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PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

May 20, 2022

In Attendance:

Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Bryan Winters

Deputy Speaker and Ordinary Member for Canada, Honourable Roland Saunders

President of Nunatsiavut, Honourable Johannes Lampe

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

Minister of Lands and Natural Resources and Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Honourable Terry Vincent

Minister of Language, Culture, and Tourism and Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Roxanne Barbour

Minister of Education and Economic Development and Ordinary Member for Rigolet Honourable Melva Williams

Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology and Ordinary Member for Makkovik Honourable Thomas Evans

Ordinary Member for Nain, Honourable Anthony Andersen

Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen

AngajukKâk for Hopedale, Mrs .Marjorie Flowers

AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen

AngajukKâk for Rigolet, Mrs. Charlotte Wolfrey

AngajukKâk for Nain, Mr. Julius Dicker

AngajukKâk for Postville, Mr. Glen Sheppard

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

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

Director of Legal Services, Mr. Mark Gillette

Absent:

Legal Counsel, Ms. Annike Flomen

**The Nunatsiavut Assembly proceedings
were recorded in Inuktitut and English.
May 20, 2022
Assembly commenced at 9:00AM May 20, 2022**

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I would like to call to order the First Session of the Fifth Assembly of Nunatsiavut and ask Marjorie Flowers, the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Agvituk, to say the opening prayer.

MS. FLOWERS: [Recites prayer]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Marjorie. [Speaks in Inuktitut.] Jim worked for the Provincial stores for many years, served as the Executive Director on two occasions for the Labrador Inuit Association prior to the transition to the Nunatsiavut Government at which time he worked as a Budget Analyst. He was a justice of the peace, Postmaster and an active member of his community. In 1998 he was appointed by the Government of Newfoundland to serve on the North Coast Transportation Committee. And in 2006 was appointed to the Ministers Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. Jim served two terms as the Mayor of Nain and one term as a councillor. In 2008, he was successful in becoming the first elected President of Nunatsiavut, a position he held until 2012 and played a key role in many of the successes we have achieved as a Government. In 2017 Jim was acclaimed as Ordinary Member for Nain and was successful in winning a seat in the 2018 General Election. Since then, as you know, Mr. Speaker, excuse me, he served as the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. Jim passed away just hours after his wife

Jean, a tremendous loss for the family and for those of us who were fortunate enough to have known them. I think it would only be fitting if we, as Assembly all stood for a moment of silence to honour Jim and Jean at this time.

[Silence]

[Speaks in Inuttitut.]

The Committee also includes as permanent participants, the Presidents of Inuit Circumpolar Council Canada, the National Inuit Youth Council and Pauktuutit Inuit Woman of Canada. Prime Minister Trudeau and Natan Obed co-chaired last month's meeting which also saw participation from several Federal Cabinet Ministers and elected Inuit leadership from each of the four Inuit regions during the meeting. We endorsed the new and historic Inuit Nunangat Policy. It was time the Government of Canada has co-developed an overarching Whole-of Government policy of this nature. The Inuit Nunangat Policy recognizes Inuit Nunangat, the Inuit homeland, as a distinct geographic, cultural and political region encompassing the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Nunavut, Nunavik and Nunatsiavut. The policy is inclusive of urban areas where Inuit reside. It will help guide the design, development and delivery of our new or renewed Federal policies, programs, services and initiatives that apply in Inuit Nunangat or benefit Inuit. The Government of Canada is committing a total of \$25 million over five years for the implementation of the Inuit Nunangat Policy. This includes \$20 million for projects to accelerate policy implementation in line with Inuit priorities. The Government of Canada

and Inuit will continue to work together to implement the policy through a strategic coordinated and Whole-of Government approach. During the meeting the Prime Minister President Obed and Committee Members also discussed proposed Budget 2022 investments and linkages to ICPC Priority Areas, in particular, a new investment of \$845 million over seven years in housing support across Inuit Nunangat. Inuit leadership and Ministers also endorsed several new priority areas of work including International Inuit Priorities, Monitoring, Evaluation and learning as well as sovereignty, defense and security. The endorsement of the Inuit Nunangat Policy is an important step towards supporting Inuit self determination and ensuring meaningful Inuit-led solutions to the distinct issues faced by Inuit. In conclusion, I want to once again welcome you all to Agvituk Hopedale and to the Assembly. I look forward to working with all Members and to going through the process of electing a First Minister as well as appointing a new Executive Council and selecting a Speaker.

Nakummek. I would like to welcome those in the gallery today and thank them for their interest in the Nunatsiavut Assembly. For the information of the Assembly, the pages are Hayley Flowers, and Kennedy Winters. The interpreter translators are Gus Semigak and Katie Winters. The Information Technologist staff helping out for this Assembly is Ches Evans. As well, we would like to recognize OKâlaKatiget Society staff Arlene Ikkusek. If there are any questions around travel and logistics please see Tabea Onalik. Please note that your briefing books contain the Standing Orders, the Elected Officials Policies, the Members

Handbook and the Deeds of the Inuit Trusts. We suggest that you keep these as reference documents. The Standing Orders are the rules of the Assembly procedures. And they are being used at every Assembly sitting. I will call individual Members to approach the front as I administer the Oath of Office in alphabetical order. And I would seek consent from the Assembly of Dawn Winters taking photographs of the Assembly Members while we do the Oath of Office. All "Yays"? Any "Nays"? Okay.

Nakummek. And these are the elected Members that I will call to the front. The list is Anthony Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain, Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain, Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Terry Vincent, Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet, and Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency. There are no nominations during the General Election for Ordinary Member for Postville. As a result, that seat is now vacant, and I will be ordering a by-election for that constituency. So we will now proceed with the Oath of Office for the elected Members responsible for their communities. And I will first call upon Anthony Andersen, Ordinary Member for Nain. Repeat after me, Anthony. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

In the presence of...

[audio cuts out]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...at the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

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

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I, Anthony Andersen...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: I, Anthony Andersen...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

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

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...that I will be faithful...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to the Inuit and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and uphold...

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville. Repeat after me, Wally. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and in full realization of the high calling...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...I assume, as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and that the powers of entrusted to me...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Wally Andersen...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...I, Wally Andersen...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and uphold...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.
Repeat after me, Gerald. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Gerald Asivak...

MR. ASIVAK: ...I, Gerald Asivak...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. ASIVAK: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. ASIVAK: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. ASIVAK: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. ASIVAK: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and uphold...

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit Laws.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. ASIVAK: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. ASIVAK: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. ASIVAK: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. ASIVAK: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain.

[Administers the Oath of Office in Inuttitut]

MS. BARBOUR: [Takes the Oath of Office in Inuttitut]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Roxanne Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik. Repeat after me, Thomas. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. EVANS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. EVANS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Thomas Evans...

MR. EVANS: ...I, Thomas Evans...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. EVANS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. EVANS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. EVANS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. EVANS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. EVANS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. EVANS: ...respect...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. EVANS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. EVANS: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. EVANS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. EVANS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. EVANS: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. EVANS: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. EVANS: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Thomas Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

[Applause]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. SAUNDERS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Roland Saunders...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...I, Roland Saunders...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...solemnly affirm...

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

MR. SAUNDERS: ...that I will be faithful...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the Inuit...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...respect...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. SAUNDERS: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...and to perform my functions...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. SAUNDERS: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Terry Vincent, Ordinary Member for Hopedale. Terry, repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. VINCENT: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. VINCENT: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I, Terry Vincent...

MR. VINCENT: I, Terry Vincent...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. VINCENT: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. VINCENT: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. VINCENT: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. VINCENT: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. VINCENT: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. VINCENT: ...respect...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. VINCENT: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. VINCENT: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. VINCENT: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. VINCENT: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. VINCENT: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. VINCENT: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. VINCENT: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Terry Vincent, Ordinary Member of Hopedale.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet. Repeat after me. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Melva Williams...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...I, Melva Williams...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...respect...

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

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and uphold the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MS. WILLIAMS: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and to perform my functions...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Melva Williams, Ordinary Member for Rigolet.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for the Canadian
Constituency. Bryan, repeat after me. In the presence of everyone
assembled here...

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. WINTERS: ...and that the powers entrusted to me...

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

MR. WINTERS: ...are for the benefit of all Labrador Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Bryan Winters...

MR. WINTERS: ...I, Bryan Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. WINTERS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. WINTERS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

MR. WINTERS: ...that I will be faithful to the Inuit...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

MR. WINTERS: ...and to Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and will obey...

MR. WINTERS: ...and will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. WINTERS: ...respect...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and all Inuit laws.

MR. WINTERS: ...and all Inuit laws.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly promise...

MR. WINTERS: And I solemnly promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. WINTERS: ...to fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. WINTERS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to perform my functions...

MR. WINTERS: ...and to perform my functions...

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

MR. WINTERS: ...as a Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. WINTERS: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Bryan Winters, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: We will now proceed as a Committee of the Whole for the selection and appointment of the First Minister. There is a process we will follow to select the First Minister. I will ask if there any nominations for First Minister? If you wish to make a nomination, please raise your hand and wait until I recognize you before you speak. Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency.

MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to nominate Tony Andersen for First Minister.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Roland Saunders, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency nominates Anthony Andersen for the position of First Minister. Anthony Andersen, do you accept the nomination?

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I do accept, and I thank the Member from Canada, Roland Saunders for the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek.* I will once again ask the Assembly if there are any other nominations for the position of First Minister? The Chair for Sivunivut, Maxene Winters.

MS. WINTERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to nominate the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Maxene Winters, Chair for Sivunivut nominates Gerald Asivak for the position of First Minister. Gerald Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, do you accept the nomination?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, President Lampe and Chairperson Winters for the nomination. I decline the nomination. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Mr. Asivak, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville and Maxene Winters Chair for Sivunivut for the nomination. Are there any other nominations for the position of First Minister?

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Mr. President, I think it's the procedure that I move that the nominations cease.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville moves that the nominations cease. All those in favour? *Nakummek*. Anthony Andersen has been acclaimed as First Minister of the Executive Council and the Assembly and congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Repeat after me Mr. Andersen. In the presence of everyone assembled here...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: In the presence of everyone assembled here...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Anthony Andersen...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...I, Anthony Andersen...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...affirm...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...affirm...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the Inuit of Labrador.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...observe...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...observe...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...uphold...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...uphold...

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

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and maintain the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and Inuit law...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...and Inuit law...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect the standing orders...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...respect the standing orders...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...hold my office as First Minister...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...hold my office as First Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...with honour and dignity...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...be a true and faithful counsellor...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to be a true and faithful counsellor...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the President of Nunatsiavut...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to the President of Nunatsiavut...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...fulfill my responsibilities as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable ethical standards and *Codes of Conduct*. With all applicable ethical standards...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...with all applicable ethical standards and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And perform the functions...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: And perform the functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of my office, conscientiously...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...of my office, conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the best of my ability...

MR. A. ANDERSEN: ...to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to the Nunatsiavut Assembly, the First Minister of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations to all the Ordinary Members who are sworn in to responsibilities to serve Labrador Inuit, and also, too, the election of the First Minister to serve Nunatsiavut Assembly. Congratulations. Now that the First Minister is in place, he will nominate other Ordinary Members to the office of Minister of the various departments of the Nunatsiavut Government. Before doing so, we will take a break and lunch is ready and we will allow the Minister to consider appointments to various departments and we will reconvene at one o'clock. We break till one o'clock. *Nakummek*. And we are off the Committee of the Whole.

[Recess]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I want to ask the First Minister, Mr. Anthony Andersen to nominate Ministers, naming the person and the portfolio for which they are nominated. After each nomination, I will ask the Assembly has consensus to approve the appointment. If there is no consensus, then a voting process will be held on whether a nominee will be accepted. *Nakummek*.
First Minister.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. For the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, and as the Nunatsiavut Treasurer, I nominate Thomas Evans, the Ordinary Member for Makkovik.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member Thomas Evans for the constituency of Makkovik accept the nomination?

MR. EVANS: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and First Minister. I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, Thomas Evans. Ordinary Member for the constituency of Makkovik. Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Thomas Evans to the position of Finance, Information Technology, Human Resources, the Ordinary Member and Nunatsiavut Treasurer? The Assembly has consensus on the question. Congratulations Thomas Evans.

[Applause]

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. For Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, I nominate Terry Vincent Ordinary Member for Hopedale.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Hopedale, Agvituk, Terry Vincent accept the nomination?

MR. VINCENT: Thank you, Mr. President and First Minister. I accept this position.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And at the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Terry Vincent the Ordinary Member for Agvituk, Hopedale, as the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources. The Assembly has consensus. Congratulations Terry Vincent.

[Applause]

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. For the Minister of Health and Social Development, I nominate the Ironman from the last Assembly, the only Minister to hold his portfolio for four years, the Ordinary Member for the constituency of Upper Lake Melville, Gerald Asivak.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak accept the nomination?

MR. ASIVAK: Thank you, Mr. President and First Minister Andersen. I proudly accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Gerald Asivak, the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville as the Minister of Health and Social Development? The Assembly has consensus. Congratulations, Mr. Asivak.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism, I nominate Roxanne Barbour, the Ordinary Member for the constituency of Nain.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Nain Roxanne Barbour accept the nomination?

MS. BARBOUR: *Nakummek*, Mr. President and First Minister. I accept your nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Roxanne Barbour, the Ordinary Member for Nain as the Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism? The Assembly has consensus. Congratulations.

MR. A. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. For the Minister of Education and Economic Development, I nominate Melva Williams, the Ordinary Member for the constituency of Rigolet.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: *Nakummek*, First Minister. Does the Ordinary Member of Rigolet, Melva Williams, accept the nomination?

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President, First Minister. I accept the nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Is it the consensus of the Assembly to appoint Melva Williams, the Ordinary Member for Rigolet as the Minister of Education and Economic Development? The Assembly has consensus. Congratulations. *Nakummek*, First Minister for the nominations for the various Ministers. Given the approval of each of the nominees by the Assembly, I appoint each of the nominees and will now administer the Oath of Office of the Ministers. I will first call upon the Minister of Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, Mr. Thomas Evans. Thomas Evans, repeat after me. I, Thomas Evans...

MR. EVANS: I, Thomas Evans...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. EVANS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. EVANS: ...solemnly affirm...

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

MR. EVANS: ...that I will be faithful...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to Nunatsiavut...

MR. EVANS: ...to Nunatsiavut...

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

MR. EVANS: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. EVANS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. EVANS: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. EVANS: ...respect...

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

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

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

MR. EVANS: ...all Inuit laws...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office...

MR. EVANS: I will hold my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as Minister...

MR. EVANS: ...as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour...

MR. EVANS: ...with honour...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and dignity.

MR. EVANS: ...and dignity.

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

MR. EVANS: I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the President.

MR. EVANS: ...to the President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly...

MR. EVANS: I will not divulge directly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...or indirectly...

MR. EVANS: ...or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter...

MR. EVANS: ...any secret matter...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...entrusted to me.

MR. EVANS: ...entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. EVANS: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. EVANS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance...

MR. EVANS: ...in accordance...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with all applicable standards...

MR. EVANS: ...with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

MR. EVANS: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform the functions...

MR. EVANS: I will perform the functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of my office...

MR. EVANS: ...of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. EVANS: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MR. EVANS: ...and to the best of my abilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...so help me God.

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, the new Minister of Finance, Information Technology,
Mr. Thomas Evans.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Hopedale, Mr. Terry Vincent to the Oath of Office of the Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.

Repeat after me. I, Terry Vincent...

MR. VINCENT: I, Terry Vincent...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. VINCENT: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. VINCENT: ...solemnly affirm...

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

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

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

MR. VINCENT: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. VINCENT: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. VINCENT: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. VINCENT: ...respect...

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

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

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

MR. VINCENT: ...all Inuit laws...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office...

MR. VINCENT: I will hold my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as Minister...

MR. VINCENT: ...as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity.

MR. VINCENT: ...with honour and dignity.

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

MR. VINCENT: I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the President.

MR. VINCENT: ...to the President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly...

MR. VINCENT: I will not divulge directly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...or indirectly...

MR. VINCENT: ...or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

MR. VINCENT: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities.

MR. VINCENT: I will fulfill my responsibilities.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader, in accordance...

MR. VINCENT: ...as a leader in accordance...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with all applicable standards...

MR. VINCENT: ...with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

MR. VINCENT: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform...

MR. VINCENT: And I will perform...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the functions...

MR. VINCENT: ...the functions...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of my office...

MR. VINCENT: ...of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. VINCENT: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MR. VINCENT: ...and to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, the Ordinary Member of Arvertok Hopedale, Mr. Terry Vincent as the new Minister of Lands and Natural Resources.
Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Gerald Asivak for the Oath of Office of the Minister of Health and Social Development. Repeat after me. I, Gerald Asivak...

MR. ASIVAK: I, Gerald Asivak...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. ASIVAK: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. ASIVAK: ...solemnly affirm...

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

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

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MR. ASIVAK: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MR. ASIVAK: ...respect...

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

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

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

MR. ASIVAK: ...all Inuit laws...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will hold my office...

MR. ASIVAK: I will hold my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as Minister...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour and dignity.

MR. ASIVAK: ...with honour and dignity.

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

MR. ASIVAK: I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to the President.

MR. ASIVAK: ...to the President.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will not divulge directly...

MR. ASIVAK: I will not divulge directly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...or indirectly...

MR. ASIVAK: ...or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

MR. ASIVAK: ...any secret matter entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

MR. ASIVAK: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MR. ASIVAK: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable standards.

MR. ASIVAK: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform...

MR. ASIVAK: And I will perform...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the functions of my office...

MR. ASIVAK: ...the functions of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MR. ASIVAK: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability.

MR. ASIVAK: ...and to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you the Ordinary Member of Upper Lake Melville, the Ironman, Gerald Asivak as the continuing Minister of Health and Social Development. Congratulations. I now call upon the Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour for the Oath of Office for the Department of Language, Culture and Tourism. [Administers the Oath of Office in Inuttitut]

MS. BARBOUR: [Takes the Oath of Office in Inuttitut]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you the Ordinary Member for Nain, Roxanne Barbour as the new Minister of Language, Culture and Tourism. (Audio cuts out) of Education, Economic Development. I, Melva Williams...

MS. WILLIAMS: I, Melva Williams...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...solemnly affirm...

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

MS. WILLIAMS: ...that I will be faithful...

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

MS. WILLIAMS: ...to Nunatsiavut and the Inuit of Labrador...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will obey...

MS. WILLIAMS: I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...respect...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...respect...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and uphold...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and uphold...

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

MS. WILLIAMS: ...the *Labrador Inuit Constitution*...

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

MS. WILLIAMS: ...all Inuit laws...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and the Standing Orders...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

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

MS. WILLIAMS: I will hold my office as Minister...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with honour...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...with honour...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and dignity.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and dignity.

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

MS. WILLIAMS: I will be a true and faithful counsellor...

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MS. WILLIAMS: I will not divulge directly...

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MS. WILLIAMS: ...or indirectly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...any secret matter...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...any secret matter...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...entrusted to me.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...entrusted to me.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

MS. WILLIAMS: I will fulfill my responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...as a leader...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...as a leader...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...in accordance with all applicable standards...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and *Codes of Conduct*.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I will perform...

MS. WILLIAMS: And I will perform...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the functions of my office...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...the functions of my office...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...conscientiously...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...conscientiously...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and to the best of my ability...

MS. WILLIAMS: ...and to the best of my ability...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you the Ordinary Member of Rigolet, Melva Williams, as the new Minister of Education and Economic Development. Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: Congratulations to all of the new Ministers. And I look forward to working with you all in the Executive Council. We'll move on to Item seven which is, "Selection of Speaker." As President, it is my duty to nominate an Ordinary Member as Speaker. I wish to nominate for approval of the Assembly of the Ordinary Member for Canadian Constituency, Mr. Bryan Winters as Speaker of the Assembly. Mr. Bryan Winters, do you accept the nomination?

MR. WINTERS: Mr. President, it is with great honour that I accept this nomination.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: The Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency accepts the nomination as Speaker. Do I have consensus of the Assembly in this nomination? The Assembly has consensus. Therefore I am pleased to confirm that the Assembly has elected Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Bryan Winters as Speaker. I will now ask the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Mr. Bryan Winters for the Oath of Office of Speaker. Repeat after me. In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: In the presence of the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and in full realization of the responsibilities...

MR. WINTERS: ...and in full realization of the responsibilities...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that have been entrusted to me...

MR. WINTERS: ...that have been entrusted to me...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...by the Members of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...I, Bryan Winters...

MR. WINTERS: ...I, Bryan Winters...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...swear...

MR. WINTERS: ...swear...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...solemnly affirm...

MR. WINTERS: ...solemnly affirm...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...that I will obey...

MR. WINTERS: ...that I will obey...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...observe...

MR. WINTERS: ...observe...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...uphold...

MR. WINTERS: ...uphold...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and maintain...

MR. WINTERS: ...and maintain...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...the rights and privileges...

MR. WINTERS: ...the rights and privileges...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and the Standing Orders...

MR. WINTERS: ...and the Standing Orders...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

MR. WINTERS: ...and procedures of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

PRESIDENT LAMPE: And I solemnly and sincerely promise...

MR. WINTERS: And I solemnly and sincerely promise...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to represent...

MR. WINTERS: ...to represent...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...and speak for the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with integrity...

MR. WINTERS: ...with integrity...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and honour...

MR. WINTERS: ...and honour...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to preside...

MR. WINTERS: ...to preside...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...over the business...

MR. WINTERS: ...over the business...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and enforce the rules...

MR. WINTERS: ...and enforce the rules...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and procedures...

MR. WINTERS: ...and procedures...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...with independence...

MR. WINTERS: ...with independence...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...fairness...

MR. WINTERS: ...fairness...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...impartiality...

MR. WINTERS: ...impartiality...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...patience...

MR. WINTERS: ...patience...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and understanding...

MR. WINTERS: ...and understanding...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and...

MR. WINTERS: ...and...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...to promote the efficient operation...

MR. WINTERS: ...to promote the efficient operation...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Nunatsiavut Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...and prevent the obstruction...

MR. WINTERS: ...and prevent the obstruction...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...or frustration...

MR. WINTERS: ...or frustration...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...of the Assembly...

MR. WINTERS: ...of the Assembly...

PRESIDENT LAMPE: ...in the conduct of its business...

MR. WINTERS: ...in the conduct of its business...

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

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

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I present to you, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency, Bryan Winters as the new Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.

Congratulations.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT LAMPE: I would like to, once again, on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Government, congratulate those Members who have taken on the positions of First Minister, Ministers and Speaker. I very much look forward to working with each of you in the years ahead. I now hand over the Chair to the Speaker, to continue with Assembly business. The Ordinary Member for Canada, Mr. Bryan Winters.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Honourable President. It is an honour for me to have been appointed as Speaker of the Assembly and I can assure you, I will do my very best to ensure that the Assembly business is conducted in accordance with our Standing Orders and procedures so that all Members may participate fully in the proceedings, as you represent your constituencies. I have a number of new duties when a new Assembly is elected, and among those are, the appointment of a Deputy Speaker, the appointment of the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures which also serves as the Assembly's Striking Committee who recommend appointments to the Assembly to other Standing or Special Committees.

In addition, in accordance with Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the appointment of the Members Service Committee whose membership is comprised of all those Ordinary Members who are not Members of the Executive Council, with the Speaker being the Chair. In order to make these initial appointments, I will direct that we now adjourn for 30 minutes to allow me to consider the appointments that must be made.

[Recess]

MR. WINTERS:

Under Section 23 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, it is my privilege to ask Roland Saunders, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency if they are willing to accept a nomination to the position of Deputy Speaker for the duration of the 5th Assembly?

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I gladly accept the position. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Thank you, Roland Saunders, the Ordinary Member for the Canadian Constituency is appointed the Deputy Speaker of the Nunatsiavut Assembly. We now move on to Item Nine, "Appointments to Standing Committees." As per Section 78 of the *Nunatsiavut Assembly Act*, the Members Services Committee is made up of those Ordinary Members who do not sit on the Nunatsiavut Executive Council and is chaired by the Speaker. Therefore, the Members are Wally Andersen, Ordinary Member Upper Lake Melville, as well as Roland Saunders, Ordinary Member Canadian Constituency. As the Membership of this Committee is established by law, the Assembly does not need to approve them.

Regarding the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, under Standing Orders 64 and...

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Good morning, Mr. Speaker, does the Member have the right to refuse if they sit on the Committee or not?

MR. WINTERS: I'm sorry, can you say that again? I misheard you.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: I asked a question. You appointed me to a Committee, Ordinary Member, do I have the right to refuse or not?

MR. WINTERS: You do not. The appointment is anyone who is not the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, sits on the Members Services Committee.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That being the case, I will say to you and the Deputy Speaker, in the words of Jean Chretien, my buddy, fasten your seatbelt. There's gonna be one hell of a ride.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek.* Thank you, Wally. On to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures, under Standing Orders 64 and 65, I, as Speaker, am required to nominate Members to sit on the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures. I am therefore, making a recommendation that the Membership Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures be as follows: Ordinary Member of the Canadian Constituency, Roland Saunders, AngajukKâk of Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers, Chairperson of the Sivunivut Corporation, Maxene Winters, Director of Legal Services, Mark Gillette. I ask the Assembly if there is unanimous consent these persons to the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures? Any opposed? Seeing none, thank you. *Nakummek.* The Standing Committee on Rules

and Procedures is now set. Regarding the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol, as the Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures will need to meet to determine membership of the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol, I recommend that the Assembly to give unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 64(1) to defer the appointment of Members to the Standing on Committee on Drugs and Alcohol, to the next sitting of the Assembly. Is there unanimous consent? Any opposed? Seeing none, thank you. The Standing Committee on Rules and Procedures will meet and recommend names to sit on the Standing Committee on Drugs and Alcohol at the September sitting. Regarding Item 10, "Adjournment", before we conclude, the Assembly has developed the practice to permit some brief remarks by Members for whom this is their last sitting before the next election for their seats. In this case, it would be the AngajukKâk and Corporation Chairs. To do so, I recommend that the Assembly give unanimous consent to allow any AngajukKâk or Corporation chair to make some brief remarks. Is there unanimous consent? Any opposed? Seeing none, thank you, there is unanimous consent. Does any AngajukKâk or Corporation Chair wish to make some brief remarks? We'll start with Ms. Charlotte Wolfrey.

MS. WOLFREY:

Nakummek, Mr. Chair. First, I would really like to congratulate all of the new Ministers. I think that the choices were really good and I'm looking forward for working with you for a brief time. I'm going to say, and I've got to thank the people of Rigolet for having faith in me for electing me as their AngajukKâk. This is the second time around for me and it is-, I'm

going to retire after this. I'm going to say something to the Assembly Members that I don't want forgotten. My life has been really devoted to making a safer place for women and children, to make sure that we make spaces and places for people who have-, who need help and assistance in some kind of a way. And I know that there's two women on the Executive Committee and I think that they'll do good and move forward the voices that need to be heard of women. It's not stuff that's always talked about. I won't go into detail, but I really want to make sure that-, and I know that this is left in good hands. I'm really happy to see some young people coming forward to offer themselves as candidates to sit on our Assembly. I was on Labrador Inuit Association and part of some of the people that formed this organization, that moved us towards this Government. And the objective was to make life better for Labrador Inuit and I want everybody to remember that. I'm speaking without any notes, so I'm not going to go on and on like I could. And the last thing I want to say is to the community of Nain. I offer my condolences on the passing of Jim and Jean. Jim was a-, it's a big loss. Jim was a very, very well-respected and good leader. So we're all going to miss him. And like Johannes said in his opening statement, he reminded us a lot about our mission here. And I want us not to forget that it's to make life better for Labrador Inuit, no matter where they live. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, everybody.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Wolfrey. I also saw the hand up of Ms. Patricia Kemuksigak, Chairperson of NunaKatiget Corporation, when you're ready.

MS. KEMUKSIGAK:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to congratulate the new Members of the Executive Council and I like Charlotte am so glad to see two women in the cabinet and a young woman as well. And I know you're going to do wonderful and make good decisions for the benefit of our beneficiaries. I'd like to thank the Nunatsiavut beneficiaries in Mud Lake and Happy Valley who voted for me as Chairperson. And I'd like to thank Debbie Hines, our only employee Community Freezer Coordinator for all her work in the last almost four years. And I wish everyone the best. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Kemuksigak. Okay. Thank you, Joe, Mr. Joe Dicker, AngajukKâk for Nain. Go ahead when you're ready.

MR. DICKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm not going to say that my past accomplishments 'cause I'm going to run again. I just want to congratulate the new Members, the new Members of the Executive. It's a new phase, new ideas and hopefully new vision of where, how we can what we want done. I see it's going to be an interesting four years even though we've got a few months left there before we run again, and we don't know if we will join you in those four years. But I'm looking forward, as I remain here for the next few months anyway, and I wish you all the best. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Thank you, Mr. Dicker. *Nakummek*. I saw that AngajukKâk from Postville, Glenn had his hand up? When you're ready, sir.

MR. SHEPPARD:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and congratulations again. It's good to see some of the old schoolboys sitting around the table again and it's also good to see some new elected blood around our table as well. When I heard the question if we wanted to make a comment or say a few words in relation to maybe this is our last sitting for some who decide not to run in the September election, as for me, I'm not sure. Mr. Speaker, at one time I sat across the table where some of those Ministers sit. It's not an easy task, and I'd like to give you some advice. You'll never, never come to the point of satisfying every single soul within Nunatsiavut. That's impossible. You can only do your best and your best is to serve the people of Nunatsiavut. The *Constitutions* do state that the purpose of the Government is for the people, is for the betterment of the people, the livelihoods of our people within Nunatsiavut, the *Land Claims Agreement Area*, Upper Lake Melville and the Canadian Constituency. Mr. Speaker, I have to say, this is almost four years now for myself, since 2018. Like I said, I've been around the table in earlier times. It's been a learning experience. I'm still learning. I've learned something today that I didn't know. So you know, as we go, we learn. I like to say to my colleagues, many times we touch base day-to-day on issues arising within our communities and we have to deal with it head-on. There's no walking away and hiding out in the corner. I'd like to say to my community of Postville, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be

able to stand in this house, to be able to walk out in public and to represent you at the best of my ability. The mandate that was given to me when I ran for office for Postville, we want you to represent us the best you can, no promises. I did that to the best of my ability, and I will do it until the end of my term. I could go on and on, Mr. Speaker, but I'd like to say, finally, to the community of Nain, there has been a great loss. There has been a great loss over the last few days and my heart-felt sympathy and condolences go out to that community. We saw, not long ago, one of our Ministers who's gone on before us and that Minister was Jim Lyall. He did a lot of work in Postville, believe it or not. He managed the Government Store in our community for years and years, he and his wife who lived there. So Mr. Speaker, I'll stop there. I know there's others around the table who would like to say a few words. But again, congratulations and to the young girl from Nain, I really appreciate and enjoy you in your Inuttitut language taking your Oath of Office. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Sheppard. Up next, AngajukKâk Hopedale, Marjorie Flowers, when you're ready.

MS. FLOWERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too want to congratulate the Ministers who were appointed today and to the newly elected Members, I think it's one of the greatest accomplishments that you can do is to run for our Government. This is what our people worked for. All these you see on the walls who've gone before us and worked hard to get where we are today. So-, and I am so delighted to see women here, young women and

to be appointed as Ministers. I know that you will do well and I'm very proud. This is my second term and I absolutely enjoyed it to the fullest (inaudible) my heart. And I will run again. For a while I was very tired, and I said, no, I'm not going to, but if we don't take a stand in our communities and if we sit and do nothing, then nothing happens. And so I will run again in September and until then I will do my utmost to continue the work that I started, and I hope that I'll have it finished before September. And I just wanted to thank the people of Hopedale who had the confidence to vote for me. I'm very happy and proud to be the AngajukKâk for Hopedale and it's my absolute pleasure to work with the Members who didn't run again with this Government. And to the new ones, I look forward to working with you, hopefully longer than September. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Marjorie. Up next let's have the AngajukKâk for Makkovik, Mr. Barry Andersen. Go ahead when you're ready, sir.

MR. B. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Congratulations on your appointment as Speaker of this Assembly. To Mr. Roland Saunders, for his appointment as Deputy Speaker, and to all the Ministers on your appointments, congratulations to all of you. And Roxanne, I don't mean any disrespect, but I think she's the youngest person in this Chamber and congratulations to your appointment, especially to a Minister, let alone being elected from your community. The confidence shown in you is going to be much expected of us all. So I'd like to thank the other Members who put forward their names to run for elected office, especially for my

community. In the past it was John Andersen who served for two years, Kate Mitchell who put her name forward this time at the discretion of the President. Thank you, very much, Mr. President for that. Also congratulations to the Ordinary Member for Makkovik on his election. He gained confidence of the people and his appointment as well to his Minister position. So congratulations, Tom, on behalf of MICG and staff and the people. And also, I'd be remiss if I didn't say anything about Charlotte. I'd probably be slapped upside the head if I went out of here. Charlotte's been around like she just mentioned. She doesn't really need any bio or whatever on her work around Labrador. She's been here since I can remember, anyway, not aging you, but the work she's done, not just for the Nunatsiavut Government but for generally, the welfare of a lot of people and especially policing on the North Coast of Labrador. I know Postville is still waiting on their police, but a lot of policing for Makkovik, Rigolet area, especially, wouldn't have come about without a lot of advocacy or advocacy work from Charlotte and her organizations that represented so strongly within Labrador. I'm sorry if my voice is petering off again but that happens to me. When I speak, I usually drop off but again, congratulations to all you elected officials. I've been thinking strongly about running again in September and it's pretty much a given. And we're hoping that some other people will step forward to take up the challenge as well. And again, to Marlene, all those who put their name forward, congratulations for the effort. I know that there was

something else. I didn't write it down. But I'll stop there now, Mr. Speaker and...

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Andersen. And last but certainly not least, the Chairperson for the Sivunivut corporation, Maxene Winters, when you're ready, Max.

MS. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker and I'd like to congratulate you and to everybody else here on their recent election. I'd also like to thank everyone who is not here from the previous Ordinary Members. I learned a lot from everybody and I'm sure the new people here will learn a lot from everybody here at the table. I would like to also thank my constituents in Northwest and Sheshatshiu for their trust in me over the last three-plus years. Who knows what the future holds? So we'll see. I would also like to pass along my condolences about Mr. Lyall to the community of Nain and of course, to the birthday boy, the ironman, Mr. Gerald Asivak and to Wally Andersen, I look forward to working with you until September and Patricia as well. Good luck to my fellow AngajukKâks who will be seeking re-election and Patricia as well, if she does or not. And thank you, very much.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Winters. I would like to congratulate all of the newly elected and appointed Ordinary Members and Ministers. I wish you well as we begin our work together during the 5th Assembly. Given that time is on our side, we've got a couple of hours before the flight leaves for Nain, I would like to open the floor if consent is given for some brief remarks for any of the newly elected Members who would like to say

something. Can I have consent? Any opposed? Seeing none, would any of the new Members like to speak? Ms. Barbour, Ordinary Member for Nain.

MS. BARBOUR:

Nakummek, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to reply to various comments about being the youngest one here. You can still say that I'm a youth. I'm still considered a youth between the ages of 13 and 30. So I just wanted to say that and thank you. I look forward to working with all of you and learning with all of you together and continue to advance the goals of our Government, you know, continue to advance the standard of living for our Inukatik in Nunatsiavut and Canada. And again, thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving us this opportunity to say something. I just wanted to acknowledge my Atatsiak. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here. So he's long gone now, but, you know, I carry him with me every day. And thanks. I'm honoured to be here. *Nakku*.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Barbour. Would any of the other new Members like to speak? Ordinary Member for Rigolet, Ms. Williams, when you're ready.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to pass along the appreciation for Carlene Palliser who was the Ordinary Member for Rigolet and who has since moved on to a different role. Her efforts for our community were very welcome. I'd like to also pass along my congratulations and thanks to my running-mate, Kevin Pottle who ran in the election and thank him for standing for our community and putting his voice forward. Also, for-, I'd like to pass along my appreciation to Charlotte Wolfrey. Tireless efforts for our community has seen many great pieces of work in the

community of Rigolet, Charlotte. You will be missed at the RICG and thank you, very much. I'd like to pass along my thanks and appreciation to the community of Rigolet for having faith in me to vote me into this place. I appreciate their confidence and I hope that I can live up to what they've elected me to do. I'd like to thank the First Minister and Mr. President for having faith in-, for assigning me the role of Education and Economic Development. I've worked in that field for a number of years. So while I know that there's still a lot for me to learn, I feel that I've got a little bit of a heads up on the way and I've got a good relationship with both Tim and Christy so I'm looking forward to that. So to all those who are elected, to Roxanne and to the two of us, the two ladies here, I think that we've got our work cut out for us with all the men on the panel, but I think that we can hold our own. So wishing everybody a very successful term in Office. Thank you all, very much.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Ms. Williams. Mr. Andersen, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, when you're ready.

MR. W. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to speak. And the first thing I want to say is to congratulate you. To the Members of this Assembly, I can remember, I think the day he was born. That's-, he grew up next to my family and I watched him grow up from a little boy into a man. And I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that your dad would be very, very proud of you today. Mr. Speaker, today is probably one of the most difficult days in my life. You see, I had every intention of running for First Minister and I had the support of the people to vote me in, including my brother. But I

changed my mind and I wanted to set the record straight. It had nothing to do with work that I wanted to perform. But I thought my role in the next four years would be better served by challenging the Government and bringing forward the concerns of our people. Mr. Speaker, we're at the crossroads with self governance. We're at a time when people don't want to come forward and seek election in a community. We're at a time when people, the beneficiaries, hold us at an all-time low in their eyes. And before people get upset, let's take a look at our communities and look at the low turnout that we've had. Mr. Speaker, in the days and months to come, I'm going to count upon our Assembly to get one Assembly a year when we come in here on a Sunday afternoon. We take Monday and Tuesday to discuss the issues of the House. And we take the rest of the time starting Tuesday where we sit down with the AngajukKâk from Rigolet and the elected Member and we talk about their concerns. Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon, we go through and we put all the cards on the table. And we have to ask ourselves, what are we doing wrong for people not to want to vote? And the answer is very simple, is that we give them that opportunity and we give them reasons not to vote. Mr. Speaker, it's time we call upon the Premier and six of his top Cabinet Ministers, to come and to meet not just with the Executive Council, but to come and meet with the whole Assembly. They signed the Land Claims deal. And all the commitments that they're supposed to carry on, it seems that they're renegeing. It's time for us to call upon the Prime Minister for better treatment than what we have. I look around

the room here today and I see some very important people who struggled to get a Land Claims deal done. I will never forget the night we finally got the Land Claims deal done. They-, Mr. President your Deputy Minister was the room. I was asked to go into that room that night to speak on behalf of Premier Bryan Tobin. The negotiating teams were there, and he said, "Don't call me until we have a deal." One o'clock that night I called him, and we had a deal done. And I followed it right through until then. And I see how the broken promises are continuing. You know, we watch television and we see the findings of unmarked graves. And the Premiers and the Prime Minister talk through the corner of their mouth of how things are going to change. We see these unmarked graves. Then it's time for the Premier and the Federal Government to come into all communities on the North Coast of Labrador and we'll show you marked graves where people died of a broken heart and betrayal-, of gravesites and marked graves where people were forced out of their home town by the Provincial and Federal Governments. And today we're probably not much further ahead than when we started. We need to hold them accountable. We need to hold them responsible. And most important of all Members of this [speaks in Inuttitut], we need to hold ourselves accountable as we move forward. We need to take the time. "Why is this wrong? Why are we doing this wrong?" There's a lot of things we're doing right. I'm looking forward to working with the AngajukKâks and I say this with the greatest of sincerity, you're the guys who-, you're the men and women who has got to put up

with all the stuff-, you and your roads and your water and sewer. And you gotta collect taxes. I understand from one AngajukKâk, that the workload was that great, that they lost three weeks holidays. I think it's only a fair question to ask how many Deputy Ministers and how many Members of the Executive Council lost three weeks holidays because of the workload of the AngajukKâk was that great? These are things we need to address. Mr. Speaker, I've got more experience of opening doors and meeting with Federal and Cabinet Ministers, and I want to let the President and the Executive know, I'm there. I will work with them. But my main role is I will ask hard questions in this House because I don't think I would be able to ask them the questions if I were a sitting Member of the Executive Council. I'm looking forward to the next four years. There's a challenge. But most important of all, let's never lose sight of our beneficiaries. They're the people who put us there. They're the people who elected us. And right now they're pretty upset. They feel let down. The next four years, we have a chance in this Assembly to put things back together and give them some hope, give them some credibility coming from our Government, because after all, this is what self-government is all about. Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the next four years as the Ordinary Member of standing in the House on every chance I get, and raising the concerns of the people, and bringing them forward. And I look forward to working with every AngajukKâk. Mr. President, I extend my hand to you. I will be there for you any time you need me. To the Ordinary Member, I'm sorry, to the Members of the Executive

Council, any way I can assist you, I'll be there. But please, all of us, let's make this the best Assembly. And at the end of the year, after four years, we can come back and say, "Boy, look, this is our results," for one reason, and one reason only, the beneficiaries of Nunatsiavut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS:

Thank you, Mr. Andersen. *Nakummek*. Would any of the other new Members of the Assembly like to speak? Mr. Evans, Ordinary Member for Makkovik, when you're ready.

MR. EVANS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to congratulate you as well. I'm not going to say anything heavy like I had-, I've just got some comments I'd like to make. I'd like to thank my constituents in my community for having faith in me and electing me to this office. Also I would like to acknowledge and thank Kate Mitchell for putting her name forward and President Lampe for nominating her. It's-, it makes everything a lot more efficient for the people to have a choice. And also, I'd like to thank the AngajukKâk Barry. I'm glad that he's on board and also Charlotte, I think she's not running again. I just want to you let you know that we all appreciate your years of service here and right now that's all I would like to say. I just want to thank the First Minister and President for having faith in me for this position and all I can say is that I can commit to doing my best, guaranteed. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Yes, Ordinary Member for Nain. When you're ready, Mr. Andersen.

MR. A. ANDERSEN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I too congratulate you. I'm not sure that I qualify as a new Member. I've been around a while. I sat as Vice President of the LIA when my brother, the newly elected Member from Lake Melville was an MHA and Cabinet Minister. I remember those days well. We have a brand-new Assembly. And every time we have a brand-new Assembly, Mr. Speaker, there's brand-new dreams of achievement. And I certainly do believe we have the people around us today. I introduced the Cabinet today that some are young. Some are older. And together we'll build a strong Assembly. I'd like to say that we have, in my mind, Mr. Speaker, we have accomplished so much since 2005 as a Government. Sadly, as it's often overshadowed by the lack of accomplishment in our efforts to move forward. In these last couple of years, I've said many times-, I've said it to the President. I've said it to my colleague, the Member for Upper Lake Melville, it seems like at times, we are the forgotten people when it comes to achievement in this Province as compared to the rest of the Island. When we think about our health services and infrastructure, almost non-existent compared to the rest of it. Transportation, compared to all the rest of the province which includes Upper Lake Melville and the rest of Labrador and the Island. Transportation, infrastructure and services-, years behind. Information technology, I don't want to even have to talk about that, but it seems that guy now from America has come to save us with Starlink, you know? But we still need more and of course we need other infrastructure besides just the Starlink because we're on the road to a cell phone service

and affordable packages for lower income people. And I think that we are on that road. We'll never give up the fight. I can remember at a time I shipped a truck from Nain to St. John's on a boat and felt so bad when that service got taken away. I could only ship as far as Lewisporte. And now we can only ship as far as Goose Bay. These are the kind of services that we will continue to fight for. And I welcome that the Member from Lake Melville will stand behind us and support us. The benefit for Nunatsiavut benefits all Labrador Inuit, the Inuit that reside in Upper Lake Melville and the Inuit in Canada. I so much enjoyed in the last Assembly to work closely with that Member from Canada. And I think that together and the same, the Member from Upper Lake Melville. Will we find a common ground that will unite us and make us closer? We are all Inuit, but we somehow have to find a way to stand together, to make us stronger. I know that these Members support and hope that we can achieve. A lot of the, you know, a lot of the poor turnout at the polls, I blame on the-, we have an election in Nunatsiavut at the worst time ever of the year. It's the worst possible time. It's no good for skidoo. It's no good for truck. I couldn't get my supporters to the polling. But I hear what the Member says from Lake Melville and effort needs to be made. It's sometimes how we campaign that brings people to the polls. And certainly we have work to do. I think that expectations are high, and we really need like-, the mainstay of the past used to be the fishing. And I know there are Members here who understand how important that was and how important it could be again to our people. We look at all the fish

plants in Southern Labrador and then you look at us, at ours. I say we have one and a half. And my colleague, the AngajukKâk from Nain, when I speak of half, he knows exactly where that is, a fish plant that's open eight weeks of the year. And we're in Hopedale and this guy knows that a couple hours from here are the richest shrimp beds in Canada. And we can get quota, enough quota to build a plant that we could easily put in Hopedale or Rigolet. So much work we have to do, so much work we have to do. And we can do it, hey, so that we are no longer the forgotten people. We are building a Government that's never been stronger. When we look at every Deputy Minister except one is a Nunatsiavut beneficiary. When we look at all the Directors now, we're building such a solid infrastructure. All of them-, most of them are Nunatsiavut beneficiaries. Interest is growing. Every day we see that-, what our education system has delivered for us, that guy up there in the gallery has been there for years and years and his achievement, and the graduates that we have. And still, every year, more and more. So we are on the road. I think that we're on a path. We need to pick it up a notch, maybe we do. Brother, maybe we do. Pick it up a notch to moves this thing ahead faster. But I would not have come back, and I was not avoiding coming back because I'm getting old-, not as old as that guy but, *(laughs)* getting older. And there comes a time when we have to make room for youth. I'm so happy that my friend-, and she, she is my friend, not just because she got elected. And I know that her aspirations and her dreams to achieve and to do things and to make our Nunatsiavut culture

and language strong again. And these are a fact. It's not only the transportation and things, you know, the transportation and the health. But the language and culture is so much a part of it, and I know that she'll be a fine Minister. I believe I'm using my time. I've used my time and I know that probably next Assembly you won't be so generous with time, Mr. Speaker, but for now I think I'll stop there, but I certainly do look forward, more than I ever did before, to look forward to the next four years to achieve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Andersen. Would any of the other elected Ordinary Members like to say something before I move to adjournment? The ironman, the birthday boy-, when you're ready, Mr. Asivak.

MR. ASIVAK:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's great to see so many new Assembly Members, also some former experienced Members to work with within the Executive Council. I want to thank my constituents of the great Upper Lake Melville for putting their faith and trust into me. It was a very challenging four years, especially the last two years of Covid. And in the hardest department, at that-, not only the largest but the hardest. I want to thank my directors as well for making my job so much easier. And even before coming here today, last Friday, they said, "I hope you get back in as Minister." So that means a lot from your own department to say, "You're doing well. We like you. You help us. You support us," not only the staff, but the beneficiaries as a whole. And that's why I'm here. I said I still have a lot of fight in me. I have a lot of good in me. I have ideas. I have a voice, especially, I like what the First Minister said, the

inclusivity more of Upper Lake Melville and Canada. We have to really aim at higher. We have to. And I've fought hard for the last four years. I always didn't get what I wanted, but I let my voice be heard on the record. I work in the Executive continued relationships within Government, the Civil Service, External, Provincial, Federal, ITK, ICC-, wherever I go, they know I'm there. And I'll continue to be there for my constituents and working together closely with the Assembly to improve for our beneficiaries. Thank you.

MR. WINTERS:

Nakummek, Mr. Asivak. Any others? Yes, sorry, Mr. Saunders, Ordinary Member Canadian Constituency.

MR. SAUNDERS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker and congratulations on your appointment. Looking forward to working with you as I am with everyone else here. Gerald is an excellent Minister. So is Tony. We have an excellent leader in Mr. Johannes Lampe. And all the AngajukKâks, I really enjoyed working with you, especially, Barry, on the committees we've been on. Glen, you're a force, wonderful for your community. Same as Marjorie and Joe. Charlotte you're going to be missed terribly if you're not going to run again. And Patricia, you're an excellent person all the way around. I'll continue to work to work for the Canadian Constituency and all I'm looking for is equality. That's all I've ever asked for, equality. We just want our share. We want to be heard. We want to be acknowledged and I'll continue to fight for that. So that's about it. That's all I had. Oh, and by-the-way, thank you, Mark for being the stalwart person that you are in the committees I've been on and the things that we've done in the last

three years. And I'm looking forward to serving the Canadian
Constituency and also to work with each and every person that's here.
Thank you.

MR. WINTERS: Thank you, Mr. Saunders. Just wondering if there's any final remarks
before we close out? Yes, Mr. Andersen.

MR. B. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I apologize to the Assembly for forgetting to
acknowledge Jim Lyall and Jean. And I'd like to pass on, on behalf of our
MICG, Makkovik Inuit Community Government, I see Isabella there. Just
would like for the whole family and the community of Nain to accept the
deepest condolences on behalf of the town of Makkovik. We know it's
not-, the Lyall family, it's been a lot of struggles and deaths, and that kind
of thing in Nain a bigger centre. But even so when you lose a community
member it's never easy. So I just wanted to stand up in this forum, in the
Assembly to pass on, on behalf of MICG, our condolences and our
thoughts for the people of Nain and to Isabella, her uncle. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: *Nakummek*, Mr. Andersen.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WINTERS: Yes.

MR. W. ANDERSEN: I'm not sure if this is sitting and I'm not going to rock the boat but if this is
considered a sitting, according to the rules and regulations that-, and just
suggest a reminder that it's unparliamentary to refer to a person by their

name. They're supposed to be referred to as their-, whether it's AngajukKâk or if it's Minister. Just a point I wan to...

MR. WINTERS:

I appreciate that, Ordinary Member for the Upper Lake Melville, Mr. Wally Andersen. I will get all of the names and positions correct in short order. I promise you. Being the last newly elected person to not have spoken yet, I will say that there are a lot of familiar faces around the table, even though I don't know you and it's because we're all ancestors of-, sorry, descendants of the people on the walls around us. We are carrying on a tradition, a strong tradition. We need to do right and make our ancestors proud, the people who built this foundation that we're now operating within. I hope that I can come close to measuring up to the previous speaker and operate with the same level of integrity that she did. I will say that it was not a clear mandate by which I was voted in. It was, in fact, a very, very close recount and a flip. And I don't take that lightly. So I want to ensure that my constituents know that within four years that will be a stronger majority the next time I run. Beyond that, I appreciate all of the words around the table today. I'm just as excited as all of the rest of you are. I think that there's a lot of great work that's going to happen. I'm excited about the, the people have been in and out throughout the gallery today, the enthusiasm with which everyone is taking on this work, including young Mr. Flowers watching from the interpreter's booth and the pages. I also want to add to the condolences to Nain and the memory of Mr. Lyall and his wife, the incredible work that they did is-, cannot be over-stated. Mr. Lyall was very kind to me in

the one opportunity that I met him and he took me through this room and pointed out all of my relatives on the wall, and definitely encouraged me to continue the work that I was doing then and the work that I'm doing now. So I want to say, *Nakummek*, (Speaks in Inuttitut) to everyone here, Mr. President, the First Minister, all of the Nunatsiavut Executive Council, all Ordinary Members, (speaks in Inuttitut), as well as the chairpeople of the community corporations. I would like to also thank all the staff for facilitating this opening sitting of the 5th Assembly and if Members have any questions about travel or logistics, please see the Assistant to the Clerk, Tabea Onalik. This concludes the Assembly sitting. The Assembly is adjourned until the week of September 19th, 2022. I wish you all safe travels. *Nakummek*.