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In Attendance:

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

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders

President of Nunatsiavut, Honorable Johannes Lampe

First Minister and Ordinary Member for Postville, Honorable Tyler Edmunds

Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honorable Anthony Andersen

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

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honorable Gregory Flowers

Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen

Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms. Susan Onalik

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs. Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

Chair Person of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

Absent:

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

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

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

Legal Counsel, Ms. Annike Flomen

Acting Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett

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MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Ulaakut*, I would now like to call to order the 11th session of the 4th Nunatsiavut Assembly at 9:05 a.m. And I ask that, Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituencies, please say the opening prayer.

MR. SAUNDERS: [Recites prayer.]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, we are now onto Item Number 2 "Orders of the Day", and I will ask that President of the Nunatsiavut Government, the honourable Johannes Lampe, please give his opening address.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Nakummek, UKatti, [In Inuktitut] Thank you, Madam Speaker. I got the opportunity that's new to provide opening remarks. Final gathering of the tradition and Transition Among the Labrador Inuit, *Tautselaulluk*. Let's Exchange brought together with many from the academic field, as well as traditional knowledge elders to seek and learn about the tremendous work that has been accomplished under this great initiative. When we signed the agreement with Memorial University to begin this initiative, going forward five years ago. Madam Speaker, at that time our goal was to strengthen all traditional Inuit knowledge and the research being conducted in Nunatsiavut, continuing vitality, and Labrador culture. Not too long-ago Inuit traditional knowledge was virtually ignored by the

academic community. Our way of life, our customs and traditions were dismissed. Research was carried out without our knowledge or our input. Because of this Inuit have a lot of resentment towards the academic community. There was no trust. The tradition and transition among the Labrador Inuit partnership has certainly helped to build this trust. It has also allowed researchers to learn more about the rich culture and history of Labrador Inuit in our homeland. It has strengthened our relationship, and has planted seeds for future collaboration, and to help each other. I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dr. Tom Gordon, Professor Emeritus at Memorial School and the Professor of music who initially led this project. Tom played a pivotal role in establishing the partnership by working closely with the work, with our communities on a wide range of issues. I also want to thank Dr. Lisa Rankin for picking up where Tom left off, and to all others who made this partnership a success. Most notably the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the important contributions made by more than 20 partner organizations. [In English] Madam Speaker, I also had the opportunity to present virtually to the premier's task force on health on October 14th. The taskforce is looking at critical issues in the provinces health care system with the goal of developing a ten-year plan for a health accord for improvement. My presentation, Madam Speaker, focused on inclusion and the need for changes withing the health care system to better serve indigenous peoples by ensuring cultural awareness and diversity is encouraged and promoted. But inclusion requires much more than

cultural awareness, Madam Speaker. It requires trying to understand where people are coming from, both in a geographic and cultural sense. From a geographic perspective, systems need to understand where we come from. And what services we have available to us. And how difficult it may be for us to access other services. It can be extremely difficult and foreign for someone whose first language is not English, and who isn't used to or comfortable being in a large city or a large building. This highlights the importance of Indigenous Patient Navigators. A vital link, and a practical service that can be provided to people who are not used to that system. From a cultural perspective you also need to think about entering a healthcare system where the language is foreign, outside your community, and often away from your family and support networks. Our healthcare administrators must embrace the need to do better by working proactively with indigenous communities in overcoming challenges rather than simply reacting to problems as they arise. In many circles, including healthcare, indigenisation is understood as a means to include indigenous people. Therein lies the part of the challenge when developing and implementing inclusion policies that require indigenous peoples to bear the responsibility for change. Indigenous inclusion must promote many different culturally routed initiatives aimed at making our healthcare system more welcoming. Cultural awareness training should be mandatory for all healthcare staff throughout the province. And all efforts must be made to ensure translation services are available. More needs to be done to encourage indigenous students to seek careers in

healthcare and to ensure necessary supports are provided in order for them to succeed. This could include implementing indigenous focused services, and provisions for continued learning through peer mentorship programs and initiatives. Change, Madam Speaker, must come from within the healthcare system, not from the outside. Inclusion is an essential element for improved health and healthcare, but a systematic transformation is required from within the system to ensure success. As members of this assembly is aware, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has been closely watching these conversations that have taken place in communities over social media about Labrador Inuit and the NCC. We have taken time to reveal and research NCC's claims and have come to an informed position. Based on our research, our consultations, and a history of our people. The NEC does not recognize the proposed NCC land claim. We recognize that some members of the NCC may themselves have some indigenous ancestry and backgrounds. But the NCC is not entitled to Inuit rights and it has no viable claim to land in Labrador. I would encourage all Assembly members if they haven't done so already to read the report that was completed by Darryl Leroux, the report can be found on our website. I should also note, Madam Speaker, that Nunatsiavut Government has applied for intervenor status in the inter-nation litigations against the government of Canada in relation to considering the NCC claim. We feel this is a critical step to protecting our rights, land culture and identity. We will make sure, to keep you informed as we continue to move forward. We will

continue to inform and strengthen what we know. Work to protect our land claim on behalf of beneficiaries. And continue to advocate for Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, President Lampe. We will now move onto Item Number 3, "Recognition of visitors in the gallery." *Ulakut*, I would like to acknowledge everybody who may be listening online to our audio feed, and thank you for your interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I'd also like to welcome our — we have a guest today for the first time in quite a while. We have Ms. Isabella Pain, so I'd like to welcome her. We are slowly moving, hopefully, out of our Covid public health protocols and will hopefully in the near future be allowed to have more visitors in the gallery. We are also working towards live broadcasting our Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings. I think that will encourage more beneficiaries to become more interested and following what we do when we actually sit in Hopedale. I think it's a great move forward, it will take a little bit of time but it is something that the Speaker's office has been working on. I'd also like to mention that you may notice a few slight changes in our Assembly chamber, meaning our water jugs and glasses. And I've implemented that because I felt as an Assembly, we come to Hopedale, in the past we have created a lot of garbage which ends up in the Hopedale landfill and I think as elected officials we need to lead by example and we need to be better. So our hope is to get rid of single use plastics and styrofoams in the Assembly building and move forward with water jugs and glasses and getting away from paper plates and utensils.

So thank you for that and I hope everybody is enjoying the slight changes. The Honourable Jim Lyall, Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard have been properly excused from attending this sitting. As you are aware, the Honourable Carlene Palliser, who served as the Minister of Education and Economic Development, and who was also the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, has left our government to pursue other opportunities. On behalf of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, I would like to thank Ms. Palliser for her outstanding public service and leadership. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours, and I know I will certainly miss Ms. Palliser around the Assembly table. So for the information of the Assembly, with regards to a by-election for the ordinary member for Rigolet, since under Inuit Law the latest date for a by-election cannot be held within 3 months before the next general election day. So basically with the timelines for the resignation of Ms. Palliser, the time to call an election, to hold the election cannot be within three months of the next election for Ordinary Member which will be in May so there will not be a by-election at this time. And it states in the constitution that we shall not have it, so it's something that we have to follow. I would also like to mention that we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately. And as much in the beginning, we need to be just as cautious in protecting ourselves, our beneficiaries, and our communities. As elected officials, we are — of the Nunatsiavut government, we are held to a higher

standard we need to lead by example in following public health protocols to ensure we keep the COVID-19 virus out of our communities. So as stated before, all those in attendance, although it's great to see everybody back at the table, we still need to wear our masks at all times while we are seated. You may remove your mask if you feel that you can't speak, when you are done speaking please put your mask back on. We also have, as you can see, hand sanitizers, Lysol wipes, and tissues at your stations, so please use that, as necessary. I would like to welcome our interpreter translators for this Assembly sitting, Ms. Katie Winters who came to us from Nain, thank you very much. And Mr. Gus Semigak who's also with us, am very happy to see Gus here. I'm also very happy to welcome Nicholas Flowers, who is also I guess job shadowing or shadowing the translators in the booth, who are also wearing their masks, just for some clarification. So thank you Nicholas for being here. I love to see your passion for learning the language and understanding the process for translation. We would also like to welcome Ches Evans who is our IT person, who fulfills the duty very well when very last minute we have an issue that arises. So thank you Ches for attending as well. I'd like to recognize Ms. Sarah Abel from the OK society. She's been here and has been great as well. If we have any travel questions around logistics, please see Tabea Onalik, the Assistant to the Clerk. And with that being said we will now move onto Item Number 4 which is " The Oaths of Office." I will now turn these proceedings to the President of

Nunatsiavut, the Honourable Johannes Lampe for the Administration of Oaths. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, UKatti. We will now proceed in the Committee of the Whole for the selection of Minister of Education and Economic Development. First Minister, are you ready to nominate an Ordinary Member for the portfolio of the Department of Education and Economic Development?

MR. EDMUNDS

Nakummek, Honourable President. I would like to nominate an Ordinary Member for this position. And I am pleased to nominate Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the Minister of Education and Economic Development.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Ms. Winters-Wheeler, do you accept the nomination?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, President Lampe. Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT LAMPE:

I will now ask the Assembly if there is consensus on the nomination of Ms. Marlene Winters Wheeler, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, for the Minister of Education and Economic Development of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek,* to the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for your consensus. And since it is your will, I wish to appoint Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, and Speaker as the Minister of Education and Economic Development of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations to the Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler, and I invite you to come to the front so that I can administer your oaths of office.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I, Marlene Winters-Wheeler, office as minister with honour and dignity.

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

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I will be a true and faithful councillor to the President.

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibility as a leader in accordance with all applicable standards and codes of conduct.

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

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I will perform the functions of my office consciously and to the best of my ability.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: So help me God.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: So help me God.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: **No audio in English at all** – As a result of this appointment, the office of Speaker is now vacant. I ask for the approval of the Assembly to ask Mr. Roland Saunders, Deputy Speaker, to assume the Speaker's chair until a new speaker has been appointed as Speaker. We are still in the Committee of the Whole for the selection of the new Speaker. I wish to nominate Ms. Susan Onalik for the office of Speaker. Ms. Onalik, do you accept the nomination?

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Johannes, Mr. President Lampe. Thank you, yes, I do.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Canada, would you like an opportunity to address the assembly?

MS. ONALIK: I'm good, thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now ask the assembly if there is consensus on the nomination that Ms. Susan Onalik, the Ordinary Member for Canada be appointed as the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. *Nakummek*, to the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly for your consensus. And since it is your will, I appoint Susan Onalik, Ordinary Member for the Canadian constituency as the Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations, and I invite you to come to the front so that I can administer your oath of office.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Speaks in Inuktitut] I in front of everyone as a representative for the Nunatsiavut government, and recognize all work that I have to do, the responsibilities that I have, that is given to me, to represent the Nunatsiavut government Assembly. I, Susan Onalik, swear in faith to hold and to preserve the cultures and priorities for the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I swear the cultures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I do swear and say truthfully as a representative and spokesperson for the Nunatsiavut Assembly, to the best of my ability to represent the work for the Nunatsiavut Assembly. And to use the guidelines for the Assembly as best of my ability. Truthfully in equality and sound mind and to the work that has to do with the Nunatsiavut Assembly to work at Nunatsiavut Assemblies at the work that has to be done. Therefore, help me God.

Thank you. I now present to you , the new Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Susan Onalik.
Congratulations.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, President Lampe. On behalf of the Assembly, I would like to offer congratulations to the newly appointed Minister, Marlene Winter-Wheeler and I wish you nothing but success during your tenure. I would also like to nominate Mr. Roland Saunders, as Ordinary Member of Canada, as Deputy speaker and I ask if he accepts.

MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, thank you , Madam Speaker, I do accept. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: Thank you, and with that we are going to break at 9:44 for ten minutes.
Thank you.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK: Thank you, now we are back in Assembly. And I think the lunch menu is going around, everybody had a chance to sign? Send it this way if you can. *Nakummek*. We're going to move onto Item 5 "Minister Statements". Are there any "Minister Statements"? I call on First Minister, Tyler Edmunds to give his Minister Statement.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. Again, congratulations for the recent appointment and the confidence that has been instilled in you from the Assembly. Madam Speaker, I do have to deliver a statement, today, from the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. But I do hope to return to that at the end of Ministerial Statements, if that's okay. But today I'd like to open up with just a brief update from Nunatsiavut Affairs, today,

talking about infrastructure primarily tomorrow I will go through the registrar and updates on the housing file. Madam Speaker, as the Assembly is likely aware, the amount under the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund for Inuit *Nunangat*, was \$517 Million over the course of four years. The funding distribution formula that is adopted by the ITK board of directors was used at the recent AGM in Iqaluit to allocate those funds, resulting in the Nunatsiavut Government receiving \$61.5 million, over the next four years, towards infrastructure projects. We have not executed contribution agreements as of yet, [Speaks in Inuktitut, *Ukallatik*, but we do anticipate that some funding will flow before the end of 2021. We are in the process of developing an infrastructure gap analysis to better capture what is needed in each of our communities. However, as a reminder to the assembly some priority areas that were identified by the NEC within the last year included the Nain airstrip feasibility studies, feasibility studies to upgrade all airstrips across Nunatsiavut, broadband infrastructure upgrades, the Hopedale shelter, moving forward with seniors' units, and training facilities within our communities. We have had some progress on these fronts over the last year, Madam Speaker, including financing for the feasibility studies for the Nain airstrip, under the National Trade Corridors Fund, and construction of housing units for seniors, but we will need renew some of our priorities as a government with the commitment of these new infrastructure dollars. Madam Speaker, these funds are an unprecedented commitment from the government of Canada, and it is a

product of many years of advocacy and lobbying from our Inuit region and other indigenous groups. However much more work is needed on this front to ensure that our communities are not only working towards minimizing the infrastructure gap between Inuit *Nunangat* and the rest of Canada, but our communities are thriving, healthy, and independent.

Madam Speaker, I am also pleased to update the assembly that we are adding capacity within Nunatsiavut Affairs, specific to infrastructure. Two new positions will be created, and the existing position of Property Manager will be reprofiled to focus on maintenance. The new positions are Capital Project Coordinator and Policy Analyst for Infrastructure.

Both positions focus on planning and long-term infrastructure within our region, however the Capital Project Coordinator has more emphasis on tendering and supervision of projects. We also intend the Policy Analyst to focus on land use as an integral part of infrastructure planning, and we'll have to work closely with the Inuit community governments on this

file. *UKallatik*, there is significant demand on our department as we continue to work towards alleviating the infrastructure deficit, and trust that these new positions will be extremely valuable within our

governments and within our communities. Quickly, Madam Speaker, I will speak to the status of some projects under construction and those that are tendered for design. With respect to the Rigolet HSD building, the design is completed and the tenders to be released for construction with a construction start date of June 2022. Madam Speaker, while we intend to move forward with the freight storage facilities in Nain,

Postville and Rigolet, we encounter some delays this year and are in the process of tendering for construction, and intend to construct during the summer of 2022. The design of the seniors units in both Hopedale and Nain is under way, and we intend to begin construction in June or July of next year. As a reminder this project will provide twelve units for seniors between the two communities. And Madam Speaker, the existing building on 114 Middle Path Avenue in Nain, has been removed and a new mini home will arrive in July of 2022 to assist with homelessness in the community. Finally, Madam Speaker, the Hopedale storage facility will be completed construction at the end of the month. That is the end of my update for infrastructure *UKallatik*. Again I will have some updates tomorrow around the registrar of housing and our recent meeting that we had in Goose Bay with Torngat 's board of directors. *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I now call upon Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister of Land and Natural Resources.

MR. FLOWERS:

Anyway, on renewable resources, Madam Speaker, as most people know, the commercial fishery has come to an end on October 30th. That was the shrimp quota for the in shore that we landed at Charlottetown, that plant closed on October 30th and most of our shrimp quota was caught, but the remainder of the quota will be sold to the off shore industry.

Also, Madam Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that our newly approved commercial fishing designation policy that was started sometime ago, Madam Speaker, we started off in Nain, last night, yesterday. This policy will be, I guess, going through all the communities being Postville on the

23rd, Makkovik 24th, Hopedale 25th, Rigolet the 26th and Upper Lake Melville, Happy Valley-Goose Bay on December 2nd. This Policy, Madam Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that this is for our in-shore fisher and our off-shore fishers that would like to get into their own boats and fish crab, turbot, and shrimp, mainly. It will give them a huge opportunity to look at owning their own boats and, you know, in the long run, Madam Speaker, these fishers will be able to become almost like a fleet of Nunatsiavut fishers, with their own vessels. Which I am, you know, very pleased to say that it was in the works for a long time. There were ministers before me that certainly did a lot of this leg work and we're finally getting to the point that we'll have more fisherman in the fishery that owns their own vessels. And not so much of this leasing arrangement, which I think is a great step forward in our fishery. So I'm very pleased with that, Madam Speaker, and I'd like to say, you know, a job well done to former ministers and deputy ministers who started this ball rolling back, I think it was in 2012 that we finally started this process. So I'm very pleased about that and I hope that we'll see our fishers proudly owning their own vessels. Also Madam Speaker, the LISA moose hunting season opened on September 14th and will close on March the 7th, 2022. We have 25 moose licenses for this area, and as to date 5 licenses have been filled, so a few people have killed moose, which is a good sign this fall, so hopefully some communities are getting a bit of meat. We also, Madam Speaker, had 30 non-*profit* moose licenses for the Gros Morin again this year. Our staff went to Gros Morin on October

17th. All the licenses were filled. So the meat will be all processed and into Goose Bay ready for shipping very shortly so, before early December we're hoping to see the moose meat again for our communities and also for Upper Lake Melville, and Northwest River. The province of Newfoundland took up a fall classification on the George River caribou heard. And a staff member from our department took part in the classification. The final results of the fall classification are not available to the public yet, so we're actually looking soon to have the results. And I must say that the results from preliminary, what we already see is the George River caribou heard is looking good. We'll have more information on a later date on that one. For the Lands division, Madam Speaker, we have 39 land use applications, submitted for 2021 and they are in various stages of processing. Also Madam Speaker, the department issued a public notice earlier this month avoiding the delay on processing some of the Labrador Inuit applications. There is an issue, Madam Speaker, with the mapping system in the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement mapping systems. Our GIS specialist is working on the Labrador Inuit land parcel misalignment issues and hopefully in the new year we'll have this sorted. Some of the cabin owners who's looking at their lands, they might see some delays in their application, Madam Speaker, and that's the reason why. Madam Speaker, a approach navigation system, including a weather station approximately 10 kilometres south of Nain for weather monitoring, day-to-day, propose new airport near Nain. The two-year weather station will assist Nain in plans for the proposed new airport. So

there's some movement on that , Madam Speaker. Impacts and Benefits:

Madam Speaker, the Voisey's Bay mining mill expansion is going well.

Numerous job ads have been posted in the last number of months. Low

numbers of NG Beneficiaries applicants have been applying for work.

However they are for qualified positions. Madam Speaker, I'd like to say

that the low numbers of our beneficiaries applying for work, I don't know

if that's a —we have a, I know that we have a lot of people working in

Voisey's Bay but I'd like to see more of beneficiaries applying because

there's a lot of work right now at Voisey's Bay and I hope that they will

continue to apply. Our IBA coordinator in Vale Inuit Employment

Coordinator completed community visits in Postville and Makkovik,

during September 20th to the 24th, assisting people who might require

help in their resumes, applying for employment and information on all

types of programs and Jobs are available in Voisey's Bay. Again, Madam

Speaker, it'll all turn out in both the communities, Makkovik and Postville.

The staff was also in Hopedale on the 28th — I mean October 18th to

21st. And low turnouts again, Madam Speaker. I hope that Madam

Speaker, I feel that we need to do a bit more to get our people who — I

know not everybody's working but we certainly need more people out to

apply for jobs. Madam Speaker, we continue to work, we have weekly

calls from Vale regarding COVID-19, employees residing in areas under

alert level 3 are restricted from traveling to Voisey's Bay. All employees

will be required to be fully vaccinated and have their VaxPass by

November 30th. Those that are not fully vaccinated will have to do the

COVID test, at their own expense, prior to traveling to Voisey's Bay.

Madam Speaker, I'd just like to say that that's my statement for today.

I'm going to go into non renewable resource division tomorrow and the environment division. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Gregory Flowers. I now call upon Honourable Anthony Andersen, Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I have very brief update since last Assembly sitting in September. There have been a staffing change in the Human Resources Division, Ms. Janice Webb resigned her position taking a new position as Human Resources Manager with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and we wish her well in her new role. Madam Speaker, I am please to inform the Assembly that we have recruited a Director of Human Resources, a position that has not been filled for a number of years. Gary Adams has started work today as Director of Human Resources. He has made the long trek here from the Northwest Territories and is based out of the Nain administrative office. Please join me in welcoming Gary to Nunatsiavut. Operationally there have been 151 job competitions during the 2021 calendar year. The count does not include when positions have not been readvertised due to no applications or no qualified applicants. The Information Technology Division continues to work tirelessly on a number of day-to-day operational items, as well as projects. The IT Division is finally fully staffed with five IT Support Specialists, Manager of Data Systems, and

Director of IT. Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government recently awarded two projects related to data management to the Firelight Group. These projects will assist with the development of a data governance framework and also a complete and environmental data scans of physical and electronic data within the Nunatsiavut Government. As a final note, Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government has not yet received a response to the application to the Universal Broadband Fund. Thank you, Madam Speaker, that's my update for this Assembly sitting.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Anthony Andersen. I now call upon Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler, Minister of Education and Economic Development.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, UKatti. I'd like to congratulate you as well and to your recent appointment, I know you'll do a great job. So here's a thank you to my colleague Minister Andersen for providing me with the update for the Education Division update. Kaleigh, under the division restructure, Kaleigh went on maternity leave on October the 15th and Charlie Mae Dyson has been hired for her replacement as Secretary/Receptionist for the next 18 months. For the fall 2021 school post secondary season, currently there are 230 full and part-time students who have started the fall semester. All late applications have been processed and we are now working on new applications for the winter 2022 semester. There are many enhancements to our supports in addition to the new financial benefits for our students. The student handbook can be found on the Nunatsiavut website for anybody who would like to have a look. The St.

John's post-secondary student support program office closure:. Tim McNeill, Jody, and Tracy-Ann traveled to St. John's for the last days before the office closure. Staff were presented with gifts of service from the Nunatsiavut Government, as well as personal gifts from other staff. Final boxes of files and equipment were shipped to Labrador and the doors of 95 Lemarchant Road officially closed on October 27, 2021. I'd like to thank the staff I know they helped me in my post secondary career for a while, so they did a great job, they've helped so many students and I think they did a wonderful job. And I wish them all well. There's also an update on the new building for the Education Division. After further discussions and planning for future growth, the original plan for a 3,600 square foot building were increased to 7,200 square foot building, to accommodated the number of current Education Division staff, as well as plans for future growth. The contract for design has already been awarded and construction is scheduled to start next summer. Thank you, *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Marlene Winters-Wheeler. Are there any more Minister statements? I call upon the Honourable Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Speaker. Congratulations on your new appointment. I'm sure you'll do very well and enjoy your new role. Also to the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Marlene Wheeler, congratulations you'll do very well, as well. My statement is very brief today, or briefer than normal I should say, sorry. Madam Speaker, third

dose vaccine clinics rolled from Saturday November 13th to Friday November 19th. All communities are complete. We are unsure of exact numbers at this point but should have more information next week, as we update our statistics. A mobile eye clinic is scheduled for the community of Postville, from November 22nd to November 26th. Wendy Wells will complete another hygiene visit to all five NG communities from November 16th to December 8th. Doctor Powers' scheduled to Nain and Hopedale from November 23rd to December 11th. Doctor Toor is scheduled to return to Makkovik, Postville and Rigolet in January 2022. Dr. Crocker will conduct a denture clinic in the community of Rigolet from November 22nd to the 26th, and in Nain from November 26 to December 1st. Madam Speaker, a five day a week Skedivac service rolled out in October. Additional flights on Tuesday and Thursday is planned to continue until March 31st, 2022. A meeting is being held with Labrador-Grenfell Health this week to evaluate the service thus far. Regular community programs are running in all communities. There was some concern about the provincial requirements for a VaxPass to attend DHSD community program. Programs delivered within our buildings do not require attendees to produce a VaxPass. But programs delivered at other venues have to follow the regulations of the venue. Congratulations and welcome to some new positions within the DHSD. Team Leader position in Hopedale has been filled by Sukie Aggek. Alexis Cooper is the Secretary Receptionist in Happy Valley community office, on a maternity relief position. Food Security Program is fully staffed, the community

food worker in Nain is Ethan Angnatok. And a food security coordinator is Debbie Lyall. The community health worker position for Postville has been offered and awaiting the applicants response. Rigolet has a full complement of staff, Jennifer Michelin is a new community health worker, and Sherrylynn Allen is a temporary full-time position as secretary receptionist. Five staff of Nunatsiavut participated in the Children's Oral Health Initiative training held in Goose Bay on November 2nd and 3rd. Due to COVID restrictions, DHSD was not able to deliver the program last year. The program can once again be delivered and training has ensured that all communities have the staff capacity to do so. The program is very successful and is so important for early intervention of oral health. The 2021 nominations for Inuit woman of the year closed on November 19th. It was open for anyone to nominate a Labrador Inuit woman who they felt deserved the recognition. A committee will review all nominations and make a decision soon. Take Back the Night events were held in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville in September and October. I was proud to participate in Happy Valley Goose Bay and Northwest River. The Food Security Manager presented as a panellist at Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami Poverty Reduction Summit. She is involved with the Nourish project which is a multi partner project working to improve access to country food in institutions. Specifically hospitals and long-term care. She has also just completed food safety training and is now Food Safety Instructor. The deputy minister continues to sit on a committee with other indigenous groups, with Labrador-Grenfell Health

to address racism within the healthcare system and to promote culturally safe spaces and services. Also the deputy minister sits on the Social Detriments of Health committee and two sub-committees as part of Newfoundland and Labrador Health Accord. This work has been very intensive as the calls to action are finalized with the final report scheduled to be released in December or January. In closing, Madam Speaker, I was going to give an update on the COVID-19 vaccination tracker within Nunatsiavut as of November 22nd, 2021. Please note that due to the nature of data collection there may be delays in receipt and input of data. Data is also subject to change. Individuals aged 12 and older who reside in the community, so the first overall dosage coverage 100.9 per cent Overall second dosage, 92.3 per cent. The community of Hopedale. I should note first why that number is above 100 per cent, because normally within statistics we only go up to 100 per cent, however some communities showed greater than 100 per cent, community denominator numbers are based on beneficiaries statistics from the registrars office in Nain. So Hopedale, dose one, 110.7 per cent. Dose two, 101.9 per cent. 518 doses given out for dose one, 477 of dose two. And the eligible was 406 so that's why — 468 sorry, so that's why the numbers proportionally high and great job Hopedale. Makkovik, eligible 278, dose one 98.9 per cent dose two 88.5 per cent. Nain, eligible 860, dose one 96.2 per cent, dose two 87.6 per cent. Postville, eligible 146, dose one 97.9 per cent, dose two 86.3 per cent. And finally, not least but last, Rigolet, eligible 265 dose one 103 per cent, dose two 98.1

per cent. I will share this COVID tracker with the assembly for your own reference. I also encourage madam speaker if you have not received the dosage this is your choice however DHSD and NG strongly encourages for the safety of yourself, your wellbeing, your family, your communities, please get vaccinated. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Gerald Asivak. Are there any more Minister Statements? I call upon Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Ukallatik. As I said earlier, I will be delivering an update from English culture and tourism and again thank you to Minister Asivak for delivering us the vaccination numbers. And we do often hear the saying that you know you give a 110 per cent, and we say that's not possible but Hopedale's clearly proving us wrong on that front. But in all seriousness, seeing the improvement in the some of those percentages especially across Nain and Postville, extremely promising so good work to the department for pushing this, and good work to the public health nurses for delivering the vaccines to our community members. Today the update will be on Tourism and Archaeology, tomorrow I will provide an update from the department on the Division of Culture. The department is welcoming several new hires, they mentioned Nicola Burke, who has moved to the position of Torngat Mountains Basecamp Coordinator, they're welcoming her. They also welcome Corey Hutchings to Archeology and Heritage, and to Deidra Elliot as the Heritage program Coordinator. Within culture there's two new staff. Rudy Lampe is the

new interpreter-translator coordinator, and Nicholas Flowers just started a few weeks ago as the new language program community worker and he is replacing Natalie Lane. So congratulations Nicholas and again good to see you in the booth there today. Under tourism, the staff have been traveling to five communities to present the refreshed Nunatsiavut tourism strategy. During the community visits they are gathering information and discussing ways to shape and implement that strategy they are planning a tourism session, in the new year to bring together different partners from the communities. During that session they will present the implementation plan for the strategy and the provincial government will also present their tourism vision. They have applied for funding from the provincial government and will be working closely with the province for this event. The department is working with Tourism Cathy Canada to develop and deliver a new online introductory tourism training for Nunatsiavut staff and industry partners. The training will be available for all tourism partners and who are beneficiaries. The course is meant to help community partners understand the tourism industry and tourism ecosystem. Staff have also been traveling to present the Nunatsiavut Art Strategy and are finalizing that implementation as well. They have supported four artists to attend a bookkeeping and introduction to Etsy workshops in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. That was organized by the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce. The bookkeeping portion of the workshop was successful and they are hoping to offer it to more artists. They also supported three artists to attend the

Newfoundland and Labrador Craft Council's Christmas Craft Fair. This is the only juried craft fair in the province and the event took place on November the 11th and again was a huge success. Another exciting piece that I think most people look forward to is the Nunatsiavut Christmas craft auction that will be taking place again this year started just a few days ago and I think it's concluding within the next couple days maybe. But it was a tremendous success last year and hopefully there's a lot of uptake in that. Graves' construction was hired to construct the four porches for the Hebron Church this year. They're hoping to release another tender in the new year for restoration of the building, in 2022. The staff are continuing to work on projects such as the Stories of Labrador project, and Hebron Ambassador Guidebook. Last update from tourism is that the Torngat Mountains basecamp and research station was closed for guests this year, but they worked with other departments with NG research and another maintenance season. Under Archeology, Madam Speaker, as COVID restrictions loosen, three external archeologists were able to complete work under permit from the department. Two researchers from Mun and Levelle worked in Hopedale and Nain. A third archeologist completed a mandated archeology assessment in Hopedale in advance of the installation of new power poles. These archeologists are on track with required paperwork and reports and the submissions have been reviewed and accepted. Archeology assessments for land use and mineral exploration requests continue with over 40 assessments, so far this year, ranging from new and old cabin lots,

mineral prospecting , temporary research camps and weather station installations. Monitoring of the installation of the porches at the former Hebron Mission was a large-scale project. The excavation involved 16 post holes and additional ground disturbance lead to the collection of a significant number of artifacts. A portion of these artifacts were catalogued in the field and joined the collection in the Mission house.

MS. ONALIK:

Excuse me, sorry for interrupting. The 35-minute time frame for Minister Statements has passed. I ask if there is approval from the assembly to extend the time for minister statements under Standing Order 29 Section 3, all in favour. All opposed. It's being done, thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. *Nakummek* to the Assembly, I will provide just a couple more points for today and again I'm sure that we can work to make sure that these statements are distributed to the assembly as we did back in September as well. Other in-house field work undertaken included accompanying researcher Eloise Barbell, sorry if I've mispronounced that. In her attempt to relocate Inuit sites in the Nain region. In conducting a preliminary survey in an area south of Nain, in advance of installation of a weather station associated with the proposed airport. So again, Madam Speaker, there is a few other points there from the department of Archeology but I'm sure that this can be distributed to the assembly for their information. Tomorrow will be updates from Division of Culture. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, First Minister. That concludes Item 5, "Minister Statements". Moving onto Item 6, "Member Statements". Are there any

"Member Statements"? I call upon the Chair of Sivunivut, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Congratulations to Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Marlene Winters-Wheeler on her appointment as the new Minister for the Department of Education and Economic Development, and OM for the Canadian Constituency, Susan Onalik, for becoming our new Speaker at the Assembly. I am sure you both will take on your new roles with the same work ethic shown at the Assembly in the past. Sivunivut would like to thank the Nunatsiavut Government for the recent donation of seven boxes of char to our community freezer as this is additional food security for our seniors. Also we would like to thank the Department of Lands and Natural Resources for the recent hunting and harvesting of our provincial moose license. Once received we will know that the seniors will be happy to have this item again. I would like to thank our Upper Lake Melville Ordinary Members, Marlene Winters-Wheeler and Gerald Asivak for the recent meet and greet they held with our community. Everyone enjoyed the visit and are looking forward to the next one. So nice to see the interaction between everyone and the information given was well received. Thanks again for the *Tasiujatsoak* Trust Fund for enabling some of our members to learn how to make a parka. This course was approved during COVID-19 so it could not be held until now. We had so much interest that we had to turn members down. We hope in the future we can apply again and ensure that everyone who would like to learn how to make a parka will

get the opportunity. In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and all the best in the new year. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Maxine Winters. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and congratulations on your appointment as Speaker, and to the Minister of Education and Economic Development as well on your just recent appointment this morning. Madam Speaker, I'd like to speak to the near failure of the crab fishery in Nunatsiavut this 2021 season. I would hope that we have learned from the cod fishery failure 33 years ago. Now, we need to make sure that this fishery will be sustainable into the future by ensuring that it is well managed in the way that all stakeholders are engaged and involved, if that's not already taking place. The Makkovik fish plant depends on the crab fishery for a large portion of its operational season. If the stocks fail then the Torngat fisheries producers co-op could lose its valuable crab markets and not to mention the now very low workforce numbers, we could lose them as well. I would hope that the Nunatsiavut Government as a whole would recognize that this is a major issue that will affect the entire region should the stocks go to the point of not being able to recover. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Makkovik. I now call upon the AngajukKâk from Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte, sorry.

MS. WOLFREY:

Nakummek, UKatti. And congratulations on your appointment, you're a natural. And also congratulations to Ms. Marlene Wheeler on her appointment. I'm sure you both will put the same amount of effort and push as you did in your former positions. Thank you. Madam Speaker, I would like to begin my statement today by telling the residents of my community that my heart is with you. I only wish I could be there in person to honor Anita Rich's life as today is the day of her funeral. To my great grandson Kaeden and my grandson Jobe, I'm sending you loves and hugs. To Sue, Guido and Natasha, Mike, Fraser, and your extended families, I send you all wishes for peace strength and love. Today will be a hard day for everyone in my community and my thoughts and prayers are going out to you. May God's blessings be with everyone today.

Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carlene Palliser for her public service to our community as Ordinary Member and for servicing on the Executive Counsel of the Nunatsiavut Government. I want to wish Carlene all the best in her future endeavours. You'll be missed here, Carlene, at this table as well as from community members you helped individually and collectively. [Speaks Inuktitut], love you.

Madam Speaker, Rigolet, like many communities had Remembrance Day celebrations and activities on November 11th. And I would like to thank the Rigolet Rangers and Junior Rangers, as well as the RCMP, for hosting this ceremony. I would also like to thank Nunatsiavut Government for the cod and char to our community freezer and we are looking forward to getting moose meat in the near future from the recent hunt. Madam

Speaker, it is good to see that two of our younger men went out and harvested a moose, and I saw them delivering meat to elders. It is good to see this sharing of your catch especially with people who cannot hunt for themselves. I would like to congratulate Eldred Allen for Solo exhibition Remembrance. Eldred made portraits of many elders of Rigolet and has a beautiful display now showing at the Rooms in St. John's Newfoundland. Madam Speaker, last but not least I would like to congratulate Northern Lights Academy Eagles on their great showing in the fall sports meet in Makkovik. I would like to acknowledge the residents of Makkovik for welcoming the students to their community and for taking care of them. It is wonderful to see especially since the pandemic restrictions are still in place. And Madam Speaker, of course I would like to congratulate my granddaughter, Brooklyn for being awarded the most sportsmanlike trophy. One proud grandma here.

Nakummek

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I too congratulate, well yourself and Ms. Marlene Wheeler on your new positions I know that you will do well. I rise this morning to give a brief summary of the wonderful events happening in our schools. I'm a firm believer in education and our youth are our future leaders. I will begin my member statement by congratulating all teams who participated in the fall sports meet in Makkovik in October. It appeared to be a well-organized meet with all

COVID guidelines followed . Hats off to Makkovik the hosting community. The hospitality was awesome. All teams thoroughly enjoyed their stay and all the activities. Since then the ACMS Girls volleyball team traveled to Happy Valley-Goose Bay to participate in the girls regional volleyball. They won the gold and will be traveling on to Newfoundland to participate in the provincials in the next couple weeks. The boys volleyball team at JCEM School in Makkovik also won gold in the regionals and will also be travelling on to participate in the regionals as well— or the provincial sorry. And I believe the girls in Makkovik also won in their cross country running and travelled on to provincials so it's wonderful to see our youth so active and doing so well. Congratulations to both Hopedale and Makkovik for their hard work and dedication to the sport, we wish you all the best in the upcoming provincials. Two students are selected for the Inuktitut speak off with Ms. Doris Boase, Hailey Flowers, and Candace Winters. Good luck to both youth. Congrats also to the students and staff who played and then won the Jobe J volleyball tournament and to Christian Jararuse who took the men's division sportsmen like player. There are many programs up and running, Veracity and intermural sport, robotics, choir, and drama. Thanks to ACMS staff who go above and beyond to offer wonderful opportunities outside the school day. Welcome to Ms. Tabea Mitsuk who joined ACMS staff this month in life skills. Thank you to all the wonderful for the wonderful, Halloween parents teacher student evening. It was a great turn out and everyone had a great time. ACMS has also quail, duck and

goose eggs in the incubator and have a chicken coop built to extend deep and lifelong learning. This is part of a bigger project, but they hope to have that first hatch of eggs by Saturday. Madam Speaker, it's so good to see so many different things going on in our schools and for me, my gosh I never even thought of robotics, it wasn't even around when I went to school so it's a great learning experience and certainly a different kind of learning for our youth. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ms. Flowers. I now call on the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I echo what the Assembly sitting and congratulate you and Marlene Wheeler on your new positions I'm sure you'll do well. Condolences go out to the family of Maria Harris. Maria is best known for her work [Speaks in Inuktitut] and she will be missed by all. Congratulations are in order for Rachel Tuglavina, Jessica Star and her big girl, Kayla Anderson, and their big boy, and lastly Victoria Bennett and her baby boy. Madam Speaker, the investigation into our sewer system is complete and all we have to have done is the sewer capacity. This will be done over the winter. Boats are reporting to *[indiscernible]* we can open it up for the allotment which held us back, for land for a while now. A lot of projects are working on at the port. And I just had news this morning that the project at the port will be available completed soon *[indiscernible]* system is completing the port wall building end of this month. We were successful in getting port odometers of CEED money this year. We have submitted *[indiscernible]* from them to see if

they qualify for their hours. At this time, Madam Speaker, on behalf of Nain I would like to wish everybody a merry Christmas and happy new year. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. Johnny Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations on your appointment, I know you will do well. Also to Marlene Winters on your ministerial appointment. I would like to congratulate the Makkovik school team for winning the fall sports meet. They are a young team the boys are Olson Nochasak aged 13, Jacob Dyson aged 13, Logan Andersen age 13, Preston Rice age 14, and Jessie Ford age 15, Shane Winters 17. Shane's the only one who will be graduating this year. Girls team Keira Rice age 12, Carabeth Faulkner 14, Emma Ford 13, Marin Lane 13, Emily Mitchell 13, and Michelle Nochasak 15. Four of the boys and . Madam Speaker, the meet was very exciting with close games in volleyball. The sports meet indoors was all streamlined so people along the coast and elsewhere could watch. Congratulations to the Hopedale girls for winning girls volleyball. Congratulations to all the winners to the teams from the other communities. Natuashish did not have a full team but took part in all the sports. Postville had three students that came to took part in the games. And what they did they set up the volley ball they call it the Friendship Volleyball game so the three Postville kids could play volleyball. Thank you to the staff of JCM for helping to host the sports meet. To Jessica Winters who helped our new Physed teacher. She ran the schedule and

coached the girls team. Madam Speaker, Makkovik boys and girls won their running and traveled to Glovertown for the provincial run. They had to raise \$8448 to get there. The boys team also had Shanon Howell from Nain and the girls team had Savannah Ivany also from Nain. It was a great experience to run for both teams. Makkovik boys and Hopedale girls team traveled to Northwest River and both won gold and travel onto provincials on the island. Thanks to my community of Makkovik for welcoming the students into their homes for a few days. And our team looks forward to traveling to Rigolet for the winter sports. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for the Canadian constituency, Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Congratulations Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler, and you as well Susan Onalik, on your new appointments. This past Remembrance Day I did attended the event in St. John's and it was and eventful event, weather wise that is. It was raining sideways, sleet, windy, bitter cold Newfoundland weather. But it was a large gathering of people at the war memorial in St. John's as wreaths were laid by many organizations. I had the honour of laying the wreath of the Nunatsiavut Government, as I was honoured to do. While there I happened to meet the Brigadier General, Paul Peyton along with many other military personnel. Paul was a young man that was born and raised in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and he's worked his way up. You might even see him as the next minister of general staff or whatever in the heck the thing is.

Madam Speaker, the Canadian constituency members have many concerns about the COVID relief supplement program was having problems since the change over in personnel, as you're well aware. Thanks to the NEC for acting on the problems identified and added an extra person to help as one member was very sick for three weeks. And then the work that they did and it continues to be done without many more problems. Many thanks for the staff for the extra work that they put in. Madam Speaker, many member across Canada are very satisfied with the program that really helped them through another hard year. But there are just as many positive comments as there are negative and all members agree that the funding came at a very good time and I'm sure everybody in this room is well aware of the same thing that members really appreciate what they've gotten. And the questions now and concerns now is how long will this program last. We would like to know if you could keep us informed as to how long it's going to continue, we'd really appreciate it. Madam Speaker, many thanks to Minister Asivak, and Deputy Minister Kinney for the fast response suggestions and guidance on the matter that we discussed earlier this month with death of a member, it was very helpful. And also on the next subject, Madam Speaker, there have been many conference calls and discussions by the community on voting alternatives for the Canadian constituency. Thanks especially to Mr. Mark Gillette and keeping us on the road and going forward and keeping us in line more or less because sometimes I'd take off and they put be back a spot. And also thank you to the Speaker now

Education and Economic Minister Marlene Wheeler and especially again Mr. Barry Andersen, AngajukKâk of Makkovik for the work that they did. Hopefully, this will get the eligible Canadian constituency members votes on all matters out there to them and back in time to be counted. No more interruption with Canada Post we hope in the future. Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy Nunatsiavut Day, and merry Christmas and a happy health and prosperous new year. And hope to see you all in 2022. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Mr. Saunders. I now call upon the Chair of Sivunivut Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I am going to read the statement for NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Patricia Kemuksigak. The community freezer. We now ample food for the community freezer. We received 10 boxes of arctic char from Lands and Natural Resources. We are now out, but we are hoping to receive more char from the department. We receive 1,869 pounds of Corden cod from southern Labrador. The Lands and Natural Resources Department caught NunaKâtiget's moose, issued by Parks Canada for Gros Morin. Many elder beneficiaries are eagerly awaiting moose which should be here the first week of December. We are now receiving carrot, potatoes, and cabbage from our farm project. In late October we received 129 Partridges, we received some jumper meat, and *Mutuk* from Makkovik which was very popular and is now all gone. Thank you, Makkovik, for thinking of us. Hoping we will get some more next fall. Courses. We

started a *Kumik* making course and again have been renting space from the Moravian church for the course. Funding: We would like to thank the — my apologies — the *Ullapatet* board as we have received \$29,800. It helps us to purchase traditional food and cover costs for the course.

Inuktitut: The master apprentice program has started with Sara Townley as the instructor and Kimberley Anne Voisey as her apprentice. We are hoping to start youth beginner Inuktitut once we have enough people.

Computer Internet Course for Elders: The computer course has started for elders. It is being conducted by Zoom and the instructor has set everyone up for Zoom. We are hoping to do two to three more courses in the new year. *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ms. Wheeler. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My colleague Ms. Marlene Winters and I hosted an open house in Northwest River on Monday November 17th. We had a preregistration and followed health protocols of scanning the Newfoundland and Labrador VaxPass, contact tracing, and sanitization and wearing of masks. We served a catered cold plate supper with water and desert provided by Inuit business Pep's Diner of Happy Valley-Goose Bay. We updated our members on some events happening through some media releases, at a question and answer and noted that the Nunatsiavut Government will be releasing it's annual report after it is tabled at Assembly. Members were very appreciative of this open house. We hope to get back in the new year. We also attempted to hold an

open house in Mud Lake, twice. However, we had to cancel due to illness and weather. We plan a chili lunch, desert and water followed by updates question and answer then a fun game of Bingo. We'll go back during the winter freeze up in the new year. A date for Happy Valley-Goose Bay open house is being finalized for the very near future.

MS. ONALIK:

Sorry, your mic is off.

MR. ASIVAK:

Condolences to the family of the late Lewis Chaulk of Happy Valley-Goose Bay who passed peacefully away on Friday November 19th, surrounded by his loving family. Lewis was like a second father to me, knowing him for nearly all my life. He was a loving family man who cared deeply for those around him. He loved having company drop by having a smoke, drinking his tea, watching Jeopardy and his Boston Bruins. The legacy you left will live in your loving family and friends. Rest easy Lew, Go Bruins Go. Condolences also to the family of the late Albert Brown of Happy Valley-Goose Bay who passed away. To his family, take comfort of knowing we are thinking and praying for you. God bless. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Gerald Asivak. Are there any more member statements? Seeing none we'll move on to Item 7 "Return to Oral Questions". At the September 2021 session the following returns were reported. The AngajukKâk for Postville Mr. Glen Sheppard asked the Minister of Land and Natural Resources the Honourable Gregory Flowers of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council — sorry if the the Nunatsiavut Executive Council had discussed harvesting

caribou from Nunavut. I would like to recognize Minister Flowers, to provide his response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I apologize for not being here in September. My short answer to him would've been yes but seeing that my deputy minister had answered the questions, I'll read his response. My department has close contact with Kitikmeot Inuit Association since the first purchase of our caribou last year. At this time KIA does not know it's harvest quota and cannot yet give us an idea on what might be available to the NG. Of course we have to factor in economics of scale to make sure the project would be viable. We are certainly looking for more caribou than last time. However, we'll to get more or even the same amount might be difficult. Madam Speaker, I'd just like to his question that we certainly will be looking into it and be bringing this to the NEC again very shortly to see what we can get and if they're open to us getting caribou and muskox, we certainly will be pursuing that, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Flowers. The Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxine Winters, asked the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources , Honourable Gregory Flowers, since there are no moose licenses available for the beneficiary draw in Upper Lake Melville how will individual beneficiaries apply for a moose license, as our freezer serves seniors only and not a whole community. I would like to again recognize the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources to provide his response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The beneficiaries would have to apply to the province, Moosejaw or to travel to Nunatsiavut communities to apply in person. And Madam Speaker, I'd also like to add that since these questions back in September I think, I know that the Sivunivut had got a moose license, and we harvested that in Gros Morin, and they will be eating that meat after it's cut up. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Mr. Flowers. The Ordinary Member of Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders, asked the then Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Carlene Palliser, with extra funds available within your department, will your department provide the same pamphlets, books, Chromebooks, and supplies to the Canadian constituency members from kindergarten to grade 12 as your department has been doing for the five coastal communities and Upper Lake Melville. I would like to recognize the acting — sorry the newly appointed Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Maxene Winters-Wheeler

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker, thank you. The new money that has been received by the education division for post secondary education is for all beneficiaries. These supports are outlined in the new student handbook. And is available — sorry is accessible by all beneficiaries that meet the eligibility criteria. Supports that were previously available for students living in Nunatsiavut are now available to all beneficiaries. As well as the new supports that were made possible by this new funding. There was additional money that was received from the COVID relief funds.

However, no definitive plans have yet been made to how spend it. The issue around Chromebooks for the Canadian constituency was reviewed. This was not budgeted for in the original funding for this initiative as many provinces were providing for their supports for students. As an example, Ontario gave parents \$400 gift cards per child to be used on technology or additional educational supplies. This was a more urgent issue last year however students have returned to in class learning so the need for remote learning has decreased. There have been a few families from the Canadian constituency that have reached out to our department. They were given the contact information to Child First Initiative that is a support that they would have to qualify for.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Wheelers. The Ordinary Member of Canada myself, asked the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology the Honourable Anthony Andersen, in round four how much COVID-19 money was given to Nunatsiavut Government? Mr. Andersen could you please provide your response?

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. On our round four funding, Nunatsiavut Government has received \$3.689 million and we should receive an additional \$3.689 million later on this fall. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. The chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak asked the Minister of Land and Natural Resources the Honourable Gregory Flowers if his department has looked into allocating country to individuals or

organizations that NunaKâtiget does not cover. Minister Flowers could you please provide your response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Lands and Natural Resources does not have a mandate to distribute country foods outside of current or past direction by NEC. We are aware that DHSD does have some programs targeting country foods for inmates. Minister Asivak would be the best person to ask this question for DHSD programming. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. The AngajukKâk for Rigolet Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey asked a question which was redirected to the Minister of Land and Natural Resources Minister Gregory Flowers. There was a statement that there would be a Supervisory Management Program that Nunatsiavut would be getting their managers trained in. Would the Inuit Community Government Managers be included in this training. Minister Flowers could you please provide your response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you again, Madam Speaker. Supervisor training modules are being developed for delivery to supervisor to inform them of their roles and responsibilities on the Occupational Health and Safety projects. This will be specified to the Nunatsiavut Government and it is a requirement under legislation. This may not be apply-able to the Inuit Community Governments. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. The AngajukKâk of Rigolet Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey asked the Minister of Land and Natural Resources the Honourable Gregory Flowers the following question: There were

refuelling operations that recently took place outside of Rigolet, where fuel is transferred from one ship to another. Was Nunatsiavut Government aware of these operations and how they would have impacted wildlife and harvesting activities. I'd like recognize Minister Flowers to provide his response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you again, Madam Speaker. Lands and Resources was not aware of an oil boat conducting fuel transfers in our waters. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Flowers. The Ordinary Member of Makkovik Mr. John Andersen asked the Minister of Land and Natural Resources the Honourable Gregory Flowers if the ghost net program will be looking on the banks outside of ironbound islands for lost nets? In 1989 there were 49 long liners fishing around that area and it was suspected that there many lost nets. I'd like to recognized the Minister of Land and Natural Resources for his response.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The ghost net program is a Torngat led program. Lands and Natural resources has some discussions on a possibility Nunatsiavut Government lead project; however, we want to see the success of the Torngat led project before we move further. At this time we cannot commit to on where the Torngat project will be retrieving ghost nets. What we can certainly check into the Ordinary Member from Makkovik's question. But that's where we're to right now, Madam Speaker. It was a Torngat led project. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Minister Flowers. That concludes "Return to Oral questions". For today and with that we will break for lunch and return at 1 p.m. It is now 11:15 a.m. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK: Item 8 "Oral Questions." Are there any "Oral Questions"? I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member Johnny Andersen Makkovik.

MR. J. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development, Honourable Gerald Asivak. There are eight Nunatsiavut beneficiaries now living in a long-term care centre Harbourview Manor in Mary's Harbour. This brings home the fact that we need such a place in Nunatsiavut. I know it's been talked about for years and there was study survey done that said our elders would like to live in Nunatsiavut, where they would see their relatives more often. I think we should make it a priority now, it's a very important need. My question, Minister, is are there any new plans in the making for a long-term care centre in Nunatsiavut?

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Makkovik. I'd like to recognize Honourable Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ordinary Member Andersen for your question. For clarification, the facility in Mary's Harbour is a personal care home not a long-term care home. I know this might seem a technicality however there are various differences within the administrations of governance of these homes. Nunatsiavut Government

has committed to seniors housing led by First Minister Honourable Tyler Edmunds and the rest of the Executive Council. We have had discussions with Labrador-Grenfell Health about providing assisted living in Nunatsiavut, very similar to the program operated by the Labrador Friendship Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay which is basically a personal care home but in homes with three to four clients as opposed to a larger centre. There are two issues to be sorted. First, homes to rent for this purpose, or land to build and the capital costs. Both are very shortcomings within our region. With the land expansion very costly within our area as we know can cost up to \$200,000 to develop one plot of land. Also within the Inuit community Governments, they are, you know, expanding as fast as they can but with limited land available to themselves its also hard. So we're caught in a rock and hard place at times not to interfere with personal individual families who want to have developed land rightfully so. Also, Madam Speaker, the larger issue is staff to operate the homes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As we currently struggle with the supportive living homes and emergency shelter within our region. The rate paid for staffing is also much lower than we pay in our supportive living so recruiting would be challenging unless NG was willing to supplement the salaries from another funding source. So in short, we are working on this. I know it's been in plans before my time and probably even before this current Assembly time. And we are still committed as I noted to continue working the province on this, the feds and as needed even internally closely working with

newly appointed Minister Winters-Wheeler, who's sometimes the lead on the training staffing and recruiting for much needed positions such as I would imagine, home support worker type personal care aids administration. There's a lot of staffing that would go into this and however I do appreciate noting that there are many beneficiaries in Mary's Harbour in the personal care home, so we will continue to advocate and work together as a collective government to continue working on possibly developing more supportive living units which are easier to get up and running and maintenance to have more living within their home communities. And that's another aspect too, that I didn't have discussions with the supportive living units we can expand more homes in more communities such as Nain, Hopedale, Postville, Rigolet pending land availability and housing. Because we can rent from the current market if need be if available than exhausted by the community to ensure that that could be possibly a supportive living unit with three to four people living together with a staff person in there, compared to a personal care homes which has different licensing and liabilities as well. And that's another thing that we have to insure our residents and these homes are appropriately cared for in all laws covered within the provincial mandate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Ordinary Member from Makkovik do you have a supplementary question?

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Yes, Madam Speaker. I know that you hear talk about all the expense for buildings, for getting plots of land, things like that. And we spend a lot of

money, spend a lot of time on our youth and rightfully so, but still our seniors are not being looked after as much as I think they should be and this is why I bring the question for the second time. I thank you for answer, Minister, and I hope that you keep working at it and we can get some more help for our seniors down the road. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

I'm just going to remind you that that wasn't a question but *Nakummek*. I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Dicker, for his question please.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Financing, Resource and Technology. When you're approaching for a job as how come it doesn't say how much their going to get, it just says salary as, I don't know, as department is about what the department is about. How come the salary isn't posted on the job posting? Because some people might be leaving jobs for a lower paying job. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. I'd like to acknowledge Honourable Minister Tony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank AngajukKâk for the question. When jobs are posted and there is the civil service salary scale is usually posted with the job. The actual dollar figure, you're correct, it not posted. But it's quite easily to find out what the salary is for a particular position. It is a fair question I haven't considered or asked or why we don't post the salary. I know that we post the appropriate salary scale. So I'll take the question under notice and for all these years this is the

first time that the question's ever been asked as far as I know. But fair question that deserves fair answer. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek Honourable Tony Andesen. We will take that question under notice. I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for the Canadian constituency Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Minister Flowers. In your statement this morning you mentioned about the new fisheries policy on members owning their own vessel. How will you prevent large corporations from giving members a vessel on paper just so they can get the quota and fish it in the future instead of Nunatsiavut members having their own vessel. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. I recognize Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Ordinary Member for Canada for your question. What I mentioned this morning was that we started off in Nain going through all our communities and Upper Lake Melville on vessel ownership. This means, Madam Speaker, that we have a number of beneficiaries who for over have been leasing vessels and Nunatsiavut, I guess, with the quotas that we have said that we want to see fishermen in their own vessels. So they put out a policy that would move these forward that they would own their own vessels, they have to go out and purchase their own vessels themselves. We don't dictate to them what kind of vessel they should buy but we want a vessel that

permanently for the quotas that we have which is crab, turbot, and shrimp. And they then, Madam Speaker, will be needing quotas from the NG accordingly. What they have to remember is the quota belongs to the NG and its been — and up to this point we have only had a couple of our own fishers fishing the quota. We want to get away from the lease arrangement we want to see our fishermen in our own vessels. I'm not quite sure if that's exactly the answer that your looking for, you can repeat I didn't quite hear the exact question.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Gregory Flowers. Ordinary Member for Canada, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. SAUNDERS: Yes, thank you. No, sorry Mr. Minister. I was just wondering how you're going to keep the large fish corporations from buying a vessel and giving it to a member on paper and then having that quota go to that member with the boat being owned somewhere else? That's the question, thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Canada. Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Sorry, Madam Speaker, and sorry for not interpreting the question correctly. But we will have a department that will make sure that these boats are registered to the individual beneficiary. And also have a ground fish license that was from the through DFO saying that let's say that that you're the boat owner, we make sure that you have have everything applicable in your name so that somebody can't do like you suggest just have paper company that some big fishing company. We are aware of

these situations and we will make sure that the boat is registered in the fisherman's name and also the ground fishes in their name and have — the processes that we make sure that everything is up to par and our department is aware of this that might happen but we are guaranteeing for sure that these boat owners are true boat owners of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member for Canada do you have a final supplementary question?

MR. SAUNDERS: No, Madam Speaker, I don't. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Minister.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, are there any other oral questions? I recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: *Nakummek*. My question is for First Minister, Honourable Tyler Edmunds, I think it's who I direct it to. My question is, is there any movement on hiring of the Director for Housing? Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ordinary — sorry—AngajukKâk Flowers. I now recognized Honourable Minister.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, [Speaks in Inuktitut] AngajukKâk for Hopedale for the question. I actually did have a Section for my ministerial statement for tomorrow that speaks specifically to this issue but I will provide an update right now as a result of your question. As I said during the last assembly it has been a bit of a struggle trying to get this position filled. We did think that at that time during the second round of applications that we had somebody who was willing to take up this position but

unfortunately that didn't work out and we are in the process of releasing this now for a third time and we also extended the eligibility for this position to Upper Lake Melville as well. This position will be advertised in that manner for the next few years and we know it is ideal to have somebody based out Nunatsiavut for this particular position. All of us around this table from our communities know the severity of the housing issues within our communities we know how much improvement there needs to be within our housing programs and I think being in the communities, you know, certainly would be very beneficial for a position like this in terms of creating programs and service for our beneficiaries on the housing file. What I will say is that we still are aiming to have this bill passed and to have assent to the president in March and we are trying or we are working through components of the work plan in the interim, trying to work with a consultant and seeing what pieces we can do in the meantime to make sure that the housing commission is on track. It is unfortunate, as I said, that we've been having this difficulty hiring this position but we do hope that now with this last round of advertising that we will be successful. But we are still committed to carrying out components of the work plan to make sure that the time lines for the commission can still be achieved. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

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

MS. FLOWERS:

Given the difficulty in hiring this position if we're not ready to take over in March, will Torngat still continue on? Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. Honourable First Minister?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKatti, and Nakummek to the AngajukKâk for the follow up question. As I said it has been unfortunate that we've been having some difficulty in getting this position filled, but we are confident that we can stay true to the work plan. A lot of the bulkier components of that work plan when it comes to the say by-laws for the commission, how the commission will be structured, the number of positions on the commission, those things have been completed by a consultant who we have been working closely with over the last year. A lot of those time intensive pieces have been completed. And as I said we do want to carry out other pieces around community consultation and that, within our own department of Nunatsiavut Affairs as well. So we do feel that we can have a commission that is ready next year. And there was another part of my update for tomorrow, as well, talking about the meeting that we had with the board of directors this past week in Goose Bay where we talked about the closing of the doors, so to speak, for GRHA. So that seems inevitable and we do feel that the housing commission next construction season will be in a position that it can deliver the programs and will be the housing entity for Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. AngajukKâk Flowers do you have a final supplementary question?

MS. FLOWERS:

No I don't. Thank you, Honourable Minister, for your answer.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Dicker, do you have a question? You had your hand up. No? Sorry. I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Greg Flowers, Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. It's on the issue again of transfer of fuel on the water. I don't know if I heard your right this morning but I thought I heard you say that weren't aware of that. And my question is, then, if the department is not aware of that has there been any efforts made to try and find out about the program.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, Honourable Minister Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you AngajukKâk Wolfrey for your question. Yes, you heard me correctly my answer. But yes, also I'd like to say that after I got back and I looked through the questions that you asked previously that I did talk to my deputy minister on talking to Woodward's to see, basically to see what was going on there and to try and not let this happen again. As of today Woodward's has not gotten back to my department, , Madam Speaker. So if I hear within a reasonable time I will ask my deputies to ask or call Woodward again to see if there's any response to that. As of this time they are aware that we asked them why did they transfer fuel just outside of Rigolet but we didn't hear any answer back from them, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Wolfrey do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: This started about I'd say about two years ago this transferring of fuel and I'd say that Woodward's probably got to have permission from some regulators or other. And what I really want to know is how are they monitoring what's going on with the fuel transfers. It's really mostly done on the weekends. There's supposed to be planes flying over, there's hardly ever planes flying over, you might see a chopper come from Goose Bay with....

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey for your question. Id' like to recognizes Honourable Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And again, Madam Speaker, I certainly like I said earlier, I asked my deputy minister to look in that. And we are looking into that, Madam Speaker, and to date we have not heard nothing back from Woodward's on the transfer of fuel. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Flowers. AngajukKâk Wolfrey do you have a final supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: No, that's okay I'd like to make a few more comments but I knows I'm not allowed, thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*. I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk from Makkovik Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. My question is for Honourable Tyler Edmunds. Has there been any movement on the issue of the Marine laydown area for Makkovik. You spoke about the infrastructure

program this morning, at this time of the year I think my friend and Honourable Member John Andersen can attest that area around Makkovik dock is getting pretty crowded this time of the year and very dangerous, thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. I'd like to recognize Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKatti. [Speaks in Inuktitut] / AngajukKâk from Makkovik. At the last assembly I believe that there was a question maybe from Ordinary Member Andersen around this. And I did say at the time that we were hopeful of receiving some support under the Ocean Protection Plan, which was the program through which we received the initial funding for the three communities of Nain, Postville and Rigolet. The AngajukKâk is fully aware of how costly the development of those laid in areas are, and we were hoping to hear something at least by the fall around whether or not these two laid in areas for Makkovik and Hopedale could be covered under the same call for applications under the same program. It's now the end of November and I can only imagine that that sort of opportunity maybe has passed right now but we are still trying to find ways to move this initiative forward and if there's another call for applications under the same program, we will make sure that we take advantage of it. The AngajukKâk referenced the \$61 million infrastructure dollars that we will be receiving over the next few years. We haven't really had an opportunity as the NEC yet to really think about the planning and investment of those dollars. Obviously, there's a lot of

demand on that funding but planning I think across all areas is going to be important over the next little while. And we are fully aware of that this laid in area does need to go forward, one way or another. And so if there's way we could leverage some existing dollars, I mean I'm not against looking at that potential and maybe bringing those points forward to the NEC for further direction for studies on how this the cost of the project and whatever else. I will also say that we have been engaged with the provincial government, inquiring around their marine infrastructure plans and you know I've made it very clear to the minister the state of affairs within our communities, especially in Makkovik and Hopedale. We all know around this table, we were given these newer vessels just a few years ago and there was really little to no investment in planning before those vessels were commissioned to accommodate these new ferries. So we are trying to push this issue from a couple different fronts from the Ocean Protection Plan, trying to flag this with transportation and infrastructure. And I think there is maybe some potential for looking at planning with some of these new dollars as well. But I wanted to give the members from Makkovik and Hopedale the assurance that you know we are trying to find ways to address this issue.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

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

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

No, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek.* Are there any other oral questions? I'm seeing none.

Before we move on to Item 9, I need to take a quick break.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK: All right, so moving on to Item 9, "Written Questions". Are there any Written Questions today?

MS. WOLFREY: Point of Order, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: Okay.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm just wondering if there's, we don't have a second go around for Oral questions it seemed like only went around once, and I thought everybody could have another chance I don't know I'm just wondering.

MS. ONALIK: Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey, yes, you're allowed two oral questions. I asked before going into Item 9, if there were any more oral questions, I didn't hear any.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, I missed that, that's fine.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek,* there is one Written Question. It's presented by the chairperson for Sivunivut, Maxine Winters on behalf of Patricia Kemuksigak the chairperson for NunaKâtiget and it will be filed under the standing orders for written questions. If that's it for Written Questions we will move onto Item 10, "Return to Written Questions". The AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey asked the Minister of Health and Social Development the Honourable Gerald Asivak, can beneficiaries who are turned down by the NHB program for orthodontic services be funded through the Child First Initiative? I would like to thank

AngajukKâk Wolfrey for the question. The speaker reviewed the question and determined that this question does not meet the Standing Order of Section 31.1 as follows "Written Question. Under the item Written Questions, written questions may be asked of the president and ministers. The question which would likely to require a detailed or complex answer or which would not reasonably be assumed to be within the present knowledge of the minister, should be posed as a written questions. I suggest that this question be asked during oral questions, directly with the minister or by email or by phone. Since there are no more Return to Questions, we will move onto Item 11 "Petitions. Are there any "Petitions"? If not, we will move onto Item 12 "Responses to Petitions". There will be not responses today, we will move onto Item 13 "Reports of Standing and Special Committees" There are no Standing or Special Committee Reports today so we move onto Item 14 "tabling of Documents". I would like to recognize the First Minister Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker I am pleased to table the 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Nunatsiavut Government.
Nakummek.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Nunatsiavut Government will be numbered and is tabled document 01411. I'd like to again recognize the First Minister the Honourable Tyler Edmunds. Sorry the Nunatsiavut Treasurer the Honourable Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to table the presentation of Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust LILCIT2020, Labrador Inuit Settlement Trust LILCST2020, and the presentation of the Tasiujatsoak Trust 2020. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. The trust documents will be numbered as tabled documents 020411, 030411, 040411, respectively. I would like to recognize the Honourable Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I am pleased to table the report of the special committee on Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Member. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 050411. There are no more documents to be tabled today, we can now move onto Item 15, "Notices of Motion" I would like to recognize Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Minister Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. , Madam Speaker. I gave notice on Wednesday November 24th 2021 I will move second by the Ordinary Member for Postville Mr. Tyler Edmunds, that the Assembly convene as the Committee of the Whole, to receive presentations from Roxanne Crawford and Isabella Pain of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims implantation trust, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Madam Speaker, thank you very much.

MS. ONALIK: Excuse me, Honourable Treasurer are you asking for unanimous consent?

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So we all a little bit lost I supposed today, eh? Madam Speaker, I seek unanimous consent of the Assembly under Standing Orders 16.1 to deal with this motion today.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent under Standing Order 16.1 to proceed with his motion today. Are there any nays? There are none. Minister Andersen you unanimous consent so the motion will be made today at the appropriate time. We will now go onto Item 17. I would like to recognized the Ordinary Member for Postville Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Just a point of order, Madam Speaker, I believe that we just left notices of Motion Item 15 and I believe we are meant to be onto Item 16 Notice of Motion for the First Reading of Bills.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, First Minister, yes that's my mistake. We're still on Item 15 and I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Postville Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Sorry, Madam Speaker, I don't know if I misheard you, we're on item 16?

MS. ONALIK: We are still on Item 15 "Notice of Motion". Do you have a motion you'd like to bring forward today?

MR. EDMUNDS: Okay, thank you, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday November 24th, 2021, I will move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain Mr. Anthony Andersen, that the Special Standing Order number 62

be amended by replacing the date December 31st, 2021 with December 31st, 2022.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Postville. I'm sorry about that confusion. There are no more Notices of Motions so we move onto Item 16 "Notices of Motions for the Reading of Bills". I recognized the First Minister of Nunatsiavut Government the Honorable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. and I did confuse myself the further I talked just then, anyway. Item 16 "Notice of Motion for First Reading of Bills" thank you Honourable Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday November 24th 2021 I will move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain Mr. Anthony Andersen, the first reading of bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Minister Edmunds. That concludes the "Notices of Motions for the First Reading of Bills" today. We will now move onto Item 17 "Motions". I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Madam Speaker, my motion is as follows : Whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly is required to receive reports from the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust, and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* and whereas the Assembly should consider the tabled documents in committee of the whole with witnesses, now therefore I move, seconded by Ordinary Member for Postville Mr. Tyler Edmunds that the assembly

convene as committee of the whole to receive the presentations from Roxanne Crawford and Isabella Pain of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Implementation Trust, the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust and the *Tasiujatsoak Trust*. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister, the motion is in order. Minister would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. A. ANDERSEN: No, Madam Speaker, I have no wish to speak to the motion?

MS. ONALIK: Does anybody else wish to speak to the motion? If no members wish to speak does the minister wish to make final comments at close debate?

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do wish to close debate.

MS. ONALIK: That concludes debate, all those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried. Before we go into the Committee of the Whole, I'd like to take a quick break so that we can get the equipment set up. Thank you.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK: Now in the Committee of the Whole, I just want to point out that there are some audio difficulties with Roxane on virtually, so what's going to happen is that Isabella will deliver her presentation, followed by Roxane then followed by Isabella again, and then we will save our questions for after the presentations and with that thank you Ms. Crawford and Ms. Pain and you can now bring in your presentations.

MS. PAIN: *Nakummek*. You should have in your binders, three different presentations. The first one I'm going to start with is the Labrador Inuit

Land Claims Implementation Trust 2020, it looks like this. So the background and objectives for this particular trust; it was created on May 7th, 2007. And the objective of this particular trust is to receive and invest the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Chapter 23 payments. The second objective for this trust is to create a capital reserve of 75 per cent of the amounts received from Nunatsiavut Government. And just a note for everybody, that all payments for this trust have been received from the Government of Canada and we won't be receiving any other payments from them for this trust. The Implementation Trust has one eligible beneficiary and that is Nunatsiavut Government. And the reason is it's for the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim. There are three trustees, Mike Flatters, Patty Dicker, and I. The implementation trust has an asset mix policy. And I'm going to go through it, it's the table that looks like this and it's a bit complicated but basically what it does is it tells you the internal policy we have created for the various types of investments that we have. And this has changed from the very first investments we did where we were basically 70 per cent stocks and 30 per cent fixed income. So our asset mix policy today is 27 per cent for Canadian Equities, and in 2020 that Beutel Goodman was the investment manager. We have 18 per cent of foreign equities with a firm called Fiera. Twelve per cent of foreign equities with a firm called Unigestion. And another 3 per cent in foreign equities with Hillsdale. So our total for foreign equity investments is 33 per cent. We also have 15 per cent of our policy is in bonds, and that is with a firm called Fiera. We also are

now involved in Canadian Real Estate with Manulife at 5 per cent. Global Real Estate with a firm named UBS at 5 per cent. We have invested as well in Infrastructure Equity with a firm called Axiom at 5 per cent. An Infrastructure Debt Fund with AMP Capital at 3.5 %. Private Debt with UBS OConnor at three and a half per cent. And last is an investment in Farmland/Timberland with a company called Manulife. So this asset mix policy is monitored quarterly to ensure that all investments are made in terms of the approved policy. And what I mean by that is we look at the balances at the end of every quarter to make sure we're in line with this policy so that one investment hasn't grown and is way over the allocation that there supposed to be at. If they are we rebalance and bring it back in line. The next section is on Monitoring of Fund Managers. We meet with the fund managers each quarter and we review the following items in relation to each particular fund that we have with them. We look at the changes in the ownership structure, the personnel, the philosophy of the firm, investment manager process and their investment style. We also look at the number and size of mandates that might have gained since we last met with them, or they have lost by asset class during the last semester. Comparison of the assets under management by asset class at the end of the current semester and at the end of the preceding one, so we are constantly comparing their performance from one quarter to the next. We look at the main characteristics of the portfolio in comparison with those of the market index. So there's a number of mathematical calculations that we look at like, like price earnings ratio,

dividend yield, earnings growth and average capitalization for equities, term structure of the portfolio, average term, and duration, allocation by sector and average quality for bonds. We also look at any other events that could be relevant to the fund managers performance. The trusts have a qualified investment advisor who prepares quarterly monitoring reports for us and it covers data such as the performance related to objectives, our portfolio characteristics, performance analysis, and then annualized performance over one year, two years, three years, four years, and five years.

MR. DICKER:

These people cost money; how do you pay them?

MS. PAIN:

That depends on, how we pay them depends on the investment we're in. So sometimes we negotiate an amount when we're actually investing with them, and it is a part of the fee structure. The fee structure is a significant part of the negotiation we have when we're buying into a fund or selecting an investment manager. They have different fee schedules depending on the type of fund that it is. I can't give you a simple answer for it other than to say that it is something that we're aware of and it ties to their performance as well so part of it is performance based, if they do well then their fee structure reflects that. In relation to monitoring of fund managers, we do meet with them two to three times a year to review the quarterly reports. And we annually meet with each fund manager to review their detailed performance, their investment management style, and their organization. If certain events happen, such as poor performance over a period of time, we may end up doing more

closer monitoring on a monthly basis, so if they have poor performance we will do more monitoring we review that more than every quarter it'll be monthly evaluation of that performance. So the last slide really is the financial update for 2020. And the trusts do use a calendar year so from January to December 1, 2020. And you can see at the beginning of that year, January 1 we had \$308,810,588 in the implementation trust. I won't say all of the numbers we had but we did have some extra contributions into the trust, we had investment income that we earned, some realized gains. Some disbursements, those are to NG for the cost of implementation, so part of the budgeting that you look at every year is an allocation from the Implementation Trust to NG. And at the end of December 31, 2020, there was \$333,175,536 in the implementation trust. So the increase in value over one year was \$24,364,948. Before we go to questions on this Roxanne is going to go through the settlement trust. We have common investments in all three trusts so there may be questions about one which we'll answer all at the end, so Roxane did you want to do the settlement trust?

MS. CRAWFORD:

For the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Settlement Trust. I'll give you a moment to open up the presentation. Again as background, this trust was created on March 1st, 2010. And it holds funds we call our Chapter 19 dollars. It's the funds allocated when we settled our land claims. And the table is outlined in Chapter 19. So the payments were received in 15 installments. We have received all the funds, and the funds were remitted with the reduction on when we had to make loan payments at

the time. Just as a notice you recall the loans are being now repaid back to us, so the money being invested back into the settlement trust as it was Chapter 19 dollars. On the next page we outline the objectives of the trust. And it is to maintain, administer and invest the Chapter 19 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement payments, and then to distribute the funds for the beneficiaries in accordance with the principles that are outlined on this slide. The eligible beneficiaries as noted on the next page are the Nunatsiavut Government, Inuit Community Government, Another Inuit settlement trust, Any Inuk and Inuit and any registered charity or not for profit organization within the meaning of the income tax act that directly or indirectly benefits at least one or more Inuit. As you recall the Trust Deed did not align with what the tax treatment agreement had said for beneficiaries of the settlement trust and upon direct of the Assembly we have amended the trust deed of September 17th, 2020, to include all the eligible beneficiaries that I just noted and the deed is now in line with the tax treatment agreement. On the next page we talk about applications. So during the first 11 years of the trust no distributable cash flow was to be made to any eligible beneficiary other than the Nunatsiavut Government. Year 12 is in 2021. So the trustees have been working on an application, and an application process for distributing funds from the settlement trust. There are key details of the process that there will be one application deadline per year. The Statement of Principles and Purpose are consistent with the Trust Deed, and there are distributable cash flow calculations as outlined in the

Trust Deed. We are as trustees in the final stages of preparing the application package for distribution to the Assembly and to all people who may or individuals or organizations that may be interested in applying for the settlement trust. So I just wanted to give an overview of a couple of the key points which will be there will be only one application deadline, we have aligned the dates so that it doesn't occur when the T Trust applications are, it will be outside of that so we can coordinate applications. And we are hoping within the next couple of months to get out the full package to everyone. The current trustees, noted on the next slide, are Isabella Pain, Michael Flatters, myself as comptroller of the NG, Daniel Bennett, and Sarah Leo. There's no change this year for the trustees. The next page outlines the asset mix policy. And I'm not going to spend too much time on it, as I know Isabella had just reviewed the policy under the implementation trust. The only point I would like to point out, that's different between the implantation trust and the settlement trust, actually there are two. One is that we do not have a funding manager for global real estate. The Implantation Trust is invested in UBS Global Real Estate fund, however the nature of that fund we are prohibited from investing as a Settlement Trust due tax reasons, under the Income Tax Act. And we have a letter into the government of Canada on committed investments to request then that we be allowed to invest in this type of structure that UBS GREF has. And we have not had a response on that request to date, so we have not invested in global real estate yet. The other difference is the fund manager we have for Private

Debt, the Settlement Trust uses a fund manager by the name of Third Eye Capital for private Debt. Again the reason the Settlement Trust is not invested in the same fund manager as the Implementation Trust is again due to the structure of the fund, we're tied under the Settlement Trust by provisions under the tax treatment agreement and the Income Tax Act so the Settlement Trust is prohibited from the fund manager that the Implementation Trust uses. Again the next couple of slides will talk about Asset Mix Policy and monitoring. On this first slide called Asset Mix Policy I just wanted to note a couple of changes in 2020. Hancock Natural Resource Group now they're called Manulife, their name was changed in 2021, was hired as a fund manager for investments in timberland and agriculture. In 2020 a selection process began to select a replacement for Beutel Goodman for a Canadian Equity Fund Manager. A decision was made in 2020 to invest in equities in emerging markets, and this occurred in 2021, we moved forward with that decision. And again just note about the difference in the global real estate. The next two slides speak to the monitoring of fund managers and when Isabella — or the next three slides — when Isabella when went over the presentation for the Implementation Trust, she reviewed through the different items that the trustees do for monitoring of the fund managers. There's quite a lot of data we look at. We quite a lot of information both qualitative and quantitative, and when things don't quite line up with our expectations or within the policies we have we do put the fund managers under closer monitoring or we do reach out and ask questions on the fund or on the

particular company in order that we have the best understanding, in order to make the best decisions on behalf of the trust. And I can speak to, as an example, the —we invested in a company called Amp Capital and over the last year year and a half there have been some changes at the corporate structure level. We've had I believe three meetings with our — the Lead Client Liaison Officer and we've been receiving numerous correspondence on with information talking about the changes in the corporate structure, allowing us to ask questions, and understand what the changes are and if there were impacts on our investments. There weren't, it was just going through some changes at the upper levels. So those are just an example of the relationship that we have with our fund managers and the ability for us to, you know, monitor, and ask the right questions and make sure make the best decisions on behalf of the Trust. So I'll take you to the slide called Financial Update 2020, it's the second last page. So a couple of key points on this data, we've had an increase in market value from beginning of January 1, 2020 to the end of 2020 of \$18,685,000. There's been an increase of the book value since inception of approximately \$53.5 million. And just as a reminder, book value is dollar you put in what is that dollar at December 31st 2020, and so we've been able to with decisions and the investments and the different types of assets been able to increase the value of that dollar by \$53.5 million dollars. That brings me to the end of the presentation. Unfortunately, I can't hear the question very well, so I will have to rely on Isabella Pain to answer any questions you have on the Settlement Trust. *Nakummek*.

MS. PAIN:

Okay, thanks Rexanne. With that we'll go onto the Last Job trust presentation. It's the *Tasiujatsoak* Trust Presentation. And for a little bit of background as a reminder, the *Tasiujatsoak* Trust was created in 2002, as a result of the Voisey's Bay Impact and Benefit Agreement being signed. I'm not hearing Katie, is she translating? I can't hear Katie, is she on?

MS. ONALIK:

Everything okay, Katie? Good?

MS. PAIN:

So the objective of this particular trust was to receive and invest the payments under the 2002 Impact and Benefit Agreement with Voisey's Bay Nickel Company. And also to disburse the funds to enable NG to meet its obligations under the IBA, to assist seven community volunteer centres to meet community needs, to reduce negative impacts of the Voisey's Bay project, to promote social cultural educational language and business initiatives. There are three eligible beneficiaries of the *Tasiujatsoak* Trust. The Nunatsiavut Government, Charitable organizations who have specific criteria which is to provide programs and services to Inuit generally, or a community or class of Inuit. The current trustee of the *Tasiujatsoak* Trust are Michael Flatters, Sharon Pevie, Tiffany Flowers, Darryl Shiwak, and I. You'll see the investment policy on the next page it is the same policy that we've spoken about in relation to the implantation trust. So I won't go back through it again, needless to say it is the same investment managers that we're using there. The next two slides the monitoring of fund managers are the same, we do the same thing with this Trust as we do with the other trusts so I'm going to

skip over those, unless you have specific questions. And then I go into the slide which is called the Financial Update for 2020. So again we'll talk with the value at beginning of the Trust which is — of the year I mean, which is January 1, 2020. There was a total of \$318,062,208 in the Trust. Okay did you want a break while we get a copy of this for everybody?

MS. ONALIK:

I guess I'll ask around the room, does somebody, do — what about we update after the presentations to get the full presentation maybe and go into detail of the pages that we don't have, is that something that everybody's comfortable with or should we break? All right, we'll break and get them printed out. Thank you.

MS. PAIN:

So I was just about to start with the Financial Update 2020. Do you want me to go back through cause you'd missed some pages even though many of them were the same ones we had discussed with the other trusts. This is the first page with really different information. Okay, so the fund value at January 1, 2020, was \$318,062,208. You can see in this slide that there was some contributions, investment income, a realized loss, with total receipts of \$18,293,059. We had disbursements of \$5,548,708. We had unrealized gains 415,954,225 to have a value at the end of 2020 with \$346,760,785 which is an increase of value of \$28,698,577 net of distributions. It's important to say net of distributions because you'll recall this trust that does make annual allocations to volunteer centres and through a funding application process. The Trust Deed itself tells us what the priorities are in terms of funding. The first priority of the Trust Deed is to cover all of the IBA implementation

budget, so that is to cover the staff who work on the IBA, all of the committees that are associated with running the IBA, the business development committee the *Tasiujatsoak* committee, those committees so that is the first call on the budget. The second is that the trust deed directs that 30 per cent of all capital receipts, so whatever receipts we have, capital receipts we get and 10 per cent of all net income must be set aside to a heritage fund. And the trustees are actually directed to consider the desirability of setting aside up to 50 per cent of capital receipts and 25 per cent of income each year aside to the heritage fund. The heritage fund doesn't mean it's to be used for heritage programming it is really the fund that is going to be for future use. So we're being directed that we have to leave some money in there for the future as the Voisey's Bay mine will at some point be depleted. The next thing that the trustees are directed to do is to contribute \$100,000 to each volunteer centre annually. The next things to say about the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* is that we do accept proposals from applicants. We accept applications two times a year, March 31st, and September 30th, of every year is the deadline for applications. We review those and commit funding after we have those meetings. To date, oh I have a typo in here it should be up to 2020, so total distributions between 2004 to 2020, have been over \$124,791,000 in terms of funding that's been approved and out the door to various applicants to projects. And the last slide we have here which is a table which talks about the proposals that we have funded in 2020. You can see that we have \$700,000 we say community allocations that's

to our community volunteer centres. *AnanauKatiget Tumingit* Regional Women's Association received funding in 2020. The Nain Inuit community government, well each of the ICGs have received some funding it depends on what proposals they actually submitted. NunaKâtiget and Sivunivut also received some funding. The Native Spirit Youth Centre in Rigolet also received some funding. *OKalaKatiget* Society received funding. And we have another one with the ICG's of one million, I can't recall why that one's broken out separately. And then we had funding of the Voisey's Bay IBA Budget of \$293,000. And as I said, those are based on — it's an application-based process. So I think that's it in terms of the presentation and Roxanne and I are available to take any questions that you might have on any of the trusts.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Isabella and Rexanne. Are there any questions? Joe?

MR. DICKER:

Chair, is it? Funding the Voisey's Bay Implementation budget. What's that? Your last presentation?

MS. PAIN:

So the impact and benefit agreement itself identifies that we have to have a staff person on, so Theresa Baikie is implementation Coordinator, this will fund her salary. It funds other projects that may be related to implementation. We have a Business Development Committee that is required to be a part of the Impact and Benefit Agreements, so we have to fund all of the costs of that committee, we have to fund the *Tasiujatsoak* Committee and that committee is a committee which has members of both Vale and Nunatsiavut Government and they need to review the IBA to ensure it's being implemented and so we have to cover

the costs of our participation of that particular committee. We also have, we have had in the past I can't recall if it was this past year but things like ice monitoring, you know around the area of the ships track to ensure we're testing and looking at data there in terms of ice collection. So those are the kinds of things that we are required to fund as a requirement under the Impact and Benefit Agreement, that those are NG's obligations to uphold and fund those pieces out of this particular budget.

MS. ONALIK:

Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I got three questions Isabella. The first one is, they're all about *Tasiujatsoak* Trust. The first one is can you consider getting a new application form like and have it fillable online it's really, when it comes through on the printer it's really dark and stuff so that's just a simple one there.

MS. PAIN:

We're actually in the process of trying to do that so that's been something in the works for a while, so we're hopeful to get that out by next year that we do have a fillable PDF form.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay, and the second is there any consideration given to up the \$700,000 given to each, I think each community got to have — I don't know what they're called — volunteer committee and I'm wondering if there's any — it's been the same since it started, and I don't know about anyone else but I think some of the applications to the committees are becoming more than the actual funding that they got.

MS. PAIN:

The trustees don't have the discretion to change what's the Trust Deed. That is not within our authority, that is in the Assembly authority to look at that trust deed and make changes, so the trustees can't. We can't do that on our own for any of these trusts because they have been established by the Assembly and it's up to the Assembly to make those changes in relation to what the objective and purpose is and then also looking at what's available under the trust. So that's not in the trustees' mandate to do.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay, and my third question is with regards to the money for the Heritage Fund. Is that put aside in a separate place or is it on the books in a separate place where we could actually see that broken down or is it do we just have to figure out that 30 per cent of all the capital receipts are in or is there a place where we can see over the last I don't know how many years how much was actually put aside in the Heritage Fund.

MS. PAIN:

Yes, there is and so what we have in here in terms of the total value includes everything, but we do have it broken out so when we do investments, we have the Heritage Fund actually broken out separately and calculated for separately. I could get that number and send it to you; I don't have it in front of me but I could certainly send that around to the Assembly members because it is calculated separately and we do have a separate we have a very specific fund that we call the IBA Heritage Fund that actually accumulates its own interest.

MS. WOLFREY: Yeah, I wouldn't mind seeing that because then we know how much money is actually put aside for our future generations or whatever it's for. *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ms. Wolfrey. Ms. Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thanks, my question is how do you know what to invest in?

MS. PAIN: I'll start to answer, and I don't know if Roxane can hear me, but I'll ask her to add to my answer, Roxanne did you hear the question?

MS. PAIN: I'm Sorry I didn't hear the questions I'm actually listening in on the audio feed and it's pretty behind. *[indiscernible]* or Gerald could repeat the question it would be helpful.

MR. ASIVAK: Translate this *[indiscernible]*.

MS. PAIN: I can start the answer, so how do you decide what to invest in? So there are standards things that you invest in, when the trusts were first formed, we were in the very basic investments. We were doing stocks and bonds basically, and we were doing a 70/30 split. And those are the most very basic of investments that you can make. What we do have an investment advisor who works for the trustees in relation to all of the trusts, and he's an expert in investment and investment types. He knows what fields are out there that we should consider. But what we sat down to do first was to look at what our values are as a Trust, why do we have these trusts, what are they trying to achieve? So one of the things you have is what is your level risk that you're willing to take, and as a trust we're not very risky people, because we know that this is the long-term asset for other

people, so we have to be very careful with this asset. We can't make really risky investments. We also know what we want to ensure that we don't lose the value of the asset, that means we have to ensure that it continues to grow, we can't just keep it at the same rate and protect it because it won't be able to keep up with inflation as an example. We also know that we want to have capital appreciation so actually more than just your investment income but having the value of what you're investing in increase as well. So if you think about something like real estate you often have capital appreciation. So we had a number of buckets that we looked at as to how, what we needed to do with this money in going from risk our level of tolerance for risk to our need to grow capital, so capital preservation and then we came up with a risk profile that said we could look at things we would be safe to look at things like stocks and bonds, our traditional stocks, and bonds, but also US equity, foreign equity as well that we're in. We're also in real estate now, Canadian real estate but also international real estate, global real estate because they do have capital appreciation. We have gone into private debt and private income which are two alternative fields but are very lucrative and fairly safe. So we measure those things and as new asset classes come on our Trust Advisor will give us some educational courses in it and we will talk to people who are in that field and understand whether or not that asset class is something we're interested in doing. If you think about something like Bitcoin which is a huge one right now, we're not in Bitcoin, we don't feel we know enough about that

or are invested enough in that because of the risk at this point. So we do a lot of educational sessions and really try to understand what the asset class will bring and which one of our objectives it will meet. Roxane, I don't know if you want to add to my answer?

MS. CRAWFORD:

I think Isabella you covered a lot of the reasoning but if I could have the question just repeated, just so I know what the question was.

MS. PAIN:

The question was: how do we decide which asset classes we're going to go into?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Thank you. Yeah, Isabella covered a lot of the reasoning in terms of risk profile and looking at different fund managers. I think it's really important to understand that when we, as trustees, decided to expand from the traditional, 70 per cent equities and 30 per cent bonds, there was a lot of discussion first. So one of the first things we looked at was what was our reasoning for being in investments and what type of, what we wanted to get from it. As Isabella spoke about, capital preservation, income generation, diversity was one of those pieces. And coming out of the crash of the markets in 2008-2009 it was really necessary for us to have investments that weren't 100 per cent tied to the stock markets and so that the value and our assets would be protected in the event of another event like happened in 2008-2009, so that kind of led us down the road of investing in alternatives. And it's actually become the norm now, so when we talk about the traditional 70 per cent 30 per cent type of asset mix, I don't actually think that's your normal asset mix policy anymore. If you were to look at other trusts other pension funds across

the country it is now normal to be in what we call alternatives, which helps protect your capital. When we decided to go into different alternatives then we go into a process where we start with the list of could be 15, 20 possible fund managers. We'd review a number of factors with each fund manager within that asset class to bring it down to a smaller list. And then we'll short list, even from that, to interview a number of managers and talk to them and they have a certain type of presentation on the categories that we want to assess them on. And we have in fact even shortlisted down to our top two or three and done very extensive interviews with them, over a number about three hours or so, with so many different topics, on the top of my head we would talk about, you know, ESG which is environmental, social, governance factors. We talk about what they do in their back office, we talk about what type of security they have et cetera before we actually select a fund manager in a particular asset class. So I think that was a rather long answer to your question, but I hope it helps you get an understanding of what the trustees do when they first decide to go into a different asset class and two what we do to select the actual fund manager.

MS. ONALIK:

Are there any other questions? Mr. Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, [Speaks in Inuktitut]. I did have a few questions as well and I was also wondering about the dollar value of the Heritage Fund, so thank you Charlotte for flagging that. I think I'd asked this question previously, it's around the Settlement Trust and the issue around the Tax Treatment Agreement and the global real estate fund manager and the 5 per cent

that's mentioned there for your asset mixed policy and I guess I just wanted assurance again that that 5 per cent I guess not just sort of left there I think the total value of that fund that's maybe \$11 million and I guess it is invested in other asset classes within the Trust. If that's the case I'm just wondering how you make that decision as to what happens to that other 5 per cent, does it just go into the Canadian real estate portfolio or does it go elsewhere? Thank you.

MS. PAIN:

Roxanne do you want to take that question? Roxanne, Tyler's question is on the 5 per cent in global that we haven't invested yet in relation to the Settlement Trust, where is that 5 per cent right now, it is invested in other asset classes and how do we account for that?

MS. CRAWFORD:

Nakummek, and again my apologies for having to have the questions repeated to me. The funds are in other asset categories. And what happens is when we make a decision to invest in a fund manager, we typically have to collapse some of the funds that in another fund manager in order to invest in this case the global real estate. So we have not collapsed any funds from any other fund managers in order to invest in global real estate, because we have not been able to invest in the UBS product that was selected by the settlement trust. So the funds are invested in I believe I'd have to go back and double check my asset mix, but I do believe it's continued to be in Canadian Equities. So it is invested, it is earning funds, it is being monitored the same as we would monitor you know the Canadian equities or any other fund manager to make sure that it meets all our objectives.

MR. EDMUNDS:

And thank you, Roxanne and Isabelle and I just had one other question. I know that the percentages are set there for equities but obviously there is some differences between the types of equities, and I talked about how these fund managers are selected but is there any requirement within that equity portfolio for so much within the Canadian equities, global equities can that flow back and forth or are those amounts kind of set as well.

MS. PAIN:

Those amounts that you see in the asset mixed policy have been set so when you see 27 per cent in Canadian equities, we have said that we want 27 per cent in Canadian equities and at the time our manager was Beutel Goodman. What you're going to find in our next report is that we have, we are no longer with Beutel Goodman we have selected a different Canadian equity manager but the reason we have these other three global equities is that as we are looking for global equities there are different types of investments that you could be in. And we wanted to diversify even in the global equity field so that we were giving a portion to Fiera Capital. They had a mandate that looked really interesting, broken down to a tactical and active portion so we allocated 18 per cent to them and Unigestion and Hillsdale again they are different than each other so what we've done is when we're looking at the managers, we often rate them on various questions, I guess really, I'm think of the right word. But we don't look at them to be the same we are looking at them to be complementary so they in different fields and or different styles. So some maybe bottom-up stock pickers, others may be they look at the

country and then the allocations first and we so they have a completely different style and some are poor managers, value managers and you look at them to be complementary and diversified so that you're picking two firms that are exactly the same because you're trying to achieve something different with each of them.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you.

MS. CRAWFORD:

In turn we're looking at ones that complement each other and sometimes what we look at is style of managers, so in when we had a certain percentage set for global equity, we wanted to invest in managers that had different investment styles as well. So one of our fund managers is a bottom-up approach. So they don't look at the macro environment in which the economy operates. They look and they start at the bottom, and they look at very good solid types of companies and they have a very concentrated portfolio, could only be about 30 types of stocks in their file. One of our other managers is driven by quants. They use so many different types of quantitative analysis in order to pick stocks. And they may have about a hundred to 150 different stocks in their fund that we're invested in. Unigestion is a fund manager who operates in a low volatility type of style. So they will invest in their fund in stocks that are very solid companies that don't have very much volatility. We also measure them against a low volatility index, against their peers, to make sure they're operating we don't want the peaks and valleys of a company like Tesla, where one day their stock is trading very and the next given whatever the market report is they may drop quite significantly. Unigestion has low

volatility stocks. And so that's why you'll see several different fund managers under global equities is because we wanted to have different investment style fund managers. *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, are there any more question? Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, I'm not sure if I asked this last year, but I — or another year. But I want to go back a little bit in time to when we I think we lost \$21 million, and now this year we're you know I don't which trust it was in but I remember one year there was a big controversy here at the Assembly because there was \$21 million that was lost or something but I'm wondering now so this year you're telling one of them I see at least \$24 million so I — you know like is that taken into account that money that we lost is it gained back , do we have it back or was it lost forever or what? Help me understand where when you're painting a picture of us making \$24 million this year and maybe 6 years ago we lost \$21 million so is profit over them 6 years \$3 million?

MS. PAIN:

I'm trying to remember the scenario of the loss. I don't think it wasn't a realized loss it was book loss. So I think Roxane spoke a little about this earlier when she compared book value to market value. It's what we bought, book value is what we buy at and market losses is you know when the values go up and down. I would say that if you look at for example let me find the right trust. Presentations, if you look at the *Tasiujatsoak Trust* the table on the financial update you'll see in here there.

MS. CRAWFORD:

[Indiscernible] 2009 that's when the market there was a significant market crash and because of the housing bubble bursting in the United States and all of the other events that came from it so we didn't lose any money only on paper. So that one dollar that we put in, remember when we talk about market value it would've increased and then because of the 2008-2009 crash that's where it came down to the \$25 million market value reduction. What we have right now, what we presented today is to say that the market value of each of the different trusts have increased significantly over the book value of the dollar that we put in. So the \$25 million was never gone out of our books, it was a reduction in the market value at that time. And at this time, our market value is significantly higher than our book value and what we also learned from 2008-2009 market crash was to diversify our assets mix and invest in different types of styles, different types of portfolios in order to protect the funds and in order to continue to have increases in our book value. You only lose funds when you take it out of the bank, and we did not take any money out of the bank.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ms. Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Madam Chair. It's not a financial question it's maybe a very simple, or it's a very simple question I'm sure that you can answer, but under the T trust presentation, I understood that eligible beneficiaries before it could be an individual beneficiary could apply and now it's listed as the government, charitable organizations, or community or class of

Inuit so has that changed or did I misunderstand the people that could apply for the T trust?

MS. PAIN:

The trust deed and the eligible beneficiaries hasn't changed. When we say community or class of Inuit I think in that definition, I should have my trust deed in front of my but I don't, I think it says it could be one person but just in terms in how the trustees look at these things is by broader impact than just one individual so you look really at the broadest impact you can have with the funds available.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek. Are there anymore questions? Are there any more questions? Any more questions? Seeing none I think that would then conclude our presentations from Ms. Pain and Ms. Crawford.

Nakummek, for your presentations. With that we'll move back into the Assembly and onto Item 18 "First Reading of Bills" There are no First Reading of Bills today we'll move onto Item 19 "Second Reading of Bills" there are no Second Reading of Bills today and we'll move onto Item 20 "Assent to Bills". There are no Assent to Bills today, we will move onto Item 21 "Adjournment". The assembly is now adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning. It is now quarter after 3 p.m. and so we will be back tomorrow morning November 24th, at 9 a.m. *Nakummek.*

Day 2 November 24, 2021

MS. ONALIK:

I call to order day two of the 11th Session of the 4th Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I would like to ask President Johannes Lampe to say the opening prayer.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: [Recites prayer, in Inuktitut].

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable President for your opening prayer. I would like to acknowledge those listening on the audio feed, *Nakummek* for your interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly and I would also like to recognize Ms. Isabella Pain who is visiting in our gallery. We will now move onto Item 3 "Minister Statements", are there any Minister Statements this morning? I'd like to acknowledge Honourable Minister Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. As part of the work stemming from the advocates report A Long Wait for Change in 2019, DHSD is delivering presentations to children, seniors, social development provincial office and executive. As well as other departments in the government of Newfoundland and Labrador in October and November on the Nunatsiavut Government's position regarding the Inuit child welfare review and Inuit and western world views. Rebuilding child welfare relations: DHSD recognized the government of Newfoundland and Labrador need to understand our positions on these before meaningful work can occur pertaining to the 33 recommendations set out by the advocate. The Foster Families Appreciation month was held in October. Our staff traveled to communities in Nunatsiavut to deliver foster home appreciation events in our communities. We were not able to travel to Rigolet and Makkovik in October due to bad weather. However, staff in the communities were able to ensure foster families were able to take part. October 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 28th events were held in Postville, Hopedale, Nain, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, respectively. Madam

Speaker, a special acknowledgement to all our foster homes in the Nunatsiavut region and Upper Lake Melville who provide great care to our children and youth, providing them with meaningful opportunities to remain connected to their families, community, and culture. Ongoing work continues to support collaboration and dialogue between the Inuit families foster parents and CSSD. Many children who are placed in care outside of Nunatsiavut region have been coming back to their communities for visitation and our indigenous representative has been active in cultural connection planning with a strong position for these visits to continue for all children placed outside of their home communities. There's also ongoing efforts to scan for an increase in placements in the region and we have observed a decrease in the number of children leaving the region through the support of our Family Connections Program. Nine staff from DHSD are certified in conducting parental capacity assessments which was a two-day training delivered in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in early November. Congratulations to Regional Social Work Liaison Darlene Jacque, and Indigenous Representative Krista Mogridge who received their master's degree in Social Work this month. Madam Speaker, we are currently down two mental health and addiction workers in Nain. So there's a rotational schedule of staff to travel during this period of staff shortage to provide ongoing support. The Twin Flames Tour was scheduled for November 15th to 19th for Nunatsiavut communities now being postponed due to weather and plans under way for a future date. Two new staff were trained in non-violent crisis

intervention with training sessions to be planned for the future with priority given to supportive housing staff. The Harm Reduction Specialist partnered with Child Youth Mental Health Clinical Lead to present to the regional housing and homelessness coalition face to face meeting chaired by the department of Labrador and Aboriginal affairs around indigenous harm reduction and impacts of trauma. Each community held Events for truth and reconciliation day on September 30th, 2021, with great turn out in each community. The justice coordinator partnered with a street outreach worker at the housing hub to have a two-day land based outing in Goose Bay for clients from the homeless shelter and supportive living program. The Justice Coordinator is making ongoing efforts to encourage more cultural aspects of into the Labrador Correctional Centre. Such as traditional food, Inuit specific programs and supports. President Lampe held a talking circle for inmates at the correctional centre. We have a regional youth service social worker starting in the role in December with the position located in Makkovik. The Nunatsiavut Executive Council recently approved mental social work positions for Nunatsiavut. One in Nain, one in Hopedale, and shared between Makkovik Postville and Rigolet. In closing, Madam Speaker, we have a new position within DHSD, coordination of case Services Case Manager. This position is responsible for providing linkages between Nunatsiavut communities and services such as non-insured health benefits, mental health nursing clinics personal care homes et cetera. As well as other health authorities as appropriate to improve the quality of care for patients in a journey

through the healthcare system. Also just to note this statement has been emailed to all Assembly members. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Honourable Minister Gregory Flowers.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, yesterday I didn't read all my notes. Today I would like to do renewable resources, non renewable sorry. Madam Speaker, this year mineral exploration has certainly picked up compared to last year. With an interest in copper, uranium, nickel, and gold. Madam Speaker, this summer Altius Resources had a successful program exploring their mineral claims for copper and uranium within the central mineral belt, CMB. The field work included geological mapping, prospecting, and rock sampling. On the 9th of September all these conducted in the information session in the community of Postville. Also, Madam Speaker, Mega Uranium has complete their exploration program on their Mustang Lake properties located on LIL. This years work included prospecting, geological mapping, and drone work. They also, Madam Speaker, finished up on the 13th of October and done a information session in Postville. Madam Speaker, Aurora Energy has finished their exploration program that included drill collar differential global positioning system, DGPS, survey in the property. Aurora has also completed their camp maintenance at Michelins. And on October 13th the Nunatsiavut Government completed an inspection on Aurora's camp fuel and cash and fuel work. Madam Speaker, Labrador gold has been approved to explore their Udjutok property located on LIL.

Their work included prospecting, geological mapping, and sampling their claim looking for gold. Madam Speaker, Petro resources has been approved to explore their Cabot Lake properties located on LISA. There are plans to fly and airborne survey over their claims exploring for nickel. Also, Madam Speaker, international Consolidated Uranium has been approved to explore their Moraine Lake property located on LISA, Moran Lake. They completed their survey over their claim earlier this fall. On October 18th they announced a new spin off company, Labrador Uranium, with the interest of obtaining the Moran Lake property known for it's resource in uranium and vanadium . On the quarry front, Madam Speaker, the division heads ensure work plans and approved for Postville and Nain IGAs earlier this summer to operate their quota's. Finally, Madam Speaker, the division of Lands and Natural Resources, pleased to welcome Patricia Dsouza, I hope I pronounced that right, Madam Speaker, as our new Mining Analyst. In the Environment Division, Madam Speaker, in partnership with the Environment and Climate Change Canada, we have continued monitoring eggs and birds in Postville and Nain area to ensure birds of there impact from the Postville spill, what happened last spring, Madam Speaker. Eggs and birds are being collected with local community members and conservation officers, and are being sent to Environment and Climate Change Canada labs for analyzation. Also, Madam Speaker, the Director of Environment and Minister of Lands and Natural Resources are making plans to travel to Rigolet and Upper Lake Melville communities to provide an overview and

where things are on the Muskrat Falls project. Finally, Madam Speaker, Environment Division is excited to announce the hiring of Michelle Saunders at the Resource Centre. She will be based out of Nunatsiavut Resource Centre in Nain and will help to implement the resource programs of the Environment division. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister of Land and Natural Resources, Gregory Flowers. Now moving to Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKallatik. Again, Madam Speaker, I'd like to start out with an update from Nunatsiavut Affairs, and then deliver an update from Minister Lyall's department after. With respect to the Registrar, Madam Speaker, the Membership Department held it's yearly Membership Workshop in Nain, the week of October 25th. It included those on the membership committees, Inuit Membership Appeal Board, and the staff from the Membership Department. Mark Gillette, and Annike Flomen from NG legal counsel hosted the workshop and it went well with many discussions on the eligibility and enrollment process. The registrar hopes to organize another workshop in the new year. This October, Madam Speaker, Annie Evans of Makkovik was reappointed for another two years to the Inuit Membership Appeal board, we are grateful for her work and dedication. And Annie is a well known and respected elder within the community. Her knowledge is invaluable to the board when decisions are being made. The RFP for the Inuit ancestry database closed this month, Madam Speaker. and as mentioned previously, the project will seek to develop a database of Nunatsiavut Inuit family trees that will

serve as a resource for the regional membership committees and Inuit membership appeal board in determining the Inuit ancestry of applicants for enrollment to be beneficiaries on their land claims agreement. The proposals are now being evaluated.. Madam Speaker, as I mentioned yesterday we've had to re-advertise the director of housing position. We have — we are now in the third round of trying to get this position filled, but this recent job competition opened up the eligibility of the position to Upper Lake Melville, as well. That will be set for a period of three years and the job competition closed this past week. We are working on moving forward different components of the work plan in the interim to ensure that the commission will operational for March 31st, 2022.

Certain components of the work plan will be completed by consultant and Affairs plans to community consultation in the new year with our Nunatsiavut communities. Engagement with the ICGs will be critical. As well as counselors will play a key role in the local Inuit housing committees. Madam Speaker, we met with the Torngat Regional Housing Association's board of directors last week, on November 17th, to discuss the transfer of assets into the housing commission. It was an extremely productive meeting, Madam Speaker, and Nunatsiavut Affairs will be bringing several options to the NEC in the near future to discuss how the transfer of assets could take place. The Association has been an important part of our communities for years and I want to thank the board for their perspectives and positions that were voiced during this important meeting. Madam Speaker, updates on our Affordable Warmth

and Home Repair Program. With respect to the 2020 Repair Program, work has been proceeding in all our communities and the contractor NCI has stated that the work will be completed by Christmas and inspections of the work will begin immediately after completion. For next years program, the inspections have been completed and we are awaiting the final report. And there will also be a new call for applications under our repair program which be released in the coming weeks. With respect to our Emergency Repair Program, Madam Speaker, there have been 11 applications approved under the program for this year and as these applications come from different communities there is some work that is occurring, while contracts are in the process of being awarded as well. And finally, Madam Speaker, I will speak to the homelessness supports here in Hopedale. We have been working on this issue over the last year, and as the Assembly is aware, we were attempting to renovate the older DHSD building and had an application into the Rapid Housing Initiative to finance any renovations to complete eight bedsitting units there. As we undertook the process this summer, it became clear to us that the work that was needed to bring the building up to the acceptable standards exceeded any timelines or costs that we had anticipated. But at this point we are trying to look for alternatives. We have decided against moving forward with the renovation of that building. The direction from the NEC has been clear when we've discussed this issue. And it's that the community needs to be supported and that we need to look at all options. While I cannot share the exact details today, Madam Speaker, I

am confident that we will have options at the start of the new year to provide supports for homelessness within the community and I am open to having some discussions beyond today with the AngajukKâk for Hopedale. The immediate focus is ensuring that we have temporary shelter or temporary units in place to keep individuals out of the cold, Madam Speaker. But we are committed to creating a long-term solution in the community of Hopedale, and it will be a continued part of our infrastructure planning in the future. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I would like to recognize Honourable Minister Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, today I have a brief update from Finance Division of my Department. Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government is in year three of a five-year fiscal financing agreement. The government of Canada and the Nunatsiavut Government have agreed upon a schedule for presentations from various departments who receive their funding under this agreement. Once complete the NG will begin compiling a mandate for negotiations of the third renewal of the fiscal financing agreement. The Nunatsiavut Government participates in the collaborative fiscal policy process with other self governing indigenous governments and the government of Canada. Now Speaker, tax is an important fiscal topic for all governments. Finance Canada has a mandate to review it's indigenous tax framework and has engaged the NG, Madam Speaker, to determine our priority areas and concerns related to Canada's indigenous tax policy.

Madam Speaker, finance provides support for many government wide and departmental projects and programs as well as the day-to-day management of finances and budgets. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister Anthony Andersen. I'd now like to recognize Honourable Minister Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I now today have an update on the economic development division. The Rigolet gas station: The Rigolet Inuit Community Government continues as the interim operator for the the Rigolet gas station. The initial contract period of September 2021 has been extended until the end of May 2022. Any additional funding request will be brought to the NEC for review. A private operator is preparing a potential business proposal for the gas station operation. Once the business plan is received any support requests will be brought to the NEC for review. Under Business Support, between September and November the division had four new businesses added to the Inuit business registry. Regarding procurement, one underground and three regular site operation packages were received from Vale with our division, submitting 13 Inuit business nominations and no QBE nominations. Small business start up tour: the division has launched a small business start up tour in Nunatsiavut last week. We are visiting high schools, meeting with existing and new clients and hosting community sessions. The tour will allow us to engage and encourage business start ups, assist existing businesses, and engage youth in entrepreneurship. Our business development officer, being Mary "Binky"

Andersen has been to Hopedale, Makkovik, and Postville and was supposed to travel to Rigolet on the 22nd and to Nain on the 24th. Attendance has been high and entrepreneurship continues to strengthen in the region. Funding distribution. The fiscal finance agreement funding. We have received and approved an application valued at approximately \$14,000 for development for finalizing the Makkovik Morgue construction, the Makkovik Craft Council operation and Business Case Development for Hopedale floating dock. We have funds available in this program related to economic development, employment, and business development opportunities. Applications are welcome and reviewed on a continuous intake and evaluation. The community economic development program contributions have nearly reached the annual \$150,000 allotment. The funding distribution includes the approval of Rigolet Inuit Community Government application for a CDO position. COVID research and relief programming. The federal Indigenous Community Business Fund program targets small businesses and artisans impacted by the pandemic. The ICBF is valued at \$232,000 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The final program recommendation is undergoing financial — sorry, final revision and expected to be presented to the NEC in December. So that'll be an exciting time for me. Self Employment Benefits Program: The transfer of self employment benefit program from education to economic development is near complete. Key program changes regarding duration eligibility and additional supports are undergoing final revision and expected to be presented to

NEC in December. Under staffing, we continue to have two vacancies in our division, the Business Development Manager and Business Development Officer positions. Both rolls have been advertised multiple times without success. We are seeking a service contract to bridge the central program delivery during this recruitment period. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. I'd now like to recognize Honourable First Minister thank you to deliver the Minister statement for Minister Jim Lyall.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Again, today's update from the department is focused on the division of culture. From the Master/Apprentice Inuktitut Program, the masters and apprentices flew to Nain on October 5th, and began lessons together on October 6th. Masters and apprentices have from each Nunatsiavut community, with the exception of Rigolet. They did have one master available but did not receive any applications for apprentices. We did advertise again specifically for Rigolet, with no applicants. And the program will run until March 2022. Under the *IlinniaKatigennik* Radio Program, they continue to encourage everyone to listen to OKâlaKatiget Society, who run an all-Inuktitut radio program with the support and funds from departments. The program airs every Tuesday from 3 to 4, and it seeks to promote the Inuktitut language. The program contains materials such as Inuktitut singers and songs, children reading Inuktitut stories, and there's also contests based on Inuktitut words et cetera. The language strategy,

Madam Speaker, has been approved by the Executive Council earlier this year in March. It is available online on our website and the staff have been busy working on the goals from the first year of the strategy. Public health packages: The Language and Culture Division has collaborated with Department Of Health and social development in incorporating language and culture items into care packages that were given to infants during first vaccinations. The packages have been sent to the communities and included a crocheted seal toy, a Inuktitut children's book, some flip cards with Inuktitut colours and numbers, and some magnets with some first words in Inuktitut. The resource will help to incorporate Inuktitut and cultural resources into the the day-to-day lives of infants and families. This is the second year of these packages being distributed. Under language resources, in 2020 the department printed a large number of language resources to have in each Nunatsiavut community. That included children's books, posters, which contain cultural information for kids and youth and adult learning settings to have different programming. They also gave away prizes and Inuktitut signs that have been posted in public settings and I'm sure that some of us have seen these outside of post offices, gas stations and whatever else. Resources have been sent to each community for distribution. And each school has recently been sent a package of Inuktitut posters which NG offices will also be receiving for programming spaces. Madam Speaker, [Speaks in Inuktitut] our department has been working with an Inuit organization in Iqaluit called Pirurvik to modify and existing Inuktitut

website and three learning resources from Nunavut to be made in the Nunatsiavut dialect. These resources will allow learning from home, from across the country and will make a great advance for Inuktitut classes to have readily available resources for instructors in beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels of learning. Language program coordinators have been working on this since January, with the hopes of these resources being launched by the end of the year. Cultural play resources, the department created cultural play resources that have been introduced to all day cares and language nests in Nunatsiavut. These items have been created by local woodworkers in Nain. Previous cultural play items included mini Kamutet , mini Uluit mini matjavik and seal skin and mini taluk. This year we are creating mini Kajait, in collaboration with Kajak program, for children to be able to sit and play in. We have also broadened the resources to include the kindergarten classes of Nunatsiavut. *Isumataq*, Madam Speaker, is the expert language committee within the department, and the committee works together to review approve and discuss important topics and documents about Inuktitut within the Nunatsiavut Government. Since the new interpreter translator coordinator has started we have been working recruiting new members and working on updating the terms of reference for the committee. And finally, Madam Speaker, language survey. The department and Carleton University have been working together since 2019 to develop and deliver a language survey that collects information to help determine a number of important factors including how many

Inuktitut speakers there are in our region, what levels of Inuktitut they consider themselves to be at and what ideas communities have on programming ideas barriers challenges et cetera. The Nain surveys have been completed and now the remainder of the Nunatsiavut communities are in the process of being done as well. An online version of the survey was previously released with plans of re-opening the online version to be able to collect information from those who may have been missed. The survey's open to all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries as well as those living within Nunatsiavut. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Ministers, for all your Minister Statements this morning. We'll move onto Item 4 "Member Statements". Are there any "Member Statement"? I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Nakummek, UKatti. Today I'm going to try to focus on some of what has been happening in our community. First of all, I want to welcome Sandy Michelin as our Chief Administrative Officer. Sandy came to work with us about five months ago she wanted to give it a try. So she took some time off from her job and now she decided to stay with RICG permanently. Madam Speaker, having this position filled is such a relief to our community and mostly to the office staff who have been carrying the burden for a bit more than four or five years. Madam Speaker, a few assemblies ago I thanked *Tasiujatsoak* Trust for giving our RICG funding to get a covering for our outdoor rink. The materials have all arrived on time, the old rink was dismantled and we were ready to construct a

covering. We had staff trained and hired. A technician arrived from Calgary and to everyone's dismay, Madam Speaker, we were told that we needed to do more work on the foundation and surface area before we could begin construction. So this project is presently on hold until next summer, spring and fall. We're now getting the rink re-assembled so we can have an outdoor rink again this winter. Madam Speaker, this is a big disappointment to our community. However, on a positive note we know it's going to happen next year. And Madam Speaker, Rigolet piggy backed that Makkovik had. There was a crew in there doing a sewer investigation and we inquired and actually got the crew to come to Rigolet and to do a sewer investigation in our town. During that process it was discovered that we had a major leak in our main water line. This sewer investigation has also revealed the need for a new lift station and the replacement of some of our sewer lines. As well, the manholes have been separated and infiltration of gravel and sand are in the lines. Madam Speaker, the broken water line has since been repaired, however during this process we did find out that a number of our sump pumps and things like that weren't working so we need a lot more pumping equipment and a lot of work needs to be done on the valves and the valve chambers in Rigolet. Rigolet had a project that placed houses over three pressure reducing valves, there are some complications with this projects that involves issues in the water system infrastructure, so that's not going to be solved this fall. The houses are over all the valves. One don't have any electricity because there's too much water coming so

anyway it's going to be fixed this fall. Madam Speaker, Rigolet has no plots of land available. We are in desperate need for subdivision development. We have two or three areas that are being investigated as possible sites for a new subdivision, so hopefully some of the infrastructure money is going to go to subdivision development. And Madam Speaker, to end on a positive note, I would like to put a shout out to DHSD Rigolet, they've been having lots of great activities for our community despite the pandemic. They continue to be creative to keep community involvement and activities going for all ages. And I'd like to because we're not going to see everyone before Christmas, I'd like to wish everybody here a merry Christmas and a happy new. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. And now I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'll give a quick update this morning from HICG. The Town Manager position remains unfilled which makes it difficult to run the office efficiently. Audits are still ongoing and we hope to begin the 2020 audit with Deloitte on Monday, November 29th. We are ready to begin the CEED program as soon Service Canada approves the applicants. One outfall on the lower end of town was repaired through our capital works projects this fall. And another capital works project containing the retention tanks at our distribution building was started however in preparation for the project an issue was noted with one of the shut off valves. The main line would have to be shut off and

parts ordered. So due to the late start in the season and fear of water freeze up the council decided to postpone the project until the next construction season. The Water and Sewer Assistant is attending the annual training for water certification in Goose Bay. Our walk-in freezer continues to break down which makes it difficult to keep large quantities of meat and fish in our freezer safely. Madam Speaker, I had the privilege of attending the Tradition and Transitions Conference in St. John's. HICG supported and participated in some of the research projects held here in Hopedale. It is wonderful to see partnerships between Inuit organizations and universities in research projects. Our voice is being heard and consultations with Inuit are honoured. I also attended the municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador AGM held in Corner Brook, in November the 3rd to the 6th. Although some issues did not apply ICGs the workshops and discussions were very informative. I believe knowledge is power and we can always learn from others. I want to acknowledge the HICG staff for their work and dedication over the past year and thank the community for their support. It certainly has been a challenging year with the world pandemic to deal with. However with hard work, dedication, and patience we all managed to get through the year. As the Christmas season is coming closer, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and God's blessing in 2022. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers. I'd now like to recognize Ordinary Member for the Canadian constituency Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Today I want to talk about the members living in Mary's Harbour in particular, Harbourview Manor. Thank you John, for brining it up yesterday. Many of them are not even registered as beneficiaries with the registrar, but that has been taken care of partially. We don't have them all completed yet. But a lot of their concerns is that they want to get closer to home, even if it Goose Bay, they don't want to stay down in that area, they have no connection whatsoever. They want more information sent to them which we have to work on I understand that. But those are the main concerns and they also just found out about COVID relief funding that was available to everyone else except for them, 'cause they didn't know about it. And another thing I'd like to talk about, Madam Speaker, is the Waterford hospital in St. John's, that institute will soon be closing. And we have one member in there, in particular, that has no mental capacity to deal with themselves so it's something that Susan and I, our Honourable Speaker, have to work on to make sur that those people that are out there are taken care of. We don't know where they're going to be going, but we must find out and we're hoping to get some help from the health minister as well as from the Honourable Speaker so we'll continue on with that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for the Canadian constituency. Are there any more member statements? I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member from Makkovik, Mr. Johnny Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Before I start my statement, Madam Speaker, I'd just like to thank the ministers. We requested their statements after the last Assembly meeting, and within a half hour we had all of their statements and I hope that that continues. Thank you Ministers. Madam Speaker, two Canadian Junior Rangers from Nunatsiavut have been awarded the Canada Company Bursary Award this year. They are Ocean-Pottle of Rigolet and Ryden Anderson of Makkovik. With this announcement, Madam Speaker, they will each receive a plaque and \$1,000. The bursary provides support to youth who demonstrates attributes of leadership, while also furthering their education. Madam Speaker, the leaders in this community are to be commended for the job they do in training our Junior Rangers. What the Junior Rangers learn is all geared to living in the north. Out door survival skills, GPS, hunting, using your gun, mapping, cooking, skidoo, and boat safety as well as doing community service by helping out during many different community events and the list goes on. Madam Speaker, our young people are lucky to have such a program as the Canadian Junior Rangers. Madam Speaker, I'd like to give a shout out to the Canadian Junior Ranger program for helping to develop leadership in our youth and congratulations to all involved. And I wish you all a merry and a safe Christmas. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. I would like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I too would like to thank John for his Member speech there recognizing the Junior Canadian Rangers in the

communities. It's a great program, I must admit. But I'd like to speak this morning, Madam Speaker, with the Marjorie with my Honourable friend AngajukKâk from Hopedale mentioned the CEEP program. That program this year is a little more restrictive than the other years. And it's geared towards people who would never or who could not gain enough EI hours for one reason or another. Some may be intellectual matters, and some may be not just able to find enough work but some of the restrictions this year is going to be challenging for the ICGs who administer the CEEP program because of the fact that the employees now are not even allowed on residents properties let alone in their close to their house, so we're struggling to find projects to do. The last number of years we had those CEEP employees were shoveling off seniors doorsteps and lugging in wood for the seniors but that kind of thing is not allowed to happen this year and those are the provincial regulations and not the ICGs. So it will be a struggle to find projects for those people to do in our small communities. I'd like to also recognize what happened yesterday with the sports meet at schools all attending Makkovik last month for the sports meet. It was a great sports meet, to see everybody back running, with their friends and oh it was emotion for all of them after two years of being apart. So it was good to see Makkovik win volleyball again, Hopedale and everybody's moving onto the island now for regionals which is great. The subdivision in Makkovik, the funny lot subdivision is near complete, we're still waiting for the right of way for the hydro

hookup. That should be completed next summer. So other than that I think that's my statement for today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk from Makkovik. I'd now like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville Marlene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll give a brief update considering my colleague gave a great update yesterday. I'd like to congratulate Mr. T. J. Gear, owner of Gear's Gains in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on his competition in Sweden which was held the third week of September. He placed second in one of his divisions, setting a record as well, and finishing sixth overall in the whole world at the competition, so we're quite proud of that. With that he also has been mentoring some power lifters in our area. We had a number of beneficiaries that are in his program and that were invited to the Atlantic power lifting championships in October and they all medaled and all qualified to attend the nationals. They are Eric Webb, Aaron Porter, Ty Dyson, Mark Canning, Owen Voisey, and Robbie McClean so they all did a great job, powerlifting and representing the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. On September 30th, on the day of Truth and Reconciliation I was invited to speak at the Lake Melville School in Northwest River. It was a very moving experience. Both of our parents attended residential schools, our mother in Northwest River and our father in Makkovik. And I kind of said while I was there that our parents had very different experiences at the residential schools, and it was very moving. And I had a little girl at the end of the ceremony come up and thank me for sharing my story about

our family and it was incredibly moving and very touching and she was so excited to learn about residential schools some of the things that our parents experienced, and that. And we also attended the September 30th celebrations at the Labrador Interpretation Centre in Northwest River. We had painted orange rocks, we had orange ribbons, there was also some entertainment provided by Lloyd Goudie and it was a very eventful experience. And I would also like to wish everybody a happy Nunatsiavut day seeing as we won't be with each other, and happy new year and very merry Christmas. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Are there any more Member Statements? Seeing none, so that means we will move on to Item 5, "Return to Oral Questions". Yesterday the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker asked the Minister of Finance Human Resources and Information Technology the following question: When a Nunatsiavut Government Job is being posted why is the salary not posted, people do not know if they are interested if the salary for that advertised position is less or more than what they are receiving. I would like to recognize Minister Andersen to provide his response.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yesterday the AngajukKâk, Madam Speaker, AngajukKâk for Nain caught me off guard with his question and I was so caught off guard and I didn't know if it was a trick question or not and I didn't even want to answer in one of my made-up answer in my head right away, so I had to go back to the Finance Division and ask why that was. And the good people from Human Resource Division in my

department explained that sometime ago, Madam Speaker, the decision was made that we would not publicly post salaries for the civil service, because I guess some people were concerned that having public knowledge of someone's salary could some way put some I don't know stress or whatever on individuals. So it was decided that we would not post during job competitions the salary. However, any person who is interested in a position can call the Human Resource Division and they would give that person all the information regarding salaries and the set progression for that particular position. Up to this point it has worked well. Appreciate very much the question from the AngajukKâk but I will say that at this time it's my departments stand that we will continue to not post the salary in job competition. But it is certainly to have conversation with the AngajukKâk from Nain should he wish to discuss this further. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. There are no more "Returns to Oral Questions" today so we will now break for 10 or 15 minutes, hopefully 10. Is that good? All right, thank you.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK:

We will now move onto Item 6 of the agenda "Oral Questions". Are there any Oral Questions? I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk for Nain, Julius Dicker.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question to the Minister of Finance, Honourable Tony Andersen. Thank you for your answer to my question

but there is a procedure that we follow, what procedure do we follow regarding the publishment of the salaries of the civil service? Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. I recognize Honourable Minister Tony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't fully get the question.

MS. ONALIK: AngajukKâk Dicker would you be able to repeat your question?

MR. DICKER: Yes, there is procedure apparently that we follow to allow for the publication of the salaries. It was decided by either Assembly or NEC council to withhold that information now to reverse that what procedure do we follow? Do you get what I'm saying?

MS. ONALIK: Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Honourable Minister Tony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah more yeah not caught off guard that's a kind of question that I will have to take the question under notice and provide the response within seven days. It's an important question, nevertheless, Madam Speaker, and I want to acknowledge that and I thank very much the AngajukKâk from Nain for this question and give him assurance that I will go back to my department and bring forward an answer for him and for the assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Tony Andersen, we will take that question under notice. I now recognize AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: *Nakummek, UKatti.* My question is for the Honourable Minister of Health, Gerald Asivak. It's the question that I put in writing, anyway can

NG beneficiaries get orthodontic services from the Child First program if they're turned down under NIHB?

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Honourable Minister Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think there was a reply sent to the clerk of the Assembly for dissemination to the Assembly for that question. I can't recall if it was a written question or oral question but it was responded within the timeline if the clerk or the speaker can speak to that or director of legal services as the question has already been answered. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. Under the Standing Orders it was reviewed and it was not a written question. But it was a recommendation that AngajukKâk can ask that question directly to you during Oral Question period.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do have the answer however I don't have the full, I'm trying to remember it. Can you repeat the question because I did not write it down.

MS. ONALIK:

AngajukKâk Wolfrey are you able to repeat the question?

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you, yes. Can NG Beneficiaries get orthodontic services from the Child First program if they've been turned down by NIHB?

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk. Honourable Minister Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and AngajukKâk Wolfrey. The Child First Initiative is a federal program funded by the federal government for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis. The services and provisions within this

program expand beyond health, it also includes education. We do have Child First initiative staff within our department. However, I don't have the exact contact person and yes any beneficiary can apply for service or provision that they feel they were denied under Non-Insured Health Benefits for an appeal. So there would be an application process so in short the answer would be yes and you can follow up with me directly for the contact person. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister, for your response. AngajukKâk Wolfrey do you have a supplementary question?

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, no.

MS. ONALIK: I'd like to now recognise the Chair of Sivunivut, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education and Economic Development, the Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler. Would you be able to provide an update on LATP, the number of Nunatsiavut beneficiaries that received training for underground mining and how many of the people trained are working in Voisey's Bay? *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ms. Winters. Honourable Minister Maxene Winters-Wheeler.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I thank the member for her question. I will take this question under notice and return with answer in the appropriate time frame. It's very important to know how many of our beneficiaries have received training and are working in Voisey's Bay. So

thank you for your question, I take it under notice and will get back to you. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister, we will file that question under notice.

Are there any more oral questions? I'd like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Johnny Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Land and Natural Resources, the Honourable Greg Flowers. With all the effects we are feeling from climate change, we realize that global warming is threatening our way of life. Forest trees are one factor that can help produce better atmosphere. Trees and forests absorb carbon monoxide in doing so release oxygen in the air. I think Nunatsiavut can play a role being proactive in our fight against climate change. My question, Minister, is can the Nunatsiavut Government find at least 500 tree seedlings to each community to plant and to do our part in fighting climate change?

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. Honourable Minister.

MR. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you Ordinary Member for Makkovik for your question. I know we can put 500 trees in Hopedale and I don't think we need to put 500 in Postville but yes, Madam Speaker, as you may be aware or not aware, but my department and Economic Development had seedlings delivered this fall for all five of our Inuit communities. And they were sent to the schools and we certainly appreciate that your awareness of climate change and so do we. We did

have these trees here come I think it about two or three weeks ago. I actually saw the ones that came to Hopedale and they were brought up to the school, so we have started and we certainly will be looking and talking with the Department of Education for more trees for the communities and doing our part in trying to head off climate change. Because I know as we all know it's — our climate in Nunatsiavut is certainly changing. And we can see that as we look out the window today. So thank you for your question and we certainly will be still doing more to do this thing what you ask. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. Ordinary Member Johnny Andersen, do you have a supplementary question?

MR. J. ANDERSEN: No, I don't *Nakummek*. Thank you, Minister for the answer.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, are there any more Oral Questions? I'd like to recognize the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Marlene Winters-Wheeler, Minister of Education and Economic Development. A couple years ago there was I think a request put in for training or support for the Tel managers or CEOs and office staff that there was going to be a training proposal put together and my question is where is that right now because I don't think any of the ICGs have had any contact regarding the training. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Honourable Minister.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker and *Nakummek AngajukKâk* Flowers for your question. I will again take this question under notice. Being new to the department I can't answer a lot of questions, unfortunately. I do believe in life long learning so I think any training available to any staff person is always a bonus for our beneficiaries. So thank you for your question and we will get back to you in the appropriate time frame. Thank you, *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister. AngajukKâk Flowers we will file your question under notice.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you.

MS. ONALIK: Are there any more Oral Questions? Are there any more Oral Questions? I'm seeing none so that moves us onto Item 7, "Written Question". Are there any Written Questions today? Seeing none, we will move onto Item 8, "Return to Written Questions". Yesterday the Chair of the NunaKâtiget Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak provided the following written question to the Minister of the Department of Health and Social Development Honourable Gerald Asivak. It has been said that several Nunatsiavut regional nurses all rented separate vehicles to drive to Mary's Harbour and then go on to battle Harbour with their families for a retreat using Nunatsiavut funds. Would you be able to confirm this rationale and provide details to this expenditure. I would like to recognize Minister Asivak for his response.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker and Chairperson Kemuksigak for your question. Three Department of Health and Social Development staff went to Battle Harbour for their Canadian Partnership against cancer meeting along with two representatives from Innu NunatuKavut, provincial eastern, and two consultants. It was funded through CPAC. There were 11 people who traveled and they had 3 rental vehicles between them. The 11 individuals stayed in 8 rooms, some shared. We are not aware of any family members traveling. We checked all travel claims and we certainly didn't pay for any family members. We couldn't say 100 per cent that no one extra stayed in a room, but there was no charge on the bill for extra guests. We had finance review the invoices. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. There are no more Return to Written Questions today so we will go onto Item number 9, "Petitions". There are no Petitions today so we can now move onto Item 10 "Response to Petitions". There are no Responses to Petitions today, Item 11 "Report of Standing and Special Committees". On March 8th, 2021, the Nunatsiavut Assembly unanimously passed the following resolution: Whereas current Nunatsiavut electoral law, electors residing in the Canadian constituency cast ballots in elections for Ordinary Members and for the President by mail. And whereas over time various members of the Assembly have heard concerns from beneficiaries that the process of mail in voting is flawed due to reliance on timely postal delivery. And whereas the Nunatsiavut electoral officer has also raised concerns as to whether the

current voting process in the Canadian constituency is the most secure means of voting as well as the most effective way for electors in the Canadian constituency to exercise their right to cast votes in elections, and whereas the Assembly can appoint a special committee to consider any matter referred to it by the Assembly, the motion which was made by Mr. Tyler Edmunds and seconded by the Ordinary Member for Rigolet Ms. Carline Palliser, asked that the Nunatsiavut Assembly establish a special committee on voting alternatives for the Canadian constituency. And the following person be appointed persons be appointed to the special committee, Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Barry Andersen AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Roland Saunders Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Mark Gillette Director of Legal Services for the Nunatsiavut Government. The committee has tabled a report as Document Number 05411. I would like to recognize Mr. Roland Saunders Ordinary Member for Canada to present the report of the Special Committee titled "Report of the Special Committee on Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency".

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. By resolution passed on March 9th, 2021, the Nunatsiavut Assembly struck a Special Committee on Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency, the committee. The terms of reference for the committee were to meet within the Nunatsiavut electoral office to discuss the existing voting procedures used for elections involving the Canadian constituency, and to identify any shortcomings or issues affecting the voting participation and transmission

of votes. I'm going to just pick some highlights and then go through those and I'll let you know what's going on. One of the recommendations was....

MS. ONALIK: Excuse me, Mr. Saunders are you able to slow down for the interpreters?

MR. SAUNDERS: I'm sorry?

MS. ONALIK: Can you please slow down for the interpreters?

MR. SAUNDERS: Okay, yeah no problem. To provide a report to the Assembly on the work of the committee together with any recommendations, the committee may make during the fall of 2021. The committee met with NEO, Ms. Nanette Lake in May 2021. The purpose of the meeting was for the committee to have input from the NEO about issues regarding elections in the Canadian constituency on which the committee could focus and potentially seek professional consultation. After the discussion with the NEO, the committee determined it was in need of research expertise in the area of alternative voting as a result the committee released a request for proposals for research assistance seeking the following: An overview of benefits and weaknesses of electronic voting systems generally. An overview of the type of the electronic voting systems that may be suitable for use for elections involving voters in the Canadian constituency. A recommendation for a short list of providers of appropriate voting systems. The committee was pleased that as a result of the RFP, it retained the services of a team of academic experts in the fields. Doctor Brian Budd, Doctor Nicole Goodman, and Doctor Michael

McGregor. In general the research report provides an overview and an analysis of remote voting systems with the specific focus on electronic types of voting, notably online and telephone voting. The research report outlines the results of a survey of beneficiaries conducted by the group with a focus on respondents from the Canadian constituency. Reviews of electronic voting systems and deployment approaches that are suited for the voters in the Canadian constituency and provides a list of recommendations. The committee's mandate exists until dissolution of the current Assembly. The committee believes that a period of consultation with Labrador Inuit residents in the Canadian constituency is the next step in making informed recommendations on voting reform. Keeping this in mind, the committee makes the following recommendations to the Nunatsiavut Assembly. That the Nunatsiavut Assembly accept the report of the Special Committee on Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency and authorize that committee proceed to conduct consultations with Labrador Inuit residents in the Canadian constituency on the recommendations and alternatives outlined in the research report. Respectfully submitted this 24 day of November, Special Committee on the Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, the motion is now in order would the member like to speak to the motion?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Honourable Member, I move seconded by the AngajukKâk of Makkovik Mr. Barry Andersen, that the Nunatsiavut Assembly accept this report of

the Special Committee on Voting Alternatives for the Canadian constituency and authorize that committees proceed to conduct consultations with Labrador Inuit residents in the Canadian constituency on the recommendations and alternatives outlined in the research report. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, the motion is now in order, would the member like to speak to the motion?

MR. SAUNDERS: No, Madam Speaker, thank you.

MS. ONALIK: Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? I'd like to recognize the Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I thank Ordinary Member Saunders for giving the report. And I wanted to thank the committee for the work that they've done over this last number of months. It was a really important issue and an important exercise that we needed to undertake as and Assembly and as a government. I was hoping for some clarification today. I know that the member stated that there's a recommendation to consult with Labrador Inuit residents within the Canadian constituency on the recommendations but it's a little unclear to me whether or not we are being asked to accept the report that was done by the committee itself or the actual report that's been done by the universities? And I'm also wondering if this is the opportunity for us to ask any questions around the report itself at this time or is that — sorry the report that's been commissioned by University of Guelph, Brock, and Ryerson. Do we

have the opportunity to ask questions at this juncture as well? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. I'd like to recognize Ordinary Member for Canadian constituency. Are you able to address Honourable Tyler Edmunds question in regard to whether we speak to which document?

MR. SAUNDERS:

We are asking that you accept this report that we have just submitted. In part what was also recommended by the group that had done the survey. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister? My apologies, AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to thank the Ordinary Member for Canada for his initiative in this matter for keeping it on forefront it think since he's got elected here I think this will go a long way to engage the Canadian constituency a little more effectively, that's the hope of this report anyway so I just want to thank Mr. Saunders for his perseverance there. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. I would like to recognize Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I'm wondering if the committee has identified a timeline for when they expect if this motion is endorsed by the Assembly what sort of timeline they may have thought about for engagement and consultation with the members in the Canadian

constituency, you know, will that process start, you know, maybe within the next month and what sort of duration would that consultation be? You know obviously there is some good work that's been done in the report that's been commissioned. I do have a number of questions around implementation of some of these pieces particularly around say financing of any platforms that may be identified for electronic voting and I'm particularly concerned as well around, you know, we have a general election that's just a few months away. And I think that, you know, timing is obviously very critical here and, you know, I don't know if what has been outlined in this report can be accomplished before the next general election. It would be ideal but I do have questions around the timeline for consultation that the committee is thinking of. And I'm also concerned around the implementation financing of some of the recommendations in this report as well. But if the member can speak to consultation piece, it would be appreciated.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable First Minister. Ordinary Member for Canada.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Mr. Minister, thank you. This consultation is just the beginning we have no clear mandate to have it completed by the — prior to the next general election, that's not feasible. We're hoping to have this out and to the public and then compiled prior to the next election of the next president which is two years off. The amount of money that was allocated, we don't have the final bill yet but we did have finances set aside for that. And it will be mainly for the Canadian constituency. It has been lacking over the years, mainly it was Canada

post and the members this along with the registrar for the Nunatsiavut registrar they have a better idea who they can contact via email and phone than they can by mail. So that's going to help a tremendous amount in the future. We're not looking at it for this next general election, we're looking at it for the next presidential election. I hope that answers your question, sir.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Member for Canada. And I'd like to recognize AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Thank you. I'm a little confused too, I wish we could a question-and-answer period, but anyway. I'm wondering I know that I read this there's some good work in here I want to acknowledge that first of all. But I'm wondering if we've been presented with this report too soon if we still got to go and consult with the Canadian constituency about what alternatives there are to voting so I'm wondering have we got it too soon before it's really completed if we got to go again for some more consultation, thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Ordinary Member for Canada.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker, *Nakummek*, Madam Wolfrey. I don't think we're too early I think we're about eight years late. If we can continue on with this we're going to go ahead by leaps and bounds. We have consulted some members of the Canadian constituency that was a given. And there will be more in the future, whether or not there's going to be an extra cost I don't think so. But we are looking at two to two and a half

years to have this in place and hopefully it will work. If nothing lost nothing gained, or whatever that expression is, nothing ventured nothing lost. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member for Canada. Are there any other members who wish to speak to this? I recognize Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

I don't want to, I guess, belabour some of the discussion but I guess I wanted to stress that, you know, the work that is going to take place around some of the recommendations of this report is going to be a bit intense I think over the next year or so. It's going to be spanning across different departments some of the recommendations in here obviously are very closely tied to the registrar for instance where it talks about using the Nunatsiavut beneficiary number as a form of authentication. One piece that's very important throughout all this process is obviously data security, data governance, and there is a, you know, Data Governance Structure Committee within our own government as well and I think there would need to be engagement there throughout this process. I do see that there has been some dialogue with some of our IT and that's great to see and also with the Registrar of beneficiaries as this work was being done so it is good to see those fronts. But I think that there's going to need to be a lot of consultation with different departments as we think about the implementation of these recommendations as well. I will say one thing as I read through this report, it has concerned me how little the authors stressed the

importance of security they do allude to, you know, that this is a chief concern as we talk about electronic voting security and safety. But in the examples that they allude to some issues that have been encountered by different jurisdictions they seem to downplay the security issue that was a very big concern for me as I read through the report but otherwise I think, again, there's some great recommendations in here the report otherwise is a great one. But again I had to mention that I did feel as though they down played the security issues maybe that can come with electronic or online voting. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister, are there any other questions?
Ordinary Member for Canada.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Madam. I would like to respond to Mr. Edmunds, First Minister. We did consult with those people but they gave us the names of other companies that do electronic voting and they are the ones that have the concern about where they get the information from, how are they going to identify, how you can vote. There going to use several different systems, phone calls has to be secured and they have to speak to the person, they have to be identified by their NG number, they have to have their current address and there is security in the people that do electronic and phone voting so just to. It is a big concern of ours as well and that was one of the major points that we brought up but that is not in the report, that is not in the hands of the people who do the report, they just do the report. The people that are going to administer the voting has to be up to determine, so that's for the future people on the

next committee that's going to be formed after this Assembly is dissolved. We have no say in that matter. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Are there any other questions, I recognize First Minister.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Just a point of clarification. You know, I do understand that there's some safeguards in terms of how electronic voting would be administered, but I should have been clear in saying that, you know, the authors do allude to a couple jurisdictions there that have encountered some issues in administering these elections generally. And concerns around security and maybe a jurisdiction moving away from from online voting due to issues cited around security. So I just wanted to be very clear I wasn't talking about any mechanism that would be used for the voting itself or validation or verification any of that. But just some of the examples that the authors do use, they do seem to down play some of those very specific security issues that those specific jurisdictions did go through. So that that's just a point of clarification, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, First Minister for your clarification, are there any other members that wish to ask a question? I'm seeing none, if no members wish to speak does the Ordinary Member for Canada wish to make final comments or close debate?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Honourable Speaker. Not at this time, thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

Ordinary Member for Canada would you like to close debate?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Yes, Madam Speaker, I wish to close debate on this subject. Thank you.

MS. ONALIK:

That concludes debate, all those in favor. Any nays? Motion is carried.

There are no more Standing and Special Committee Reports so we move onto Item 12, "Tabling of Documents". There are no Documents to be Tabled today, so we'll move now onto Item 13 "Notices of Motion".

There are no Notices of Motion today so we will now move onto item 14 "Notice of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no Motions for First Reading of Bills today so we move onto Item 15 "Motions". I would like to recognize Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalatik. My Motion is as follows: extending the effect of special standing orders for the conduct of the assembly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas Section 84 of the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act provides that the assembly may by motion establish, amend the repeal standing orders and rules of procedure for the assembly, and whereas on October 26 2020 the assembly adopted the special standing orders for the conduct of the Nunatsiavut Assembly in the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. And whereas the special standing order are currently set to expire on December 31, 2021. And whereas it is desirable to extend the time that the special standing orders will be in effect due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, therefore I move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Anthony Andersen that Special Standing Order 62 be amended by replacing the date, December 31st 2021, with December 31st, 2022. Nakummek, Honourable Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member for Postville. The Motion is now in order.

Mr. Edmunds would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. Only to say I wish that we wouldn't have had to exercise or entertain having to do this but as we know things change so quickly with this pandemic in giving our Assembly the ability to meet online digitally if absolutely required would be obviously beneficial in the coming year, *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: Would anybody else like to speak to the motion? I recognize AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It may be just a typo but was it Seconded by Member of the Canadian constituency Mr. Roland Saunders or is it a typo in my document?

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen for bringing that to our attention, I'd like to ask Ordinary Member for Postville if he would be able to clarify because of there's a discrepancy who is going be the seconder and then that we can have this document in order. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. Thank you to the AngajukKâk for Makkovik for picking up on that. And I did look back at the motion itself in the binder and I'm trying to recall yesterday when notice was served if Mr. Saunders name was there. And if that's the case my Motion today should be that it's seconded by Mr. Roland Saunders and not Mr. Anthony Andersen. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, and thank you, to the AngajukKâk.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, for that clarification. Are there any one else wish to speak to the Motion? If no other members wish to speak, does the member wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. EDMUNDS: I would like to close debate, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: That concludes debate, all those in favour of the Motion? The Motion is now carried. Sorry I didn't ask if anybody opposed but it was unanimous, thank you. The Motion is carried. So there are no more Motions today that concludes Motions. And then we move Item 16, "First Reading of Bills". The Assembly received the Notice of Motion for the first reading bill 202104 Election Dates Amendments Act 2021, yesterday. So I would like to recognize First Minister the Honourable Tyler Edmunds to proceed.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker, and Members. I move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Anthony Andersen, that Bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendments Act 2021 now be introduced and read for the first time. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Would you like to introduce the bill?

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. There's really not a whole lot to be said at first reading of this bill at this point. We have been discussing this issue over the last year with the Assembly. Going over what we needed to do legislatively to ensure that, you know, if a global pandemic or if severe weather event affects any particular day that a pole was supposed to be held for either Ordinary Member, AngajukKâk or the president that we

could adjust within the legislation that particular day. Obviously, we went through the referendum and the plebiscite for amending the constitution and we receive strong support from the Innu public on moving forward with these amendments and what we're seeing today in this bill, is the amendments to the Assembly Act, the Nunatsiavut Elections Act, and ICGs Elections Act. Again, maybe as we go through second reading, we will have the opportunity to discuss this further. But again it's just giving us the ability to have some more flexibility to respond during COVID-19 or anything else that might interfere with a specific voting day. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, First Minister. The Motion is now in order, does anyone wish to speak to the principle of the bill? If no members wish to speak, does the First Minister wish to conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker, I wish to conclude debate.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, that concludes debate on the first reading, is the Assembly in favour of approving the Bill 2021-04 on the first reading? All those in favour. Opposed? Seeing none, the motion is carried in accord to bill 2021-04 The Elections Dates Amendments Act 2021 has had First Reading. I would like to again the First Minister the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Thank you, Honourable Speaker and thank you to the Assembly for the approval of the bill on the First Reading. In accordance with Standing Order 54.3 I seek unanimous consent to waive 54.1(d) and have the

Assembly proceed to Second Reading of bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021, today at the appropriate time. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, the Minister is seeking unanimous consent to waive standing order 54.1(d) to proceed with second reading of bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021 today. Are there any nays? There is none, First Minister you have unanimous consent, so the bill can proceed to Second Reading at the appropriate time. We will now move onto Item 17, "Second Reading of Bills" I would like to recognize First Minister the Honourable Tyler Edmunds for the Second Reading of Bills.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, UKalatik. Honourable Speaker, I move seconded by the Ordinary Member for Nain, Mr. Anthony Andersen, that bill 2021-04 be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration with the director of legal services Mr. Mark Gillette as a witness. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The motion is order, all those in favour. The Motion is carried. We will now move into Committee of the Whole to consider Second Reading of bill 2021-04 bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021. I would like invite Mr. Mark Gillette, the Director of Legal Services for the Nunatsiavut Government to join us as a witness in the Committee of the Whole.

MR. GILLETTE:

Good morning to the Committee of the Whole. As the First Minister alluded to in the — just by some brief introductory remarks as the First

Minister referred to in his introduction of the bill on first reading, there's nothing new going on here. As the First Minister said the Assembly has been involved in this exercise for a year or more perhaps at this point, under which proposed legislative changes, I'm mindful of the interpreter, proposed legislative changes to permit changes in the dates for elections in the event of the, well the new constitutional amendments that asked say emergencies but things are a little bit more defined in these particular sets of amendments. So there is an explanatory note to the bill, I'm not going to go through it in any great detail other than the explanatory note does outline the intentions or the purposes of the various amendments that are proposed in this bill. This bill will be amending, this bill if passed, will amend three acts and will make one relatively minor adjustment to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. It'll make some amendments to the Nunatsiavut Elections Act and that act is the act that governs elections for Ordinary Members and also for the President of Nunatsiavut. And then there is also a couple of amendments in regard to the Inuit Community Governments Elections Act, cause there's a separate act that governs those particular elections. You'll note, just in case there's a question, just to head that off, there's no amendments need for the legislation that governs the chairs of the community corporations because those, there was nothing in the constitution or that act that requires change at this time. So perhaps we can proceed then, Madam Speaker, with the page by page, clause by clause review?

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Mr. Gillette. As the members are aware the procedure for second reading debate will page by page and clause by clause review of bill 2021-04. And I will remind the members that in accordance with standing order 55.3 we'll start at the beginning of the substantive provisions beginning with Section 1, and then at the end we'll go back and consider the pre-amble and the long title of the bill. So we will now go to page 3, Clause 1.

MR. GILLETTE: So if I may, so we begin as the Speaker, or as Chair sorry, has indicated the first clause we review would be on Page 3 Clause 1, short title.

MS. ONALIK: Are there any questions? No questions, Clause 2.

MR. GILLETTE: Clause 2 is just a general definition that indicates the term "Labrador Innu Constitution" what it means, I think that's fairly straight forward.

MS. ONALIK: Any questions? No questions, Clause 3.

MR. GILLETTE: So clause 3, if I can interject maybe I'll just discuss each clause as we're going through. Clause 3 is the sole proposed amendment to the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act. So what the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act Section 20 currently says is that the Nunatsiavut Assembly is elected every four years. So this clause, the only change that's proposed here is that now this clause would be subject to the amendments that were made to the constitution that the Assembly previously passed in the spring, which allow for the making of laws to defer elections in case emergency circumstances. So the clause still affirms that there is a four-year term of office for the Assembly, it's just that now it's subject to the

various provisions of the constitution that allow for a variation in the election date. So that's the only change there.

MS. ONALIK:

Any questions? Page 4, Clause 4.

MR. GILLETTE:

So Clause 4 concerns amendments to Section 26 of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act, it actually repeals and replaces Section 26 of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act. I'm going to run through the changes here, cause not everything you see here is changed. So it basically takes out the section that was already there and replaces it with a section that was much the same but with a few changes. So Clause 1, 26.1 is generally the same. Basically states that an ordinary general election is begun by order of the President. There's one slight amendment that clarifies that that an ordinary general election, so any election is begun by order of the president if it's a by-election or general election. So that's one point of clarification there but the clause is generally the same as it exists now. Clause 2, that subsection is generally the same as the current provision, other than it says "subject to subsection 6" which is a clarification of something that's going to come up in subsection later on in this section. Clause 3 there is — this is a provision that largely exists already in the Elections Act. There's just some clarification in this section here, so what's the purpose of this section? The purpose of this section is to allow for a variation of a day for an ordinary if there is a federal election or provincial election that's running around the same time. So that rule already exists, and we're not changing that rule. It's just clarifying that

that also applies to an ordinary general election and also that the president would consider advice of the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer. Currently it says "on the advice of the First Minister", but the intention here is to — for the president to take the advise of the independent officer of the Assembly that governs the elections and not another elected official. So that's a clarification there, but generally the rule already exists. Clause 4, actually just remind me of reviewing this again yesterday preparing for this presentation, we're going to have to have a slight amendment to Clause 4. There's a reference to the 31st day prior to the date set for the pole, it should be the 28th day, because that would be in line with the amendments that were previously passed to the constitution earlier this year. So I'm going to, I might recommend to the Ordinary Member for Postville to move an amendment that clause to replace the number 28, or to remove the reference to 31st and replace it with 28th.

MS. ONALIK:

So are there any questions then on clause 4? So you're going to be making that motion now? My apologies. Honourable First Minister.

MR. EDMUNDS:

And just before I do make the motion I do see, obviously it once we are through the bill we'll be asking if the Assembly accepts it but I'm wondering if it is the Speakers intention to ask for not only questions but acceptance of each clause as we go through the bill as well? I don't know if that's the procedure that we're following today?

MS. ONALIK:

Thank you, First Minister, I'm new to my role so we will go back to each clause and get a vote on each of those, thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, [Speaks in Inuktitut] and I would like to make a motion under Clause 4, sorry under yes under Clause 4 subsection 4 of the bill should be amended to read: An order made under subsection shall dissolve the Assembly at twelve o'clock noon on the 28th day prior to the date set for the pole in the order. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. ONALIK: Is there a seconder for that motion? I recognize Honourable Minister Maxene Winters-Wheeler. All those in favour. Motion is carried.

MR. GILLETTE: Thank you, I should've just clarified also that the purpose of that section was to — there's generally provisions for this anyways, but when the order for election is made that there is automatically a dissolution of the Assembly and sets the time that the Assembly is dissolved. So that's the purpose of that section. So Madam Chair if I can, perhaps now would be the time to go back to the previous sections starting with section 3 and asking for approval on those sections?

MS. ONALIK: Yes, can we please turn back to page 3, Clause 1 and ask for approval, all those in favour. Thank you. Clause 2, all those in favour? Thank you. Clause 3? Thank you. Clause 4 along with the changes, sorry not done yet? Thank you.

MR. GILLETTE: We're half way through Clause 4, so sorry. So moving onto subsection 5 of proposed Section 26. What this provision does is this is a new provision so all along we've been talking about the ability of the assembly to move a date for an election in the event of a circumstance. So what this does is what happens if we have a circumstance where an election

was already ordered but then the election can't happen on the date, so what this section does is just clearly indicates that in the event that the election has to be deferred after the order for the election was already made that that order for the election is void, okay,.ll. And if there are any dates then there replaced by an order for whatever the new election date is going to be that those dates that would also include nomination dates and all those types if things would be in that new order and would supersede any of the regular dates that would normally occur under the act. I hope I'm being clear on that. Subsection 6 is the same it previously exists, in the event that there is a variation in date then all the other dates for election procedures, as I've said before, with regards to nominations or opening of Whole, closing of Whole, all those types of things then the act can — that order can replace the dates that would've normally occurred. Subsection 7 generally outlines the period of elections and all. Everything in subsection 7 is exactly the same as it exists now. So there's no changes proposed for that. That will conclude my remarks on Section 4.

MS. ONALIK:

Does any body have any questions on Section 4, Clause 4? All those in favour. Thank you. Page 5, Clause 5.

MR. GILLETTE:

Some brief comments on Section 5, here which is amendments to Section 27 of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act. Again, 27.1 currently says that our general elections for Ordinary Members are the first Tuesday in May in every 4-calendar-year, and that is retained here, so there's nothing changing except that it has the first few words in that section "subject to

section 26.3 and 27(a)" so those are provisions, some of which we have already reviewed and some of which we are going to review after this which allow for variations in the dates. So nothing changes there, it maintains it normally in normal circumstances, Ordinary Member general elections will occur on the first Tuesday in May every fourth year. And then in subsection 2, again there's this provision there that's going to be touched on when we go through the next section but — which allow for variations in the dates but maintains the current rule that if there's a general election then all the polls and all the constituencies will be held on the same day.

MS. ONALIK:

Are there any questions? Agreeance? That goes to Clause 6.

MR. GILLETTE:

Clause 6 is a completely new section. It's proposed to be the addition of Section 27(a) to Nunatsiavut Elections Act, and this is the meat of the bones I guess really as regards to the procedures for — in the event that an election has to be delayed. So I'm actually going to read through these provisions just because they are new but again this is not new to the Assembly this was back even the last winter or last spring the First Minister brought the proposal for the proposed package of legislative changes, this is all contained in there. So 27(a).1 says that if the Nunatsiavut Elections Officer reasonably believes, sorry I try to slow down for the interpreter. So if the NEO reasonably believes that an occurrence of extreme weather, natural disaster, war, civil emergency, or public health emergency, has occurred within one or more constituencies of the Assembly, resulting in circumstances in which an election has or

will likely to be prevented from being conducted in accordance with this act, on the day prescribed for the election, the NEO may recommend to the President that the election be deferred to a date not later than 6 months after the polling date originally set for that election. So what this section does is first of all it gives the NEO the first independent officer of the Assembly that's charged with conducting elections in a fair and impartial manner, the ability to determine if there's going to be a circumstance which would affect polling, that they can recommend then to the president, because the president is the person who makes the order for the election that the election should be deferred. And I know that there was previous question in the past about the constitution indicated talked about delaying elections in case of emergencies, so this is specific. These are the specific circumstances in which this law, if passed, would permit for delays. So emergency is kind of a broad term but these are the specific instances in which they would be allowed. So it would be extreme, weather, natural disaster, war, civil emergency, something like a riot or something like that, or public health emergency, which would cover a pandemic situation. So the intention is to have a specific set of circumstances that would delay an election, cause you don't want to delay it just for anything or give somebody a power a broad power to delay an election for just any reason it has to be a specific and purposeful reason. So those would be the reasons, which I would also say are in line with provision in other jurisdictions that allow for this type of thing. And also, so there's the specific circumstances, and the

circumstance also has to be related directly to the impact of polling, impact of the actual conduct of the election not just because somebody thinks there should be more time for something or less time if there's something going on on the ground that's going to impact whether or not people can go to ballot box that is the circumstance in which there could be a delay. Subsection 2, then, so subsection 1 says the NEO can make the recommendation.

MS. ONALIK:

Can we pause there for a quick question? Can I recognize AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

The NEO's going to have to be told by someone in the community that there's something happening right I mean they, if she's in Goose Bay and Rigolet got a great big hole all of a sudden in the ground, in front of the polling station someone got to relay that information to them. So I'm just wondering when you say that the NEO can recommend to the president, someone's still got to give that information to the NEO, that don't make no difference there do it?

MR. GILLETTE:

No the NEO will have to get his information from somewhere. I mean obviously if it's an election that's gearing up , normally that takes a period of time, so there's normally the employment of the returning officers, and all those types of things. But the NEO will have the responsibility to generally understand what conditions are in the community or if there's any issues that arise in the community. So it's not specific as to how the NEO will get that information but the NEO is just generally responsible to. What this identifies as the person who makes that call, right? So.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah I was just thinking of the flood right now in Nova Scotia, and if something like that happened in one of the communities on the day of the election then, you know.

MR. GILLETTE:

Well yes, as I said normally in well in every case there's an election going on in a particular constituency there are individuals who are appointed by the NEO to conduct that, so the returning officer or somebody or the AngajukKâk can call up and say "hey look the polling station just fell into the water" or something like that. It's not specific as to how they get that information, it's specific to the NEO has that responsibility to make that call. So I think that's probably sufficient for the purpose of the legislation is to give someone the power to make that determination.

MS. ONALIK:

AngajukKâk Dicker, did you have a question? Okay.

MR. GILLETTE:

Okay, moving onto subsection 2 then. So subsection 1 talked about the NEO can make a recommendation. Subsection 2 talks about what the president has to do when receives that information. So it says, " the President must, upon receiving a recommendation of the NEO under subsection 1, make an order deferring an election date to the date recommended by the NEO." So the president doesn't have any discretion, if they get that report that somethings going on, then the president will make the order changing the election. Subsection 3, an order under subsection, so that's an order to defer an election with respect to a general election may defer an election in one or more communities. But if deferring the election in more than one constituency would result in a fewer number of Ordinary Members being returned

than is required for quorum of the Assembly under the constitution, the election shall be deferred in all constituencies. So what this allows for is a circumstance, let's say there some sort of event that an election in Nain couldn't happen on a particular day. This is probably more related to a weather even than a global pandemic, but let's just say that there's something going on in Nain, an election couldn't happen on a particular day but everything else is fine. So what this provision would say could be that the polling in Nain could be delayed, there could be an order delaying that but everything else could proceed as normal. Unless the circumstance is that — in order for the assembly to sit there's a quorum under the constitution and the quorum is the president and six Ordinary Members. So if something were to be happening and you couldn't get an election for at least six Ordinary Members then all of the regions would be delayed. Because you would have to have at least that many number of people to have an Assembly and all, right. I think, I hope that's clear. Subsection 4 talks about — so there was an originally under subsection 1 a first delay shouldn't be any longer than six months. The attempt here is to make sure that there's setting off elections and never getting to them, right? For whatever reason. So there should be some specific period of time so subsection 1 says the first delay shouldn't be any longer than six months. What happens if we have a situation where we have something and it goes on longer than six months? So subsection 4 says the president may extend an order, under subsection 2 deferring an election, by a further six months if the NEO advises the president that the reasons

for the initial deferral have not yet resolved such that the election can be conducted in accordance with this act, but only one such extension may be made. So if the circumstances that cause the original delay have not resolved by the time the six months is up, in that circumstance the president can extend the order for another six months or extend the delay of the election for another six months. Again these are provisions that we hope we never have to use. So then subsection 5 deal with what well what happens if you have a circumstance it's beyond that? Which we really don't hope would happen, but in any event, subsection 5 says a subsequent election of an order deferring an ordinary general election past the extension period in subsection 3, so that's the second one so if there's a need to delay it even further after the second deferral, that an extension shall not be made without a resolution approving such an extension made by two thirds of the members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. So any request to extend it past a year would have to come to the Assembly and the Assembly would have vote by a two thirds margin, so what we call a super majority, not just 50 per cent plus one. It would be an extraordinary circumstance and it would be an extraordinary delay. So it's proposed that it would require a very definite will of the Assembly and understanding of the Assembly that something like should be agreed upon. Again something that we hope we never have to use. Subsection 6, an order deferring an election under this section shall specify all necessary changes and dates for the nominations of candidates, shall conform to the times set out in the act. So again if there's an order for a

delay in the election, then the order will also set out what the new nomination periods, and that generally the nomination periods will follow the time schedules that our outlined in the act in the normal course. And then again subsection 7 deals with what if you have an election after the order or after the nomination period was already open? So this just says that where an election is deferred after this section under this section after the nomination period for, looks like there's a word missing there. After the word "that" in the second line there should be the word "election". Apologies for that. So where an election is deferred under this section after the nomination period for that election has opened, any nominations received prior to the order deferring the election are to be taken as void. And any nomination papers and deposits made by persons seeking to be candidates must be returned to the persons without delay. So if the NEO or the returning officer, or whoever receives those nomination papers, if the election is delayed after the nomination period is open it's basically a reset. And any nomination papers will be taken as void, cancelled. Any deposits will be given back to the candidates and then when the new election is called or rescheduled then the nomination period opens again if they choose they can resubmit their papers. So I suspect, and I apologize but I believe a motion would be in order to add the word "election" after the word "that" beginning of the second line there in subsection 7.

MS. ONALIK:

Thank you, Mr. Gillette. Would somebody like to motion to add that?

First Minister Tyler Edmunds, can I get a seconder? AngajukKâk Joe

Dicker. All in favour? Carried. So that concludes that, are there any questions? AngajukKâk Andersen?

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Yep, are we going through bill page by page, section by section then clause by clause or are we doing it section by section?

MS. ONALIK:

Page, were going through pages and Clause 1 to 14 and then were go back to the preamble, and....

MR.B. ANDERSEN:

I'm sorry I'm on Section 6, it encompasses two pages so should we do one page at a time?

MS. ONALIK:

Right.

MR. GILLETTE:

If I may, I know sometimes the Assembly has done page by page, and it's generally page by page as we're going page by page. But to cut a clause up so really, legislatively speaking Section 6 of this bill starts on page 5 and goes through page 6 and has 7 subsections. They're all technically one sentence, so I think it would make sense that you call for a vote after you get through all the subsections on that section. So yeah, and that's I continued on with regards to each of the subsections cause really they all depend on each other. So, but yeah but now would be the time to ask for motion to approve Section 6 of the act of the bill.

MS. ONALIK:

Are there any more questions? Just for clarification as Chair I don't ask questions right? No more questions? All those in favour Clause 6. Perfect. Page 6, Clause 7.

MR. GILLETTE:

So those are the provisions with respects to Ordinary Members elections. We now move onto provision with respect to presidential elections.

Which was the impetus for all this if we remember from 2020. And a lot of these provisions are generally the same it's just that there's two parts to the the Nunatsiavut Elections Act, and one-part deals with Ordinary Members' elections and one-part deals with presidential elections. So some of this is going to be a bit redundant, perhaps not redundant, repetitive is the appropriate word. So Section 7 is amendments to Section 116 of the Nunatsiavut Elections Act. And so this is much the same as we previously discussed in subsection 1 there, that subject to Section 117(a), which is going to be some new provision which pretty much mirror the provision we just talked about for Ordinary Members' elections. So 116.1 mirrors the existing provision that says that the election for president shall be the first Tuesday in May every fourth year. And it just clarifies that the next one is the first Tuesday in May 2024, in case there were any issues about that, because of the delay we had from the last election. But that would've been the normally the next regularly scheduled presidential election date, so nothing's changing there.

Subclause 2 is something that's a little bit different in the legislative language we call this a "affirming provision" or a "validation provision". So obviously the last election for president was delayed. We all know, most of us know because you were around the table at the time the discussion was happening there were no provisions that allowed for the moving of that election, right? So just in case there was any question, legally, as to whether that election was validly conducted, this provision is a statement by the Assembly saying "the election for president, held on

October 6, 2020 is hereby affirmed and taken for all purposes as valid" so there's no question then that that election is — which was the will of the assembly anyway, you know, expressed by meeting of the Assembly back in March of that year. So that's what this is called, it's called a validation provision. It basically makes something valid; it affirms that something according to the law. Okay, but those are my comments on Section 7.

MS. ONALIK:

Any questions on Clause 7? All those in favour. Clause 8.

MR. GILLETTE:

Moving on to Clause 8, deals with the circumstance which actually I think might have occurred last year, where when preparations for the presidential election have already begun and then the election is deferred what happens, there was an open question about what happens to the appointment of the moderator for the Inuktitut debate as to what the, what there status was. Was there supposed to be a new moderator appointed? There wasn't any provision about it so this one just adds a provision, it says: "if the presidential election is deferred under 117(a)", which is provisions we're going to get to next, "after a moderator has been appointed, the moderators appointment continues until such time that the duties of the moderator with respect to the debate for that election are fulfilled." I think that's fairly straight forward. Basically if the moderator has been appointed, the moderator will stay appointed until such time that the debate happens for whatever their other functions have been fulfilled.

MS. ONALIK:

So do we move onto number 9 and approve the whole page or clause by clause? Okay, any questions on 8? Seeing none, all approved. Thank you Clause 9.

MR. GILLETTE:

Clause 9 is much the same as the substantive section that we just talked about for Ordinary Members. So it's almost exactly the same thing but in relation to presidential elections and not Ordinary Member elections. So yeah, I'll just read through them, I think, quickly because I've think discussed a lot already, there's not much different there. So subsection 1, " if the NEO reasonably believes that an occurrence of extreme weather, natural disaster, war, civil emergency, or public health emergency, has occurred within one or more places listed in section 124.1". Section 124.1 of the act lists out what the constituencies are for the purposes of voting for the president, so it's basically the communities and Upper Lake Melville and Canada that's the way it's written there. "Resulting in circumstances in which a presidential election has or will likely be prevented from being conducted, in accordance with this act on the day prescribed for the the presidential election, the NEO may recommend to the First Minister", in this instance in presidential election the First Minister makes the order for the election so that's why there a change there. "That the election be deferred to a date not later than six months after the polling date originally set for that election." Again so with those couple slight tweaks there basically mirrors the other provision. Subsection 2 the First Minister must on receiving the recommendation of the NEO under subsection 1, make an order

deferring the election date to the date recommended by the NEO.

Subsection 3, the First Minister may extend an order under subsection 2 deferring the presidential election by a further six months if the NEO advises the First Minister that the reasons for the initial deferral have not resolved such that the election can be conducted in accordance with this act, but only one such extension may be made. Subsection 4, again, essentially provides for a further extension if the Assembly gives a two thirds majority approval for that extraordinary circumstance. I don't think I need to discuss that further. And again a similar provision in subsection 5, an order deferring an election shall specify all necessary changes in dates for the nomination of candidates which shall conform to the dates or the times set out in the act. And a similar provision with regards to the effect of nomination papers, in the event of a delay in the election that any nominations are to be considered void and any nomination papers and deposits will be returned back to the individuals by the NEO without delay. Those will be my comments on Section 9.

MS. ONALIK:

Any questions? Mr. Saunders?

MR. SAUNDERS:

With regards to the Canadian constituency, the Section 6 there, that would take quite a bit of time, because of the size of the constituency. Is there any provision for that?

MR. GILLETTE:

Quite a bit of time to return the nomination papers you mean? Yeah, well it just means that as soon as possible the NEO has to return these things, right? So it doesn't matter where they live, if they live in Canada , if they live in Upper Lake Melville, if they live in Rigolet then as soon as an

election is deferred, if there were nomination papers filed they have to as possible, without delay basically as soon as possible return to those individuals.

MS. ONALIK:

Anymore questions? All those in favour. Page 8, Clause 13.

MR. GILLETTE:

So we move onto the section of the bill that deals with the amendments to the Inuit Community Government Elections Act. A lot of this is not changing anything. There aren't substantive changes here. Other than, well we'll go through them. So Section 10, which are amendments to Section 10 of the Act of the Inuit Community Government Elections Act, so paragraph 1 or subsection 1, sorry. Affirms that the general elections for AngajukKâk. So just before I go further, there are two separate sections because there are two separate elections. The are elections for AngajukKâk and there are elections for Councils. So we'll deal first with the elections for AngajukKâk. So this proposed Section 10 subsection 1, affirms that the general election for AngajukKâk in all communities is will take place in 2022, and every four years thereafter which is when it's currently scheduled to take place. Subsection 2, which basically says subject to subsection 3, which will be a new section, an election under subsection 1 shall be held on the second Tuesday in September, which was generally the date it was held. So it doesn't change much other than the fact that any date is going to be subject follow the next subsection. So in this section and in the following section with regards to elections for councils, you will have seen in the prior discussions we had we talked about who has the authority to delay an election, so for a Ordinary

Members' the election the authority to delay an election resides with the president. For presidential election, the authority to delay a presidential election resides with the first minister. And that's the way it currently is and that's the way it is in the constitution. The way it currently is and that's the way it is in the constitution is that the authority to delay elections for AngajukKâk, for Inuit Community Councils rest with the Executive Council. So there's nothing being changed here, with regards to who has the authority to do this. But there is some additional language talking about the ability to delay because of certain circumstance. I'm probably going way too fast for the interpreter, I apologize. So subsection 3, if the Executive Councils, reasonably believes that an occurrence of extreme weather, natural disaster, war, civil emergency, or public health emergency, so again the same standards for the other elections, has occurred within one of more Inuit communities resulting in circumstances in which an election for AngajukKâk has or will likely be prevented from being conducted in accordance with the act on the day prescribed under subsection 2, the Executive Council may direct the minister, that would be the First Minister in this instance, to issue an order deferring the election for AngajukKâk with respect to one or more communities for a period not exceeding one year. And one year is there because there's an existing provision that allows for those types of delays up to a period of a year. And subsection 4 an extension for deferral made under subsection 3 past a total period of one year requires approval of the Assembly as required under 10-4-12 of the Labrador Inuit

Constitution. So one of the provisions that was previously amended with respect to the constitution deals specifically with that so it just indicates that there's a provision of the constitution that deals with that, that the Assembly could grant approvals for such a delay. And everything then from subsection 5 through 9 exists as it currently exists. There's no changes to any of this but I will refer to them just for knowledge of the Assembly. That despite subsection 1 an election shall not take place in the community where AngajukKâk has been elected for that community within one year preceding the date for an election AngajukKâk would normally be held, so that's an existing rule. If a vacancy this is subsection 6, if a vacancy in the office of AngajukKâk occurs, sorry, in the office of AngajukKâk the council shall order a by election for AngajukKâk to hold the office for the unexpired term of the AngajukKâk. Seven, a by-election held under subsection 6 shall be held in the same manner as an election for AngajukKâk held under this act and shall take place within three months of the vacancy. Again this up preserving all the existing rules. Eight, except as provided in subsection 9 where a by-election is held under subsection 7, the AngajukKâk holds office for the unexpired term of the AngajukKâk whom they replaced. And then on the following page, subsection 9, in circumstances where subsection 5 applies, look back is where the AngajukKâk had been elected within a year prior to the general election, in circumstances where that applies then despite the regular election day the AngajukKâk holds office for unexpired term of their predecessor in office plus four years. So those are all existing rules,

and we're just, we made changes to the parts of that whole section that required changes to allow for the changes in the dates but preserve the rest of the rules as they currently exist. Those would be my comments on Section 10.

MS. ONALIK: AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: One quick question, do we need a motion where you said the executive council may direct the minister because you said in this case it's the first minister, do we put first in front of minister or do we just leave it as minister?

MR. GILLETTE: I'm not sure if I understand the question can you repeat it?

MS. WOLFREY: Under 10 number 3, where it says the Executive Council may direct the minister, you said that should be First Minister so do we need a motion to correct that?

MR. GILLETTE: No, because in the Inuit Community Government's Elections Act, the word minister is defined as First Minister. So, it's as the minister who currently has administration for Land and currently that's the first minister, so yeah there no amendment made there, but thank you for your question.

MS. ONALIK: Any other questions? Approval for Clause 10. *Nakummek*, Clause 11.

MR. GILLETTE: Clause 11 is almost exactly the same, except there's a couple slight differences there. So this deals, as I said before, with elections for councils. So proposed Section 11, subsection 1 a general election for council shall take place in 2022, and every four years thereafter, which

preserves the existing rule. Subsection 2 says subject subsection 3 as the other one did, a general election for councils under subsection 1 should be held on the third Tuesday in October, which is the current election day for elections for council. Subsection 3 again is, basically mirrors the subsection 3 from the previous section. If the executive Council reasonably believes that an occurrence of extreme weather, natural disaster, war, civil emergency, or public health emergency, has occurred within one or more Inuit communities resulting in circumstances in which an election has or will likely be prevented from being conducted in accordance with this act on the day prescribed under subsection 2, the Executive Council may direct the minister, to issue an order deferring the election of councils with respect to one or more Inuit communities for a period not exceeding one year. Subsection 4 deals with because there's a staggering between the elections for AngajukKâk and councils, this would preserve the staggering in the event that there's a delay. So if in the same year both an election for AngajukKâk un Section 10.1 and a general election for councils under subsection 1 of this section have been deferred by the Executive Council, the new date for the election under subsection 1, so the new date for the councils' elections, must 5 weeks after the new date for the AngajukKâks' elections. So again it preserves the staggering between the two elections. Subsection 5, an extension for deferral made under subsection 3 past a total period of one year requires approval of the Assembly as required under 10-4-12 of the Constitution. Which I just discussed there's a provision in the recent amendments that

deals with that, and brings the amendments to the Constitution. And then the rest of the provisions are the same as they currently exist. Six, that despite subsection 1 an election shall not take place in the community where a council has been elected for that community within one year preceding the date of the general election. Seven if a vacancy occurs in the office of a councillor, the council shall order a by election to fill the vacancy. I'm paraphrasing here a little bit. And subsection eight a council may with the approval of the AngajukKâk and the minister defer a by-election to be held under subsection 7 for a period not exceeding one year until *[indiscernible]*. Those provisions are the same as they currently existing provisions. Those will be my comments on Section 11.

MS. ONALIK:

Any questions on Clause 11? Seeing none, approval? Thank you.

MR. GILLETTE:

Thank you the last section is Section 12. It just indicates when this act will come into force, so when the amendments will come into force so they come into force on a day to be fixed by order of the president which was the same that was indicated on the Constitutional Amendments Bill. So those amendments aren't actually in force yet because the president hasn't made an order so the intention is that if this bill passes that the orders for both of those will happen at the same time and then so all the changes will occur at the same moment in time.

MS. ONALIK:

Questions? Approval? Thank you. That concludes the clauses so we go back to page 1 to the preamble.

MR. GILLETTE:

Again, the preamble is the sections of the page 3, that we call them, often call them the Whereas clauses. But they generally just describe the intention behind the purpose of the bill, so if I could it just says: Whereas the legitimacy and moral authority of any government or any elected official is routed in transparent and fair electoral processes and, whereas the Labrador Inuit Constitution and Inuit Law confirms the requirement that the leaders and representatives of the Labrador Inuit be democratically chosen, by the Labrador Inuit in regular elections and must be accountable to the Labrador Inuit through a system of democratic government that ensures accountability, responsiveness, and openness. And whereas the Labrador Inuit Constitution authorizes the Nunatsiavut Assembly to make Inuit laws to set election dates for certain elected officials and to provide for variances in set election dates in the event of emergencies.

MS. ONALIK:

Questions on the preamble? Seeing none. Approval. Thank you, now long title.

MR. GILLETTE:

So the long title is the bolded three and a half lines under the words "a bill for". So it's an act to amend the Nunatsiavut Assembly Act, Nunatsiavut Elections Act, and the Inuit Community Government Elections Act, with respect to a timing of elections under those acts and to make other related amendments.

MS. ONALIK:

Any questions on the long title? Seeing none. All those approved. *Nakummek*. So that concludes the page by page, clause by clause review of the bill. Does the minister wish to conclude debate.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, [Speaks in Inuktitut]. Really I just wanted to express my thanks to the Director of Legal Services for coordinating this piece over the last year. I know it was troubling last year as we tried to navigate the presidential election but the accompanying work that was done on the amendments of the constitution and the consequence amendments that we just went through were very much needed and I thank Annike Flomen for her work on this front as well. I did have to look over at the president while we were discussing Clause 7 of the bill that talked about affirmation of the October 6th election to ensure that that election was valid. And, you know, that part is passed so you're still in a job here Johannes. But anyway I thank the speaker, and I thank the Assembly for going through this bill.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, Mr. Edmunds. Does the minister wish to conclude debate?

MR. EDMUNDS:

I'd like to conclude debate.

MS. ONALIK:

Thank you and that concludes debate. All those in favour of the Second Reading of Bill 2021-04 the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021. Thank you, unanimous. The motion is carried. *Nakummek*, Mr. Gillette, for delivering that bill. So we are now back in Assembly. And with that we are going to break for lunch. It is now 11:55 a.m. and we will return at 1 p.m. *Nakummek*.

[Recess]

MS. ONALIK: welcome back everybody we're going to move onto Item 18 "Assent to Bills". Honourable President, the Assembly has given second reading to the Election Dates Amendment Act 2021.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. In accordance with the Labrador Inuit Constitution I give assent to this bill. *Nakummek*.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, Honourable President. We will now go into Item 19, "Appointments to Committees". Since Ms. Carlene Palliser sat on two committees, her resignation left vacancies on two committees. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, and Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs. The remaining members of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures are: I as Speaker of the Assembly sit as the Chair, Honourable Tyler Edmunds Ordinary Member for Postville, Honourable Roland Saunders Ordinary Member for Canada, and Mr. Mark Gillette Director of Legal Services. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures has decided to recommend Ms. Marlene Winters-Wheeler Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville to fill this vacancy. Do you accept this position?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Yes, thank you.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek*, does the Assembly agree with the recommendation? All those in favour? Thank you. The remaining members of the Standing Committee on Alcohol and Drugs are Mr. Gerald Asivak Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Ms. Marjorie Flowers AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mr. Barry Andersen AngajukKâk for Makkovik and Michelle Kinney

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development. The Standing Committees on Rules and Procedures are as striking committee under Standing Order 65.5 is recommending that Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak Chair of the NunaKâtiget Corporation fill that vacancy. Does the assembly agree with the recommendation? All those in favour? Thank you. All right, so that moves us onto Item 20, "Adjournment". I'd like *Nakummesuak* to the Assembly and the Assembly staff for a job well done. As well as your patience and guidance as I transition into the role as Speaker. As this is the final Assembly sitting for 2021, I would like to give greetings on behalf of the Assembly to all those who are listening on the audio feed. Happy Advent this coming Sunday. Happy Nunatsiavut day on December 1st. [Speaks in Inuktitut] Merry Christmas and happy new year and happy *Nalujuk* night. Also *Nakummesuak* to our translators for *OKâlaKatiget* for IT, all of the guests in our gallery, and the Assembly workers that work behind the scenes. Before we — after I adjourn there was a request from our clerk, acting clerk Mary Sillett for our Inuktitut Translator Apprentice Nicholas Flowers and Katie Winters to lead us hymn so with that I officially adjourn but please stick around so we can sing a closing. I wish everybody safe travels and hopefully the weather is good to us. *Nakummeni*.