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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 Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Honorable Carlene Palliser

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

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 Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

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

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

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

Absent:

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

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

Legal Counsel, Ms. Annike Flomen

Acting Clerk of the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Ms. Mary Sillett

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MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to welcome everybody to the 10th Session of the Fourth Nunatsiavut Assembly. And I ask Ms. Marjorie Flowers, AngajukKâk for Hopedale to say our opening prayer. Thank you.

MS. FLOWERS: [Recites prayer]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers for your inspirational and kind words. Just very quickly, I'd like to thank everybody and remind everybody that we are still following Covid-19 health protocols and that when you're not seated at the table that you take off your mask. We can take our masks off while we are sitting. Thank you. And we are now on to Item Number Two of the *Orders of the Day* and will now call upon the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, the Honourable Johannes Lampe for his opening statement.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti.*

[Speaks in Inuktitut.]

Madam Speaker, the Nunatsiavut Government continues to makes substantial progress in advancing energy security in our region, including

flagship initiatives such as the Nain Wind Microgrid project, the High Efficiency Wood Stoves Replacement Program, solar demonstration projects and our Youth Energy Training initiative. Just recently, the front-end engineering and design FEED study, in support of the Nain Wind Microgrid project was completed. With this data in hand, the project is now considered to be shovel-ready. We have begun commercial negotiations with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. And we continue to progress through provincial and Nunatsiavut Government specific environmental permitting. Civil construction for the project including road extension and pouring of turbine foundations is expected to proceed in the summer of 2022. Turbine erection, electrical configuration and system commissioning is expected to occur in the summer of 2023. Upon completion, the 2.3 megawatt project is expected to be the largest wind energy powered microgrid across the Canadian Arctic. The project will provide 50 percent of Nain's electricity on an annual basis, displace over one million litres of diesel fuel per year and generate hundreds of thousands in annual revenue for Nunatsiavut Government to invest in self-determined priorities. The *High Efficiency Wood Stove Replacement Program Contribution Agreement* was finalized with Natural Resources Canada in February of 2021. We plan to procure, ship and install at least 200 high efficiency wood stoves across our communities by the spring of 2023. Since our last update, we have completed a competitive procurement process for a wood stove home inspector as well as a wood stove supplier. We received over 150

applications throughout May, June and July of 2021, well above our target of 100 applications for the first year of the program. The initial 100 home inspections occurred throughout August, based on need, priority and completeness of applications. A contractor will be secured this fall and we expect that the first 100 installations will occur throughout the early winter of 2022. The application period will open again during the spring of 2022. The high efficiency wood stoves will make a major difference in the lives of Inuit, cutting household wood consumption by at least 33 percent, significantly improving local inequality and displacing an estimated 100 thousand litres of diesel fuel in Nunatsiavut on an annual basis. Building up on the success of the Makkovik Solar Project the Nunatsiavut Government plans on constructing four 20 kilowatt solar projects in Nain, Hopedale, Postville and Rigolet, done in partnership with each Inuit Community Government. The \$500,000 project is supported by Natural Resources Canada as well as a private sector donation of \$100,000 from DECIEM Incorporated, an Ontario-based company. Upon completion, every community in Nunatsiavut will be producing its own clean, renewable energy for local consumption. The projects will have an important impact in our communities, producing over 70 megawatt hours of clean electricity annually and reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions by over 60 tonnes, which is equivalent to over 20,000 litres of diesel fuel per year. Due to delays in procurement, construction is expected to commence in the summer of 2022 in partnership with Green Sun Rising, the same firm

that built the Makkovik Solar Project. The Nunatsiavut Government formally launched our Youth Energy Training Initiative, YETI, this month. A \$300,000 program. The goal of the YETI is to ensure that beneficiaries possess the skills, knowledge and educational background necessary to lead sustainable energy transitions in their own communities. YETI will lessen Nunatsiavut Government's reliance on external contractors and encourage local economic development in our communities. Key to this was to hiring of two new staff - energy efficiency trainees in Nain and Makkovik who will undergo rigorous training in the areas of certified energy auditing, solar energy installation and the inspection, installation and maintenance of high efficiency wood stoves. These trainee opportunities will also be offered to local companies and interested individuals. Madam Speaker, the Covid-19 has impacted all of us and has created much uncertainty and concern throughout our communities. As you know, as a Government, we have responded to the needs of our people by providing programs and services necessary to assist with getting us through this pandemic. One of the programs, Madam Speaker, was the Covid-19 Emergency Heat Subsidy Program. Under that program, firewood was provided to seniors and other vulnerable residents in our communities. This past winter, however, fewer harvesters collected wood, especially in Nain and Hopedale, presenting challenges to many, to heat their homes. Titjaluk Logistics, Zena Sheppard and Max Kinden, sell processed, split and seasoned firewood by the pallet-load out of Roddickton on Newfoundland's great Northern

Peninsula. I'm pleased to advise the Assembly that the Nunatsiavut Government has secured at least 66 pallet loads for this upcoming season. The wood will be trucked to Happy Valley, Goose Bay and from there to Nain and Hopedale. We are still working out the details on how this wood will be distributed. *UKatti*, [Speaks Inuttitut.] *Nakummek*, *UKatti*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, President Lampe for that update and statement. We are now on to Item Number Three, "Recognition of Visitors in the Gallery". Although we are still in our Covid-19 pandemic situation, there's still no visitors in are gallery at this time. I'd like to welcome all of our Members back after our summer session break. Uh, it's been a very challenging time for everybody, and I thank everybody for adjusting and following the Public Health protocols that we put in place to keep us and our communities safe. And I thank you for that, for your patience and your understanding in following all the Public Health protocols. Please know that the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, the Honourable Mr. Jim Lyall is excused from this Assembly sitting as well as the Honourable Gregory Flowers, Minister for Lands and Natural Resources is excused as well. We have the amazing IT talent of Mr. Ches Evans joining us from Makkovik for support for the Assembly. We would also like to recognize the OKâlaKatiget staff, Sarah Abel who is here at this time. Thank you, Sarah-, the interpreter, we have Katie Winters. I'd like to welcome Katie from Nain who is here assisting, along with Gus Semigak from Hopedale. Thank you, so much. It's good to see two translators in our booth. It's

been a struggle for the past little while, and I thank them both very much for joining us today. Thank you. Okay. I would also like to mention, for the Members that are sitting along the sides that are not actually at the round table, when you have a question or a statement, please come forward to the larger table and use a microphone. I ask, as well, that when you're done asking your question, that you wipe down with a Lysol wipe that is provided, the button for your microphone. Thank you, very much. We are now on to Item Number Four, "Ministers Statements". Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement today? Thank you. I call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Good morning, Assembly Members. I have a lengthy statement, a little lengthier than normal, so I'm gonna try to skim some of it for timing as I'll be reading Minister Flowers' statement which is also lengthy. I will share my statement through email, so you don't miss anything. Madam Speaker, July 2021 we began working with children, senior social development, senior policy analysts on a Child, Youth Advocate report, "A Long Wait for Change." From there we are engaged with CSSD on a Inuit Services Review and strategizing next steps on the Advocate's 33 recommendations located within the report. We are working on presentations to deliver to CSSD provincial staff to create a foundation for this work to occur. These presentations focus on the NG's involvement with the Child Youth Advocate Inuit Child Welfare Review and also our perspective on the clashes between Inuit social work

practice and dominant practice. On September 16th, I had the opportunity with President Lampe and Minister Flowers to meet with Premier Furey and with other senior officials to discuss issues of importance to NG. I was able to bring forward concerns about children, seniors and social development, primarily, the shortage of staff in communities and the impact for children and families, as well as difficulties in moving forward the recommendations from the Inuit Child Welfare Review. There was a commitment to meet for the Minister of CSSD and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs to visit Nunatsiavut in the near future to engage in meaningful discussions. Technical meetings on Bill C-92 are ongoing to plan for devolution. On June 17th, Nunatsiavut Government announced our intention to take over Child Welfare Services. The Family Services Department is in process of strategic planning to organize next steps. Madam Speaker, we are continuing work with ITK and the Inuit Data Strategy Working Group to gain better understanding of data needs for Inuit Child Welfare, both regions and nationally. Foster family appreciation month is in October. Staff from Caring for our Children project are preparing for events in Nunatsiavut; Rigolet, October 19th, Makkovik, October 20th, Postville, October 21st, Hopedale, October 22nd and Nain, October 23rd. As well, we are partnering with the Newfoundland and Labrador Foster Families Association to deliver a full day of training on reconciliation. Staff of DHSD are delivering presentations throughout the day to the Provincial Foster Families Board. Foster parents in Upper Lake Melville and one

foster parent from each Nunatsiavut community will be invited to attend, sponsored by DHSD. Madam Speaker, ongoing work continues to support collaboration and dialogue between 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 a visitation, and our Indigenous representation has been active in cultural connection planning, with a strong position for these visits to continue for all children placed outside of their communities. There's also ongoing efforts to increase placements in Nunatsiavut region. And we had observed a decrease in the number of children leaving the region through the support of the Family Connections Program. Health Services: The Nursing Face-to-Face meeting is being held from October 4th to 6th in Upper Lake Melville. I will be meeting with the nurses and giving a welcome. There is much work, Madam Speaker, on a TB regional action plan. There's a lot of information within that, Madam Speaker, so I'll save that for the email. Also, Madam Speaker, there have vision clinic scheduled in all the communities, as well as dental. That will also be in the email. You can book through your local DHSD office-, also, the hygienist, and the denturist. One important note that I'll share quickly, is the latest vaccine numbers. As of September 16th, 2021, this is the Covid-19 Vaccination tracker issued by Labrador Grenfell Health. I'll also disperse this but I'll give a quick summary. Overall, first dosage coverage, 89.9 percent. Overall, second dose coverage, 83.4 percent, and this is for individuals age 12 and older who reside in the community. But 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. Hopedale, 98.8 percent, dose one. Dose two, 91.1 percent. Makkovik, dose one, 98.4 percent. Dose two, 92.1 percent. Nain, dose one, 83.3 percent. Dose two, 77.1 percent. Postville, Dose one, 77.2 percent. Dose two, 70.9 percent. Rigolet, dose one, 94 percent and dose two 87.9 percent.

Taima Nakummek.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Minister Asivak. It's great to see the high numbers for the vaccine. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. And thank you, to the Minister for sharing those vaccination numbers, nearly 100 percent in some of our communities and I'm sure there's many eyes on our Nunatsiavut communities across the country as they look at those rates. So, thank you for that information. Madam Speaker, I will open up today by speaking to the Nain Airstrip file. We are pleased, Madam Speaker to receive confirmation this summer from the Minister of Transport, that the Nain Airstrip feasibility studies have been approved under the National Trade Corridor Fund. For years, the Nunatsiavut Government has advocated on this file and identified the Nain Airstrip as a top infrastructure priority, stressing that the safety of the community is at stake, while emphasizing the potential that this airport would provide for the largest Inuit community in our province. To finally announce that this first critical step is being carried out, and to have the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador meaningfully participate in this process over

this last year is a strong cause for optimism. I look forward to seeing this next phase, Madam Speaker, and the Nunatsiavut Government will continue to work on ensuring that this vital piece of infrastructure becomes a reality for our region. The most time intensive piece of these studies will be collecting weather data, taking place up to two years. However, it is our intention to proceed with the initial phases of the weather studies this fall. Some of the other studies that will take place include an environmental review, topographical mapping, surface geology to look at things like permafrost conditions, preliminary engineering and architectural services and, of course, the overall costing and construction of the project, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, on to Rapid Housing Initiative updates. Earlier this summer we issued a request for proposals for the design of a shelter or a bedsitters unit here in Hopedale, which, as the Assembly is aware, is a repurposing of the previous DHSD building. As a reminder, this unit will provide eight bedrooms to the community, for men who have no housing options. In the RHI application, the anticipated completion date of these bedsitter units was the spring of 2022. However, we are hoping to have this construction done by this winter, Madam Speaker. A second round to the Rapid Housing Initiative was announced in June of 2021 with \$1 billion allocated towards unfunded projects which were previously submitted to the initiative. As previously updated, there were a number of projects that we had submitted for all Nunatsiavut communities in the initial application to the Rapid Housing Initiative, which included duplexes

for Makkovik, Rigolet and Postville, with a focus on providing housing options for women and children. There were also submissions made for quadplexes in Hopedale and Nain with the same purpose. Given that the NG was successful in these projects for the first round, we will be resubmitting applications under the second round with a commitment of 30 percent of the costs towards this project. And if we are successful in the second round of the RHI, these units will be brought into the Housing Commission, Madam Speaker. As a reminder, the RHI seeks to serve vulnerable populations and applications are scored on criteria which include accessibility, energy efficiency, affordability and cost sharing. The overall projected and total cost of construction of these duplexes and quadplexes across the communities, Madam Speaker, is \$10.4 million.

Under the Registrar, Madam Speaker, as of September 14th, 2021, there are 7018 beneficiaries listed on the Registrar of Beneficiaries. Each of our Membership Committees have a full quorum since the last Assembly update, and we are very pleased for those who have put their names forward to sit on these committees and I thank them for their hard work and dedication. The Membership Department will be holding its yearly Membership Workshop for the Membership Committee Members, Inuit Membership Appeal Board Members and the department itself in late October. I want to recognize our Membership Clerk, Pauline Angnatok, who had just marked her fifth-year anniversary with NG as well as our Registrar, Sheilla Angnatok who just marked her 10-year anniversary as well. So, I thank them for their work in the Registrar over these number

of years. Again, the Registrar is reminding beneficiaries to update their contact information, their addresses. We just went through a referendum. Obviously, it's very critical, especially in the Canadian Constituency that your addresses are updated, so you get your ballots and this upcoming spring we are going to be in the midst of a General Election. So, make sure you reach out to the Registrar. With respect to the Ancestry Database, an RFP is being finalized and we will have-, we intend to have that released by the end of this month. The objective of that project is to establish a database of accurate and reliable information about Inuit Ancestry and Inuit families historically connected to the Land Claims Area, to be used as a resource by the Membership Committees and Inuit Membership Appeal Board for enrollment as a beneficiary to the *Land Claims Agreement*. The plans are to have the database established in December of 2022. That is the end of my updates for today, Madam Speaker. Tomorrow, I'll speak to the Housing Commission, Transportation, and on infrastructure. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds. As always, very informative and wonderful update. Thank you. Are there any other Ministers that wish to make a statement today? I call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. To begin Madam Speaker, I'd like to, on behalf of Minister Lyall, deliver a statement from the Department from Language, Cultural and Tourism. And thank you, Madam Speaker. Since the last sitting, the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism has

been extremely busy filling much needed positions. I would like to take this time to welcome the following staff to the Department. In the division of Tourism, Charlene Gear, Torngat Mountains Base Camp Coordinator, works out of the office in Postville. Nicola Burke, Youth Leadership Program Coordinator, Base Camp, works out of the Nain Office. In Archaeology, Corey Hutchins, Archaeology Assistant, works out of Nain. Dierdre Elliott, Heritage Program Coordinator, works out of the office in Nain. Madam Speaker, we also had a great Summer Student Program on our team this year. I would like to acknowledge the work of Megan Dicker who was with us during her summer placement. She was involved in such activities as, "Word of the Day", attending various children's summer programs, hosting community engagement activities, and researching other Inuit resources in other regions, just to name a few. We wish her all the luck in her future endeavours. The Department, Madam Speaker has a number of projects and programs that I will highlight shortly. I just wanted to note that the Department is currently delayed on an area of interest or AOI, adjacent to the Torngat Mountains National Park, along with the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. If you recall, on September the 6th, 2019, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Minister responsible for Parks Canada, the Honourable Catherine McKenna and President Lampe, announced the launch of a feasibility assessment to consider the establishment of an Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) under the *Canada National Marine Conservation Area Act*. This proposed IPA will be

adjacent to the Torngat Mountains National Park. It is intended that the feasibility assessment will be completed within two to three years of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. We will continue to update the Assembly and communities as this file progresses. Madam Speaker, I would like to highlight work within the Department of Culture. The Master Apprentice Inuttitut Program is going ahead again this year with the program expected to start at the end of September. This year, we are including multiple apprentices and families into the program, allowing different types of learning. We often have a difficult time with getting a Master and apprentice from Postville, so we are currently working on this. We also have yet to have any applicants for the apprentice in Rigolet. We have re-advertised in both communities. The Nunatsiavut Language Strategy has been released to the public with copies available on the Nunatsiavut website. Staff is currently working on one-year goals and planning for the next four years to make this strategy a successful one. A lot left yet, eh? The Department has provided the Department of Health and Social Development, Public Health Staff with Language and Culture items to incorporate into care packages that are given to infants during their first vaccination. The 2021 packages have been sent out to communities and includes a small, crocheted seal toy, an Inuttitut children's book, a ring of flip cards with Inuttitut colours and numbers, and a magnet containing first words in Inuttitut. This resource will help to incorporate Inuttitut and cultural resources into the day-to-day lives of babies. This is the second year of these packages and staff

are working on ideas for the next year. Our department has been working with an Inuit organization in Iqaluit called-, I may have to get Tyler to help me pronounce that, but-, yeah, sometimes when you don't have all the teeth it's hard to pronounce words too-, Pirurvik, to modify an existing Inuttitut website and free learning resources from Nunavut to be developed in the Nunatsiavut dialect. These resources will allow learning from homes from across the country and will make a great advancement for Inuttitut classes to have readily available resources for Inuttitut instructors in beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of Inuttitut learning. Language program coordinators have been working on this since January with hopes of these resources being launched later this year. With difficulties in translations, we are a bit delayed with this project. In April of 2021, through external funds, we were able to build a cabin for the Kayak Revival Program at Tikkiaksuk. The purpose of this cabin is to promote and practise the traditional skills of the Kayak. Plans for the 2022 include spreading the Kayak Program to every other Nunatsiavut community. Our Department has created cultural play resources that have been introduced to all daycares and language nests within Nunatsiavut. These items have been created by local woodworkers in Nain. Previous cultural play items included little toys for little ones. This year we are creating mini kayaks as well, in collaboration with the Kayak Program, for children to be able to sit and play in. We have also broadened the resources to include the Kindergarten classes of Nunatsiavut, specifically, Inuttitut Immersion if available. We are

currently working on a request for proposals for Illusuak for development of marketing and promotion strategy. The RFP will be released by the end of September. Joan Dicker has been holding weekly tea events, allowing elders to spend time together to share stories and play games.

Madam Speaker, with respect to the activities of the Division of Tourism, one refreshed Five-Year Tourism Strategy was approved by the NEC since our last sitting. Our staff are planning community visits to present the strategy and gather input from our tourism stakeholders. We are planning on hosting a tourism opportunity management session in Hopedale November 2nd and 3rd where we will bring together two people from each community, and our partner organizations to discuss the strategy and plans for the next steps for projects. Our Nunatsiavut Tourism Toolkit is complete. This is the document with basic tourism information to provide to community members with some general tourism information. Our staff will be delivering them during our community visits, as well as mailing them to our stakeholders. The Division of Tourism is working to find better ways to communicate with our community members. We have completed a survey and are now developing a Communication Plan. Our first ever Nunatsiavut Art Strategy was approved by the NEC since our last sitting. Our Arts Program coordinator is in the process of visiting our communities to present the strategy. We're working with the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce to offer bookkeeping and overview during the Expo Labrador. An expression of interest is released and we have four spots for this

session. The Newfoundland and Labrador Craft Council will be hosting its annual Christmas Card fair again this year. This is a great opportunity for artists, and expressions of interest has been released for this as well. A tender to complete the four church porches in Hebron has been released this summer. Greens Construction from Goose Bay was the successful bidder. Our Youth Leadership Program Coordinator has been working and planning for the 2022 program at Base Camp and looking into funding to help support the program. In the area of archaeology, Madam Speaker, we delivered a successful Heritage Forum in June. This took place in Nain from June the 14th to the 17th, 2021. Participants from Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and researchers from Goose Bay and St. John's. We were able to get updates from each community, discussed climate change and archaeology. We had Patty Way do genealogy family trees and Noah Nochasak presented on the Kayak Revival Program. The language staff presented on various language initiatives. It was a wonderful week. In August, the Hebron Family Archaeology Project took place. This required a great deal of preparation. Thomas Tuglavina and his three nieces were the family that went for the week-long duration. We chartered boats to take the group to Hebron where Thomas was able to share his home with his family and a group which consisted of bear monitors, boat drivers, maintenance, DHSD support and an archaeologist. We continue to review land use permit and mineral exploration applications. Three archaeologists came to Nunatsiavut for work this summer and there were various in-house permits, I guess it says. We

were also working on the Collections Management Policy and a Repatriation Policy. Our archaeology staff will be participating in the closing of the traditional and transition project in October where archaeologist Lena Onalik will be doing a presentation with Michelle Davies on the Hebron Family Archeology Project. We hope to deploy two weather monitoring stations in the Nain region before the season ends. Those weather stations will help us determine sites that are risk to climate change and erosion. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work and continued efforts to move our files, activities, projects and programs forward. If it wasn't for this work, we would not be seeing all these amazing things happen. Thank you, very much, Madam Speaker. And it is a lot of work that certainly, that that department is doing. And it's a lot of work for me, Madam Speaker to report on them. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen for your, as always, great delivery of the report on behalf of Minister Lyall. I now call upon the Minister for Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

I'm going to start off with the Economic Development Division report. Policy Development: The Compliance, Policies and Procedures Report is complete. Recommendations on the management of our Inuit Business Registry and Procurement Process will be brought to NEC in November for review and approval. Economic Assessments: The Economic Assessments, both for the community and the region are complete. The MUN Harris Centre, along with NG staff supports are preparing these

documents for distribution in October. The project delivery including external development assessments, completed with a complimentary element to train Division Staff to building NG capacity in statistical development. This would allow for internal production of annual updates assessments. This training has been delayed due to the hiring of vacant staff positions. Once staff are available, revised training timelines will be confirmed. The Rigolet Gas Station: The Rigolet Inuit Community Government continues as the interim operator for the Rigolet Gas Station. The initial contract period of November to April 2021 has been extended until the end of September 2021. Based on interim operators needs, new equipment is being purchased-, cash register, diesel pump, to improve financial reporting and monitoring. The costs are included within currently received funding. Information continues to be provided to the business community. We initially anticipated a potential business proposal for the gas station operation, late in June 2021. This date has been revised to late fall. Any potential supports request, to be brought to NEC for review. Discussions on next steps beyond September 30th, 2021 are ongoing with the RICG. Updates and next steps will be brought to NEC. Business Support: Between March and June, the Division had two new business added to the Inuit Business Registry regarding procurement, one underground and seven regular site operation packages were received from Vale with our Division submitting 19 Inuit Business Nominations and one QBE nomination. There are 24 active clients, 19 in business start-up, five in business growth. Similar to

previous years, the Division will provide financial support for Inuit businesses to attend the upcoming Expo Labrador Event from October 12th to 14th in Goose Bay. Mealy Mountain Entrepreneurship Program: This contract completion is due to be complete in late October. The program, once implemented, will relate specifically to Mealy Mountains opportunity, but will serve as a pilot to inform our direction in options to offer enhanced entrepreneurship services from the Division. Funding Distribution: *Fiscal Finance Agreement* funding. We have received and approved an application valued at \$66,000 for the development of the Rigolet Inuit Community Government slipway. We have funds available in this program related to economic development, employment, and business development opportunities. Applications are welcomed and reviewed on a continuous intake and evaluation. Community Economic Development Program. CEDP contributions remain at nearly 130,000. We currently have funds available within our CEDP program. Funding is available for the continuation of ICG development officer positions for this current fiscal year. We encourage ICGs to apply. Covid Research and Relief Programming. The Federal Indigenous Community Business Fund Program targets small businesses and artisans impacted by the pandemic. The ICBF was initially valued at 117,000. This contribution has carried over from 2020 to 2021 fiscal year as time was required to develop a program to receive applications and disperse funding. This program has received an additional amount of 115,000 in June 2021. The total spend for 2021-'22 year for this program is 232,000. The final program

recommendations will be presented to NEC in October. Self Employment Benefits Program: The transfer of the Self Employment Benefits Program from Education to Economic Development is near complete. Key program changes regarding duration, eligibility, and additional supports are complete and being prepared to take to NEC in October. If approved, this program will aid new business start-ups for up to a year and will operate on a continuous intake. Staff: We continue to have two vacancies in our division. Both positions, the Business Development Manager and Business Development Officer positions have been re-advertised in early September. I'll go on to my Education update.

Division Restructure: Kaylee Webb joined our team on July 12th as our secretary-receptionist for the office in Makkovik. She's a fast learner, skilled in her field and complements our staff well. Kaylee will be going on maternity leave in October and the process to fill her maternity replacement has begun. Fall 2021: This is our first year administering all poste secondary funding under one program. Formerly known separately as PSSFP, and Inuit Pathways, the new Inuit Post Secondary Education Funding all three programs now will be known as Education Division Funding Program. This year we transferred all continuing student files from PSSFP office for our Education Division office in Makkovik. With the division restructuring in creation of new positions the transfer of hundreds of files from St. John's as well as implementing new financial supports to students, to say our staff has been beyond busy is an understatement. I am very impressed with how all staff has been able to

handle increased workload and commend each and every one of them for their dedication to our students. This time of year is difficult to confirm actual numbers of students in post-secondary as many students changed their minds at the last minute and not go, while others apply last minute and show up the day classes start. Currently, there are approximately 155 full and part-time students who have started the fall semester, with approximately 20 remaining late applications left to be processed. To highlight, here are some new supports we have been providing. Additional money to students for rent, with at least 50 requests for this support received to date, additional money to students who have to continue to cover major expenses at home, in order to go to school. This money is meant to cover a student's mortgage or rent at home while they are away at school, so that they are not burdened with two rental or mortgage payments on a student budget.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Excuse me, Minister Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Yes.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: We have reached the 35-minute time limit. Can I get approval, sorry, from the Assembly to extend Ministers statement time?

MS. PALLISER: Yes.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: All those in favour, please raise your hand? Thank you. Any opposed? Seeing none, thank you, everybody for your understanding, and I'm sorry to interrupt. Please continue.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you. The opportunity to take a family member or friend with them when they travel to school for the first time-, this person is called an orientation chaperone and their travel, accommodations, meals and taxis are covered for three days while they help the student settle into their new home at school. We have over 20 new students availing of this support. Additional money to students to require childcare: Additional money to students that cover supports related to any physical or mental health issues that may impact their studies. 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 anyone who would like to take a look and see.

Chromebook purchase for K to 12 students: Chromebooks are to K to 6 students in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville are have arrived. Last year the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved the purchase of Chromebooks for all beneficiary students in Grades Kindergarten to 12 in both Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. Chromebooks were distributed to beneficiaries, children in Grades 7 to 12 last year but due to high demand and delay, delivery times, devices for beneficiary children in Grades Kindergarten to 6 were delayed. All Chromebooks have now been received, assigned to students and delivered to their school. It is now in the hands of the schools to hand them out to the children. This may happen over the next week or so, if it has not already been done so.

St. John's office closure: The St. John's office is scheduled to close on October 27th. Staff are in the process of shipping files and furniture to

Makkovik. Some furniture will be given to the Canadian Constituency Ordinary Members for their new office, and furniture that is left over to be donated to organizations in the city, such as First Light. The last day of work for Marge White who was with us for 36 years, Bobby Shiwak, nearing 21-year service, and Peggy Montague over 15 years service, will be October 27th, 2021. I would like to publicly acknowledge that these three women for their continued dedication to the students. They have gone above and beyond what was expected of them during this transition period. To be told that their office was closing could have resulted in resentment and poor attitudes at work. But we experienced the exact opposite. Without their support, we would not have been ready to take on this transition. I would like to thank Marge, Bobby and Peggy for a wonderful last year together and wish them the very best in their continued careers. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Palliser. I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll give a very brief summary of Honourable Greg Flowers, Department of Lands and Natural Resources. I'll touch on Renewable Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife and Lands. Fisheries, Madam Speaker. The 2HJN Snow crab fishery had its first landing on June 25th, for the last landing on August 8th. The crab fishery never performed very well and 61.4 percent of 198 tonne quota was landed for processing at Makkovik. The Northern Shrimp Fishery is going very well this year and to date, fishers have landed about 70 percent of our 2438 tonne quota.

They expect to land nearly 100 percent of the quota in shore. Arctic Char fishers have landed 29,968 pounds of char for processing in Nain and to date, 47,218 pounds of green scallop and 582 pounds of scallop meat is landed. The Turbot Fishery is ongoing in Makkovik and three beneficiary fishers are harvesting the NG communal quota. Madam Speaker. For the first time in many years, NG are participating in a Northern Cod Fishery again. NG have designated a fisher to participate in a stewardship fishery in the area of 2J. The fisher is able to land 75,000 pounds every two weeks during September 5th to October 30th, for a total landing of 300,000 pounds. We are excited to be able to fish cod again. The Department announced a new policy for designated NG beneficiaries in commercial fishery. The policy will come into effect on November 15th. The policy supports multi-year agreements with beneficiary fishers who submit approved business plans. Wildlife: Nunatsiavut moose harvesting season opened on September 14th and will close on March 7th 2022. We have a total allowable hunt of 25 moose for LISA this year. We have access up to 30 non-profit moose licences in Gros Morne again this year and Department staff are making plans to begin the hunt on October 19th. The annual Fall Classification of the George River Caribou Herd is occurring at the end of October, and our wildlife manager will be assisting the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the classification survey. Renewable Resource Division has been working closely with National Syndicated Television Series that will begin filming in Nunatsiavut this fall. And finally, Madam Speaker, under the Lands

Division, the manager of Lands report 28 land use applications have been submitted in 2021 and are at various stages of processing. Of the total, 23 are for cabins, and 4 mineral exploration land use permits were issued. A five-year land use permit was also approved for Torngat Joint Fishers Board for a fish counting facility on the Fraser River. This is a joint project between the Nunatsiavut Government, DFO, the Marine Institute of MUN and Torngat Joint Fishers Board. Madam Speaker, the Lands Division and Non-Renewable Resource Division conducted Labrador Inuit Lands inspections at the fish camps, Hebron and the Torngat Mountains National Park Base Camp again this summer. Lastly, Madam Speaker, we hired James Williamson as the new GIS specialist who began work on August 16th and is working in Hopedale. *Nakummek*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak for your support of Minister Flowers. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement today? I now call upon the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today my statement will be the Finance Division from my department, Madam Speaker and tomorrow I'll give update from Human Resource Division as well as IT Division. Madam Speaker, there is much interest in Nunatsiavut's Covid-19 Emergency Support Programs. And I'd like to provide some information, stats with respect to the Covid-19 Emergency Support Programs. The Nunatsiavut Government has spent approximately 9.3 million in the last 17 months with 75.6 percent of these funds being spent on the purchase of food and

donation to food banks. Since December 2020, the Government has tracked expenditures under the Emergency Food Supplement Program, broken down by location. December 2020 would be after the second round or beginning at the second round. We did not track by location for the first round of funding. But anyway, since the second round has started, second round of funding, the breakdown has been this way. Broken down by location, Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency. Approximately 20 percent of the expenditures for food are spent in the Canadian Constituency, 23 percent in Upper Lake Melville and 48 percent in Nunatsiavut. Madam Speaker, the Government has already approved the following programs: Food Supplement Program in Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and Canada, Food Banks, including purchase of fish and caribou, Cleaning Supply Program in Nunatsiavut, Heating Subsidy Program in Nunatsiavut, and Harvester Support Program in Nunatsiavut. The Government has also purchased two portable morgues and technology devices for school aged children in the Upper Lake Melville area and Nunatsiavut. The Government of Canada has noted that the funds can only be spend on reasonable expenditures to prepare, prevent or respond to Covid-19. In general, I see it as that is meant to address urgent short-term pandemic-related activities. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Nunatsiavut Assembly that the Nunatsiavut Executive Council has approved an allocation of these funds to add additional medical transportation flights between Nunatsiavut and Happy Valley, Goose Bay.

The global pandemic has seen the availability of accommodations significantly reduced in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Beneficiaries have had to reschedule non-urgent medical appointments due to the lack of accommodations. And certainly, this is not acceptable. As well, the addition of those flights will be reducing the number of days that beneficiaries are away from their home communities and will reduce potential exposures to Covid. Government Staff are in discussions with Labrador Grenfell Health and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on this project and will keep the Assembly as well as all beneficiaries advised of when those flights will become effective. I kept my statement short, Madam Speaker because like ours - we give our statements and it's a lot for Members to absorb in a short period of time but I encourage Members to, you know, take advantage of question period and to ask myself and all Ministers. And I'm happy to say as well, that Minister Lyall has asked me to encourage Members to ask questions regarding his statement that I delivered on his behalf. And I'd be happy to bring back questions to him. And I understand that he's listening in today as well as the Deputy Minister of Language - what are they called again? You know what I mean (laughing). Anyway, thank you, Madam Speaker. I am pleased to give the rest of my statement tomorrow.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, very much, Minister Andersen. It is now 10:15. We will take a recess for 20 minutes. Thank you.

[Recess]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, everybody for joining us. It is now 10:46 a.m. We are now on to Item Number Five, "Members Statements". Are there any Members that wish to make a statement today? Okay. I call upon the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker. Thank you.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is deep condolences and sadness within the following families. To Peter and Charlotte Dicker and the family for Marcus Lidd. To the extended family of Alfie Winters, to the family and friends of Freddie Karpik and to the family of Leonard Voisey. Madam Speaker, we had two births this summer. Congratulations are in order for Regina Andersen who had a baby girl and Josephine Obed who had a baby boy. Nain's seen four weddings this summer. We had Robert Harris and Matilda Dicker, Richard Maggo and Krissy Holwell, Clint Gear and Abigail Webb, and just recently Roland Maggo and Betty Jararuse. Madam Speaker, a new season has started for school year. We had two new teachers to welcome to our Education system. Excuse me. I'm not speaking very clearly. They are Ms. Gillian Avis and MS. Shelly Best. They're both teaching primary school and we welcome them to Nain. We also had a very successful project for our community this summer. With the help of funds donated by Ullapitsaijet to purchase lumber now to build fences. Money is provided by the Provincial Government. We were able to hire four local residents who needed the hours to qualify for EI. They built a new cemetery and erected a new fence around an old one. They also cut overgrown bushes around the existing cemeteries-, a must-needed facelift for an old eyesore. When you pass this particular area of

town you can see the difference it has made and plans are made to purchase-, complete the other cemeteries, but that depends on successful funding. Madam Speaker, Nain Moravian Church celebrated it's 250th year this past August. The celebrations started with a town parade, at the airstrip and ended at the Illusuak Centre with some opening guest speakers and some playing of the trumpets and singing of the Nain Choir with some help from invited musicians. Next day started off with a community breakfast and later on with Inuit games. In the evening we moved on to entertainment and a good time was had by all. We closed off with a church service at 10:00 o'clock, and a love feast at 3:00 and finally closing the service at 5:00. All the services were joined by the choir and organist and a violin player. The choirs are accompanied by invited guests and they really did a good job. This was followed by a community feast and I saw an Inuit person there getting an award for bravery and some fantastic prizes were given out. We closed the ceremonies by recognizing those who organized the whole thing and sang a few songs to wish everyone a safe journey back to where they came from. Madam Speaker, the summer projects are all done. We saw Budgells complete the Sandbanks Water Line Replacement Program and the road was repaired. The road to the subdivisions was completed and Budgells have the contract to do repairs to the Husky Centre and that should be completed later on this fall. We hope to have new Quonset hut built by this fall for handling freight, not a Quonset hut for Nunatsiavut yet but that's in the works. And I'll have a report next

season. All new projects are in negotiations right now. And I'll have a report on that next meeting. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Dicker. Can I please get you to mute your microphone, please, AngajukKâk Dicker. *Nakummek*. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to you all. It seemed like it wasn't very long ago that we were all here in June month and just looking back at how fast time can go and from listening to Joe there, you know, so much can happen in a short time. And, Madam Speaker I think it would be a little bit unfair this morning, for me to stand and not just pass along, I guess, a few words of encouragement to some of the most recent developments or a recent development that has been happening in Labrador. It might not be on our doorstep, however it's on the southeast coast of Labrador, and I think everybody know what I'm talking about, those two young men that went missing on Friday passed. And the father of one of the men is very well known on the North Coast of Labrador, and that's Dwight Russel for his, I guess, generosity in coming up here from the very beginning and catching our fishers quotas for our North Coast people and land in Makkovik. You know, some of our fishers has been involved with this gentleman for like 20 plus years and this morning I just want to pass along a word of encouragement to them families that's going through this difficult time. Madam Speaker, I'm going to just bring-, highlight the Assembly, I guess on a few of our projects we have on the go in Postville. It's been very challenging

summer as a lot of you know I've shared with you that we've had some staffing issues. You know, we were down right to rock bottom probably late July up to probably mid-August and we're starting to haul out of that big challenge that we had and things are starting to look up now, which is great. And those around the table, AngajukKâk from other communities or Ministers, whatever, when you have shortage in staff, that can be very challenging. But Madam Speaker, I'm proud to stand here this morning and say that our Inuit Community Government has started our waste disposal site clean-up meaning that the removal of old wrecks and wipes from our dumpsite. I know many communities along the coast have the same problem with congestion and the first load of our wipes and scrap metal went out of Postville on July the 29th. And from that date up to now, we have been rotating what we call semi dumps. And those semi dumps come from rental from Hickey Construction in Goose Bay and we did miss two boats on the rotations due to maintenance on them at one time and another time the demand for the use of the neighbouring community of Sheshashiu. So as we speak, the boat is nearing Postville. The semi dumps is on her again so we're very anxious. You know, I never thought I'd see the day that I'd smile when I talk about a dump. But, you know, I drive down there now, and we can see the difference, even those few trips. And I'm hoping by next year at this time before the election, that I will be able to stand and say, "You know what? We got it all gone and we cleaned up." And now-, I know there's other communities on the North Coast that's standing in line for those semi

dumps. I've heard from them. So, you know, it's gonna happen. We're gonna be finished with them and the other communities will be able to use these things. So, it's a good thing to see, you know, people comment positively on it and, you know, fully support us on this initiative. And money come from JMC, which is great, as well. Madam Speaker, another project we're working on, and this started as of September the 15th, only a few days ago. The ICG of Postville has been doing this-, started this on project management, that's replacing old culverts in the road, installing guide railing where needed. That's gonna be a project that will be leading into the late fall and we're even half thinking that might not be complete this fall. It will carry on into next spring, which the money is still good to us. So, that's one of our major projects there that required us to put out a job ad and we have three extra people in addition to our equipment operators taking care of this work. And, in the absence of a CAO, it can be very challenging trying to be at the office and on the roadside at the same time chatting with your supervisor of works. But we're getting there and the work is proceeding, regardless. Madam Speaker, we also had some funding improved from the *Inland Trust Fund* for another project, and that's to, I guess, do some work to our old cemetery. We do have a brand new cemetery which only started to be used in the last five to six years and the old one had come to a point of really needing to be refurbished and repaired. We have three guys on that as we speak with all pressure treated lumber, doing the concrete pouring of the blocks for the four-by-four post and the people is happy to

see this as well. Madam Speaker, also, another bit of work we have going on in the community. We found it very challenging to get people to do work. So, we come-, we never had no other choice but to put some of our work out on contract and tender it out, and which we were successful in getting people to bid on our tenders and that's-, one thing is included in that is the cutting of willows and alders in our community. We all know how fast this is starting to take our community over. And this is happening as well. I think I'm just about running out of time there. So, I'll save the rest of my Members statement, Madam Speaker, for tomorrow. Thank you, very much.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, very much, AngajukKâk Sheppard. Just a friendly reminder that we have a five-minute per statement limit for our Members. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms. Susan Onalik.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, UKatti. I was approached by a Member in the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Geraldine Pottle-Penney and she wanted me to read a letter aloud. And I will use this opportunity to do that now. "Dear Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. I am a Nunatsiavut Inuk Beneficiary living out of province. I'm writing to ask that Nunatsiavut Government advocate on behalf of all beneficiaries who require the use of the Kamutik W. to access Nunatsiavut communities. I believe some of you may be familiar with my situation, but I will provide an overview. On August 8th, 2021, my elderly father, Herbert Pottle, originally from Rigolet passed away in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. His final request was that he was buried in Rigolet. In carrying out that request, I was denied

to travel on the Kamutik W. This is because travel has been limited to residents of the North Coast to allow a reduced capacity on the ferry due to Covid-19. I have been told that this decision was made in a meeting last spring, and I was advised by the Provincial Government that Nunatsiavut Government was involved in that meeting. I am very disappointed that Nunatsiavut Government did not think of all Members including those living outside of Labrador Inuit Settlement Area when you agreed to this policy. I was born in Rigolet and consider it my home. It was disappointing and distressing that I could not access the same service as my other family members, nor travel with them at such a sensitive time. I hope that you can encourage the Provincial Government to make changes that would benefit all beneficiaries, including those living in the Canadian Constituency who may need to travel to Nunatsiavut communities for emergency purposes such as funerals. In a July 27th, 2021 CBC story, the Honourable First Minister, Tyler Edmunds stated that the policy decision to only allow residents on the ferry was not a decision made by Nunatsiavut. However, the Provincial Government had said the decision was made in collaboration with the Nunatsiavut Government. If this is true, I would like the decision makers to please be mindful of other reasons why non-residents might need to travel on the Kamutik W. I would also like to believe that this policy was an oversight but I hope you can advocate for change now and keep all beneficiaries in mind in the future. I understand that nothing can be done to help my family, but I would like to see this policy change so that other families do not have to

go through the stress that I had to go through, as losing a loved one is stressful enough. I would like you to just take a minute and put yourself in my shoes. If it was your loved one that had passed away and your son, daughter or other close family member living outside of their community could not afford the plane fare and relied on the ferry service, they might not get to come to say farewell to their loved one or to be with family at this sad and stressful time. Believe me when I say, it is not a nice feeling to be told that you can't use the same service as everyone else in your family. I reached out to many of you for help, as you are our elected representatives, and most did not even reply to my emails. This was very hurtful. I will not name names because you know who you are, but this is unacceptable to me. As Inuit, we are told to respect our elders and you did not even have the decency to send your condolences when my father passed away and I asked for help. I had higher expectations of you. Thank you, to the Members that did answer my emails or messages. Even if you couldn't help me, I appreciate that you acknowledged my call for help. My father is now at his resting place in Rigolet, back in our hometown because even when you moved away, your hometown will always be dear to your heart. Rest in peace, dad, sincerely, Geraldine Penney." I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge, you know, the condolences for the passing of her father. And I will say that, you know, I'm thankful for those who did reach out, even recently. And I know that this is something that has been discussed at the NEC level and I do

appreciate, you know, the responses that have come forth from Honourable Minister, Tyler Edmunds. And that's all for now. *Nakummek*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: *Nakummek, UKatti, Ullasiak Ilonnasi*, everyone. Good morning, everyone. Thank you, Madam Speaker. In June, I acknowledged the contribution of the *Tasiujatsaok* fund that made for Rigolet in getting a covering for our outdoor rink. We have been preparing for this to happen. We put out ads for a work crew and had a training session for them, and they're all trained in fall arrest and how to operate a man lift. We've also dismantled the boards from our present rink in preparation to get the structure in place. The structure itself is ordered and will be made in Calgary and it's supposed to leave the factory on September 30th to come to Rigolet. And we are hopeful we can get the covering up this fall. We had to get a crane in for a few days and then a manlift in for the whole project. So we're hoping it'll work with the boat situation and stuff like that. We also got a work crew doing some work with concrete, preparing the flooring for the structure to anchor to. Madam Speaker, presently, we have two projects that are happening in our community. There's a crew there putting structures over some valve chambers that were exposed to the elements. So since they were put there, this should help with some of the issues we're having with those valve chambers. Madam Speaker, the other project is the cleaning of our sewer lines. There's a crew that is doing an investigation and at the same time giving a much-needed cleaning of our system. The project

initially had some hiccups, but is running smoothly, right now. Madam Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the crew that we had hired and Rigolet Inuit Community Government employees had to dig out 53 man holes in our community, some of them two and a half to three feet underground. And this was headed up by our Water and Sewer Maintenance Operator, Stu. Madam Speaker, unfortunately we had been advised by Municipal Affairs that the three projects we had applied for have not been approved. I guess that's part of our payment for electing a non-liberal to represent us because politics plays a big role in these decisions. One of the projects that we applied for was a much-needed booster pumping station so residents that live on the hill in the Rigolet can get higher water pressure. Madam Speaker, thanks to the Nunatsiavut Government Management Committee, we will be getting an assessment done to see how much that project will really cost. And we hope that this assessment will help convince the Province that we do need a booster station. Madam Speaker, since the last Assembly, I am pleased to report that our boardwalk is in full operation. It's getting lots of use and we have recovered the money for repairs from an old ACOA grant that we still had some unspent funds in. That is a pleasant surprise that we were happy to get for the cost of the repairs. It was somewhere in \$30,000 plus. So, we got that money back. Madam Speaker, I would like to send out birthday wishes to Marion Shiwak who turned 89 on September the 19th, and also a happy birthday to her twin brother, Horace Mugford who lives in Cartwright. I would like to extend congratulations to and say happy

anniversary to Beulah and Max Allen who celebrated 34 years of marriage on September 17th. And also to my brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Blanche who celebrated 31 years of marriage on August the 4th. Madam Speaker, it's with great sadness that I extend my sympathy to Herb Pottle and his family, and for the trauma that they had in not getting to our community. And last, but not least, Madam Speaker, is with great sadness that I extend sympathy to the family of Uncle Bert Allen, Rigolet's oldest resident. He passed away June 16th after an extended illness. Madam Speaker, Uncle Bert will be sadly missed. And on behalf of Rigolet Inuit Community Government, I would like to give thanks for his many contributions to our community. We have lost a wealth of knowledge and wisdom. His laughter will ring in the hills around Rigolet forever, and his smile and kindness will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, Uncle Bert. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Honourable Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Since our last Assembly sitting, three more community members have passed away. All were sudden deaths, and our community deeply grieve their losses. To the families of William Tuglavina, Rex Flowers and Eric Abel, on behalf of Hopedale Inuit Community Government, I extend my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers. To lose two of our youth and a respected elder all in the span of six weeks is very difficult in a small community. I also extend my condolences to the families of elder Bertha Winters of Happy Valley, Goose Bay. Bertha was dislocated along with her

family from Hebron to Hopedale in 1959. She married and raised her family here and moved to Happy Valley, Goose Bay in 1987 where she resided until her passing in July. When deaths and crises occur in our communities, Madam Speaker, usually the same leaders, workers and volunteers are at the frontline diligently working without complaint to do whatever they can to support and help the families through the crisis. I thank and commend all those who step up to the plate to help our families and community in need. It is not an easy job. On a brighter note, school has re-opened and the students appear to be settling in well. There has been a big turnover in staff this year. Three of the four Inuttitut teachers have retired. Thank you, to Mrs. Rosie Piercy, Mr. Phillip Abel and Mrs. Matilda Nochasak for their years of service. There will be huge void at ACMS without these talented teachers. Another big change at ACMS is the retiring of Principal, Mr. Dean Coombs. Thank you, Mr. Coombs for your 35 years of service at ACMS. You certainly will be missed. Mrs. Eileen Flowers has replaced Mr. Coombs as principal, and Mrs. Nicole McLean has replaced Mrs. Eileen Flowers as Vice Principal. We wish both ladies all the best in their new positions. The fall sports meet will take place in Makkovik this year and there is much excitement, as due to Covid last year the sports meet did not go ahead. We wish our Nanuit a successful fall sports meet. Stay safe, play hard and have fun. We wish the students and staff a great school year. Madam Speaker, HICG are still receiving many phone calls from residents who own Torngat Regional Housing homes and who do not have ownership to the land. I realize that this may not be an issue on

Nunatsiavut as land was passed over to Torngat. However, I feel it is our issue because, Madam Speaker, these are our beneficiaries and we are elected to help them in any way we can. Many residents cannot or do not understand how these documents work. I believe Nunatsiavut should help them get their land ownership straightened out. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll just have a few highlights from Makkovik. We were happy to see the Makkovik Fish Plant going ahead this summer with the crab-, not been as plentiful as other years. We were kinda worried that it was gonna be canceled but they're now into Turbot, so the workers are getting some hours in. There's a lot of salmon around Makkovik this summer, Madam Speaker. Everyone should have gotten their quota. One of the problems Makkovik fishermen had was they were trying for trout and char, but they had to take their nets up because there was too much salmon being caught. There's a lot of rod fishing on the go where you can't have your net out so people are getting a few trout. There's quite a few cod out at Ironbound Island this summer. There are also fishermen from Postville and Hopedale there also, so it was good for all communities. There was quite a few shark caught and a lot of sightings hauling up the cod fish and the sharks are chasing the fish. There was also quite a few killer whales sighted around Ironbound again, this year. The weather, mainly, the wind at sea, has been unbelievable for the last two years. This helps

to keep the Kamutik W. running. We wish we had this weather when we were fishing back in the day. Let's hope we have a good fall so we can all get the supplies delivered to Nunatsiavut that we need for the winter. It's good to see the kids back in school, and I did have, "Without masks", but starting this week they got their masks on. But it's good to see them all back there. And we're welcoming two new teachers to our school. The sports meet is happening in Makkovik this fall, next month. So kids are running all over the place. There's lots of practising going on in all communities, I would say. We have a new subdivision in Makkovik. It looks good, and hopefully, we'll see some buildings and homes going up there next year. It was a bit scary, at the same time good to see travel restrictions lifted. We have people travel back to the community who have not been home for a few years. Great to see Hydro doing all the upgrades around town with the new high voltage wires. Hopefully this will not-, there will not be as many outages as there has been in the past. Not many bake apples this year-, not like other years. Some people did get some. Lots of blueberries and thousands of blackberries, and the redberries are looking good. Madam Speaker, there's been a lot of gardening going on in Makkovik-, lots of potatoes and turnips and onions and cabbages being grown. So that's a plus for the community. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Andersen. I now call upon the Community Chairperson for NunaKatiget, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I will give an update on our Community Freezer Program. I would like to thank the Lands and Natural Resources

Department for allowing us to receive 200 salmon tags again this year. This is the second year. We had to put in place a policy, if household receives salmon tags and also salmon from the freezer, they will be banned for life from receiving salmon from the freezer. In past years, there was one or two people that were double dipping. This acted as a good deterrent. The Nunatsiavut Government has granted NunaKatiget three moose licences in the Land Claim Area for 2021/'22 moose season. We also received the moose licence from the Province for the Muskrat Falls region. We are looking forward to the moose we receive from Nunatsiavut Government from the Gros Morne moose hunt as well. As our freezer is quite empty at the moment. We are looking forward to receiving corned cod from Southern Labrador and char from Lands and Natural Resources. We still had chicken from the Rigolet Inuit Community Government up until early September. Again, I would like to thank the RICG for donating the chicken to us. We have contracted with a farm in town, to provide us with potatoes, carrots, turnip and cabbage. The Board made a decision to no longer accept people with disabilities under 60 years of age into our Community Freezer Program. This is due to our limited budget and the high number of elders. However, the people with disabilities who were previously, in the program will continue to be served. Madam Speaker, for the first time we had a summer student this past summer. We wanna thank the Department of Education and Economic Development who provided funds for a summer student. The person worked on the farm with the person contracted to provide us the fresh vegetables and also

helped in our office. Our audit is complete and we have a clean audit again for 2020. Madam Speaker, we held traditional cooking classes for youth in October. The numbers were reduced due to Covid-19. Doug Saunders was the instructor. They learned to make seafood chowder, pie tart shells, bake apple jam and smoked char. The two people who continued, loved the classes. The leftover bake apple jam was given to some elders-, the jam the youth made. We received funds from the Provincial Government to carry out these courses, and the youth really enjoyed the classes. Inuttitut: We now have an Inuttitut speaker who will do the Master Apprentice Program in the youth and adult Inuttitut classes. They will start in October. And money was provided from Heritage Canada. I wanna thank the Language and Culture Department for providing us with resources for our classes. In October we will hold another Kamik making course and on September 27th we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. On behalf of NunaKatiget staff and board, we would like to send condolences to the family and friends of the following: the late Delilah Diem Saunders, Bertha Winters, James Bunny Winters, Della Gillette and Herb Pottle. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Chair Kemuksigak. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I would like to acknowledge the nine members of the Makkovik ground search and rescue team who are scheduled to receive an award of bravery for their rescue mission on the 1st of May 2019 from the RCMP. This is scheduled to happen tomorrow,

weather permitting. The Members receiving that award will be Perry Voisey, Andy Edmunds, Roy Martin, Errol Andersen, Robert Gear, Marvin Clarke, Rex Voisey, Perry Voisey, and Constable Henry Broomfield as an RCMP Member. So, that will be happening some time tomorrow, hopefully. Also, to the Minister of Health, I would like to thank the Department of Health for the Vision Clinic that they held in Makkovik last week. They were shooting for 110 people to attend that clinic and they had about 150 and more waiting. But due to Covid, if you had symptoms, you had to restrain from going to the clinic even though it's a biannual sort of clinic, it's frustrating when you can't get there to have your eyes seen in a timely manner. But much appreciation to the Department of Health for that clinic. As Ordinary Member for Makkovik mentioned, we do have the 20-lot subdivision nearing completion and we're hoping to have the easements and stuff for hydro done probably next summer, now, with the fall coming on. The water and sewer assessment in Makkovik is done by Afonso Group and the water and sewer assessment videos and reports are all in the office in Makkovik as we speak. So that was a very good investment overall. The Playground Equipment Project did not proceed due to the tenders coming in significantly over budget. So we have to postpone that project probably until next year, unfortunately. Also, the MTI, the *Makkovik Inuit Trust Fund Incorporated*, provided funds to-, like I heard the AngajukKâk from Nain and the AngajukKâk from Postville mention, for the cemetery in Makkovik. We had funds to clean up the Alders that's shooting up all over the place and some other small shrubs to

clear out the cemetery. And that's all done and completed as of last week. So much thank you to the *Makkovik Inuit Trust Fund*. And I remember last spring when I stood up here, I mentioned that I was gonna bring a 35-pound pumpkin. That didn't happen, but I do have some pictures of pumpkins. They may add up to 35 pounds. But they did grow in Makkovik this past summer. And as John mentioned-, or Ordinary Member Andersen mentioned that there was a lot of backyard gardening taking place in Makkovik this year which is great to see. Along with the Department of Health Lottie McNeill, and her crew of young people, at our Seniors event a couple weeks ago, we were eating potatoes that were grown just outside the house in Makkovik DHSD building. So many thank you to all those people who take part in backyard gardening and showing some food security issues that we can live off the land like we used to in the past. Thank you, very much, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. Good day, Assembly Members. It's good to see everyone again. It's good to be back here. Madam Speaker, since the last sitting of the Assembly, the graves of children that were found on a residential schoolgrounds in several provinces in Canada has grown to an unimaginable number and will continue to increase as more areas are being x-rayed and more bodies found. Please pray for the lost souls of the young that will never ever have closure. On a positive note, children's

note, especially DHSD in particular, a woman named Jenny Lyall, sent out the packs to children between the ages of two and five. And the Canadian Constituency children were included. They contained many interesting books, figurines, good quality toys and made many children happy. But it also put a little bit more stress on the ones that are going to attend Kindergarten for the first time. As one five-year-old told his grandmother, "Now, I have to remember all of this too and lots of work Grandma. Going to need your help to say the long words." On a sad note, last month, the end of October this Post Secondary Support Student Program will be closing the doors at the St. John's office. The wonderful staff there will no longer serving the students from that office. All students will be taken care of through the Makkovik office and the staff there. Best wishes going out to the dedicated staff of Marjorie White, Finance Manager, Peggy Montague, Financial Assistant and Bobby Shiwak, Education Officer. Jillian Bartlett who was the secretary there had already left the office and continued work at another business. And Lucy Brennan had also retired early. Now, I wish to congratulate the Canadian Constituency Members that have graduated this past year from their respective schools and university. They are as follows: Nicole Bell, Labrador City, Masters of Applied Science, Civil Engineering, Dalhousie University, New Brunswick 2020. Adrian Edmunds, Marystown, Bachelor of Science and Biochemistry, MUN, April 2020. Heidi Jane Gillespie, Dutch Settlement Nova Scotia Bachelor of Arts, Child and Youth Studies, Minor in Psychology and Family Studies, Mount St. Vincent University, May of 2020. Amy Ford, St. John's

Office Administrative Medical, College of the North Atlantic, Prince Phillip Drive Campus, St. John's 2020. Daisha Webb, Tantallon, Ontario, Bachelor of Education, St. Francis Xavier University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2020. Nelly Williams, Orleans, Ontario, Bachelor of Engineering, Major in Civil Engineering, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario. April Persia, Prescott, Ontario, Office Administration Legal and Health Services, St. Lawrence University in Prescott, Ontario. Jessica Freake, Conception Bay, South, Bachelor of Nursing, Centre for Nursing Studies, MUN, May 2021. Hilary Edmunds, St. John's, Bachelor of Social Work, MUN, May 2021. Shalyn Pilgrim of St. Anthony, Bachelor of Kinesiology, University of Toronto, June 2021. Alicia Winters, Kingston Ontario, Medical Office Administrator, June 2021. Joycelyn Pagee, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice, University of Winnipeg. Also, at this time I must acknowledge young member playing baseball in Atlantic Baseball Championships in the Grand Falls (inaudible), Ethan Winters. Madam Speaker, the ballots for the referendum to amend election dates went out to Canadian Constituency but Canada Post never delivered mine. There was still a problem with mailout ballots, and I'm on the committee for that. There you go. But with the work that's going on, and with regards to changing the way Canadian Constituency works, I hope this will soon be rectified. Madam Speaker, I fully support Susan and the message she delivered today regarding Kamutik W. It has been a very trying year for every Canadian, especially the experience of one family they had to endure because of the Newfoundland Government's failure to change passenger

service on the boat. To show us how expensive and difficult it is, it has to come from Members outside the coastal area to reach their hometown. Not only for the funerals, Madam Speaker, but for any Constituency Member to go to their hometowns to visit their friends and family. The airfare is very high that everyone here is well aware of, I'm sure. And that has turned away many Members that want to visit. I would like to thank all the Members that attended last night's vigil. Thank you, for coming out to support that. To the Culture Minister, Canadian Constituents would gladly take the two spots that haven't been filled yet for the Master Apprenticeship Program, if you can bring that up to Minister Lyall, I'd appreciate it. Thank you, for this Madam Speaker, and Members. *Nakummek.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

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

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to first to mention the tragic passing of one of our former pages, Ms. Grace Voisey, from Happy Valley, Goose Bay. She was one of the last pages to attend our Assembly before the Covid-19 pandemic shut everything down. She was so eager to be here and offer assistance to anyone. She truly embraced the role of page. In fact, when she returned from her trip to the Assembly, she told her parents that she wanted to work for the Nunatsiavut Government when she was older. She fought a brave battle and we are very saddened to hear of her passing. We are thinking of her family, her parents Didi and Jason, siblings, Juliette and Ryan. She was their amazing Grace. Condolences to the family

of Diem Saunders. Diem was an advocate for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls crisis in our country. Diem sadly passed away in early September. Marlene, my colleague and I, visited her family to pass along our condolences. We'd like to congratulate beneficiary, Mr. TJ Gear of Happy Valley, Goose Bay who recently competed at the 18th Pan-American Power Lifting Championships in Orlando Florida in late August where he set a Pan-Am record and came away with a silver medal. He will be competing at the World Power Lifting Championships in Sweden next week. We wish him all the best and know he will do well at his latest competition. My colleague Marlene and I went around the communities in North West River and Happy Valley, Goose Bay to promote the Constitutional Referendum Vote. We targeted elders who may not have access to social media. It was great to get out and knocked on their doors following Covid protocol. We had many offers of tea and coffee and it was great to chat with so many and they were happy to see us. We have been attending various craft afternoons in North West River as well, this summer. It has been great to gather in small groups and talk to our elders and share the latest information from our Government all while sharing our crafting experience at the Labrador Interpretation Centre. Please note I am not a crafter. We also partnered with NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation to have a community lunch in Mud Lake, late June. It was a wonderful time and with the Covid-19 restrictions lifting, we can have gatherings again. We enjoyed a meal of fish and brews and a few games of bingo. A great time was had by all. In late August, my colleague Marlene

and I attended a Senior's Day in Happy Valley, Goose Bay which was hosted by the town of Happy Valley, Goose Bay. We had a table, distributed pamphlets regarding the upcoming Nunatsiavut referendum. We had a prize and talked to more than 50 seniors. Overall, a successful day, and it was great to see so many seniors enjoy a day out. We also attended the National Indigenous Day celebrations in North West River. Mr. Lloyd Goudie and his band entertained the crowd with various activities from all participants. We painted orange rocks for the display at the Labrador Interpretation Centre. In closing, Madam Speaker, I would also like to congratulate the following beneficiaries for competing in the Atlantic Power Lifting Championships next month in Sydney Nova Scotia: Aaron Porter, Eric Webb and Ty Dyson, along with their coach T.J. Gear, will represent us well, I'm sure. *Nakummek*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Asivak. Are there any other Members wishing to make a statement today? Okay. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The summer seemed to pass by quickly, and due to Covid, there has not been a whole lot of activity in our community as the gym had just opened for the public when school started this month. Everyone seemed to be excited to participate in sports again. For me, personally, it's exciting to be back playing ball hockey, as I'm sure it is for a lot of others who enjoy participating in that sport. I would like to start by sending condolences to the Allan family on the passing of Uncle Bert on June 16th. Uncle Bert was my Godfather and I'm sorry I wasn't able to be

there with the family during their difficult time. Condolences also going out to the family of Herb Pottle who passed away on August 8th. Herb lived in Happy Valley, Goose Bay but was born in Back Bay near Rigolet. I often remember his visits with my grandparent in n Back Run when he would come back to Rigolet during the summer. Sending heart-felt condolences to both families. I would like to congratulate Shane Wolfrey for receiving the Lord Strathcona Award for outstanding performance at the Junior Canadian Rangers. It's the highest award that can be given to a Junior Ranger in recognition of their performance, exemplary attendance and active participation in school since joining the Junior Ranger Patrol. Congratulations, Shane. Congratulations to the Committee of the Blanche Allan Memorial Dart Tournament who held a successful event on August 21st. Congratulations to the winners, Roy Blake and Belinda Allan. This was the first community event since before Covid. Madam Speaker, I would like to send a belated 89th birthday greeting to Marion Shiwak who celebrated her special day on September 19th. I hope she had a wonderful day. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Ordinary Member Palliser. Are there any other Members wishing to give a statement today? Seeing none, we will now move on to Item Number Six, "Return to Oral Questions". At the June 2021 Assembly sittings, the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey, asked the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, "What is NG's future plans for the current DHSD building in Rigolet?" I will now recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds to provide his response.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. And *Nakummek*, again, to the AngajukKâk for the question. The new DHSD building in Rigolet will be constructed on the existing land for the current building. However, the Nunatsiavut Government is to purchase an adjacent parcel of land from the RICG to ensure that the new construction will have adequate space for the new building. Lack of parking in the area has historically been an issue for staff and visitors. Recommendations from previous inspections have been that the building should be demolished due to deficiencies, which would allow the needed parking space. However, we'll consider all options as we move forward with the design and engineering and construction phase of the project. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds for your response to AngajukKâk Wolfrey's question. As well, the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms. Susan Onalik asked the First Minister the Honourable Tyler Edmunds, if he was able to provide a clear interpretation or summary of the process of the review that is being undertaken by the Membership Committee. I will now recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds to provide his response.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I did send this response to the Speaker's office within the Standing Order's timeframe, which I think is 7 to 10 business days. And my response is as follows: A Membership Committee, the Registrar of Beneficiaries or Beneficiary can initiate a review. If an individual initiates this process, the necessary forms can be requested from the Registrar's Office. If a review is triggered in which it is believed

the person does not meet the criteria, there must be a reasonable and factual basis upon which the review can proceed. Membership Committees have the authority to review any beneficiary's membership if they have grounds to believe that the person does not meet the criteria found in Part 3.3 of the *Land Claims Agreement*. The authority for these committees is a result of Section 3.8.2 of the *Land Claims Agreement* and Section 29 of the *Beneficiaries Enrollment Act*. Under Section 3.9.3(c) of the *Land Claims Agreement*, each Membership Committee must maintain the list of beneficiaries who are Permanent Residents of and who are connected to the region. This is known as the Regional Membership List. And as there are four membership regions, there are four Regional Membership Lists, which include Nain and north of Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik and Postville, Rigolet and Lake Melville. The Membership Committee, itself, is responsible for maintaining an accurate regional membership list. When the Membership Committee isn't sure if a member on their membership list meets the criteria, the Committee can request that file from the Registrar. If, upon review of the file, the Committee cannot determine if the person meets the criteria, for example, due to lack of information in the file, they may request that the Registrar instruct the individual to complete a new application form. Any missing information then would be captured on the newly completed application. If the review proceeds, it is completed as the same procedure and process as a new application or a normal application which includes correspondence between the applicant and the Registrar and the ability to supply new

information, the right to appeal the decision of the local Membership Committee through the Appeal Board, or to seek review from the Federal Court. And, Madam Speaker, to date, there has been no comprehensive review undertaken of the Registrar and all reviews have been completed on a case-by-case basis with the authority mentioned under Chapter Three of the *Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement*. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister, Mr. Edmunds. Thank you for your response. And there are no more Returns to Oral Questions for today. Before we move on to Item seven, "Oral Questions", we will break for lunch and return again at 1:00 p.m. Thank you.

[Recess]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Good afternoon. Welcome everybody back at 1:06 p.m. We are now on Item number seven of our *Orders of the Day*, which are "Oral Questions". Are there any Members that wish to ask a question today? Okay. Thank you. I call upon the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Susan Onalik.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek UKatti*. My question is for Honourable First Minister, Tyler Edmunds. I was wondering if you wanted an opportunity to speak to the letter addressed to the Assembly this morning from Ms. Geraldine Pottle-Penney?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds. Thank you.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Uhalitik and Nakummek, to the Member for Canada for her question. And I appreciate the ability to be able to respond to the letter that she read from Ms. Geraldine Penney this morning. I did want to say that I had the opportunity to speak with her a week ago to go through some of this as well. But to have her concerns read in the House of Assembly to all the Members is useful as well. In that letter, there's a reference to me speaking to this issue in July of this year. Just a point of clarification, maybe the only time I spoke to this issue with CBC was in the fall of 2020 when there was some attention around this locals-only policy with LMI. So, maybe they were referencing that interview. I wanted to just state again that the Nunatsiavut Government wasn't involved when this policy was drafted. As I stated last year, I was just as surprised as anyone else when LMI was attributing this policy to the direction of the Nunatsiavut Government. As the Assembly will recall, in the spring of last year, as we were trying to navigate Covid-19, there were a number of travel restrictions that we did place when Covid-19 numbers were high. But going into the summer of last year we had lifted those travel restrictions. As far as we were concerned, individuals throughout the province could have the ability to enter into our Nunatsiavut communities. So, if there was, again, any direction to be had, it was clear last year that we were acceptable to having all individuals from this province enter into Nunatsiavut. There was a call in April of this year where I participated in a stakeholder's call with my Deputy Minister. Several AngajukKâk were on the line as well and MHA Evans was there as well. This was a Labrador

Marine Inc. call where they announced to us their plans for the upcoming operating season. At that point, they did announce to us that they intended to run at 83 passengers and intended to keep the local-only policy, recognizing that space was limited on that vessel. We did not disagree to that sentiment, but we did not dictate the direction, as I said earlier in the year. And I don't believe anybody on that call objected to why LMI was putting that policy in place at the time. Was not talking about Bereavement Policy an oversight at that particular time? It may have been and it could've been, Madam Speaker, but I do wanna say that we have been trying to put different options to LMI before the ship sailed this year, to find a way to integrate non-locals on that boat without jeopardizing seats for those resident in Nunatsiavut. We received word that LMI revamped their reservation system. For example, one of the options that we put forward was having a waiting list, for example, for individuals who were non-local, to give them the ability to travel on that vessel. So we have been trying to put forward different scenarios to ensure that people who weren't local had the ability to travel into Nunatsiavut. We know it's been a long year for everybody with Covid-19, the inability to move. There's been new family members brought into our communities. Individuals want to pay respects to those that may have passed. And even the ability to just participate in cultural activities for those who are living away, we recognize that travel is expensive. It is a barrier. So we have been trying to put different options forward. The bulk of the travel for this season is complete at this point as we are entering into the fall. But we

are discussing with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, how the service can improve, and how passengers can be protected. So we are open to supporting, I think a position like Bereavement Travel, any future discussions that might take place between LMI, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and any other stakeholders in the future.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Onalik?

MS. ONALIK: No, I don't. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to Gerald Asivak, Minister of Health and Social Development. This morning, you said that accommodations were a problem for clients of NG. What are you doing about my-, the clients that go up to Happy Valley, Goose Bay from the coast, especially from the coast have problems finding accommodations 'cause the hotels are all booked? And they had to find their own accommodations. What are you doing about it is my question?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, AngajukKâk Dicker. I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker and AngajukKâk Dicker. It was very hard to hear your question, but I think I got the gist of it. As First Minister Edmunds noted this morning in his Ministers Statement, Nunatsiavut Government are using some of the Covid money to enhance travel arrangements with

increased flights with Labrador Grenfell Health because of the shortage of accommodations in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. So this, when it is finalized, some of the flights might be fly in, fly out, or shorter-, or increased frequency. Right now, it's three times a week on the Mission Plane, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Nunatsiavut Government is finalizing that with Labrador Grenfell Health, so it should be released when it is finalized with the contractor, Air Borealis on that. We also predict now with the Muskrat Falls ending very soon within the coming days, that the hotels should be more vacant than current. Also, the medical care is through Labrador Grenfell Health. So it's not entirely through non-insured Health Benefits or Department of Health and Social Development. DHSD has really gotten to them and said, you know, you cannot send patients out of their home communities for medical service if there are no secured accommodations because I know, during the summer for a short period of time, until the meeting took place, that that was happening without our knowledge. So the clinic staff were sending patients out, which is their priority to put patients on the medical plane, however, they just wanted to get people out. And then there was a crisis in Happy Valley, Goose Bay with no accommodations. So to summarize that with the Muskrat Falls expected to close, and I know the hotels were very busy with a lot of contractors, 'cause they were outside, not in camp. They were living temporarily in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. So we are working with Labrador Grenfell Health on enhancing communication around that because they did not include us when they should have. So we expect accommodations

to be more readily available and with increased flights, as Minister Edmunds noted this morning. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Dicker? No? Thank you, very much for your question. I now, call upon the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for Honourable Tyler Edmunds, First Minister, and it relates to what-, the question that AngajukKâk Dicker just asked. I'm wondering if there are any plans in place, or any thought going into maybe setting up our own accommodations, getting our own hotel. Then we're putting our own money back into our own-, you know, we're-, accommodation money can go back into our own pocket instead of trying to trust to other people whose first priority is not Inuit or Inuit coming from Nunatsiavut. Their first priority is to fill up their hotel rooms with whoever they can. So I'm just wondering if there's any thought going into that.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Madam Speaker, the talk of the additional flights, that came as part of Minister Andersen's statement this morning and I understand that this may fall under public property as well. But there's also a financial component here as well. And I'll ask that this question be redirected to the Minister of Finance for response if that's acceptable.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, First Minister Edmunds. I now call upon the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you, for your question. As Minister Asivak said in his response to AngajukKâk Dicker, that we are looking at using Covid funds to increase the number of flights and the reason that we are doing that is to assist, perhaps, in lessening wait times for people in Goose Bay, at least where there is overcrowding of hotels caused primarily, we believe, as the Minister has said, the closing of Muskrat Falls and the contractors moving from the campsite into hotels in Happy Valley, Goose Bay. I think enough was said about that. More to that question that was asked by the AngajukKâk from Rigolet on setting up our own accommodations. We have started and the First Minister was not there at the time, meeting with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. And you are absolutely right and I for one, believe as much as you do, that we are giving others money that we could be giving back to ourselves and our concern should not be about money or hotels, but it should be about our beneficiaries and accommodating them and giving them adequate accommodations when they're especially on medical. So we started conversations, I don't know, about a month ago with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and we stressed the fact that, you know, not only for medical, but for ourselves traveling as well as Ministers and Community Governments, certainly our Civil Service spend a lot of time in Goose Bay and other places. But Goose Bay-, and the time has come to look at

medical accommodations, hotel, whatever, for our people. And so, the point-, the question that you ask is a good one and certainly, I certainly believe our Government will move toward that end. And I hope that's an answer that at least, well, it's a start on something. So I agree that it should be done and I certainly-, because the First Minister, he did not-, he was not there at that meeting 'cause he was on holidays but it's a reminder to me to ensure that the First Minister is brought up to speed on the conversation that we had with Nunatsiavut Group of Companies and even to force him to move and work with me, Madam Speaker. And I'm sure that he will. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Wolfrey? No? Thank you, very much. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. A little bit tricky on who to direct my question to, but in the absence of the Minister of Lands and Resources, my question will be-, it's a financial, I guess cost involved in my question. So I'm gonna direct my question to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Tony Andersen. I would like to ask the Minister today, Madam Speaker, if there there's any discussion ongoing or has started-, did the NEC start any discussion related to harvesting caribou meat from Nunavut? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: I'll take the question under notice, Madam Speaker and bring it to the attention of the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. But I just wanna say from the Finance Department we had only a very preliminary discussion with the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. And he did tell me that if we go that road again, it might be very difficult to get the group from Nunavut to be able to supply that amount of caribou again. But certainly, I'll bring your question to the Minister and give you a timely response, I'm sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. So we will take that question under notice, and there will be a oral response to that question at another day. Do you have a supplementary question? No? Thank you, very much. Okay. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Madam Speaker, this question is once again for the battered Finance Minister, Mr. Andersen. Will you please provide a list of Covid relief money spent at each of the individual five coastal communities, Upper Lake Melville and Canadian Constituency, please? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Saunders. I now, call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I-, in my statement this morning, Madam Speaker, I mentioned that we've only tracked funds since the beginning of

Round Two. Twenty percent of the expenditures for food-, not 20 percent, but 20 percent of the expenditures for food is spent in the Canadian Constituency, 23 in Upper Lake Melville and 48 percent in Nunatsiavut. We don't break down the Nunatsiavut community funding. It's just one lump for the five communities for Nunatsiavut and there is no break down across Canada where it's spent or St. John's or anywhere. So-, and I don't have the dollar figures. I apologize for that. I can only tell you that it's 20 percent of 9.3 million. So if you get out your calculator very quickly, anyone can get that in a second, okay? But I will, again on a notice, provide for the Member, exact dollar figure for the Canadian Constituency, for Upper Lake Melville and for the five Nunatsiavut Communities. And I apologize, Madam Speaker that I don't have exact dollar figures here because I wanted to-, I had them in my statement and then I wanted to make my statement short because everyone has long statements. But-, so I will provide those figures, okay? Again, as I mentioned in my statement this morning, there is-, we have spent approximately 9.3 million. I can let the Assembly know that there remains approximately 8.7 million to spend which would include the Round Four. How the breakdown will go, Madam Speaker hasn't been decided because of ongoing discussions with Labrador Health Grenfell because we will use a portion of that 8.7 to provide extra flights for the extra Skedivac flights. As well, there's ongoing discussion on the other programs that were suspended, the heating subsidy, and the Harvester's Support Program. I would expect that when we return in

November, I would be able to provide the Assembly with a better breakdown of how these funds will be spent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Saunders?

MR. SAUNDERS: No, Madam Speaker. He answered it with his [audio cuts out].

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, very much. I now call upon the Chair of Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, and I understand he's not here today. Since Upper Lake Melville area received four moose licences for their Community Freezers only, how do residents apply for a moose harvest, as our freezers service seniors only, and not our whole community. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Okay. Thank you, Chair Winters. I do need to ask you who you will direct your question to, one of the Ministers that are present. They can do their best to answer the question. So would you like to direct your question to another Minister of the Executive Council?

MS. WINTERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll ask the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds if he can answer that question for me. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, very much. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I could attempt to answer the question, but I don't think I would give the answer enough justice, so we'll take the question under notice. We'll forward it to Minister Flowers and ensure

that a proper return is presented to the Assembly within again, 7 to 10 business days, as dictated in the *Standing Orders*. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, First Minister Edmunds. So the question is taken under notice and we will have a response back to you in 7 to 10 days. Do you have a supplementary question? No? Thank you. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister in the Department of Health and Social Development, Honourable Gerald Asivak. Will residents of Nunatsiavut who have had two shots of vaccine have to get a booster shot or they have to get two more vaccine shots in a year's time, or is this a one-time vaccine?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker and Mr. Andersen. At this point in time, there is no recommendation for individuals who are not immune compromised to receive a third dose of Covid-19 vaccine. However, as of September 15th, 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Newfoundland and Labrador is recommending that individuals who are moderately to severely immune compromised, receive a third dose of Covid-19 vaccine. I have a memo from the Chief Medical Officer of Health, out of the office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Department of Health and Community Services, that I will distribute by email for your own information for

reference, that I am referencing right now. So right now to summarize, there's no recommendation for individuals who are not immune compromised. However, if you are, you can speak to your health professional around this and there'll be more information in the memo that I'll gladly send out this afternoon. Thank you for your question.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Andersen?

MR. J. ANDERSEN: No, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the First Minister, Tyler Edmunds. It's a repetitive question, I know, but can you give the Assembly an update on any progress, if any, on the Harbour Laydown area improvements for Makkovik? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Andersen. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker and *Nakummek*, to the AngajukKâk for the question. I did have a segment in my Ministerial update tomorrow to speak through this issue. And you do say it is a repetitive question but it is an important one. We do know that Makkovik and Hopedale are in a state where they absolutely need this piece of infrastructure. We are trying to move forward with the Marine Freight Storage facilities across Nunatsiavut. You need this piece of infrastructure for your communities

but getting that laydown area is the big question here. Earlier this summer we had engaged the Department of Transportation under the Marine Freight Safe Storage Facilities Program, and has asked for, I believe it was \$3 million for each of Makkovik and Hopedale to ensure that that laydown area is constructed along with the warehouse itself. We did receive confirmation a number of weeks ago, that there was an additional \$600,000 to put towards existing projects. But we've yet to receive any confirmation on our secondary asks for Makkovik and Hopedale. We have inquired, and whether or not that's due to the election being called or whatever else, but we will continue to inquire on this front. But we have asked again for these additional dollars to move forward the initiatives in both of those communities. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Andersen?

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

No, I don't, other than to say thank you, very much for your answer, Mr. Edmunds. And I know that-, just would like the Assembly to know that the area at Makkovik dock is very crowded and becoming very dangerous. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Andersen. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Honourable First Minister, Tyler Edmunds. It's a follow-up to my Members statement today. My question is, can the NEC start the process of investigating land

ownership for the residents who own Torngat Regional Houses that do not have ownership to their land? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, AngajukKâk flowers for your question. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek Uhalitik and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers for the question.

You know, I won't try to turn back the clock too much but, you know, we had, I think, expressed a number of concerns, as Torngat was navigating turning over these homes last year. And this was one of the issues, I think, that was-, that they were going to have to contend with, along with financing the actual transfers. There's no easy answer or no easy solution on this front. I don't think that this is purely again, just a monetary piece. There's some difficulties, I think, in tracking the ownership of some of these deeds and tracing a history of land ownership and that is a difficult area to go down. But there is an upcoming meeting between Torngat and Nunatsiavut Government, the Steering Committee. And there will be an AGM for Torngat that's taking place later this fall. I'm sure that there can be some opportunity to discuss how Torngat has been thinking about this issue and to see if there's any ways that maybe the Nunatsiavut Government can try to support this process going forward. So again, there's an AGM coming up and maybe we can have those discussions with the Board. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: Yes. Thank you. I'm going to ask again, can this be brought to the NEC for further discussion? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: I have no issue bringing it to the NEC for discussion. And again, I think a lot of the key pieces of information will be gained from engaging Torngat Board of Directors with our steering committee. There's a lot of unanswered questions within this piece. How many individuals within our communities are affected by this issue? What discussions have Torngat had as they thought about this? So I think-, I'm certainly open to bringing an issue like this to the NEC, but I think having that organizing meeting between our Steering Committee and Torngat will be really critical for us to get some of this missing detail for any sort of productive discussions to happen at the NEC table. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a final supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: No, I don't. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, very much. I now call upon the Chairperson of NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister, Honourable Tyler Edmunds. I sent this request out before, but I'm wondering if-, could NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation receive the letters that are sent out from the Membership Office when beneficiaries

are revoked? As if we are not aware someone is revoked, it could still continue to provide programs and services to them, now non-beneficiary. And that has been happening. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker and I can-, I will commit to bringing that to the Registrar. As the Chairperson said, they are delivering a service that is just for beneficiaries and if there is an individual who is removed within their area, then maybe they should be entitled to know that as well. So I'll bring that to the Registrar, Madam Speaker. *Nakummek*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have any supplementary question, Chairperson Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Madam Speaker and thank you for your response.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question, Madam Speaker is for the Honourable Minister of Education and Economic Development, Carlene Palliser. This morning in her report, she mentioned that the office, what was known as the PSSP will be closing on October the 27th in St. John's. I would like to ask the Minister, Madam Speaker, would she expect that there will be a disruption in services during a transition, or is it gonna be just, you know, a smooth-going for the PSSP Department? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, AngajukKâk Sheppard. I now call upon the Minister for Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, for your question. They're in the process, right now, of sending files to the Makkovik office. We don't see any disruption in the process itself. The staff are very busy working with those files. And they're very busy with new staff to help, through this process. So I don't think that there will be a disruption. Thank you, for your question.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Palliser. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Sheppard?

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

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek.* I now call upon the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Susan Onalik.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek.* My question is for the Honourable Minister Anthony Andersen. Round Four of the Covid relief funding had a particular emphasis on urban Inuit. How much money has been directly allocated for Round Four funding?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, for the question. I didn't hear the last few words of her sentence-, of her question. I'm sorry. I'm gonna have to ask you to repeat. The fan is very loud, here and I'm very deaf.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Andersen. Can you just repeat your-, the last of your question, please?

MS. ONALIK: How much direct allocation was given in Round Four funding, to the Nunatsiavut Government?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I hope I understand the question as it-, I take the question under notice because, as I mentioned in an answer to the other Member from Canada, that I didn't have exact figures here on the amounts of funding. If the question was a specific amount for the Constituency of Canada, there is no-, at this time anyway, there is no set amount for any particular constituency. So if you're asking how much money is in Round Four, again, I take that under notice and provide that within the seven to nine days.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Onalik?

MS. ONALIK: Yes, I do. Thank you. My question is what methodology is used to determine the percentage of allocation to different regions, given that Round Four funding paid particular emphasis to Urban Inuit?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the Minister for Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. The previous rounds of funding have been programs that were identified by the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. For instance, as I've mentioned in my statement earlier, that there was a Food Supplement Program in Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and Canada. There were then contributions made to food banks in Nunatsiavut and the Upper Lake Melville area. As well, there was a cleaning supply program in Nunatsiavut and Upper Lake Melville. There was a Heating Subsidy Program in Nunatsiavut and there was a Harvest Support Program in Nunatsiavut. These are the only programs that have been identified and sanctioned by the NEC so far. We have not had discussion on allocation of funds for Round Four, other than the response to the shortage of accommodations for patients in the Upper Lake Melville, which I also brought out in my statement, that we're looking in conversation with Labrador Health Grenfell to increase the number of flights from Nunatsiavut to Happy Valley, Goose Bay. And that has been the only discussion. I have to say that these programs that I mentioned already are already approved. As I mentioned as well, some of those programs were suspended in the spring of 2021. But there is, of course the possibility that they will be brought back during the winter months, especially the Heating and the Harvester Support. Again, I hope I am answering the question that the Member asked. But these are programs that have been approved and have been considered, up to now.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Minister Andersen. Do you have a final supplementary question, Ordinary Member Onalik?

MS. ONALIK: I do, but I'm a little bit confused because you took the question under notice, but you still continued to answer the question. So I just want clarity. That's not my question but hopefully clarity in regards to whether or not something will be coming in writing. My final supplementary question would be to-, is it possible to look at what is going to be delivered for Urban Inuit in regards to funding criteria that the Federal Government put forth to get Round Four funding? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the Minister of Finance and Human Resources, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I apologize if I confused the Member. I took the question under notice because she had asked for dollar figures and I was only able to give percentages. I didn't give the dollar figure but better than give her nothing, I gave percentages. But I'm sorry for the confusion. Again, I can only say that at this point in time, there's been no consideration given to any specific program, other than the Food Supplement Program for the Canadian Constituency. And I hope that answers the question.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, First Minister Andersen. I now call upon the AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm gonna direct my question to the First Minister although I'm assuming, since he was Speaker at one time, he might tell me who it should be directed to. But we're in the Fourth Wave of Covid-19. And since the first wave, we've had physical distancing. And

so many of us is separated from the tables here. And I'm wondering, has there been any consideration into extending these tables so that we can all sit around and feel like we're part of the process, instead of having to come from outside and wipe our tables and do whatever? I'm just wondering if there's any consideration. We don't know how long Covid is gonna go on, but I don't wanna sit out there forever. And I think the rest of my colleagues might feel the same way. I don't know, but I'm speaking for me. So anyway, I'd just like to know if we're gonna consider putting us back at the table where we belong? *Nakummek*.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, AngajukKâk Wolfrey. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker and *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk. As you said, it is a question doesn't neatly fall anywhere, but I'll answer from the perspective of public property and this building. I'm a little unaware as to what discussions may have been happening within the Speaker's office, but I do understand and appreciate where you're coming from. I know that the Speaker's office have engaged Public Health to figure out the best way that these sittings can proceed. But if there are ways to improve, you know, I guess the layout of this chamber to ensure that the Assembly Members feel more engaged, I think that there's probably conversations that could be had between Public Property and the Speaker's Office, so we could look at some potential scenarios. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Wolfrey?

MS. WOLFREY: Just a comment, nobody is six feet apart here anyway, so, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you. I now call upon the Chair of NunaKatiget, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm following a trend and I'm gonna be asking the question to the First Minister [*sic*], the Honourable Anthony Andersen regarding Covid-19 funds. When do you anticipate the Covid-19 Emergency Funds will end and will beneficiaries be informed in due time when it will end-, example, a month to a month and a half, as it will be quite an adjustment for people to adjust to not having food supplement funds anymore?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker and just to remind you I'm not the First Minister. (Laughs.) And thank you for the excellent question. At this time, we have no idea if there will be Round Five of funding, Round Six or Round Seven or if there will be no more funding. I think, Madam Speaker, that it depends on the Covid Pandemic itself. We're in Wave Four. There may be-, as you know how serious the Fourth Wave is. So I think the Pandemic will sort of give direction to the Federal Government whether or not there will be more rounds of funding coming. I very much understand the importance of your question, that people, perhaps many families have become dependant on Covid food supplement, especially. I fully

understand that, and yes, we have had discussion at NEC how important it will be to-, not only to provide the Assembly Members with a heads-up, but to provide communities and indeed, families to make everyone aware at what time this will end. When it will, we have at this time, Madam Speaker, no idea and cannot even guess at when this type of funding may end. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, Chairperson Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Madam Speaker, and thank you, Finance Minister.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is going to the Minister of the Department of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser. Has there been any new development on music teacher for Makkovik?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Andersen. I now call upon the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Andersen for your question. Music teacher issue has been brought to the table during discussions with NLESD. I'm happy to report today that Kendra Jacque of Makkovik has been hired and starting today she will work out of the JCEM school and will travel to Rigolet and Postville as required, and will provide virtual lessons to students as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Palliser. Do you have a supplementary question, Ordinary Member Andersen?

MR. J. ANDERSEN: No, I don't. And thank you for the great news and thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, as well. Are there any other Members that wish to ask an oral question? I call upon the AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: Thank you. My question is for Honourable Tony Andersen, Minister of Finance and Human Resources and Information Technology. I've asked this question before. I know that we were-, that for the ICG's was supposed to get support-, technology support from the NG staff. And my question is, is this still on the table, and will it happen? If so, when? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. I now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, for your question, AngajukKâk. Since the increased workload from the IT department because of Covid, and also because of vacancies within the Department, our IT Division is not able to provide the support that one point was offered to the ICGs. What we are prepared to do is to give advice to the ICGs on how they may obtain the IT support from private companies that they might need. But I have to say that direct support from our department at this time will be very, very limited. But again, we are prepared to, Madam Speaker, if you will, point

the ICGs in the right direction where they might be able to find the type of IT support that they require. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: Yes, I do. Will this come to the ICGs in the form of a email or some kind of documentation to notify us of this? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, AngajukKâk Flowers. I now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yeah, we will make this information and perhaps, I apologize, it perhaps should've been done some time. I think it was our intention to bring this forward and to have discussion with the ICGs at the next Management Committee Meeting. But certainly, we can get that information to them sooner, given that our Management Committee Meetings have been a little bit far and few between because of Covid. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Andersen. Do you have a final supplementary question, AngajukKâk Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: No, I don't. Thank you, Madam Speaker and thank you, for your response Minister Andersen.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Flowers. Are there any other Members wishing to ask an oral question today? I call upon the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. This question is for the Minister, Tony Andersen, Minister of Finance, and Information Technology. Can you give the Assembly an update on the progress, if any, on the broadband upgrades for Nunatsiavut? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Andersen. I now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, AngajukKâk for the question. We had hoped, as did our partner, in our application to the Broadband Fund-, Universal Broadband Fund. And we had pushed and we had asked support from our Federal MP, that we needed an early response, so that work could begin before the end of summer on the upgrades that will be needed over the next couple years to get us to where we should be. Unfortunately, this summer was interrupted by the Federal Election and announcements of funds then stopped and we do expect now that the election is over, we will get updated on our application. I will say that I do believe that the MP for Labrador truly tried. It was in her own interest to try to get this announcement done before the election. She probably would've done better in Nunatsiavut, had she been able to make, you know, a positive announcement regarding our application. But that didn't happen but I have to say, in all fairness and honestly, that she did respond to us and our partner which is Bell Aliant, to try to get that early application and funding for our project, earlier. I do expect, though, and again, I know my answers are long-winded today, Madam Speaker, but I do expect, and we will push,

that we should have response to our application, I believe, by, at the latest, mid-November. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Andersen. Do you have a supplementary question, AngajukKâk Andersen?

MR. B. ANDERSEN: No, Madam Speaker. Thank you, very much.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, very much. Are there any other Members wishing to ask a oral question? Seeing none, we will now move on to Item Number Eight, "Written Questions". Are there any written questions today? Seeing none, we will now move on to Item Number Nine, "Return to Written Questions." There are no returns to written questions today. So we will move on to Item Number 10, "Petitions." There are no petitions today, so we will move on to Item Number 11, "Response to Petitions." There are no responses to petitions today, so we will move on to Item Number 12, "Reports of Standing in Special Committees." There are no reports of standing in special committees today. So, we will move on to Item Number 13, "Tabling of Documents." I would like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek, Uhalitik.* I'd like to Table the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer Report on the Referendum results of the proposed amendment to the *Nunatsiavut Constitution* regarding the timing of Nunatsiavut elections. *Nakummek, Madam Speaker.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 05-4(10). I would again like to recognize the First Minister, the Honourable, Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Honourable Speaker. I'd like to table two additional documents in the following order: Number One, the Nunatsiavut Electoral Officer Canadian Constituency Ordinary Member Bi-election report dated January 2021 and Two, the 2022 Nunatsiavut Assembly Calendar.
Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Honourable First Minister Edmunds. The documents will be numbered as Tabled Documents 06-4(10) and 07-4(10), respectively. I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to table Consolidated Financial Statements of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust*, December 30th, 2020.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Honourable Minister Andersen. The document will be numbered as Tabled Document 08-4(10). Are there any other documents to be tabled? Seeing none, we will move on to Item Number 14, "Notices of Motions." I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I give notice that on Wednesday, September the 22nd, 2021, I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Postville, Mr. Tyler Edmunds, that the Assembly

convene as Committee of the Whole to receive presentation of the *Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust* with witnesses, Gary Best, Isabella Pain, Chris Webb, Sara Leo and Paul Janes. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you. Excuse me Minister Andersen, your microphone, please. Thank you. *Nakummek*, very much. Thank you, Minister Andersen. I would like to recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. I give notice that on Wednesday, September 22nd, that I will move, seconded by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen, that the Elected Officials Policy Manual be amended by adding the following day to the list of holidays under Part 3(1) of that Policy Manual, National Day for Truth Reconciliation, September 30th.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Saunders. There are no notices of motions today so we will move on to Item 15. There are no notices of motions for First Reading of Bills today, so we will move on to Item Number 16, "Motions." There are no motions today, so we will move on to Item 17, "First Reading of Bills." There are no first reading of bills today so we will move on to Item number 18, "Second Reading of Bills." There are no second reading of bills today so we will move on to Item 19, which is "Assent to Bills". And I will just call a short recess for 10 minutes, at 2:10 p.m. We will reconvene at 2:20 p.m.

[Recess]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek.* Reconvene at 2:35 p.m. We are now, on to Item Number 19, the "Assent to Bills" and I would now like to recognize the President of the Nunatsiavut Government, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek, UKatti.* Honourable Speaker and Members, at the June 2021 sitting, the Assembly gave second reading to Bill 2021-03, The Nunatsiavut Constitution Amendment Bill 2021. In accordance with the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, the provisions of that bill had to be approved via referendum of Inuit. In accordance with an order made by myself, a referendum to approve the bill was held on September 13, 2021. The results of that referendum have been tabled at this sitting. The bill was approved by 95 percent of those Inuit who voted. Honourable Speaker and Members, as the bill has received the support of Inuit required by the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*, I, as President of Nunatsiavut, assent to Bill 2021-03, the Nunatsiavut Constitution Amendment Bill 2021 and hereby sign it into law. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Honourable President. Now that we have concluded with Item 19, we will now move on to Item 20 which is adjournment at 2:38 p.m. I would like to thank everybody for their hard work today. Great questions and you've been very informative and great Members and Ministers Statements. Thank you. We are adjourned at 2:38 p.m. and will reconvene tomorrow morning, Wednesday, September the 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

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MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Ulaakut* everybody. I would like to call to order day 2 of the 10th session of the fall session of the 4th Nunatsiavut assembly. I would like to ask AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Joe Dicker, to say our opening prayer.

MR. DICKER: [Recites prayer.]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, AngajukKâk Dicker. We will now on to item number two , recognition of visitors in the gallery. While we are still in our Covid-19 pandemic, and following public health guidelines, we are not having visitors in the gallery. We would like to welcome everybody who is listening online to us. We hope that you've found the sessions very informative, thank you. Minister Statements. Are there any Ministers wishing to make a statement today? Okay, I call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker, good morning assembly members. I do have a lengthy statement, as of yesterday, today it's even longer it's five pages today however I'll just give you summary highlights and I will gladly email my statement out during break. We have received funding for an additional Child Youth and Mental Health Specialist position as well as Child Youth and Mental Health Clinical Lead, under the Inuit Child First initiative. The Justice Service Manager collaborated with public legal information association of Newfoundland and Labrador and visited Nain, June 22 to 24th, for the purposes of meeting with various organizations to present their roles. They had a meet-and-greet with 17 community

members attending the session. They are traveling to Hopedale this week for the same purpose.

Madam speaker, a two-week program was coordinated by Justice Manager and Sexual Violence Counsellor in July, for Labrador Correctional Centre inmates with involvement from divisional staff. The program focus on men's health, historical impacts, and justice issues, culture, substance use, violence prevention, and harm reduction. Key guest speakers included President Johannes Lampe, President Natan Obed of ITK and local drumming dance instructor. Overall goal was strength base, empowerment, and maintenance of cultural connections for those who currently are incarcerated.

Because of the uptake and success, the prison liaison and the sexual violence counselor will begin a group at LCC with inmates that focused on various health promotion and education skills building topics. Mental health and addictions community staff have continued with regular programming and individual services and supports and have partnered on two larger land-based outings in August.

Rutie Lampe, in Nain, assisted with the department of language and culture, providing a support to land-based Hebron family archeology project. Teri Winters in Hopedale, partnered with our youth outreach staff, to hold a land-based outing outside of Hopedale with youth.

A new FASC Coordinator was hired in August and is located in Makkovik. Harm Reduction Specialists will be traveling this fall to discuss role and

gain perspectives in each community beginning with Hopedale. Harm Reduction Specialists working with the St. John's Status women council on ensuring indigenous cultural concepts are incorporated into the management of the program they're implementing. This person will also do presentation at Janeway Psychiatry Harm Reductions and provincial collective St. John's Status Women Council. Trauma and Addictions participated in program delivery in July at the Labrador correctional centre. They also provided support to youth during a gathering that had occurred in Happy Valley-Goose Bay during a community tragedy in June. Residential School Survivors' Support Coordinator visited Makkovik in July. The Support Coordinator partnered with a community member to hold a walk in Happy-Valley Goose Bay, which had over 250 participants on July 1st. A youth division staff member has volunteered to attend the National Indigenous Health Summit to represent Nunatsiavut at this table. Community Progress Division held a face-to-face meeting in Happy Valley-Goose Bay in late May, with team leaders, director of community programs and other staff. The Covid food voucher program is continuing under the management of the food security program manager, Lorraine O'Leary. She has been hired in a full-time temporary position to assist with this program delivery. Kelly-Ann Blake, Status of Women coordinator, completed the Empowering Ourselves Exploring Intimate Partner Abuse training that will be allowing her to deliver the program with the Mental Health and Addictions worker is Rigolet. The highlight of the childcare file was the coordination, assembly, and delivery of the

Inuit Childcare Resource Kits, that was spoken about yesterday in the assembly. And we are very pleased to have a new Social Housing Manager, Mr. Sheldon Lane, who is overseeing the supportive living unit in Nain and Hopedale, the shelter in Nain, the six-plex in Nain and the seven-plex in Nain and Hopedale. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak, I now call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, today I'll give department updates on Human Resource Division and Information Technology Division. Madam Speaker, the Human Resource Division has been extremely busy since April 2021. There have been 110 new job competitions in the first 5 months of this year. And this does not include once positions have to be re-advertised due to no applicants or qualified applicants. The HR Division continues to work on two major projects: Occupational Health and Safety Projects, and upgrading and implementation of a Human Resource Management System. Madam Speaker, the OHNS project started at the end of June 2021, with an anticipated completion date of December 2021. Policies, procedures, and documents are being reviewed and updated to ensure that the North River government continues to make legislative requirements. Supervisory training modules are being developed for delivery to supervisors, to inform them of their roles and responsibilities. The IT division continues to work tirelessly on a number of day-to-day operational items, as well as projects. The government has not had a response to the application to

the Universal Broadband Fund. Madam Speaker, I myself have followed up on this application and will continue to do so now that the federal election is over. The government participates in the national working group with the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the other Inuit regions in Canada on a potential national ID card for Inuit. This is still in preliminary stages and will require discussion with the federal government once the election is settled, and I guess the election is settled, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, there is a worldwide shortage of computer chips used in every device, such as cars, TVs, mobile phones, computers, just to give a few examples. Our government continues to work with suppliers so this shortage of equipment will have minimal impact on our day-to-day purchases. At the end of my statement today, Madam Speaker, I just want to acknowledge the hard work of staff in my department. On top of their day-to-day operational duties they have taken on many new projects, worked on the added engagements, as well as managed the millions of additional Covid-19 funds, not normally a part of their duties.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Andersen. I now call upon First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I will open up my updates by talking through the Marine Freight Safe Storage facilities. This summer, Madam Speaker, the sites for the facilities were finalized with input from the *AngajukKâk* for Postville, Rigolet and Nain. The *AngajukKâk* were given a presentation on the design and construction of these units as well. In the

application that we submitted for the project, we anticipated that these facilities will be completed by the spring of 2022, or sorry for the marine season for 2022 and we still intend to meet that target. If construction does not proceed this fall, we will ensure that materials are on site and that construction can proceed in late spring of next year. Earlier this summer, we also received confirmation, as I said yesterday, of an additional \$600,000.00 to be committed to the projects for these three communities, which will be beneficial in ensuring that the appropriate site preparation can be done. We have requested additional funding under the Ocean Protections Plan to build the new laid-in areas in Hopedale and Makkovik. It is unclear if we will receive funding under this years appropriations or if a new application will need to be submitted, in the upcoming year. However, we will continue to engage our federal partners in finding a way to finance this infrastructure for the communities. Madam Speaker, we have been advised by the Provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, that the government of Newfoundland and Labrador has been successful in acquiring the additional funds under the National Trade Corridors Fund to conduct a pre-feasibility study for our road connection to the North Coast. The terms of reference is to be completed within the coming weeks. We are expecting some engagement from TNI, shortly, as the terms are being finalised. We continue to stress that community consultations will be an important part of this process. Not only for the Nunatsiavut communities, but engagement with the Inuit nation as well, Madam

Speaker. Once any additional information flows from the departments, we will ensure that the Assembly is updated. Madam Speaker, under the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission, the Director of Housing position was advertised throughout the summer, but there were limited applications. The second round of advertising is complete and interviews have taken place. We anticipate that we will fill this position soon, Madam Speaker. While we have completed different components of the work plan that was tabled earlier this year, the Director will be crucial and fully executing the plan to ensure that the NHC is ready to deliver programming in 2022. Madam Speaker, it is abundantly clear that more diverse housing programs and housing supports are necessary in Nunatsiavut. There are those who fall between the cracks, who are not eligible for our Affordable Warmth and Home Repair Program and need different levels of support to ensure that they can provide adequate housing for themselves and their families. Nunatsiavut Affairs is looking to develop several different housing support programs that could be considered by the Nunatsiavut Housing Commission. I will stress that it is the NHC who will have the authority to adopt and implement more diverse programming while, Madam Speaker, we hope to have some options available, which could easily be implemented by the Commission. This fall, there will be discussions between the Nunatsiavut Government and TRHA regarding the Association's remaining assets. And we will engaging in that dialogue in the coming weeks leading up to TRHA's annual general meeting. Under the Affordable Warmth and Home Repair

program, Madam Speaker, there were 20 homes that were accepted under this program for this year, Nain had 6, Hopedale 3, Makkovik 2, Postville 1 and Rigolet had 8, who were successful in their applications. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The contractors still awaiting some materials including some trusses, furnaces, and some windows. The Emergency Repair Program is underway. There have been five applications that have met the program criteria and there is also some additional applications that have been flowing in this week, which will be reviewed by the end of the week. Final scopes of work will be determined once an inspector has been contracted, but some preliminary work could include exterior door replacements, stair replacements, some plumbing work and furnace repair. And finally, Madam Speaker, I want to provide an update on infrastructure dollars as the Assembly is aware budget 2021 had an announcement of \$4 billion for the Indigenous Community Infrastructure Fund. Those dollars are to be administered over four years to support Inuit, Métis, and First Nations communities across Canada. On August 12th, the government of Canada announced the Inuit specific portion of this funding which is \$517 million . Once more this is to be administered over four years. A resolution will be presented to ITK in the near future, to determine how these funds will be divided between the regions before any contribution agreements can be finalized and any funding can be dispersed. These infrastructure dollars can be spent on roads, runways, small craft harbours, broadband infrastructure, energy generation and

distribution, health, and social infrastructure, among other areas. There will also be a separate and smaller pot of funding that is available for Inuit regions to administer these dollars and fully develop infrastructure plans for the coming years, Madam Speaker, which would include regional infrastructure needs assessments. The Inuit regions have been advocating, Madam Speaker, for bilateral transfers for infrastructure dollars for years. So that we can begin to address the widening and severe infrastructure gaps that exist in our communities. This has been voiced directly from Inuit leaders to the Prime Minister and federal Ministers at the ICPC table. While opportunities have presented themselves through different federal programs, it is clear that having direct transfers and greater flexibility on infrastructure spending is the best way for our regions to close the gaps between our communities and the rest of Canada. Madam Speaker, whether we are talking about housing, broadband, transportation, or health services, it is clear that our needs are immense. However, I hope that this funding will be a significant step forward addressing some long-standing issues that have overwhelmed our region and other Inuit communities for many years.

Nakummek, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, First Minister Edmunds. I now call upon Minister Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am continuing my report on behalf of Honourable Greg Flowers, Lands and Natural Resources. Impact Benefit Agreements. Madam Speaker, the Voisey's Bay mining mill and the mine expansion is going well. The workforce is back to normal and there have

been numerous shafts posted for the mine expansion. Currently, masks are still mandatory in Voisey's Bay and in addition there is currently a hold on travel from the northern peninsula to site due to the cluster of cases in that area. Our IBA coordinator in Vale Inuit Employment coordinator completed a community visit to Nain August 16 to the 19th, 2021, to assist people requiring help with resume writing, applying for employment and information on what types of programs and jobs are available in Voisey's Bay. A total of three people attended. The next community visit will be in Postville and Makkovik the week of September 20th to the 24th, Hopedale and Rigolet the week of 18th to 22nd of October. The Torngat Mountains National Park is scheduled to meet in Nain from September 27th to the 30th. The Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve's face to face co-management board meeting is being worked on. Under the Non-renewable Resources Division, since last assembly meeting, the Non-renewable Resources Division has been engaged in the following files: endeavours pertaining to mineral exploration in oil and gas. Madam Speaker, this summer Altius Minerals has been exploring their mineral claims located on LIL and LISA within the Central Mineral Belt. They are exploring for copper and uranium in the Postville area. Altius has been approved to conduct an airborne geophysical survey over their claims in the Florence Lake area. Mega Uranium has been approved and are currently exploring their Mustang Lake property located at Aillik. They will be prospecting, geological mapping, and completing airborne geophysics on their claims. Aurora

Energy has conducted a drill collar differential global positioning system survey on their Inda property. Aurora has also completed some can made mints at Michelin. On the quarry front the division has issued work plans approvals for Postville and Nain ICGs to operate their quarries. Rigolet Inuit Community Government still hasn't submitted a work plan application. Non-renewable division is pleased to announce that we have secured a seismic specialist to visit the communities of Postville and Makkovik to discuss the activity in the area. Anticipated time for these consultations are in late fall. And lastly, Madam Speaker, under the Environment Division has been engaged in the following: partnership with language, culture and tourism and Nunatsiavut affairs ran a successful two-weeks operation of the Torngat Mountains base camp and research station. This allowed for critical infrastructure repairs, the continuation of the environmental clean up, which included the removal of over 150 empty fuel drums and propane tanks. Additionally a number of important research projects were able to continue including some that were looking at climate change, arctic char, and changes in vegetation. Lastly, Madam Speaker, Environment Division continues to review and evaluate a variety of permits and environmental assessment documents for projects such as the Nain microgrid project, the continued underground expansion of Voisey's Bay, and the review of the strategical environmental assessment for the Labrador offshore. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Minister Asivak. Are there any other Ministers wishing to make a statement today? Seeing none we will now move on to item number 4, Members' statements. Are there any Members wishing to make a statement today? I call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Rigolet Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

My apologies, Madam Speaker, thank you. And good morning, everyone. Today, I would like to talk about some of the positive programs that have been happening in Rigolet. Over the summer there was a literacy program that was funded by NG and put on by Frontier College. And all of the community really enjoyed the activities. There was really fun things to do for everyone, for all ages. And out of this project there is also a cookbook that has recipes from people in Rigolet. This cookbook is almost ready for printing. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in the program Ocean Shiwak, Kara B she is known in Rigolet and two students Brianna Wolfrey and Ella Jacque. Madam Speaker, we have a greenhouse in Rigolet that was put there and being run by DHSD. This year they produced carrots, onions, and cucumber. There was also kale and lettuce grown and I think they harvested radishes earlier in this year. This was an experimental year for the green house and over the winter there will be training through webinars and have live training sessions and that's going to be done with the PYE Centre so people can learn about green house gardening. Madam Speaker, as my colleague Carlene mentioned yesterday, Rigolet has finally started its recreation programming as we are now allowed to have access to the school gym. There's ball

hockey, volleyball, badminton, and other activities that are going full out and, like Carlene said, it's really appreciated by our community. Rigolet hopes to advertise for a Tourism Manager soon, so we can again start to look at some more activities related to festivals and things like crafting projects. Madam Speaker, Rigolet is trying to create another boat launch for our community. The present one is really congested and is in a very busy area of town. I would like acknowledge NG Economic Development for their contributions to this project. We are also upgrading the existing boat launch with a cemented area for putting your boats in the water.

Madam Speaker, Rigolet still don't have their 2020 audit finalized. I think all the work on our part on our end has been done, and once again, we are waiting on Deloitte to do the report and to get it to us for approval and signing. Those delays are costing us money. We are required to have the audit to the Newfoundland government by June the 30th and if we don't, we loose our municipal operating grant. To my knowledge this grant is somewhere between \$70,000 - \$90,000 a year. A lot of money for a small community like ours to lose. We need a better system than what is being provided. Madam Speaker, Kamutik W issues again. Since the boat has been coming to Rigolet we have had an issue with our floating dock coming off it's moorings and being moved out of place. The thrusters on the Kamutik moves the dock and breaks the lines that hold our dock in place. This year one boat has been sunk and Woodward's has put up a sign in town that they will not be responsible for any damage to boats or to people when the floating gets moved by the ship. Since

Rigolet Inuit Community Government has no authority over floating dock and since we do not have insurance policies in place for this, we have taken up the dock and it is no longer being used. Madam Speaker, we were informed that this was a serious accident waiting to happen. And we had no choice but to take up the floating dock. As you can imagine this is not a popular move. People need this service in our community. It is vital to the residents who don't have trailers to haul up their boats. Madam Speaker, I am bringing this up because once again, it shows a lack of consultation and disregard and the lack of research that was done when this vessel was put in service. We will be seeking a solution for next year. Our community shouldn't have to go without our floating dock. Madam Speaker, Rigolet is completely out of gravel. Our roads are in deplorable condition. They are graded as much as they can be and it's only a matter of time before we are really scraping the boulders on which the road is built on. And Madam Speaker, my final words are to wish all the athletes who are trying out in the sports meet, good luck. And to congratulate them on doing their best, whether they win or lose or whether they make the team or not. Go Eagles go. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Wolfrey, for your always passionate statement. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. I apologize for the slowness, but because we are back here it takes a little while to come up and you people sitting around table are very fortunate to not have to go through all this that we

do. I will begin my member statement today by wishing Aunt Muriel Andersen of Makkovik, who now resides at the seniors home in Goose Bay, a very happy belated 104th birthday. Her family and friends celebrated her special day and by the looks of the pictures a good time was had by all. This beautiful lady has seen and endured much in her 104 years, and we wish her good health and many more awesome birthdays.

I want to add more news from ACMS. Besides the Inuktitut teachers leaving, six more teachers left at the end of the school year in June, and all positions have been replaced. Two previous staff who left are back again, welcome to Mr. Jimmy Tuglavina Inuktitut teacher, and Mr. Reuben Flowers Life skills. I am sure with the high turnover of staff it is good to see familiar faces back again. Next Wednesday September 28th *[sic]* ACMS will honour Orange Shirt Day as part of the residential schools' reconciliation and healing. The Terry Fox run will take place this Friday, September 24th. The choir program has started again, which is wonderful to hear. A very positive piece of news is the Inuktitut Speak Off participants have been asked to meet. The sports meet is another very popular event as I mentioned yesterday. This year 14 students tried out and there was such a turn out of girls try outs that the school have branched into a junior program to help build those skills. Madam Speaker, with all the heaviness in our community recently this is some awesome and very positive news. HICG news, the Town Manager position continues to remain vacant despite advertising, which makes it hard for the rest of the staff, because we have to take over those duties.

The after-school maternity relief position is also vacant. Out of three capital works projects supplied under the Provincial government, HICG was fortunate to get one project, which is installing water and sewer to municipal garage and dock area. The projects late being chosen, that we now have to wait another year due to tender process and colder weather coming. The same applies for two other capital works projects approved under joint management funding, Madam Speaker. By the time the provincial environmental component of the project was approved, fall is upon us and rather than begin a project with snow on the ground, it is now being deferred to next year. This puts one project repair and upgrade water main line back to one to two years before completion. This is very disappointing and frustrating for us here, and I think rather unacceptable as many times the provincial government slows everything else down. One project which will go ahead is to drain the chlorination tanks. This project was tendered last year, however there was an issue with the tender and the project was put on hold. This year, we are pleased to announce that our municipal service personnel will be doing the job along with the staff member from DMG Consultants. Wonderful to see our staff gaining new skills and given the ability to maintain our own equipment. All staff and councillors will be participating in a respectful workplace training next week. And I think my five minutes is almost up or maybe over *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Flowers, you were just on target so that's wonderful. Thank you so much. I now call upon the chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. With summer to a close, Sivunivut would like thank Mina and the staff at the Labrador Interpretation Centre, for hosting the seniors craft afternoon each week. Even during our beautiful summer, we still managed to pull the event off the majority of the time. Sivunivut would like to thank Jay Blake for harvesting our salmon for our community freezer again for a second year in a row. He provides quality product for our seniors who are not able to harvest for themselves. This summer, we also distributed 20 garden starter kits for our beneficiaries in the North West River and Sheshatshiu area, so they could provide some healthy and fresh veggies, and also to promote sustainable living for them and their families. We would like to extend birthday greetings to Uncle Morris Pat Blake, who celebrated his 90th birthday on September the 5th. We hope you have many more. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of the late Ivan Hope, who passed away at the age of 78. Ivan was known by many as an easygoing kind and patient man. His skills he would have gained from his many years as a school bus driver, a job that loved until his retirement. On September 30th, I will be participating in the North West River DHSD Walk for the Truth and Reconciliation Day, and proudly wearing my orange shirt. I will take the time to reflect on all the residential school survivors.

Nakummek.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Chair Winters. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to acknowledge that the inquiry into search and rescue took place at Makkovik from 7th to the 11th of September, 2021. This inquiry also focused on some parts of the incident for the search and rescue efforts of Burton Winters. This was a very difficult time for the family of Burton, and the community of Makkovik as a whole. In this forum I would like to pass on my condolences to the Winters family and all of Burton's family and friends. I would also like to thank Sara and her crew that were at the inquiry and recorded the entire, I guess, proceedings. And they also hooked up the local radio station CIML and the whole proceedings were broadcast throughout the whole community simultaneously. That allowed the whole community to hear what was going on, what was said without having to come to the arena facility where the seating was limited and just for, I guess security to make them feel comfortable with this Covid pandemic still on the go. Madam Speaker, we look forward to the final report by Commissioner Igloliorte later next year. Forgive me for not mentioning this yesterday, but I'd like to also wish Muriel Andersen a belated happy birthday, 104th birthday, Tony is here and Chesley great-grandsons and great-great-grandsons, so, happy birthday to Aunt Mu, albeit late. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, *AngajukKâk* Andersen, and I just quickly would like to acknowledge your service and time given to the search and rescue

inquiry, thank you very much it's very brave and very strong of you. I now call upon John Andersen, Ordinary member for Makkovik.

MR. J. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to recognize a talented young lady from Makkovik. Jessica Winters is a painter print maker textile artist, and emerging coordinator, from Makkovik, Nunatsiavut. She got her start at an early age thanks to her family of accomplished craft people, including Grandmother Dr. Nellie Winters, I'm sure everybody's familiar with Dr. Nellie Winters' work. The celebrated textile artists, Jessica has been heavily influenced by her studies in biology, and uses her work to advocate for the preservation of Inuit culture, values, and surrounding environment. In December, Madam Speaker, Jessica distinguished herself once again by being offered the position of coordinating curator of a large photography exhibit in the Bonavista Biennale. Her section was called "Regeneration". She exhibited the work of six photographers from Nunatsiavut and one from Sheshatshiu. They were Eldred Allen from Rigolet, Gary Andersen, Holly Andersen, and Wayne Broomfield of Makkovik, Samantha Jacque of Postville, and Jennie Williams of Nain, and Melissa Tremblett from Sheshatshiu. Jessica started gathering the photos in December from the seven photographers and got everything set up by April. The exhibit was held in Bonavista Biennale in August and September. Madam Speaker, Jessica time off this summer to work on her art. Jessica was the first person to receive an invitational award from Arts and Minds Canada for Tilting artist residency program. This award came with a full travel stimulant for herself to attend a residential for

three weeks at the Jennifer Keefe house and studio in Tilting Fogo Island. She got to work solely on her art for three weeks and then had an open house to show her work at the end of residency. Madam Speaker, Makkovik is very proud of Jessica and all of her accomplishments in her young life. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, ordinary member Andersen. Are there any other members wishing to make a statement today? Okay, I now call the *AngajukKâk* for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess before I forget, I would like to pass on belated 104th birthday greetings to Aunt Muriel Andersen of Makkovik. My memory goes back, Madam Speaker, to it was Covid came into the picture in our province, that I went to visit this lady and upon my appearance in her room, she was sat up on the edge of her bed and I introduced myself, told her who I was and she was very familiar with my family, my grandfather, grandmother. And she looked at me and she said, "you know what I'm doing now?" I looked at her and she was knitting away, and she was over a hundred then and she said, "I'm knitting these bags " she said, " for people that owns cabins." And I thought what an example for the youth, eh. And we had a great conversation, but anyway I wanted to pass along belated birthday greetings to that lady and I guess I'll go from the oldest to the youngest. We've been experiencing some really nice weather; some September came in even. And this past weekend was no exception. We took the granddaughter, my only granddaughter up on the road near Postville

picking some red berries on a Sunday afternoon, with no flies, nice and windy. We gave her a little, tiny, Ziplock bag, so she wouldn't feel so challenged to try to fill it, like the bags we had and she were gone off about two and three minutes on the side of the road, and she stands right up, I watched her, and she starts to walk towards me, and says "Poppy, I got to give these up", I said "really?". She said, "yes I got to give these up my back and my legs is killing me". I said you know I looked at the little young kid and I said " Boy, don't you ever amaze me." It's so nice to see our young kids out and enjoying themselves in the nice weather. But as I promised yesterday, Madam Speaker, that I would continue my update today in the assembly, I wasn't going to do it, I wasn't feeling top notch this morning, but I feel I have an obligation as an Assembly member, there's only a couple things and I'm certainly sure I wont go past my five minutes but one of the two, three I want to mention is that, it almost seems like forever that I've been doing a report on this to the assembly, a couple of things there, one is our storage shed that was started I think it was early last year and is still ongoing, but I think just to briefly update we had some material come on the boat a few days ago and that should be complete within in the next day or so, or by Friday anyway. The other thing is the interpretation centre, more of a major project that we had on the go. Basically project management and, you know, we ran into some great challenges with that building. Challenges between weather, challenges between deficiencies, and we're still working on deficiencies. And you know we have some money

approved to furnish the building but until all deficiencies is taken care of, we don't have access to those funds, so we're hoping to get these cleared up by the fall. So, Madam Speaker, in saying that I would like to take my hats off to our interpreter translators who's doing an excellent job, you know, I thought this morning on to way to work, driving up the road they do an awesome job. Everything that you and I say they're responsible to catch those words and put it out in interpretation, in interpretation form so hats off to our interpreters and as we go to our different ways by end of the day, I wish everybody a safe and happy travel, and until the next time, God bless you all. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, AngajukKâk Sheppard, I now call upon the ordinary member for Rigolet, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to acknowledge Jason Shiwak, Sikoak, an artist from Rigolet, has been chosen to have his artwork adorned on a new silver coin from the Royal Canadian Mint. The coin is part of the Mint's Generation series, which celebrates passing down knowledge and story telling from Canada's Indigenous. I would like to extend my congratulations to Jason on his accomplishment at this time. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, ordinary member Palliser. I now call upon the ordinary member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Susan Onalik.

MS. ONALIK:

Nakummek, UKatti. I also want to acknowledge Jason Sikoak in his work as well. Sorry, one second. Jason's design tells the story of *Nuliajuk*, our

sea goddess, and was chosen to be depicted on the Royal Canadian Mint, as Minister Palliser just said. It is titled Inuit Nunangat. Jason, originally from Rigolet, now residing in Montreal is in his fourth year of fine arts studying at Concordia University. You can follow Jason's work and talent on social media, by searching Jason Sikoak Art. He is certainly making a name for himself. Jason, I wish you all the best in all you do. *UKatti*, I would like to also recognize the great work Krista Mogridge and Rita Anne Voisey out of Family Connections and Culture Connections. They along with their team have been wonderful to work with when advocating and securing trips home for children & youth in care along with their families. As Minister Asivak highlighted in his statement yesterday, and today the great work under DHSD, those of us that live outside can see and feel that positive change is happening for our children and youth in care, as DHSD is in the process of taking over that division from the province. As a former child in care myself, the significance of that is not lost on me. *Nakummek [Speaks in Inuktitut]* DHSD. *UKatti*, I had the opportunity to make the trip into some communities in southern Labrador over the summer. Visiting with and speaking with a number of beneficiaries in Cartwright who welcomed me with open arms, it was great to visit them and I can't wait to go back. Mary's Harbour: I went in there and visited with our seniors and elders in the home. I have difficulty putting it into words how bittersweet it was to *Pullak* them. They miss home, they miss family, and their friends, they miss the taste of wild food, I can go on. I strongly believe there's a lot of

good work that is being done to look after our elders, but so much more can and should be done. I ask myself, are we as leaders, demonstrating to our younger generations how to look after and take care of our elders? Are we doing everything we can within our cultural values to respect them as we should? *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you very much, ordinary member Onalik. Are there any other members wishing to make a statement today? I will now recognize the *AngajukKâk* for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, I'll be very brief. I just forgot to mention, 'cause this just happened, this morning when I went to work, our workers came in and we have been trying to get sand for our playgrounds, we need 300 Tonne, since last year, so our playgrounds we put new equipment in but could not get the sand because the Kamutik W only takes palettized freight, we couldn't find the palettes, couldn't get none from the dock, so we were stuck without, the children went in the playground but weren't allowed to be in there. But today we did get 50 pallets from NGC, so we want to thank them, and we also got the rest of the palettes from Patty Dicker from her businesses but we have to ship them back to get the sand put on the palettes but today we have 36 tonne so far. So I'm really happy and I wanted to thank everyone who helped in the process and now the kids will safely play on our playgrounds, so I'm very happy with that. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek, AngajukKâk* Flowers, that is wonderful news. Are there any other members wishing to make a statement today? Seeing none, I will now break for a short recess. We will take a 20-minute break. We will reconvene at 10:15.

(Recess)

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Good morning, everyone, I'd like to welcome back everybody at 10:27 a.m. We are now at item number 5 of our orders of the day "Returns to Oral Questions." I would like to recognize the Minister of Finance, Human Resources, and Information Technology the Honourable Mr. Anthony Andersen

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yesterday the Ordinary Member for Canada, Ms. Onalik, and Mr. Roland Saunders asked similar questions about how much C-19 monies have been spent in Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville, and the Canadian constituency. Madam Speaker, I'd like to respond to those questions by providing a break down of amounts expended in the constituencies. As I noted yesterday, in my statement, the emergency Covid-19 emergency food supplement program did not track expenditures between Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency under Round 1. The total amount expended in Round 1, which was April 2020 to November 2020, for all constituencies, was \$2.87 million. As of December 2020, NG began tracking the expenditures between the three segments. The figures I present now are from December 2020 to August 31st, 2021. In Nunatsiavut, there have been \$1.98 million spent, \$920,000 expended in Upper Lake Melville

region, and \$795,000 in the Canadian constituency. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek* Minister Andersen, for your response. There are no more "Returns to Oral Questions" today, we will move on to item number 6, "Oral Questions". Oh, sorry, excuse me for one second, before I take the list for....

MR. A. ANDERSEN: I can't hear the English on Channel 1; I can only hear the Inuktitut on Channel 2.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: We will take a quick five-minute break, thank you.

(Recess)

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: We are now back in session at 10:55 a.m. I'd like to thank everybody for their patience, we have a technology issue happening right now, and in one of my former careers and I'd been working in IT, I guess their phrase was "technology is wonderful, when it works". So we're making it work right now, so we've brought everybody to the larger table back, and everybody will be wearing their mask, and we're going to do our very very best to ensure that people that need to hear will get their question heard and answered so thank you very much for your patience, we will now move on to item number 6, "Oral Questions". I would like to just remind everybody under the standing orders that you have a short pre-amble before your question and then you get the one question and two supplementary questions, and begin now, are there any "Oral Questions"

today? Okay, I will call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Madam Speaker, can I have permission to keep sitting down so that you might be able to hear me better or do I have to stand up?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you. I think in the situation that we're in right now, I think sitting is acceptable. Thank you.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay, thank you, my question is for the Minister Human Resources, Information Technology and Finance. Mr. Minister, I heard you talk this morning about a program for supervisory management, I'm just wondering if we can somehow or other get the communities involved to be a part of that training, just curious. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Wolfrey. I now call upon the minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Mr. Anthony Andersen.

MR. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the question, I take the question under notice and will respond, not only to the *AngajukKâk* from Rigolet NICG, but response to all NICGs. Take the question under notice, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Minister Andersen. Question is now under notice; you'll get a response in 7-10 days *AngajukKâk* Wolfrey. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the President of Nunatsiavut, Mr. Johannes Lampe. Right now as we are speaking, on the 28th of September 2021, municipality election will be taking place. After

that election is over every elected official will be required to take a training course by law now, for the province. I am just the President will September 2022, when the lessons are over for Nunatsiavut will the NICG's be required to take the same training? Thank you very much

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Andersen. I now call upon the President of the Nunatsiavut, Mr. Johannes Lampe.

MR. LAMPE:

Nakummek, Ukatti, Nakummek AngajukKâk [speaks in Inuktitut]

Andersen. Yes, they are requiring training for our councillors. It is something that we still have to address. We have some request from the Inuit Community Government about the need for councillors to be provided training on their role as councillor. I am prepared to meet with the Inuit Community Members to discuss the issue and to determine if the government should follow suit make training a requirement for it.

Nakummek, Ukatti.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, President Lampe. Do you have a supplementary question *AngajukKâk* Andersen?

MR. ANDERSEN:

No, I don't, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, I now call upon the chair of the Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Maxine Winters.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser. Can you please advise how many Upper Lake Melville students are currently receiving post secondary funding? Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Chair Winters. I now call upon Minister of Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for your question. Currently there are 48 full-time and 18 part-time students from the Upper Lake Melville area receiving funding from the Education division funding program.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Palliser. Do you have a supplementary question Chair Winters?

MS. WINTERS: No, I do not, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, during the Minister Statements this morning the First Minister mentioned — he touched a bit on some funding I think if I was correct funding that the province obtained of a pre-feasibility study for the North Coast. Madam Speaker, I'd like to ask the First Minister this morning if he could elaborate a little on this a little bit more as to you know what the process might be and we know consultation is involved here but I would like to ask the Minister if he could elaborate a little bit more on that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Sheppard. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Andersen [*sic*] — Tyler Edmunds, excuse me

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. Feels a little unusual to sit down and do a response, I don't know what to do with my hands but I will answer the

AngajukKâk's question. The details around the pre-feasibility study right now are a little lacking. We have asked the province as recently as last week the status of these pre-feasibility studies for the road. The response has been again that the terms of reference haven't been finalized yet. As *AngajukKâk* may recall, we've been inquiring since last fall around when these terms of reference will be finally developed and when these pre-feasibility studies could finally proceed. The response has been that they have been trying to get additional funding under the NTCF, again they have been successful giving those funds, but I can't give any specific details yet as to what the pre-feasibility studies will entail. Obviously, it will look at the next studies which will then hopefully lead to a road connection to the north coast but again I don't know what the terms of reference entail right now. As I said they'll be finalized within the coming weeks, from my understanding and we are to be engaged during that time as the terms of reference are finalized. So again I don't have all the details now, as I said, as I get more information, we'll flow that to the Assembly. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, *AngajukKâk* Sheppard ?

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

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much. Do we have any other "Oral Questions", today? I now call upon the Chair of the NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Thank you, Ms. Speaker. I'll try to talk loud. This question is for the Minister of Land and Natural Resources, the Honourable Greg Flowers. And I'd like to have it under advisement.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Under notice? I'm sorry, Chair Kemuksigak, you're going to have to direct your question to a minister or a member of the executive council at the table, thank you.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: I'll direct it to the First Minister. As per NunaKâtiget request a few months ago, did the department explore the option of having an entry department to deliver some of the NG food that they distribute to the communities? As we only provide services to elderly, 60+, but other groups are left out. Example of the groups, because we are a regional community, we get people from all over, the Labrador Correctional Centre, Supportive Living, Assisted Living, Long-Term Care, and the Homeless Help.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Nakummek, Madam Speaker, and again I will take that question under notice and forward it on to Minister Flowers for a response. *Nakummek*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, thank you. That questions is now taken under notice, Chairperson Kemuksigak. I will now move to the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. John Andersen.

MR. J. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, Mr. Greg Flowers, and I will direct it to Minister

Gerald Asivak to pass on, I guess. My question is for the ghost net program, that's looking for nets out on the banks, will they be doing the banks outside of the Iron Bounds Islands outside Makkovik? The reason I ask is because in 1989 we had 49 long liners fishing around that area, and there's a lot of nets lost in that area.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ordinary Member Andersen. I'll take this question under notice for the Honourable Greg Flowers, and have a response back to the Assembly within the appropriate time frame.

Nakummek

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Minister Asivak. Thank you that question is taken under notice. Thank you, Ordinary Member Andersen. I now move to the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Economics and Education Minister Palliser. Yesterday you said there was quite a lot of funding that you have for education supplies for Upper Lake Melville and Nunatsiavut. Will your department provide the same education pamphlets books 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?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ordinary Member Saunders, I now call upon the Minister Education and Economic Development, Ms. Carlene Palliser.

MS. PALLISER: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And thank you for your question, Mr. Saunders. I can take that question under notice for discussion and I can get back to you as soon as we have that discussion. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Palliser. That question is taken under notice and you will get a response Ordinary Member Saunders in 7-10 days.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Hopedale, Ms. Marjorie Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: [no audio]

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Flowers. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, and thank you to the *AngajukKâk* for the question. With respect to say a specific position to help those situations I am not aware of that sort of support. I'm unsure if there's any sort of extra work that happens through the Department of Health and Social Development, for example, but as far as I understand the application process is the same regardless of where that person is coming from. Again all the criteria is laid out in chapter 3 of the land claims agreement and with respect to identifying a child or anyone's ancestry as I stated yesterday, we are trying to work towards getting a database finalized that, again, that RFP should be out by the end of this month and I think that once that sort of database has been established with input expertise from the membership committees, hopefully this will help in situations like you're talking about today. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, *AngajukKâk* Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: She wanted me to repeat the question. Is it possible to have the spot to the NAC that the issues is, lost my train of thought sorry, that it is a big issue, especially amongst our youth and those who are in care.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Flowers. I now call upon the first minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, and I guess I'll just speak again to the process that's followed for every single application. In that, the registrar does provide for an opportunity for every applicant to provide as much information and there is a dialogue that exists between the registrar and an applicant. I can have a discussion with the NEC, with my deputy minister and with the registrar, to see if there are improvements that maybe could be made but again, we implement the process according to Chapter 3, but I do appreciate and understand you're coming from with maybe some barriers that individuals are experiencing, so thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a final supplementary question, *AngajukKâk* Flowers?

MS. FLOWERS: That the information [*indiscernible*] history. Are you aware that many of our youth and those in care have lost their membership, they have fallen through the cracks because they don't have the right information around their ancestry.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Flowers. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker. And I think, as I said, we've been hearing over the last year or so, the importance of having a database to draw on the families that are connected to Nunatsiavut. So I think that as we move forward with this work over the next year, I do hope that information that is collected will show all individuals connections to the land claims area and I trust that it will be beneficial in all applications moving forward. As I said, in my previous response, I am open to having discussions as to how we can improve the process as it stands, and again all the criteria is laid out in Chapter 3. *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, First Minister Edmunds. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Rigolet, Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm direct my question Honourable Tyler Edmunds, First Minister, it is for Minister Flowers. At the present there's a ship outside of Rigolet, transferring oil to two other ships, I brought this up before and I'm wondering has Minister Flowers, done any checking on this and how much information do the Nunatsiavut Government have about these ships transferring oil outside of our communities. They're disrupting our life-style, they're frightening all the birds.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Can I please....

MS. WOLFREY: We don't know what's happening with the oil, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Wolfrey. I now call upon First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, and *nakummek* to the *AngajukKâk*, for raising that important concern. We'll take it under notice and make sure the department has a response back.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, the question's taken under notice, thank you. I now call upon the Sivunivut Chair, Ms. Maxine Winters.

MS. WINTERS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. This question is for again the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds. With the vast amount of information presented by each minister, can the assembly please receive email copies of the Minister's statements presented so we may review for information that we may have missed.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Chair Winters. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, and *nakummek* to the Chair for the question. I guess I'll open up by recognizing that Minister Asivak has been very clear that he's been willing to do that, I will ask that the other Ministers extend the same courtesy to the assembly and I'm sure that all the Ministers are willing to do that in the interest of getting the most information out there as possible. So *nakummek*, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds, do you have a supplementary question Chair Winters?

MS. WINTERS: No, I don't and thank you very much.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much. Are there any other "Oral Questions" today? I now call upon the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Ms. Susan Onalik.

MS. ONALIK: *Nakummek* UKatti, my question is for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Gerald Asivak. Cultural safe mental health supports and mental health service care providers are limited. Are there any Nunatsiavut beneficiaries who are on the list of providers in the land claims, in ULM, in Canada, under NIHB?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the First Minister — I'm sorry, the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Madam Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Onalik. The — it's a very good question, it's two-fold really. Registered Social Workers who have private practice are listed with the Newfoundland College of Social Workers. Also non-insured health benefits should have a service list provider for specialized care within our regional office in Happy Valley Goose Bay. So you're welcome to reach out to them or or any beneficiary looking for a specialized service. You can also check with your local health authority, within your region, they may also have contacts as well. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Minister Asivak. Do you have a supplementary question Ordinary Member Onalik.

MS. ONALIK: Yes, I do, *Nakummek*. What efforts, if any, are being made within DHSD to support beneficiaries who qualified to become a mental health care service provider under NIHB?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much Ordinary Member Onalik. I now call upon the Minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK: Would you please repeat your question?

MS. ONALIK: Sorry, what efforts, if any, are being made, within DHSD, to support beneficiaries who qualify to become a mental health care service providers under NIHB?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Ordinary Member Onalik. This would not fall directly under non-insured health benefits to be qualified health practitioner, this would fall though applying through the former division or now known as the Education Division, to have the qualifications met to be a Certified Counsellor or Registered Social Worker or a Therapist, whatever area you're recognizing to be. Also there are some provincial regulations, as I noted, to be Registered Social Worker you had to be licensed with the attainable education requirements, you have to have continuing professional education of 40 hours per years, you had to be a member in good standing so there's code of ethics, there's many other things, but if a person is interested in becoming, you know whatever, reach out directly to the qualified schools to make sure that you have the requirements to be accepted and then the funding application if you are a beneficiary through the Education Division and they have an education

counsellor on staff, as well, who can guide and support beneficiaries seeking whatever education wish they're seeking. Thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Minister Asivak. Do you have a supplementary question Ordinary Member Onalik?

MS. ONALIK:

Yes, I do. *Nakummek*, Gerald, or sorry, Minister Asivak. At the last assembly you had said that home kits for children were being delivered I know that a lot of Canadian Constituents were in receipt of those, and again thank you for that. I am wondering if mental health care kits can also be distributed to families within the Canadian Constituency.
Nakummek.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you so much, Ordinary Member Onalik. I Now call upon the minister of Health and Social Development, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Ordinary Member Onalik. We can definitely review this request through the Nunatsiavut Executive Council. As you may know already that latest expenditures were updated as of August 31, 2021, this morning. We expect a lot more invoices to be coming as we do have a large update throughout the whole Covid-19 programming, mainly the food supplement program throughout all regions is our largest expenditure. We will bring — I will discuss this with the Executive council and my department specifically, mental health and wellness. There's going to be some factors that we have to take into consideration and as you may know that supply of a lot of things are very limited. However we'll do our best and we'll put a request out and we'll

share this with the Committee and constituency once we have a final answer on how many can be provided or what the application process will look like. That will be our biggest thing right there, is the application process to see how many people are seeking this as Canada has a very large beneficiary number so we will review it and we'll have a final decision back to the assembly, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank out, Minister Asivak. I now call upon the *AngajukKâk* for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Honourable President, Johannes Lampe. I'd like to ask the President, Madam Speaker, can he tell me would next face to face meeting of the NEC might happen? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Sheppard. I now call upon President Johannes Lampe.

MR. LAMPE: Nakummek, UKatti, [speaks in Inuktitut] for the question. Right now we are not able meet face to face due to the fourth-wave of Covid, and I know we were pretty well prepared to meet in Postville, in the very near future. But due to Covid coming back we are still looking at what it is that we have to do but we certainly do have a schedule to visit Nunatsiavut communities, Upper Lake Melville and certainly the Canadian Constituency, but right now I can not answer that question. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, President Lampe. Do you have a supplementary question, *AngajukKâk* Sheppard?

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yes, I do. Considering we can sit around a table as an assembly, Mr. President, I'd like to ask even taking into consideration the measure that the Chief Medical Officer has in place, that you will even find it questionable coming into the community of the whole and NEC meeting. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Do you have a question?

MR. SHEPPARD: Yes, sorry, my question would be: Considering that we can sit around here, that you would still find it questionable to come into Postville, or any other community, abiding by the Chief Medical Officer's measures as a smaller group than what the assembly is, you would still find that questionable or it can happen?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, *AngajukKâk* Sheppard. I call upon the President Johannes Lampe, thank you.

MR. LAMPE: Yes, Nakummek, [speaks in Inuktitut]. Yes, we as NEC, we are careful of what we are doing and most certainly we have to be an example of Labrador Inuit in what access that we are doing and if, you know, we are doing — when we put out, you know, the rules and the thing that the province is putting out we have to be very careful of what we are doing. But we are more than willing and prepared to have face to face meetings within Nunatsiavut, Upper Lake Melville, or the Canadian Constituency. But I would have to say that the NEC do discuss this with the health

professionals, you know, within Newfoundland and Labrador. But I must say we must be careful about what it is that we are doing. *Nakummek, UKatti.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek* President Lampe. Do you have a final supplementary question, AngajukKâk Sheppard?

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, I don't and thank you Mr. President.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much, *Nakummek*. I now call upon the Chair of NunaKâtiget Inuit Community Corporation, Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: Hello, my question is directed to the First Minister, the Honourable Tyler Edmunds. I'm inquiring about what the cost of the referendum would you be able to provide that information?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Chair Kemuksigak. I now call upon the First Minister, Mr. Tyler Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: *Nakummek*, Madam Speaker, *Nakummek* to the Chair for the question. I guess I'll preface my response by saying that we do have funds budgeted for elections throughout the course of the fiscal year, and do have funds budgeted for by-elections and anything else that may arise. Before obviously referendum was called, question is do we have the ability to finance that. But in terms of the cost of it, I think that that will come from the NEO's office and the report that is to follow. And so I don't have that figure right now, but that information could likely come from the NEO's office. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: *Nakummek*, First Minister Edmunds. Do you have a supplementary question, Chair Kemuksigak?

MS. KEMUKSIGAK: No, Madam Speaker. Thank you for your answer First Minister.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much. Are there any other "Oral Question" today? Seeing none, we will now move onto item number 7, "Written Questions". Are there any "Written Questions", today? I have a written question from AngajukKâk Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: *[No audio.]*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much AngajukKâk Wolfrey. Are there any other written questions, today? Seeing none we will now move on to item number 8, "Return to Written Questions". There are no "Return to Written Questions" today, item number 9, "Petitions". Are there any "Petitions" today? There are no "Petitions" today. We will now move onto item number 10, "Response to Petitions." There are no "Response to Petitions." We will now move on to item number 11 of the orders of the day, "Reports of Standing and Special Committees." There are no "Reports of Standing and Special Committees" today. We will move on to the next "Tabling of Documents", number 12. There are no documents to be tabled today. We will now move on to item number 13, "Notices of Motions." There are no "Notices of Motions" today. We will now move on to item number 14, "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills." There are no "Notices of Motions for First Reading of Bills" today. We

will move on to item number 15 "Motions." I would like to recognize the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, the Honourable Anthony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. And may I say thank you to the OK Society for helping the hearing impaired this morning. Thank you very much. Madam Speaker, whereas representatives of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust are prepared to give its annual report on its trust, and whereas the assembly should consider the tabled documents 08-410 in Community of the Whole with witnesses. Therefore I move, Second by the Honourable First Minister Tyler Edmunds that the Assembly convene this Committee of the Whole to receive the presentation of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust, with witnesses, Garry Best, Isabella Pain, Chris Webb, Sarah Leo, and Paul James. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Nakummek, Honourable Minister. The "Motion" is in order. Minister Andersen, would you like to speak to the "Motion"?

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. No, I don't. I believe that the motion speaks for itself. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you very much, does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Seeing that no other members wish to speak to the motion, does the Minister wish to make final comments and close debate?

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

I have no further comments, Madam Speaker, and I do wish to close debate.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, we are — that concludes the debate. All those in favour of the motion please raise your hand. Any opposed? Thank you very much.

We are now in the Committee of the Whole. With that, I would like to break for lunch and at that time we will — when we return, we will be back in the committee of the whole. And have our presentation from our friends at LICST. It's 11:34, we return — reconvene again at 1 p.m.

(Recess)

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Welcome everybody back to this assembly sitting at 1:03 p.m. I would like to remind everybody as well that we are in the community of the whole, so it's a less — a little less formal sitting. You may refer to our members as Mr. or Ms., and not by their titles, their ministerial title or chair or ordinary member. So I'd like to welcome, in our presence the LICST, and I can now — and we have over to the side we have a couple of witnesses as well, and also like to welcome a couple of witnesses we have in our gallery who came to town today, it was wonderful to see Shirley White and Aaron Broomfield joining us as well, going to be watching for a little while as well. So thank you to them, and I welcome to everybody who is listening online, thank you. I will now turn the table over to Mr. Best .

MR. BEST: Nakummek, Ms. Winters. Good afternoon, my name is Garry Best, I am the chair of the Labrador Inuit Capital Strategy Trust. I just want to say thank you for the opportunity this afternoon to both provide an opening address as well as to introduce the 2020 annual report. Before I do that perhaps I just want to as well acknowledge the Trust board, the Board of Trustees and with me today, Isabella Pain, one of the trustees. We also have Natan Obed, Kristy Sheppard, Catharyn Andersen. And I would put

on the record, in my many years of doing service to communities and work, this is perhaps one of the strongest boards I've ever been a part of. All of us in support and service to the beneficiaries. Also this afternoon I'm joined by Chris Webb, the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Nunatsiavut group of companies, Sarah Leo, the Chief Operating Officer, and her colleague Paul James, a partner with Deloitte, the auditor who will be speaking to the budget a little later on. I think it goes without saying that 2020 was a most challenging year, managing in a pandemic. But as you will hear, at the end of the year certainly the Trust is in the best position financially than its been in the last 15 years of its existence. We continue to provide as a board, expert oversight and strategic guidance to NGC's executive and leadership team. I am also happy to say we have a very positive and professional working relationship with Chris and his managers, on each and every occasion that we engage. Perhaps a little bit of insight into some of the things that have guided our discussions through 2020. Always we're guided by our service to the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries, current and future generations. We're also seized of our corporate social responsibility whether it's culture, traditions, values of ethics, of who we are. These are important elements that bind us together as Inuit. Environmental stewardship continues to be the significant consideration for our work and certainly, as a group of companies, as I'm sure you'll hear later on, support to sustain the economic growth and achieve positive results year over year. We're also going to remain strategic and operationally focused. And we're going to

remain innovative, as we embark on and complete the five-year strategic plan. And we'll continue to foster and strengthen collaborative partnerships both regionally and as necessary across Inuit *nunangat*. Equally important, is effective commination with all of you and indeed all beneficiaries, that's key to our work. And we're committed, both now and into the future to enhance and build on the communication, to ensure that what we do is understood and meets the remit of the Trust. So in closing, and before I hand it over, I just want to say again Nakummek, for the opportunity to be with you all today, in this beautiful building and happy to take questions now or at the end of the presentations. And if there are no questions perhaps, I can turn it right away to Paul Janes, who will provide the detailed budget.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you very much, I ask that you turn off your microphone please right in front of you, thank you, I know it's a little bit of a learning curve. So yes, I can definitely turn the floor over to Mr. Janes. Thank you.

MR. JANES:

Thank you, Garry and thank you members of the assembly for having me here today. I'm going to walk through the December 31st, 2020, financial statements of the Trust, I think you should all have them in your reading materials. They're also in the annual report but you should have a copy of the actual financial statements within your materials as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Just, sorry, for reference, if anybody, they're under Tab 3 of your binders.

MR. JANES:

Once you find those, I'm going to actually start on page 3, if you want to turn to page 3 of those, it's statement of operations and accumulated surplus. Looks like most people found it, this part — as I mentioned I'll start on the statement of operations and the statement of operations outlines the consolidated revenues, and expenditures of the Trust for the full year, ending December 31st, 2020. I'll just try and highlight some of the increases and decreases year over year, give some explanation to those, and as usual when I'm presenting, I'm happy to take questions during or after, if anybody should have any while I'm speaking. At the top line there is sales of 18.5 million in the current year down from 21.8 million in the prior year. It's a combination of effects; of increase of activity within TSI, of 2.5 million but a decrease in the operations of integrated and asset logistics of 5.8 million from 2019 to 2020. From a marine operations perspective, revenues are slightly down 700,000 year over year to 3.5 million in 2020, and really has to do with the fact in 2019 the Northern Ranger was in operation under the old contracts that NASA Marine had for three months, which really dictates the discrepancy there year over year. On the other revenue line quite an increase from 300,000 last year to 2.5 million in 2020, again there's a few different entities that make up that number under the group of companies but the largest increase is distribution in the current year from Timmiak Construction that did not take place in 2019. Partnership income is mainly the

income from — that the Trust gets from Air Borealis Limited Partnership and increased slightly to 2.4 million in 2020, up from 2.2 or — almost 2.3 million in 2019. Crushed stone revenues were down to a million dollars in 2020, to[sic] 1.5 million in 2019, it's just a decrease in activity, and it's a bit of a common theme in some of the numbers I'll highlight over the next little bit to do with the decrease in Covid — sorry, a decrease in activity related to Covid in 2020, but as you can see — or as you will see as I go through the operations, the Trust on a consolidated basis fared really well during that period, regardless of the impacts of Covid. From a construction perspective, again, our revenues are down from 2.5 million in 2019, to just under 900,000 in 2020. And again this is just less activity within the entity mainly driven by Covid and less tenders being put out for bid during that Covid period. From fish harvesting and royalties from Northern Coalition, both of those numbers have decreased. Some of this again is decrease in activity from covid and also in 2019 the royalties from Northern Coalition just a timing difference when the fishing activities took place there was some carry over from 2018 fishing season that ended up in the 2019 numbers, which increased that number a little higher than what it would be as well. The remainder of the revenue lines there are fairly stable, year over year. Most of the changes are to do with the business activity during Covid. You can see that the Trust still fared fairly well \$32.5 million in total revenue through the

2020 year, compared to just over 37 million in the year before that.

The main expenditure line, you can see there, from a total is 26.5 million compared to 31.8 million in 2019. And to give you some more context in detail of those expenses I'll ask you to turn to page 18, which highlights the schedule which makes up the total of those expenses for the year. Very first line on that page, wages and benefits is a total 14.3 million up from just under 12.9 million in 2019, as I have mentioned in the revenue Section, TSI saw an increase in activity during the year and that also drove those wage numbers high, as the main reason for those wage number being higher year over year. Similarly when I mentioned the revenues were down in integrated and asset logistics, that's also driving the cost of sale number down which is the second line there from 6.9 million in the current year to 11.4 million in the last year. A couple of items to highlight, there's a bad debt number of 790,000 compared to 1.6 million in the current year[sic] — or sorry 1.6 million in the prior year. And of 790,000 in the current year, 2020, relates mostly to some funds that were distributed to Universal Helicopters and were unrecoverable due to the ongoing bankruptcy issue that Universal's going through. We do believe, although those legal proceedings have not fully concluded, we do believe, we're hopeful, that that's the — that there won't be any further right offs or losses related to Universal going forward. Materials and supplies, next line, was down almost 200,000, again this

was just due to change in construction activity. The fuel line is mainly to do with the activities in the running of the Rigolet gas station in 2020 and 2019. Professional fees are down from 500,000 in 2019 to 311,000 in 2020, again this is mainly to do with activity within Nunatsiavut construction, and the decrease that was seen during the Covid year. Similarly the travel line is down significantly from 461,000 in 2019 in the current year, and again this to do mostly with Covid. And the rest of the expense lines here, from a detail perspective a lot of the changes are just to do with activity within the business year over year. And you can see a total decrease in 2020, a total of 26.5 million down from 31.7 million in the year prior. I'll turn your attention back to page 3, if I could please.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Excuse me, Mr. Janes.

MR. JANES: Yes.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: We have a question from Ms. Wolfrey

MR. JANES: Sure.

MS. WOLFREY: I'm just curious how many employees in that 14,320,058?

MR. JANES: *[no audio]*

MS. WOLFREY: I'll do the math, thank you.

MR. JANES: So turning our attention back to page 3, as I mentioned there was 32.5 million in revenues, and expenditures were 26 point almost 6 million, which led to an annual surplus before the other under noted items of

5.9 million, in 2020, compared to 5 point almost 4 million in 2019. So even with the significant decrease of business activity, driven mainly by Covid, you can see the Trust faired fairly well in 2020, increasing their overall annual surplus by almost 600 or \$500,000.00, sorry.

Some of the other items that are listed there, quickly: share of equity earnings, fairly stable year over year, but this is earnings that the Trust gets from some of the businesses that it has an equity interest in, so those are businesses that they don't necessarily control but do have an interest in and so returned almost 1.5 million in 2020. The impairment of equity investments, there was a large impairment last year related to Universal we would've discussed that last year when we were here, and obviously no further impairment in the current year. And the remainder of the items listed there are fairly stable year over year bringing it to an annual surplus of 6.2 million in 2020 compared to a loss of almost 4 million in the prior year, so a \$10 million turn around year over year. At the bottom of the page it highlights the accumulated surplus, this would be the accumulated surplus that the trust would have earned throughout, since inception to the end of 2020. Opening annual surplus was almost 8 million at the beginning of the year. You had share of income, which was 6.1 million, which we just talked about. There's a Trust income allocation, this income allocation is a payable that gets recorded as due to the Nunatsiavut Government, under the terms and conditions of the trust

in venture and the income tax act. It essentially makes all of the trusts income payable to the Nunatsiavut Government and I think we would've discussed that at previous sittings as well. To give you a total accumulated surplus of \$10.9 million at the end of 2020. Turning the page, if I could, to page 4, being your Consolidated statement of financial position for the year, which will highlight the financial assets and liabilities of the trust as of December 31st, 2020. Just highlighting a couple of quick points, cash is increased from 9.2 million to 12.1 million due to various different increases and decreases in the business which creates that cash, all highlight it on page 6, which I can go through in a couple of moments. Receivables are down from 8.9 million to 7.2, and this really is due to the increase mentioned earlier, in business activity within Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics. The net investment and finance lease is decreasing year over year, continues to decrease about a million dollars every year, and will until the lease expires. The investments at equity, there's more details in note 5, but this just lists the value of the investments that you have and the different partnerships — or the trusts has sorry, in the different partnerships that it has undertaken. The tangible capital assets, the second last line, under financial assets was 400,000 last year and zero in the current year just because there was a sale of that asset, year over year. Under liabilities, payables, and accruals, obviously was 6.9 million in 2019, 4.9 million in the current year, and again that's due to

the decrease, mostly due to the increase — decrease, sorry, in activity within Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics. The payables to Tasiujatsoak Trust has decreased from 18.5 to 17.4, and this is due to the regular payments that are due under those amounts payable to the trust. The due to Nunatsiavut Government has increased from 8.3 million in the last year to 11.5 million in the current year, and the increase is driven by the income allocation that I mentioned a few moments ago on the previous page, of 3.2 million. And again it has to do with the terms of the trust and how the trust was set up under the *Income Tax Act*, that allocates all that income as payable to the Nunatsiavut Government on an annual basis. And the long-term debt amount of 7 million in the current year is broken in note 8 in a little bit more detail, all to say that it's just regular payments decreasing that debt from 8.4 million last year to 7 million this year. The non-financial assets, which is almost at the bottom of the page, most of those amounts are fairly stable year over year, there were about 700,000 in capital asset acquisitions during the year but also half a million dollars in amortization expense against those that nets out to the \$300,000 increase that you see, year over year. So again get you down to an accumulated surplus position, as I mentioned, of 10.9 million compared to almost 8 million last year. I will just, in closing, quickly highlight page 6, as I mentioned it earlier, it's your consolidated statement of cash flows. You can see that this statement highlights all

the ins and outs, or increases and decreases in cash for the entity through the year. So it starts with the annual surplus of 6.2 million adds in some items that are — adds or takes away some items that are not cash related gets you to an operating cash increase of \$1.3 million. Under capital transactions, as I mentioned, there was tangible capital asset purchased of almost 800,000 as well as some proceeds from the sale of the asset that I mentioned that's 365,000. Under financing transactions, you can see the repayment of the payable to Tasiujatsoak Trust as well as the regular repayment of long-term debt. The increase in due to Nunatsiavut Government, that I mentioned already, of 3.2 million. Under investing transactions there was an increase — or change sorry, in the net investment and finance lease, this is just the repayment of that lease receivable that you have. Get's you to a total change in cash of 2.8 million, so you had — the trust had an increase in cashflow of 2.8 which leaves the Trust with cash at the end of the year, of just over \$12 million. The remainder of the pages, to the financial statements, are the notes. This just highlights further details of the financial transactions, or holdings of the entity. I won't go through those in detail, I will say that for the most part they are very very similar to last year, the accounting policies that the trust follows are the same as the prior year, and there has been no changes there, but if anybody has specific questions on any of those details, I'm happy to answer them. Hopefully, the information I've provided

of the different changes year over year highlights for the assembly members the activities within the Trust for the year. Any questions?

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: I would like to recognize Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm just curious as to — so the due from Philip Earle, we always ask questions about that I think, and what does maturing June 2022 mean? Do it mean he have to have it paid up, is that what maturing means? I don't understand, I want to make sure I kind of can figure it out or whatever, I guess.

MR. JANES: Yes, that's exactly what that means. It's the due date of the note payable that was signed, and it would be due as of June 2022, yep. And I know management is in discussions to have that rectified as quickly as possible.

MS. WOLFREY: Okay, thank you I don't think I'll be here to see it but someone will I hope from here.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Ms. Wolfrey. I have question from Mr. Sheppard, from Postville.

MR. SHEPPARD: Thank you Madam Chair, I don't know about anybody else, but I find it hard to hear here. But anyway, thank you Mr. James. Just for clarification I guess, on page 3, under revenue, the bigger dollar figure there for 2019 and 2020 is exactly the same 122,500 would this be the same trend for lets just say 2021, 2022 or is it unpredictable?

MR. JANES: Yeah, those royalties are the same year over year and that's why that number stays the same so we would expect that in 2021 that number will be the same as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, are there any other questions at this time? Okay, seeing none — I'm sorry, Mr. Edmunds.

MR. EDMUNDS: Thank you, Madam Chair, it's just I wanted to hear from Mr. James, how goodwill is amortized, it's under page 6 and under operating transactions there's a line item there that's consistent from the previous year so I'm just unsure. If you could explain, I guess, how that is, sort of, captured from the accounting perspective and what it means.

MR. JANES: Sure, thank you for your question, Mr. Edmunds. So goodwill is an accounting term that usually results or comes about from the acquisition of businesses, when one business buys another. Within the accounting policies and procedures, that the Trust follows, goodwill is amortized in a lot of cases under different accounting standards you wouldn't see goodwill amortized, however under the public sector accounting standards that the Trust follows, those standards would say that you should amortize goodwill over a period of time. In this case it's being amortized over a 20-year term, so that is why you see that goodwill go down every year, until it hits zero essentially, and then it would actually be removed from the statement. I'm hoping that answers your question.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, are there any other questions at this time? Seeing none — oh I'm sorry, Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Okay, I got one more, it's about — it's on page 4. I am just trying to understand this, okay? So the due to Nunatsiavut Government on non-bearing — non-interest bearing no terms of repayment. So it looks like

there that — have we actually paid 11,588,489.00 to Nunatsiavut Government or is this just a paper transaction? Because if it's a paper transaction then that 10 million down there should actually be 10 plus that 11 million. So is that just a paper transaction or did you actually give — did LICST actually give Nunatsiavut Government \$11 million?

MR. JANES:

That's a fantastic question and you did get it right. So the payable to the Nunatsiavut Government of 11.588, so that amount has not been paid to the Government. And it represents an amount owing to the Government and on March 31st, 2021, financial statements of the Nunatsiavut Government you will actually see a receivable for the same balance. It represents amounts essentially income, that the trust has had. And under the *Tax Act* and the Trust indenture, rather than pay income tax to the Federal Government, on the income within the Trust, so there's some income within the trust, and it's complicated by the rules of the *Tax Act*, but there's some income within the Trust that is actually taxed federally, okay, and that's why you see an income tax expense also on page 3, three quarters of the way down the page. There's income that is not taxed Federally. And it's because it's income earned directly into the trust and it is a little complicated, but essentially, it's income earned directly into the trust. And under the terms and conditions of the Trust indenture, and also the accompanying federal *Income Tax Act*, you can allocate that income to the beneficiaries of the trust and one of the beneficiaries of the LICST, is the Nunatsiavut Government itself. So by allocating that income, as a paper transaction essentially, you do not have to pay federal

income tax on that amount. So if you did have to pay federal income tax on that amount, just rough math, it would be about 30 to 35 percent, of that 11 million and that would be cash, hard cash, that would have to go to the federal government and would never be seen or returned in any way shape or form either to Nunatsiavut, the Nunatsiavut Government, or the Trust. Under the terms of the Trust indenture, by having it payable to the Nunatsiavut Government you avoid, not in any illegal way, but you avoid paying that tax to the federal government and essentially allow it to stay within the coffers of the Nunatsiavut Government and the Trust and the beneficiaries thereof. So it does provide a significant benefit the trust indenture, and that tax ruling does provide a significant benefit to Nunatsiavut Government and the Trust because the funds are able to be kept within, what I'll say for lack of a better term, boundaries of the Nunatsiavut Government and the Trust, rather than pay it up to the federal government.

MS. WOLFREY:

Yeah, I understand I was just wondering was it something like the overseas transactions or something that's not allowed.

MR. JANES:

It's fully above board, it a benefit and a big one I believe to the Government and the Trust to be able to keep those funds within the Government and the Trust rather than having to pay those funds out in federal income tax owing, to the federal government.

MR. WEBB:

And if I may add, with that number, that number's going to continue to grow, as we are profitable year over year, so the LICST had actually had some discussions with the tax folks at Deloitte, as well as some of the tax

experts that were involved with the creation of the Trust and we're trying to figure out ways of what we can do to either get rid of it or do we pay it out, you know, there's all sorts of examples that we need to walk through and figure that piece out so you know, that's something that's on our list of items that the Trust is asking us to do. So we'll see where that one takes us.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Webb, are there any other questions at this time? Seeing none, you can continue Mr. Janes, thank you.

MR. JANES: Thank you, I think I'm turning it over to Mr. Webb to start his presentation.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, I now recognize Mr. Chris Webb.

MR. WEBB: Nakummek. So Paul walked through the financial statements, our chair gave an overview of who is in participation today and obviously Natan and Catharyn and Christie send their regrets, they'd love to be here but we understand , you know, the Covid precautions and things like that so it's kind of good that we're here as a small number. But I'll just walk through a presentation right now, we didn't include it in the — your package but we do have the slide show up on the screen in the back end here, so maybe what I'll do is I'll just walk through it and I'll just say, "next slide" and Sara will move onto the next slide. But it's a pleasure to be here, it's always a good interaction and you know, 2020 was a tough year. You know our financials showed, you know, we were very positive, you know, we were, you know, 6.2 million on the surplus side, you know,

it's the best position that we've ever been in, it's the best cash position that we've ever been in, so you know, we're sitting in a very good position right now, pending any, you know, major issues or things like that but, you know, we're coming on the last year of our five-year business strategy so we're actually engaged in developing our next five-years, you know, and the Trust, you know, are looking at okay we're in a very good position now what do we need to do from an environmental perspective and you know, we're doing those scans as we speak cause we do have some legacy companies that are still around however they're dormant, but there is a significant amount of clean up that needs to happen. But you know, it's a pleasure to be here and Ms. Wolfrey, I think through my presentation the question you asked with regard to some of the numbers and some of the people will be answered I think or maybe given during my operational update. So if you could just scan to the next slide, and just remember it's difficult for us to present 2020 given that we're nine-months into 2021 so, you know, we'd love to be able to present 2020 financials and operational update early in the season however we're always, you know, our financials are usually done by May and we're usually on for the fall sitting so I'm glad that we were able to get here for the September sitting, as opposed to November cause it makes it a little bit easier. So just maybe the next slide again, and there is a new face, you know, the majority of the folks around here understand the LICST

and I'm given the very high level, you know, I committed to sitting down with Susan and going through LICST and NGC and our group of companies with her at a later date so if something is — you know, she has some questions later on then I'll be glad to sit with her and go through that. I don't think I need to spend much more time on this slide from a profitability perspective as Paul walked through our financial statements and the position that we're in and as I mentioned we're in a very good financial position as we speak. And then the next slide, you know, I think as I stated earlier and I'll reiterate, Covid brought a lot of challenges on us but it was difficult working in a pandemic a lot of our business lines do work in Nunatsiavut, you know, Nunatsiavut shut the doors for a period of time, we gradually opened come July time frame and we then we were able to start doing a little bit more work and things like that. You know, we obviously from an emergency perspective we were able to do things with cargo and things like that for freight and whatnot and then passenger service opened up a little bit later on, granted, you know, it was minimized but there was nothing easy about 2020 and doing business in a pandemic as you all know. I mean, I'm sure the NAC were call almost every day trying to deal with pandemic issues. But, you know, we just want to say you know, we operated you know, safely, you know, we had great leadership from our trust and our executive team and all the staff you know, pulled through and really

made our group of companies do well during you know, a global pandemic, if you could just push through the next slide. So planning and investment is a big part of LICST and the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies. We have quarterly meetings, we just actually had one in Nain. However, during the pandemic we all got used to doing the Zoom or WebEx or the Teams meetings so we actually had one of our Trust meetings over the Teams conference calls. It's not always easy that way but you know, we made the best of it. But we sit down and we plan, annually we sit down, usually in December time frame and we have our budgets and business plans meeting where all our business line leaders get together, they formulate their budgets and business plans for the season and the Trust are expected to, or not expected to but, they review and then approve. If there is something they don't like or if there's something they don't see, questions are asked and "okay, why are you doing it this way?" and so forth. So we're given our marching orders in December for the next year. And we look at everything from a financial perspective to health and safety, to environment, human resources and any capital improvements or asks at that time. So you can just see here, I wanted to show more images rather than verbiage on the slides but, you know, that's some of the planning we've done and you can see, that's not a great picture there, but that's the capital investment of the crusher just backing onto the boat in Goose Bay to get to Nain. Next

slide. Major thing, commitment to our beneficiaries in our communities, 2020 you know, we want to have as many as beneficiaries working in our group of companies as possible and you know, we have a significant amount of training and development activities and that's the next slide, but you know, we're all about getting into the communities, we can't wait to get back into the communities to deliver community sessions get back into the schools, you know, the schools I think were starting to expect us coming and you know, delivering our talks on all the opportunities that are available so our potential students — our potential workforce for the future so you know, you look at some of our — look at group of companies and you know, we have everything right from the professional services all the way through mechanics, diesel mechanics, aircraft technicians, captains, co-captains, everything so you can see here these are just some of our employees in action. And then our commitment to the communities as well goes a long way and you know, that's one thing that we want to get back into is you know, is getting back into the communities and visiting but we're still in a pandemic, granted there's restrictions lifted however we still have to be precautionous of what we do and how we get around. The next slide again we just wanted to touch base on the training and development aspect and these are some of our again some images of our beneficiaries in action. You can see there you know, Kayla's captain

you know, they flew an all female, captain, co-captain flight you know, we've got individuals in Redpath in the Inuit Redpath, TSI with folks being trained up on heavy equipment so we want to put a lot in the training and development into our staff and we just don't want low and labour type roles we want actual career type jobs for all of our beneficiaries. Next slide. So Charlotte, this might you know, answer some of your questions here you know, we have 500 plus employees overall however roughly 250 of those are beneficiaries, so almost 50 percent of our workforce is our beneficiaries so and we want that number to grow you know, we're not satisfied at 50 percent we want as many people in our group as possible. It is pretty — it is a very competitive industry out — all industries are very competitive out there so we try to attract — you know, we have good wage and compensation and benefits packages and things like that so we want to try to have as many people working within our group as possible. The number you referred to, 14 million in salaries and benefits, so that there is the 500 plus. Within that 250 number, a number of our 100 percent wholly owned companies, which is Nunatsiavut Construction, Nunatsiavut Marine, NGC, Nunak, the Café and the other 100 percent wholly owned companies within our group, our wages and salaries are well over 2 million so we're a pretty good employer or we think we're a good employer and we want to continue to be a good employer, you know, we're not perfect you know, we're still learning as but we strive

for greatness. And then the support to the communities, you know, last year in 2020 we've just from a monetary perspective of cash donations and things like that we've supported communities in the 350,000 plus. Next slide, we have a scholarship program and these five companies have scholarships in the amount of 18,500 so any beneficiary no matter where you're located you know, we try to stick to industry type — if we're in a specific industry and someone's going through a specific job then yeah, we'll honour that person with a scholarship. So we've got committees set up in all these different companies to assess individuals. Now our numbers are somewhat low, I think in one of our companies we might have had \$4000 in scholarships, there might have been five people applied so what we did was we just staggered it out and gave everyone you know, maybe even bumped it up to \$1,000 to give everyone a \$1,000 scholarship. But the opportunity is there we try to talk to the kids in school, if they're going onto post secondary or trades or whatever else to apply on our scholarships. So basically how we did it, you know, I mention briefly you know, we're very proud of our staff, our leadership from a Trust level but it did take a lot of hard work and we have high — we're held to a very high standard, you know, we're the Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, we're doing work in Nunatsiavut, we're Inuit owned, we're Inuit built and we strive for excellence so we do feel like we are

held at a higher standard, and we want to be held at a higher standard. What goes....

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Excuse me Mr. Webb, we have a question, Ms. Winters.

MS. WINTERS: Sorry I just have a questions about the scholarships, are they multi-year scholarships or do they have to reapply every year?

MR. WEBB: Thank you, for the question. It can be anything, could be multi year, and it could be year after year, depending on what the individual — if there's a four-year program, we can make that work, yep.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thankyou, are there any other questions? Seeing none — oh, sorry Ms. Flowers.

MS. FLOWERS: For support to communities, what kind of support to communities do you have?

MR. WEBB: Well we have a sponsorship and donation committee established and we have the form on our website so it can be anything from sports teams, sports meets, something that's happening in the community in terms of festivals, we made a \$50,000 contribution to the food banks in Nunatsiavut, and Upper Lake Melville, North West River and all those types of activities so if there is anything that you feel that there is opportunity for us to do then we will look at it. Fill out the application, send in the description of items and you know, we'll take a look at it and assess it — we try to do youth related activities, also senior or elders but you know, we'll look at anything and determine it and if we want walk — or do that type of community support.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, I'd now like to recognize Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Thank you, I got to take my mask off you mightn't be able to hear me.
First, I got two questions, who's Susan you referred to Shaun, Susan something? I just wondered who that was.

MR. WEBB: Sorry I shouldn't have said Susan, I apologize I was calling her by her first name, so are you referring to Ordinary Member for Canada? Or I was referring to Ordinary Member of *[sic]* Canada.

MS. FLOWERS: Ok, I didn't know who you were talking about. And the other question is about do you know, if you're coming to Rigolet anytime soon for — to give us some or sell us some gravel or anything?

MR. WEBB: We can have a discussion about that sure.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, any other questions at this time? Seeing none you can continue Mr. Webb thank you for the patience.

MR. WEBB: Thank you and I apologize if I'm talking kind of fast, I get excited and I know I'm trying to — not trying to roll through this quickly cause I could talk on NGC and LICST, you know, all day and all morning right, so I apologize if I am a little bit quick for the translation in the booth. But — next so Nunatsiavut Marine so this is one of our 100 percent wholly owned companies. Obviously 2020 was a much different year than 2019. You know we had all the issues or so-called issues with the freight delays the weather issues and the first year of operations, you know, just created a little a bit of havoc obviously we are not the vessel owner, we do all the shore based operations, so 2020 actually ran very well and very

smoothly for us. We were actually allowed to load the vessel, before we were bringing it to the end of the gate and then LMI were loading the boat, but now in 2020 we were actually loading the vessel ourselves. We were given the plan by LMI and then — and loading it accordingly . We made a significant amount of capital investments within NMI and you can see you know, the fork lifts, you know, the additional gate, all the shelving that's in the warehouse so everything wasn't on the floor so we actually had to put *[indiscernible]* and we actually were able to put more freight in storage and take it off with fork lifts. Just go to the next slide, 'cause I'm just talking about some of the capital investments there so. You know improvements to the terminal, the grounds, the maintenance shed, extra loading bay, additional forklift and warehouse shelving so significant amount of capital investment went in and you know, 2020 actually ran pretty smoothly. And LICST recognises that capital investment is necessary for our group, to position our companies ready and willing and in a good growth process. Next slide, Paul Janes mentioned early on, Integrated Nunatsiavut Logistics so we have a contract with Voisey's Bay for the tug and barging of materials and freight we're in the second year now but this would have been images from the first year, so bringing a lot of freight in and out of Voisey's Bay. I believe there were 12 barge loads into Voisey's Bay in 2020. Next slide, Nuluak Fisheries this is our fishing interest, you know, obviously we've got licenses and quotas for shrimp, crab, Atlantic halibut, and Greenland halibut, you know, and the — in 2020 we did received some decreases in

quota's so that's why you can see in — and given some of the timing issues as well with fishing those quotas and things, somethings you recognize and that's why you seen some of the decrease from 2019 to 2020 in our financial statements, but we're working with NG all the time and talking to NG, you know, we're looking at maybe even handing over our snow crab license or working with NG to look at purchasing that snow crab license so.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Yes, I was going to say, sorry, I just wanted you to finish and then now recognize Mr. Joe Dicker.

MR. DICKER: Before you get into that part, can you investments in land based do you own the buildings in Goose Bay?

MR. WEBB: *[Indiscernible.]*

MR. DICKER: Yeah.

MR. WEBB: We're also looking at investments within — on the coast as well with any equipment or anything like that as well, and we're actually and now this if going into 2021 but, we're looking at upgrading and putting some freezer capacity in Nain and Hopedale in 2021 and then in 2022 we're going to look at doing probably Makkovik and Postville, and 2023 Rigolet, if not all three in — if not, maybe Rigolet, Postville and Makkovik may get some freezer capacity in 2023.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Webb. Any other questions? Seeing None I'll let Mr. Webb continue, thank you.

MR. WEBB:

So Nuluak is a big, you know, obviously company, for us, it generates a significant amount of revenue and you know, and we want to be active in the fishery and continue to be active in the fishery. Next slide, this is TSI, you know, you've heard reference to TSI and you know, a lot of individuals in our group work with TSI they actually reached a 25 year anniversary in 2020 so I just wanted to recognize that, but at the end of the day TSI's the site — do all the site operations for Voisey's Bay and that's loading, unloading the air craft, doing a lot of the ground work, unloading the barges, you know, and then just all the snow clearing and things in the winter, so significant in number of employees, are employed with TSI at Voisey's Bay mine site. And it was challenging for them this year as well, given when Nunatsiavut basically closed the doors and only opened for essential travel, all the staff stayed home. And that was part of Vale's call as well so all the individuals stayed home until, you know, the Covid as restrictions lifted but you know, they ramped up very quickly and in July and started getting a lot of individuals back to work. It was great that Vale were able to do what they did in terms of allowing people to stay home so that you know, our remote communities weren't being accessed or potential Covid infiltration into our communities. Next slide, another one of our companies is Air Borealis. You know they were impacted pretty significantly due to Covid as well, but you know, still did all the aircraft flying a lot of cargo a lot of freight movement in 2020. And you know, they're doing extremely well. We also are in the helicopter — even though Universal and we closed the doors on Universal Helicopters,

there was opportunity to stay within the helicopter industry and that's within Air Borealis. As you know, PAL has partners with Exchange Income Group, and they own custom helicopters we actually have a helicopter dedicated to Air Borealis for contract work or charter or anything that comes up where people need aircraft, we actually have signed a contract I think with Voisey's Bay for the Heli-flying as well. So you can just see some images here, we did the Sana you know, lots of cargo being moved they had two dedicated medivac planes outfitted and then a lot of float plane operations for any fish camps or anything like that. Moving along into construction so that's the new crushing operation that we have right now situated in Nain. So that's some of the capital investment that the Trust had made in 2020. So you can see the Terex crusher there, you know, new screener we had to order, the new dump truck, float, and trailer, and other construction consumables. You know, we had a lot of equipment that was old and decrepit and we want to get away from that because you know, we're all about the environment as well and we want to have equipment that's you know, new, newer you know, that don't have the potential for breakdowns and things like that, we're finding ourselves running into that a little bit this year, so we're likely going to have to make some additional capital investments for construction in the future, as we get more construction work. Next slide, so typically construction you know, did work just in Nunatsiavut and we focused on that however you know, obviously 2020 with Covid we had to look at other areas so we actually looked outside of Nunatsiavut and looked at

central Labrador Western Labrador as well as the island and we found that we were bidding on some projects and actually worked out that we won a few, and had about a million dollars in additional revenue generated outside of Nunatsiavut, so we're going to still focus on Nunatsiavut however you know, to build our revenue numbers, 'cause we have to reach certain targets, we will continue to look at other projects outside of Nunatsiavut but the focus will continue to be Nunatsiavut.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Excuse me, Mr. Webb.

MR. WEBB: Yep.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: We have a question from Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY: Are you considering getting the expertise necessary to do water and soil projects because Nunatsiavut can invest their money in our own companies if we had — we're giving all our money to Budgell's is rich and richer and richer because we're giving all our money away and I think that's where the bulk of the money is in subdivisions and in water and sewers so I think that somehow or other some investments should be made in getting that expertise and getting the whatever you got to get the dynamite or whatever people that you got to get and stuff so that you can bid on our projects and you know, we can put our money in our companies.

MR. WEBB: Thank you for that question and comment, 'cause it is something that we're thinking about and we've had extensive discussions internally not just with our executive group but also the LICST and you know, I've been

preaching it to our group all along as the recycling of our own money, it's not going out the door , it would stay within and then that money can be used for other things for community events and capital investment and things like that but that is something that we're looking at you know, we just need to get a few things straightened out first but that's something that we're definitely looking for the future, is looking at a bigger offering within construction and not just home building, home repairs, some road construction and crushed stone. We want to be that all in type of construction operation so and that does mean that we do have to get some additional expertise around our table.

MS. WOLFREY:

And a paving company wouldn't hurt either.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you Ms. Wolfrey for your questions. I have a question here from Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

There was discussion yesterday and today at the Assembly regarding the hotel issue in Goose Bay and then sometimes in St. Johns even more, there's not enough accommodations for people, and is that something you may think could be profitable we would be putting the money back to our company instead of other people who like, if they can get big contractors, they'll pick them over us or our patients.

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, Ms. Kemuksigak. Yes, we've actually had some discussion on this ,we had a Trust meeting, LICST trust meeting in Nain at the end of August and this was an item up for discussion so when we meet again in December, I think we'll have some plans to review to look at such

complex you know, medical housing slash hotel type arrangements so we are we will be looking at that for the future.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Webb. Are there any other questions at this time?

Seeing none, please continue Mr. Webb. I'm sorry I missed, Mr. Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair, and I'm sorry I'm a little bit slow but anyway. Chris, I got a couple of questions here and it's related to some of the presentations thus far into this time now this afternoon. When you talked about Air Borealis, you talked mainly about freight, and, you know, the movement of freight and the airlines itself. In some cases what works for the company is not necessarily what works or what's best for the individual or our residents. And what I'm getting at here is that those on fixed income, right now, in — within Nunatsiavut, is paying in the excess of \$300 for a 45-minute flight from — I'll use the example, from Postville to Goose Bay, and that's including if you're a beneficiary. Now, is there anything that your company can do to ease this up, to help our elderly people in particular, to get around not that they can get aboard and drive 50, 60, 200 kilometres up the road, the couple of times of the year this is our only means of transportation in and out of our community. The second one, and I'll stop after this, but the second question I would have for you is I guess is when I saw there about the construction and, you know, beneficiaries hired and you want to get training for those beneficiaries, in relation to that I would like to ask the question; do you have a regional inspector for construction work that you do within

Nunatsiavut? Example, housing, housing repair programs, whatever.

Thank you.

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, for your comments, Mr. Sheppard. And yes, Isabella and I are two board members on the Air Borealis board, as you know, we are one third owner in Air Borealis. We do have regular board meetings and this is an item that comes up frequently and we are trying to find ways that we can potentially assist those on fixed incomes with support, so we will bring it back to Air Borealis board and continue that discussion. With regard to inspections, we don't typically have a regional inspector, you know, we have an inspector on staff and it's usually the project manager, but that's something that we can look at doing as well as, that have that separation I guess have you to kind of make sure that we are doing things according to code and things like that, and make sure that things are actually getting completed on time and you know, work sites are clean, the health and safety aspect of it is proper and all that sort of stuff so we can definitely look at that 'cause we don't have a separation or a regional inspector.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, are there any other questions at this time? Okay, seeing none. Mr. Webb, please continue.

MR. WEBB:

Okay, next slide. So these are just some of — I just wanted to show some images of some of the work that our partners have been working on in Voisey's Bay, so you see the raised bore collar, we did that with Timmiak Construction, that's our partner with Bird Construction, Innu-Inuit Redpath were doing the mine portal excavation and that was early on,

obviously its much farther along now, and then ACI Labrador with the main line ventilation. And Timmiak Construction, we own 51 percent of, Innu-Inuit Redpath were partnered with Innu IDLP and we own one third, same with ACI Labrador. And if you just move into the next slide, this is some of our partnerships that we have, right now, to take advantage of some of the big Voisey's Bay mine works. You know, we're partnered with MacLean engineering, they're going to be supplying a lot of EV vehicles mobile support equipment in underground, you know, from EV is Electrical Vehicles as opposed to Diesel, obviously you're underground and the fumes and the things like that, so EV equipment is much more popular. Innu-Inuit Redpath they do the underground mine development, ACI Labrador is all the ventilation, from above ground, in getting clean air in, dirty air out of the underground and that's Howden Ventilations are the main partner there. Timmiak construction obviously our partnership with Bird. We're partnered with Toromont Cat on the diesel generation side. We're partnered with PDI, Innu-Inuit PDI and they do a lot of consumables underground bolting meshing the underground doors, for underground mining. We're partnered with Envest, from a wind energy perspective and Kiewit con Constructors from our huge mechanical electrical perspective, and I already touched base on Integrated Logistics and our relations Nunatsiavut Integrated Logistics. So these are just some of our partners, and if you just move into the next few slides and I already talked about some but these are some of the newly created ones and we're looking at the wind turbine with Innu-Inuit

Envest and it's going to be a small five turbine wind energy producing company for Voisey's Bay. So we're actually in close to finalizing the power purchase agreement with Vale now, construction likely won't potentially happen until 2022-2023. So what we're looking at that, this is one of the newly formed companies that we're working with to bring some renewable energy to Voisey's Bay, to offset some of that diesel generation that they have there now. Another one is a drilling company we've created Innu-Inuit Foraco, so they are a major drilling operation company and we're doing work on — at Voisey's Bay right now with them. We're actually looking at — we've been approached by Mobil 1, next slide, to provide product for lubes, oils, lubricants. Currently — this used to be a different provider, however Vale reached out to Mobil 1 to find a partner and they've reached out to us, to supply this service. So we're in the stage of finalizing an agreement with Mobil 1 and, you know, they have a very good product and have good offering and they're experts in the field and they do have a significant reputation and they're at a lot of other northern mining sites across Canada, and supplying product. So that's kind of gives you a sense of some of our Voisey's Bay activity. Now, I'd like to move onto the next slide and just talk about, you know, in 2020 maybe even in 2019, you know, we started to create the Inuit Development Corporations Association. And essentially what that is, all of the dev corps across the arctic, from the NWTs through Nunavut into — across Nunavik into Nunatsiavut, so in the western arctic we have the Inuvialuit Development Corporation. In Nunavut there's three dev

corps that are represented; you have the Kitikmeot Corporation, and they're in the Kitikmeot region, you have Sakku Investments in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut, and then you have Kitkatla Corp in the Kitkatla area and Nunavik is represented by Makivik. And then Nunatsiavut Group of Companies in Nunatsiavut, so generally — or collectively you know, we generate over \$500-plus million annually in revenue, we hold interests hundred-plus more companies we employ over — well over a thousand Inuit across Inuit *nunangat*. And we created this association, it's almost a PAIL 2.0, but essentially what we want to do is we want to look at any projects that come up across Canada that involve all regions, all Inuit regions. And one example, obviously is Nasittuq, if you could just move to the next slide. And PAIL, Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics Corporation, so what we want to do here is obviously North Warning System, we held the North Warning System contract back a number of years, obviously we lost it to Raytheon, probably about five-years ago, 8-years ago. And we're doing a significant lobbying effort to try and get that back. Obviously, this is one project that is across Inuit *Nunangat* that we want to get back. It's in the hands of an American company right now so we lobbied federal ministers, we lobbied all of our governments and things like that, and I just want to say, thank you to Johannes and his team for stepping up for us, as well as all the other Inuit regions across Canada, 'cause there's no better group to have this and doing this work than all the dev corps across the arctic, and our partner in that is ATCO Structures and Logistics. There are only two bidders for this particular contract right

now, and I know I'm getting into a little of 2021, but it will be us and Raytheon. The doors are closed now, bids have been submitted, so you know, it's in a process now where talks have shut down, but you know, this a project that should be near and dear to our heart and we want to get it back and we want to make sure and we do have a very good financial bid for this and the award will likely happen in early 2022. And we're looking at other projects across the arctic as well, you know, there's going to be a need for modernization of the North Warning System, so we want to be involved with that as well. And, you know, given that we've just gone through a federal election right now, I don't think it really mattered, I think the both — anyone that got into power seeing the North Warning System as a benefit and viewed it that this needs to go ahead, so I don't think we have to worry about the North Warning System coming off the table, so or changes to it. And we currently hold the alert contract and that's in Nunavut, so but we're going to be scanning for any business that all Inuit corps across the arctic can work together on and its association that we're proud to be apart of. Moving along into some of our corporate social responsibilities, I got lots of images here of when we donated shrimp to the community freezers, you know, some of the clean up happening in up in Torngat Mountains, just a celebration of Nunatsiavut day, some of our staff, you know, taking part in, you know, the annual training exercises where we go through our policies and procedures, you know, and some of our — we sponsored for face masks when the pandemic was fresh. So you know, our CSR policy

guides our approach to our health and safety, celebrating our Inuit culture, the environment and assisting local economies and communities. Moving into the next slide, so again, you know, we're transparent we've got nothing to hide and we don't want to hide anything so we create an annual report and we have that, we gave you all a copy, we'll — you got — well Nain, — a few Nain ministers received a copy already an the President but this will be the first, really, release of our annual report and we will post it on our website, for people to view as well. But it's a document that I guess about, I forget what year was the first year we developed it. But it was a report that the Trust really wanted us to develop so that we could get it into the hands of the beneficiaries so that they can understand some of the things that we are doing and it's been evolving over the last number of years, and as you can see, even though it's translated, it's a pretty thick annual report so we're doing a lot of good things and granted we do have, you know, areas that we need to learn and get some additional expertise in but for the most part we're doing a great job and these reports kind of demonstrate that. We also do the newsletters, on a quarterly basis so, you know, typically we would have those stashed in the pockets of the aircraft or on the vessels and posted on our website, well they are posted on our websites, but with Covid, you know, we can't put any documented material in any of the pockets or anything like that so it was a very good reading material for people traveling and things like that but we do get it on social media, our website, for people to access that you know, might not travelling or have

you. But we are — we want to accountable and we want to be transparent.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Excuse me, Mr. Webb, I have question from Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Now Chris I might be behind in the times, and I trying to trust my memory, but I remember I think it was Nunatsiavut Group of Companies had some land up there in Goose Bay, around Tim Hortons and now there's Gears Gains and there's the YMCA and stuff like that, are we — and at the time I think you were almost ostracized for having that land but it must be kind of valuable now especially with, god forbid they're going to doom Gull Island next, but anyway, I'm just wondering do you still own that land or have sold or what's up with that?

MR. WEBB:

I thank you for that question because in this presentation I didn't have Nunak or I didn't have the Café, or I didn't have basecamp, presented here because I wanted to keep it a little bit shorter, nor did I have Goose Bay Capital Corporation on here which is the land you're referring to and Nunak owns that and we were starting to get some positive tractions on Goose Bay Capital and then the pandemic hit. However, there are a number of irons in the fire fight now where there's potential for some good sales and yes, we do still own that land and obviously it would be a great location for a medical housing or hotel.

MS. WOLFREY:

Okay, thank you. I was just wondering what happened to it, 'cause I do remember that people were kind of cross in the way that we invested in that but could be a good investment better than Universal anyway.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Webb, I was just – excuse me — I was just wondering if you could repeat your answer kind of give a recap of your answer, please, to Ms. Wolfrey regarding the land. Thank you.

MR. WEBB: Yes, we do own that land and I'm glad that you brought that question up, and it is an investment and we do have a number of irons in the fire right now for potential sales. And it would be a great place for a hotel slash medical housing unit.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you very much, Mr. Webb. Are there any other questions? Okay — sorry, Mr. Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you I guess coming to an end, I was — in your slide with respect to the fishery, there was mention of a snow crab quota we did not end this — no mention of any crab quota, snow crab quota in this, in your report. I just interested how big is that quota because you did mention that you may enter into talks to with, probably our Department of Lands and Natural Resources, give them an opportunity maybe to buy that quota from you. But I was wondering just how much quota it is and where it is and who currently fishes that quota?

MR. WEBB: Thank you, for the question — I was going to call you minister — Mr. Andersen. It is currently in 2-J south, 188,000 pounds, it's the old Lester Mitchell license and currently as part of our contribution to the Nunatsiavut fishery, the Nunatsiavut Government actually allocates it to fisher people where we don't receive any royalty whatsoever for it that's our contribution back to the fishery, and we have been talking to

Minister Flowers, as well as Deputy Minister Goudie about this Lester Mitchell license that it could revert back to, and the purchase by NG.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Very good, thank you for that, and that's why it's not in here, eh? Yeah okay, thank you Chris. Just one more thing, though, that's — is that I wish that somehow somewhere someday that you'll be able to get some of this off shore shrimp in the box available in some of the communities, so much better than those tasteless processed stuff that we get to buy, and some time we, you know, in the past we were able to buy these very tasty boxes of little shrimp and I feel could like we have — for instance we have beneficiary stores out there owned that them sure would be happy to sell them they're very very popular and, you know, thank you for sending up little bags last fall that was good but it would be good if we could just find a way back to when we could buy a whole box, you know? Anyway, that's something that's all, eh.

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, for that question and comment, and I'll be sure to make sure to get more boxes. Essentially, we sent up 10-pound boxes and the staff at the community freezer baggies them so that there more to give out so, you know, we'll see — I'll see what I can do in terms of getting more shrimp into all the communities.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Webb. We have a question from Mr. Glen Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Chris I just need a little bit of clarification, and back up a bit there. When you talked about some support for the communities, I think I heard something like there's an online application

process and I think I also heard of could be used for sports meet, or some other event in the community. I'll use an example to say a community gathering or something of that nature. So I just wanted to be clear, when I leave here that yes, we can put in an application and this is what it for, here's the criteria. So do it include those things, eh?

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, for the question Mr. Sheppard, and absolutely the form is on the website it'll detail everything that you need to include in your application and we will look at you know, anything related to any community type activities, yep.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Okay, thank you. I now have Ms. Wolfrey with a question.

MS. WOLFREY:

Just a little comment off of Tony's — oh, Mr. Andersen's comment about the shrimp. You know our community freezer in Rigolet, I don't know about anywhere else, but we do have some money we could buy some shrimp if you had some shrimp for sale that we could distribute to the community.

MR. WEBB:

Okay, thank you, for that, we'll definitely, we'll be talking more.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Webb. I now have Mr. Tony Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Yep, I don't have a question but because I asked that about that crab quota and just for the other assembly members, on page 57 of this report, under that heading "supporting local economies through profitable operations" it says, "The single largest contribution is an 81,000-pound snow crab quota that is owned by LICST. The crab fishery is managed by the Nunatsiavut Government, which engages independent

Nunatsiavut [beneficiaries that have independent Nunatsiavut] harvesters to harvest the quota. NGC does not receive any financial benefit from this arrangement. The 2020 value of this quota was \$273,000. The 2019 value was about \$400,000." So I just want to acknowledge that I somehow missed that when I read through the report. And I want to say to the LICST, thank you very much for that. Our fisheries are still so important and our department at every opportunity to jump upon — if we can additional quotas to, you know, our path to building a very sustainable fisher for Nunatsiavut. But I wanted to point that out and say thank you.

MR. WEBB:

I thought it was in there but then I started to draw a blank and I actually got my poundage mixed up with my dollar amount so, you know, I'm glad you caught that. But yeah, no, we want to advance the fishery as much as we can as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Andersen. Are there any other questions? I have Ms. Onalik.

MS. ONALIK:

Hi, thank you so much for providing opportunity to also meet in future for any questions I have. In regards with transparency, I 'm wondering if going into a new strategic plan for five-years is that strategic plan available to Assembly members so we can look back and say okay well these are the target areas and these are the things that were reached. I know you alluded to twice that we're not perfect and nobody is, and you know, there's always areas to improve in regards to the last five-year strategic plan what comes to mind for you in regards to areas where

there could be improvement moving into the new strategic plan. Thank you .

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, for that question, Ms. Onalik. And it's a great one and I think the LICST, certainly NGC will be willing to share our strategic plan once that is developed and finalized for the next five-years. And we actually check in — and now going back to our existing strategic plan, we did check off a lot of the check marks and came up with and developed a lot of individual items that were in our strategy. And now we are at that stage where you know, a lot of the business areas where we wanted to be in, we're in, so now we have to look at the future and see what other opportunities there are, what we need to advance some of those business lines, for example the construction site, and you know, getting into different expertise works and things like that but you know, the future is bright we've got a very good solid foundation now, you know, we've got a good team, from a resource perspective I think there's some areas that we need to add some resources in order to look at some of these opportunities, you know, example adding to our finance team. And we get a lot of stuff come across our table with opportunities and we need a resource that can take that opportunity and do all the financial analysis on all those opportunities and see what the return on investment is, you know, exactly what it is from a financial consideration and, you know, an HR commitment that it would be. You know, I look back at our last five years and we did check off a lot of the boxes and we've got a very good foundation right now. As mentioned, the last

number of years, with the exception of having to close and that's part of your strategy as well, you're not — if we all had a crystal ball to see what business line will work out then, you know, we'd all be in a very good situation right? But unfortunately, we made a couple of decisions where we had to close down a business line or two, but that's part of recognizing that, as a group and a Trust that, you know, okay we're doing the right thing here by doing this. It might not look good in social media and things at times but it's necessary at times as well. Did that answer your question?

MR. BEST:

I just want to give you perhaps the Trust perspective which is exactly where Chris is, you know, *[indiscernible]* somethings. Certainly over the last five-years, it was the intent and vision to have NGC be Inuit led and managed. I think that's what you're hearing today in 2021, that in fact it is. But I think all of us are striving to be the employer of choice for beneficiaries, where in each of your communities, and we want to in fact increase that impact that we're having. And Chris and his team, you saw the employment numbers, are making significant contributions to local economies. We also want to be the partner of choice, we want NGC to be well respected and we talked about the partnerships and this collaborative effort is going to have to continue into the future, it's part of grown, but equally to elected members, we want to be open, transparent, and always reflect Inuit culture and values. And that's what we'll do. And we are in fact going through and completing the strategic plan. We've started it, we'll finish it this fall, and we will certainly share.

But we want to build on the strengths over the last 15 years as a Trust, and 10 years as a Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, certainly having a solid environmental reputation and addressing issues of the past, but also looking after staff, looking after employees, and creating sustainable well paying jobs offering careers and advancement, and that's exactly what the management within NGC is doing and that's something that we as trustees are supporting. So if you look at the key success factors of businesses, those that do well, I would submit that we're hitting the markers in all of the key areas especially the strategic and visionary part, the achievement of results that you heard this afternoon, and very sound operational principles but we're certainly most willing to share that in the months to come. *Nakummek.*

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Best. I now — are you — does that answer your question Susan? Thank you, Ms. Onalik. I now recognize Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

It's not so much a question but I wanted to give a big thank you to NGC for providing shrimp to our community freezer, one near Christmas, and another a donation to the food bank or community freezer. It's very — we're very thankful. Thank you.

MR. WEBB:

Thank you, for that. So I guess just moving right along into the next few slides. We're getting close to the end anyway and we've actually had some discussion on a few later slides, but, you know, we're about reflecting our Inuit culture and language as well so everything that we put is translated. We actually were in Nain at the end of August participating in our LICST meetings and we did have a community visit or

session at the Illusuak Cultural Centre, and a very point was raised, you know, that we didn't have as an LICST, anyone there to translate if anyone needed the translation services. So forward looking we do visit our communities in the future we're going to make sure that we bring along a translator as well if someone participates in any of our that, you know, translation services are there for them.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Excuse me, I'm sorry, Mr. Webb. We just had a question from Mr. Andersen from Makkovik.

MR. WEBB: Oh.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, question's for Chris, for the services on the Kamutik W, do you have or does NGC have any involvement in that, or? No? Not the with the kitchen activities, services? Okay.

MR. WEBB: Unfortunately, anything that's to do with the vessel, kitchen services, schedule, anything related to cost for freight or passenger, we have nothing to do with. We are a shore-based provider where freight and cargo is dropped off and we load and unload the vessel accordingly.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Yeah, I just ask because I had a few questions at home just wondering if that was TSI employees on the ship. So, thank you.

MR. WEBB: No, they're LMI employees, all our employees are on shore-based operations. And they're actually Nunatsiavut Marine employees, TSI just strictly the Voisey's Bay, unless someone works with us on a turn-around where they want to work on their two weeks off.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, are there any questions, any other questions? Seeing none, please continue Mr. Webb, thank you.

MR. WEBB:

Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. And then just getting into the next slide, we kind of already talked about our planning for the future and our strategic plan so I don't think I need to talk anymore about that as we're just kind of developing that as we go, and we're in our last session come October so we'll be putting the final touches on that and ready for roll out in the new year. And then just kind of finally to end, obviously we're committed to health and safety, our environmental footprint and clean up, as I mentioned early on, you know, we've got some dormant companies that have left a legacy so we do something about that legacy that has been left from an environmental impacts perspective. And then we want to promote our beneficiary opportunities as well as pursue new business opportunities as well so, you know, just to close I just want to say thank you, *nakummek*, for the opportunity to participate in this forum. And I'm with you, I want to recycle Nunatsiavut money, whether that's getting contracts from the Government, you know, we're a bidder and we want to work with you we want to partner with you on certain aspects of things. And I know we have to be at arms length away but, you know, any project that comes out we're going to be sure that if we have the capabilities and expertise to do it, we'll be sure to be putting in a bid on it. You know, we did hear some comments from some individuals in Nain and we are a for profit entity and sometimes, you know, it's unfortunate we may step on other Inuit business toes but, you

know, we will try to do things that are bigger in nature or provide if someone is bidding against us or we're bidding against them maybe there's opportunities where we can sub contract some works and things like that to some of the other Inuit businesses that are in the communities. But at the end of the day we are a for profit entity that are bidding on work like everyone else. So I just want to say thank you, for having us today and if anyone else has any additional questions, you know, by all means ask and, you know, I'm a phone call away, if anyone ever wants to chat about anything or just, you know, say "hey what's up."

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Webb, are there any other questions before we — Ms. Kemuksigak.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

I remember several years ago there was talk data storage facilities being built in the north, along Inuit *Nunangat*, have you ever explored any of those options for, you know, employment and income.

MR. WEBB:

We were approached probably three-years ago, you know, if there was opportunity but a chain called Block chain came into — or Block Lab, came into Labrador from Labrador West but for the most part it was almost a buzzword at the time, but there hasn't been any additional data centre interactions with any companies like that since three-years ago. So it's not something that we looked at for the future.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you, Mr. Webb, I now would like to recognize Ms. Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

I don't have question; I got a comment. When I see all the people sitting around the table in your picture there making decisions for us, I got to

say I think our future is in good hands, the brains of Labrador are across that table, the brains of Nunatsiavut, I really think that we've got a — there's a good bunch people there sitting up making decisions and so I hope I haven't got to eat my words but. Anyway it looks awful good, thank you.

MR. WEBB:

I hope that as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you very much. Do you have — I'm sorry, go head Mr. Best.

MR. BEST:

I just want to say, you're absolutely right, the team that Chris has compiled, the depth of the capacity, the management, and certainly I believe amongst the board members as well, all Nunatsiavut beneficiaries absolutely in the service of the communities they serve and I'm very proud to be a part of that board as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER:

Thank you very much, Mr. Best. Are there any other questions today? Mr. Sheppard.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Not a question so much, Madam Chair, I guess but I'd like to thank the people for coming in from LICST, and providing some information to us today, it's a lot of information in a short time but at least we got the report on hard copy to take home with us and also I guess I would like to reinforce the statement that Minister Andersen mentioned about our fishers getting more involved, I guess, in the off shore fishery, and to be able to benefit from some of our natural resources that we have on our doorsteps. It's good to see our own people harvesting off, you know,

whether out of our waters or off the land itself. So I'd just thank you for coming here today.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Sheppard. I have Susan, Ms. Onalik, next.

MS. ONALIK: Thank you, I'm going to save my question for a later day.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Okay, thank you very much. I now have Mr. Barry Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, again Madam Chair, and to the panel and your witnesses here too. I'd like to thank you, now for coming in here. But I have a question and a concern for Deloitte, for Mr. James. Would it be possible to have our community, Makkovik and Inuit Community Government, we're struggling to get our audits done and in order. Is it possible to have a continuous person on your end so that we can deal with rather than deal with a whole bunch of different people coming and going not permitted with our files? Is that possible?

MR. JANES: Yep, thank you for the question we always strive to have continuity where we can and it's difficult when things go as scheduled and therefore continuity kind of breaks down. I would say that myself and Lori Efford are always here to talk to, I think, you know, both of us and we've had many conversations and we're always here to have those conversations and move things along and do provide that continuity as well. I understand from time to time some of the staff members are not the same but we try and make them the same where we can. Overtime sometimes that becomes a little bit more difficult but myself and Lori are always to talk to you about your concerns and move things along as well.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you, are there any — canvas one more time for questions. Seeing none, I would sincerely like to thank the LICST and Mr. Janes, for coming today, presenting to our assembly in the Committee of the Whole. I think it was a very informative session, I think it was obvious to see that there's some wonderful work going on, and I thank you very much for your time to travel to Nunatsiavut and to present to our Assembly, thank you very much. *Nakummek*.

MR. WEBB: Thank you, and thank you for all the talk, much appreciated.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you everybody we are now back into our regular Assembly, I will now ask that we take a 15 minute break for everybody, thank you so much it's 2:45 pm we will meet back at 3:00 pm. Thank you everybody we are back in session at 3:05 pm. We are also back into assembly, I now recognize the Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Roland Saunders.

MR. SAUNDERS: Nakummek Madame Speaker, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation motion number 03-4(10) for as of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is an important date to educate and remind Canadians about the history of residential schools and honor the victims that celebrates survivors, and whereas a Government of Canada has amended the Canada Labor Code to establish the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation has a holiday for federally regulated employees, which includes members of the Nunatsiavut Civil Service, and whereas Elected

Officials policy manual sets out among other things the holidays observed by Nunatsiavut assembly and specifically states that the Nunatsiavut Assembly follow the paid holiday list as per the Nunatsiavut Government and whereas the Member Service Committee is recommending that Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly also observe September 30, and whereas the Nunatsiavut Assembly must approve the amendments that the Elected Official Policy Manual now therefore I move and second by the Ordinary Member for Makkovik, the Honorable John Andersen that the Elected Officials Policy Manual be amended by adding the following day to the list of holidays under Part 3(1) of that Policy Manual National Day for Truth Reconciliation September 30, thank you Madame Speaker.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you Ordinary Member Saunders, the motion is in order, would you like to speak to the motion?

MR. SAUNDERS: No, thank you.

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Does anyone else wish to speak to the motion? Seeing none, does the Member wish to close debate?

MR. SAUNDERS: Yes Madame Speaker I wish to close debate. Thank you

MS. WINTERS-WHEELER: Thank you that concludes the debate, all those in favor of the motion please raise your hand, thank you any opposed, none opposed the motion is carried, we will now move onto item 16 the first reading of bills, there are no first reading of bills, we will move onto item 17 the second reading of bills there are no second reading of bills we will now move onto item number 18 assent to bills there are no assent to bills

today we will now move onto item number 19 adjournment, I would like to sincerely thank everybody today for their time and patience as we still navigate our assembly proceedings through the covid-19 protocols our first and foremost concern is for the health and safety of our communities and our members and I thank everybody for following along with things that may change at the very last minute I sincerely appreciate it I would also sincerely like to thank the LICST for coming to Hopedale presenting to everybody to all of our Deputy Ministers, Directors that helped with the Members, Ministers statements that they put together I think we can all say that the staff that we have on hand are doing a great job, I would also like to thank as well, Mr. Mark Gillette our Director of Legal Services who as graciously maybe stepped up and assisted in the Clerk Role as the Director of Legal Services to assist while we prepare and do our proceedings for the assembly, thank you to Mary Sillett for all of her expertise and communications during sittings and preparation for the assemblies would also like to thank Tabea Onalik who assists the Clerk and myself very much so during these proceedings, any questions or concerns after we adjourn today we can talk to Tabea regarding travel and accommodations I would like to also thank Dawn Rose Winters the Receptionist at the front who does a fun liable job every time we are here, and the drivers we had this week Daniella and Valerie thank you so much, I would like to thank everybody again and we will adjourn now until the week of November 22nd 2021, Nakummek

