable Resources partnered with the Department of Culture and Recreation to implement the filling of the fuel tanks at base camp. We're delighted to say that the tanks are filled, as of August 22nd for the next year's season. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the Division of Human Resources are in the process of offering a candidate the Mining Analyst position. We are hoping to have them hired soon with the anticipated start date in October. An update on the *Impact and Benefits Agreement* with Vale: Mr. Speaker, the Voisey's Bay IBA

Implementation continues to go fairly well. There were a lot of job ads posted over the summer months and there'll still be quite a few jobs posting over the next few months. We're closely monitoring beneficiary hiring. The Tasiujatsoak Committee meeting was held on Thursday September the 12th in Goose Bay. There was discussion on contract or hiring, winter shipping, employment stats and long-term employment strategies. We also have some updates on a couple of major contracts. The next Tasiujatsoak Committee meeting is scheduled for December the 10th in Goose Bay. The Torngat Mountains National Park CMB face-to-face meeting was scheduled to be held from August the 3rd to the 10th at the base camp. Unfortunately, weather prevented this from happening. The next face-to-face meeting has not been scheduled. Mr. Speaker, Parks Canada has recently advertised for a Visitor Experience position for Rigolet in relation to the Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve and hopefully this will be staffed in the near future. My, my. Mr. Speaker, from our Environmental Division: This summer, the Environmental Division successfully ran a 10-day knowledge exchange workshop in partnership with the Dene Nahjo from the Northwest Territories. This workshop, we brought together, beneficiaries from throughout Nunatsiavut to learn how traditionally prepare and tan a moose hide. In exchange, our beneficiaries hunted a ringed seal and showed the Dene how to prepare and stretch a seal skin while providing seal as food for the workshop participants. Participants left the workshop with the knowledge and skills on how to prepare these animal

hides in the future. The workshop also provided an excellent opportunity for employment of many Nunatsiavut beneficiaries at the hide camp. In August, we successfully partnered with an expedition with Oceana, a non-Governmental organization that works on the conservation of oceans around the world. That expedition was a great success, which resulted in underwater video footage of unique and diverse habitat, in the area of Hebron, Okak and Paul's Island. The footage was collected using a variety of specialized equipment, including a remote operated vehicle and specifically designed cameras that can go to the bottom of the fjords. This footage is now being scientifically analysed to classify different bottom types in the area and which is critical to understand species distribution and habitat types in these fjords. Gees, I'm giving out there. Additionally, this partnership allowed for the collection of the necessary research samples for our Northern Research programs and provided transportation back to Nain for participants of the Family Archaeology project in Hebron. As part of the expedition, day trips were offered for many community members to learn about things that were being seen and the research equipment in action. At the end of the expedition, a community event was held where some of the videos were shown to the community members and community members as well, were able to ask questions about the different environments that were observed. Mr. Speaker, on September the 6th, we were pleased to announce, in partnership with Parks Canada, the first area of interest under the Imappivut project. I won't talk to much about that because

there's already in some detail by President Lampe. The area of the Torngat Mountains National Park will now be further studied to identify what areas under the area of interest will proceed to an Indigenous Protected Area. We continue to work with the DFO for the proposed area of interest of the zone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I'm so happy that I said I was gonna be brief, 'cause if I said I would've been long, I surely would've give out, I think. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister for your comprehensive report. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

MR. LYALL:

Nakummek, UKatti. I'm excited to be here today to let everyone know of the great things the Department of Culture and Recreation and Tourism are doing. I'm also pleased to announce or let everyone know that my department will be known as Language, Culture and Tourism and by the end of this day, and we were Department of Culture and Recreation and Tourism before that. When the President signs a paper later on today, we will be the Language, Culture and Recreation and Tourism Department. We are happy to announce that we have additional staff within the department. We have seen growth within the Division of Tourism since our last sitting. I would like to welcome Mary "Binky" Andersen who began with us the beginning of August as Youth Leadership Program Coordinator. We have also seen the departure of Jamie Brake and wish him all the best in his new endeavours. With Jamie's departure, we can now introduce Michelle Davies as our new

archaeologist. It is going to be a very exciting fall for our department with the Okak Commemoration Event happening in Nain next week. In October, we will also be hosting a workshop on language, in partnership with Nicholas Welsh with Memorial University, a basecamp debrief and strategic planning session. In November we will be hosting a language summit on strategic plan for the department for the next two years.

Some exciting things that are happening within tourism are developing market-ready experiences, Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Project, Nunatsiavut Art Strategy, Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station. Developing market-ready experiences; our staff are beginning to reach out to operations and attractions, to help with their listings on Newfoundland and Labrador dot com. We will also be working with business and attractions already listed to help enhance their listing to a partnership with Destination Labrador. The Hebron Ambassador and Restoration Project; This year, the season ran from the 2nd of July to the 28th of August with staff on the ground in Hebron for approximately seven weeks. Restoration work was done on two of the four church porches and we will soon begin planning for the 2020 restoration work. We received \$450 000 to the Indigenous Guardian Pilot Program over a three-year period for the Hebron Ambassador Program. This fall, we will visit communities to conduct community consultations and interviews as well as archival research in Goose Bay and St. John's to develop a Hebron Ambassador Guidebook and pamphlets. With this funding we will also be doing camp upgrades. Nunatsiavut Art Strategy. We are in the process

of finalizing a steering committee for the Nunatsiavut Art Strategy and Community consultations and visits are scheduled for October. Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station: We completed the first season of our five-year contract with Air Borealis and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. A debrief and strategic planning session is scheduled for October the 22nd to the 24th in Nain. A consultant is hired to help with the development of a four-year strategic plan which is the duration of our contract.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I may, Honourable Minister Lyall, Standing Orders 29, Section 2, stipulates that Ministers Statements should be limited to a 35-minutes duration. We've now hit that limit, however, of course, we can extend with the unanimous consent of this Assembly. Do we have anybody opposed to extending the time for Ministers Statements? Seeing none, please continue, Minister Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Minister Andersen read in his statements that the fuel tanks in Base Camp were filled this year. We are extremely happy as this will cut down on all operations costs of the Base Camp, going forward. Within the Archaeology Department, we have a digital repository in place, now, called Access to Memory. We are currently digitizing and uploading data from the Uncle Jim collection, the Hopedale Moravian Mission Inventory and plan to start accepting data from Tradition and Transition researchers. We are also discussing a digital repository with other NG departments to get a sense of their data storage needs and to see if we might be able to satisfy those with our

digital space and management software. Hopedale Archive Inventory.

Kyle Crotty plans to travel to Hopedale this fall to finalize documenting and completing the inventory of the collections in the Moravian Mission Museum here actually. The work in Hopedale is nearly complete with just three boxes of books left to go and this information continues to be entered into our database. The Hebron Family Archaeology Project: The Project had another successful year in Hebron as Andrew Piercy was chosen to participate by the Hebron Selection Committee. He was accompanied by his daughter, Gwen Winters, brother, Wayne Piercy and Charlotte Lucy-Piercy. Michelle Davies accompanied the family and recorded many stories from Andrew who also held a very powerful church service in Hebron while he was there. Over 60 people attended the church service, demonstrating the living cultural connection which so many in Nunatsiavut continue to practice in Hebron. The 2019 Heritage Forum will be held in Nain, late this fall. Planning will begin in October, in collaboration with new members of the Nain Heritage Committee.

Climate change and archaeological resource management: Staff members are working on having a regional scale overview assessment of the climate change-related impacts conducted in several stages.

Archaeology and Heritage were the recipients of \$120,000 grant for the climate change preparedness in the north program which will help us understand where attention needs to be directed to effectively manage fragile archaeological resources in the face of a daunting situation that involves impacts to archaeology, of things like coastal erosion, storm

surge, permafrost melt, changes in soil chemistry and vegetation changes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Now, First Minister Mitchell, up until the very last minute had planned on being here. Is there anybody-, just did she pass on her notes for-, to anybody else to give her a statement from her department? Seeing none, I'll call a 15-minute recess at this point.

[Recess]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're now back in session, so we'll return to the *Orders of the Day*, with Item number five, which are "Members Statements". Are there any Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Today I want to recognize and welcome all the ACMS teachers, new and those who are returning. I wish them well, as well as all the students and hope they have a successful and awesome year. Also, wish our ACMS Nanuit sports meet team all the best as they participate in the sports meet hosted this year in the town of Nain. With all schools participating from Rigolet, Makkovik, Postville, Hopedale, Natuashish and Nain. Mr. Speaker, much preparation goes into this huge and memorable event. HICG extends thanks and gratitude to all involved. We also extend condolences to the family of the late Beatrice Hunter Junior who passed away this summer. She is certainly missed in our town. Just some brief news, I'm pleased to announce that we finally have full support staff in our HICG office and thanks to Pathways funding, we

continue to train with Mr. Gilles Picard's. He's a consultant company and team building and management coaching to give support to our staff. We also received funding for a journeyman mechanic to train and work with the grad staff as well as a summer student compiling inventory, setting up the town garage, maintaining and repairing all town vehicles including all heavy equipment. This has proven to be a very valuable investment for HICG. Besides the summer student working with the mechanic, we also secured funding for four other students who did an awesome job cleaning up the town as well as assisting with recreation activities at the Nanuk Centre. This seems to be a report of gratitude Mr. Speaker, as we're so thankful to receive funding from the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* for a Seniors van driver. I cannot express enough how thankful we are to provide this invaluable service to our seniors. Also, we're so grateful that we finally had support and funding to complete the launch-way. There's just one bit of concrete left which will probably be done next year. Due to the very late season and very poor shipping service, Budgell's was late in starting the sanitary and road project this summer. To date, the sewer line installation is 75 per cent complete. Barring major problems, it will be completed next year with manholes included. The remaining sewer line installation locations are in very heavy traffic areas. The water access road is going well, considering work in the area only started on September 2nd. Hopefully next year, Budgell's will be able to start installing and road capping material. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I cannot end my Members statement without mentioning our utter disappointment and frustration

in the new ferry service. Our people and business owners are fearing the worst for getting fall shipment of supplies delivered, and I call on our NG Government to hear our concerns and advocate on our behalf to fix this broken system. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

I would just like to start by saying that Charlotte and I-, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, sorry, and I had gotten together to discuss who would present what issues today. So I'm just going to read what I have and she will present on behalf. Words cannot express how I feel about the summer this year and impact the events had on our community. It started with the stress and challenges that residents face due to the closure of the gasoline station for the whole month of June and into the few weeks of July. There is much gratitude and appreciation to the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies who has taken on the commitment of running the gasoline station until a permanent solution could be found. There are many thanks going out to the Nunatsiavut Government who has designated a team of great staff who worked hard to find a solution to resolve the gasoline station crisis. Mr. Speaker, there has been a lot of dedicated time and work put into the gasoline crisis and on behalf of our community, I thank you all for your help in this matter. It is with great sadness, and still, at times, incredible disbelief, that I'm sending condolences to families of four residents who have passed on in such a short timeframe this summer. Our community has been hit hard with tragedy and as a community does, all

came together in the trying time to attempt to alleviate the pain and suffering to those who were impacted the deepest. Condolences go out to the family of the late Richard Rich. Richard loved our hometown and strongly advocated for things to better our community. Condolences goes out to the family of the late Helen Michelin. Helen, who was from Scotland, became the first permanent nurse to be stationed in Rigolet in 1978. We were very lucky when she married Daniel Michelin Senior in 1979, as she confidently worked and cared for our residents for 40 years. She cared for the people of Rigolet through the worst times of their lives and celebrated and cared for us through our best. She cared for us just as good as any or even better than, some doctors in the place that she made her home. Condolences are going out to the family of the late Andrew Michelin. Andrew will be remembered for his heroic deed of saving the lives of his daughter and her friend on a day of the tragic boating accident. Condolences are going out to the family of the late Melinda Rich. Melinda lived her life to the fullest. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, that I'm sure would brighten up anyone's day. As you all know, our community, along with other communities, has some concerns and issues with the new ferry service. This summer, I had submitted a petition to our MHA Lela Evans, who will present the petition in the House of Assembly in St. John's. The petition contains 183 signatures of residents who would like to see Rigolet reinstated as a port of call to the south coast run, just as it has been since the beginning of marine transportation. I hope to touch

on more concerns and issues during the discussion later on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I wanna begin by saying how grateful I am to be here, to be back, and to acknowledge all the support me and my family were given by my community, by this Assembly, by DHSD, by the cancer centre in St. John's, and people actually, throughout Labrador and Canada. We will be forever grateful. But I don't want this statement to be about me, and that's not what I'm here for. So enough of that topic. I'm going to move on. Mr. Speaker, I, again, like Carlene said, she's talking on behalf of me and I'm talking on behalf of her, so not to be repetitive, we've combined our time. So congratulations are in order for three young people from Rigolet who went to the Indigenous Games in Halifax. They attended the Atlantic Indigenous Games and they brought home some brass. I'm not exactly sure how much or what, but they did bring home some brass and we're really proud of them. So Brianna and Nathan and Samantha, thank you for representing our community and for making us proud. And Mr. Speaker, I'd like to wish all the students of Northern Lights Academy, and the teachers, a successful year as another school season begins. Rigolet Inuit Community Government has a lot of concerns about the Kamutik W, but I see, in the *Orders of the Day*, that a session is scheduled for this topic, so like everyone else, I'll leave my comments to that session. And, while I'm on the topic of transportation, we need something done

about the dust in our communities. This year was good because it rained all year, but, you know, we got between 80 and 100 cars in Rigolet and probably not even 20 kilometres of road, so the dust is a constant. We're eating it. We're breathing it and it can't be healthy. And I say this because having the opportunity-, the unfortunate opportunity of being in Newfoundland for three months, we went around to some of the communities and every nook and cranny has pavement, and I couldn't help but notice that. All the little communities that you drive through, have got pavement. So, Mr. Speaker, also our landfill is of great concern. We have lots of metals that need to be moved and I think someone needs to light a fire under someone's butts to get something done about our landfills. And I don't say this lightly. The first action that I took in 2010 when I became AngajukKâk, the first meeting I attended was on waste management and a waste management strategy for Newfoundland and Labrador and-, but we're doing the same things now as we were then, today. And meanwhile, we're looking at communities across Newfoundland and in the rest of Labrador with big landfill sights and a big strategy to help them get rid of their garbage. That's not good enough. We need-, somebody needs to move. And, Mr. Speaker, Rigolet has an outdoor rink that is impossible to keep clear and to keep frozen in the winter. We'll be looking for somewhere for some dollars to get a covering for our rink. Our kids deserve better. at community sites and a big strategy to help them get rid of their garbage. That's not good enough. We need-somebody needs to move. And, Mr. Speaker, Rigolet has an outdoor rink that is impossible to

keep clear and to keep frozen in the winter. We'll be looking for somewhere for some dollars to get a covering for our rink. Our kids deserve better. Our children need somewhere to skate and enjoy themselves. And, when we can flood our rink-, when we first can flood our rink in the fall, and keep it clear, it's full of people, young and old, playing hockey, just skating. And it's a real shame that they can't do that all year long. And, I-, I'd like to say a few words about Richard Rich, who was, at the time of his passing, our Deputy AngajukKâk. Richard was a pillar of strength for Rigolet. He always fought tooth and nail for our rights. He mightn't have used fancy words to express that, but we knew we could count on him to speak for us. We probably never thanked him enough when he was around, and so Richard, I raise my hands to you. Rest in peace. And, Mr. Speaker, my final words are to acknowledge the Nunatsiavut Government for the stance that they took on Muskrat Falls. You stood with Rigolet and with the Labrador Land Protectors all the way. And I want to acknowledge your commitment to us. Having said that, I leave my statement with some questions to Nunatsiavut Government. Now, what's the next step? What happens now? Where do we go from here? What's the plan? Thank you, Mr. Speaker, *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I just will make one small correction in the statement that you made. What's on the *Orders of today*, for today is a motion to have a discussion. Yeah. And whether or not that discussion takes places, is entirely at the discretion of this Assembly, when the motion is brought forward. The motion will be brought forward, that we know,

but this Assembly, ultimately, will determine if a discussion is held. So, just correct that one small thing. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll quote you earlier at the beginning of our sitting, Mr. Speaker, when you looked at me and you said, "I think you'll find it easy to stand and talk", and you said, "If you could only hear my heart thump". Anyway, one time never gets any easier than the other. And I listened this morning to AngajukKâks, Mr. Speaker. I listened to Ministers. I listened to the President. Don't we all, Mr. Speaker, have a great responsibility to represent the North Coast? I'm not different than the other AngajukKâks along with the Ordinary Member from Rigolet when I stand and say, in support of my community, that we have real issues with our transportation related to marine-, the boat that we do have. Anyway, that's up for discussion, up to the Assembly, as you stated. Mr. Speaker, this morning, I'd like to say, personally, I would like to recognize my, I guess, buddy, as AngajukKâk for Rigolet, my friend, I'll call her. I had the opportunity, back when they were in St. John's, to travel the roads with her husband. He gave me rides to and from where. I was there the same time. He gave me the insight onto what it actually means when your loved one is faced with a situation that you don't know what's gonna happen tomorrow. Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud to stand today and say, that I can look at her and say, "You're a strong person". And, thank God that she's here to represent her community. Mr. Speaker, I had things written down to bring here as my Members Statement, and as I listen around the table,

I listen to some really good reports. I listened to some reports that made me smile. I listened to some reports that brought tears to my eyes. Mr. Speaker, again, I'll repeat, we have a great responsibility as elected people, to bring the concerns of our people forward and right now, marine transportation is a big one-, is a huge one within our district. Mr. Speaker, as I speak, we have projects on the go, in our hometown, Postville, such as an interpretation centre, that was, I guess, spearheaded, started by the former AngajukKâk, Diane Gear, as of September the 18th, 2018, I picked up the slack and carried on. Hopefully at the next sitting of the Assembly, I will be able to report the completion of the Interpretation Centre. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Department of Economic Development, Minister Flowers, portfolio, and also the *Postville Inland Trust Fund*, for financially supporting a boat ramp in Postville, which is much needed. Mr. Speaker, there has been people damage their tires-, trailer tires, getting boats up and down on the old one. So, I'd like to thank the department and the *Inland Trust Fund*, for the financial support on the boat ramp for this upcoming season. As I speak, the ramp, I'm gonna say is 60 percent in progress. I'm hoping at the next sitting, I'll have a better report on the completion of it. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to send out best wishes from the Postville Inuit Community Government to our Postville B.L. Morrison Falcons, whose travelling Nain for the sports meet this, well, this week, and I wish them all the best. Mr. Speaker, as I stand here this morning, you know, I feel a heavy weight on my shoulder, like do every sitting. I take my position very seriously, when I represent my community.

I don't stand on behalf of my sister. I don't stand on behalf on my relative across the road. I stand here representing my whole community. And that, I will do to the best of my ability. Mr. Speaker, as I speak, the 28th of May, in our community was the last regular police patrol we had in our community. There's great concern for policing in our community, along with many other Government Service Providers, which is basically, a challenge from day to day. I can't get to the point to work at the community issues like I want, service providers. I know I'm running out of time here, Mr. Speaker, but in saying that, I would like to recognize a few people this morning, before I sit, who support me, who help me from my day-to-day duties, not giving me final thoughts on a decision to make, but assist me. They are, Shirley Goudie, my Town Manager in Postville, who's been sitting in the seat of her office for 27 years; Melanie Gear, who's the clerk of my office, who support me many times; Glenda Sheppard, Assistant Clerk, who happens to be my daughter, has supported me many times; Carrie Gear, our Supervisor of Works, out in the field all day, know exactly what's going on, on the ground. I'd like to recognize those people and thank them from the bottom of my heart for their support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, the Honourable Mr, Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Nakummek, UKatti. I guess listening to the reports this morning from all the AngajukKâk, we all are gonna be focusing on the marine transportation, as it is today. I'm going to be introducing a motion,

tomorrow-, today for discussion tomorrow. Hopefully that will happen. As everyone alluded to so far, Nain is hosting the Fall Sports meet for the schools this week. And I've been honoured and called upon to welcome these students and assure you that Nain is coming together to welcome these athletes through boarding, which is hard to find, but everybody is gonna find a place to stay and they will be welcome, and I'm sure they will be all taken care of. I also, would like to welcome four new teachers, even though one position's not filled yet, we have four new teachers in Nain and welcome back also the ones that are permanently, I guess, living in the community, now, who have shown their commitment to make Nain their home and have their children grow up in our community. We have a full slate of RCMP in our community. They're practically all new, except for the sergeant who is a year old in our community and you know, they have been working well with the Inuit Community Government, even though we don't have a Community Constable in place for the last year and a half. The sergeant, along with these staff have constantly come to my office and ask questions of us when we do require their assistance. So I appreciate that. With our projects on the go now, Mr. Speaker, our housing project is 99 percent complete, I would say. It's just a matter now, of us calling in Parrots as soon as the roads are cleared up, Parrots survey to get the surveys done so we can hand over the deeds of the lots to the people who are on our list. The other project that I mentioned earlier, this season, with regards to water line replacement, unfortunately, is not gonna happen this year due to Government election and the delays of the negotiating the

9010 application, I guess for funding. That came late this season, just last month, and with the lateness, the season's over, by the time they call in an RFP to hire engineers and contractors to do the job, it's gonna be in October. So hopefully, once the contract is awarded, we are hopefully optimistic that they will have time to get equipment up to have an early start next spring. We've had much troubles, I guess, with water lines system and we desperately need that new repairs to the water line started. All summer, we've been constantly repairing our old water line down by the NG building as you know, Minister Lyall, Andersen for the fact that we've been down there on three occasions this year, just this summer, digging up and repairing the lines in front of your building. So in that sense, you know, we have been able to properly maintain our roads as Charlotte alluded to. There's a lot of dust in our community because of the high volume of traffic and we cannot lay down any calcium because of the fact that, you know, we don't know what's gonna happen next. We can't afford to lay calcium down and have to dig it up, and then, you know, we'd be at a loss there. This summer, I guess, was the first time we had a music festival in 11 years. It was called Tusannituk. The first one we had was in 2018 and it was a success. This was sponsored by our Recreation Department and let the community know and the Assembly know next year, it's gonna happen again, so this is gonna become an annual event. And the whole community came out to enjoy the music that was offered by entertainers for the first time in a long time, and that brought up a lot of spirits in the community. I guess each time we come to our meetings,

we always pass on condolences and I have the non-pleasure, I guess, of passing condolences on to the family of Gus Senior Dicker, who passed away unexpectedly just a few weeks ago and at the same time, welcome back into our community, I guess, newborns. We've had three newborns since the last sitting, new baby boy for Brendan and Shannon, Brendon Webb and Shannon Dicker, Roxanne Andersen and Russel Barber had a little girl and Samantha Haye and Edward Flowers who is the son of-, adopted son of Edward Flowers Senior who was one of our Inuit negotiators just had a little girl just not long ago, so we welcome them into our community. I don't have a written report, Mr. Speaker, but I will make that available to the clerk tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I'd like to recognize Sadie Voisey, the sister of First Minister Kate Mitchell, who passed away recently. For those of you who probably don't know, Sadie was a pillar at the fish plant in Makkovik with Torngat Fisheries for about 30 years or more. Basically, if you went to the fish plant, you saw Sadie. If you went to the office for any sales or that kind of thing, Sadie was always there. It's gonna be a big change in our fish plant for sure. But in my written statement, give the people and the transportation of passengers and freight in our region, it is my proposal that a Transportation Committee of the Assembly be struck to deal with the many ongoing serious issues in this regard, whether it be marine or air transportation. Right now, there is no coordinated means of

addressing these serious issues, by the Nunatsiavut Government in my view. Our people are very upset with the service in each of our communities and are getting a patchwork of responses to their concerns. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement, this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the number of elders and disabled in Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries using the Max Winters Memorial Community Freezer increased since June when the number was 85, and this is mainly due to salmon and turnip greens. July there were 127 people and August there were 125. We have started to do outreach to the people living in assisted living homes who are Nunatsiavut Beneficiaries in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We provide salmon and frozen berries and vegetables to 10 assisted-living homes. They were very pleased and grateful to have received the salmon and other food items. We were already providing community freezer items through supportive living through the Friendship Centre. Many people are anxiously awaiting for the corned cod and char. Ian Blake was the successful bidder and issued the contract to catch, clean, and deliver salmon to the Community Freezer. He got the 150 salmon and included spawn and livers. As we have between 100 to 155 people using the freezer, we have requested to Lands and Natural Resources for the 2020 season to increase our salmon allocation to 200 case due to the need.

People are looking forward to fresh organic vegetables that will be provided in the near future. Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to the Recreation Director at Long-term care with Labrador Grenfell Health, to request that NunaKatiget host one of their monthly Christmas parties. We will be hosting November's birthday parties. On National Indigenous People's Day, we had a booth at the event in Goose Bay giving out flummies with redberry and bakeapple jam along with comet cupcakes by Adam Hill. We delivered bakeapple tarts to the elders in Long-term care in the Headland Apartments. I want to thank Judy Voisey for making the tart shells. As of September 9th, embroidery classes started for six weeks with instructor Karen White. Yesterday, on September 16th, basic Inuttitut classes started with Selma Jararuse as instructor and Julie Sheppard as co-instructor. Julie is a former Inuit Bachelor of Education Graduate. Selma will strengthen Julie's Inuttitut skills and Julie will strengthen Selma's skill in lesson planning. Funds for the classes came from the UKatiget board for \$2900 and a small portion from our budget. We are presently looking for additional funding to include youth classes and day classes. One thing that we run into, though, is many people sign up for courses, but they don't all show up, which can be disappointing. We will be partnering with DHSD community office for monthly visits to Mud Lake and to the Headland apartments for social activities. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Adam Hill, a youth from Goose Bay for winning a Youth Ventures Community Impact Award in honour of Nevaeh Denine. A big congratulations to Tim McNeil who will receive an Honorary Doctor of Law

Degree from Memorial University on October 17th, and well-deserved. I too would like to thank President Lampe and the Executive Council for the support for Muskrat Falls and the concerns of methyl-mercury. I am very proud on the stance they have taken and I too would like to welcome Charlotte back and it's good to have her here. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes The Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start off by saying how pleased we are the Nunatsiavut Government did not accept the \$10 million offered by Nalcor in the flooding of Muskrat Falls. We are proud of NG's stance against this mega project. Over the summer Sivunivut partnered with the Labrador Interpretation Centre and we provided classes in embroidery and beading lanyards. We had a great turn-out and we hope to provide more courses again in the future. We would like to thank Kevin Gear who harvested our salmon for the Community Freezer this summer. He was able to harvest all our salmon and make a lot of our senior beneficiaries happy, who are not able to fish for themselves. We are also in the process of awarding our moose harvest licence for the fall of 2019. Sivunivut ICC has hired a new Program Coordinator in August. Carla Saunders of North West River has been filling this role. She has experience in working with various governments and proposal. I look forward to working with her and her vast amount of skills and knowledge. Fifteen-year old Grace Tuglavina was asked again this year to try out for the team to represent

Newfoundland and Labrador at the Games. She travelled to St. John's for a weekend try-out. She was the only Labradorian selected to be on the team. She then trained for another week before she travelled to Nova Scotia for additional training and then three days on the Eastern Elite Championships. Although the team did not place well, coaches and players were happy with her performance. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Chairperson Winters. If I could just ask a question. Pardon my English, but what sport was she involved in?

MS. WINTERS: Volleyball.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Volleyball. Thank you. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Honourable Assembly Members and guests. Is that me or someone else? I'm off. Anyway, here we go. The time is drawing very near for the Members of Nunatsiavut all across Canada that were fortunate enough to be selected to attend the Okak Commemorative Celebration that I understand is gonna be held in Nain next week. It was a tremendous amount of work and thought put into this event to honour all the people that lived in Okak during the epidemic and people that survived the deadly ordeal. Much has been recorded and written about the effects of that the Spanish Influenza had on coastal Labrador and in particular, Okak. Congratulations to our Canadian Constituency Members that were selected and will be attending, some being direct descendants and others

are all family members. They are Matthew Pike, Dora Penny, John Penny, Stella Saunders, Charlotte Fost and Ellen Ford. Weather permitting, I pray that all who attend will have a sombre, joyful celebration. I would also like to congratulate Patty Way on her being there because of her expertise on the family members of Okak. Now, Mr. Speaker, Ms. Susan Onalik has been successful in getting Inuttitut open to the community with limited seating at Memorial University. That's a big deal because they've had the class for a few years, but now Members that aren't taking the class can go sit in Memorial University and listen to the teaching. The class began in early September but Professor Doug Wharram as the teacher with Ellen Ford assisting with correct pronunciation of the words. The class days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. It is with great pleasure that I inform the Assembly of the graduating class of 2019, students living in Canadian Constituency that have completed their studies. Thank you to the staff at PSSP. They are Crystal Clarke, Bachelor of Business Administration, Memorial University, Grenfell Campus, Samantha Leonard, Doctor of Medicine, Dalhousie University Nova Scotia, Ben Zammit-Maepel, Bachelor Science and Business, Honours Co-op, University of Waterloo. Matt Lane, Diploma Business Administration Accounting, College of the North Atlantic. Congratulations, also to Lela Evans the new MLA for Torngat Mountains. We all wish you great success in your term representing Coastal Labrador. Mr. Speaker, Atelihai, at the Mi'kmaw Centre in Halifax is several programs that they offered members living in their area. They have weekly Inuttitut classes, and instruction from

Newfoundland as well as from Nunavut which is a different dialect, but they are all doing that class and they're doing quite well. They have that one night a week for about two hours each week. And they also have drum dancing, throat singing, craft nights, community drop-in and community socials. And, Mr. Speaker, this is St. John's Native Friendship Centre, also known as First Light. They have many events planned for the new year for Inuit living in St. John's area. They have throat singing classes, singer, songwriter classes, men's programs, yoga class, children's programs, women's craft nights and a lot of native artists that were visiting the area. They were also expanding their holdings as they're buying property out there, so that they can accommodate more people that come from Labrador for medical reasons to give them different options to stay. And on a brighter note, Mr. Speaker, congratulations to 11-year old beneficiary, Jeremy Winters, when he was in Calaboose the CBS Raiders AA baseball team won the Mosquito AAA, AA league and became provincial champions and went on to represent Newfoundland in PEI last weekend. Although they did not medal, Jeremy played very well in the tournament. Another member who had a grandson in there as well, was Emma Relus. She used to be Emma Ford from the Valley, and her grandson also played in the same tournament. And I'd like to ask any members here that have siblings, Members living in Canadian Constituencies that you would like me to mention, please send me an email or a phone call. I will gladly do it for you. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Saunders. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Six on the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Return to Oral Questions". At the June 2019 Assembly sitting, the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, asked me as a Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, if Constituency allowance for the Inuit Community Corporations could be considered. I'll just provide just a quick background as to why that question would come to me. Constituency Allowances fall under the budget of the Assembly. The budget of the Assembly is approved-, is put together and approved by the Members Services Committee which myself as Speaker, chairs that committee and that's the reason that question will be fielded by me. My response is as follows: There is provision of the *Nunatsiavut Constitution* which addresses Constituencies. Part 4.2 of the *Constitution* says, "Election of Ordinary Member in Constituencies: Unless the Nunatsiavut Assembly increases the number of Constituencies in accordance with Section 4.2.6, there shall be seven Constituencies in a Nunatsiavut Assembly as follows: Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, Postville, Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville and Canada". So as such there is no allowance in the *Constitution*, for Constituency allowances for anything external to those seven areas which are identified, which are clearly identified in the *Nunatsiavut Constitution*. With that, we'll move on to Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions". Are there any oral questions? The Speaker recognizes the

Chairperson of the NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Honourable Tyler Edmunds, the Minister of Finance, HR and Information Technology. This has been brought forward to me by several staff members, and they're wondering, is it possible for Nunatsiavut Government civil servants to work flexible hours? Right now it's 8:30 to 4:30. They're wondering if they could work 8:00 to 4:00 or possibly 9:00 to 5:00. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson Kemuksigak. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker and *Nakummek*, Chairperson for your question. With respect to civil servants working flexible hours, the hours of work are outlined within our *Civil Servants Act*, and there are employees who do work beyond the normal schedule. Of course there are programs that run outside of our normal operating schedules. There are evening suppers, events, for example the Splash and Boots tour that took place within the last week or so. And of course, staff have to be there and they are paid for their time. Of course this has to go through their appropriate supervisor and in a sense we do have employees already who work flexible hours, and of course if there are any questions around how that happens, go through your supervisor, go through Human Resources just to ensure that a particular case can be eligible for flexible hours. *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Chairperson Kemuksigak, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Finance and Information Technology. And it's really got to do with our audits. I know we're told by Nunatsiavut Government that we should use these certain auditors. We still don't have our 2017 audit. We've supplied information over and over the same stuff, ask of two individuals sent one day. Four days later wanted the same stuff from another individual. It's an ongoing issue and it's interfering with our ability to get our MOG, our Municipal Operating Grants. That's \$70,000 that the province provides us. Like, and I'm-, well we wrote letters, asked questions, "What's going on", and we're not getting any answers, and I'm wondering if someone in your department can assist us trying to get this settled. I mean it's a-, you know, and so we're not even looking at our 2018 audit yet. We're still waiting for 2017. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey for your question. At the last Assembly session there were some questions that were raised by some of the Members around audits and your question is obviously a bit different than that case. In terms of-, again, I don't know the exact situation with the RICG and the audits. There were a few Inuit Community Governments who have been experiencing delays with getting

their audits processed from previous years and in those instances we have provided some support to the ICG's to ensure that they can get up to date on their audited reports. Again, as you mentioned it's really important to have your records ready, have them up-to-date so you can get your Municipal Operating Grants. So, I see no reason as to why we can't provide some assistance in this case and I will look into it further for the AngajukKâk to see what can be done to provide you with some help.

Nakummek Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think my question would be for the Minister that's absent but the last time I asked a question was on August the 2nd. It's related to policing and she answered the question on behalf of the President so I'm sure that the President may be aware so I'll ask the question to the Honourable President.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I may interrupt, I believe-, was your question in the form of a written question? I believe it was in the form of a written question. And it's-, we have a response-, I have a response in the Section under "Returns to Written Questions", but if I'm not mistaken, I have it recorded as a recorded as a written question, and we haven't reached that part of the *Orders of the Day*, as of yet. So the response from the Minister, from the

First Minister to your written question will be addressed in the *Orders of the Day*, under "Returns to Written Questions".

MR. SHEPPARD: Okay, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

MS. WINTERS: My question is for the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development. Is or can Nunatsiavut Government look into the homeopathic treatments and what is the process to add it to the DIN list?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Chairperson Winters. Non-insured health benefits can only fund access to provincially insured services, those paid through MCP, so the answer is, no. Homeopathic services are private, similar to a chiropractor, private physiotherapists, podiatrist, et cetera. Health Canada has to approve any medication and assign a DIN number. The two issues are related but not one in the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MS. WINTERS: No.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers of Hopedale.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question I think would be for Minister for Lands and Natural Resources. It's a question brought forward from the NiKigijavut Hopedalimi Food Security Committee. They're wondering, would there be any-, are there any talks on maybe looking at getting caribou from further north whether it be Nunavut or somewhere? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you AngajukKâk Flowers for your question. We have-, the Department has, in the past, looked at and asked for harvesting rights in this case, other provinces and territories and our request to harvest caribou from the Leaf River herd, which is the closest word to Nunatsiavut has been turned down by harvesters of that herd and, as well, by the provincial Government of Quebec. We have not asked for harvesting rights in Nunavut, at least at this time. We continue to look and to-, and hope that we will be able to at some point, be able to harvest caribou, I suppose in other areas, but most caribou herds as well, in Nunavut are on a decline and we don't see at this time that there is any great hope-, I'll use those words-, any great hope for harvesting caribou in other areas. But we'll continue to advocate on behalf of our beneficiaries in Nunatsiavut for harvesting in other areas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a Supplementary Question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? I see AngajukKâk Sheppard, but I was wanting to give everyone

else a chance first to ask their first question before I return for second questions. Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess my question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, just to go a bit further with the question asked by my colleague AngajukKâk for Hopedale, has your department, Minister, ever considered some sort of trade where we can't harvest but we know that there are Country Food Stores or Freezer-, Community Freezers in other communities up north, if we could, you know, trade maybe our-, some seal meat or char for caribou meat, even just for ceremonial purposes. Has that been considered? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. In my year and a half, I'm not aware that we have ever asked other Inuit regions for trade, but certainly a very good thought and I promise you that we will. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is for the Honourable Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, my question. And the question is, I'll ask the Minister

if he can confirm that a moose study that was proposed for Postville starting this fall or early 2020, can he confirm that it's a go and it's for a three-year period? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Yes, I can confirm that a census study will be done of moose in the KipukKak area and it will be over a three-year period. Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes Chairperson of Nunakatiget.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: If permissible, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question for the First Minister even though she's absent?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: What we can do, is we can ask if another Minister is in a position to field it. If not, we'll have to-, you can record the question in Hansard and we can ask if someone else is in a position to respond to the question.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Okay. In relation to the community review committees for Membership, how do the committees select Nunatsiavut beneficiaries to be reviewed? I've been talking to people and there was one family of 16 children and one of the 16 was selected to be reviewed and another family of 12 children, one was selected to be reviewed. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. Are there any Ministers in a position to field that question? Seeing none we'll ensure that the department is notified of your

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 Honourable Tyler Edmunds. I understand that the IT department has been working and maybe setting up IT support for the ICG's. My question is, how far is that and will we be getting support this fall? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for your question. There was communication put out between IT and the ICG's as to which options they preferred as the AngajukKâk will remember, there were several different options, including full-on incorporation into our systems and setting up your own systems and basically a mix of two. Now, I know that all communities went with the same option. I'm unsure at this point, which option the HICG decided on or if they've had any communication with the IT Division on that issue, but we can certainly talk about this afterwards and see where HICG is going to go forward. And I believe that some of the ICG's may have already had some additional discussions with IT support. So, I'll speak with AngajukKâk as to the plan going forward with HICG and their preferred option. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk Flowers, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. I hope you can hear me, Minister. I'm-, and at the risk of sounding maybe a little bit "duh", 'cause I don't-, I can't find a copy of the *Mealy Mountain Park Reserve Impacts and Benefits Agreement*. Do we get access to that? Can Rigolet Inuit Community Government have access to a copy of that?

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

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk for your question. I don't wanna keep looking up in the gallery, so this time, I'm gonna say that, I will have to get back to you on that question, okay? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes Marlene Wheeler, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This question is for First Minister Kate Mitchell. I realize she's not here but I would just like to get the question on the Hansard. Membership is a big issue in the Upper Lake Melville area and recently, we've approached by a beneficiary who's been-, who's undergoing his second Membership review. So in his first review, he had a letter stating from the appeals committee that his beneficiary status was

reinstated and it was a final decision. So my question to the First Minister is, is there a way that the Membership Appeals Committee and the Regional Membership Committees can have a better line of communication relaying that type of-, those decisions and information? Thank you. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Wheeler. Are there any Ministers in a position to field that question? Seeing none, we'll note your question and we'll ensure that your question is passed on to the appropriate people. Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? Any other Oral Questions? Seeing none, I see at the clock, we're slightly after noon. We'll call a recess until 1:30, allowing for lunch. We'll reconvene at 1:30.

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MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're back in Session after our lunch break and we'll resume at Item number eight on the *Orders of the Day*, which are "Written Questions". Are there any written questions? Again, I'll ask, are there any written questions? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Nine of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Return to Written Questions". On June 6th of 2019, the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard directed the following question written to the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell. The question specifically was, "Has there been any movement since the Assembly sitting of March 4-6, 2019 with the Province on the issue of policing, especially for the community of Postville? Now, of course, the Honourable Minister Mitchell is not here but she-, we do have a response which well behalf by Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to read the response of the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell who provided a Return to Written Question for the purposes of the Hansard. "NG continues to bring forward issues to the Provincial Government as they relate to Nunatsiavut on a regular basis. Justice and police issues, while we do not have a mandate to be directly in these issues, we continue to lobby on behalf of all communities whenever the opportunity arises. This includes a lack of RCMP patrols in Postville". Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

There are no more Returns to Written Questions so with that, we'll move no to Item 10 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Petitions". Are there any Petitions today? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 11 on the *Orders of the Day*, "Responses to Petitions", and there will be no responses today. On to Item 12. Item 12 is "*Reports of Standing in Special Committees*". I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser to give a report from the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs. Ms. Palliser, in addition to being our Deputy Speaker is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs. Her report was tabled at our last Assembly sitting in June of 2019, and was tabled as Document 034, Section three. Ordinary Member Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. To the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol is pleased to present this report. The committee met face-to-face in Happy Valley, Goose Bay on May 15th and 16th, 2019. We met with Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development, Ms. Michelle Kinney on May 15th. She provided great

input on past committees, their roles and responsibilities, structure and what was done. Some of this included alcohol-free events, meetings with communities, surveys, identifying key priorities and much more. Ms. Kinney will be forwarding some past reports and more information to help keep a live document that can be used for current and future reference. After the productive meeting with Ms. Kinney, we had a better understanding of our roles and expectations. We set out to complete a terms of reference, which was never established. This tool will help guide or work. The committee is requesting an appointment of the senior staff persons within Nunatsiavut Government to be part of this group. They would be responsible for coordinating the work for this group, including minute-taking, coordinating meetings, logistics for travel and meeting places, producing reports, liaison with service groups including Inuit Community Governments, Provincial and Federal Governments, Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor board, health and community services, et cetera-, just to name a few. The committee recommends either Ms. Kaila DeBoer, Director of Mental Wellness and Healing, Ms. Michelle Kinney, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development or a clerical support person with experience. The Alcohol and Drug Committee plans to meet in 2019 at least each quarter. We will meet in person and by teleconference, as required. The committee will be issuing a press release in near future to re-establish the Community Alcohol and Drug Committees who will advise and give guidance of the formal Nunatsiavut Government Standing Committee. We will be meeting again, by late

September. Unfortunately, we didn't meet yet, to continue to work on improving this committee that has been defunct since 2014. The committee will be accepting written submissions of feedback from the Inuit communities to provide what they feel is needed in the community. Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen, that the report from the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs be received and adopted.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Palliser. Your Motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the Motion?

MS. PALLISER: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Does anybody else wish to speak to the Motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Member wish to make final comments and close debate?

MS. PALLISER: I would like to close debate.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That concludes debate. Those in favour? Any opposed? The motion is carried. With that, there are no more reports of Standing in Special Committees today and we'll move on to Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Tabling of Documents". The Speaker would like to recognize the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker, *Ukatti*. I have a few documents to Table with the Assembly today. First, I'd like to table the Section 111 Report as required under the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Edmunds. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 01-4(4), and once again, I recognize the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology.

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to Table the 2018 Financial Statements of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust* and the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust*. *Nakummek, Ukatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The documents will be numbered as Tabled Document 02-4(4), and 03-4(4) consecutively. I once again recognize Honourable Tyler Edmunds, Ordinary Member for Postville and our Member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and finally, I'm pleased to Table the Report from the Rules and Procedures Committee as of June 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Just as a advisory, we-, this Report from the Rules and Procedures Committee is only being Tabled today, but we will be discussing this in Committee of the Whole tomorrow. So if there's any-, if people wanna look their books or their binders, if they have any questions, they will have ample opportunity to examine the documents and to bring forward any questions you may have, tomorrow. The document Mr. Edmunds referred to will be numbered as Tabled document 04-4(4). Again, I wanna recognize the Minister of Finance,

Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Apologies, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the First Minister and in her absence, I'd like to Table the 2020 Nunatsiavut Assembly Calendar. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 05-4(4) and we had some queries from Members of the Assembly in the past number of months, wondering what the dates of the 2020 Assembly meetings are. And those dates will be contained in your information packages. There are no more documents to Table today, so with that, we'll move on to Item 14, "Notices of Motion". Once again, The Speaker would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, I'll move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Gerald Asivak that the Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* with the appropriate witnesses. The 2018 Annual Report was just Tabled as Tabled Document 02-4(3). *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. I would like, again, to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville who is also an appointment Member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser, that a number of amendments be made to the Standing Orders of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, including that Subsection 3 be added to Section 5 of the Standing Orders to read, "Notwithstanding, Standing order 5(1) the Speaker may, with consent of the Assembly extend the Assembly sittings for any reason the Speaker considers necessary", and furthermore, that Subsection 4 be added as Standing Order 23 to read, "The *Orders of the Day*, may be amended with unanimous consent of the Assembly", and furthermore, that Subsection 3 be added to Standing Order 29, to read, that the "35 minutes time limits for Ministers Statements may be extended with the approval of the Assembly", and furthermore, that the words, "Per statement" be added after five minutes in 3(a) to read, "Sections 30(3a), "Shall not exceed five minutes per statement", and furthermore, that a subsection 3 to Standing Order 47, be amended as follows, Standing Order 47(3), "The Speaker will decide the voting method", and furthermore that a new paragraph be added after Standing order 80, to read, "Standing order 81. Members of the Assembly are prohibited from using any electronic device including cell phones or computers during Assembly sittings, unless the Member has received prior consent from the Speaker", and furthermore, that these proposed amendments to the Standing Orders be discussed in the Committee of the Whole with Loretta Michelin of Legal Counsel as a witness. *Nakummek, Ukatti.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: (Sound cuts out.) sorry about this part I forgot to press play when they have started.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 I will move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, of the following motion. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers, that Assembly convene as a Committee of the Whole with witness, Mr. Darryl Shiwak, Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, to have an open and frank discussion on the concerns and problems that the Inuit Community Governments and beneficiaries have with the ferry service in Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. That concludes Notices of Motions for today, and with that we'll move on to Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is the "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bill"s. There are no notices of motion for First Reading of Bills today, and with that, we'll move on to Item 16, "Motions". Item 16, "Motions". There are no motions today, and with that, we'll move on to Item 17, "First Reading of Bills". There are no reading of bills today, and with that, we'll move on to Item 18, Item 18 being "Second Reading of Bills". There are no Second Reading of Bills today, and with that we'll move on to Item 19. Item 19 of the *Orders of the Day*, is "Assent to Bills". There no Assent to Bills today, and with that, we'll move on to Item 20, which is an "adjournment". So, this has been a very brief session. Again, we'll have an opportunity to discuss some of the things which we were given notice for, tomorrow. I

anticipate we'll have a discussion, if AngajukKâk Dicker's motion passes, to have a lively discussion about the ferry service, I believe is what your intent is? And to discuss some of the amendments we've made to this-, some proposed amendments to the Standing Orders. With that, the Assembly is now adjourned and we'll reconvene at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Good morning, everybody. *Ullâkut Ilonnasi*. I'd like to call to order the continuation of the 4th Session of the Fall Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly, and at this time, I'd like to call upon the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey to give us our opening prayer.

MS. WOLFREY:

[Recites prayer]

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I'd like to recognize those who have joined us this morning. We have our staffers, of course, Darryl, Isabella, Loretta and Belinda and I briefly saw Chris Webb from NGC and of course, Graham White with the Traditions and Transitions Project is again with us, and thanks for coming, Graham. On to Item 3 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Inuit Health Tripartite Committee is a Senior Level working group with representation from the Provincial, Federal Governments and NG. This group meets quarterly to discuss

high-level issues between all parties and work on joint solutions. One of the issues raised was a medical transportation contract and we are pleased, that as of July 3rd, 2019, we were successful in having the contract reflect the separate Skedivac, Medivac service. The second issue resolved was that of vision clients being bumped by the Skedivac flights. The process has now be agreed upon whereby clients will be placed on the passenger list and not bumped if the following apply: They require a vision service and there is no scheduled visit to their community in the near future, they are eligible for the service under the Non-insured health benefit program and an appointment time is available. There will be optometry, eye clinic in Nain from September 23rd to the 27th, 2019. There will be a dental visit to Nain, October 4th to the 14th, and the hygienist will be in the community from September 23rd to the 29th. The dentist will be Hopedale October 15th to the 24th, and the hygienist, September 17th to the 22nd. Mr. Speaker, to date, 86 per cent of the residents of Nain have been assessed or in the process of being assessed for tuberculosis. The work continued over the summer and we hope to have the community screening done in the fall. The most recent outbreak of 27 cases began in March 2018. The last outbreak related case was in December of 2018. Mr. Speaker, the contract for medical ground transportation services was awarded to the St. John's Native Friendship Centre again for a three-year period. DHSD is leading a project of all Indigenous partners, Labrador Grenfell health and community partners, including elders with the Canadian Partnership

against Cancer, CPAC. The purpose is to look at cancer journey for patients from screening to diagnosis to treatment and follow-up so that the issues and gaps can be identified and solutions found to ensure the best possible outcomes. Mr. Speaker, the seven-plex in Nain is on schedule for completion in December of this year. These units will support families at risk of having their children come into care or having their children return to their care with appropriate housing and supports. This program has been working very well in the community of Hopedale and we anticipate the same in Nain. Family are supported through the family connections program. Finally, Mr. Speaker, the College of the North Atlantic is delivering Early Childhood Education One Childcare training this summer and will continue in modules throughout the next two years. There are 10 students registered to do the training. Seven are current staff. The training will take place over the next two years, so all the staff will be fully qualified. 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 Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. *Ukatti*. My statement today will provide an update and some background information around the current lawsuit against the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and our President has spoken to this issue on multiple occasions around this table and as the Assembly is aware, we had a statement of claim against the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2016. And in that

statement of claim, our position has been that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador had a duty to consult with us with regards to issues of exemption orders related to the Voisey's Bay project that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador were to share other funds received under the 5th and 6th Amendments to the *Voisey's Bay Development Agreement* and *Uhalitik*, finally that certain deductions are not permissible when calculating the amounts of revenue to be paid and shared with the Nunatsiavut Government. Since the statement of claim has been filed, Mr. Speaker, there's been a lot of progress on that case. In May of this year, this case had its first appearance in court, as we've shared with the Assembly, with witnesses testifying for both the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Nunatsiavut Governments. We want to thank Isabella Pain for her expert testimony during the trial and for her tireless commitments and hard work on this particular case. *Nakummek*. Mr. Speaker, this case will be back in court next month, in October with oral arguments and we're optimistic that there will be a decision on this case in early 2020. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Four of the *Orders of the Day*, "Members Statements". Are there any Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

MS. WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to open with expressing my extreme pride in our Government for not accepting the \$10 million payout offered by Nalcor. We've been true to our word and stand by the statement that the money offered to the Indigenous Groups should've been used to clear the vegetation at Muskrat Falls. We have seen the water rise, the sandbars appear and it makes me very sad that the beneficiaries of Upper Lake Melville and Rigolet have had their way of life changed. I recently spoke at the Suicide Awareness Walk in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Participants listened to beneficiary Lianna Rice talk about the loss of her brother Lorne to suicide. It was an emotional time, and although as a Government, we have programs and excellent staff in place, we need to continue talking about our mental health and wellness to reduce the stigma. I was very happy to see that NEC held its first meeting in Mud Lake in July. It is my understanding that the meeting was well-received and there were some great discussions about Membership and Muskrat Falls. I look forward to the next NEC meeting in Upper Lake Melville. Congratulations to Emma White, Alice Michelin, Emily Butt and Lydie Kelly from North West River who recently captured gold at the Atlantic Indigenous Games in Halifax, this summer. I would also like to say, I'm very happy to see our colleague, Charlotte Wolfrey back at the Assembly table. Welcome back, Charlotte and I wish you all the best in your recovery. *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Winters-Wheeler. 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:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to provide, I guess, some updates as to what some of our Committee Members have been engaged in over the summer. I think as probably most everyone is aware, from updates from the Department of Education and Economic Development, we did have participation from one of our youth and the Students on Ice Expedition this year and that was Madison Goudie and I think I was last year we had Erica Jacque participate as well, so it's great to see that our youth are engaged in this project and I wanted to thank the Department for their continued support of the Students on Ice Expedition. It's a really valuable opportunity. So during her time, she traveled over to Greenland to Pond Inlet to Coburg Island, and to Resolute Bay. So I'm sure that, that was a really rewarding experience for her. Also, we had two members of our community travel to Inuvik within the last month on the Ecology North Project and that was Jessica Sheppard and Jillian Edmunds. So during that project, they traveled to learn about Climate change and they participated in workshops, around testing permafrost, learning about permafrost and the impacts of climate change on permafrost, and also about plants and wildlife in that region. And they've enjoyed that trip. Now, there's been a couple of occasions where me and my colleague have spoken to Bronson Jacque and of course his competition is happening this week-, started yesterday and is happening today as well.

Again, he's participating as a representation of Canada in the Commonwealth Games in power lifting. So he's in the 83 kilogram category. From what I understand, his first event was yesterday and that was bench-pressing and he bench-pressed 430 pounds. So that's-, I can't imagine that. And he has a few other events today and we know that he'll do well and represent his nation well. So we're extremely proud of him and I know that his family is thinking of him during his competition as well and his community is behind him as well. Of course we have athletes at the sports meet. We have a few first-time athletes and actually Jim Goudie is going to be the assistant coach this year so best of luck to them as they represent our community and I'm happy to share with the Assembly that there have been a few new businesses in our community that started this summer. There's been a number of years where we didn't have any takeout services in our community and Charlene Gear stepped forward, you know, and really taken that on and she's been really successful within the last couple of months. So she started B and C's, Grub Box, Benjamin and Charlie's Grub Box and they've been really, really busy since they've opened. And also a big congratulations to Glenda Sheppard and Brenda Colborne as they started a Bed and Breakfast. So it's been a few years since we've had a Bed and Breakfast or any form of accommodations, really, within the community so they started Kaipokok Bay View B & B, and again, they're doing quite well so far. And I wanna thank Minister Asivak's department again for the Splash and Boots tour. It was really well attended within our

community by children, parents, grandparents and I was happy that I got to see Charlie the big dog running around our community centre. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to speak quickly on the daycare services within our community. You know, it's been a really frustrating issue, for sure from a perspective of Ordinary Member and I know that the DHSD has been very frustrated by the issues that have been happening around the daycare services as well and trying to get our daycare up to code with Provincial Government standards. And there's been a lot of lobbying efforts through DHSD. I wanna thank them for their work and I really want to recognize the PICG for stepping forward within the last month as well and partnering with DHSD to offer up some spaces so that we can actually have a daycare service within the next few months and hopefully for this whole year. Again, it's-, there's been a lot of time and energy invested within this issue from DHSD. It seems as though as soon as there's starting to be some forward momentum on this, you know, it seems like we're back to not having a service again. But I hope that, you know, we can get the renovations done to the space within the next little while and we can have that service restored for the community. That's all I have for my statement today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too would like to welcome Charlotte back, our AngajukKâk for Rigolet. I know that it's been a challenge and you are a

strong woman, and you really are an inspiration to all of us. So welcome back and it's good to hear your voice at the table. Your community, I think, is very lucky to have a leader like you. I would also like to thank DHSD for the work that they're doing in our community. They work hard and sometimes the work they do is not seen as-, a lot of people doing see behind the scene works that they do, so I wanna thank them. And the performance by the Splash and Boots was really good for the community and it's uplifting. Also for the Grizzlies movie, they provided with some of the participants of that movie coming in was very inspiring for our town for Suicide Intervention week. Also, I just wanted to bring to the forelight that as a Government we strive hard to work for our communities and sometimes it seems like things are going a little bit backwards because we have a difficult ferry service and we also sometimes have a difficult airline. With only one airline there's been lots of concerns brought forward by the communities and a lot of frustration. So I just wanted to point that out that we as leaders should keep that to the forefront and keep providing and helping to bring that forward that we're in 2019 and we really should be going forward and not backward with our services. I wanna thank all the leaders here who work diligently for your communities. Lots of times you're away from your families and we know that when you're elected, that is a part of your job, but I just want to thank you that it don't go unnoticed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: *Nakummek, Ukatti.* Yesterday, when I mentioned our first Tusannituk, our first Tusannituk Music Festival, I failed to acknowledge one of the biggest contributors to that funding for that music festival which was Ullapitsaijet, from the Nunatsiavut Government for the community of Nain. They funded a major portion of the financing that we needed to bring the musicians to Nain, so I would like to thank Isabella Pain and Carla Pamak who are on the committee, as well as Ronald Webb for their support for the Music Festival. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 5 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Return to Oral Questions". Yesterday, there were two questions asked-, directed to the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen, which he will answer today. The first question was from the AngajukKâk of Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey, was "Where is the *Impacts Benefit Agreement* for the Mealy Mountains National Park, and can the RICG, the Rigolet Inuit Community Government have a copy"? I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen to provide his response.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At one point, in March-, on March the 17th, 2017, in fact, we did sign an IBA with Parks Canada for the Mealy

Mountains National Park. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker the Innu Nation did not agree with certain aspects of that IBA, the major issue being a single joint CMB for the park. And due to this agreement, we will be submitting a new version of the IBA to Parks Canada that has an only Inuit CBM and removes any reference to the Innu Nation. At this point there is no current IBA. As such, we have no IBA to share. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. The question was from the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker who asked, "Has the Department of Lands and Natural Resources ever looked into or considered trading country from Nunatsiavut to other Inuit Regions for caribou meat"? I'd like to recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Andersen to give his response to AngajukKâk Dicker's question.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure, Mr. Speaker, if I answered this question properly yesterday, but just for certainty, I want to-, you know, I wanna make sure that my friend goes away with an acceptable answer. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, at the UPCART the Nunatsiavut Government raised the possibility with other Members, Members from Quebec which included our good friends from Makavik Corporation representing the Quebec Inuit. None of them did see this as a possibility. We have not, as a Department, asked or looked into sharing with other regions at this time, for example, Nunavut. But I can assure you, I think, to, Mr. Speaker, give assurance to the AngajukKâk from Nain that we will look into all possibilities with sharing with other regions and I hope that

I'm more clear today than I was yesterday, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, very much.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

More clarity is always preferred to less, Minister Andersen but thank you for your response. That concludes our Returns to Oral Questions. So, we'll now move on to Item 6 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Oral Questions". Are there any Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question is to the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. Yesterday, you were talking about digitizing some of the information that's out there around Inuit. I'm just wondering, like a lot of Rigolet's information is in the archives of the Hudson Bay Company, colonistic it's there. And I'm wondering, is there any move to get any access to any of that, to have it preserved in that kind of a way?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not aware that there's anything being done with the community of Rigolet. What did you want tell you? What's your question?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Please clarify AngajukKâk?

MS. WOLFREY:

Hudson Bay Company Archive-, in the Hudson Bay Company archives, in Rigolet is a lot of information about our history in Rigolet.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you for the clarification. I'm not aware that there's anything being done on that. I would have to check back with the-, Kyle Crotty who's

doing the digitizing and I'll certainly make him aware of the information that you have in Rigolet that could be used, probably, and digitized, and I certainly will get back to you and get him to get in touch with you and let you know what's happening with it, if anything. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MS. WOLFREY:

I'd just like to clarify that the information is in the Hudson Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg, not in Rigolet. It's in Winnipeg, but it's about Rigolet.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you for the supplementary. I will also make him aware of that. I believe they have done some research into the archives of what's in the Hudson Bay Company in Winnipeg. Whether they're digitizing anything or not or getting information that, I will certainly get back to you in a very short period of time and let you know. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. AngajukKâk do you have a second and final supplementary question? The Speaker recognizes The Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to Minister Lyall. Will the Master Apprentice Program, the Inuttitut one be offered outside of Nunatsiavut, because there has been some people in Goose Bay who are interested in the program? *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Chairperson. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thanks again for the question Patricia. The Master Apprentice Program is right now, we're just in the five Inuit Communities. I don't know if there's a possibility for you to-, for funding to offer that for your constituents in Goose Bay. I would suggest that you get in touch with Brenda Jararuse in Nain to see what the possibilities are in having that program for Goose Bay as well. But the current program we have running, it's just for the five Inuit Communities in Nunatsiavut. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. Chairperson, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? AngajukKâk Wolfrey, I'm gonna allow everyone else to have an opportunity before I come back to you. If no one else wants to ask a question, I'll come right back to you. Are there any other questions? The Speaker recognizes Maxene Winters, The Chairperson of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation.

MS. WINTERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for Minister Edmunds, Finance, HR and IT. Is there a possibility to increase the pay for home support workers? They do a valuable service to our elders and often go above and beyond their scope of work. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek Chairperson. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. And *Nakummek*, to the Chairperson for your question. Occasionally, within our Human Resources Division, there are categories of positions that are subject to salary review to

ensure that salaries match the job descriptions. What I can say is that internally, this is one of the categories of positions that are currently under review, to ensure that the salaries are in line with the job description. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. Chairperson, do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, the Honourable Gerald Asivak. It's related to a job ad that I saw in Postville, Mr. Speaker, for at least the third time. My question for the Minister would be, and the job ad is janitor/maintenance for NG DHSD building, NG building. A question for the Minister would be, after the third or the fourth attempt with the job ad out, have your department or have you discussed with anybody a different route to take, whether to contract or to increase the hours as opposed to 56 every two weeks? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Now, I'm gonna look for a little guidance here, 'cause I'm not sure if that's-, should be better fielded by Mr. Asivak or Minister Edmunds. Mr. Asivak, do you think that would be more appropriately answered by Minister Edmunds?

MR. ASIVAK:

Yes.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Minister Edmunds, are you okay fielding that question? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Sheppard for the question. I am aware of the job ad that the AngajukKâk is referencing. As to the question of whether or not this can be bumped up to full-time work, through increasing the hours, I don't have that answer for you right now and the budget that's available for it. Obviously, there's been many attempts to try to get this position filled with no success and, you know, that's something that we can try to look into but again, I'm not sure around the budgetary question at this point in time. You know, I can get a return to the AngajukKâk around the budget and increasing the hours for that position, but again, I don't have the answer to that specific part of the question right now. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. AngajukKâk do you have a supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my question is for Minister Lyall. I heard an interview this morning that the 100 Anniversary Events for Okak has been moved from Okak to Nain, and I'm just wondering can you shed some light on what happened there? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. The Speaker recognizes The Honourable Jim Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thanks for your question AngajukKâk from Hopedale. We've had a, just late last week, that my department received a call from the Department of Transportation to the effect that they had a complaint laid that vessels going into Okak weren't meeting regulations and that they would not allow us to transport people to Okak. They have new regulations, just came in the last two or three weeks, within the Department of Transport, saying, "Any vessel that's been contracted or paid to carry passengers is considered a passenger vessel", which leads into all sorts of problems for us. The vessel has to be insured, the motors had to be insured. The vessels had to be inspected to make sure they're see worthy. Every passenger aboard the boat has to be insured-, a whole bunch of other regulations. For that reason, we had no other choice but to cancel the trip to Okak. There's no way in the world we would be ready to have enough vessels in place that meet all the requirements to get people out to Okak this year. We always had a plan B in case the weather was bad and wouldn't get up there anyway. So, we've got a plan B coming in place, not because of weather, but because of Federal Regulations. So, we're holding it in Nain next week and we're still hoping to have a wonderful commemoration with all the people that were invited to attend Okak, a lot will be going to Nain instead. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, Minister Lyall. AngajukKâk do you have a supplementary question? Oh, please proceed.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Minister. Was there any thought given to maybe postpone it until next summer, because I know that a lot of people were really looking forward to going to their homeland, their ancestor's homeland. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. Mr. Lyall?

MR. LYALL: Thank you, and thank you for your supplementary, AngajukKâk. No, there hadn't been given any thought at the time. We have funding in place that-, as we said-, we already had a Plan B in case the weather was bad, we wouldn't go to Okak and the plan B always was to be hold it in Nain if the weather had been bad. But the other reason we can't go is certainly something I would-, my department could think about over the next couple of months before next spring or next summer to see if there's anything else we can do, but right now, we haven't had any other discussion about it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Lyall. AngajukKâk do you have a second and final supplementary question? Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? The Speaker recognizes AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Am I allowed to ask a question to the President?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Absolutely.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you. My question is to the President, and I guess it's a continuation of the questions I had in my statement yesterday, so Muskrat Falls is flooded and so we told you how glad you are that you

supported us in that process, but I'm really wondering what the plan is from here? Are we going to court? You know, what is the plan? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. The Speaker recognizes the President of Nunatsiavut, The Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, *Ukattik*. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for your question. Yes, the "Make Muskrat Right" campaign was certainly something that we had hoped would help us and certainly to mitigate methyl-mercury and health, culture and way of life of Labrador Inuit. Right now, we are still talking about it on what next steps to do and over the years, people have put their heart and soul into it, especially the Former Minister and his department. But today, with your Minister, Minister Andersen and his department, they are working on something which will hopefully come up with something. I don't know if Minister Andersen would like to speak to this more? *Nakummek Ukatti*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. If you so wish, I'll allow you to respond to the question as well. It's not typical, but I certainly don't see any harm in it. Mr. Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and thank you for presenting the speaker. I hope I can be helpful. I did attend with officials from my department, a few meetings with President Lampe, with the Premier and with the Chair of Nalcor. When the clock ran out, and the reservoir was flooded, the President was quite blunt with the Premier and saying that when the

Premier proposed further committees to monitor methyl-mercury levels in Muskrat, the President said quite blank, speaking to the Premier, that, "Why should we take part in future committees when the trust has been broken, when you more or less did not act upon our request to 'Make Muskrat Right', our request for you to implement the Independent Expert Advisory Committee recommendations"? The Premier has given assurance that the future committees monitoring will be honoured, so we have agreed-, we haven't signed off on being a part of that committee, but we have somewhat agreed to be a part of the committee if we can have our points recognized, Mr. Speaker, to be a part of that committee, to ensure that recommendations that come from the committee are going to be honoured this time, as they weren't in the past. And as the President said, "Trusts had been broken by the Province and by Nalcor". So we want to ensure that anything that we are a part of will be honoured, and the President has asked my department to make recommendations, I guess, to the Executive Council, regarding our taking part in such committees. I think, as well, Mr. Speaker, there was no plan in place at this time. We have to look and we had to be very careful how we proceed in our continuation to ensure that our people can maintain a healthy lifestyle with respect to harvesting in Upper Lake Melville. Mr. Speaker, it isn't done and we haven't said, "Well, now, the reservoir is flooded and everything is done", that we will look at other ways that we can "Make Muskrat Right". We continue to try. We continue to try on behalf of our people, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that things are done right

and the mistakes, you know, can they be corrected? We don't know. But certainly, it's not the end, and I hope that, that answer is acceptable for now to the AngajukKâk and to ensure that as a Government, we will continue to try to "Make Muskrat Right". Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek Minister Andersen for adding to the discussion. AngajukKâk Wolfrey, do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, I'm gonna say a little bit before I get to my question. Can I?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As long as it's concise, because the idea of question period is to indeed, as a question.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, man. When Muskrat Falls got flooded, it was emotional for us. We knew our culture was at stake. This is not right and we know it's not right and I'm asking now, that, can you keep us in the loop and let us know what's going on? We wanna be able to live our lifestyle as we always lived it. We want to go up on the Bay in the spring and kill our seals and eat our seals and eat their guts and do whatever we always done. We don't want our food to be poisoned. But now that it is, we need to have a plan to let us know. I don't know, I mean, what's the point of telling us we can't eat meat? I heard people say they're gonna eat that anyway. They're gonna live like they always lived, but, you know, it's our children and that, that's gonna be the ones to suffer. I mean, we're getting old. People are saying, they're still gonna eat the seal meat. They're still gonna eat the salmon. They're still gonna eat trout. But it's just, it's really emotional to know that we're gonna get warnings about not eating

our food supply, and I wanna be kept in the loop about everything, so that I can keep people in Rigolet informed of where it's at. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk, would you wanna field that, Minister Andersen? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Tony Andersen. Or President Lampe, would you prefer to field this one? The Speaker recognizes Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Ukattik, Nakummek, AngajukKâk Rigoletimit. Yeah, Muskrat Falls certainly has been an emotional journey and for a lot of people, and will continue to be very emotional. And so we will continue to do what we can to try to make it right and we will certainly keep Rigolet and everyone else in the know, and like Minister Andersen said, we're still in the beginning stages, and this campaign is not over. And we will continue to fight for Labrador Inuit who will be impacted by methyl-mercury. And that is the reason that we did not take the money, because if we took that money, we would not have anymore say on that. *Nakummek, Ukattik*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. AngajukKâk do you have a second and final Supplementary Question? Are there any other oral questions, this morning? The Speaker recognizes the Chairperson of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

My question is to the Minister of Education and Economic Development. I'm wondering how the LATP underground training for Voisey's Bay is

going and how many Inuit have been trained and employed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Chairperson. The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you Patricia for your question. As to date, we have trained 46 Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Out of them there was 39 males and seven females that went through the program. We also have, I think, Mr. Speaker, approximately 20 people now working underground in Voisey's Bay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister. AngajukKâk-, 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 the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glenn Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to check with you first. Did I understand you correctly yesterday? Somebody had a question for the Honourable Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs, that the question can be asked?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes, it can be, and my first inclination would be to ask if there's any other Members or any other Ministers who would be prepared to answer it. If not, we'll ensure that your question gets passed along, but please proceed.

MR. SHEPPARD: Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's for the Honourable Minister Kate Mitchell, of Nunatsiavut Affairs and the question is, have there been any

progress made on the establishment of the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission under that department? Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Are there any Members of the NEC who are prepared to, willing to answer that question? The Speaker recognizes the Honourable Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, *Ukattik*. *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk for Postville for the question. Right now, where the First Minister is absent from Assembly and she has not provided an update on the Housing File and so we will not be able to provide-, or any Ministers or myself won't be able to provide any answer to any questions regarding housing until the First Minister is present, herself. *Nakummek*, *Uhatti*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, President Lampe. AngajukKâk the clerk of the Assembly will ensure that the First Minister receives a copy of your question and be notified of the timeframe to provide a response. Are there any other Oral Questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item Seven of the *Orders of the Day*, "Written Questions". Are there any Written Questions this morning? Seeing none, we'll move onto Item number eight of the *Orders of the Day*, "Returns to Written Questions", and there are no Returns to Written Questions. Move on to Item nine, "Petitions". Are there any Petitions this morning? Seeing non, we'll move on to Item 10, "Responses to Petitions", and there will be no responses today. Move on to Item 11. Item 11 is "Reports of Standing in Special Committees". I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds to give a report from the Rules and Procedures Committee, and

if I might, before I call upon the Ordinary Member for Postville, I just wanna provide a quick background for the Assembly on how this came about. The original Standing Orders, are of course, are guidelines that govern our proceedings. They sort of provide a framework or a bench-, a rough framework such that-, so that this Assembly can operate in an efficient and orderly manner. The original Standing Orders were drafted in 2011 with a subsequent amendment being done in 2013. So from 2013 to date, there has been no amendment to the Standing Orders. Over the time that I've been Speaker, we've noticed a couple of things, which could use some fine tuning. The Standing Orders are a living document and the Standing Orders are there to help facilitate our proceedings, and again, because they're a living document, we can shape and mold them to suit the purposes and to suit our own specific circumstances. So with that, I commissioned a meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee to go over the Standing Orders and to see what amendments and what changes could be made just to make our proceedings-, so that the Standing Orders were more in line with our reality here with the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So with that, I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member for Postville-, are you-, the Ordinary Member has been struggling with the flu, so I'm gonna allow him time to get ready. The Speaker recognizes the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'll soldier on. Mr. Speaker, you gave a brief history of why we're presenting this report here today, and again, the

Rules and Procedures Committee met to review these concerns and to ensure that we can incorporate the concerns if they were valid, within our current Standing Orders. So, again, you have the report in your binders, that's under the last part of Tab three, so I'll just ask that everyone have that ready.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I might add, there will be time-, we will convene in Committee of the Whole a little later in today's sitting, to go over them line-by-line, but this is just a procedural part, so we will have an opportunity to discuss this as an Assembly, yeah, a little later on this morning.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you for that clarification, Mr. Speaker. Again, this is purely the presentation of the Report. At a later point in time I'll be putting forward a motion to ask whether or not the Assembly accepts the recommendations. For clarity, I will be asking for your consent to adopt this Report, just so that it's a part of the Assembly's documentation, but again actually accepting the recommendations will be a separate motion later today. So, I'll start on page one of the Report and the title of it is Authority and Mandates. We see where the mandate comes from for the Rules and Procedures Committee here. In terms of the Committee review, the Speaker spoke to that. Very quickly, just send again, there were a number of things like the appearance of witnesses. We had to look at how that works within our current Standing Orders. We had to look at how the Committee of the Whole operates within the context of our Standing Orders. The procedure for reviewing bills, points of order, points of privilege, issues around the sitting calendar and a big one was

around sitting hours and extending sittings. So what we'll do, you'll see for the following pages, is these issues in detail, so each of these particular issues. So in terms of sittings of the Assembly, there have been times where the weather, obviously, has interfered with our plans and that becomes a big issue, as everyone is aware, and even if a Member puts forward a motion to extend our hours, the Standing Order says that the only issue that can be discussed in the business item under consideration, so again, we can only stay on that particular item on the *Orders of the Day*, and then we go onto the next day and the *Orders of the Day*, have to start from the beginning. The Speaker, in practice has asked for the unanimous consent to proceed so that the *Orders of the Day* would accommodate any extenuating circumstances. So to address that, Rules and Procedures Members agreed to the following amendments, "Notwithstanding Standing Order 5.1, the Speaker may, with the consent of the Assembly, extend the Assembly sittings for any reason the Speaker considers necessary". So there's been many times where we around the table have heard Standing Order 16.1, you know, asking for unanimous consent to do this and that and obviously, that's not ideal, so the solution here is to create a Standing Order specifically so that the Speaker can extend the hours. So that was the answer that the RPC believed to be implemented in this particular issue. With respect to The Speaker, the issue is if the Speaker wanted to address the Assembly as an Ordinary Member, quite often through Members statements, practice has again been to ask for unanimous consent of the Assembly to

appoint the Deputy Speaker or another Member to act within the Speaker's Chair as the Session went forward. The RPC had a lot of discussion on this and basically, what we'll be asking for later today is that the Assembly talk to this issue as to whether or not the Speaker should be allowed to make a Members statement.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I might interject, just for a moment, Ordinary Member Edmunds, at this point, I prefer just to keep it at a brief report. Again, just a reminder, everybody, if there's any questions, which I'm sure there will be, arising from these amendments to our Standing Orders, people-, everybody will have an opportunity to voice their concerns or seek clarification when we do go into Committee of the Whole a little later on this morning.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. In terms of business of the Assembly the issue is that sometimes the *Orders of the Day*, have been changed with unanimous consent of the Assembly. The Assembly has done this in the case of auditors as they can only be in Hopedale for one day, RPC Members agreed to the following amendment, Standing Order 23(4), of the *Orders of the Day*, may be amended with unanimous consent of the Assembly. The Ministers Statements; the issue was that the Speaker has been requesting the extension of 35 minutes so that Ministers can complete their statements. RPC Members agreed to the following statement, 29(3) the 35-minute time limit for a Ministers Statements may be extended by the Speaker with the approval of the Assembly. In terms of Members statements, the issue has been that the interpretation of Standing Order was that Members have five minutes for two statements

per day. The Members agreed to the following amendment, "33(a), shall not exceed five minutes per statement", and under Oral Questions the issue was that the questions have come to our attention, can a Member ask a question for another Member if that Member is not present when Return to Oral Questions provided at the Assembly, and the Member feels that the answer provided is inadequate, why cannot a Member ask a supplementary question? RPC agreed to the following; RPC Members discussed these and agreed that a Member must be present in order to participate during question period and interpretation of these sections as a Member who's present is not permitted to ask questions on behalf of an absent Member. With respect to the Supplementary Question, a Return to an Oral Question, the RPC Members agreed that that Standing Order should not allow for this. Should Members feel that the Return does not fully answer his question, email or telephone communication is an option. Under Written Questions, there were examples of Members using the Standing Order as an opportunity to ask a question, but the Standing Order standard is clear. A question which is likely to require a detailed or complex answer, which would not reasonably be assumed, be within the present knowledge of the Minister, should be posed as a Written Question. This was inserted for information purposes and the RPC agreed it would remain unchanged. Under Petitions, Standing Order 35, of the Standing Orders, there was a comment that Standing Order 37(1) identifies the motions that requires no 24-hour notice periods. RPC Members agreed that a notice period is required for petitions under

notice, Standing Order under Section 37(5), notice, it states that, "No Member shall get more than two notices of Motion in a day". This is limiting, considering the business of the Assembly, which we often try to achieve in a condensed timeframe. RPC agreed that this subsection should be removed, considering it is not practical, given the weather and the fact that a Minister may have more than one portfolio, requiring them to make more than two motions in one business day. Under "Voting", Section 46, there are no references by voting by secret ballot. And the existing Inuit laws are silent on the subject. RPC agreed to the following amendment, 47(3), the Speaker will decide the voting method. "Committee of the Whole", Section 59, the comment was offered to the RPC Members was that to be invited to Committee of the Whole, the names have to be stated and approval can only happen with consent of the Assembly or for the adoption of a motion of approval by the Assembly. Members may sit when they speak and the Speaker is called a Chair in Committee of the Whole. This was offered as information so that Members know that any resolution to go into the Committee of the Whole must contain the names of the witnesses to appear. Under Section 75, "Witnesses". This was discussed by the RPC back in 2013, as there were requests to address the Assembly. RPC developed a protocol. This is outlined in the Speaker's Policy directive, and this list can be made available to a Member upon request. Under Section 80, "Public Access to Recordings", questions, where will all these procedures be? Should they be in Standing Orders or some other policy documents? In terms of

electronic devices, it was suggested, all electronic devices be prohibited within our Assembly Chambers. RPC Members agreed that a paragraph 81 should be added to address that issue, as follows, "Members of the Assembly are prohibited from using any electronic device, including cell phones and computers during Assembly sittings, unless the Member has received prior consent from the Speaker. In terms of conclusions within this Report, all the proposed amendments that you'll see brought to the Assembly later will have to be reviewed by the NG Legal Team to ensure consistency and compatibility with NG Inuit Laws and upon approval by the RPC Members, the proposed Report and amended Standing Orders of the Assembly will be considered at the earliest sittings of the Assembly.

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser, that the Rules and Procedures Committee Report of June 2019, be received and adopted.
Nakummek.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Edmunds. The motion is in order. Would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EDMUNDS: Not at this time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? If no other-, Minister Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not quite clear if the motion, we are going to, we were going to now adopt these amendments?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: No, this is just for the Report. The-, again, there will be-, we have allotted time for discussion in Committee of the Whole where any questions can be put forward, and of any concerns, and we will be looking for the approval-, we'll be looking for approval or disapproval of these amendments when we go in Committee of the Whole later on today.

MR. ANDERSEN: Did the Member not say that, "Be received and adopted"?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Just the Report.

MR. ANDERSEN: The report? We adopt the Report, we're not adopting these amendments?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Again, we're just adopting the Report of the Committee itself, as opposed to giving our blanket statement to put those Standing Orders into practice.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker for clarification.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess, just for clarification, like the Honourable Minister of Lands and Resources, will we have an opportunity at a later date to question some of the amendments that are-, were just read out? That's my question.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Dicker, so again, what we're talking-, the stage we're at, currently, is we're just at the adoption of the Report. So, we're talking about the report that was produced. We're gonna move into Committee of the Whole, later on today and if any Members of the Assembly are not clear and we-, they will have an opportunity to question how those

amendments came upon, and, indeed, we'll be voting on it as an Assembly, whether to adopt or not to adopt the amendments as proposed in the Report. It's just proposal at this point. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement-, make comments? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Ordinary Member wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. Not to flog a dead horse, but the adopting of this report is just acknowledging that the Committee has done this work and you've seen that the Report exists and not that the recommendations are accepted. I have no additional comments, Mr. Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'm gonna call for a vote, but what I'm calling for a vote upon is simply for the adoption of the Report, as opposed to the adoption of the amendments it contains. You know, by no means would we propose putting forward something which is gonna make a permanent change in our Standing Orders without ensuring that everybody has ample understanding of the changes that were made and why they were made. That concludes debate on the subject. All in favour of the adoption of the Report? Any against? The motion is carried. There are no more reports of Standing in Special Committees today, and with that, we'll move on to Item 12, "Tabling of Documents". I'd like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. *Uhalatik*. I'm pleased to Table the 2018, 2018 Annual Report for the Department of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology. *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, Minister Edmunds. This document will be numbered as Tabled Document 06-4(4). There are no more documents to Table today, so with that, we'll move on to Item 13 of the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Notices of Motion". And there are no notices of motion today. On to Item 14 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills". There are no notices of motion for first reading of bills today and we'll move on to Item 15. Actually, we'll move on to Item 15. I'm gonna call a recess. When we reconvene, we'll move on to Item 15 and at that point, we'll ask the Assembly to move into Committee of the Whole to hear the Reports of our guests. I'll call a 15-minute recess.

[Recess]

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We'll resume where we left off, namely we were on Item 15 of the *Orders of the Day*, "Motions". I'd like to recognize the treasurer of Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. *Uhalitik*, the Motion is as follows, "Whereas, representatives for *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* are prepared to give Annual Reports, on the *Trust*, and whereas the Assembly should consider the Tabled Document in Committee of the Whole, with witnesses. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, Honourable Gerald Asivak, that the Assembly

convene as Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, with the appropriate witnesses.

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

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

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. No, I do not wish to speak to the Motion again. I know this is a process that we go through and the Assembly Members will have ample opportunity to ask the trustees some questions as they give their presentations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other Members wishing to speak to the Motion? If no other Member wishes to speak, does the Minister wish to make final comments and to conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker, I wish to conclude debate. *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That concludes debate. All those in favour of the Motion? Any opposed? The Motion is carried. So we're now in Committee of the Whole. I'll ask our pages to invite our guests to join us. When we're in Committee of the Whole, I'm not longer am Speaker but I will continue to serve as Chairperson for the proceedings. We're now in Committee of the Whole, and on behalf of the Assembly Members, I wanna welcome Clint Davis, Keith Harbin, Janice White, that's Sarah Leo who has spent many hours in this chamber. Christie Sheppard, and Isabella Pain, and of course Chris Webb. I'll turn it over to Clint Davis to begin.

MR. DAVIS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and once again, it's a pleasure to be here. Thank you, so much for the introduction. I think first off, we're going to pass it over to Paul Janes and Paul will review the financial statements, audited financial statements for 2018. And then we'll get into our presentation on the operational activity for Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. So Paul?

MR. JANES:

Thank you, and welcome, everybody. I'm gonna walk through, as Clint said, the Financial Statements of the Trust for year ended 2018. I think everybody has a copy of the Annual Report in front of them. The Financial Statements start on page 50, 51. I'll just give you a moment to open up. So Page 51 is our Auditors Report on the Financial Statements. The only thing of significance, I guess, to note in our Audit Report, is that it does have a qualified opinion, but the reason it has a qualified opinion is that it follows the accounting standards for public sector bodies similar to what Nunatsiavut Government would follow, and that's to help with the ease of the reporting to Nunatsiavut and technically, they would follow a separate set of financial standards, called International Financial Reporting Standards. But we deemed this to be the most appropriate set of Financial Standards in order for it to report into the Nunatsiavut Government. Besides that, it's a completely clean and normal audit opinion on page 51 and 52. On page 53 is the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus. So this is a statement that outlines the Consolidated Revenues and Expenditures for the *Trust*, and the underlying businesses. I'm just gonna take you through some of the variances, year-over-year, explain some of those, happy to take questions if somebody has any-, requires further

explanation as we go. And I'll take you through some of the variances on the statement and explain year-over-year change, before moving onto the balance sheet. So from a revenue perspective, the sales that you see there of 7.3 million is down 3.4 million from 2017. This is to do with the fact that there was a large contract in 2017 within TSI that finished up in 2018 and so that was a \$5 million decrease, but there was also a \$2 million increase from Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics which is a new entity that had increased \$2 million in revenue in 2018. So there was an offset there between those two amounts. The Marine Operations are fairly stable, year-over-year. Construction Revenue was 4.8 million versus 2.3 in the prior year and that's purely just an increase in activity and jobs that construction entity would've been awarded during the year. Partnership income is just over 2 million compared to just under 900,000 in 2017. And this has to do with mainly the Air Borealis Limited Partnership Income that comes into the Trust and really it's a matter of the fact that in 2017, that entity only existed for six months, and in 2018 was a full year of activity there. Fish harvesting is fairly consistent year-over-year. The royalties from Northern Coalition have increased significantly and really the 2018 number is back to 2016 levels if those numbers would've been presented there and it's just a timing issue of when the fishing was actually undertaken. In 2017 there was a little bit of a delay in when that fishing activity happened, so therefore lower royalties came in, and in 2018 back to kinda normal fishing levels with regards to where the entity is and really just a timing difference, year-over-year. The other income line has a

significant decrease there from 4.8 to 500,000. Really the large number in 2017 is-, has to do with the Air Labrador Limited Transaction moving into Air Borealis. There was some accounting that was done with regards with how that transaction looked and it created a large other income balance within the entity at that point in time, and that obviously didn't exist in 2018. The only other item I'll note there under the Revenue heading is obviously, down near the bottom, Aircraft operations of \$5 million doesn't exist in the current year and that's the revenues that would've come out of the six months of activity of Air Labrador Limited in 2017 and now, obviously, that activity is rolled into Air Borealis Limited Partnership as well as the revenue there that came out of the Park operations which are no longer carried out directly within Nunatsiavut Solutions. Moving on to kinda the right-hand side of that page, the expenditures in the current year are just over 22 million compared to 30 million in the prior year and there's actually a detailed schedule outlining those expenditures. It's on page 67, so if we could turn to that page, I'll highlight a few items on that, as well. Sorry, 66. So there'll be a common theme here with regards to the explanation of a lot of the different variances in the fact that Air Labrador expenditures would've been in the 2017 year and they're not in the 2018 year, so it does create some variance explanations there, and I'll point those out as we go. So from a wages and benefits perspective, again, it is back to that Air Labrador piece for the most part of what's causing the decrease. Cost of goods sold has increased and that has to do mostly with the construction costs with regards to the increase in revenue, I noted

around Nunatsiavut Construction. That has also led to an increase in costs as well. Materials and supplies decrease, again, is largely driven by the Air Labrador activity, sub-contractor fees, five or six lines down there's a new line item and again that has to do with the increased activity within construction. Rent and Maintenance, professional fees. Those are again, the majority of the variance there is largely tied up with the cost of Air Labrador Limited not being in 2018 numbers. A lot of the other expenditure line items are fairly stable year-over-year and the decrease that you're seeing does have to do with the lack of Air Labrador costs. The bad debt recovery line which is kinda three quarters of the way down that page, five or six lines from the bottom, there was a large recovery in 2017. Again it was tied up with the accounting for how the Air Labrador transaction happened. And that's what you're seeing there and back to normal levels in 2018. On the right-hand side of page 66 that the column just continues on and you'll see a lot of the costs, again on the bottom side or the second half of that right side of the page are all items that came, for the most part from out of Air Labrador costs and items that they would've had operation of the business, and, obviously, they don't exist anymore in the current year, so you're seeing zeros in that column. So, all to say you get to a total of expenditures of 22.7 million versus 30 million in the prior year. So if we could flip back to page 53. So on the right-, just to continue on the right-hand side of that page, so there's a few other items there we'll highlight. The loss and gain of tangible capital assets. There was a sale of a vessel that went through there in 2017 which also explains the number

right below that at 251, 465 is the sale of a vessel as well. That's on that line item that didn't exist to the same extent in 2017. There's a large-, in 2018 impairment to tangible capital assets there was a write-down in some asset values within Nunak and Goose Bay Capital Corporation. There was also in 2018 a similar impairment charge taken on one of the vessels to write it down to a recoverable value. The gain on investment that you see there in 2017, again, is wrapped up in the Air Labrador transaction, the 359, 444. The next line is share of equity earnings loss. So that's a share of earnings in businesses that you don't own a controlling interest in. And those are up due to the fact that there's some earnings in businesses with the Innu Partnerships with regards to the Voisey's underground activity that's happening that wasn't there in 2017 as well. So that brings us down to an annual surplus of 1, 750, 000 a very healthy annual surplus versus 4 million in the prior year, and really a large part of the surplus in the prior years was being driven by some of the accounting that had to be done around the transactions that we noted. It's a very, very good news story. So we can turn the page to page 54, and the Statement of Financial Position. I'll just highlight a few numbers there, as well. So from a cash perspective, numbers are fairly stable year-over-year. From a receivables perspective, there is a decrease of 600,000 but there's nothing major driving that decrease. It's just the timing of activities within the business. The investments at equity have gone up \$2 million from 18.7 million to 20.7 million in the current year and again, that's driven by the activity and the investments that I just noted that was driving the income so the Innu

partnerships as well as the increase in Air Borealis value as well with the income that they have noted. Inventory Value has gone up from 2.7 million to 4.7 and that's largely driven by the fact that in the current year the entities took over 100 percent ownership of Goose Bay Capital Corporation where in the past there was a-, you only owned 51 percent. So now you're seeing the full value of the inventory there, versus only partial value in the prior year. Work in progress is driven by work in construction that would've been out-, it's ongoing at the year-end of the company. Receivables from related parties went down significantly and this is driven again by the Goose Bay Capital transaction that happened and just how the accounting works in that-, the balances still are there but you now consolidate the entity so it's a bit of an accounting related journal entry that creates the decrease in that receivables, but the receivables still exist. Just moving down to the liability side, so the bottom part of that page, again, bank indebtedness has been paid off from 1.4 in the prior year to zero now. Payables and approvals are fairly stable year-over-year. The debt to the *Tasijautsoak Trust* is the same year-over-year. There's an amount there of due to the Nunatsiavut Government, 6.4 million in the current year, 4.7 in the prior year and this is really driven by the nature of the *Trust* and the fact that it creates-, when there's income within the *Trust*, it creates a payable out to the beneficiaries and the beneficiary of the *Trust* is obviously, the Nunatsiavut Government. So it's how the structure of the trust is made so that the income flows out to the beneficiaries rather than to Canada Revenue Agency or the Federal

Government. Long-term debt is fairly stable year-over-year. The preferred shared balance went the way that was 510 in the prior year. Again, that's wrapped up in the fact that you now own 100 percent of Goose Bay Capital Corporation. The other non-financial assets that are listed there, tangible capital assets, goodwill and prepaids are fairly stable year-over-year, so nothing there driving the change. The rest of the statements on page 55 and 56 I won't go over in great detail. That's the statement of cash flow is on page 56 which really just highlights where all the ins and outs of the cash in the business happened during the year. The notes to the statements start on page 57...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Paul, might I interrupt. I believe you have a question from AngajukKâk Dicker. Are you okay to take questions as we go along?

MR. JANES:

Absolutely.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

I can stay down, sit down, right? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Before I go further, under page 54 due from Philip Earle. \$750,000. Could you elaborate on that a bit more so I can understand it. Does that individual owe-, are we expecting some money from him or?

MR. JANES:

Yeah, so that balance was there in the prior year as well, and, yeah, there is an amount that is owing from that individual as part of the transaction that happened around Air Labrador Limited. Okay.

MR. FLOWERS:

I have a quick question before you go any further and I don't wanna go line by line because I know you auditors make it-, for me anyway, quite

confusing, but the bottom line is what I was interested in. The partnership, 2.9-, just over \$2 million, was that, I guess, to give me a short answer, is we doing better there as a partnership of one third of Air Borealis or continuing the way like two airlines and I know all the ins and outs of some of the ins and outs of when there was two airlines and Lab Air wanted out, so I guess my question is from a finance perspective, are-, is Nunatsiavut Group of Companies better off with being a one third partner than having one airline, numbers-wise?

MR. JANES:

Thank you. I guess my opinion on that would be a short answer of, yes. It's returned \$2 million in income to the *Trust* during the 2018 year and in the last couple of years that Air Labrador Limited as a stand alone business that you owned, at that point in time, I guess, simply put wasn't returning that same income to the *Trust* or producing that same level of income. So, ultimately, you know, at the current time you're in a better position.

MR. DAVIS:

And you'll recall, Mr. Flowers, you were in the room when we were having that conversation, right, about the decision to actually merge the airlines and it was a tough decision. It was certainly-, and I could probably speak for the trustees, it was one of the toughest decisions we made just because we had such pride in Air Labrador. You know it-, the competition itself became challenging and I don't need to go into the details and it's just because we're dealing with smaller markets and I think the fact that you see First Air and Canadian North coming together and their merger, Inuit groups across the country are seeing the need to I guess collaborate on some business in order to build that level scale and at the same time

ensure they provide exceptional services to their beneficiaries as well, too, so they just wanna add a bit of context around it. *Nakummek*.

MR. JANES:

So the remainder of the Financial Statements that we see on page 57 up to page 66, are what we consider the notes to the Financial Statements, so therefore more explanation with regards to the accounting policies you follow, as well as some of the numbers that we would've went over. I won't go over those in great detail, as I've added a lot of colour to the numbers as we were going through, and the notes really are pretty standard, year-over-year. They haven't changed significantly and really, as I mentioned, are there to add further explanation to the numbers, mostly the ones that we've already discussed, but happy to take any questions, should anybody have any more on specifics.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you. Just one, under Deferred Revenue, due to Nunatsiavut non-interest bearing. What would that be?

MR. JANES:

Yeah, so you're referring to the balance of 6.4 million that's there? So that number is related to how the *Trust* is structured and essentially, the *Trust* has to pay out the income from the *Trust*, or it remains in-, becomes taxable within the *Trust* and then you have to pay tax to the Federal Government. So based on the structure of the *Trust*, it calls for the income to be allocated to the beneficiary of the *Trust*. And in the case of the *Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, the beneficiary is the Nunatsiavut Government. So it's a mechanism of paying out the income which creates a payable on their balance sheet, without essentially having to pay a percentage of that income out to the Federal Government in tax. And so that ultimately

becomes payable to the Nunatsiavut Government. Yeah, so that balance-
, as the *Trust* continues to make income, every year, then that balance will
continue to go up. There are some differences. It's not-, because of tax
law, it's not a straight dollar for dollar, like I noted on page 53 that the
annual surplus was \$1.7 million. That balance is not gonna go up dollar for
dollar by that surplus, 'cause there are some differences between the tax
treatment of certain balances versus accounting treatment but for all
intents and purposes, the majority of the income that the Trust has every
year will go-, will increase that balance that's due to the Nunatsiavut
Government.

MS. FLOWERS:

Sorry. On page 54, I was wondering, under non-financial assets, what
Goodwill is?

MR. JANES:

So, Goodwill is an accounting, I guess reference to value in what we would
refer to as an intangible asset of something that you've purchased. Where
it comes from, I guess, ultimately, is that you bought businesses along the
way. And when you're buying a business, you're buying the operating
assets of the business, plus you're buying what we refer to Goodwill or
other value because the business is established and known. And so it sits
here as a value on your balance sheet to reflect some value that you've
purchased. So I can put it in layman's terms, as easy as possible to get
away from kind of accounting jargon, I would say, if I went out and bought
Coca Cola, I'm buying the brand of Coca Cola and it's hard to put a value
on that, but that's the Goodwill that they've accumulated by being Coca
Cola for 100 years. And so you might be buying all their inventory and their

equipment but then you're also buying that brand recognition and so that's what, essentially what that represents as well.

MS. FLOWERS:

Okay.

MR. FLOWERS:

Last night during our open house there was seniors concerned about firewood for the community, and I don't know if you're the right person to ask, but the-, I see that Clint is here. You spent \$12,000, I guess in 2017. Is there any new developments or are you looking at spending any money this summer on wood for some of the Inuit communities or all?

MR. JANES:

...40,000, that's how much we actually paid for the wood, but then there's the logistics behind getting the wood from point A to point B to point C, so in actual fact, it costs us 40,000 and last year was the first time we didn't do the wood project in, I think it was five-, we did it for five consecutive years and we knew that it was a program that, you know, helped tremendously for the communities, especially of Nain and Hopedale and that was a direct result of a lot of the Muskrat Falls work that was completed and the wood that was being cut and just piled along side of the highways. Well, that wood is now not accessible. All the good wood is gone. A lot of the wood is now rotted. It's full of sand, and logistically, it's just much farther to get, so last year was the first year that we didn't do the wood program. However, we did donate that equivalent amount of money to each of the food banks in Nunatsiavut. We based it on population, right down, so Nain, being the largest community, would've got the largest pot of money from that \$40,000. But we're open to suggestions. I know wood is of utmost importance, but we never-, what

we looked at was trying to find an entrepreneur in the communities, maybe Makkovik or Postville that wanted to cut wood and then we could purchase wood that way and send to the communities. So, I mean, there's different ways we can allocate that money but last year we tried it a little bit differently and we went the foodbank route.

MR. DAVIS:

So, unless there's anymore questions, then I wanna say thank you to Paul for reviewing the Financials for 2018. With that, I'll ask Chris Webb, the CEO for Nunatsiavut Group of companies to join me and go through the year, the operating year. As well, we have a power point presentation. I wanted to say a couple things, so first of all, three of the five Trustees are here today. You're not (inaudible).

MS. PAIN:

No, he wants to stand up.

MR. DAVIS:

Okay. Three of the five Trustees are here today, Isabel Pain, Christie Sheppard and myself. Two other Trustees who are also beneficiaries, being Gary Best and Natan Obed are absent and they do pass on their regards. The second thing, and this is always the challenge, right, when we're doing this, because it, you know, it's always late in the calendar year when we come in to do a presentation on a performance from the previous year. Here we are, we're getting to the last quarter of 2019 and we're presenting on 2018. So as we walk through this process and Chris is gonna walk through it, we realize that there's gonna be questions and there should be questions on 2019, but the information you're receiving now is for 2018. So just keep that in mind as we kinda walk through it as well, too, recognizing of course, we're gonna be asking questions. And the last

thing I just wanted to leave you with is the Annual Report, this really was a tool that was driven, quite frankly, by Chris Webb. It's a tool that I believe demonstrates that we're committed to transparency and openness in providing effective communication to our beneficiaries in the communities and beyond. And we're an open book. You see our audited financials, warts and all. We're not trying to hide anything whatsoever, and frankly, this is the best practice for Indigenous Development Corporations across the country. Very few, if any, are doing it. If anyone who wants to do business with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, they can go online, see what our financial position is like, and have those conversations. And I just wanted to recognize Chris Webb for his efforts to drive this, 'cause it did take us some time and I do hope that the Members see value in this because it is something that isn't seen a lot across the country but it is such a valuable piece of work for our Members, our beneficiaries and for the business community in general, not only in this region, but across the country as well. So, with that, Chris, I'll pass it over to you.

MR. WEBB:

I don't know, my voice might carry enough that I don't need the speaker, or I do?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just a procedural note, we're down to one translator today, so he's indicating, and rightfully so, that we take our time in our intonations, in our speech.

MR. WEBB:

Okay, all good? *Nakummek*, Mr. Speaker. As Clint mentioned, you know, we'll be reporting on 2018. I'm gonna give a very high-level overview of NGC's operations, but, you know, ask questions as you want. Mr. Speaker,

would you like them to save their questions for the end of the presentation or ask questions during...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As you prefer.

MR. WEBB:

Okay, ask away. Might as well, right? So just getting into the first slide, and sorry, I apologize, Carlene has her back to the screen, but I think the presentation is in your package as well, that you can follow along if you care to do that. So, essentially, NGC has grown in the last number of years. You know, we were set up in the past as a not for profit, now we've rebranded ourselves from LIDC to NGC and we're very happy with the way things are going. We had to make a lot of tough decisions in the past, divesting of some business lines, growing through acquisition, also growing organically. So we've come a long way in the last number of years and, you know, from the financial position that we're in right now, things are looking very bright. We've got a couple of, you know, obviously, every business line is gonna have some hiccups along the way and we'll deal with them from an HR perspective, from a financial perspective, as we go throughout the year. But you can see from here, you know, we've grown. We're over 500 employees now, through all of our business lines and that doesn't include some of the partnerships that we have set up for the Vale Underground. Those numbers aren't included in these numbers. These are just more or less our, you know, majority owned, 100 percent wholly owned companies and the larger partnerships on the Air Borealis side. And, you know, I show a picture of Sevilla Hope on this slide. We've got some employees that have been around for quite some time. She just

reached her 25-year anniversary this past year, so, you know, kudos to those people, and it's obvious, we want NGC to be an employer of choice in the region as well, so we offer good benefits. We offer good wages. And I think we're seeing some of that younger generation wanna work for NGC now, so that's all good things and we're doing business in the communities where individuals are being raised. Yeah, they may go off to school but they may have that option when they're done school, to return back home like a lot of individuals want to do. So you can see by this slide, we have-, this kinda lays out, you know, all of our companies, 17 wholly-owned companies and partnerships. So if you just move along to the next slide, it kinda shows you the structure of how these are all situated within our organization. So you can see the dotted line from Nunatsiavut Government to LICST and I don't need to explain that relationship but NGC, essentially is, you know, we report into the Trust and you know, we have the five beneficiary Trust Members, you know, two government representative on that Trust as well as three, you know, independent beneficiaries. And they really lead the charge and the strategy of NGC and moving forward for our group of companies. So you can see over to the left side of the slide, we have Nunak Land Corp which is our property development company. We have Nunatsiavut Marine which is our shore-based operations now. We have Nunatsiavut Construction, primarily does, you know, renovation work, small builds on the coast. We have Nunatsiavut Solutions. We have the-, we are operating the Rigolet Gas station through this company as well as the operation of the Torngat

Mountains base camp and research station with Air Borealis. And also we have GBCC which is the Town Centre in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. And you can see just some of our partnerships that we've aligned ourselves with some industry experts in the field just to take advantage of some of the Voisey's Bay Underground, but others are to take advantage of larger builds or civil works projects that we have going on in Nunatsiavut. So you can see, some of those are-, we have Timmiak Construction. That's a partnership that we have with Bird Construction right now that do work all along the coast and in Voisey's Bay. We have Air Borealis. We own 33 percent of Air Borealis. We have TSI, Torgnait Services. They do the site services work at the Voisey's Bay mine site. Our partner at a 49 percent level there is ATCO Structures and Logistics. Nuluak which we are proud that we finally found a name for our fishing company, 'cause it was always referred to as Fish Co, so we're proud to have logos for Nunak and Nuluak, so Nuluak meaning deep water, so primarily, you know, we're doing deep water fishing so the name is suitable for that organization and within Nuluak we have, you know, different licences and quotas, turbot, crab, shrimp and then, and one of three Scandinavian licences, but I'll get into a little bit of Nuluak discussion as we go through the presentation. Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics, we're still part of this group and that's with the other AC Dev Corps across the Arctic. We have one contract right now with them and that's the operation of the Alert Project. We in two, three years ago, we lost the North Warning System project, however, I'll be travelling to meet with the other AC Dev groups to hear a proposal put forward to us

for North Warning System as that project of RFP is gonna be released in the next two years so we're hoping to make a really big effort to with North Warning System contract back as that was a huge employer in the area as well. And with the American company taking it over, we had seen very little return compared to when Nasittuq was operating it. We have ACI and that does a lot of the ventilation. Howden is the major, larger, bigger partner with us on that and that's with the Innu as well. So that's taking-, looking at all the ventilation and the shafting and things like that, that's going on at the Voisey's Bay underground. We also have a relationship with Redpath which is the underground mine developer. That partnership is with the Inu as well. So these partnerships are all active right now. We have our partners, Inuit Kiewit, so again a mechanical electrical, very large organization bidding on work in Voisey's Bay. They currently are bidding on that work and I'm probably speaking a little bit fast for the translator. I apologize. It's hard to slow down, 'cause I get excited when I talk about this stuff but we're currently in the stages-, we put in one of our final offers on a very large project, so we're just waiting for that award to come through, through Vale. We're partnered with McLean's Engineering on a lot of the underground EV equipment and I mean electrical vehicle equipment, so a lot of the underground mining gear that's going into Voisey's Bay will be-, have that electrical component so it cuts down on a lot of the emissions for underground. And we have integrated partnership with Integrated Logistics. The company is called Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics and what we do there is we do a lot of the stevedoring and shore-

based for European Flag vessels coming in to ports, as well, we do-, we have the relationship with Vale for the tug and barge work with McKeil Marine, and as well we put the Floatel which is the floating MV Blue Ford over at the Vale mine site, to help them with some of their accommodations while the main camp gets built and can house a lot of the-, okay. So if we just move along, anyone have any questions with some of these relationships and partnerships? They're a significant employer. Obviously, there's, you know, some are very technical, so we're trying to find ways-, I sit as a board of director on most of these companies and we're trying to find ways that we can get our youth and beneficiaries employed in these organizations. And sometimes there's gonna be challenges with the level of skill that we have, but the companies are doing a good job to try and work with those skill levels and train those folks to be employed. 'Cause once they're trained, even if, you know, Vale don't require Redpath or Keiwit or someone doesn't require them at the Voisey's Bay mine site, they're employable elsewhere if they're willing to move at other jobsites. Obviously, some of the highlights, you know, and I mention it's, you know, very high-level. Paul already walked through the financial statements and, you know, we're in a good position right now. We have more senior level beneficiaries in senior positions within NGC and we're very proud of that. Sarah Leo is just in the back here. We just promoted her to the Chief Operating Officer role with NGC. She resides in Nain. So, you know, we're-, we want people to be working with NGC, beneficiaries working with NGC. So, you know. I think we're doing a great job. Clearly,

we can do better and we're gonna strive to do better. We're hovering around the 50 percent beneficiary mark in those employees so we're doing a tremendous job in terms of hiring our beneficiaries and, you know, a direct result of that is, you know, if they're living and working in the Land Claim, those tax dollars go right back into the Nunatsiavut Government pockets. So, we're proud of that as well. So it's all about recycling our own money. We do work. We hire people, and then those tax dollars go back into the pockets of NG. So, that's-, it's all a big cycle. And then, obviously, some of the highlights, obviously, is positioning ourselves very well for Vale Underground. So Nunatsiavut Construction, you know, we've-, this company has been trying to morph itself into something every other year, so from a strategy perspective going forward, you know, we're really assessing construction right now. Right now, we don't have a whole lot of capability in terms of bigger projects. We're kind of more on smaller type projects, a little bit of earth moving, home renovations, small builds. However, we do have a larger partner that we wanna look at doing bigger builds and bigger projects in our communities. We wanna be able to bid and qualify for those seven-plexes and, you know, other infrastructure projects that are coming up in the region. So we wanna really build our construction, and in order to do that, we have to look at our strategy going forward, and what do we wanna be or who do we wanna be as a construction entity? What do we wanna focus on? And right now we're just more focused on the smaller, home renovations, repairs, house-building and the smaller projects from but a strategy perspective, we're

gonna be looking at ways we can look at some of the larger scale infrastructure projects that are coming up in the region and construction, we have about 70 employees throughout the communities and close to 65 percent, 70 percent are beneficiaries of the Land Claims, so we're hiring a lot of local individuals. Nunatsiavut Marine, obviously, this goes back to 2018 and that's when we operated the Northern Ranger and we had the contract for shore-based operations. Labrador Marine operated the Astron. You know, it was a great year. It was probably the best year we had from a financial perspective and from an employment perspective, so we were just getting going and then the Astron, the Government put out the RFP for a new ferry to be put onto, you know, the North Coast operation. So no other company qualified for that bid except for LMI, so they were the successful winner and now you see, you know, the vessel that's on now. So I think you have-, later on today you have-, may have a discussion regarding this, so, you know, we're kinda reporting on 2018, but I'd be glad to help answer any questions later on when you have that discussion as well, 'cause I do have a little bit of knowledge and may be able to shed some light on some of the questions that are coming about. But we have no involvement in that vessel. We strictly are shore-based operations. And we've, you know, put the province...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, Chris, I'm just allow-, I believe AngajukKâk Wolfrey wants to ask a question?

MS. WOLFREY:

I want to make a point, and the point is this. I wouldn't give up on Marine Operations if I was you, yet. We've got a boat that's not fit for nothing.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek. We are not giving up on Marine Operations. We're gonna continue the Marine Operations and we do have a sub-contract right now with LMI and that's the shore-based side of the house. And we've been meeting with Province because we're not satisfied with the level of infrastructure that's in the ports, as should no one around this table be satisfied with that because it's the same as it was 30, 40, 50 years ago. No infrastructure at all. We don't even have-, some ports we don't even have a location to store a forklift, let alone cargo that's coming in, right? So anyway, I don't wanna get into that, but we've been putting the questions to Province, to say, you know, help us put some infrastructure on the North Coast so we have a spot for shore-based operations to store things, so-, and Marine does a fantastic job, you know, the wharfingers and things from a beneficiary employment perspective, as well. The town centre, obviously, you know, this is, you know, something that's not in the Land Claim, however, we've seen it as an opportunity. It hasn't taken off how we anticipated it to, just surrounding the whole Muskrat Falls timeline. And that's when we kinda got into the land development area. We thought that Goose Bay was gonna be a very large spinoff and require a lot of additional infrastructure with stores and things like that. And we did have a major box store retailer lined up and we negotiated with them for two years, and at the last minute they pulled out and that was, obviously, a Canadian Tire. You know, I think there were a number of circumstances why that fell through the cracks from their perspective and that was because, you know, they'd seen the Human Resources piece. They were

struggling with the thought that-, where they were going to get their employees from. Just with the sheer size of Muskrat Falls and how everyone was working and the size of wages that Muskrat Falls were paying out. They were thinking they weren't going to be able to compete with that, as well, the Canadian Tire owner in Labrador West was looking at selling. So we think that might've been a little bit of a road block that Canadian Tire didn't wanna get involved with so-, but, you know, the Wellness Centre is going up on the Town Centre now, so it is generating a lot of buzz. We've got a number of individuals and big companies on the phone and we're hoping that they're going to look at developing in the Town Centre site. So, we're hopeful that, you know, this will kick off from, you know, just the spinoff of the Wellness Centre going there. We're obviously in the Phase One. Phase Two is a little bit more residential, but we wanna still, obviously, land before we start developing other sections of the Town Centre site. And Nunak, obviously, we have properties all along Nunatsiavut and we're looking at-, we wanna-, Sarah, you know, takes care of Nunak, but, you know, we're looking at from a strategy perspective, trying to get more involved with more infrastructure in the communities. So, you know, with office space, and we're even looking from, you know, commercial, maybe even going into residential-, things like that, if the land is available. So, I mean, it's some of the strategies that we're thinking about with Nunak right now. NGC's-, yeah?

MR. FLOWERS:

I've just got a quick question on Nunak. I've heard, like every time the Assembly sits here, however many times, I don't know if it's 10, 12 times a

year that hotel bookings and stuff like that are-, plays a real issue in Hopedale, like for accommodations. I was just wondering if you guys ever thought about probably doing something in Hopedale, with another probably a bed and breakfast or something on those lines to just have another place for people to access?

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, Greg. We haven't really thought about that. You know, our *Trust* are very cognizant of the fact that we try not to step on any Inuit Business that is in the area as well, and I know Patty owns the hotel here and things like that, and, you know, for us to come in and do something like that, I think the *Trust* would have to make that decision. So it's not out of the question, but, you know, these are some of the things that, you know, the *Trust* thinks about when they get into those business lines of, you know, are we taking away potential business from another Inuit Business?

MR. ASIVAK:

Hi, Chris. When you just mentioned that, I like Gear's Gains is right across from the Wellness Centre which is a very small Inuit Business in Happy Valley, Goose Bay, and they've come to myself, Marlene and other levels of Government. Can you shed some more information or any insight into this issue, please?

MR. WEBB:

I'll let Clint answer this question because he sits on a committee that's fund-raising for the Wellness Centre, however, to add the Town Centre, at the end of the day, we are a Land Development Corporation and we're in the business to sell land. You know, I know it's difficult for Gear's Gains, a small Inuit business and then the Wellness Centre goes right next door, as-

, are they gonna lose their clientele to the Wellness Centre? And they may lose some but they have, I think a little niche market there. They are 24-hour operation. You get a key-fob, you can go whenever you want. I don't think that luxury is gonna be there when the Wellness Centre is there. So I hope that Gear's Gains continues on the way they're going with their Memberships and they don't see a loss of clientele. But yeah, we're in the business to sell land and what people wanna put there, if it's competing interests. You know, it's a tough one, right, for us if we're a for-profit entity and we wanna sell land and we can sell land, we're gonna sell land. But I'll hand the floor over to Clint now because he sits on the fundraising committee.

MR. DAVIS:

Nakummek, just really quickly. So I'm a part of the fundraising committee with myself, Jamie Snook and Tim Powers. And this issue has been brought to my attention as well, and as Chris said, we take a very conscientious approach, so that we're not necessarily in competition with Inuit entrepreneurs. I had discussions with the head of the YMCA based out of Newfoundland who will be running the Labrador Wellness Centre, and essentially, it's two different business models. On the face of it, it doesn't look like it's two different business models. There's gonna be two gyms and so on. Gear's Gains is really tailored towards heavy lifting and with all the other benefits that Chris said, whereas the Wellness Centre is more about kinda balance and wellness in a much broader offering than just simply lifting weights. And if anything, there's probably a potential that there could be referrals from the Wellness Centre over to Gear's Gains, so

Minister I can tell you that it's certainly something that's high on my mind as well, and I'm watching it very closely and I'll keep you in the loop as things develop as well. So *Nakummek*.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek. Continuing along, Nunatsiavut NGC Solutions. You know, we took on the Rigolet Gas Station this year, you know, and we're still working with the Inuit Community Government on what that looks like going forward, so we'll continue our discussions with NG and the Community Government on that and where that goes in the future. But we signed the contract to operate until November 1st. So we'll-, they're-, NG has some-, we put a business plan and budget together to see if there are any entrepreneurs in the area that were interested in taking it on, and I entertained a call from an individual beneficiary from the Upper Lake Melville area that might have an interest in looking at it. So we're gonna see what we can do with this individual or any individual that comes forward. As well, we operate the base camp through Nunatsiavut NGC Solutions. And we do that in partnership with Air Borealis. And I can tell you, it was a tough year this year. The weather hasn't been kind to us and the operation. You know, our Trust was supposed to meet there and we didn't get a chance to get there and, you know, there was organizations and crews that were there for an additional seven days, just due to the weather. So it was pretty flat up there all summer long. Some groups did get in and enjoy the basecamp, but it was a very tough summer. Timmiak Construction. This is our relationship with Bird. We had completed a \$10 million project at Vale for some civil works and foundations for some of

the infrastructure that was going in Vale this past year and even late 2017, so-, and are continuing to do some civil works for one of the drilling companies up there right now. So they're an active player within-, up on the Voisey's Bay mine site. And TSI-, oh, Charlotte?

MS. WOLFREY:

Is that construction company that you're working with, did you say Timmiak? Timmiak. Is it something that is gonna be able to put in our water and sewer systems, for example? Because that's where the money is. Our money is going to Newfoundland where we could be putting it to our own company. So is that the kind of company that can take over all that, because can't wait for Budgell's to go.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, Charlotte. Absolutely. They have capabilities to do every parcel of work that Nunatsiavut is looking at right now. So, as I mentioned earlier on, part of the strategy was looking at ways where we could bolster our own, 100 percent owned Nunatsiavut Construction Company and adding that piece would give us additional capacity and experience to do water, sewer, larger infrastructure projects along the coast of Nunatsiavut, yes. And I just mentioned TSI. TSI's been around for 20-, I think they're coming up on a 25-year anniversary with the Voisey's Bay mine site. We just renegotiated the contracts, so the final offer is into Vale waiting for the approvals for the next extension for TSI. TSI is experiencing some-, obviously, the employment numbers are still very good. They're at about 164 themselves, right now. And at about a 60-, on an operations side, they're at about a 60 percent Nunatsiavut beneficiary employment rate, and from a VBME, which is the Mine expansion, they're at about a 55 and

that number's down a little bit and they're having a hard time to attract some skilled beneficiaries, 'cause those positions on the VBME side are very skilled. So-, and, you know, there's very little turnover in TSI which is a great thing because a lot of the beneficiaries are happy with the work they're doing at TSI and we're happy with the work that they're completing. So there's very little turnover on the operational side of TSI. Nuluak Fisheries. This is our fishing entity which we referred to as Fish Co for the last, I guess, you know, ever since I've been around, anyway, but like I mentioned earlier on, we have licences and quotas for shrimp, turgot, crab, and the other species like cod if that ever came back. So the fishing interests and the fishing entity for us is, you know, kind of a star, and clearly we want to advance the fishery in Nunatsiavut. We work with NG and Torngat Fish Producers Co-op. And I think you may-, some of you, anyway, probably, have seen the Torngat One vessel that Torngat Fish Producers Co-op purchased and is continuing to do some of the experimental whelk and scallop fishery there. We put that project through NGC so we went to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund and got a grant from that fund. So all the expenses and that is coming through NGC, but this is high on our priority and the Fishing Industry is a huge industry and we work closely with Torngat fish and NG and I mean, there's always been that discussion of creating a one fishing entity, you know, pooling together, you know, some resources, some of our licences. We have the equivalent of close to just over-, the quota is probably just over a full shrimp licence. Torngat fish has the equivalent of almost two licences of quota. So there's

opportunity if we wanna do something in the future. Now we have different partners that we need to align with or line ourselves up if we were ever to do something like that, 'cause we have different agreements in place and things like that. Our partners are, you know, Labrador Sea and Harbour Grace Shrimp Company. But we own, you know, 50 percent of that licence, so it is continuing to be a very good revenue generator for us and income generator, and we wanna look at ways to advance the fishery. We're still trying to, you know, get beneficiaries to come forward. I know it's not an area where young beneficiaries are looking to get on the vessels anymore, but it is a lucrative position, such that a lot of the people that we have on the vessels right now aren't leaving because the fishing is so good. I mean, you could be out at sea for some days, like in the past, it could be-, you could be gone for six weeks to get your catch. But now, it's, you know, they're lucky if they're out there three weeks and you're back in port, right? So it's-, the fishing is good, so the turnover is very small and we can't really displace people to put beneficiaries on, but there are time-, from time to time that workforce is aging and we wanna look at getting people ready and put into the fishing industry. So we're gonna do our job and the best part we can to advance the fishery in Nunatsiavut. Any questions on the fishery? I'm sure there are.

MR. FLOWERS:

I just have one quick-, I guess for you guys, when you're negotiating your contract with your players, maybe what you should be looking at is negotiating a certain amount of berths for Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, so that way, you know, you would-, I think Torngat Co-op has that

opportunity that they have so many berths available for beneficiaries, so that, you know, they have an opportunity. Maybe that's one way you could, you know, get some beneficiaries back into the fishing.

MR. WEBB:

Yeah, and we do that with our agreement as well with our partners. However, you know, when the fishing wasn't so good, those individuals left, and they decided not to return so it's about getting, you know, maybe some advertising done and say, you know, like, "Who's interested?", and things like that, but that's a great point, Greg. Thank you, Minister. Obviously, Air Borealis, our 33 and a third ownership in Air Borealis, Minister, you mentioned earlier you had a question for Paul and yes, in fact, you know, it has done very well for us since the merger. Yes, we have had some challenges and we will continue to have challenges. We can't blame the weather all the time, because, yeah, there are some logistical challenges and I know comments come up that, you know, is the fleet right sized? You know, do we have enough air craft to-, and we're constantly at the board meetings, saying, is the fleet the right size right now? Because that was the whole idea when we merged Air Labrador and Air Borealis, was it was kinda right-sizing the operation, creating those efficiencies, not flying wing-tip to wing-tip, and now we're questioning, okay, well, do we have enough air craft on? So that's always something that they look at and assess and they will continue to assess and they've had some turnover within their shop as well and the turnover has been from supervisors moving on to Vale and Voisey's Bay and other organizations. So they've seen some turnover in some of the logistics. So things have, you know-,

we're not gonna lie, have fallen through the crack and we need to figure out with Air Borealis, the systematic approach to, you know, make sure that those things don't happen. And I know we've had issues with the mail delivery in some of the communities, 'cause it comes up every year we're here, so we want to make sure that, you know, they're doing a good job and they're supporting and providing the service that, you know, the communities on the North Coast need and require.

MR. ANDERSON:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess a question with regard to Air Borealis, and the Medivac flights. I can only speak for Makkovik, but this summer, we had our Medivac flight cancelled three times, that I know of due to pilot timeout at one o'clock in the afternoon, a crew timeout. I guess the question is, why would the pilots be timed out at one o'clock in the afternoon when supposedly they go to work at six? It's frustrating because we had one pregnant lady who missed two ultrasound appointments because the pilots were timed out before they got to Makkovik because they make three runs up to Nain or whatever, and two to Natuashish and by the time they get to Makkovik and Rigolet, it's too late.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, that's a question I'll have to bring back, but, yeah, the-, with the new regulations with the timing out, it's creating issues. But that's a good question. I don't know why they would've timed out if, you know, they were going in at six o'clock, and then it times out at one o'clock. Whether or not they were flying late into the evening the previous night before, but that's a question I'll bring back to Air Borealis.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just before you continue, I'll just quick procedural note. So the Assembly Members, we're passing around a list and we're gonna order in food for the Assembly Members. We're gonna have our lunch in the courtroom. Our invited guests are welcome to add to the list if they so choose and they can join us in the luxury accommodation of the courtroom. And again, the list is going around if you want something, feel free to add your name on the list. Yeah, go ahead, Chris. AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

I have a concern. That thing about the swing-it. Is that normal?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

A hundred percent. AngajukKâk Sheppard, do you want something to add?

MR. SHEPPARD:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a question for Chris or the Trust. You mentioned, Chris, about the services provided by Air Borealis. We've discussed, briefly, this morning around the table. I thank you very much for your presentation and companies. Major developments, major projects on the go. A lot of them, we're not even aware of. Our people on the ground and our communities are not even aware of. What are people in our communities are aware of, is when they go to the post office to get their cheques and they're not in the mail for the seventh day, a bag of first-class mail. I've been at this since October of 2018, bugging, bugging, bugging, and I'm sorry to say, but it seems like that you've got to be babysitting children to nudge them along to get mail services to the community. Yes, I agree with bad weather. I'll never force or put pressure on a airline when the weather is down. When you've got flyable weather for a week, four, or five days and you've got no mail in-, only a day or two ago, a message from home, "What's going on? The plains have been flying

for days". We've got no first-class mail. It's September, heading into October, 2019. It's still an ongoing problem. Is there an explanation for this kind of stuff? I could understand if it was a furnace every week getting shipped on a plane. I could understand that. A letter bag, no bigger than the size of a lady's handbag and that can't get on a flight? What-, there's a problem somewhere.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard. And I acknowledge your frustration and I've seen your frustration for the last year and probably a half and it just keeps continuing to come back to the mail. Clearly, there's a systematic problem in, you know, the freight delivery and what gets prioritized, and if it's priority mail, it should be going as priority mail. So I will make notes of this again and-, 'cause this is not the first time that this has come up. It seems as though, like you said, babysitting is the key word, you know? We've brought it to their attention. They've made strides to-, and it did get better, but it seems, after a month or two, it kinda goes to the sideway again and we're back to square one and why is that continuing to happen? So we will make every effort at the next board meeting to put those concerns again and really hammer it home that-, like this obviously is a systematic problem. It needs to be fixed.

MS. PAIN:

Can I just add to that answer? I mean, we have seen all of your emails and we do take them very, very seriously. We get to a point where we require them to keep us in the loop about what's happening every day with every flight. And we really shouldn't, as board members, have to do that, but we do that when we see the frustrations and the emails we're getting. Things

do improve when we do that. The minute that we stop requiring that, things seem to fall to the wayside. I just wanna tell you, we're just as frustrated as you and we will keep raising that. Out of all the Air Borealis board members, I'm the only one who actually-, well, besides Mark Nui, I'm the only one who lives in the communities, and so I understand how important that is and it is something that we follow up on, the minute we get something from you. We don't just forward it and say, deal with it. We call and we ask for explanations and we ask for them to respond to clients who may not be feeling that they're getting the best service. So that might be you, but there are others as well, and so we do take this very seriously. But I also acknowledge that it has been a problem for the past year, year and a half, I would say, but we will keep trying to find a way to improve it.

MR. WEBB:

And just to answer, I think the first question that you had, we do, do community visits and we're gonna continue to do community visits. An extension of the Annual Report, are the newsletters. So, I hope that those get into the hands of each and every one of you and a lot of the community members, because we do-, are very proud of the newsletters. They come out quarterly and it kind of gives a synopsis of some of the things that we're doing. We profile Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that are in key roles and roles within some of our partnerships and within NGC. So we're pretty proud of that communication, so if you guys aren't seeing them or getting them, let us know, and we'll make sure that there are more of those in the communities. Moving right along...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I'm not sure-, I just wanted to thank NGC for donating space for us to have our net-making mending course last fall that was really appreciated and we may be looking for space again. And elders really appreciate the newsletters, and, you know, I have to ask for more and more because they just lap it up. People are just wanting information and know what's happening. Also, when you do donations to the communities for their foodbanks, if you could keep our two corporations in mind, 'cause we run a community freezer and it do not have to be the same amount but we would appreciate some extra funds as well. We have a very small budget. Thank you.

MR. DAVIS:

Nakummek. Thank you. Acknowledged.

MS.FLOWERS:

Thank you. Your reports really interesting. There's some issues that has been brought forward to me around Air Borealis and some of the freight charges going up. And at one time, I'm told that freight was going by the kilogram, but now it's changed and it's going by dimensions as well as the weight itself. I'm just wondering if you can shed some light on that?

MR. WEBB:

That's something I'll have to go back to the Air Borealis group and discuss with them to find out exactly what is happening with the freight in terms of the cost and how they're sizing it and costing it at the same time. So I'll bring that back to the group and get back to you on that one.

MS. FLOWERS:

This also has to do with the freight. There's more and more freight coming into the communities and some of the freight is really heavy. I've seen people struggle to try and get things off the plane. Is there any way that

you can have like a little, a lift or a forklift over there or something at the strips just to help out with the really heavy weight?

MR. WEBB:

Again, that's something that we can definitely look into and propose to the Group, but that's a very good question and improvement into the service. Absolutely.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. One section of business that you did not report to or allude to was the renewable energy sector. The Nunatsiavut Government has adopted a energy plan and the Community Governments have met and approved the expiration to build wind power and solar power. I'm just wondering if your company is getting prepared for this type of new business opportunity?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Chris, if I might, is it okay. I prefer we circle back that, Chris go through your presentation and if there are questions which are pertinent to the item we're looking at, that's fine, but other such things, more macro questions, I think I'd prefer to leave them towards the end, if that's okay? No, go ahead. Tony? You had a question?

MR. ANDERSEN:

In this book it says the fleet is nine twin otter. Nine twin otters is that the fleet Air Borealis-, I know that-, I'm just curious about the Voisey's Bay air transport contract. Who has that contract?

MR. WEBB:

Air Borealis does have that contract, yeah.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Oh. I don't see that Air Borealis has any dash seven or eight aircraft that fly into Voisey's Bay so that Air Borealis must charter that from their buddy Pal I guess hey. Is that correct?

MR. WEBB:

Yes, that is 100 percent correct and the contract that we have with Voisey's Bay is all under Air Borealis but we do contract-, we subcontract provincial airlines to do the dash-eight servicing and we had those discussions when we were initially doing the negotiations of the merger between Air Labrador and Innu Mikun, that if we ever seen an airstrip that could land a dash-eight, then we need to be able to negotiate that within the contract within Air Borealis. So, of actually Air Borealis owning a dash-eight type from that perspective, or do we sub it out, get a subcontractor? Those are all things that we've thought about, yes.

MR. ANDERSEN:

I guess it's same situation for the Air Borealis contract for the to operate the Torngat Mountains National Park. I see, sometimes, when I'm at the airport in Goose Bay, they are using the dash-eight as well, so I guess, again, that's (inaudible).

MR. WEBB:

That's correct. And when we sub-contract we get commissions from those aircraft as well. And to add, I had a really good point and now I just ate it. I seen the lunch menu. I'll remember it as we go through the presentation. Is that all the questions we had for Air Borealis, but I agree 100 percent with you, we take this very seriously. It's an essential service to Nunatsiavut and we need to make sure that it's done right and done correct and obviously, we're gonna have some issues from time to time, but there shouldn't be this many issues all the time, right? So they need to really think about, you know, the systematic problems that are within the logistics of moving all that freight, 'cause there is a significant amount of freight that they move.

MR. ANDERSEN: And I just have one comment. The way Joe he should start thinking about purchasing 737 'cause we're gonna have our airstrip in a couple more years, eh?

MR. WEBB: Wouldn't that be great.

MR. DICKER: Just to stress what AngajukKâk Andersen was saying, it not only happens in the Makkovik runs or the communities south of Nain, it also happens anywhere a lot of pilot time is a factor in planes not coming back. We have a lot of people that are stranded in Goose Bay because of the situation, so I would appreciate that you get back to us on this one at the community level anyway. Thank you.

MR. WEBB: Yeah, we will do that for sure. *Nakummek.*

MS. WOLFREY: I don't know. I remember one year Labrador was flying and they had some kind of a navigation system that allowed them to come into the communities at I don't know, let's just say 600 feet and what's that called when you can see the sky?

ASSEMBLY: (Inaudible.)

MS. WOLFREY: And I'm wondering-, and Air Borealis never had it and I know now that the pilots when they come in sometimes to Rigolet. They were way up there in the sky and you can't even see them. You wouldn't know about they had a dash-eight and down here it's kinda clear, you know, what I mean? And they can't land because they're up there so far. But I'm wondering, is there any way that-, I mean, do they have that capability that Air Labrador had?

MR. WEBB: As far as I know, they do, but I'll double check on that as well. So we've been taking notes. I have Janice taking notes on some of the questions because I did speak to some representatives within Air Borealis and PAL airlines, just yesterday and they wanted us to make sure that they got the questions first hand so that they can, you know, start putting things into place to make sure that the-, all of these issues get resolved.

MR. EDMUNDS: Yeah, just, I guess a quick comment on Air Borealis. When they did their community consultations, I think it was this past spring, they came into Postville and obviously, the issue of mail was up for discussion and one of the solutions that Philip and Greg had put forward was potentially looking at an alternative flight path, you know, maybe one day a week they would change the way that the flight schedule operates so that Postville doesn't get pinched and that the mail service would happen without too much effort and we would get our cargo. There hasn't been any follow-up from my understanding, on that, so, you know, as Trustees, if you can ensure that that issue is advanced, it would be appreciated. Thank you.

MR. WEBB: Okay, we will definitely do that, Minister. Does that clue up the question for Air Borealis? Okay. Hearing or seeing no hands.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'm gonna let-, Isabella apparently is ready for a response to AngajukKâk Dicker's question so I'll let her field that question.

MS. PAIN: Thank you. I wanted to speak to your question that you asked, AngajukKâk Dicker because it is an important question, the one about renewable energy. You're correct, NG is moving forward in terms of its wind,

microgrid diesel integration project in Nain. We are in the stage right now, NG is in the stage of now looking for a partner, so we're going to be putting out an RFP for a partner to move forward in terms of a business opportunity. There are certain-, we will be coming out. We'll have certain characteristics of who we want in a partner. We would hope it's an Inuit business because we do see that this is an emerging field that there are a lot of economic opportunities for. We know that in our communities that we are all constrained by diesel at the moment which isn't the best method for clean energy. And so we would like to get into more green energy technologies. This is the first one we're doing and so, yeah, if we can be ready, and of course it's in the back of our minds is ensuring an Inuit business is going to be able to take these opportunities and to move forward, not just with the Nain microgrid wind-diesel but also other types of renewable energy that we may be looking at in future. So I think you made a really, really good point there.

MR. WEBB:

And if I could just add to that, we do have a number and obviously, we seen the Nunatsiavut Security plan as well and energy plan, and we wanna be positioned as well as NGC. And for example, we do have a partner right now that is looking at some of the wind energy that is going in Voisey's Bay, but that may not necessarily be the same partner that we partner with or do work with when we position ourselves to look at the energy field for Nunatsiavut. But, yes, that is a big thing that, you know, is in our horizon. Okay, seeing no more hands, Mr. Speaker, I think I can move on from Air Borealis. Moving into Universal Helicopters, you know, this was an

investment that the LICST made back in 2016 along with the *Tasijautsoak Trust* and the CAPE Fund. So LICST owns 40 percent, *Tasijautsoak* owns 40 percent, the CAPE Fund owns 20 percent. The helicopter market, right now, is very saturated in Newfoundland and Labrador with the competition of Newfoundland Helicopters as well as Canadian helicopters and some other individual helicopter owners that own fish camps so they don't require the services of, you know, our organization. Toppled with the fact that the resource centre is down, you know, we understand that it is a cyclical business and, you know, it was supposed to be rebounded probably two years ago, according to, you know, trends and things like that. It's usually cyclical for five, six, seven years and then it kinda picks up again. However, we haven't seen that pick up in the last number of years, so Universal has been conscious of that, and they have made some acquisitions and investments in other companies westward. So, essentially, we're a coast-to-coast helicopter company. We have 37 or 39 helicopters right now. We're operated in Lakelse. We have, obviously, our operations here in Newfoundland and Labrador, and then we have some operations in South Coast Helicopters in the Yukon. So those helicopters that are out west right now, are doing some work. They're fighting fires, however, you know, we do-, it is a fairly large operation now, so, you know, it's an area that-, or it's a business line of hours that you don't really see our helicopters in Nunatsiavut much, not like, you know, the Marine Services or the Air Borealis, and we don't have a whole lot of beneficiaries in this type of employment, but there's significant employment

opportunities in this and the way pilots are going now, they're on demand. So I mean, every time we go to the schools, you know, we kinda mention that there are opportunities in this field and pilots are hard to get right now. So we continue to, you know, press that with our youth, to say that, you know, this is an industry that we're involved in and there's opportunities for it in the future. Just going through, and I apologize, I think I'm going on a little bit too long, but I'll walk through the next number of slides relatively quickly, just to go through some of our stories. You know, TSI is doing a big push on training and recruitment, as is all of our organizations. All of our Vale Underground partnerships, they're open for business. You know, we wanna get as many employment Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in those organizations and we're positioned very well. You know, our partnership and relationship with the Innu, from that perspective, is very good. We have a great relationship with them from the IGLP perspective. And, you know, these business lines will contribute to the bottom line of NGC in the multitude of probably, you know, tens of millions of dollars. Once, you know, they start working and, you know, they're only right now getting off the ground, you know, with Redpath and PWIT. Some of those large projects are still-, have still need to be awarded and this is as a direct result of the QB process and the IBA that the Nunatsiavut Government has established with the Province and Vale, and we take the QB process very seriously. We've had our challenges with Vale from a negotiation perspective and, you know, they've really put us to task on pricing. However, you know, we've partnered ourselves with some

industry experts that know the business very well and I assure you, we do not, you know, gouge or anything like that. So as the QB process is an open book negotiation, you know, sometimes it even puts us at a disadvantage when we're negotiating with Vale, given the fact that, you know, if we were to submit a bid from a competitive process, they'll see lump sum line items for example, mechanical, electrical, civil, but when we negotiate with Vale from all these industry experts, the open book process says that you open books, so they actually dive right down to line item by line item. So they see everything. And, you know, we hope they don't share that. And we've had a couple of instances now, this past year where they've failed a QB and it's the first time that this has ever happened, and I think they're feeling the pressure of the contractor that was put in there from the failed QB. So this type of stuff hits us hard, hits our-, it will impact our bottom line, so this is where we require support from NG, and even from IDLP's perspective with the Innu Nation. And we've had a leadership meeting, myself and NGC reps along with some NG reps and Innu Nation and IDLP to express, you know, some of the concerns that we're having with the negotiation process. So thankful that, you know, Minister Andersen was able to participate in those meetings along with Grand Chief Rich and shown the support for us. Now, we never really did be able to schedule that meeting with Vale, but I think they received a message loud and clear, so we're thankful that you're on our side for this, 'cause at the end of the day, it is, you know, Inuit business and they have to follow the IBA and the QB process. We're building a lot of local skill sets. Construction is doing a

significant amount of work, like I said, and AngajukKâk Wolfrey mentioned, you know, with our partnership with Timmiak and Bird, we wanna build more capacity. We wanna be getting in those larger projects. So this is something that the strategy of Nunatsiavut Construction is gonna do going forward. We have a, you know, a good staff and a good base right now, but we wanna be the employer of choice on a construction perspective for infrastructure that's coming into Nunatsiavut. This just kinda shows some slides of some of our people that we have. So Janice Webb works with TSI. She's the HR manager over there so she does all the HR functions. Wyman Jacque is in TSI as well. He's a beneficiary GM of TSI. Kayla, you know, co pilot in Air Borealis, you know, aspiring pilot, so these are all our people, you know, in our companies. We have Ben. Ben works with TSI as well and, you know, along with 60 other 70 other beneficiaries, and the nice thing about Ben is, you know, we do dust control in TSI at the Voisey's Bay mine site, and he was able to come back to the community and help Nain really bring down-, 'cause he knew how to control dust and the amount of dust that's coming up in the community so he was able to help the Inuit Community Government with some of that dust control. Yes.

MS PAIN: We have to apologize for the spelling of Ben's name on that side.

MR. WEBB: That's the right one, isn't it?

MS. PAIN: No, this is the right spelling.

MR. WEBB: That's right.

MS. PAIN: No, this is the right spelling but in your...

ASSEMBLY: it's wrong

MR. WEBB: Oh, okay, sorry. We thought we changed it. We apologize. Okay.

MS. PAIN: Anyway, it's acknowledged and we apologize. (Inaudible.)

MR. WEBB: Innu-Inuit Redpath, we have Tiffany Flowers, currently on maternity leave, but she's the, you know, the Indigenous liaison person that...

MS. PAIN: (Inaudible.)

MR. WEBB: I know. I'm saying-, I'm saying Tiffany as well, but, 'cause I mentioned some others-, so Tiffany's on maternity leave right now but she's the Indigenous Liaison individual that takes care of some of the employment and all the Indigenous relations that Redpath would have-, as well, Allison Winters, you can see, you know, driving the heavy truck here. So these are all, you know, beneficiaries and we're glad to see them, you know, behind the wheel and behind the desks and in those jobs. We have Dionne Winters here, as well. So the next 5 to 10 years, you know, are looking promising. You know, we meet with the *Trust* quarterly. You know, once a year we try to meet in Nunatsiavut, you know, we have three board members that live in Ottawa now, so, you know, travel can be, you know, hectic at times, but we're looking at our strategic plan. Our-, the last five-year strategic plan we had is coming up to, you know, its end, so we're looking at, you know, the next 5 to 10 years, so a medium to long-term strategy for NGC and what we wanna do moving forward. We have a really good base and we have a lot of good business signs and a lot of good people to continue on the-, of what we're doing. So you can see some of the corporate

development stuff. We really need to do, from my perspective, a better job with our government relations, and we've talked about, you know, having a dedicated resource do this, you know. And that's not just, you know, Government relations to us to the Innu Community Government, us to NG, us to Provincial Government, us to Federal Government. We need to do it all. You know, we need to avail of any funding that's available out there, grants through the Province or through the Feds or work more closely with NG. I think we have a very good relationship now, but I think it can get better. You know, I-, we do get to the coast, but do we get here enough? So that's something that, you know, in our strategy going forward, now we have Sarah living here, you know, I wanna make a bigger presence in our communities as well. Human Resources Management, we're in the midst-, we just did some interviews so we'll be hiring a Human Resources manager, making an offer probably within the next couple of days or maybe next week. So this position is gonna be key for us because we want this individual to make sure that we're doing what we need to do from a training and development perspective and succession planning perspective, you know, with anyone that moves on. You know, make sure that we have plans in place to fill those positions. I already mentioned the Government relations and business development. We've got our radars up, looking at business all the time and opportunities all the time and, you know, we've got some very good ideas and opportunities that are coming up and in the next couple of years so we have the cash to do some of that, but obviously, we're positioned very well to take some of those

opportunities on. And then from a corporate social responsibility perspective...

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I had a question. I know there's been a lot, not just with shipping, but now that they don't go to Lewisporte, is there a possibility that NGC might look at warehousing wholesale because there's that big gap there, and if maybe there could be a Labrador Wholesale, then the cost of food might not be so expensive for Nunatsiavut?

MR. WEBB:

Yeah, we've already discussed this as one of the prime opportunities that, you know, we see. I mean, everyone says there's a new service. The coast has always been here, you know? It just happened, the logistics of it have changed. So it's not new, but, you know, there's gonna be a new way of doing business, and that is something that has been on our radar and we need to look at ways that we can do that. And Sarah was a champion of that one, so she wants to do something like that, 'cause it makes total sense.

From a corporate perspective, with some of the old business lines that we did have and we operated that, you know, did well from a capacity perspective and, you know, the product that we put on the market and what I refer to as the quarry-, Ten Mile Bay and Iggiak and Post Mill Lumber when they were doing the lumber operations and things like that. Now this was all before, you know, a lot of our time. And those business lines left, you know, some old decrepit gear and things that have, you know, kinda just been an unpleasant, and an eye sore in some of the communities. So we've taken an active role from a corporate social responsibility

perspective, to really think about the environment in our business lines going forward. But looking at some of the old business lines that we have and trying to clean up some of the old equipment that is in those. We focused on Post Mill lumber for the past year and a half and glad to see that, you know, a lot of that equipment and old rusted saws and all that stuff is gone now. So I hope that Postville is happy with what has taken place there. Obviously, we're still talking to NG from an environmental perspective, and a what, you know, it is they want so that we can basically hand over and say, here, we're relieved of, you know, any issues that may relate to our jobsite in the past. Obviously, Ten Mile Bay is gonna be a major, major effort so we're gonna be looking for NG support on how we really tackle that one. You know, it's something that it was set up before the Government had any regulations in place. So it's gonna be a tough one for us from an-, it'll be a costly one for LICST and NGC to overcome, 'cause you're talking tugs and barges. There's still a significant amount of infrastructure over there. But this is something that, obviously is in our minds and the environment is, but bringing it back to, you know, natural state, I think will be a costly effort. So, anyway, we'll be having discussions with the Environment Division within Nunatsiavut Government on what we can do there, and go forward. You know, we've from a-, again, continue on with corporate, social responsibility. You know we are donations and things go in excess of \$300,000 a year. We do a lot of youth related donations, elder related donations and supporting the community. So we do have a committee that's established to review sponsorships and

donations as they come in, so our website has all that information in there and a form to fill out and if anyone has, you know, requests, it usually comes through there and if people call in, we get them to go through the proper process. These are just some images. So these are just some of the things that we've done. Yeah. So that's some of the clean-up that we've done in Postville so the last of it is just getting out. And the picture to the right is some of the old drums that needed to be cleaned up in Upper Lake Melville on the Town Centre site, so that was left back from, you know, the old military days. And again, that just kinda shows some of our efforts, from a transparency perspective, getting into the communities, having community visits, going into the schools and you know, our communication and openness with our Annual Report and our newsletters. So *Nakummek*. You know that kinda gives you a high-level overview of NGC. We're pretty robust company and we're very proud of, you know, some of the things that we're doing right now, and we hope to continue to do a good job and any time anyone has any questions, my office door is always open or my telephone line is there. So, you know, give me a call. I'm glad to answer and chat with each and every one of you and Clint wants-, oh, sorry. So *Nakummek*.

MS. PAIN:

Just one additional thing I wanted to say or bring your attention to is on page 45. It's under next to the CSR issues but one of the things that's been really important to us is to understand who are employees are from a company-wide perspective and so we track data in terms of beneficiaries, versus non-beneficiaries, but we also track it by what wages are going into

which community by employees. And so we're trying to understand all of the data around our employees and where the benefits are coming back to. So I just draw a note to page 45 and it's something we'll continue to track so that we're aware of how many of our beneficiaries and what the salary dollars going back to communities are.

MR. WEBB:

And these numbers will only be from our-, really, our 100 percent wholly owned companies. They're not like the Air Borealis' or those, you know, 33 and a third and Vale Partnership type companies, 'cause that number would be significantly higher.

MR. DAVIS:

I just wanted to-, I'm sure everyone's starving right now. But I just wanted to make one last comment, particularly about one initiative that we participated in, which was launched in 2018. And that was the Inuit Development Corporation Association. And so as you probably are well aware, we're clearly not the only Inuit Development Corporation in the country. There's in fact, five of them, whereby they have very similar entities as ours from the Inuvialuit Region all the way over to QC, Qikiqtani Corporation in Iqaluit. Makkovik has a different business model but we actually have had discu—, Chris is on the board, of the IDCA. We've had discussions for about a year and a half to see how we can do more business together as Inuit and actually look at trade that doesn't necessarily happen north-south, but actually happened east-west, to see if we can keep more of our financial capital and our business people and so on in Inuit Nunangat. So Chris and Sarah were a fundamental part of that development and some of it was really just us having a look out of our suite

of businesses and seeing where we could do business and when we started looking at other Inuit Dev Corps and started to realize that they have business-, have partnerships, but with our competitors. And so we said, well, maybe we should open up this opportunity to have a discussion to see how we can actually work together from coast to coast to coast. So that's in very early stages, but it's been launched and we have ongoing discussions. Chris, I don't know if you wanna do a quick comment around that but, just wanted to share that with you too. So we're not only being very active here within Nunatsiavut and the Province but actually having a lot of discussions and working closely with other Inuit executives across Inuit Nunangat. So *Nakummek*.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any questions from the floor before we excuse our guests? AngajukKâk Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

It's not a question, Mr. Chair, it's an appreciation, I guess of NGC, NCI, your group of companies that you know, the willingness of your company to work with the Inuit Community Government. This, just in the past two years, we've had a lot of water issues. And by-, and we've been listing a lot of parts that we need desperately, calling TSI, calling NGC in Goose Bay, you know, we got those parts in quickly. And we really appreciate that. And sometimes right now with what's going on with the Kamutik W., and the processing of dangerous goods, I've just recently called your office and asked if you could help us, and yes, you could, you know? We need somebody in Goose Bay so that we can get some oils and dangerous goods, as they called them, to Nain quickly. And without your help that time we

would've been-, piece of machinery would've been down or a lot of it should of be, so these kind of small things that, you know, when you work well with the Community Government, or with other Community Governments, it shows in the community. Also, your business itself, a lot of people in my community are employed by NGC. And the community appreciates that. And, you know, we have other contractors where they may be one member of the community working for them. I'm not gonna name them people, oh, dear. So, you know, it's businesses that's owned by Inuit, worked for Inuit and employ Inuit and this is what we should be all striving for. So, I thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Mr. Andersen, you have a comment, question?

MR. ANDERSEN:

Yeah, and before we go on, I supposed I might be speaking out of turn here because-, but I wanted to-, earlier in the introduction you mentioned that NGC is now running the gas station in Rigolet and I was acting Minister of the Education and Economic Development before Greg Flowers came along and kicked me out of there. But I am very concerned what is happening in Rigolet with respect to the gas station. Of course, to have gasoline and furnace oil and diesel in a community, if you don't have that, then I don't really see how the community can function. And might as well say that business has abandoned Rigolet with respect to running a gas station. The Hudson Bay was here at one time and then Woodward's and even for one year, I think the LIDC ran the gas station and somehow convinced the town to do it and the town had done it for a number of years, but Governments not good at running business is it? I'm sure you

would agree. The Newfoundland Government probably had example to use, but they have proved it many times with respect to fish plants, stores, whatnot, and when business abandoned, communities and Governments somehow become involved and we are here now and I'm not afraid to say but I think there were Members of my Government that perhaps are saying perhaps we should walk away from Rigolet. I for one could never do that, Charlotte, and wanna see this through. But you are there now and I hope that you'll have some advice, like we do have some business economic development people and very good people, but I'm worried and my friend Carlene does not sit at every table that I do. She has, you know, many concerns about this I'm sure, as the AngajukKâk who's been away for a while. But you are there now and I hope that you'll be able to help us with this, you know, to sort this thing out, 'cause it's been around for a long, long time, and we can't abandon Rigolet and other small communities, that, you know, even if Woodward's could make a profit, it may be not enough profit because they want lots of profit. And, you know, when I saw your poster, the Corporate Social Responsibility and also, I think, Corporate Social Commitment comes to mind as well, and I hope you're gonna help us. I know you will, eh? But I wish that you would speak a little bit to gas stations and small communities, if you would, Chris?

MR WEBB:

Thank you, Minister, and I mean, you're exactly right. It's, you know, it's NBC's Corporate responsibility and that's why we stepped in to help in the first place. You know, we seen that, you know, there was a little bit of a crisis with what was happening and, you know, the closure of the gas

station and we tried every effort to get it open more quickly than we could, however, when we started going through the insurance piece of it, there was a lot of forms and things that we had to-, red tape that we had to pile our way through. So it wasn't an easy task and it won't be an easy task for someone to take on. You know, and part of that is the, you know, if an entrepreneur wants to take it on, we're lucky enough, you know, we have a-, like a relationship with Woodward's right now, so we're able to purchase the fuel in instalments but this is an upfront cost for an entrepreneur if they wanna take on the gas station. They can't, I don't think, you know, the larger company would have an appetite to, you know, get paid as fuel gets sold, right? It's-, they want their money up front, so we're working closely with Christie and the Economic Development Group in Rigolet to figure out, you know, a way to go forward for the gas station, and, I mean, we do have that Social Commitment, so, I mean, I don't think you're gonna see us leave anyone in a bind.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions before we excuse our guests? AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Tony. I think I'm thinking with my stomach. I heard him say November the 1st or something like that, and I don't know if people don't wanna stress me out or what, but I didn't know about November the 1st, but now that I know, that's a big concern so we need to talk. I mean, we can't not have gas in our community before the shipping season closes, we gotta have enough gas for the winter and someone to operate that. So we need to talk. I didn't know about November the 1st. I guess the girls I the office knew and they're dealing with it, but...

MR. WEBB:

And that was just the initial date that we put in the contract, 'cause the Economic Development Group was still trying to figure out what was happening and if an entrepreneur was able to come in and take the gas station on as a viable business, an option for someone in the community, 'cause, obviously, this seems like a very good opportunity for an entrepreneur if it could be done right. And that was just a date that we put in for an initial discussion and it was because the fuel-, the transportation of the fuel and all the logistics surrounding that. So, you know, it says it's a hard date in the contract, but, you know, like I said to Minister Andersen, it's-, we're not gonna see the community of Rigolet, you know, being in a bind.

MS. WOLFREY:

And I'd also just like to remind Nunatsiavut Government that in 2006, Rigolet was in discussions with the newly formed Government and you were there, Tony. I can't find the minutes of the meeting, but Richard always says that any money that we went in the whole, we were supposed to get back, and we never, ever got any back, but I think that Rigolet only got into that business because at that time, there was an agreement with Nunatsiavut Government that Rigolet would operate it for a little while. And we ended up operating it for 10 years or more, so anyway, that's enough said, but I don't want you to step away November the 1st. I don't think I'll let you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'll pose a final call for questions before we excuse our guests. Thank you, Carlene?

MS. PALLISER: I don't have a question, but I thanked NG yesterday for their involvement and help with the gasoline crisis and I also thank NGC, but since you are all here, I really appreciate it and our community appreciates it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Marlene, you had a comment or a question?

MS. WINTERS: I just wanted to, I guess, ask for a little bit of an explanation of the Corporate Responsibility Guidelines. I know on the website that people, sports teams, you know, community groups, whatever, may apply for a donation, I'll call it. I would assume that the priority would be given to groups within the Land Claims Area. Is there also, just speaking as a representative of Upper Lake Melville, is there any thought or, you know, are we, kind of, you know, moved down the list where we're not necessarily in the Land Claims Area?

MR. WEBB: Thank you, Marlene. We have-, there's five pillars to our Corporate Social Responsibility, and that's community, environment, health safety and all those things, but from a sponsorship and donation perspective, you know, we take all sponsorships and donations equally from all communities. But we do focus on, you know, obviously, Inuit youth, elders, community members and things like that, but there is no-, if there's a sports team in Upper Lake Melville, we'll do that. But we'll equally do it in Nunatsiavut as well, not just dedicated to Nain or Rigolet, but all communities. So community, the share, I guess is, you know, we keep track of where the spend is going and all communities are equally active in that file. And I can share probably the Corporate Social Responsibility Plan that we have with you as well as other members. Some of the scholarships-, I forgot to

mention the scholarships from sponsorships and donations as well, but we have done scholarships at Mealy Mountain as well as Jens Haven and, you know, other various schools along the coast as well. So-, and some of our other corporations do scholarships, so-, and we're in the midst of doing a internship, actually, with-, and sorry to continue on, but-, 'cause we're doing a lot of good things. We wanna get it out and try to get it into as many people's ears but we're doing an inaugural internship program and actually beneficiary from Nain and we're actively looking for another from whomever wants to do it. This individual submitted an application and it's gonna be in conjunction with a partner that we have at Tekmountain and this group is based out of Wilmington North Carolina. And they are essentially, an incubator for business. And what I mean by that, is a, you know, it's a start-up, so people go there, they start up business and then they, you know, it could be in the tech industry, it could be in the health industry. It could be in any industry, but it's just exposing people to the business and, you know, Sarah and I have met with this group several times and they are gonna be an active player in base camp and we actually tried to get them to visit our communities. We actually had a planned trip to come up on the vessel and go into Hopedale and then come up to Nain and stop in other communities, just so that they can see first-hand, our communities, 'cause they're pretty eager to go and equally as us and this internship program is going to-, you know, I know it's gonna be-, 'cause we're talking to them from a level of, okay, well, we're exposing and getting these individuals to, you know, a different country, you know, so

we're looking at this developing a package from a cultural perspective, so they'll be immersed into their business for a six-week program. And then we're looking at ways that when they come back, they can be immersed into NGC's business as well. So it gives them a, you know, a wide lens view of business from different perspectives, from the, you know, Corporate to the Inuit Corporate and then back to the community. So we're-, once everything is finalized with that program, we'll be glad to share it, but we're still ironing out some of those details, but I mean, these are some of the things that we're looking at doing and developing and, you know, getting our youth and, you know, young professionals, some of those higher-level experiences.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, on behalf of all Assembly Members, I wanna thank you for your presentation and for taking the time to come spend some time with us. Obviously, it's been a very productive session just even going by the number of questions and concerns that have been raised. For Assembly Members, we're now gonna go into recess. I'm getting a substantial amount of pressure from the hotel for us to get over there and check out, so we'll do that quickly. Lunch will be delivered here at the Assembly building. We'll have lunch here and we'll start shortly after that, for everybody, okay? Again, thank you very much. Thank you. We're now in recess.

(Recess)

MR. RUDKOWSKI: After lunch, we're gonna resume on Item 15 on the *Orders of the Day*, which is "Motions". We are still in Committee of the Whole. I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess I address you as Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That's fine.

MR. DICKER: I have a Motion that I wanna put forward just to indicate that I would, and the Motion reads that, "Whereas there are many continuing concerns on the ferry service, to the residents of Nunatsiavut and whereas the Assembly should discuss these concerns with a view to developing a plan to address them. Now, therefore, I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers that this Assembly as a Committee of the Whole with witness, Mr. Darryl Shiwak, Deputy Minister of Nunatsiavut Affairs to have an open and frank discussion on the concerns and problems that the Inuit Community Governments and beneficiaries have with the ferry service in Nunatsiavut".

MR. RUDKOWSKI: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. The motion is in order. AngajukKâk Dicker, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. DICKER: No, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the motion? If no other members wishes to speak, does the AngajukKâk for Nain wish to make final comments and conclude debate?

MR. DICKER: No final comments, Mr. Chair. I wish to close debate on the motion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just on a procedural note when we're in Committee of the Whole you're not required to stand. You can if it makes you feel more comfortable, but you're certainly not required to do so. That concludes debate. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed? The motion is carried. At this point, I'm gonna invite Darryl Shiwak as was proposed. On a side bar, we also had Mr. Webb volunteer to join us during Committee of the Whole as a resource person, not to speak on behalf of Woodward's, but just to add perhaps some additional information to the conversation. But again, his inclusion in those discussions would be at the will of those of the Assembly. So I'm just gonna ask for a show of hands. All those in favour of asking Mr. Webb to join us? Any opposed? Mr. Webb, if you don't mind, if you could come down and join us, that'd be great. And Mr. Webb, is there anyone else from your group who you think might be useful to have in the discussion?

MR. WEBB:

No, I think I should be okay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Okay. Thank you. I'm gonna start-, we're gonna start the proceedings. Just a reminder again that I will Chair the proceedings, just to keep some order to the speaking order. But I'll start off with AngajukKâk Dicker. This is your motion. You're the person who brought forward your concerns initially, so I'll leave it to you to initiate the discussion.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. As community AngajukKât and Members of the Assembly are were-, since, day one, I guess of the start of the schedule of the Kamutik W, things have not been going smoothly, if I could use that word. AngajukKât and myself have been in contact with each other

through email or by phone with concerns about the delivery service that's been-, or delivery service that has not been offered by the Kamutik W. I could take, just for one example, the dangerous goods. At one point they told us prior to the boat being operational, that the question of dangerous goods was not gonna be asked by the communities because it was supposed to be taken care of. Then all of a sudden, when the boat started, "Well, we can't take dangerous goods". We didn't know what was going on. We found out individually, I suppose, as a community, that if you did want to order, you would have to find a person that was trained or had the papers to ship goods and ship them on behalf of your community. We had to go to different resources to find these people and then on top of that, we had to pay them to deliver the goods and ship them, plus the shipment itself of the goods to our communities. And they told us that maybe the Inuit Community Governments should all get together and order the supplies at one time. That's impossible to do because we don't know how-, what the other business need. It's just not-, things like propane where people need to cook. It's oxygen that's needed for the hospitals. It's oils and acids and things like that, that's needed for heavy equipment and things for the Community Governments; ammunition for hunters in our communities and of course fireworks for celebrations of the different events that we're gonna be holding over the course of the year, and we have to order that in bulk. They suggest that we, like I said, make an order so that you could have a dangerous goods run and with that amount of dangerous goods on the boat, no passengers would be allowed on there.

It's not like crossing the ferry from St. Barbe to Blanc Sablon. You could do that in the course of a day, have a dangerous goods run and then come back with your load and get back your passengers again. It's not simple like that. We have five different communities that they have to stop and it takes a few days to do that. So with that in mind, Mr. Chair, I, like I said, I spoke to the AngajukKât and with that, I made a suggestion to the Clerk of the House, how I could introduce a motion so we could discuss this as an Assembly to try to come to a solution, I guess, as to where do we go from here, because just recently the boat was held up for almost a week in Nain because of high winds and impossible seas. She was held up in Rigolet just this week, you know? We don't even know if she's gonna get around the cape. And this is not even the rough weather yet. We have no winter orders in our communities yet. And my fear is that this is gonna cause major, major issues for the individual businesses and even maybe cause a food security issue and even a health security issue with the Community Governments or the communities. So that's why I wanted to have this motion introduced so that we could have this discussion and to come to some sort of togetherness or to one group as an Assembly to bring this forward to the Provincial Government. We can't just go and say, "Okay, we see this problem. When can you fix it", or things like that. We have to go to the Government and say, "Look, this problem is here. This is gonna happen. When are you gonna fix it, or when can we expect our supplies to our communities"? Not, you know, wait until the last moment and the ice

breakers are coming in to play here. That's where I come from, Mr. Chair, and I invite others to make comments.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Are there other folks, other participants who wish to speak to the issue? Greg Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

I just have a question, Mr. Speaker, or Community Chair, whatever we call you here, it's to Darryl, reading the letter that our First Minister sent to the Minister of Transportation on the 3rd of September. To this date, have your department received any written or phone call response from the Minister of Transportation and Works?

MR. SHIWAK:

Yeah, thank you for the question. Yeah, we did, on twofold. Following the letter that Minister Mitchell sent to Minister Crocker, he followed up with a telephone-, teleconference with Minister Mitchell to discuss the letter and the concerns that Nunatsiavut Government had with regards to the ferry service. That happened on September 5th and following that, there was a letter sent to Minister Mitchell in response to the letter and the letter back from the Minister was-, it's a pretty general letter, just stating the Minister heard our concerns and he'll bring them up with the contractor, Woodward's, and ensure that a lot of the issues that she identified were dealt with. He didn't address the issue of she invited him-, Minister Mitchell invited him to take a trip on the boat. He indicated in the telephone conversation that he would, but we have not confirmed that he would take a trip. Minister Mitchell wanted the Minister to take a trip as she sails into the communities with freight. He indicated that he would take the trip from Nain back down and Minister Mitchell wasn't very happy

with that. But that was the response to that part. To the other responses to the food and different things, on the service on the boat, they indicated that they would try to deal with those issues. They've contacted Woodward's to deal with those issues. With regards to the suitability of the boat for Nunatsiavut, for the North Coast, they indicated, as in previous years, that the Northern Ranger was storm-bound and this was something that was to be expected. Minister Mitchell flatly disagreed with that. She indicated this boat is gonna be storm bound more than usual. She's not gonna be able to handle the service that we need and essentially telling the Minister that they have the wrong boat for Nunatsiavut for delivering the service that we need. But basically the response to the Minister was, they'll deal with some of these issues. Never really got a commitment of actually coming up to see what the issue was. Never really got a commitment of, okay, what are we gonna do next year? Never really got an agreement that, yes, there's something definitely wrong here that needs to be fixed. What the Minister did suggest to Minister Mitchell was that at the end of the shipping year, at the end of this year, he would like to get all parties together to have a discussion on how the service was, what can be done to improve, and just have a real good discussion on where we go from here. It's something Minister Mitchell said she would agree to because, like I said, we understand the problems that everybody- , all the communities are facing. We live on the coast. We know what we have and we know the type of vessel we need. This is not the vessel we

need for the next 15 years. So it's a very serious issue for us and I think Minister Mitchell made it very clear to the Minister, those points.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Jim Lyall, I believe you wish to make a comment.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Chair. I've heard, since the ferry started running this spring, this summer, I've heard dozens and dozens of complaints about-, and I've heard the same thing being said around this table today. We all know what the problems are. Some have a few little different issues than the others. However, we all know that the boat-, the ferry service is not what we want. It's not going to work. People are upset and I want to just, AngajukKâk Dicker mentioned a minute ago, we should all speak as one. I'm suggesting, if we all speak as one, we know what the issues are, if we send a delegation to St. John's comprised of all the five AngajukKâk, the Minister responsible for Transportation, Kate Mitchell and her Deputy, visit St. John's and meet with the Minister of Transportation and the Premier and let them know exactly what the problems are and what they should be doing. I think it'll solve a lot of-, we can go round and round the table all day and discuss what the problems are. We already know what they are. I would suggest a delegation to St. John's is the best thing we could do.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Nakummek. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

I was gonna say, there's no need of us discussing the problems. We all know what they are. We need to try to find some kind of a solution and meeting next year to-, I mean, meeting after a season closes to discuss

what happened this fall, you're not gonna put food on our tables for the winter or stock our stores. So we gotta do something that's gonna happen this year, whatever it is. But I never even had my hand up, thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Maybe it's force of habit that I go to you. I'm not sure. Barry Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, since this service started, we've been getting numerous complaints at the MICG, Makkovik Inuit Community Government office and as of Monday, September 16th, maybe I can ask, Mr. Webb, is he aware that the freight shed in Makkovik still has no power? That our wharfinger has to walk around with a flashlight on his head at nighttime to flip through the Waybills and Bills of Lading to Makkovik. Our laydown area is totally congested. It's only gonna get worse. Are you aware of that situation?

MR. WEBB: We are aware of numerous situations, much like that, as lighting is an issue. It's Provincial Government infrastructure and we have been meeting with them and bringing those concerns forward. So it's a matter of the Province stepping up to the plate and getting that infrastructure in the communities to a level where it has become a safety issue in a lot of ports.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Glenn Sheppard. I apologize, Barry, did you wanna add something to that?

MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah, and that's where I was going to, because the ramp is just a dirt ramp with smashed, literally, plywood on top of it and our passengers go

on board with your suitcase, with your bags. It's not a problem if you fall down and you get a big splinter right up to your hand and both sides of the ramp is now washing away. It's getting eroded away, so it's only a matter of time before the forklift rolls over, especially now when the fall's coming on, slippery, colder weather coming. We need it concrete. We need it permanent, if that's the ship that we're gonna be using. So those are some of the issues, the occupational health and safety issues for your workers there is paramount, plus the crew having to use the ship, coming off, unloading a palletize freight with a forklift. I just a few comments, too, Mr. Chairman, if you may. I'll just go down through a couple and I'll stop there. Like we said, we know what the problems are but I think we need answers to the ships weather limits. It's just anecdotal but you talk to some of the crew and they'll tell you, yeah, the limits are two metres or more of swell and we're stopped, 25 knots, that kind of wind. Can the ships safely anchor? Like she should've been anchored off runway yes right now or last night to be at least two and a half hours closer to Makkovik. But she only got one anchor mid-ship. Is that safe or can she use the anchorages that's around up and down the coast, (inaudible), Fork's Harbour and those places, right? There's lots of anchorages, Makkovik Bay, Kaipokok Bay, that the boat can safely anchor if she got a proper anchor. So also, there's no freezer capacity in either community that I know of. Our freight sheds are nothing but a 10 by 20 sea can and nothing else. So if I wanted to ship my frozen goods to Goose Bay or wherever, I had to be at the boat to meet the boat, the shipment, so I

can't plan. I have to stay in the community or get somebody else to do it for me. Since the ship is not gonna Lewisporte anymore, it is costing the Makkovik Inuit Community Government a lot more money to get chlorine, essential items to our community to keep our water supply safe. We used to get free shipping from Lewisporte to Makkovik. All the ICG's would because it was an essential item. Now we have to truck it to Goose Bay, then we'll get it free from Goose Bay to here. The baggage searches and person searches, I think is being addressed, but had to be more-, we had to be more forceful and I think that the basic concerns that we brought forward, and I'll just leave it there. And I know that there are witnesses there, that can't answer some of the questions but I don't know, you may be able to.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Do you want to respond to what-, go ahead.

MR. SHIWAK:

Yeah, with Minister Lyall, I think that's probably-, it's a good idea to involve the AngajukKâk. Certainly, as a department we weren't willing to just accept that the end of the year meeting is sufficient. We were gonna continue our pressure to ensure that the freight was delivered to the communities as a department of this Government, but certainly the support of the communities and AngajukKâk would be very helpful in that, in getting that message to the Minister, even in instances like what you identified with the anchorage and stuff like that. With regards to-, even with regards to the bag searches. We have been consulted as a department on that. We're very concerned with that process. We understand the need for the safety of passengers on the boat and the

need for searching and making sure that it's a safe environment, but we wanna make sure that process is safe and it's not harming anybody in any way, so we've been consulted in the process as well and it sounds like they will be putting a policy in place to do-, but it's not called-, it's not a search. It will be an inspection of carry-on luggage. It was very important for Minister Mitchell to address that situation because it's very-, it can be very harmful in certain ways, to a lot of people. So she did address that with the department and it looks like they're really gonna put some things in place, such as a safe area for the inspection, rules around inspections, training for employees who do inspections, certification and make sure everybody's doing it in the way that is respectful to all. So Minister Mitchell did address that point. But like I said, it's-, would be very useful if we had-, if that's something that this Assembly wanted to do, I can't speak for Minister Mitchell but if as Minister Lyall says, if we had a delegation to go to see the Minister, I'd certainly bring that back to Minister Mitchell and say, is that something that you would wanna be involved in? I can't tell the Assembly what to do either, but this certainly something that we would consider. Like I said, it certainly would be very helpful if we had the support of the AngajukKâk as well. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

AngajukKâk Dicker, I'm just gonna give other people an opportunity to chime in before I come back to you. Glenn Sheppard, did you want to speak up?

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. A lot has been said already. What brings us to the table this afternoon as a Committee of the Whole is an issue that's

surrounding all of Nunatsiavut including Natuashish, six communities north of Goose Bay. I'm not gonna go on and on and ramble on but I'm gonna give a couple of experiences. One experience that I had myself, personally, on the new boat when she made her first trip into Goose Bay and came out. But first before that, I will share a story and I guess it may be for Chris' information. It's sorta funny but it's not funny. Last week, about mid-week, I had a conversation with the person responsible for the wharf in Postville, out by the dock and he looks at me and he says, Glenn, he says, I had a package come from the dock in Goose Bay. He said, with no explanation, with no follow up phone call what it's for. I said, what did you get? He said, I had two plastic tarps come. He looked at me and said, what do you think that's for? I said, yeah, your guess is as good as mine. Somebody's luggage gear coming off of the boat. Nowhere to put it, they'll throw two plastic tarps over it. Now, folks around the table, and listening audience, children five years old wouldn't do that. Honestly, those tarps are fit for one good stormy wind and they're shreds. If that's what them tarps were purposed for. My personal experience on the boat, traveling to Goose Bay, from Goose Bay was a really eye opener to me. I grew up on water, basically with my grandfather. I was never had a fear of water. Going up was just like sailing on the floor, smooth. Before we departed Goose Bay to head back to the North Coast, I checked the weather forecast four o'clock in the morning because I was at the dock at 4:30. The Marine forecast for the mid-Labrador coast stated one to two metres at sea which was smooth

sailing for me. I said, good, gonna be a good trip. Anyway, fast forward a bit. We depart for Rigolet, goes on around Smokey, drove the AngajukKâk for Nain happened to be on the boat, the same trip, so was the First Minister on the boat the same trip. I was awakened two o'clock in the morning, 2:15 to banging and thumping and boat just shaking. She was going crazy. My first thought was the forecast was wrong. So I gets up only to find people staggering in the hall trying to hold rails on to get around. I goes out on deck. There's a ripple of wind on the water and enough sea there to probably give you a good riding speed boat getting daylight that morning myself and a gentleman from Hopedale, Abe Flowers, looked out the window. Passing Cape Harrison. If you had to go ashore on Cape Harrison in speed boat that morning, you could've went to shore in speed boat for emergency sakes and here we were getting tossed to and fro and the boat was just vibrating so much. You know, I love it on a boat. I said, I'll never step my foot on that boat again unless it's absolute emergency. So those kind of things make me question myself and my community and my council, the capabilities of the boat. What is she capable of? People need to know, that's walking down the road with their suitcase getting on this boat in October, November, is there possibility there? The possibilities is there all the time for air transportation, marine, whatever it be. It's nothing that's impossible, but this boat was the first I ever saw of it. My father's 80 years old. He looked at me and he said, "That's not a boat. That's a box. He said, she's square. She's flat on the bottom, straight on the sides. That's a box". So,

you know, what can you do? We're stuck. The store owner-, the only store owner in Postville told me a few days ago, he ordered extra early in fear of that he's not gonna get his winter goods. His winter goods is my food and my neighbour's food for the winter. How do you think, you know, that, you know, once this boat comes to a problem like this, five days in Nain an overnight or two in Rigolet, that's the end of our road, our shipping road. Coming to Goose Bay, you're behind a wheel, that's the end of your road. You're going North West and that's as far as you're going. Our road stops at the dock in Goose Bay. If that boat is not capable of delivering goods and services to us, what are we depending on? A twin auger ain't gonna flow you the freight that's needed for the coast. Just not gonna do it. I can't help but stress, not going to do it. And where do we go? It's September. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Tyler Edmunds, I believe you wanted to say a few words?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. When the Provincial Government came to the communities in the spring to do what they called consultations, they presented on the boat and of course there was lots of questions around whether or not it was gonna be appropriate but one of the questions that I had at that time as around the contingency plan. I know that, that was built into the RFP and, you know, this is the reality that we're in right now as some of the AngajukKâk have already said, you know, the contingency plan is probably gonna have to be implemented a lot sooner than what they anticipated, and Upper Lake Melville's gonna be freezing over, you know, soon. And I'm not sure what is in that contingency plan, if it's been

supplied to us or not and of course, Glenn just said, AngajukKâk Sheppard just said that, you know, we're probably gonna be looking at the airlines as the next route and I guess, you know, the question then becomes, you know, what's able to come into the community? Is there capacity there as well? And, you know, are the airlines ready to deal with that? So, I guess there's two parts to my question around the, I guess, contingency plan and then, you know what, Air Borealis is kind of doing in its preparedness.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Just so we're clear, who are you directing your question towards, Tyler?

MR. EDMUNDS:

I'm not sure if Darryl can speak to the contingency plan, what was shared to us and if Chris can speak to Air Borealis and, you know, just kind of what they've been thinking about in terms of when they're unable to move all the freights?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Darryl, you wanna start and hand off to Chris?

MR. SHIWAK:

A simple answer is we have not been made aware of a contingency plan. We have-, they have not presented a plan to us. In the meeting Minister Crocker, Minister Mitchell asked what the Minister's gonna do to guarantee that we get the freight for this winter. They assured us they would. They did not tell us how. But the real response from them was the boat just left Goose Bay. There's nothing left the warehouse in Goose Bay, indicating they can move all the freight, but they did not give us a contingency plan. So that's why it's so important that we act now to make sure there is a plan in place to move all that freight.

MR. WEBB:

Nakummek, I can't speak on behalf of Woodward's. Labrador Marine holds the contract with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the vessel operation, essentially shore-based operations as well, however, we have a subcontract to that contract with Labrador Marine, to do the shore-based operations. Part of the contingency I do believe and I have to double check on this, is if Lake Melville does freeze over and there is freight in the warehouse, that freight is to be trucked to Cartwright and Cartwright will be a destination to move that freight to the North Coast. I do believe that's part of the contingency but I'm not 100 percent of the entire contingency. With regards to Air Borealis, we have a board meeting coming up in the next couple of weeks so, we'll give some attention to this at that time to figure out, you know, what we need to be or how we need to be positioned if there's additional freight that needs to go, come that time of year. So, we will put that on the agenda for that meeting.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Is there anybody else who wishes to speak to the issue? Again, Joe, I'm just gonna wait to canvas the rest of the room first. Anybody else wants to make a comment? Oh, Carlene. Sorry, I didn't see you there.

MS. PALLISER:

I was wondering-, I had written a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Works and he just replied with things that were kind of positive, I guess. He said that fresher produce will be available with a quicker turnaround, but we don't our produce on the boats. We get it very week on a flight. So, I just wanted to ask when you go to a meeting, if it's set out to go the meeting in St. John's, what are you gonna do to make them

understand that we live a totally different way of life than they do, and our need is great, like and they don't seem to get that the way we live, for anything, especially the transportation service.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Anything you wanna add to that Darryl or Chris?

MR. SHIWAK:

You said if we go to the meeting in St. John, what will we do to convince them that we live a different way of life and this boat is not suited for this way of life.

MS. PALLISER:

Mm-hmm.

MR. SHIWAK:

We've been doing that for, I think, for the last, I don't know, maybe, since we've been formed as a Government when we knew that a new vessel was needed for the North Coast. I think way back even when I was a Minister within this Government, we used to present to the Newfoundland Government saying there's a roll on, roll off ferry that's needed. And at that time there was a commitment to construct a new vessel, but now we're at the point where we have this vessel and it's definitely not meeting the need that we identified then and even as far as early as last year, Minister Mitchell used to do the same thing. Like in meetings, identify the need on the North Coast, this is the vessel that we need. When this RFP came out, we weren't consulted. We were shown the RFP, but we were not consulted that it was given to Woodward's. We had no input into this vessel. As we continue to do at every meeting we do with the Province, we express that the North Coast is not the same as the rest of the Province. We get this vessel once a week. It has to suit

the needs not only in June, but in November. It's a whole new ball game and we do it all the time. Frankly and I'm not gonna speak to Minister Mitchell, we've run out of ways to try to tell that to the Province. It seems like it falls on deaf ears very many times. But we will continue to do that. That's why I say, I think it's important that if the AngajukKâk do agree to go up, if there's some sort of meeting set up, it's important that they bring their views as well, if that's something that the Assembly decides to do.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Anybody else wishing to chime in? AngajukKâk Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you. I don't wanna say a whole lot because everything that I was gonna say has been brought up by some of our other people here, so-, but I do wanna stress that we can talk till we're blue in the face here, but I think what we need to do is like Minister Lyall said is to take a team and go to St. John's and meet with the Government. It's late in the year. I'm really fearful for our communities and I know for a fact that Air Borealis, they can't handle what they have there now when a lot of freight is coming through. I can't see them bringing-, if it so happens that the boats can't run, I can't see them bringing in freight for all the communities. They'll never be able to handle it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Anybody else before I go back? AngajukKâk Dicker, I promise I'll come back to you. Seeing no hands, AngajukKâk Dicker, go ahead.

MR. DICKER:

I'm set to sail. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with-, totally, 100 percent, with Minister Lyall's suggestion and I support what AngajukKâk Flowers is

saying. I would like to stress further, though, that we do not, as Deputy Minister Shiwak said, we'll see what First Minister Mitchell wants to do. I don't think it's a point of what she wants to do. I think the direction should come from this Assembly to let the First Minister understand that we are in a emergency situation here, practically. The season is practically over. If we, you know, get them to come to us or meet them half way in Goose Bay, even. They got a Labrador Affairs office there. The Premier's-, the Minister as far as I know for that, you know, come to his office and meet us as Indigenous people here with a problem that we sorely want to rectify. So I would now ask the Assembly I guess if, you know, like Marjorie said, we could talk until we're blue in the face, to give the direction to Minister Mitchell, and whoever maybe wants show and Deputy Minister Shiwak to give them direction to meet with the Premier and the Minister of Transport, Steve Crocker along with the delegation from the Inuit Community Governments to meet and discuss, as soon as possible, this dire situation. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So if I can just interject just a couple of final thoughts, without intruding into the debate itself, but procedurally, you know, what is available to the Assembly, is if there's enough of a feeling, enough of a conviction that something should be done, then it's always within the power of any Assembly Member here to bring forward a motion. AngajukKâk Dicker, you can bring it forward. Jim Lyall can bring it forward. Tony Andersen can bring it forward and that motion would then be presented to the Assembly and the Assembly can vote yay or nay. So how we go forward

from here is entirely up to the Members of this Assembly, but, you know, if you wanted to get something more concrete in terms of its output from this discussion then that's certainly one way to go. Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY:

I got a quick question since everyone is so concerned about-, and like we should be, about the I guess it's the sea-worthiness or whatever of that vessel in our waters. I wonder, would she pass the new regulations that was about for taking passengers, if she's so tippy as that-, so cranky, is it? Is that the word?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any other comments to the discussion? Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL:

Mr. Chair, I'm just wondering, I mean, I don't wanna cut anyone off if they have anymore questions, or is-, I would suggest if-, I like your idea of having a motion put forward. If that's the case, I think that we should have a five or six-minute break so we can work on appropriately about a motion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'd characterize it not as an idea, but as a potential outcome because as best as I can, I'm trying to maintain the seat I'm in as a seat of impartiality but we'll let this-, the discussion exhaust itself, then I will call for a recess and if, indeed someone wants to propose a motion or get together, then we'll entertain such a thing when we come back after a short recess if that's okay? Anybody else wishing to intrude and make some comments, ideas, suggestions? Seeing none, I will take your advice, Mr. Lyall, we'll have a short-, we'll call it a 10-minute break and we'll reconvene in 10

minutes, and then we'll see where the discussion flows from here. Thank you. We're in recess.

(Recess)

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MR. LYALL: ...ferry service to Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chair.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Jim Lyall has put forth a motion to the Assembly. I'll now call for a vote on that motion. Is everybody clear with the motion as presented? Typically, we have something in our packages and we're able to have some time to digest it. This time it's a bit more last minute. All those in favour of the motion?

MR. FLOWERS: Do you have to call for a seconder?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Joe Dicker was named as a seconder.

MR. FLOWERS: But as to what. Haven't you got a...

MS. KEMUSIGAK It's in motion.

MR. FLOWERS: Yeah, I know, but...

MS. SILLETT The motion's in order. Does anyone have any comments?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Does anybody wish to make-, thank you for pointing out my oversight. Anybody wishing to speak to the motion?

MR. ANDERSEN: We are still in Committee of the Whole?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We are.

MR. ANDERSEN: Does not this motion-, do we have to go back to the Assembly to-, no? Okay. But when can I speak to the motions, though? Any time now, then?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: The floor is yours.

MR. ANDERSEN: My only concern here is that, and I know that it was done in haste and I wonder if, to discuss concerns with the ferry service to Nunatsiavut, if that says enough or do you need to include in the motion and marine infrastructure, ferry service and marine infrastructure?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Jim Lyall?

MR. ANDERSEN: We heard enough today, Chair, about the infrastructure. This is just as big a problem as the boat itself and if we do get a better boat, that infrastructure's still there, so maybe that meeting with the Minister should include the same, but is that-, I'm just asking, do we need to put it in or "ferry service" is good enough? I don't care.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll certainly invite comments from others if anybody else wishes to speak to that.

MR. LYALL: Just briefly in response to Minister Andersen, I think the ferry service includes, in my mind all infrastructure and the docks and everything else, but, I mean, anyone got-, want it changed? I guess we could do that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Is there anybody else that wishes to speak to the motion? AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you. I believe that if it just says ferry service that is going to be perceived as just ferry service and not infrastructure.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other comments? An amendment is possible, should that be, indeed, desirable, Mr. Lyall. But, again, this is your motion and you can propose what amendments, if any, you wish, and Mr. Andersen, if you feel

so strongly, then you can certainly propose an amendment to the motion as well. You can move an amendment to the motion. Are there any other comments?

MR. ANDERSEN: No, I was happy enough with the Minister Lyall's comments that includes marine infrastructure. I'm happy enough with that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Flowers, gain, you have the same opportunity as Mr. Andersen has. If you feel strongly enough, you're certainly in a position to make a motion to amend the motion.

MS. FLOWERS: I think I would feel better to make a motion to amend the motion to include infrastructure, if I could do that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: It certainly is entirely within your right. You just would require a seconder for that motion. The motion to amend the motion. Do you have a seconder?

MR. FLOWERS: I'll second it.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Seconded by Greg Flowers. Is there anybody else who wishes to speak to the amended motion-, to amend the motion?

MS. SILLETT: Can I have your motion?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I don't have the motion. Carlene? Greg, yeah. Greg, no? '

MS. PALLISER: Sorry, I guess I'm just-, for clarification purposes, from AngajukKâk Flowers, are-, you wanna just basically add in the term marine infrastructure or ferry infrastructure?

MS. FLOWERS: Ferry service and marine infrastructure.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: So we have a proposal to amend the motion. Mr Lyall.

MR. LYALL: Yeah, before we go to that stage, I'm just wondering if-, the marine ferry service is Provincial. The infrastructure is Federal. I don't know if the province or Premier Ball and-, it's not? It is provincial?

FEMALE: Yeah.

MR. LYALL: Okay, I'm sorry.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: There's a lot of nodding heads up there. It's like a set of bobble-heads.

MR. LYALL: Sorry, I'm mistaken.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Is there anybody else who wishes to speak to the amendment? So the amendment is to add to the original motion, to amend the original motion to include the words marine services. Have I...

FEMALE: Marine infrastructure.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Marine infrastructure. Have I characterized your amendment correctly? Mr. Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Mr. Chair, can we just have a readout of the amendment? Read of the motion with the amendment?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll read the motion as I now-, as amended, as I now understand it to be amended, and certainly, AngajukKâk Flowers if I haven't captured your intent, correct me please-, please feel free to correct me. First Minister request meeting with province. Whereas there are many continuing concerns on the ferry service and marine infrastructure to the residents of Nunatsiavut, and therefore I move, seconded by the AngajukKâk for Nain,

Mr. Joe Dicker that the First Minister, the Honourable Kate Mitchell request an immediate meeting with the Provincial Premier, Dwight Ball and the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Honourable Steve Crocker. This meeting will include the AngajukKâk of the five Inuit Communities to discuss concerns with the ferry service to Nunatsiavut. Is that-, have we captured it correctly? Mr. Edmunds, are you satisfied with that encapsulation? The first thing we have to deal with is the actual fact of the amendment. We have an amendment on the floor. I'm gonna call for a vote on the amendment, which, again, just for pure-, the last clarification is to include the term, "and marine infrastructure". All those in favour of that amendment? Any opposed? That motion to amend the motion is carried. Are there any other comments on the amended motion before we proceed? Seeing none, I'm now gonna call for a vote on the amended motion which is, the original motion as originally presented, plus the inclusion of the term, "and marine infrastructure". All those in favour of the amended motion? Any Nays? And the amended motion is carried. Thank you. Just my own personal interjection. I think it's really refreshing that a concern can be brought to this Assembly basically at the 11th hour and this is not something that was captured in anybody's package. It's not something that was included originally, in the *Orders of the Day*. It was a concern that came and it was brought to light and brought to this Assembly. Not only was it brought to the Assembly, but as actioned upon in a very quick fashion and I find that very refreshing and congratulations to those who brought that motion forward. We're still in Committee of

the Whole. We'll now move onto the next piece of business and now I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, whereas the Assembly by Section 84 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* provides that the Assembly may, by motion, establish, amend or repeal Standing Orders and rules and procedures of the Assembly, and whereas at a June 27, 2019 teleconference the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures proposed recommendations to the Assembly for changes to the Standing Orders, and whereas the Report of the Standing Committee has been adopted by the Assembly, therefore, I move, seconded by Ms. Carlene Palliser, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, the following that...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I may just interrupt just for a moment, I'm just gonna give everyone just a few seconds to-, I think everyone should have a copy of the Standing Orders in their binders and I would encourage everybody just to look at the pertinent Standing Orders as Mr. Edmunds goes through it.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Further down in this motion as well, we'll be asking that we go into the Committee of the Whole.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

We're still in Committee of the Whole.

MR. EDMUNDS:

With Loretta as a witness.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So we can certainly invite her down at this juncture, Mr. Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

If that's fine with the Speaker and the Assembly...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Yes.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...we can certainly do that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yeah. Loretta? Just as by way of background, the group-, the Rules and Procedures Committee is a Committee which is Chaired by the Speaker and included in this iteration, Mr. Tyler Edmunds, Carlene Palliser and of course, Loretta Michelin. Loretta Michelin is joining us because she was a Member of that group, and also because she's obviously, a key contact for us in anything that pertains with any legal ramifications. So we'll just give a moment for Loretta to come and join us. Also, normally, the Clerk of the Assembly is-, doesn't participate in Assembly discussions, but in this particular junction-, in this circumstance, I'm gonna invite her participation. Mary has been here almost since day one with the Assembly and her knowledge of the Standing Orders is far in excess of mine and she's a valuable person and I'm gonna invite her to contribute to the discussions where she feels it's appropriate. I'm just waiting for her to come back in, now.

MS. MICHELIN: As well, she's a Member of the Rules and Procedures Committee.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Tyler, you can start. Resume.

MR. EDMUNDS: I know that-, I wonder if it's the Speaker's intention for us to just go through the Report right here and now with Loretta and the recommendations, and then I can, then, ask for the Assembly thereafter, on the proposed amendments? So, you know, if that's what...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I think we'll go through the list. There may be people who have questions, concerns to the proposed amendments and we can field those concerns or questions at the conclusion of your presentation if that's okay?

MR. EDMUNDS:

So the first change was-, you'll see them listed in the motion, was an amendment-, or addition to Section Five. And I'm not sure if Loretta, maybe you just wanted to speak to it and why we're considering these changes.

MS. MICHELIN:

I think when Minister Edmunds went through and explained the Report this morning, he also gave an overview of why we wanted to make an amendment to Section-, Standing Order 5, we-, our recommendation is that we add a Subsection 3 to Standing Order 5, that would read, "Notwithstanding, Standing Order 5(1), the Speaker may, with the consent of the Assembly, extend the Assembly sittings for any reason the Speaker considers necessary. And in the Report, the explanation for that was as everybody around this table knows, we often have concerns around weather, et cetera and sometimes we need to extend the sitting, for example, to the evening. And so that's why we're recommending the addition to Standing Order 5.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I can just interject as well, Loretta? The reason the original wording was a little problematic, and the reason we sought an amendment in the wording, was that the original wording by pure letter of the law, only allowed us to extend beyond 5:00 p.m. to deal with the issue that we were currently dealing with. So for example, if we were...

MR. EDMUNDS: Just so all the Members are aware, this first change that we're suggesting is in your Standing Orders on page eight, and that's where you'll find Section 5 and that's where the additional half, just so you know, and now we're going on.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: So again, as I was saying, the original Standing Orders were problematic because they only allowed us purely, technically, to deal with the existing issue that we were dealing with at that point. So for example, if we were at Item eight of the *Orders of the Day*, once we hit five o'clock, we could only continue with Item eight. We could go to 5:10, 5:15, as the case may be, but once Item eight had been concluded, the Standing Order stipulated that the sitting for that date would conclude. So what this amendment does is that it allows us to continue to work through the *Orders of the Day*, past the Item that we were currently dealing with, past 5:00 p.m. I'll turn it back to you, Mr. Edmunds to continue going through the Standing Orders.

MR. EDMUNDS: The next proposed change that the RPC identified was that there should be a Subsection added to Standing Order 23, so...

MR. LYALL: If we have any questions, we can ask them now?

MR. EDMUNDS: Yeah, if you have any questions around any of the proposed changes, you know, feel free to do that.

MR. LYALL: On page three of our document in our binder, it says, if the Speaker wants to address the Assembly as an Ordinary Member, the package had been to ask for the unanimous consent of the Assembly to appoint the Deputy

Speaker or an Ordinary Member to act as Speaker for this specified time.

The RPC agreed that the Assembly need to decide if the Speaker should be allowed to make a Members statement. I just want address that section.

If the Speaker-, where the Speaker would be allowed to make a Members statement. I have an opinion on that and I want to put it forward.

MR. EDMUNDS: It doesn't, I mean, you know...

MR. LYALL: But they're in order, so...

MR. EDMUNDS: You know, I was kinda going through the motion and the six proposed changes, and then I was hoping that we could discuss that issue after, but I have no...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Again, you're the person giving the address.

MR. EDMUNDS: Yeah.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: (Inaudible.)

MR. LYALL: No, no, that's fine. Go ahead.

MR. EDMUNDS: So, just this...

MS. WOLFREY: I'm just wondering-, I know we're here to discuss this report, but I'm wondering if because we're talking about the Standing Orders and this, if we can discuss-, if I-, I wanna put in what happened yesterday, and I don't mean any disrespect but we wasted an afternoon and I wanna know if I can put that in her somewhere we can discuss it.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: At this point, we're just discussing-, we added-, we adopted the Report this morning and this is just going through the Report that we adopted this morning.

MS. WOLFREY: Okay, but where, then, can I bring up the concern with what happened yesterday.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Well, I will give you a-, I'll give you an opportunity to speak when we're finished at this.

MS. WOLFREY: *Nakummek.*

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Okay.

MR. EDMUNDS: So we'll just go through the few recommendations that the RPC have with respect to the Standing Orders and again after that we'll talk about the Speaker issue because we do need consult from the Assembly as to what we need to do in relation so the Standing Orders. But the second change that we're suggesting is around Standing Order 23 and the suggestion is that there be a Subsection 4 added to that, and Loretta if you just wanted to speak to it, that's fine.

MS. MICHELIN: Yeah, the amendment that we're recommending is just to put a-, in Standing Order 23, that we add a new Section 4, that would basically say the *Orders of the Day*, may be amended with the unanimous consent of the Assembly. So that-, this just gives the Assembly more control over the agenda and the *Orders of the Day* if something comes up that-, for example, the Assembly Members think that should be discussed and

should be added to the *Orders of the Day*, it can be done with unanimous consent of the Assembly. So, go ahead.

MS. SILLETT:

Right now, under the Standing Orders, there's a very specific subjects that you have to deal with in order. Like it says, Number one is a prayer, number two is a opening address, and then we go on down the line to adjournment. There are times, and today was one example of many examples that have happened throughout the year is where, because of accommodation and flight times, what we did is when LICST came in, we asked for the unanimous consent of the Assembly to change the *Orders of the Day*, so that we could accommodate that. And this amendment is allowing us to officially to be able to do that.

MR. EDMUNDS:

And I think as I kinda spoke to a little bit this morning, you know, a lot of these changes that we're recommending is just a way for us to stop using Standing Order 16(1) and, you know, it's just to put into Standing Orders, you know, the practices that we have been doing as Mary said. So just to make it very clear, going forward, as to what we can do.

MS. MICHELIN:

As well, a lot of these amendments are because Members of the Assembly have had requested that we be able to do these things and they weren't already in the Standing Orders, so we want to officially amend the Standing Orders to allow some of these things to happen officially or legislatively.

MR. EDMUNDS:

If there's no questions around that proposed change, the third one we're looking at would be Standing Order 29 Section 29. So that's on page 21 of your Standing Orders and we're suggesting that subsection 3 be added to

Standing Order 29 and that's to read that the 35-minute timeline for Ministers Statements may be extended with approval of the Assembly. Again, I think, I don't have to-, you know, all the Assembly Members are aware, every time we do Ministers Statements, you know, the Speaker has to interrupt the proceedings and ask for unanimous consent so that we can go beyond that time limit. You know, again, just this makes it-, addition of the Standing Order just makes it clear that, you know, we can do this. It happens quite frequently. We still have to get approval from the Assembly but again, this is gonna be written into our Standing Orders.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any questions on this? Charlotte?

MS. WOLFREY:

Is there gonna be any time limit or can we sit here for two hours listening like to Ministers Statements. You know what I mean? Is it gonna go on forever or is there gonna be a...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I understand...

MS. WOLFREY:

I don't mean any disrespect.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

As it stands right now, once the approval of the Assembly has been given to extend past 35 minutes, there is no time limit and there was a minute amount of discussion about what you're suggesting, but again, right now, once we approve past 35 minutes, we don't say 35 but not more than 60 and the thinking was that has never been-, while you're saying-, what you're saying is potentially problematic, in practice that has never been the case, and that's why there was never a limit proposed on it.

MS. WOLFREY: You could get someone like me with a big mouth who may be a Minister talking for two hours. I mean that could be down the road. You don't know that. You know, I'm just trying to think ahead. I'm not going to be here sitting here but you get some other Charlotte or other who talks a lot and would like to, you know, would like to have the floor for that long. Some people likes the mic.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll turn it back to you.

MS. MICHELIN: If we find, going forward, that that is happening, we can always amend the Standing Orders to put a time limit on it, but right now we thought that if we just extend, allow the Ministers Statement to be extended with the consent of the Assembly, obviously if they drone on forever, the Speaker can always say, "I think you've had enough time".

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'll turn it back to you, Minister Edmunds-, Ordinary Member Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: If there's no additional questions around that proposed amendment then the next one that we're suggesting is in relation to Members Statements and that's under Standing Order 30 on the same pages as Ministers Statements. So we're suggesting that we should have Standing Order 30(3)(a) to read, "Shall not exceed five minutes per statement". I think in the Report, maybe we mentioned there was confusion around the current wording as to whether or not, you know, a Member could read two statements for a combined time of 10 minutes or if that five minutes had to be split between two statements. So this wording just lends a little more clarity I think to that Standing Order.

MS. MICHELIN:

The way that this Standing Order was written before, it could be interpreted that a member would only have five minutes for the two statements. What we've done is we've made it clear that it would be five minutes per statement so a Member gets actually 10 minutes as opposed to 5.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Glenn, do you have a question? You looked a little perplexed, if you don't mind me, I'm saying so.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Kind of. That five minutes per statement, like, I take it we only get one statement a day.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

You get two. You get two. Everybody. Always has been. If, now if you recall, and I'm very cautious about, careful about this, is I always canvass the room for Minister Statements and Member Statements, and I will ask multiple times, is there anybody else wishing to a Member Statement? The only time I will pull someone back is if they want to make their second statement before everyone else has had a chance to do their first statement. But it's been the Standing Orders at least since the time I've been involved and, you know, other people could speak to the time before I came along, but it's always been clear in the Standing Orders that any Member is entitled to make two statements per day. So that's, on a 2-day sitting, that's 4 statements for a total of 20 minutes. What wasn't clear was it says five minutes and two statements. So it wasn't clear in the old Standing Orders, does that mean 2½ minutes per statement, or does that mean five minutes per statement? And we clarified it. It made it more generous or liberal to the Members of the Assembly by giving them five

minutes per statement. So you can speak for up to 10 minutes per day in you Member statements. Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY:

I went to two training sessions for this thing at least two and I didn't ever understand that I could speak twice in one day. I always thought and, obviously, there's more than me thought that we could speak once for five minutes. And I went to at least two, maybe three training sessions on these Standing Orders. So if someone is not explaining themselves or we're not understanding right, there's something that's true, I didn't know that till now. But I might take advantage of it now. I know it's....

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I mean the wording is pretty clear as it's right in the Standing Orders, it's 30(3)(b). Statements made under Standing Order 30(1) as is currently worded says shall be limited two statements per day by any Member, it sits. And then that's, as I said, has been there since I've been involved which is 2½ years or so.

MS. SILLETT:

I do want to add the Standing Orders have always been part of the Assembly. The first time it was through the Inuit law, the IL200509 which is the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, and there was an appendix attached to that and they were the Standing Orders. Then in December there was a stand alone, December 13th, 2011 what was adopted by the Assembly was a stand-alone document for the Standing Orders. When we were using that, Members constantly, constantly complained that they only had one statement, the opportunity for one statement during Member Statements and people were pretty vocal about that and they said that's not good enough. That needs to be changed. So if you refer to the

current Standing Orders, which were amended September 11, Standing Order 33 says it shall limited to two statements and that came in effect on September 11th, 2013 when the Assembly adopted the second set of amendments.

MS. WOLFREY: Wasn't here then, but I certainly had training after that and I, you know, I didn't hear it proper, or it wasn't said loud enough or something.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any other comments on this particular amendment? Mr. Edmunds, do you want to presume?

MR. EDMUNDS: So the next proposed change that the Rules and Procedure Committee is presenting is around Standing Order 47, or 47 and that's around voting. So voting starts at Standing Order 46, and voting is on page 29 of your Standing Orders. So the proposed change that we're putting forward would be 47(3) and would read that the Speaker will decide the voting method. So that's the additional item under Standing Order 47 that RPC is — there is a section specifically for voting that starts on, but....

MS. MICHELIN: If you're going down, though, the next one is "Petitions," and under 37(1), were — we're taking this out?

MS. SILLET: It was related to "Notice for Petitions." What are you looking at, Tyler?

MR. EDMUNDS: At "Daily Procedures" which speaks to 47 Section (3).

MR. RUDKOWSKI: AngajukKâk Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think, following along, I think we skipped "Oral Questions" and "Written Questions," did we?

MR. EDMUNDS: So there's the report that, obviously, I presented this morning, and then there's the suggested changes that we're considering and suggested changes are written in the notice of motion that I read out this morning and in the motion that is circulating around the table. So what I'm doing currently is reading out the actual motion and the proposed changes. I apologize if there was any confusion around that. I assume that I had given the report this morning and at this point we were considering the motion to actually amend the....

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That's where we are. Mr. Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I'm still a little bit confused 'cause when we started out here, and I think Minister Lyall asked the question, it was my understanding that Minister Edmunds would go through this and then we'd have discussion and questions at the end. However, every time so far there's been questions and discussion and every item so we can ask questions now?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: That seems to be procedure. That seems to be working so we'll follow that going forward. Do you have a question?

MR. ANDERSEN: I do then. I have a question about the change for voting and I would suggest, Mr. Chair, that under Section 46 there are no reference to voting by secret ballot in the existing Inuit law or cite on the subject because there was never meant to be secret ballot, and in this place of what we call high calling with clear conscience we vote and our names are recorded to which we vote. We don't hide things from the Inuit in

Northern Labrador, by doing things in secret. And one of those secret things are, of course, secret ballot, and to say that a speaker can decide the voting method, does this mean, 47(3) that the speaker could say I have decided to have secret ballot on this particular vote? I certainly could never agree to such a thing. I just want to make that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Yes, and this circumstance of this amendment arises from the situation we had back last winter where we had a reasonably contentious issue to deal with, and when I looked for what was specified in our various legislations, the legislations were silent on how a vote would be carried out. But I do recall that I looked upon and perhaps, Mary, I'm going to call for your memory here because this happened when I was not yet a part of this Assembly, but there was another situation back some time ago where there was a vote for a removal of a Member, and I believe and, correct me if I'm wrong, Mary, but I believe that vote was also conducted in secret, was it not?

MS. SILLETT:

The vote for First Minister as well.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And the vote for First Minister as well as the secret ballot. So it's not without precedent that we conducted a vote using a secret ballot as was done last winter, and when it came to decide a voting method, I certainly didn't take that decision lightly and I did use precedent as a guiding principle. And, unfortunately, we had a similar circumstance back, I can't remember how many years ago, but before I was involved, and a secret ballot was employed at that time as well. All right. So, anyway, but just

because it's been used, certainly doesn't mean that you have to agree with it.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Yes, I'm aware of, and I've sat in this house on two occasions when there was secret ballot, and that all I'm saying is there should never be secret ballot. It was wrong to do it at that time, and it should never be done again. That's all I'm saying. Everyone else may feel that there should be secret, but from my part I think that a ballot or other things should not be done in secret and this is a very Democratic form of government that we have, open and honest, and we should not hide things. I know that sometimes there are very difficult decisions, but if you can't make them again make a open, honest decision openly, not secretly, but openly, then, you know, perhaps you should look for another colleague. That's my comments only, and I know that there, I voted by secret ballot in here and I hope that I never have to do that again.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Mary, go ahead.

MS. SILLETT:

I think that when we're looking voting method, we looked at all of the laws, like, the *Nunatsiavut Constitution*, the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act* and any other Inuit law that talked about, addressed the issue of voting. There's nothing ever said, really, in terms of a secret ballot, and I think that the way, the only reason it was used, it was a precedent. I think at that, the first times, it was a — you know, people did not feel comfortable voting publicly. So it was done by a secret ballot and we know that there were several other times when there were some very, very sensitive issues, and I don't blame people if they don't want to

show, myself, because sometimes if people know how you vote, especially living in small communities, your life can be very, very difficult, especially if the person that you're talking about is in your community. So but I think that the guiding principle is really precedent. You know, it was precedent. Like someone asked the Assembly do you want to vote? How do you want to vote? And everyone said we want to vote in secret on this issue. It doesn't mean every other issue.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

If I might add as well, the amendment doesn't say that we're going to have a secret ballot. The amendment says that it's up to the Speaker's discretion as to the balloting methodology. You know, should a contentious vote present itself, which it's entirely possible in 6 months, 60 years, 60 years, whatever the case may be, and it's certainly, you know, within the rights of the Assembly to lobby the Speaker at that point and say, hey, I think we should vote in such and such a way. All we're saying is that the legislation that we reviewed and the *Acts* that we reviewed are silent on the issue of voting methodology. So in the absence of this, I would presume, and I don't know this, but I would presume that a Speaker subsequent to myself would also look at precedents as their guiding principle, as I did. The precedent has been established that in highly contentious situations, that this Assembly votes using a secret ballot. That's what the precedent is and, again, the amendment doesn't say we're going to use a procedural ballot. The amendment says we leave it up to the Speaker's discretion. Are there any other comments? I'm just going to invite other people to speak.

Tony, I'm not trying to cut you off, but I'll invite other people to have their opinion before we move on. Patricia.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

If memory serves me correct, Mr. Chair, last year when we voted on another Member for the LIST Board, it was done secret ballot when it was never done secret ballot before. It was always by a show of hands, but I might be wrong but, if memory serves me correct, it was that way.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

That's entirely possible, and I wouldn't — yeah, that's entire possible. I don't know how those Board decisions were arrived at before then. Anybody else wish to have another opinion heard? Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY:

I can understand what Mary is saying, but I wonder how far will this go? How will it only be contentious issues, or will it be over putting on the trust? Or will it go further to some other things? And we're in here to bring forward, like, our opinions and for people to hear us speaking and stuff like that, so I could go out and say I never voted for that, if I voted secret and the people don't know the difference, but if I, if I put up my hand to vote, they, they can see me on the TV how I voted, you know. So I wonder how far is it going to go? If it's for just contentious issues, but what is a contentious issue? What could be seen as contentious one day might be seen as not contentious another day. I don't know how far it's going to go if we try do that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

But, once again, I'll reiterate what this says is it just leaves it up to Speaker's discretion. It doesn't say that any one particular methodology is going to be employed. I think what it relies upon is that it relies upon

the good judgment of the person who's in the Speaker's chair at that particular juncture. What you're saying is entirely possible that a Speaker could, you know, some future Speaker would resort to a Speaker ballot for every secret issue, every specific issue. But, as it currently sits, there's nothing to prevent that anyway because the legislation is silent. So there's nothing in the current Standing Order which says that a Speaker, myself or whoever else follows me, couldn't do that. So this, in no way builds in the protection that you're referring to. This amendment doesn't change that risk factor.

MS. MICHELIN

The general principle is that decisions in this Assembly are made by consensus and therefore should be open and free, but there has been a precedent set that in certain circumstances the decisions were by secret ballot. The legislation, the Standing Orders, everything is silent on that, but the general principle is that decisions are by consensus which means open discussion and open decision-making.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Jim.

MR. LYALL:

Could there be wording added to that that basically says that the Speaker can decide whether it's secret ballot or not with the approval of the Assembly?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Any amendment to any motion, that's an option that's open to everybody in this Assembly always. So, if again, if you feel strongly about it then, of course, it's entirely within your power to propose an amendment. Absolutely. Barry.

MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. I'm in agreement with Tony. He, I think on this issue, for every motion that comes forward, there's always two people who we know which way they're going to go. Is the mover and the seconder, hopefully, to a motion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Not necessarily.

MR. ANDERSEN: Not necessarily, but if I'm putting forward a motion to this House and I feel strongly that a motion should be considered, and brought forward then, obviously, I'm going to vote for it, and my seconder who's going to support me. So there's always going to be two people in this Assembly who know where I stand on an issue, I think.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Are there any other comments? Jim, I'll check back with you after Tyler finishes and if you want to put forward amendment, and I'm not making out any suggestions, I'm just laying out procedurally, if you want to make an amendment to the motion as you propose, then I'll, I'll give you an opportunity to do that if indeed that's what you want to do. Okay. Tyler, do you want to proceed? Is there any more comments? Sorry, Patricia, go ahead.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I've been thinking a lot about it and last year when we did secret ballots for the seat for the LIS, I almost spoke about it that it didn't seem Parliamentary. When you see other governments, you see how they vote, nay or yay, or sometimes they vote along party lines, sometimes they don't, but I do have a problem with the Speaker deciding the voting

method. I like Jim's addition at the discretion of the Assembly. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any other comments?

MS. MICHELIN: We were just looking on possible wording. We could say something like, "The Speaker will consult with the Assembly on the voting method for sensitive issues," something like that.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Tyler?

MR. EDMUNDS: I think, you know, that maybe that proposed change, I think, captures a lot of the concerns. Again, but, you know, I'm not — if anybody around the Assembly wanted to voice their concerns around that potential change then feel free to do so as the Chair determines.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Tony, did you have anything else to add before we move on?

MR. ANDERSEN: No. I was only going to say about something, mostly the stuff that Charlotte said here. Again, I appreciate the hard work that's been done here, but when, you know, when the Assembly decides what a sensitive issue is then that still opens up another can of worms for debate. My idea of sensitive might be completely different than Greg Flowers, for instance, and, you know. So then we have to make a decision. Is this a sensitive issue or not, and it goes on and on, and I still don't like the idea of secret ballot. That's all, you know, I'm sure then but, again, you know.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Then what would be required to insulate us from a secret ballot would be another amendment to the Standing Orders which prohibits the secret ballot, for example, because there's nothing in the Standing Orders, as it

sits, which prohibits a standing secret ballot because it has happened in the past, you know, years before I ever appeared on the scene. So, you know, again, there is a reason it was done in the last circumstance, Mr. Andersen, and that's because there was a precedent set by previous Speakers that this was an acceptable way of dealing with the issue. Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY:

I remember us talking about having a consensus government, and that was the Inuit way, and it was to have open discussions about everything. That's what I remember when we were, far before we was here that's what it was called. It was called going to have a consensus government so we could have open discussions and, actually, come to an agreement that something we could all live with. In the end there wasn't going to be any voting, there was going to be discussions and talking and stuff like that until we all could live with some kind of a solution.

MS. SILLETT:

I think that, you know, the principle of a consensus government is just that. It's just to try to talk amongst each other to come to an agreement, and I think that the Committee of the Whole is the idea that is in legislation that promotes that, that encourages that. But I think, too, there's also a recognition sometimes, you know, that will not happen. So if that doesn't happen, what do you do? You vote. And that, you know, in legislation there's different percentages required for different things, right? If you want to remove someone, you have to have 60 percent of the vote.

MS. MICHELIN:

Sixty-five, I think.

MS. SILLETT: Sixty-five?

MS. MICHELIN: I think so.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Sixty-six.

MS. SILLETT: Or a very degree.

MR. EDMUNDS: It's a high bar.

MS. SILLETT: But for, like, resolutions like this, if it's presented to the Assembly, it's simple majority, but there is a recognition sometimes that consensus will not come.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Mr. Lyall.

MR. LYALL: In this case could I further suggest, I just want to bring back I know that a couple of times we've removed people from the Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Sorry, Jim, just speak up a bit. I can barely hear you.

MR. LYALL: I said there's...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I apologize.

MR. LYALL: I said there's a couple of times that during my Presidency we removed people from the Assembly, I've had Members come back at me before that actually came to the house and saying if we're going to take a vote on this, I can't do it publicly. I'm scared of this person. He's already threatened me. I've been threatened. So I think we should have that when there's that, if we're dealing with the removal of someone from Assembly, it should be by secret ballot. Anything else, go ahead. I mean, if we're talking about policy or whether the ferry stops in Nain or

Cartwright or talking about their housing, sure, open. But if you're talking about removal of someone, I think they could make it a lot clearer.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I'm just going to canvass to see if anybody else before I come back to you, Tony, just to give other people an opportunity as well. Anyone else want to speak up before I go back to Tony? Tony.

MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah, I have a question this time. You know, it's my understanding, Chair, that when we had, when you call for a vote, Members cannot abstain from voting. Is that correct? In a case of a secret ballot, we can mark yes or no, or we could draw a funny face and call it whatever we want in which case might be called a spoiled ballot. How would you deal with that and if we're not allowed to abstain from a vote because the secret ballot destroys that, you know.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Sorry, I'm having a little trouble.

MR. ANDERSEN: Takes away from that requirement that we're not allowed to abstain from vote. And maybe we are allowed to abstain, but it was my understanding that we weren't as Members are expected to vote.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Loretta, can you enlighten us a bit on that?

MS. MICHELIN: We're not sure, but I don't think we can abstain.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Mr. Andersen, your years of experience in this chamber are certainly showing themselves. We're just waiting for our team to have a look.

MR. EDMUNDS: Mr. Chair, while there is a reference to abstention and in Standing Order 47(2), there is reference to abstention.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Yes, I did note that. However, they're checking through the....

MS. MICHELIN: Standing Order what?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: 47(2). There is a reference in the Standing Orders, Mr. Andersen, and what we're doing is we're checking to see if there's something in the — is there anything in the *Constitution* that overrides the Standing Orders. So the *Constitution* takes precedent. Yeah, but I don't think we're going to — I don't think that's going to happen right now if we have to review the *Constitutions*. Anything else, Mr. Edmunds or Ordinary Member Edmunds?

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If we finish discussion on the voting issue, maybe what we'll do at the end of this, after we're discussing the Speaker issue, maybe we'll see if we need to amend.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: We can amend or strike it for review at a future time as well.

MR. EDMUNDS: Okay.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Because this seems to be a little more contentious than, perhaps, I would have envisioned and maybe it's something that's definitely worthy of further discussion. So we, if it's the will of the Assembly or, and if it's your motion then we can strike that one stipulation for further discussion at a future time. Just, but to your point, what's going to be required here to give us absolute certainty is going to be a *Constitutional* review, and the *Constitutional* review on the fly as we sit in the Assembly chamber is probably a little ungainly. So what I can perhaps suggest is if we can't give it the attention its due because the *Constitutional* review needs to

take place, then perhaps we'll strike it. An idea would be to strike it from the motion and to revisit it once our proper review has been done.

Again, it's your motion, Mr. Edmunds, and you can do as you will.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Yeah, I have no issue with, you know, if the Assembly feels like at this point in time, you know, we take this particular part out of the proposed amendments. You know, we can revisit that particular issue and bring it back to amend the Standing Orders once again. We can....

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

There is no limit to how many times this can take place. The Standing Orders can be amended every six weeks if we wanted them to. This is the first amendment since 2013. It's not something that happens with frequency but, you know, there clearly are some issues which have been identified which skate the attention of the RPC, the Rules and Procedures Committee, on the first go-around.

MS. MICHELIN:

And up to this point, the Standing Orders have been silent on the method of voting and it's been left to the decision of the Speaker if there is to be a secret motion or a secret vote. So we can just leave it and come back to it at another time when we have more information, or people have thought about it more carefully.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So we would require a motion to amend the motion, is that correct, Loretta?

MS. MICHELIN:

No.

MR. EDMUNDS:

I can just...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Or you can strike it?

MR. EDMUNDS: As mover, I'll just retract that particular...

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Okay.

MR. EDMUNDS: ...part of...

MS. MICHELIN: Or...

MR. EDMUNDS: Yeah, and I won't read.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Okay. Perfect.

FEMALE: And (inaudible). Just say I...

MR. EDMUNDS: For the information of the Assembly, we're retracting consideration of that at this point. So the next piece that the RPC reviewed was around, actually, the addition of a new Standing Order. So the suggestion was that we should add Standing Order, what will be called, 81 which will be around Members using electronic devices in the Assembly. So it would read "Standing Order 81. Members of the Assembly are prohibited from using any electronic device including cell phones and computers during Assembly sittings unless the Member has received prior consent from the Speaker."

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Any questions surrounding that? It simply is a prohibition upon bringing any cell phones or electronic devices into the Assembly chamber. Any questions or comments on that one? Obviously when the Standing Orders were first drafted, that was less of a concern and in today's environment it's more of a concern. That's why I wanted that included in the Standing Orders. Marjorie.

MS. FLOWERS: Just a quick question. Does that mean also if someone is getting sworn in that you can't take a picture or a video in here?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: I would interpret it that. Again, it's the idea not having people checking electronic devices or getting notifications while we're in Assembly proceedings. You know, while these are guidelines, we always rely upon a commonsense principle to guide us, and so I wouldn't interpret it as being prohibitive in that regard. Charlotte.

MS. WOLFREY: Only a quick point. My cell phone is in my bag turned off. Is that okay?

MR. RUDKOWSKI: As long as it's turned off, but as long as it's turned off, but I have witnessed cell phones on top of tables and people checking cell phones, and I thank that's unsightly. Any other comment?

MR. EDMUNDS: Yeah, and I think if you read — well, the phrasing there is using so I think, you know, as long they're not turned on and whatever else, I think it should be fine.

MR. RUDKOWSKI: Okay. I think that one's pretty reasonably straightforward, unlike our voting analogy proposed amendment. Any other comments around this one section? Please proceed Minister Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: So those were the concrete suggestions and changes that the RPC wanted to bring to the Assembly. Of course, Mr. Lyall had mentioned earlier that there's reference in the report, that we needed to speak to the issue of whether or not the Speaker can be given additional privileges around speaking. So, again, speaking at the table. We did have some discussions around the RPC table. Course of practice has been that

during Member statements the Speaker has left his chair and has had the Deputy Speaker take his seat so he can make his Member's statement. Again, there's nothing in the Standing Orders that permitted that. Again, we just went through Standing Order 16 and asked for unanimous consent from the Assembly. So we're looking for direction from the Assembly on this issue and, you know, how we can incorporate that into the motion here today, if that's the desire of the Assembly.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And before we got back to you, Jim, I'm just going to give the Assembly because not everybody here was around the table, I think, when this issue cropped up. And so here's the background on why that was, why we thought it was necessary to bring that to the Assembly. This is in my circumstance. When I was first elected, I came here as the Ordinary Member for Canada and was subsequently elected to the Speaker's role. Unfortunately, during the early part of my tenure, the other Ordinary Member for Canada was on extended sick leave, and that other person also happened to be the Deputy Speaker. I thought it was necessary for me to be able to give a Member's statement because of the fact that the Canadian Constituency represents almost one-third of our beneficiary population and being Speaker, there was no vehicle per se for me to be able to give a Member statement on behalf of the 2,000 members of the Canadian constituency. So what I did in those cases was ask permission from the Assembly to step aside from the Speaker's chair such that I can give a Member statement and, as soon as the Member statement was concluded, which we're talking a maximum of five minutes, regained the

Speaker's chair. But, again, it was a bit of an ungainly procedure. It doesn't happen with frequency so we're seeking direction from the Assembly, if any, about how they would like to handle those circumstances going forward and I think Mr. Lyall has an opinion on that.

MR. LYALL:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I definitely have an opinion on it. I don't think that the Speaker should have the right to make Member statements, absolutely should be free of any political statements of any kind. He's supposed to be able to be free to listen to everyone's opinion before we make any decisions and no disrespect to you, Ed, but, I mean we could have a Speaker in the future, but you know that making a political speech of some kind. I think a Speaker...

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

I'm sorry, I can't hear you, Jim.

MR. LYALL:

I said the Speaker's supposed to be absolutely free of any political statements of any kind and, who knows, a public Speaker may decide if he's allowed to speak. Bringing politics into the conversation. I think the Speaker's absolutely got to be free of anything like that. He's making decisions on what we're doing and what the politicians are doing. I absolutely disagree with this.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Joe.

MR. DICKER:

And I absolutely disagree with Honourable Jim Lyall. When everybody's sitting around here was elected, they were elected by the constituents to represent them and, if they rely on you to report issues of concern to the Assembly, being appointed in a Ministerial position or even the Speaker

of the house should not say that you can't report on your constituency.

So I disagree with the statement was just said before my statement here.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Tony.

MR. ANDERSEN:

I think if we'd go back and check the answers from the first Assembly, we will see that the speaker at that time removed himself from the chair, not only to make Member statements but also to participate in debate of bills. Earlier when we spoke of secret ballot and we talked about precedent, I think the precedent for the Speaker removing himself from the Chair or the seat has already been done, and I think also that when the Speaker removed himself and the Deputy Speaker sits there, the Speaker is only recognized then as a Member, nothing else. So I would not have a problem as long as that when he goes back to the Chair, he retains his very neutral composure so to say.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And just to speak to what Tony said. So there were cases in the past when there were issues going on when and I did rely upon this. Again, you know, I don't do things willy-nilly, at least I try not to and there was a look back to see if that had been done previously and, in fact, it had been going back to 2010. And so it's not well practiced. And, again, we're not talking about for the Speaker to participate in a debate. We're talking about the Speaker giving a Member statement. This is what's going on in my constituency. You know, good for Susie, she got a gold medal, whatever the case may be. It was never designed for a Speaker to be actively involved in a debate, simply to record upon the goings on within their own constituency and Greg.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I totally don't have a problem with the speaker removing himself and letting Deputy Speaker. Just say for you, you have an Ordinary Member also from Canada. But in some cases in the smaller communities, if say, you only got one Member and you're, you know, you're voting a the Ordinary Member and you, let's say you're from Hopedale, Postville or wherever, you only have one Member, then if you cannot bring anything forward from your community because now you are the Speaker, your people don't hear your voice and that I don't have no issue with it. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Charlotte, do you have something to add?

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah. Is there a job description or whatever you will for the Speaker because if someone is appointed to be a Speaker and accepts that position knowing that they're not allowed to be getting up and making statements and stuff like that, then that's their choice, and they need to tell their constituents that if there's a job description that says kind of that — I don't know if there is — but if there is not, there should be so that when you're appointed Minister, you're appointed Minister and you're not supposed to be going out and saying whatever is said in Executive Council, you knows that. So you can't tell your constituents everything. So the Speaker should be the same thing. If they knows that they're getting into this, they can't get up and make Member statements. If that's in the job description, then they're taking on that role and they need to tell their constituents that. That's my opinion.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Sorry, go ahead, Loretta.

MS. MICHELIN:

Yeah, Speakers should absolutely not participate in debates because the oath that the Speaker takes when they become Speaker is, and I'll just read out a bit of it. "They shall enforce the rules and procedures of the Assembly with independence, fairness, impartiality, patience and understanding." So they should not be taking part in debates because if you take part in a debate, then you're not being impartial, but I think maybe a Member statement from their constituency may be a bit different. I absolutely believe that Speakers should not be taking part in any debates in the Assembly because of the oath that they take and the position that they hold.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay. Then if they're getting up and speaking on behalf of their constituents and they say there's a lot of people in my constituency that are getting their applications reviewed, was that, you know, that, to me, is a political statement. It's representing your constituents, but it's a political statement and it's starting a debate.

MR. MICHELIN:

It can be a fine line depending on what you say in your Member statement, right?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And how you say it. But I can tell you from my own circumstance that there are many times where I, you know, obviously, I'm listening quite intently to what's going on around me, and I'm chomping at the bit to put my two cents in and, I absolutely refrain myself because I can't impinge upon that impartiality. You know, I — and when I took over this role from Mr. Edmunds across the way there, one of the things he impressed upon me was the need to maintain that impartiality and that's a guiding

principle for me and presumably for any responsible Speaker, who would ever follow in my circumstances. But to what Greg said, the reason I had to do it at that time is because now there's another Ordinary Member for Canada, but when I came in, that other Ordinary Member for Canada, wasn't present in our chambers and wasn't anticipated to be in our chambers for some time. That's what necessitated that move, and it wasn't taken lightly. It was done in consultation with various people, and the Assembly was given the opportunity to approve or disapprove of my doing that, the Speaker doing that. Marlene, you had something to say?

MS. WINTERS:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think I would agree with the Member, the Speaker, being able to step back to make a Member statement. I would like to think that when we all put our names forward to run in the appropriate election, we didn't run on the platform or the thought that we were going to get a certain position within our government. I think we all ran with the idea and the premise to represent our constituents in our constituency. So, you know, I think when Ed, and I'll just use Edward as an example as the current Speaker, is that, I think, or I'd like to think that he ran on the premise of I want to represent my constituents. I'm not running so I can become Speaker or Minister of Department of Health and Education, the largest portfolio in the government or, you know, the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. Our initial thought to running was to become a representative of our people, and I just think that, you know, like Loretta said, just make the point, like, you, the Speaker would step aside for their five minutes, make their statement, you know, and

say, okay, you know, go back into the Speaker role. I think they should have the opportunity to speak to make a Member statement and that's it. Like I said, I just think that when we run, we should run on the premise of representing our people, not for a potential position or a position to get in our government. Thank you.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Tyler, I think you've had your hand up for some reason there.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Sorry, I just trying to co-ordinate a couple of different thoughts but yeah, there is a Standing Order explicitly says that, you know, a Speaker can't participate in any debate before the Assembly, so that's Standing Order 8(2) and, as Charlotte had asked about, you know, like job description for Speaker and I think that there is, in the *Assembly Act*, I think that there is some greater definition as to, you know, what the Speaker does but, obviously, we all have an idea as to what the Speaker is what they represent. And the Assembly, ultimately, has the ability to remove their Speaker. You know, if a Speaker is appointed and, you know, if it seems as though they are not impartial, that they are, I guess, stirring the pot continually and the Assembly's lost confidence in them, you know, the Assembly has the authority to remove their Speaker. So I wanted to stress that as well and, you know, the Deputy Speaker has the same principle, same sort of roles as a Speaker and, you know, if a Speaker steps down to speak just for a Member statement and the Deputy feels as though, you know, the Speaker is maybe getting a little political in their statement, I think it's the responsibility of the Deputy to ask the Speaker to step down with that statement and stop speaking. So just a

couple things that we have within our Standing Orders currently I think that could protect us from what we're talking about. So just throwing that out there as well.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

And I'm sure everyone's refreshed to know that, that being, you're always protected from a rogue Speaker. Any other comments on this matter? Hearing none, what I propose is perhaps we can go through the amendments. Is there anything else from you, Lee, or from you, Loretta or Mary? Perhaps we can go through the amendments one by one and we can conduct a vote on each and with the stipulation that we're going to strike the proposed change to vote as it pertains to voting.

MR. EDMUNDS:

And I guess for clarity, Mr. Chair, I guess I can add in addition asking the Assembly if they support that the Standing Order that the Speaker can make a Member's statement is.

MS. MICHELIN:

I'm not sure that that was decided. Was that decided?

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

It was sort of brought forward as a discussion point because there was never; there's nothing that says yes or no to this particular aspect. There's nothing in our Standing Orders, so it was always done as a bit of a flier. Now we can maintain that on a go-forward basis should the Assembly want. And the Assembly, at any point in time can, any time the Speaker wants to make a Member statement, the Assembly can approve or disapprove that request on a case-by-case basis. But, you know, there was nothing in the Standing Orders about it so we thought it

was worthwhile bringing it, having some discussion about it. Mr. Edmunds, do you want to proceed.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. So the proposed changes that we're suggesting within the motion is that subsection 3 be added to Section 5 of the Standing Orders to read, "Notwithstanding Standing Order 5(1), the Speaker may, with the consent of the Assembly, extend the Assembly sittings for any reason the Speaker considers necessary and 2) That subsection 4 be added to the Standing Order 23 to read that the orders of the day may be amended with unanimous consent of the Assembly and 3) That subsection 3 be added to Section 29 to read that the 35-minute time limit for Minister statements may be extended with the approval of the Assembly and 4) That the words 'per statement' be added after five minutes in Standing Order 3(a) ; sorry, that subsection 3(a) be added to the Standing Order 30 to read that Members shall not exceed five minutes per statement and 5) That the new Standing Order be added, Standing Order 81, that Members of the Assembly are prohibited from using any electronic device including cell phones and computers during Assembly sittings unless the member has received prior consent from the Assembly."

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

So this is the motion as originally brought forward with the exception with the clause about voting methodology, that has been removed from this motion, and also we will not be voting on the approval of the speaker to make Member statements. So the rest of the things I — any other comments? All those in favour of the proposed amendments? Any nays?

Your motion is carried. Now back into regular Assembly and, as such, we'll move onto item 16 of the *Orders of the Day*. Oh, I'm sorry. I'll give a moment for our witness to excuse herself. As we were saying now onto item 16 on the *Orders of the Day*, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today and with that, we'll move onto Item 17. Item 17 of the *Orders of the Day* is "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today. Move onto Item 18. Item 18, "Assent to Bills, and there are no assent to bills today. And before we move onto Item 19 on the *Orders of the Day*, Item 19 would be our "Adjournment," I believe the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey, would like to — and this is not contained within our *Orders of the Day*. However, I will allow Ms. Wolfrey to make a statement.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, I was hoping we could do it in the policies and procedures thing but anyway.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

But now with the policies and procedures was just considered the amendments that had been done that flowed from the meeting we had back in June and from a report that was tabled earlier today.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yesterday, we were here for 20 minutes and that concerned me. I think we should have, on an go-forward basis, and I don't mean this with any disrespect. You kind of know what we had to do on that day, and I think that we should have at some point before we got to adjournment, stopped and kind of said can we — whatever you've got to do to get to, to get some of that stuff done where we would have waived the motion of going into Committee of the Whole, for example, to discuss the ferry. I

think on a go-forward basis we should look at that in a more productive way, to use our time more productively. Okay. That's all I've got to say.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

Are there any other comments before we adjourn? Hearing none.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I also agree with AngajukKâk Wolfrey that we should look at waiving Standing Order whatever, whatever to some time address things on a day when there's time permits.

MR. RUDKOWSKI:

There is something within the Standing Orders which allows us to have some flexibility with the Orders of the Day. So that vehicle does indeed exist, and I certainly have no aversion whatsoever to employing it if indeed that's the will of the Assembly. Okay. So, anyway, I think it's been a very interesting session today. I thank everyone for their input. You know, surprising things that come to the floor when we delve into some deep discussions, but it's been a very good sitting and thank you, everybody for your input, and I wish everyone a safe journey home. Again, thank you, everybody.